

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS:

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS - Q&A

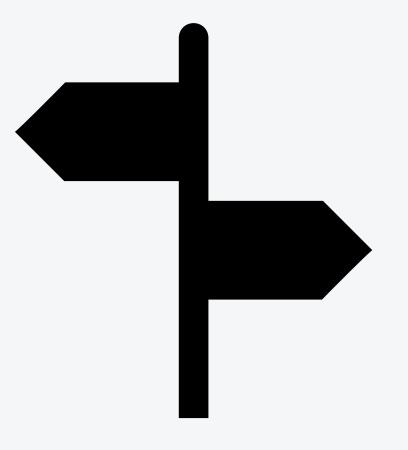
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PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

- PCS is a District of Choice
- Families have a variety of educational options



PCS EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

- Neighborhood/Zoned Schools
- District Application Programs
- Special Assignment Requests
- Early Education (VPK/ PK)

- Special Attendance Permits
- Pinellas Virtual School
- Charter Schools
- Home School

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

- Students in Kindergarten, Grade 6, and Grade 9 shall be assigned to their zoned school.
- Students in other grades will be assigned to their zoned school based on space availability. For example,
 - Students new to the District
 - Students with an address change
- If the zoned school does not have space availability, the student is assigned to another school in the transportation cluster that has space availability.

NEIGHBORHOOD/ ZONED SCHOOL

- The district is divided into grids used to create school zones.
- Residential addresses are associated with a grid number which determines the school zone.

 Find your child's zoned school by using the Zone School Locator found at www.pcsb.org/zone

ZONED SCHOOL LOCATOR



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SCHOOL ZONES

No school assignment or reservation is either expressed or implied. This is simply a tool to lookup what school zones your address falls within.

Residence Address:	301 14TH ST NW LARGO, FL 33770							
Elementary School:	Mildred Helms Elementary School							
Elementary School Address:	561 CLEARWATER LARGO RD S, Largo, FL 33770-3240							
Middle School:	Largo Middle School							
Middle School Address:	155 8th AVE SE, LARGO, FL 33771-2147							
High School:	Largo High School							
High School Address:	410 N MISSOURI AVE, LARGO, FL 33770-1562							
MAPQUEST. By Clicking or location of the	the school name link, you will be redirected to MapQuest for a visual school.							
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INTERACTIVE SCHOOL ZONE MAP

www.pcsb.org/zone

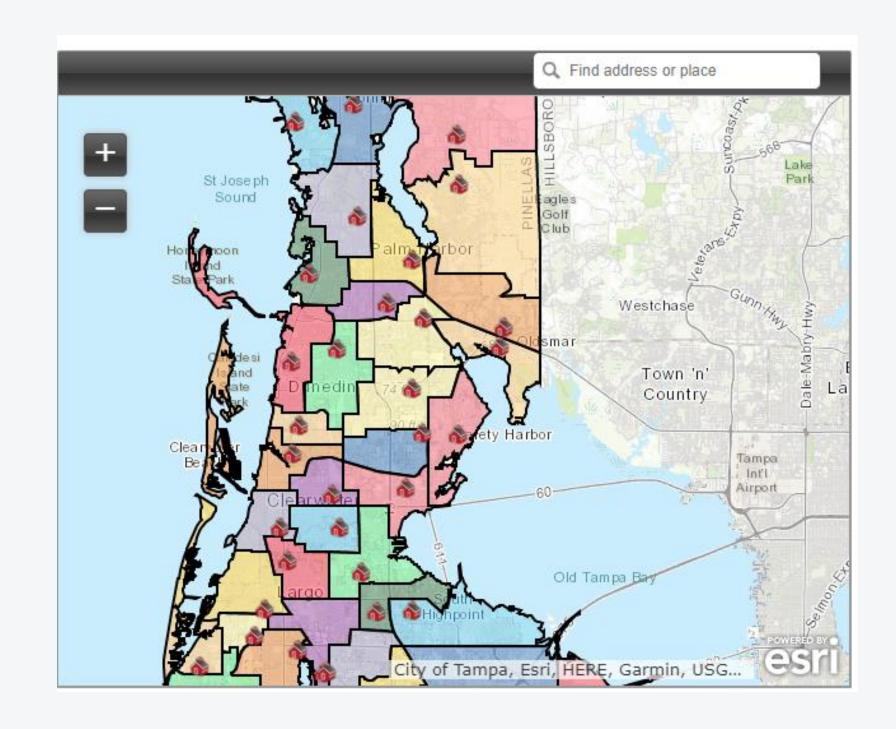
Find Your Neighborhood School

Use the School Locator link below to enter your house number and street name to find the assigned school zone for your location.

