

KISKI

New Parent and Student

Guidebook



2025-2026

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WELCOME TO KISKI

We are excited to welcome your child to The Kiski School later this summer. This guide is designed by Kiski faculty, administrators, parents of young alumni, the young alumni themselves and some of our current parents. It is intended to provide you with information that we think you will find helpful as you begin your experience at your new school! For the fall of 2025, the first day of classes is Wednesday, September 3. New students should plan to arrive on campus at 1p.m. on Sunday, August 31 for new student registration and orientation. Returning students should arrive on Monday, September 1 at 1p.m.

We will use these few days before classes begin to get everyone oriented, settled, and ready for the school year.

Please review the guidelines for formal dress to learn which items can and cannot be worn during the school day. It would also be helpful if you reviewed this information with your child. If you have any questions about what wardrobe items are in compliance, feel free to contact us and we'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Again, please let us know if you have any questions regarding the fall. More information will be coming as we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

PARENT PORTAL

ESTABLISHING YOUR LOGIN

In mid-July you will receive an email from the Kiski School Technology with instructions to activate your login account. This activation is time sensitive, so when you receive the email, please don't delay.

Your user account will provide you login access to many of the school's resources, including:

- Communications Tools
- Grades and Report Cards
- Links to Incidental and Tuition information

ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION

The Kiski School utilizes a Blackbaud-powered Learning Management System, which includes your Parent Portal. To log in, visit the Kiski School website at www.kiski.org and click the "Login" button in the top right corner. Use the same email address and password you created during your application to Kiski.

Within the Parent Portal, you can access your child's academic progress, tuition payment information, and other helpful resources. If you encounter login issues, click the "Help" button on the login page and follow the provided instructions.

STAY INFORMED

Throughout the year, The Kiski School will send important communications to the email address listed in your Parent Portal profile. You can access and update your profile information by clicking your name in the top right corner after logging in. To ensure you receive all

communications, please verify your contact information and whitelist "kiski@myschoolapp.com" with your email provider.

FOR ASSISTANCE

Email help@kiski.org for assistance with activating or accessing your account.



STAY INFORMED

KISKI WEBSITE

You will find a wealth of information about Kiski on the School's website. News about the School, announcements about upcoming events, and even specific information about your child's academic progress and assignments can be found there. The website is updated regularly with athletic scores and campus events.

K-BOOK

The K-Book is published every July and is given to each student and their family. It contains information including a list of faculty and student leaders, along with their contact information. It also lists the faculty team supervising each dorm. Most notably you will find details on Kiski's academic and behavioral policies.

This information is very important and all new students and their parents should become familiar with the material.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Search "The Kiski School" on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

WHAT TO BRING

ROOM FURNISHINGS

Each dorm room is equipped with XL twin beds, desks, chairs, dressers, and closets. There is limited storage space underneath the beds. All windows have curtains or shades. Students will need a pillow, blanket, two sets of sheets, bedspread and towels.

Additional items you may want to bring include:

- Alarm clock
- Computer and device chargers
- Desk Lamp
- Ear buds
- Extension cord
- Hangers
- Laundry bag or basket
- Refrigerator
- Laundry detergent
- Pictures
- Surge protector/plug strip
- Plastic containers (for snacks)
- Toiletries
- Plastic dishes & cutlery
- Water bottles (especially for sports)
- Storage bins
- Clothing and undergarments (see Dress Code, below)

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Bicycles and non-motorized scooters are permitted at Kiski. Students are required to wear helmets while riding. E-scooters are prohibited on campus.

APPLIANCES IN THE DORM

Students are not permitted to have electrical appliances such as televisions, microwaves, air conditioners, electric blankets, room space heaters, popcorn poppers, coffee makers, hotplates, etc.

Students should contact Amanda Mock, Director of Residential Life, with any questions about rooms or housing.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Kiski encourages students to bring musical instruments if they are interested in playing while at school.

