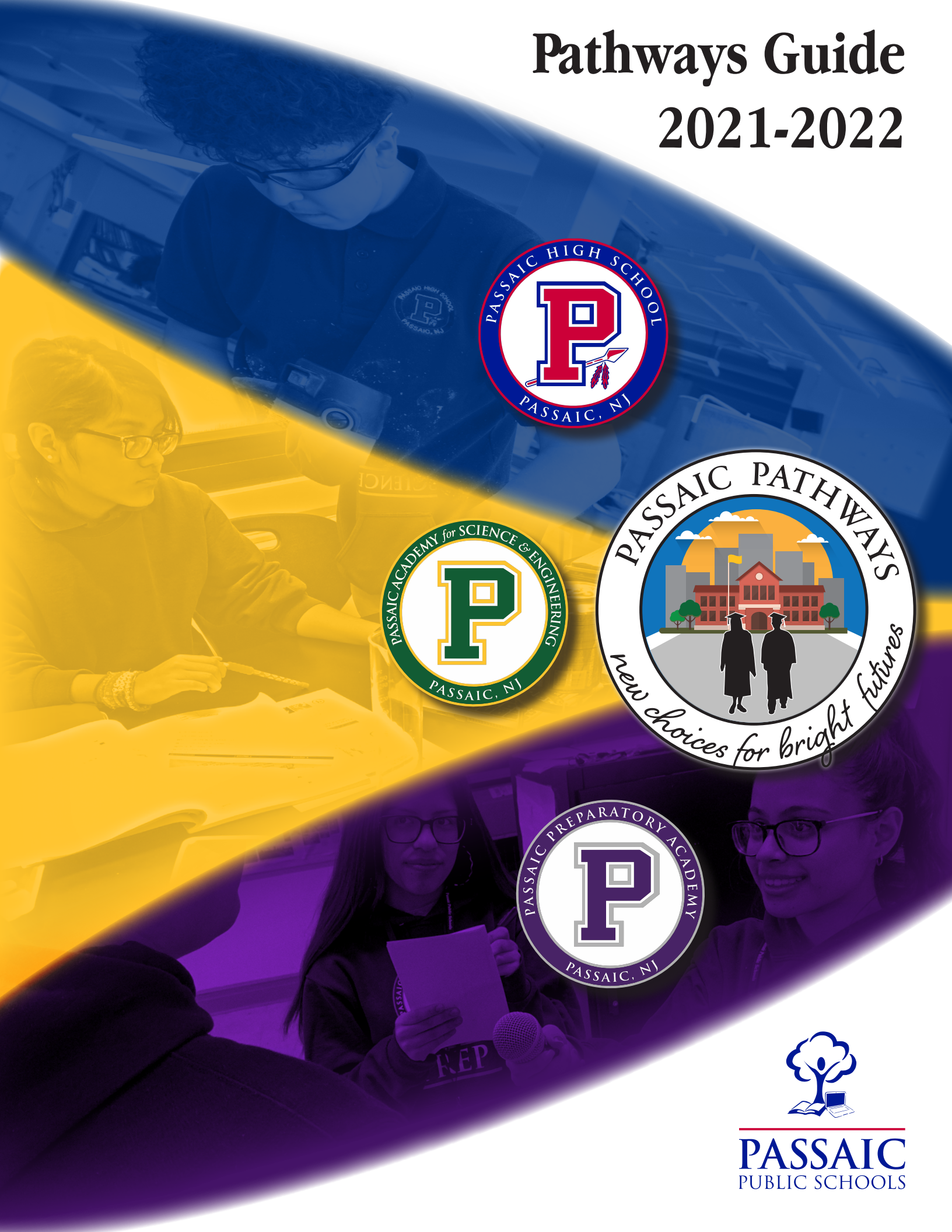
Pathways Guide
2021-2022



PASSAIC
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Passaic Community,

We are happy to introduce the 2021-2022 School Choices Guide! In Passaic Public Schools, we are proud to continue our commitment to offer students a wide variety of pathways to exciting futures full of opportunity! In September 2018 we opened two new schools, providing our students with exciting choices for middle grades (6-8) and high school programs, and this past June we celebrated our very first 2020 graduating class from our two new schools, Passaic Academy for Science & Engineering and Passaic Preparatory Academy!

