

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTERS FOR GIFTED STUDIES

### **Dunedin Highland Middle School**

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### **Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School**

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Largo, FL 33773  
www.fitzgerald-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us  
(727) 547-4526

### **Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School**

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St. Petersburg, FL 33711  
www.marshall-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us  
(727) 552-1737

## HOW TO APPLY

Students living anywhere in the county can apply to these schools during the designated application period. Please check the district website at [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org) for more information. There are entrance criteria to apply to these magnet schools. Students must meet all state requirements for gifted placement and have a gifted Educational Plan.

## TRANSPORTATION

Arterial bus transportation (buses that operate on main roads with a limited number of stops) is provided to students who live more than two miles from the school. Magnet bus stop locations may require that parents drive their children to and from the stop.



## OUR MISSION

To provide a positive learning environment in which all students have the opportunity to reach their highest potential as citizens who can meet the challenges of a changing global society.



**Gifted Program Office**

(727) 588-6037



[www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org)

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## ABOUT US

The Middle School Centers for Gifted Studies are designed to meet the unique academic and social/emotional needs of adolescent gifted students. Conveniently located at three middle schools, these Centers will only be available to sixth and seventh grade gifted students for 2010-2011. Eighth grade will be added in 2011-2012. Students applying must meet all state requirements for gifted placement and have a gifted Educational Plan (EP).

## areas of study

### MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND LANGUAGE ARTS

These Centers will provide a challenging and rigorous curriculum aligned with the National Association for Gifted Children curriculum standards and the Florida Frameworks for K-12 Gifted Learners. The core content subjects of math,

science, social studies, and language arts will be taught using an interdisciplinary approach that promotes in-depth learning and creative, critical and complex thinking. Elective courses will foster the development of personal strengths and interests.

## what is a magnet?

Magnet programs focus on a certain theme with specialized curriculum in areas such as arts, communication, science and technology, and gifted studies. Some programs have eligibility requirements. Students living anywhere in the county may apply.

- Accelerated, enriched curriculum
- Seminars designed to address social/emotional needs
- Opportunities for service learning, competitions and extracurricular activities



"The Pinellas County work on its magnet gifted middle school programs is a very progressive model, not just for Florida but for the nation in its provisions to their best learners. It also represents excellence in collaboration and communication among teachers, parents, principals and central office staff. I expect them to be highly successful with these new research-based programs." — JVT-B, College of William and Mary

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Middle School Centers for Gifted Studies will help students develop:**

- Critical and creative thinking skills
- Independent learning skills and attitudes
- Higher level oral, written and technological communication skills
- Aesthetic appreciation and artistic/creative expression
- The social skills and dynamics of leadership
- Self understanding

## CURRICULUM

- Math (advanced and accelerated options)
- Science (focus on scientific inquiry and hands-on activities)
- Language Arts (focus on writing, grammar and vocabulary)
- Social Studies (focus on ancient civilizations and civic responsibility)
- Literature
- Independent Research
- Electives

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