Find Your School Zone

School Zoning Maps

- Elementary School Zoning Map
- Middle School Zoning Map
- High School Zoning Map



RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

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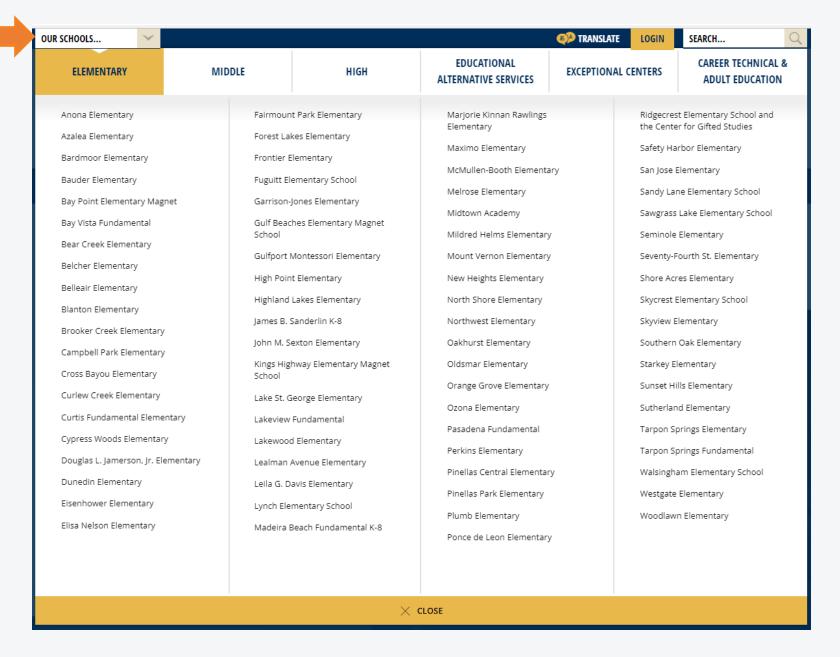


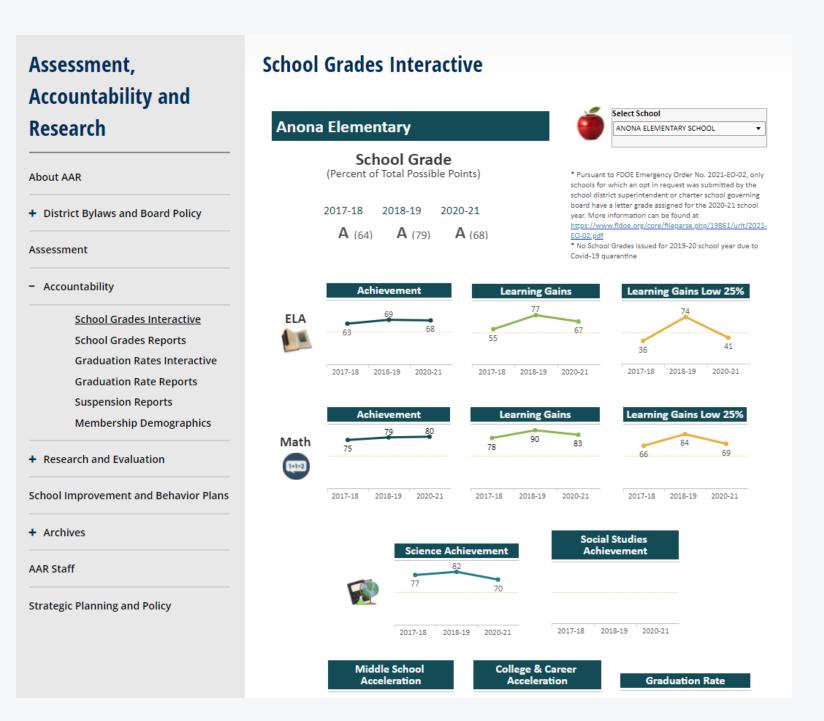
DETERMINE WHAT YOU WANT

- What are you looking for in a school?
 - A specific program
 - After-school enrichment
 - Before/ after school care
 - High level of parent involvement
 - Homework expectations
 - Transportation