Across all three high schools, students have the opportunity to earn college credits and credits toward graduation. In addition, students will have opportunities to engage in field experiences, internships, and work toward job certifications as a part of the learning process. Passaic High School students are graduating with automotive technology experience, radio/television digital portfolios,NAFTrack Finance certification, 911 and Emergency Medical Dispatch certification and certifications to be Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). At Passaic Academy for Science & Engineering, students are graduating with phlebotomy, EMT, CPR drone certifications and laboratory experiences. In addition, students are attending Bergen County Community College to earn their Associate's of Science degree. At Passaic Preparatory Academy, students are participating in theatre, producing music, and publishing digital media.

We continue to build programs to prepare our students for college and to earn high-paying jobs. Thanks to partnerships with Bergen County Community College, Passaic County Community College, William Paterson University, Kean University, and Fairleigh Dickinson University, students now have opportunities to start their college education on a college campus, while they are still in high school!

Students have the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree in Early College Programs at Passaic County Community College and Bergen County Community College. This brochure provides a quick glance at all of the programs we have available. Please take a few minutes to celebrate the exciting options available for Passaic students, and help the student in your life find the pathway to their success.

Sincerely,

Christina Schratz
President
Passaic Board of Education

Apply Today!

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Interested in learning more?

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Passaic Preparatory Academy Virtual Informational Presentation

Features on March 11, 2021

Passaic Academy for Science & Engineering Virtual Informational Presentation

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Passaic High School Virtual Informational Presentation

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Informational Presentations will be archived and available for you to view at:
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PASSAIC HIGH SCHOOL

Passaic High School provides a comprehensive high school experience dedicated to building bridges that connect our students to their futures. In addition to the courses related to our pathways, all students have access to Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment College Courses!

Begin your high school experience in our 9th grade academy, explore the wide variety of pathways available, and choose the pathway that you are most interested in!

Our Pathways & Goals	10th Grade	11th Grade *additional coursework may occur on a college campus*	12th Grade *additional coursework may occur on a college campus*
Automotive Technology ASE Certification	Auto Tech I	Auto Tech II	Auto Tech III
Building Trades Certificate of Completion	Career Exploration I	Career Exploration II	Career Exploration III
Computer Science Java Certification	Computer Science Essentials	AP Computer Science Principles	Programming in JAVA
Criminal Justice PCCC Certificate in Criminal Justice	Intro to Criminal Justice	Juvenile Delinquency	Investigative Functions
Education Child Development Assoc. Cert.	Child Development and Learning	Globalization in Education	Hist. of Modern Edu. Rethinking of Disability
Graphic Design Adobe Certified Associate	Graphic Design I	Graphic Design II	Graphic Design III
NAF Finance NAFTrack Cert. & Hiring / Bloomberg Market Concepts Cert.	Principles of Applied Finance	Global Business Accounting	Entrepreneurship
NJROTC Earn Rank Designation	Naval Science I, II	Naval Science III	Naval Science IV
Radio/TV Broadcasting Final Cut Pro & New Tek Tricaster	Radio/TV I, II	Radio/TV III	Radio/TV IV
Sports Medicine NASM Personal Trainer Cert.	Nutrition	First Aid CPR & Safety Education	Sports Medicine

Our Partners

PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

PASSAIC
Academy *for* Science & Engineering

At Passaic Science students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) pathways, with the goal of providing every student the opportunity to graduate from high school with an Associate's Degree.

