



MAKE FIRST YEAR COUNT

Family Guide

Welcome to the Penn State family!

In addition to your student, we have more than 84,000 undergraduate students from 120 nations, more than 5,000 faculty members, and more than 8,100 professional staff, making us one of the ten largest U.S. universities.



PennState
New Kensington

*FOR MORE COMPLETE DETAILS
ON CAMPUS SERVICES VISIT
NK.PSU.EDU*

"The Penn State Experience" is all about growing not only within the academic setting, but also outside the classroom as your student embarks on one of the most exciting and challenging adventures imaginable. At Penn State New Kensington (PSNK) there are multiple opportunities to engage in the campus community via clubs, organizations, cultural programs, athletics, and community service. While exciting opportunities are available, they can also lead to questions and uncertainty for you and your PSNK student. At PSNK, there is always someone to turn to for assistance. In fact, the Student Affairs Staff's chief goal is to make the transition to college life as easy as possible. This brochure provides concrete suggestions to address the challenges of college life and also serves as a handy reference guide for you at home. The University academic calendar and a list of Campus Services is included, as well as a directory of important phone numbers for your convenience.

In Case of Emergency

Please try to have the following information available when calling Penn State with an emergency:

Student's Name

Student ID #

Local Address & Cell#

Parents/Guardians LionPath Access

For Parents to get started in LionPath, students must first delegate access to parents/others. Your student will need the email address of the parent/other to initiate access to portions of their student record.

Step 1. Provide an email address to your student where you want to receive an email containing access information. This email can also serve as your Login ID.

Step 2. Once your student has delegated you access to both LionPath and as an authorized payer, he/she can send a notification to your email address that will contain a Login ID, temporary password, and a link to a public page where you will login to gain access to those areas your student has shared.

Step 3. Upon your first login, you will be presented with a page to update passwords and set a PIN number. The PIN will be used to verify identity.

Step 4. Use available navigation to view data your student has shared.

For more information go to: launch.lionpath.psu.edu

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New Kensington, PA 15068
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Campus Services

Blissell Library has a variety of resources including books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, sign out laptops, and study spaces. The library is also home to the computer center, which is an open lab that includes thirty student workstations and four multimedia workstations.

Career Services offers resources including resume writing assistance, job postings, career fairs, job and internship searches, e-Portfolio, workshops, presentations, and DISCOVER. DISCOVER is an online system that helps assess interests, abilities, and values related to choosing a major and, ultimately, a career path.

Campus Shuttle Services provides free transportation to PSNK students to various area destinations including Giant Eagle, the Pittsburgh Mills Mall, the Waterworks Mall, the Pittsburgh bus terminal, Oakland, the Waterfront, and the Monroeville Mall. The shuttle runs Tuesdays and Friday through Sunday.

Child Care Assistance Program provides special grants to qualified PSNK students who require child care for preschool age children.

Counseling Services offers individual counseling services to current students to assist them in overcoming private, academic, and/or crisis situations. Our licensed counselor provides free and confidential services that include: individual counseling and therapy, crisis intervention, stress management, and referral/support services.

Disability Services provides support and assistance for students with disabilities who are seeking accommodations. Contact the Campus nurse or Learning Support Coordinator.

Financial Aid Services supports students with resources to help meet the costs of a college education in the form of grants, scholarships, loans, federal work-study, and assistance for veterans.

Food Services are available in Café 780 and the Junction Monday-Friday.

Housing Services provides assistance to students seeking housing accommodations adjacent to campus, off campus, and for students changing assignments to another Penn State campus.

Health Services provides education, programs, and medical services to students. Services include treatment of minor injuries, treatment of illnesses and referral as necessary, emergency response, counseling, disability services, health and wellness programs, athletic physicals, and resources for health education.

International and Minority Student Support Services are provided through the Office of Student Affairs working collaboratively with all University departments to create a safe and welcoming campus environment and provide a multitude of cultural and diversity related programs. The office also serves as a resource center for all under-represented student populations.

PSNK Barnes and Noble Bookstore is the place to go for textbooks, technical supplies, school supplies, and PSU apparel. The bookstore is located on the ground floor beside the Academic and Career Success Center.

Success Center Services provides academic advising, free tutoring, and career services to help students develop and succeed in their academic and career goals.