RECREATIONAL SPORTING EQUIPMENT

Throughout the school year, there are opportunities to camp, fish, bike, ice skate, and ski. Students may choose to bring their personal equipment for outdoor adventures.



LAPTOPS AND TECHNOLOGY

Laptops are very personal devices with a variety of screen sizes, keyboard layouts, and input devices. To allow students greater choice of a device that works for them and their unique needs, all students are required to bring and maintain a laptop computer for use at The Kiski School. Just like stationary, books, cell phones, sports equipment, and clothing; students are also responsible for the continued maintenance of their own laptop computers.

LAPTOP REQUIREMENTS

Most Windows or Mac laptops built within the past 4 years will meet the minimum requirements for schoolwork at Kiski. Laptops should have a battery that can last through the six-hour school day, a modern processor, sufficient memory and storage, and compatibility with Windows 11 24H2 or macOS Sonoma operating systems. Tablet or mobile operating systems are not supported.

Kiski's technology staff is on-hand and ready to assist families with sourcing and purchasing a device. Visit kiski.org/support or email us at help@kiski.org for a full list of system requirements or for help with finding a device.

LOANER LAPTOPS

Kiski maintains a limited fleet of laptops available for lease in the event that a student's personal device is damaged or lost. Leased devices must be returned undamaged and in a timely manner to prevent financial charges.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND DRESS CODE

Kiski's standards for personal appearance are meant to help each student develop good habits of grooming and dress.

Clothes, hair and general appearance should be always neat and clean and suitable for the activity in which a student is engaged. In all instances, the Assistant Head of School will be the final arbiter as to what is considered appropriate dress and appearance.

Class Attire

For all forms of class attire, the following are prohibited

- Any shoes that are not leather, inclusive of winter boots
- Sandals, slides, or slippers
- Hoodies, sweatshirts, flannel, or crew neck shirts
- Outerwear, hats, head coverings,¹ or scarves inside school buildings, the Dining Hall, or in Rogers Auditorium
- Sweatpants, athletic pants, cargo pants, or jeans/denim

BLUES AND GRAYS (MONDAYS)

To be worn to class and formal dinner on Mondays, as well as other special school days as designated by administration. All items must be purchased from the approved vendor's website.

- Embroidered navy blue Kiski blazer

¹ Except those required for religious purposes.

- White Oxford cloth dress shirt, tucked in
- Gray dress pants (girls may wear their plaid skirt instead)
- Dark color crew length socks with closed-toe leather shoes
- Boys must wear a tie and belt
- Leather shoes

CLASS ATTIRE (TUESDAY-FRIDAY)

To be worn to class and formal meals Tuesday through Friday.

- Kiski blazer or any other blazer in gray, black, blue, or khaki
- Oxford cloth dress shirt (any color), tucked in
- Dress pants in gray, black, blue, khaki.



- Girls may wear any skirt purchased through the approved vendor's website. Leggings/tights are required under skirts during Q2 and Q3.
- Boys may wear Bermuda length shorts during Q2 and Q3
- Sweaters purchased from Kiski's approved vendor, or quarter-zip Kiski sweatshirts purchased from the Kiski bookstore may be layered between the blazer and Oxford shirt for warmth
- Boys must wear a tie and belt
- Girls may wear hair bows, headbands, and small jewelry (earrings up to 1.5" in size)
- Leather shoes

Kiski Casual

To be worn for formal weekend trips or athletic events, as designated by administration, the trip leader, or the team's coach

- Solid color polo shirt, tucked in to solid-colored slacks
 - girls may wear a skirt from the approved vendor
 - boys may wear shorts that are non-cargo style, non-denim, and free of rips or tears
- A solid-colored sweater or Kiski sweatshirt may be worn over the polo shirt for warmth

Other personal appearance and dress guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following:

- No facial hair
- Hair should be kept neat
- Boys may only wear earrings in the dorm
- All students must wear clothing that covers their abdomen, hips, chests, and shoulders. No sleeveless or revealing clothing is permitted.

- Clothing with alcohol, drug, or sexual references may not be worn anywhere on campus.