Our Pathways & Goals	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
			additional coursework may occur on a college campus	
Biomedical Science A.S. degree EMT, Phlebotomy, CPR Cert.	Principles of Biomedical Science	Human Anatomy & Physiology	Medical Interventions	Medical Innovation
Computer Science A.S. degree CompTIA Certification	PLTW Computer Science Essentials	PLTW Cybersecurity	AP Computer Science Principles	AP Computer Science A
Aerospace Engineering A.S. degree UAS Drone Safety Certification	Intro. to Engineering Design	Principles of Engineering	Aerospace Engineering	Unmanned Aircraft Systems
Biotechnology/ Lab Sciences A.S. degree OSHA-10 Cert, Research Experience - Cancer Biology	Principles of Biomedical Science	Introduction to Biotechnology	Organic Biochemistry	Genetic Engineering
Data Analytics A.S. degree	Introduction to Data Science	AP Statistics	AP Computer Science Principles	Capstone / Math Modeling

Students attending Passaic Science have the opportunity to interact with industry professionals to learn about how science and technology are changing the workplace. The building features a lab space dedicated to supporting students' independent research including a wind-tunnel in our engineering lab, a 3D-interactive dissection table to support in-depth studies of the human body and lifeforms, a makerspace, and project-based learning experiences developed to prepare the data scientists of the future.

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PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bergen COMMUNITY COLLEGE

KEAN UNIVERSITY

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

NJIT New Jersey's Science & Technology University

RUTGERS THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

PTC THERAPEUTICS

The Academies by HARVARD STUDENT AGENCIES

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PASSAIC Preparatory Academy

Students in grades 6-12 at Passaic Prep explore new ideas and new pathways to design their future! Whether performing on a stage or in a courtroom, our students have the opportunity to pursue their passions in the arts and humanities combined with rigorous and advanced course work!

Our Pathways & Goals	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
			additional coursework may occur on a college campus	
Digital Art Animation	Introduction to Animation	Animation Production	Film & Commercials	Internship/Portfolio Development
Digital Journalism & Media	Introduction to Communication	Digital Media	Multi-Media Studies	Student-Produced Publication Leadership
Legal Studies A.A. degree	Introduction to Law	Criminal Law in New Jersey	Constitutional Law	Internship
Music Technology Production	Introduction to Music Technology	Art of Music Technology	Digital Composition	Internship/Portfolio Development
Piano Arts	Piano 1	AP Music Theory	Piano 2	Piano 3
Theatre Arts	Acting & Performance	Musical Theatre	Stage & Screen	Production & Direction
Dance	Introduction to Dance	Dancer Development	Choreography	Performance & Production

Perform in the renovated auditorium with a state-of-the-art sound system, produce music in our lab, create digital animation, or produce news and media for the community in our journalism program. At Prep, students get to design and produce their future, earn college credits, and dream big.

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Bergen COMMUNITY COLLEGE

KEAN UNIVERSITY

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply to the new schools? All interested students are encouraged to apply! As part of Passaic Public Schools, application schools are open to all Passaic residents. Non-residents interested in applying will be considered with the understanding that they will be responsible for tuition payments as determined by the Board of Education.

Will students be able to apply to more than one application school? Students may apply and be accepted into more than one application school.

What if a student is not accepted? Students not accepted will be placed on a wait list and must reapply to be considered for the next school year.

What happens if a student does not want to apply to one of the academies? All students not applying in grades 2-8 will attend their neighborhood school. Any students not applying in grades 9-12 will be enrolled in Passaic High School.

Do all students have to choose a pathway? Students in the 6-12 Academies will select a pathway at the conclusion of 8th grade or upon being accepted. Passaic High School students will select a pathway of study at the conclusion of 9th grade.

Will 8th grade academy students automatically be accepted into 9th grade? All entering 9th graders will be required to complete an application for planning purposes. Students leaving 8th grade with a GPA of 3.0 or higher will be automatically enrolled into the 9th grade program at the same academy.

What supports will be offered to students struggling with their coursework? Students will have access to after school tutoring programs and may be required to attend a summer program if they are struggling with academic coursework and wish to remain in the school.

Can a student transfer between schools? Students who wish to transfer between schools must complete the application process during the application period for the school year that they wish to transfer, or they may attend their neighborhood school or Passaic High School.

How are applications calculated and ranked?