Student Life

Student Life partners with students, faculty, and staff to support social, cultural, recreational, and educational co-curricular experiences for our Penn State community.

Orientation is a three-day process. Day One includes a First Year advising program. On Day Two, students will take part in academic convocation, college meetings, an all campus picnic, and listen to a motivational keynote speaker. The final step -Day Three includes special workshops led by faculty and staff designed to increase interpersonal skills and prepare students for their academic career. Students are invited to participate in the traditional Pride Olympics. The first year summer reading program will also hold a discussion on this year's chosen book. All orientation events are mandatory.

Clubs & Organizations help students get involved, meet new people, gain leadership skills, and have fun during their years at PSNK. Students can choose to participate in a variety of clubs and organizations, or they can explore the option of creating their own clubs in order to get others on campus interested in new activities.

Potential Clubs on Campus...

- *Adult Learner Society*
- *Africa Club*
- *BET Club*
- *Campus Activities Board (CAB)*
- *Diversity Club*
- *Drama Club*
- *Engineering Club*
- *Honor Societies*
- *Lion Ambassadors*
- *Nittany Pride Newspaper*
- *Outdoor and Adventure Club*
- *Psychology Club*
- *Spanish Club*
- *Student Government Association*
- *THON*

Intercollegiate Athletics includes eight varsity sports at Penn State New Kensington:

- *Men's baseball (new 2016)*
- *Men's basketball*
- *Men's soccer*
- *Men's wrestling*
- *Women's softball*
- *Women's volleyball*
- *Co-ed golf*
- *Co-ed cheerleading*

These teams compete in the intercollegiate Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) and the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA).

Intramurals, Recreation & Club Sports may include various activities such as basketball, hockey, dodge ball, racquetball, soccer, touch football, volleyball, Zumba, and Yoga. Fitness and Recreational facilities are open to all students at PSNK and include the basketball/volleyball court, weight room and fitness center, playing fields, dance studio/Pilates room, racquetball court, and nature trail.

Leadership Opportunities provide students who are interested in developing their leadership skills with the opportunity to apply for or participate in numerous student leadership organizations including: Campus Activities Board, Lion Ambassadors, Orientation Leaders and Student Government, as well as attend leadership conferences held throughout western PA.



Pictured above, students hard at work volunteering during an Alternative Spring Break trip in Puerto Rico, 2017.

Directory Area Code 724

Academic Affairs

Dr. Andrea Adolph, Director, 334-6030

Admissions

Monique Equavoen, Director of Enrollment Management, 334-6058

Advising

Dr. Sean Bridgen, Associate Director for Academic Advising, 334-6096

Athletics

Athletic Director, 334-6750

Bookstore

Jennifer Fularz, Manager, 334-6170

Business Services

Jason Bush, Director, 334-6025

Café 780

Landis Crawford, Manager, 334-6175

Career Services

Jim Shields, Associate Director for Career & Professional Development 334-6065

Computer Center Help Desk

Kevin Churik, Coordinator, 334-6091

Continuing Education

Pat Hollinger, Director, 334-6010

Counseling Services,

Kendra Kitko, Licensed Counselor 334-6744

Disability Services

Stamatia Milburn, Nurse, 334-6066
Adam Robinson, Learning Center Coordinator, 334-6098

Financial Assistance/Student Aid

Ashley Traini, Financial Aid Coordinator, 334-6046

Health Services

Stamatia Milburn, Nurse, 334-6066

Academic & Career Success Center

Adam Robinson, Learning Support Coordinator, 334-6098

Library

Jennifer Gilley, Head Librarian, 334-6076

Off-Campus Housing

Paula Dove, Staff Assistant, 334-6062
www.nk.psu.edu/StudentLife/living

Police Services

Officer Wesley Sheets, Safety Manager, 334-6013

Registration

Mary Dubbink, Registrar, 334-6041

Student Activities

Michele Marcks, Assistant Director for Student Life, 334-6063

Student Affairs

Theresa Bonk, Director, 334-6062

Preparing for College Life

Campus Emergencies Although these situations rarely occur, students can be notified of campus emergencies via Penn State's Text Messaging and/or email system. Students can visit <http://newswires.psu.edu> for information and to sign up. Students are permitted to add up to 3 phone contacts through this system.

