



ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

While enrolled in this magnet program, students have the opportunity to participate in the following activities and clubs:

- Academic team
- All sports teams: baseball (boys), basketball, cheerleading, cross country, flag football (girls), football, golf, soccer, softball (girls), swimming, tennis, track, volleyball (girls) and wrestling
- Drama Club
- ExCEL Board of Student Advisors
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Florida Future Educators of America
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Interact Club
- Key Club
- National Honor Society
- Packer Press
- Principal's Advisory Committee
- Principal's Multicultural Club
- Science Club
- Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)
- Student Council
- Subject Area Honor Societies
- Yearbook
- Youth in Government

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Internationally recognized innovative learning environment
- National Education Association top 20 school programs in the United States
- Nine valedictorians and five salutatorians representing the entire graduating class in our 12-year history
- Pinellas County Economics Expo top winners for ten years
- Students are active in the promotion of the magnet program
- Students selected to serve on school board, city and county committees
- Students' input is a key component of continuous improvement of the magnet program
- Magnet program is part of a great community-based high school with strong academic and extracurricular programs

HOW TO APPLY

Students living anywhere in the county can apply to this school during the designated application period. Please check the district website at www.pcsb.org for more information. There are entrance criteria to apply for this magnet school.

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

The mission of the ExCEL magnet program is to develop confident and articulate leaders who explore opportunities that will inspire them to excel in a global society by leading in educational innovation.



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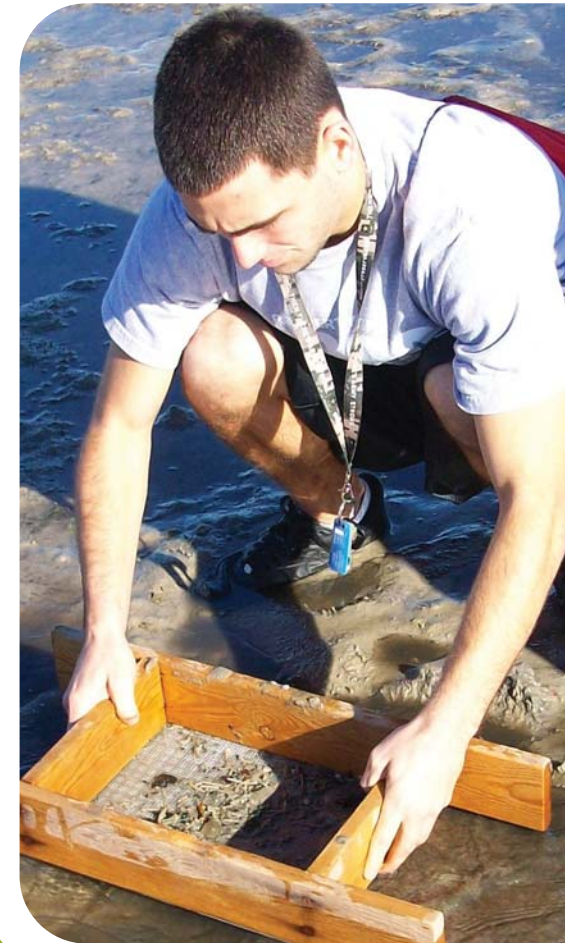
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Exploring Careers & Education in Leadership

LARGO HIGH SCHOOL



MAGNET SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

LOOK • EXPLORE • DISCOVER

look · explore · discover

ABOUT US

ExCEL offers a philosophical change to education – it's not what we teach, it is how we teach. The program offers students a "student-centered" learning environment that prepares them for various careers and colleges. In addition to the traditional ways of explaining a subject – lectures, books, classwork – students learn by doing. The Exploring Careers & Education in Leadership (ExCEL) magnet program promotes hands-on activities and projects. Students retain more because they become active learners. Magnet students shadow various professionals during their work day in order to gain a career focus. Students have the opportunity to spend the day with judges, firefighters, jet pilots, morticians, veterinarians, chefs, doctors – think of a career, and the chances are one of our students has spent the day discovering if that career is suited for him or her.

areas of study

LEADERSHIP, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, INTERNSHIPS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY CLASS PROJECTS

This college preparatory program has enhanced curriculum with a greater reading and writing requirement. We add projects and activities to make learning relevant and fun. Students who will be successful in our magnet program want more than doing the questions at the end of the chapter in a book. They want to be challenged to think for themselves.

Our students are motivated, creative and want to learn. Their creativity leads to activities such as making a mini-movie, writing a song or creating dynamic PowerPoint presentations. Our students want to learn more from their teachers.

Our program is built on the philosophy of continuous improvement. As a result, we seek to involve parents and

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.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- Stanine conversion equivalents of 4 or higher in most recent FCAT Reading and Math scores or stanines of 4 or higher in reading and math on a national standardized norm-referenced test
- GPA of 2.5 or higher for grades 6-8.
- Satisfactory discipline history and attendance records.

SPECIALIZED MAGNET ELECTIVES

Grade 9

- Peer Counseling – students develop the tools necessary for resolving conflicts peacefully and will become certified peer mediators.

Grade 10

- Leadership Skills Development – students learn skills such as parliamentary procedure, problem solving/decision making, communication skills, ethical practices and debate, group dynamics, time management, public speaking and team building.

Grade 11

- SAT Preparation – students are given instruction and practice on how to prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for college admission.
- Career Research & Decision Making – students are taught self-assessment skills, decision-making skills and develop self-esteem to enable them to make career choices.

Grade 12

- Leadership Techniques – students learn the role of leadership in a democratic society, motivational strategy, team building, group dynamics and group conflict resolution.
- Senior Special Project
 - Internship
 - Exploratory Teaching
 - Research Project
 - Dual Enrollment/AP Course(s)
 - Vocational Program



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Continuous growth of leadership and communication skills through class, school and county presentations.
- Exploration of careers through on-the-job shadowing and internships.
- Students develop greater learning empowerment and self reliance.
- Cross-curricular learning and activities.
- Personal and academic expression through various models – i.e. creating videos, acting out skits and developing web pages.
- Camaraderie and enthusiasm for learning cultivated through planned activities involving teamwork.
- Strong communication between parents and teachers, including email, ParentConnect, and the ability for parents to contact teachers after school hours