Welcome to Peirce!  We created this guide to help you get started as a new member of the Peirce community.

1. [**Sign up for PARENT PORTAL**](https://cps.edu/Pages/parentresources.aspx)
[**​**](https://parent.cps.k12.il.us/pc/ParentSignup.aspx?DistrictID=3000005)This is critical because we need your help at home in making sure our students maintain good academic standing. It takes less than five minutes to sign up and you can set up automatic alerts that notify you when your child's grades drop below a pre-determined grade.

To sign up, please contact your the school to provide your up-to-date email address and request a Parent Portal account in Aspen. Contact Lynn or Sally in the main office for K-5th grade and Talyia Riemer(teriemer@cps.edu) for 6th-8th. Once parent contact information has been verified by the school, parents will receive a signup email from Aspen. If you don’t receive the signup email, we recommend to check your Spam folder. If you are unable to locate the email, please contact your school for assistance.

Check out the [video resources](https://cps.edu/Pages/parentresources.aspx) along the right-hand pane of portal sign-up page for English and Spanish assistance on the registration process, how to set up text messages and how to navigate the mobile and desktop versions.

​2. [**Sign Up for electronic communications**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWOOHElONP7tDX_lla-8uCpa1kD1uuIFT0qBYT2Xyecs6zXg/viewform): Receive communications from Principal Zaimi as well as other news, alerts, and event information.

3. [**Join one of our Parent Organizations**](http://peirce.cps.edu/parent-organizations.html): We strongly encourage you to join our Parent Organizations because they will help you find a way to get your voice heard.

4. **Share your talents**: Please consider taking an active role in supporting the Peirce community. Check out our [Volunteer Opportunities](http://weebly-link/112890899138109455) page or contact Cecilia Bocanegra Eichenseer at peircevolunteers@gmail.com and find out how you can help! If your interest is volunteering in your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher directly. ​Also, be sure to like the [Peirce PSO page on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/327926987370815/) to stay up to date on the latest volunteer needs.

​5. **Get social**: There are a number of ways to keep tabs on what's going on at Peirce.

* ​​[Helen C. Peirce School page on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/peircecps/): View pictures, videos, and get other important information.
* [INSTAGRAM](http://www.instagram.com/PeirceCPS): Check out pictures of activities from the school.
* [Parents of Peirce on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/154316434751401/): This is a parent-managed venue to enable the sharing of information and ideas.
* [Friends of Peirce on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Peirce-348275758368/): Find out about FOP events, volunteer needs and other ways to support Peirce.

[​](http://weebly-link/852947869730631157)6. [**Plan ahead for before and after school programs**](http://weebly-link/701515190420639922)**.**

​7. **Learn about the ins and outs of Peirce:**[Check out the Family Handbook](http://weebly-file/9/2/4/1/92417616/parent-student_handbook_8.21.19.pdf)

8. **Meet the teachers:** [Visit your student's classroom website](http://weebly-link/408688011552276273)​

9. **Buy school supplies:** Order your supplies online through [Yubbler](https://www.yubbler.com/Yub/Details/2106?fbclid=IwAR0nurVh61jJu2WeilcRyw4I8azzkvAxrz47w-b5A1GVxI-cygFB2iyu8nM)and 50% of the profits will be donated directly to Peirce.

* [Preschool supply list](http://weebly-file/9/2/4/1/92417616/peirce_preschool_supply_list.pdf)
* [K-5 supply list](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UXtoXIXRvlcq33DNiU7WHtC-SjbqShfdPcZtjwTC7rs/htmlview?fbclid=IwAR3AnQyfgrGuDMllgIOuOalD9b53srvJEO0Cl-o0NN6SkGU1ogeJ7uh9CrM) (1st tab)
* [6-8 supply list](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UXtoXIXRvlcq33DNiU7WHtC-SjbqShfdPcZtjwTC7rs/htmlview?fbclid=IwAR3AnQyfgrGuDMllgIOuOalD9b53srvJEO0Cl-o0NN6SkGU1ogeJ7uh9CrM) (2nd tab)