Emotional Distress In some cases, students may experience depression, anxiety, loss of a relative, relationship difficulties, or other emotional issues that impact their adjustment to Penn State. If family support and self assistance measures are not sufficient, students should know that there is help on campus, and they may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Family Emergencies In case of family emergencies, staff at Penn State New Kensington are available to assist you. If there is a death, sudden illness, or other serious emergency in the family, The Office of Student Affairs (724-334-6062) will help locate your student and relay a message to call home immediately. The Registrar's Office (724-334-6040) can also assist families during a time of emergency. After business hours please call 724-334-6022 and our security officers will assist you. If something occurs over a break or holiday and a student will be delayed in returning to school, please call the Office of Student Affairs so that the staff can notify instructors. **Note: Staff members cannot excuse students from class; they only inform academic units of an absence. It is the student's responsibility to follow through with the instructors after returning to campus. Transportation to and from campus is the responsibility of the student or family.*

Health Insurance Beginning Fall of 2018 all students will be required to show proof of health insurance. Student insurance options can be found at studentaffairs.psu.edu/health.

Hitting the Books For some students, the transition from high school academics to the expectations at Penn State may be a shock. The Academic and Career Success Center offers free support for students that feel they need a little extra help academically. Students must remember, however, that the time to seek help is before they become overwhelmed.

Life After Class Students are encouraged to explore all that PSNK has to offer. Being involved enhances the student experience by helping them make connections on campus and become lifelong leaders and learners. Between athletics, clubs, and organizations, PSNK students are encouraged to find an activity that suits their interests.

Responsible Socializing Alcohol continues to be the number one misused drug on college campuses. Penn State enforces zero tolerance for alcohol abuse. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages on University property or at University-sponsored activities is prohibited for all students, including those who are over twenty-one years of age. Students under the influence of alcohol are not permitted on campus. There are plenty of opportunities for enjoyable, non-alcoholic related activities at PSNK.

PSNK ranked #1 safest campus in Westmoreland County and #6 safest campus in Pennsylvania in 2016!

Safety on Campus PSNK Students should take advantage of the **Department of Police Services** when they are here after dark. In addition to providing safety escorts, the department provides safety and security throughout campus, responds to criminal complaints and emergencies, provides medical assistance, assumes campus crime watch, and offers other services. Another way to ensure safety at night is by making it a habit to walk with friends.

Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence National statistics show that sexual assault is a growing crime. College men and women must be aware of the frequency of this crime, its seriousness and consequences, and its relationship to alcohol consumption. Students should know to first contact the police and seek medical attention immediately after an assault has occurred, and then follow up with a visit to the Office of Student Affairs. Students can visit <http://www.psu.edu/dept/title-ix/> to report an incident or access resources regarding Sexual Harassment and Assault Reporting and Education (SHARE).

Tuition Reimbursement Occasionally, students cannot complete a semester for which they have enrolled. Whether or not tuition is partially refunded depends on both the student's reasons for leaving and how much of the semester has passed. If the University does owe a student a refund, the amount of the refund will be credited to the student's Bursar account, which is our financial interaction with each student. Please note that regardless of who paid the bill originally, the student must be the one to initiate reimbursement. Precise data on the tuition refund policy is available online (www.bursar.psu.edu).

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University Calendar 2017-2018

Fall Semester 2017

Wednesday, August 16
Pride Day—(NSO)

Thursday, August 17
Academic Convocation and All Prides Day (NSO)

Monday, August 21
Classes begin

Monday, September 4
Labor Day Holiday—
No classes

**Sunday to Saturday,
November 20—25**
Thanksgiving Break—
No classes

Friday, December 8
Classes end

**Monday to Friday,
December 11—15**
Final Exams

Saturday, December 16
Commencement

Spring Semester 2018

Thursday, January 4
Spring Orientation

Monday, January 8
Classes begin

Monday, January 15
**Dr. Martin Luther King,
Jr. Day**
No classes
Day of Community Service

**Sunday to Saturday,
March 4—10**
Spring Break—No classes

Friday, April 27
Classes end

**Monday to Friday,
April 30-May 4**
Final Exams

Saturday, May 5
Commencement



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