LEARN ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

Visit www.pcsb.org





Website links for each school

School grade and accountability information

VISIT YOUR ZONED SCHOOL

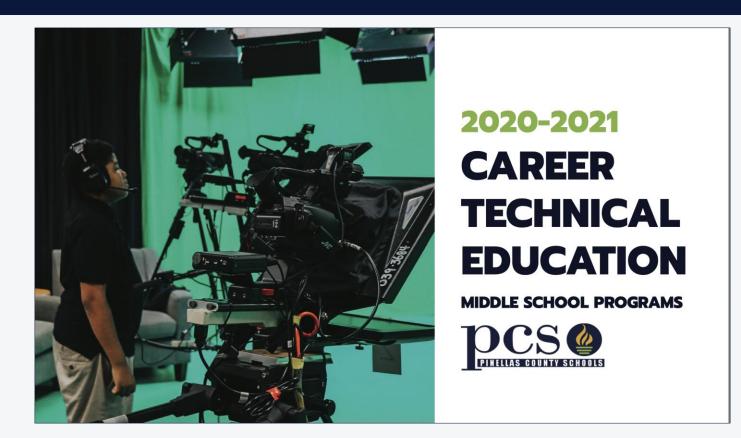
Visit your neighborhood/ zoned school.

- Meet the principal and tour the school.
- Experience the climate and culture first-hand.
- Don't let the school grade be the deciding factor.
- Many schools have amazing things happening within their walls don't let old perceptions discourage you.

VISIT YOUR ZONED SCHOOL

- Research what your zoned school offers.
- DAP programs are not the only schools that have programs, career electives, and career academies.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION





- Not all Career Academies are DAP Programs.
- Learn more at: https://www.pcsb.org/ctae

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

For example, several high schools have engineering career academies/classes.

An SAR is an option to attend a non-DAP school and still get a program (like Engineering) of interest.

	Bayside	Boca Ciega	Clear- water	Country- side	Disston	Dunedin	East Lake	Gibbs	Hollins	Lake- wood	Largo	North- east	Osceola	Palm Harbor	Pinellas Park	R. O. Jacobson	Seminole	St. Peters- burg	Tarpon Springs
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MATERIALS & PROCESSES TECHNOLOGY		+	+																
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RESEARCH OTHER OPTIONS

- If your zoned school does not offer what you want, research other schools to find the right fit for your family.
- Follow the same steps- research online, visit the school, determine if it has what you want.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

Enrollment option that allows families to apply to attend a non-zoned, non-DAP school.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REQUEST

- Allows families the option to apply for a non-zoned school based on space-availability.
- Does not apply to District Application Programs as there is a separate application process.
- Bus transportation is not provided for Special Assignment Requests.
 Parents must arrange to get their child to and from school safely and on time.

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

Per School Board Policy 5120.01, preferential treatment is given to:

- Dependent children of active-duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders
- Students who have been relocated due to a foster care placement into another school zone
- Students who move to another school zone due to a courtordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent

FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY

The number of spaces available at a given school based upon
State and District guidelines for room usage, staffing model,
and class size amendment rules and provisions listed in PCS
School Board Policy.

FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY PROVISIONS

- Population density, demographic patterns and planned residential property development;
- Permanent program capacity of school facilities, the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH), specifications, plans, elements, and commitments contained in the school district educational facilities plan and the longterm work programs and capital outlay plan;
- Placement of District Application Programs and schools;

- Programs located at the School (i.e., Exceptional Education Students (ESE), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Pre-Kindergarten, Gifted, Science Labs, Technology/Computer Labs, Speech/Language, Occupational/Physical Therapy, Art/Music);
- Transportation patterns;
- Educational offerings;
- School staffing model, and
- Student Assignment guiding principles

CAPACITY DESIGNATIONS

Schools where enrollment is over 95% of their Functional
 Capacity will be designated as OVERCROWDED.