Approved Apparel Vendor

Kiski partners with Global Schoolwear, Tommy Hilfiger's uniform outfitter. All students are required to purchase the items for Blues and Grays through Global Schoolwear, as indicated on the purchasing website. Optionally, other items conforming with the dress code may also be purchased.

Domestic students may choose to have their order shipped directly to their home. International students may opt for items to be delivered directly to the school. Any purchases made prior to the start of the school year will be available for pickup on registration day.

ATHLETICS, WEEKEND, AND COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

While Kiski maintains a formal dress code for academic classes, formal meals, and other school events, students should also bring clothing for athletics, weekends, and inclement weather. (It can snow on campus from October through March.) Additional clothing recommendations include:

- Cold weather clothing (solid-color winter coat, gloves, hat, scarf, leather winter boots)
- Raincoat and/or umbrella
- Pajamas
- Comfortable clothing for informal activities on the weekends (t-shirts, jeans, shorts no shorter than 3" above the knee)
- Athletics clothing
 - Shoes and socks, plus cleats for field sports
 - Athletic supporter, Sports bra
 - Athletic travel warm-up suit

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Academic - yellow
Admissions - pink
Alumni / Advancement - purple
Athletics - gray
Class not in session - green
College Counseling - blue
Faculty - orange

JULY '25						
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- 7 Classes resume
- 7 Junior Parent College Meeting
- 9 End of 2nd Quarter
- 19 MLK Jr. Day, Evening Assembly, scheduled classes for the day

- 3 Preseason Football
- 17 Preseason Soccer
- 20 Senior College Kick-off for Parents (Zoom meeting)
- 21-22 New faculty orientation
- 23 SAT test date on campus
- 24 Preseason Golf & X Country
- 26-28 Faculty meetings
- 29 Prefects arrive on campus
- 31 New Student Registration

AUGUST '25						
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- 7 Board of Trustees meeting
- 12 Classes end at noon
- 13-16 Winter Long Weekend
- 17 Classes resume
- 21 Spring Phonathon
- 22-25 PAIS Accreditation
- 28 International Food Festival

- 1 Returning Student Registration
- 2 Student Orientation
- 3 Kiski Convocation - First Day of Classes
- 8 First Formal Dinner
- 13 SAT test date off campus
- 29 Kiski Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER '25						
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- 6 Classes end at noon
- 6 End of 3rd Quarter
- 7-22 Spring Break
- 14 SAT test date off campus
- 23 Classes resume
- 28 Spring Day of Giving

- 4 SAT test date on campus
- 10 Family Night
- 11-14 Fall Long Weekend
- 16 PSATs for grades 10 and 11
- 19 College Application Day
- 21 Legacy Luncheon
- 24 End of 1st Quarter
- 31 Hall of Fame Ceremony (tentative)

OCTOBER '25						
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APRIL '26						
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- 2 Classes end at noon
- 3-6 Spring Long Weekend
- 7 Classes resume
- 10 Spring Open House
- 10-11 Sibling Weekend
- 22 College 101 for 10th grade parents (zoom)
- 24 Career Day for Juniors

- 1 Homecoming (tentative)
- 7 Pittsburgh Event
- 8 Board of Trustees meeting
- 8 SAT test date on campus
- 10 Admission Open House
- 15 Fall Phonathon
- 16-17 Fall Play
- 21 Classes end at noon
- 11/22-12/1 Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER '25						
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- 2 SAT test date on campus
- 3-4 Spring Play
- 11 A Night of Music
- 13 Class Captain Lunch
- 15 Senior Trip
- 16 Dorm Picnics
- 17 Honors Convocation
- 18 Final day of classes
- 19-21 Final Exams
- 21 Grades 9-11 go home for summer break
- 21 Senior Awards
- 22 138th Commencement
- 26-27 Professional Development Day for Faculty
- 29-31 Reunion Weekend

- 2 Classes resume
- 2 Giving Tuesday
- 6 SAT test date on campus
- 8 Holiday Concert
- 15-17 Mid-Term Exams
- 12/18-1/6 Winter Break

DECEMBER '25						
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KISKI READS

The Summer Reading Book is your opportunity to read a book of your choice. Each student must choose a book from the lists below to read before school starts in the fall. Book discussion groups will meet on Monday evenings throughout the school year. You are responsible for obtaining your own copy of your summer reading selection.

