PA EdVentures



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Summer EdVentures: SAS Institute Save the Dates, Program Interest Form, FRCPP Information & More

In June and July, the Secretary spent time **serving meals** at designated **summer meal sites** throughout the Commonwealth. Schools continue to support Pennsylvania's 1.7 million students by keeping them fueled and fed when schools are out of session.

In June, the Shapiro Administration **awarded more than $1 million to train adult education tutors** and **$4.3 million in equipment grants to 54 Pennsylvania schools offering career & technical education programs** to help learners chart their own course and prepare them for life outside of the classroom.



Now Open: Program Interest Form

Have a unique program? Want PDE to know more about the great work you're doing to support learners + your school community? Now's your chance! Tell us about your impactful program, initiative, or other opportunities that help your students and your school. Whether it's a new spin on promoting school breakfast or PBIS in school, a student-led resource pantry, community collaboration in the classroom, or something else, we want to know!

Please fill out our **Program Interest Form** so we can learn more about the incredible things you're doing to support PA students!

Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal Updates

The 2026-2027 Annual School Reconfiguration Change Process

The window for School Reconfiguration changes in the FRCPP opened May 15, 2026. **All changes must be submitted and received by PDE no later than 11:59 pm on July 31, 2026, to be effective for the coming school year.**

The following types of school reconfigurations must be submitted through the FRCPP and can only be made during this window:

- School name changes
- School mailing address changes
- School physical address changes
- School grade configuration changes (adding or removing)
- School closure configurations
- School opening reconfigurations
- Student enrollment changes

The 2025-2026 Charter School Annual Report

The 2025-2026 Charter School Annual Report opened May 15, 2026. The purpose of the Charter School Annual Report is to provide a comprehensive overview of the performance and financial health of charter schools in Pennsylvania. **Every charter school (brick-and-mortar and cyber) in Pennsylvania is required to complete and submit the Charter School Annual Report in the FRCPP by August 1, 2026.**

Compliance Requirements

There will be several compliance requirements due over the next two months for the 2025/2026 school year, which are submitted via the Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal:

- **Due 7/31/2026:** Administrators must report all incidents involving violence, weapons, controlled substances, alcohol, or tobacco on school property; LEAs with a single police jurisdiction should upload one signed Chief Law Enforcement template, while those with multiple agencies must upload a separately signed form for each.
- **Due 7/31/2026:** Each school entity must review its Bullying Policy every three years and annually submit a copy to the office.
- **Due 7/31/2026:** Fire and Security Drill ACS needs to be signed. Fire evacuation drills must be conducted monthly while school is in session, requiring full removal of staff and students to a safe outdoor location. Reporting is not required for months with fewer than seven school days.
- **Reminder:** The bus evacuation drill (which was due 4/10/2026) must be conducted twice yearly per Pennsylvania School Code, covering emergency exits, fire extinguishers, and proper evacuation procedures.



2028 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Nominations Now Open

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) encourages Pennsylvanians to nominate an outstanding educator to be the Commonwealth's 2028 Teacher of the Year.

"Pennsylvania is home to some of the best and brightest educators in the nation, who serve their learners and communities with compassion, integrity, and fidelity," **said Secretary of Education Dr. Carrie Rowe.** "The Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year exemplifies what it means to be an excellent educator—to inspire young minds, embrace learners' unique potential, and shape the future of our Commonwealth."

The Teacher of the Year program celebrates excellence in teaching and honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to learners in Pennsylvania. **Nominations** will be accepted until **December 11, 2026**.

Attorney General Sunday Unveils teenTALK Report

Attorney General Dave Sunday announced the culmination of the teenTALK program for the 2025-26 school year — a 20-page report highlighting the series of roundtable discussions with students about social media, and recommended action points for all Pennsylvanians.

teenTALK involved meetings between students and Attorney General Sunday about how students use social media and how technology impacts their mental health. In recent months, Attorney General Sunday spoke with about 160 students from 35 schools across the Commonwealth.

Students spoke candidly about — despite the many benefits — how social media can be all-consuming and sources of stress and anxiety. The report represents the main themes offered by the students.

To read the report, please use the **teenTALK Report PDF**.

The Office of Attorney General's Office of Public Engagement offers a number of age-appropriate digital literacy presentations, available to schools and community groups free of

charge. You can visit the **Office of Public Engagement webpage** or contact **PublicEngagement@attorneygeneral.gov** for more information.



2026 SAS Institute Save the Date

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) invites you to join us for the **2026 SAS Institute**, centered around the theme of "Design. Lead. Flourish. Cultivating Systems that Empower Leaders and Learners to Excel."

The SAS Institute will be held from December 6 - 9, 2026 at the Hershey Lodge and will offer exciting keynote speakers, seminar and series sessions, an Act 45 course, and more.

Registration opens on Wednesday, September 16. We hope to see you there!

Currently, we are also encouraging educators to submit proposals highlighting programs and initiatives addressing topics impacting our schools and students positively. To submit a proposal, please visit the **2026 SAS Institute Request for Proposals form**. The deadline for proposal submission is **August 19, 2026**.

SAS Institute Save-the-Date **SAS Institute Request for Proposals**

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