Schools where enrollment is less than 95% of their Functional
 Capacity will be designated as HAVING AVAILABLE SEATS AT
 SOME GRADES.

OVERCROWDED DESIGNATION

NOTE:

• Essentially no or very few (likely siblings) choice seats will be awarded at schools designated as Overcrowded.

DETERMINING SEAT AVAILABILITY

- Each Spring we analyze how many students are enrolled in a school for the upcoming Fall.
- We look at each school's Functional Capacity and compare this to the total enrollment by grade.
- The difference by comparison is what we consider "open" or "available" seats.

HAVING AVAILABLE SEATS

• A grade level needs to have 5 or more available seats to offer Special Assignment Requests.

 20% of available seats will be awarded through choice during the Special Assignment Request (SAR) process at grades that have 5 or more available seats

APPLYING FOR A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REQUEST

Initial Application Period: April 1 - 15, 2022

Late Application Period: April 27 - July 12, 2022

IMPORTANT TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING

- You must be currently enrolled or enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year to apply for a Special Assignment Request.
- Having a reservation is not the same as enrolling at a school.
- You must bring required documents to the school to complete enrollment.
- Once you are enrolled and have a parent account, you can apply for a Special Assignment Request.

APPLICATION PERIODS

Special Assignment Request

- Initial Application Period:
 - April 1 15, 2022
- Late Application Period:
 - April 27 July 12, 2022

APPLICATION WEBSITE

- Apply using the Student Reservation System.
- Go to https://reservation.pcsb.org

LOG IN WITH PARENT ACCOUNT

DAP Application Period Closes at 5 PM on January 15, 2021
Please do not wait until the last day; give yourself time in case you have questions or technical difficulties.

Welcome to the Pinellas County Schools Student Reservation website

This site will assist you in enrolling into a Pinellas County public school or changing your enrollment.

After you log in using your PCS Parent username and password, activities include:

- » Reserving a seat for the current or next school year
- » Applying for a PreK3/VPK Program
- » Changing your residence address
- » Applying for a District Application Program
- » Applying for Special Assignment Request
- » Registering for Summer Bridge
- » Viewing and electronically sign PCS forms related to your student

Some activities will only be available at certain times of the year.

Note: If your child is leaving a District Application Program contact your program coordinator.

KEY DATES:

February 7 - February 18, 2022 5PM

- District Applications Programs (DAP) Acceptance Period

March 21- December 31, 2022

- District Applications Programs (DAP) Late Application Period

March 22, 2022

- Summer Bridge Face-to-Face Elementary, Middle, and Freshmen Math Boot Camp School Summer Bridge Programs

 Go to www.pcsb.org/summerbridge to learn how to register for any other Summer Bridge program offering.

Note: Register by May 1st to receive transportation starting the first day of Summer Bridge.

Transportation is provided to zoned or designated feeder school for students who live 2+ miles from the site.

Password :

Login

How to reset or obtain your login info

Forgot or need to change or reset your password?

p.truskowskie

Please note that Parent User Accounts that have not been used for 12 months will be purged. You can have a new ID and password issued by visiting the school or the Student Assignment Office with a valid photo ID.

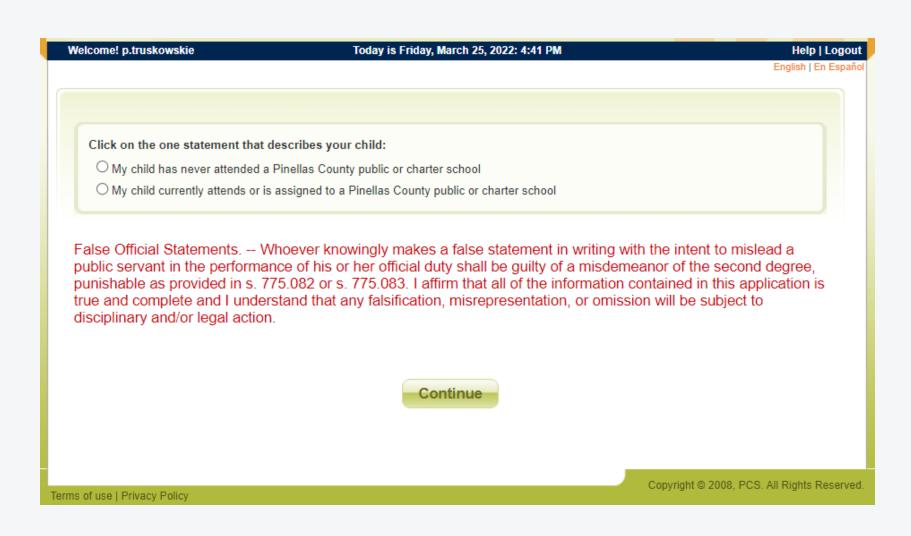
Don't have a username?