FICTION CHOICES

- *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness
- *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- *Lightlark* by Alex Aster
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom
- *Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
- *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson
- *Holly* by Stephen King
- *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman

NON-FICTION CHOICES

- *Don't Sleep, There Are Snakes* by Daniel L Everett
- *The Righteous Mind* by Jonathan Haidt
- *Solito* by Javier Zamora
- *The Long Walk* by Slavomir Rawicz
- *Yale Needs Women* by Anne Gardiner Perkins
- *Lincoln on Leadership* by Donald T. Phillips
- *Knife:*
- *Meditations after an Attempted Murder* by Salman Rushdie
- *The Beautiful Struggle* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *The Mental Edge: Maximize Your Sports Potential* by Kenneth Baum

- *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie
- *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy
- *The Missing Semester* by Gene Natali and Matt Kabala
- *12 Rules for Life* by Jordan Peterson
- *The Algebra of Wealth* by Scott Galloway
- *Never Split the Difference* by Chris Voss



LIFE AT KISKI

LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING

Free laundry machines are available in all dorms. Students can do their wash, dry and fold items at their leisure, pending availability of the machines. Make sure you discuss with your child what can be washed and what must be dry cleaned and the nuance of separating laundry. Also, explain how much laundry detergent to use. Dorm parents and prefects will review laundry protocol during orientation.

The dry-cleaning service allows students to drop off their clothes. We recommend that you label all of your child's clothing. Dry cleaning charges are added to your child's school account. If you have any questions about the dry-cleaning services, please contact the Assistant Head of School.

HAIRCUTS

Students may visit the barber shop and hair salon in Saltsburg, with permission, on weekends when a school van is available to take them to town.

ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS

Living with a roommate is an important aspect of a boarding school education. Over the summer, the Admission Office works with the Director of Residential Life to make roommate assignments. Living in a dormitory with students from different backgrounds and countries provides an opportunity to forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

We strive to ensure that the new students are paired up well and placed with compatible roommates through-out campus. Typically, new students

room with new students and returning students room with returning students.

Students will meet their new roommate on registration day.

CLASS SIGN-UPS AND ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

The Director of Studies reviews all of the new students' files and make preliminary decisions about the course work they will be assigned in the fall. There are some standard grade level courses such as English, and there are also some sequence courses that are assigned based on successful completion of prerequisites. For example, Algebra II naturally follows Geometry and precedes Pre-Calculus. To assist in making these decisions, we use standardized tests in the file (if they were submitted during the application process), the teacher recommendations, and in many cases, our own placement tests. Over the summer, the Director of Studies will contact you with a preliminary schedule.

We will make adjustments as needed based on consultation with the new student, parents, and the academic office.

Ultimately, when you arrive on Registration Day, your child's schedule will be set. However, the schedule is flexible and can still be changed if the circumstances dictate.

BOOKSTORE AND TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks will be distributed to your child during the first few days on campus. Your account will be billed in the first month of school. You can expect to pay in the \$200–\$300 range for your child's books. If you prefer to purchase the books before you arrive, you may call the Kiski bookstore and arrange payment directly. Parents can call the bookstore directly at 724-639-8032 or email bookstore@kiski.org after July 21.

The bookstore also carries a variety of items including school supplies, clothes, hats, t-shirts, athletic apparel and more. Students meet their bookstore obligations by paying cash or having the charges billed to their incidental account. Debit or credit cards are also accepted at the bookstore. Parents should check their student's account regularly.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Any questions about the tuition and fees and/or incidental charges your child incurs should be discussed with our Business Office. You can reach them at 724-639-8030; they are available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days. Payment plans and schedules are published on your copy of the enrollment contract that can be found on the parent's Kiski Portal. After logging in, left click on your name and select "files and forms" to see the contract. There are no deviations from those plans unless specifically approved in writing by the Chief Financial Officer.