	English Language Arts	Math	Science
Passaic Preparatory Academy	50%	50%	Not Applicable
Passaic Academy for Science & Engineering	20%	40%	40%

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Important Dates

Virtual Informational Presentation

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Passaic Academy for Science & Engineering Virtual Informational Presentation
March 11, 2021
Contact: Maika Bonafe, Parent Liaison, 973-470-5504 x5517
mbonafe@passaicschools.org

Passaic Preparatory Academy Virtual Informational Presentation
March 11, 2021
Contact: Olis Salazar, Parent Liaison, 973-470-5602 x5164
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Passaic High School Virtual Informational Presentation
March 11, 2021
Contact: Barbara Gomez, Parent Liaison, 973-470-5600 x8579, bgomez@passaicschools.org
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Do the Academies accept English Language Learners (ELLs)? Yes, all interested students can apply. All students will be ranked by the Board of Education approved criteria. Students identified as ELLs at Passaic Preparatory Academy and Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering will be enrolled in a high-intensity English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

Will the academies accept Special Education students, and students with 504 plans? Yes, all interested students can apply. All students will be ranked by the Board of Education approved criteria. The Academies may not offer the full range of special education services available in other programs throughout the district. Thus, Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and 504 Plans may require review, in accordance with law, to determine whether revisions to such plans are necessary and/or appropriate.

What about Extracurricular Activities? Students in grades 9-12 will continue to perform and compete under the Passaic High School banner in athletics, and marching band. Each of the schools also have their own clubs and student organizations available for students.

What is an AP course? AP stands for Advanced Placement. Advanced Placement is a program run by the College Board that allows a student to take college level work while in high school. By passing an AP test, students may earn college credit and/or qualify for more advanced classes once they begin college.

What is a DE class? DE stands for dual enrollment. Dual enrollment is a course where a student may earn credit from a higher education partner (college or university) and high school credit simultaneously.

Do you still have questions?
Visit www.passaicschools.org/academies or contact a parent liaison for more information!

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Please note our new application process!

1. **For current students attending Passaic Public Schools:**
   - Log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account. If you do not have an account, contact your school's parent liaison for your PowerSchool Parent Portal information.
   - Please note, the application **cannot** be completed via the phone app, but can be entered on all devices using a web browser (i.e., Google, Safari, Yahoo).
   - Choose the student's name who will be applying. Then, click on the icon in the left column that says "Academies Application." Verify that you are over the age of 13, then you will be taken to the application page.
   - Please review the information provided. If the address displayed is not correct, please check the box marked "Click here to change this address" and provide the most current address. **Please note the district will follow up with you regarding documentation necessary to confirm this change.**
   - Read the instructions and click "Next" to continue.

   For students not currently enrolled in Passaic Public Schools:
   - For students not currently enrolled in Passaic Public Schools, please visit: http://passaicschools.org/academies to set up a PowerSchool enrollment account.
   - You will be asked to provide important information including the school your child currently attends, your current address and contact information.
   - You will also be asked to create an account and password, please keep that information for your personal records.
   - If your child lives outside of Passaic City, and is accepted, the district office will contact you regarding tuition.

2. In the School Choice section you will indicate which schools and strands/pathways you are choosing.
   - After you choose your first choice, new selection boxes will appear below.
   - You are only required to make ONE selection.
   - There is no limit to the number of selections you make.
   - You do not have to make a selection for every box that appears; you may leave the boxes empty when you are finished.

3. Answer the remaining questions and when you finish, choose "Next". Review your responses, making any necessary edits.
   - Please note, you will only be able to submit one application per student, and that application cannot be changed after you choose "Submit".
   - PowerSchool will ask you to "Save and Sign Out". To do this, please go to the initials located on the top right of the screen. Please choose "Save and Sign Out" to conclude your application session.
   - You should receive an email confirming your application, please keep it to reference if you have any questions!
   - Information and instructions regarding acceptance will be sent to you via email.

Do you have any questions or concerns?

All of the district parent liaisions have been trained to support this process. Please reach out to your school's parent liaison for help with you Parent Portal account or the application process.