 Use your parent account to login.

 To obtain a parent account, bring a valid photo ID to any nearby PCS school.

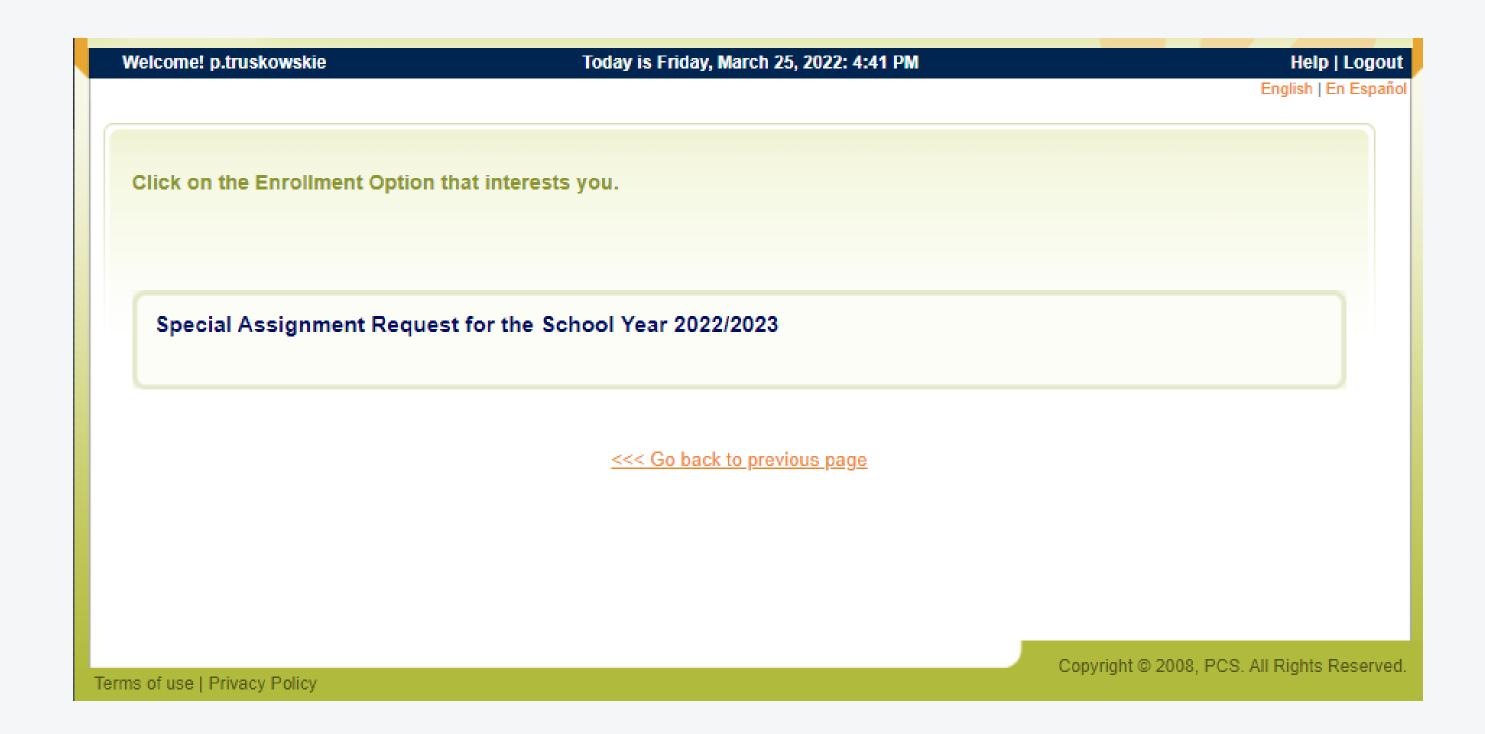
SELECT CORRECT DESCRIPTION

 Your child must be a current Pinellas County School (PCS) student or enrolled in a PCS school for the 2022-23 school year to apply.