Each student may use their incidental account for various charges that occur throughout the year. Examples of charges include, but are not limited to: bookstore, snack bar, transportation, gifts, laundry, and weekend activities.

ALLOWANCE AND SPENDING MONEY

Students should not be in possession of large sums of money in their dorm rooms. They may leave larger sums of money with the Business Office. There is an ATM in the Swank Student Center For students that want to open a local bank account, faculty can assist them in establishing a S&T Bank account in Saltsburg upon request.

BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate birthdays in the dining hall during seated lunches. Typically, advisors plan something special for advisees' birthdays. If you would like to do something in addition, you may contact the Assistant Head of School to order a birthday cake at lunch by email.

WEEKEND LEAVES

Students may leave campus for “open” weekends. During the week, the Director of Residential Life will ask students to submit an electronic pass using the ORAH service that details their plans. ORAH is a management platform that allows us as a school to keep track of students and manage their well-being.

For leave, students will be asked to outline where they plan to go, when they will leave and return, how they plan to get there, and contact information of all necessary parties. If a student is planning to go somewhere other than their own residence, the Associate Head of School will seek permission from all parties involved.

PRESEASON ATHLETICS

Students who are invited to try out for fall varsity sports will attend early sports practices beginning in mid-August. You will receive a letter from the coach advising you if your child is invited to the preseason session. If you have not heard from the coach by the end of July and want to participate on the varsity level, please contact the Athletic Director, Christopher Spahn, at chris.spahn@kiski.org. Your child's individual coach may send a summer workout schedule to you. Specific preseason reporting times and procedures will be included in the letter from the coach. If you have questions, contact the Athletic Director. Medical form requirements must be met prior to arrival in order to participate in any school activity including preseason athletics.

We do not have a preseason for winter sports, however winter sports may have competitions at the beginning of a holiday break and the team may be asked to stay a few extra days before heading home. Spring preseason occurs during part of spring break. Athletes may be asked to come back early from spring break to train and start their competitive season with games. Please check with the Coach or Athletic Director prior to the winter and spring seasons for travel dates and the game schedule.



TRAVEL

PLANNING FOR TRAVEL²

Please reference the academic calendar for all school session dates and breaks. Students who are traveling long distances to arrive at Kiski fly in and out of Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) which is about a one-hour drive from campus. Students may also book train travel from the Latrobe Amtrak Station.

Kiski can arrange transportation to and from the airport on departure days and return days for school vacations. *Please keep in mind that early leaves or late returns from vacations are considered unexcused absences and will result in academic and behavioral penalties. These absences can be easily avoided by making travel plans early.*

Key Travel Dates

Once school starts, new students will be taught how to use ORAH, an app that allows students to request off-campus permission and obtain parental approval. As you plan your Kiski travel for the upcoming school year, here are a few calendar dates to keep in mind:

THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 21 - December 1, 2025

Classes will end at noon on Friday, November 21 and resume on Tuesday, December 2. Students should book flights leaving after 3:00 pm on Friday, November 21 or leaving on the morning of Saturday, November 22. Campus closes at noon on Saturday, November 22.

² Note: Early departures or late returns from vacations are considered unexcused absences and result in academic and behavioral penalties. Avoid these absences by making travel plans early.

Students should book flights that arrive on Monday, December 1, 2024. Classes resume on December 2.

WINTER BREAK

December 17, 2025 - January 6, 2026

Students may leave after their last exam on December 17 and classes will resume on Wednesday, January 7. Students should book flights that depart at 2:00 pm or later on the afternoon of December 17, or flights that depart on the morning of December 18. Campus closes at noon on Thursday, December 18. Students should book flights that arrive on January 6.

