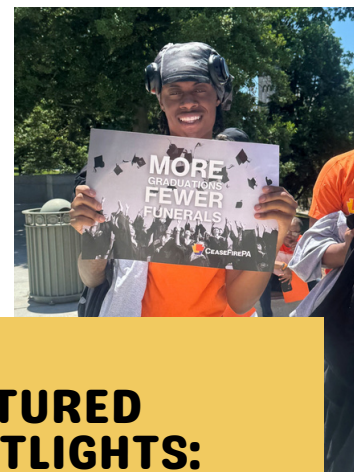


Hello, Year 5!

It is that time of the year again, and Safe Passage is back and stronger than ever! While students were out of school, Safe Passage staff remained engaged in program planning, community engagement, resource development, and preparation for the year ahead. Our summer work focused on strengthening the systems, partnerships, and resources that support violence prevention, youth leadership, and positive school culture.

As we begin Year 5 of Safe Passage, we are excited to build on the progress made last school year and continue creating safer, stronger, and more connected school communities.



Looking Back at 2025–2026

Before we begin celebrating the new school year, it is important to recognize just how far Safe Passage has come. The 2025–26 academic year was filled with youth leadership, meaningful connections, violence prevention and much more:

- 63 Student Safety Ambassadors
- 658 Mediations Conducted
- 367 Incidents Interrupted
- 2,192 Resource Referrals Distributed
- 23% decrease in total discipline events (2023–24 to 2025–26)
- 16% decrease in students involved in discipline events (2023–24 to 2025–26)
- 100% Graduation Rate for Class of 2026 Safety Ambassadors (23 of 23)
- 300+ Community Donations Collected
- 8 Parent Meetings Held; 37 Guardians Engaged
- Received a Mayor's Proclamation declaring November 10 as Safe Passage Day
- Recognized at the 2025 Cities United Convening as part of Allegheny County's public safety ecosystem.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our Safety Ambassadors, Safe Passage Coordinators, school communities, families, partners, and everyone who continues to invest in the success of our students. Read on for more summer highlights and stories!

FEATURED SPOTLIGHTS:

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Safe Passage Resources

Safe Passage is a school-based anti-violence initiative that utilizes a public health approach and Safe Passage Safety Model to interrupt the transmission of the disease of violence among Pittsburgh Public Schools students and their communities. It is currently implemented at Alderdice High, Brashear High, Pittsburgh Millionaires 6-12, Obama Academy 6-12, Perry High, and Westinghouse Academy 6-12.



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Summertime Safety

In June, Safety Ambassadors from Perry High School traveled to Harrisburg for End Gun Violence Advocacy Day, joining statewide leaders and advocates to push for gun violence reduction. Closer to home, Westinghouse Safety Ambassador Amia Mott delivered remarks at the City-County Building during Pittsburgh's Wear Orange event in recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

As summer continued, Safe Passage participated in National Night Out, joined community meetings focused on youth safety, and supported back-to-school events to build relationships and create positive connections before the first day of school. We are excited for Year 5 and grateful to continue this work!

Voices from the People We Serve

WE ASKED OUR CLASS OF 2026 SAFETY AMBASSADORS...

"If you had to describe Safe Passage using only one word, what word would you use?"

Community - Jamair Burton, UPrep
Safe - Remone Thomas, UPrep
Family - Jaylen Stanford, Westinghouse
Resourceful - Tru Dobbins, Perry
Helpful - Jarlan Humphrey, Allderdice
Mentorship - Jaheem Jeffries, Allderdice
Safe - Lamont Washington, Perry
Welcoming - Anthony Jefferson, Perry

Opportunity - Patrick Germaine, Allderdice
Promising - Kamren Dillard, Allderdice
Amazing - Jeremiah Griffin, Allderdice
Family - Tianna Ziegler, Perry
Safe - Alexis Anthony, Perry
Cool - Sencer Sanders, Perry
Amazing - Nakiyah Gilmore, Westinghouse
Helpful - Heaven Gatewood, Perry

"After participating in Safe Passage, on a scale of 1-5, how confident are you in your ability to recognize the early signs of potential violence within a community?"

77% Graduates Responded "Very Confident" (=5)

"After participating in Safe Passage, on a scale of 1-5, how confident are you in your ability to identify individuals who are at risk for violence?"

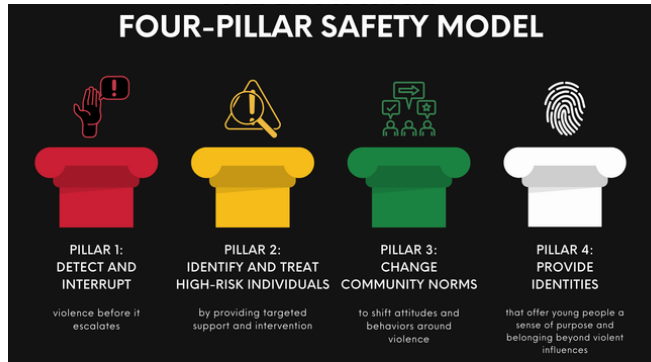
72% Graduates Responded "Very Confident" (=5)

Participating in Safe Passage increased my belief that I can reach my goals.

85% Graduates Responded "Strongly Agree"

Over the next few weeks, Safe Passage Coordinators are recruiting Safety Ambassadors for the 26-27 Academic Year. If you are interested in recommending a Safety Ambassador or becoming one, please reach out to your school's Safe Passage Coordinator!

Safe Passage Resources



Safe Passage Website: [Click Here](#) or
Scan QR Code:



NewEra412 Community Resources: [Click Here](#)

Operation Better Block Website: [Click Here](#)

Pittsburgh Public Schools Website: [Click Here](#)

Register to Vote: [Click Here](#)

Información Disponible en Español

El Folleto de Safe Passage y Modelo de Safe Passage también están disponibles en español en nuestro sitio web bajo "Program Information"

Upcoming Programming

Safe Passage Day November 10

November 10 marks the second annual Safe Passage Day. This year, each Safe Passage school will intentionally recognize the day through activities that highlight safety, student leadership, and the impact of our Safety Ambassadors.

Stay tuned for more details on how we'll be celebrating across our schools!

Monthly Safe Passage Parent Meetings

Virtual (Zoom)

Every month, once SAs are onboarded, Safe Passage hosts a virtual meeting to connect with parents and guardians of Safety Ambassadors and share critical updates about the program. Parental involvement is strongly encouraged and highly valued! Please reach out to your school's SPC for details.

Stakeholders and Partners

This program would not be possible without the collective support and trust of our stakeholders and partners. Thank you so much!

African American Leadership Association	The Buhl Foundation	Eden Hall Foundation	Memorable Experiences	PCTV	Rowan University
Allegheny County	Carnegie Mellon University	Hugh Lane Wellness	Mercy Behavioral Health	Phoenixx Helsel Family Foundation	Sandy Hook Promise
Alloy26	Casa San José	Homewood Children's Village	My Brother's Keeper Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	Thrive18
Auberle	City of Pittsburgh	FashionAFRICANA	1Nation Mentoring	Pittsburgh Black Lawyers Alliance	University of Pittsburgh
August Wilson House	Community College of Allegheny County	Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence	The Neighborhood Resilience Project	Pittsburgh Public Schools	Wesley Spectrum
Birth of Ahava	Dollar Bank	Jubilee Association	OneNorthside	Planned Parenthood	
Boys & Girls Clubs of Western PA	Duquesne University	The Kingsley Association	Operation Better Block	Project Destiny	