 NOTE: If you are new to Pinellas County Schools, but enrolled for next school year, select the currently attends option.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TAB

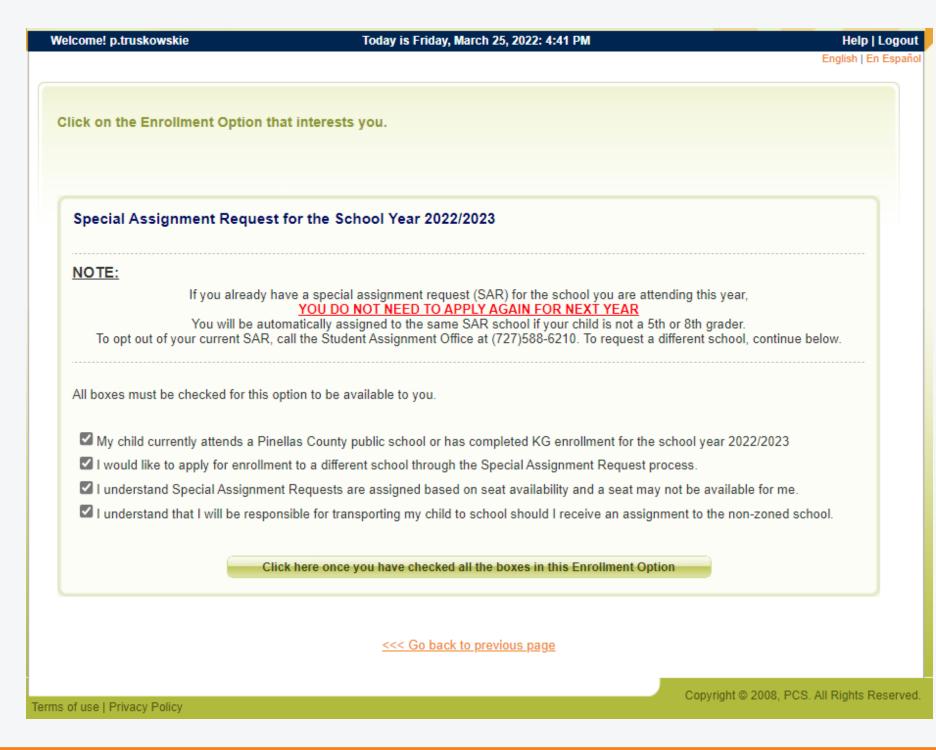


ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Each box must be checked to move forward.

Acknowledges:

- Current or 2022-23 Enrolled Student
- Desire to apply for a different school
- Offers made if seat availability
- No transportation provided



DIRECTIONS AND INFORMATION

Welcome! p.truskowskie

Today is Friday, March 25, 2022: 4:43 PM

Help | Logout

English | En Español

Welcome to the Pinellas County Schools Special Assignment Request!

Special Assignment Request allows you to apply for a change to your student's assigned school for the upcoming school year:

This system will guide you step-by-step through the process of completing a Special Assignment Request application for your student for the school year 2022/2023.

Your student must already have an assigned school for the upcoming year to make a Special Assignment Request. You will be given the opportunity to request a single school at this time. If your child requires full-time Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program, only schools with these programs available will be offered for selection. You may not use this process to be assigned to a magnet program/school, fundamental school or an ESE center.

The Special Assignment Request initial application period will run Friday, April 1, 2022 - Friday, April 15, 2022. Late requests can be made after Tuesday, April 26, 2022 with all late requests going to the bottom of the list in the order in which they were made. Late request can be made through Friday, July 15, 2022 . Parents will be notified by phone call stating either their child/children has been assigned to the requested school or their child/children will remain on the Special Assignment Request waitlist which will be reviewed again in mid-June and mid-July. Phone calls will be made for the initial round prior to the end of the current schoolyear on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

ANY Special Assignment Requests granted for the 2022/2023 school year prior to the first day of school Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

Assignments will be made based on seat availability. Please note that transportation is not provided for non-zoned school selections.