SPRING BREAK

March 6 - March 22, 2026

Keep in mind that some spring athletics teams may have practice or games during Spring Break and students should check with their coaches. Classes will end at noon on Friday, March 6 and resume on Monday, March 23. Students should book flights that depart after 3:00 pm on Friday, March 6 or on the morning of March 7. Campus closes at noon on Saturday, March 7. Returning flights should be booked for March 22.

END-OF-SCHOOL YEAR DEPARTURE

May 21–22, 2026

Final exams take place May 19, 20 & 21, 2026. Students should not plan to leave early. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors are asked to depart campus by 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 21. Seniors will have time to pack up their belongings on Friday, May 22 after the graduation ceremony and will need to leave campus by 5:00 pm.

Transportation Service

Transportation to the airport is provided by Kiski staff or by Elite Coach Transportation, Inc. to provide students with safe, reliable service to and from campus. You can visit their website at www.elite-corporation.com.

On departure days and return days from vacations, students will be charged \$50 for airport transportation.

I-20 VISAS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

The Form I-20 is an important document that you should keep safe, as you will need it throughout the international student life cycle. The Form I-20 lists your program start date, 30 days before which you are allowed to enter the United States. You are expected to have the original Form I-20 with ink signature on hand as you enter the country. Do not pack it away in your suitcase. A U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer will instruct you to present your Form I-20 at the port of entry. Keep it with your passport at all times. Once you arrive on campus, all of your important travel documents will be kept in our administrative building. When you need the documents to travel home for breaks, you will request them from the administration building, Old Main. I-20s are issued as soon as students enroll at Kiski.



PLACES TO STAY

COMFORT INN
1350 Indian Springs Road
Indiana, PA 15701
724-465-7000

DAYS INN
2727 Mossdale Blvd.
Monroeville, PA 15146
412-856-1610

HAMPTON INN
1000 Towne Square Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-838-8800

HAMPTON INN
3000 Mossdale Blvd.
Monroeville, PA 15146
412-380-4000

HAMPTON INN
62 Pine Ridge Rd.
Blairsville, PA 15717
724-459-5920

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
1350 Indian Springs Road
Indiana, PA 15146
412-465-7000

HOLIDAY INN
2750 Mossdale Blvd.
Monroeville, PA 15146
412-372-1022

BEST WESTERN UNIVERSITY
INN
1545 Wayne Avenue
Indiana, PA 15701
724-349-9620

RAMADA
Route 30 East
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-836-6060

SUPER 8
180 Sheffield Drive
Delmont, PA 15626
724-468-4888

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
360 Rt. 22
Delmont, PA 15626
724-468-1050

PLACES TO DINE

Many parents enjoy taking their child (and their friends) out for a meal when they are on campus for athletic contests or performances. We ask that you keep in mind that study hall begins each night at 8:15 pm, so please have them back at the dorms in time to begin their homework. There are a few options in Saltsburg to choose from:

FOX’S PIZZA DEN
616 Salt Street
Saltsburg, PA 15681
724-639-0247

SUBWAY
2937 Route 286
Saltsburg, PA 156814-
639-8390

POINT STREET TAVERN
117 Point Street
Saltsburg, PA 15681

ROADSIDE EATERY
2895 PA-380
Saltsburg, PA 15681
724-219-9803

SHIPPING AND STORAGE

Shipping Items to School

We encourage students to ship their belongings to campus ahead of their arrival. Large items like comforters, pillows, lamps, and linens can be purchased at stores in nearby cities like Indiana and Monroeville. However, if shipping the items is more convenient, please ship items with the following address format:

The Kiski School
Attn: *Student First and Last Name*
1888 Brett Lane
Saltsburg, PA 15681

Storage

Many students need to store personal items over the summer. They may store items in the basement of Old Main during the final week of classes.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

As a college preparatory school, Kiski is committed to providing expert insight and tailored support to every student and family as they consider their post-graduate plans. Through dynamic programming such as student workshops, check-in meetings, and parent webinars, we ensure you have clarity and up-to-date information on all things related to college admissions. We also host all standardized testing and bring college admission representatives to campus year-round!

