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Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8 Named Wayfinder North Star School

Recognition celebrates Arlington's commitment to belonging, purpose-driven learning, and future-ready skills

PITTSBURGH, June 5, 2026 — Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8 has been selected as a Wayfinder North Star School, a national recognition awarded to only four schools out of thousands of Wayfinder partner schools.

This honor celebrates schools that go above and beyond in implementing Wayfinder with fidelity and creating meaningful impact for students. Being named a North Star School means Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8 has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to setting clear goals, building systems for continuous improvement, investing in professional learning, delivering consistent curriculum implementation, supporting the whole student, and connecting school to home.

“Being recognized as a Wayfinder North Star School is a tremendous honor for Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8,” said Crystal Caldwell, Principal of Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8. “This recognition reflects the dedication of our staff, the strength of our school community, and our shared commitment to helping students build confidence, purpose, belonging, and the future-ready skills they need to thrive.”

Wayfinder is a complete PreK-12 platform for purpose-driven learning, combining research-backed curriculum, MTSS-ready resources, and real-time insights to help every student thrive in school and beyond. Through Wayfinder, schools are equipped with tools to teach future-ready skills, measure student growth, foster belonging, and support student well-being.

As one of just four North Star Schools selected from thousands of Wayfinder schools, Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8 is being recognized for its commitment to:

- Setting clear goals aligned to school, district, and student success priorities;
- Building systems for continuous improvement through data analysis and programmatic adjustments;
- Investing in professional learning beyond initial training;
- Delivering consistent curriculum implementation;
- Supporting the whole student through integrated systems of care; and
- Strengthening the connection between school and home.

At Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8, Wayfinder supports the school's ongoing efforts to help students build a strong sense of belonging, develop meaningful relationships,



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strengthen social-emotional and future-ready skills, and connect their learning to who they are and who they are becoming.

“This recognition affirms the intentional work happening every day at Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8,” said Superintendent Wayne N. Walters EdD. “The Arlington team has fostered a school environment where students feel seen, supported, and empowered. This honor reflects the dedication of the school's educators, staff, students, and families, and we are proud to celebrate their achievement.

Through its partnership with Wayfinder, Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8 continues to focus on key goals, including improving student belonging and engagement, strengthening multi-tiered systems of support, supporting student well-being, and helping students develop the skills needed for success in school, careers, and life.

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