



PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM
Cincinnati 2015 Application
Application Deadline: March 6, 2015
Mandatory Orientation & Interviews: March 17, 2015
Notification of Acceptance: No later than March 20, 2015

SELECTION CRITERIA

Participation in the Parents for Public Schools of Greater Cincinnati (PPSGC) Parent Engagement Program is open to parents (*Parents are defined as anyone who is a caregiver of children*) who have or have had children in public schools or work closely with parents and children. Participants will be selected on the basis of:

- Leadership potential
- Interest and/or active participation in schools and community
- Willingness to execute a leadership plan over the course of several years
- Commitment to attend *all* sessions and to maintain an ongoing connection with the PPS network

Participants are selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin. There is no charge for participation.

Applicants must obtain one supporting reference (form attached), and complete a Hamilton County Background check.

Training Location:
Mayerson Academy
2650 Highland Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45219

Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28, 2015
Friday, April 17-Saturday, April 18, 2015
Friday, May 8-Saturday, May 9, 2015

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

____ Check here if we have permission to text you with updates

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMPLOYER (current): _____

POSITION (current): _____

CHILDREN:

Name	Age	Grade	Current School	School will attend in Fall 2015

If you are accepted, what school do you plan to work with? (choose one only)

How did you find out about the PPSGC Parent Engagement Program?

Our funders require us to report on the diversity of the participants. Please answer these **optional** questions to assist us in the report.

Your race/ethnic origin: _____
Your age: _____ Male or Female _____

Please answer the questions below. You may attach an additional page if needed.
Please print or type.

1. List the ways in which you have been involved in your community or school.
(examples: PTA, Sunday School Teacher, Girl/Boy Scout Troop leader,
committees, etc.)

2. What are your ideas to improve student achievement?

3. What concerns you about your school or school district?

4. How do you define leadership?

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Participants are required to attend all sessions. Participants are expected to make childcare and other arrangements in advance in order to attend all sessions.

2015 SESSION DATES:

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PERSONAL COMMITMENT:

Each participant in the 2015 PPSGC Parent Engagement Program should commit to attend all two-day sessions and commit to developing a personal leadership plan that will help reduce barriers to learning and improve student achievement for public school children. To graduate from the Parent Engagement Program, you are expected to attend all sessions in their entirety. Participants are also expected to continue their involvement with PPSGC for two years following the leadership sessions, to recruit other parents for the Parent Engagement Program and to share their experiences with parents in their community.

I understand the purpose and expectations of the PPSGC Parent Engagement Program and, if accepted, agree to devote the time, participate in the meetings, and conduct at least one parent activity in my community.

Signature

Date

Send your application and reference to:

Application deadline: 3/6/2015

Notification of acceptance: No later than March 20th.

PPSGC
Parent Engagement Program
Attn: Zaria Davis
1821 Summit Road Ste. 201
Cincinnati, OH 45237
Or fax to # (513)751-5435
Or email to zdavis@ppsgc.org



**Cincinnati PEP
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

RELEASE TIME FROM EMPLOYMENT

Since participation in the PPSGC Parent Engagement Program involves attending meetings during the work week, we are willing to contact your employer to explain the importance of PEP and encourage your employer's support. The purpose of our letter is NOT to request time off for you. It is very important that you discuss your interest in attending the PPS Parent Engagement Program with your employer. If you feel that a letter from Parents for Public Schools would help you, please give us the contact name, title, and mailing address to write to AFTER your acceptance.

NOTE: A letter explaining the purpose and content of the Parent Engagement Program will be mailed to your employer no later than two weeks prior to the first session. It is YOUR responsibility to contact your employer ahead of time to ask for the time off.

PLEASE PRINT CANDIDATE'S NAME:

EMPLOYER NAME: _____

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: _____

SUPERVISOR'S TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

YOUR JOB TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

HOME

ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

How long have you known this candidate?

How do you know this candidate?

How has this candidate been involved in his or her child/children's education at home, in the school, and/or in the community?

Explain why you believe this candidate has leadership potential. Why is this person a good candidate for the Parent Engagement Program?

Thank you for your assistance.



Records Check

If selected to participate in the 2015 PEP, you must complete a Hamilton County records check prior to PEP orientation. This can be done at the Hamilton County Justice Center from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Address for the Justice Center is 1000 Sycamore St., Room 100, Cincinnati, OH 45202. The cost for the Hamilton County records check is \$5 **CASH ONLY**.

Timeline for the PEP Selection Process

- Applications due by Friday, March 6, 2015. Please submit by fax, e-mail or mail.
- In-person interviews: March 17, 2015
- Notification of selection: No later than March 20, 2015
- PEP Orientation: Week of March 17, 2015

Please Send Materials to:

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Parent Engagement Program

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

RELEASE

WHEREAS, I _____ have applied for admission to the **Parents for Public Schools Parent Engagement Program Cincinnati Class of 2015**, and I have been permitted through a selection process to participate in the activities associated therewith, including, but not limited to, Sessions 1, 2, and 3 of the Program in March-May of 2015 and

WHEREAS, I am participating in the aforesaid activities solely on my own initiative, risk and responsibility;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the permission extended to me to participate in the aforesaid activities, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, voluntarily release, waive and forever discharge Parents for Public Schools, its officers, agents, employees, and the Parents for Public Schools Board of Trustees, in their individual capacities from any and all claims or causes of action, personal injury, or property damage which result from or arise out of my participation in the aforesaid activities.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____



PEP FAQ

What is the Parent Engagement Program (PEP)?

PPS's Parent Engagement Program (PEP) is designed to provide parents* and community members the information and leadership skills to build educational partnerships with administrators and teachers and to improve academic performance for students in public schools. Participants who complete the program work to build partnerships and execute leadership plans to strengthen public schools.

**Parents are defined as anyone who is a care giver of children*

How many parents will participate?

Thirty people will be selected to participate in the 2015 Cincinnati class.

Who will participate?

Application to PEP is open to all parents, caregivers of public school students, and those who work with parents. Participants must have an interest in the improvement of Ohio public schools and be willing to reach out to other parents to inform and include them in a learning network. PPS selects parents based upon an application.

What are PEP participants trained to do?

Participants will identify and hone their leadership and communications skills, understand school data and receive an in-depth explanation of Ohio's public education system. The sessions will enable them to work more effectively with other parents and school leaders by designing and completing a leadership plan that will reduce barriers to learning in their school, community, or home.

Where will the PEP sessions be held?

The classes will take place at the Mayerson Academy in Cincinnati, OH.

How much do the sessions cost?

PEP is free to all participants; all expenses, including meals, and materials are provided at no cost.

Parent Engagement Program (PEP) 2015

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For more information contact:

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An online application is available on PPSGC website: <http://www.ppsgc.org>