Our goal is to help every student prepare their strongest application and reduce any stress around the process by approaching it in a scaffolded manner.

The College Office is located in the Swank Student Center and we encourage you to stop by or email us at collegecounseling@kiski.org with your questions.

NINTH GRADE

This year's goal is to become oriented to Kiski and develop strong academic skills. Engaging with the community is crucial as colleges care about your community impact! Join clubs, attend events, and introduce yourself to us early.

TENTH GRADE

Your first formal touch points with the college counseling office begin in the 10th grade.

- You will take the PSAT10 in October, conveniently hosted on campus.

- We host information sessions in the spring for parents and guardians (virtual) and students (in-person) to introduce you to the college admissions process. This will help you to tackle 11th grade with confidence and knowledge of what to expect.

Before you leave for the summer, we will review your PSAT10 scores and help you make a study plan to maximize your performance.

This year, we encourage you to deepen your engagement in things that interest you: explore experiential summer learning opportunities, join clubs related to your primary interests, and consider taking on leadership roles and more responsibility while prioritizing your academics.

ELEVENTH GRADE

In eleventh grade, your formal engagement with the college counseling office begins to amp up! You can begin taking APs this year. We are an excellent resource for testing and studying strategies.

- You will take the PSAT-NMSQT in October
- We host an information session for parents, guardians, and students reviewing athletic recruitment, financial aid, and the college admissions landscape.
- Before you head off for winter break vacation, you will be oriented to SCOIR, the platform we use to manage college applications. On SCOIR, you can take fun assessments to help you learn more about what majors and careers might be a good fit for your unique strengths.
- We also have you think deeply about what you've accomplished so far and what you hope to gain from college with our 'Big Junior Questionnaire!' This also helps us get to know you before our first one-on-ones.
- When you return from winter break, you will have your first one-on-one with your assigned counselor early in the term. Your counselor

sends summary notes home to keep your family up to date about your goals and to craft a careful plan. Parent one-on-ones begin after spring break.

Through the spring semester, you will attend regular meetings where you will develop your college list, begin filling out the Common Application, plan for senior year, and start your personal statement essay for colleges. Your counselor will also check in with you regularly or as needed. We decide what works well for each student while recognizing your other commitments and helping you find balance. We'll also help you prepare for the SATs and summer before senior year.

Suppose you are interested in applying to highly selective schools. In that case, you can join a small cohort in the spring that positions you for success for competitive admissions through writing workshops, summer application support, and an insider's look at what makes an applicant exceptional.

TWELFTH GRADE

During senior year, you are the top priority and focus of the college counseling office. We work to ensure every student is seen and known and build a trusting and reliable relationship. By your senior year, we will have a tailored plan to help you meet your application goals and be a trustworthy resource to your family. We help you compose every required writing piece for college, review all your applications, and advocate for you to the college admission offices. We take a hands-on approach until you land your college home.

We hold every student to high standards and aim to help you meet and exceed your potential and expectations. Our process and strategy also help you develop essential skills related to executive functioning, professional communication, and interpersonal relationships that will be an asset for college and beyond.



HEALTH CENTER

The health and wellbeing of your child is of the utmost importance to us. Should your child become sick or injured while here at Kiski, they will receive excellent care at the Judith L. McAtee Health Center. The Health Center is located adjacent to the Dining Hall.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 6:30 pm
- Saturday through Sunday 10:30 am – 6:30 pm
- A nurse is on-call after hours for emergencies.

HEALTH CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

- nurse@kiski.org (goes to all nurses)
- Office: 724-639-8034
- Fax: 724-639-3832
- Director of Health Services, Taresa DiLascio RN, BSN at taresa.dilascio@kiski.org

Kiski School requires that students have an annual physical exam after June 1st each school year. No student will be permitted to participate in athletics or school activities until the Health Center determines that the student's health record is complete. Forms are available within August schools.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, it is crucial to collect health information about your student(s) to ensure a safe and healthy campus environment for your family. To securely and safely store all students' medical information and forms, our nursing team is utilizing a platform called August Schools.