If your child is issued an assignment, you will be required to visit the newly assigned school to provide required documents. Please call the assigned school for more information.

Special Assignment Request is for...

- Students who currently have an assigned school for the upcoming school year and wish to change that assignment to a different school.
- Students who currently are attending a school on a Special Assignment Request (SAR) and wish to apply for a different SAR school.

★ It is NOT for...

- Students who currently are attending a school on a special assignment request (SAR) and are not 5th or 8th graders and wish to attend the same school next year. These students do not need to reapply and will automatically be assigned to the same school for next year. No further action is necessary.
- Students who wish to change to a Magnet, Fundamental school, or ESE Center.

You will need to provide the following information:

- · Your residential address
- Student ID
 (found on the report card)
- -- OR --
- First and last name of your student
- Date of birth of your student

- Read carefully.
- States important dates and information about Special Assignment Requests.
- Defines Special Assignment Requests.

AGREEMENTS

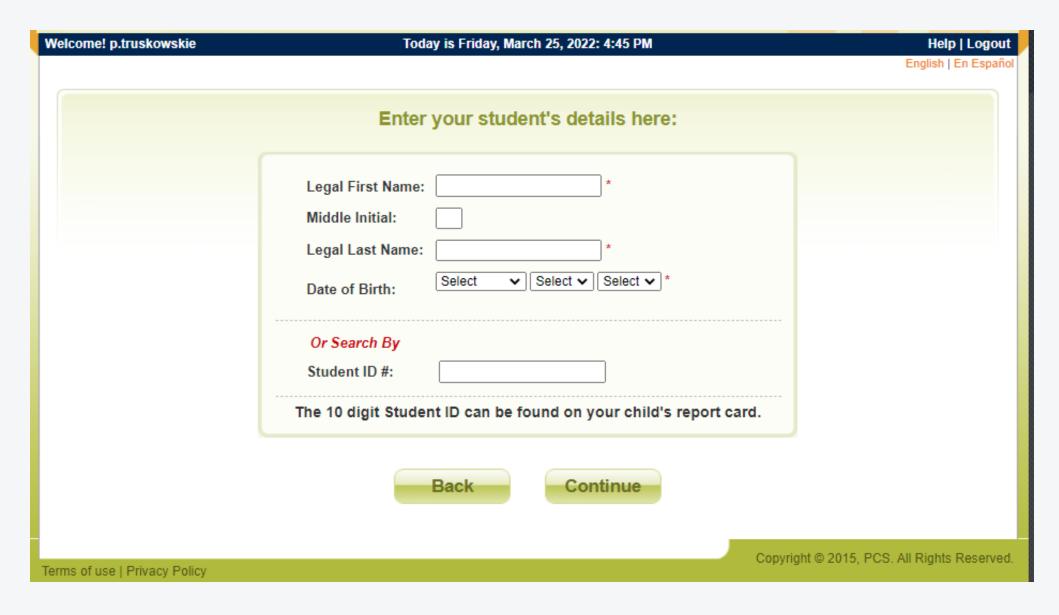
All applications must be completed accurately and honestly. Any student assigned to a school using false information may be withdrawn immediately and without appeal. The student would then be assigned to a school with space availability.

By selecting the "I Agree" button you are agreeing to the above provisions. If your Special Assignment Request is granted, you understand that you will surrender your child's next year assigned school.

