

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
THIRD ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY
MONTH COMPETITION

Inventing Change in Pittsburgh

Black Excellence in Science, Technology,
Engineering, Math, and Medicine

This year's Black History Month theme invites students to explore the impact of Black innovators in science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine whose creativity, leadership, and problem-solving have helped shape the world we live in today. In Pittsburgh, a city known for healthcare, research, and innovation, Black leaders past and present continue to strengthen communities and drive meaningful change. Through this theme, students are encouraged to discover how Black excellence drives innovation and to reflect on how these innovators inspire them to see themselves as future scientists, engineers, healthcare professionals, and change-makers who can make a difference in Pittsburgh and beyond.

District-Wide Contest Question

How have Black innovators in science, technology, engineering, math, or medicine, with a focus on innovators connected to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, helped invent change in society, and how do their contributions continue to impact our lives today?

Submission Information

HOW TO ENTER

*One entry per student.
Choose from one of three categories:*

- 1 Original Creative Writing**
(ex: essay, poem; 500 words max)
- 2 Visual Art**
- 3 Music/Dance**

ENTRY DROP OFF

In Person:

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Prizes

First Place

\$250

Second Place

\$100

Third Place

\$50

Deadline

Please submit entries no later than
Friday, February 13, 2026.

Winners will be notified on Monday,
February 16, 2026.

For more information, please contact:

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