You will receive an email from the medical staff via August Schools, notifying you of a new form request, along with a link to your child's portal. You can click where it says "You have a new form request" in the email and open the link.

Within the August Schools health enrollment packet, you will find various forms, including immunization records, medication and allergy information, as well as a brief questionnaire regarding the health history of each student. If your child has a medical condition that requires medication or an action plan (e.g., asthma, allergies), we kindly ask that you resubmit these forms each school year. Please ensure that all forms for the school year are dated after June 1st to be considered valid. The health requirements are due August 1st. If you have issues completing the form by that date, please reach out to the nursing staff at nurse@kiski.org.

All medical forms should be completed and submitted electronically by the student's parent or legal guardian. We kindly request that you prioritize completing these health requirements, as students who have not submitted these forms will not be allowed on campus the first day of school. Throughout the summer we will send reminders to ensure all forms are completed accurately and in a timely manner. Should you have any further questions or require guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to the nurses at nurse@kiski.org or to August for Parents parent help desk.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Kiski School requires that every student be covered by a comprehensive injury and sickness plan; one that meets the high cost of medical services and is accepted by local providers and practitioners.

For students covered by state medical assistance, it has been our experience that this plan only covers the student in their home state, regardless of the severity of the health problem. You should contact your

case- worker to discuss the need for coverage to attend a school outside of their home state. To avoid billing errors, be sure to update the insurance information in August during the school year if you have a change of insurance.

If prescriptions are not covered by your health insurance, please be sure to upload your prescription card into August.

Any medical bills not covered by insurance will be the custodial parent or guardian's financial responsibility.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND U.S. TERRITORIES

It is a mandatory requirement that all international students enroll in the comprehensive health plan selected by our school, regardless of other existing health insurance.

To purchase and enroll in the required insurance plan, go to - <https://shipenroll.com/kiski>. Please upload the receipt to the insurance requirement in August and the nurses will replace it with the insurance card as soon as it is available.

HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Any medical bills not covered by insurance will be the custodial parent or guardian's financial responsibility.

STUDENT ILLNESSES

If your child feels ill while at school, they should report to the Health Center. The office opens at 7:45 am to allow time for students to be evaluated and treated without having to miss class time. When possible, students should come to the Health Center between classes or at mealtimes.

If the nurse deems it necessary, your child may be admitted to the Health Center for further observation and treatment.

If your child needs to see a doctor, our Health Center staff will arrange for an appointment and transportation to and from the medical office. (There is a distance-based transportation fee that will be billed to your student's account.)

The Health Center staff will communicate health concerns and treatment with parents.

SUPPORT STAFF

Kiski's school counselor, Mrs. Kristin Massie-Sunday is available to meet with Kiski students and support them through challenges they may face such as homesickness, anxiety, depression, parental strife, relationship difficulties, stress management, bereavement, and other family issues.

We have a certified athletic trainer on campus from Excelsa Health who specializes in the prevention, recognition, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries incurred by our students. The Athletic Training Room is located beside the MUG in The Ross Athletic Center.

If parents/guardians have any questions regarding the healthcare of their child that is not covered here, please email Taresa DiLascio RN, BSN, Director of Health Services via email at taresa.dilascio@kiski.org.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Have questions? Here is who you should get in touch with:

School Attire and K-book Questions

Brian Serbin, Assistant Head of School

brian.serbin@kiski.org

Visa, I-20, International Travel

Bramble Buran

Associate Head of School for Enrollment Management

bramble.buran@kiski.org

Billing and Payment

Scott Michael, Chief Financial Officer

scott.michael@kiski.org

Dorm Life

Amanda Mock, Director of Residential Life

amanda.mock@kiski.org

Travel Arrangements and Questions

Amanda Mock, Director of Residential Life

amanda.mock@kiski.org

Pre-season Sports Questions

Contact your coach with questions.