Cancel

I Agree

ENTER STUDENT INFORMATION



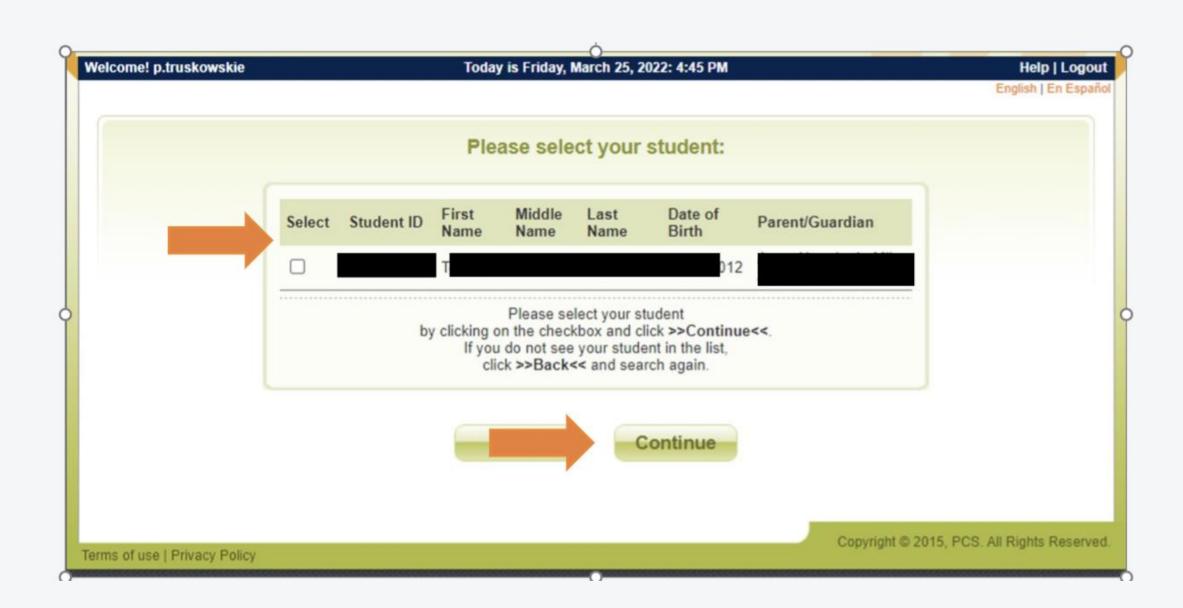
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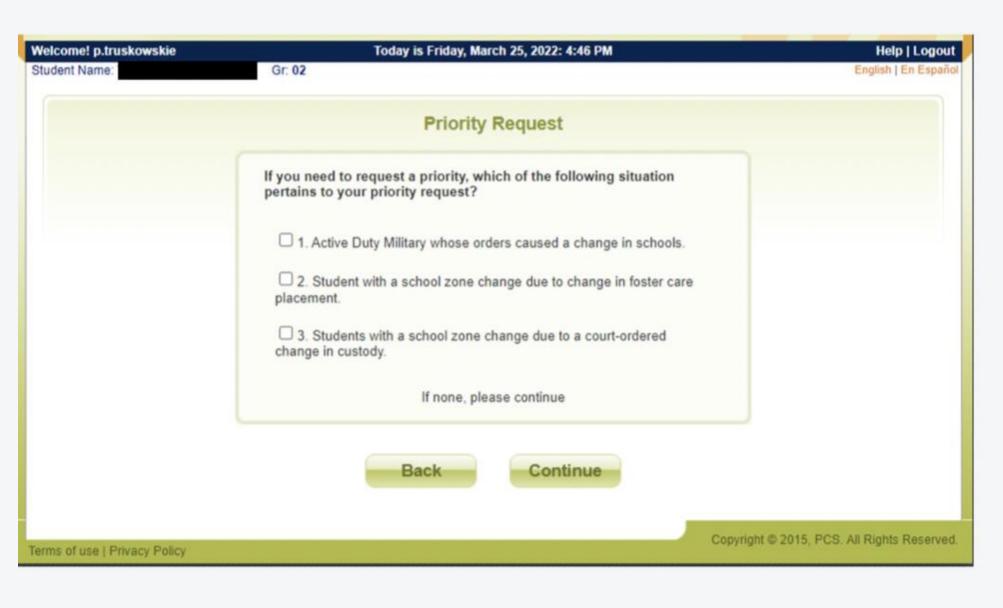
 Name and Date of Birth as it appears on the birth certificate.

STUDENT CONFIRMATION

- Confirm that student information is correct.
- Select the box.
- Click Continue.



PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT CLAIM



- Select the priority request you wish to claim.
- NOTE: You may be asked to provide documentation to verify your claims.

SELECT YOUR SCHOOL



Select the school.

- You can select only 1 school.
- Very few seats will be granted at these schools.
- NOTE: All schools filled to capacity will be listed in red.

SIBLING PRIORITY CLAIM

- If you have a child already attending your selected school, enter the Student ID #.
- If you have multiple siblings, enter names here.
- NOTE: Separate applications are needed for each child.

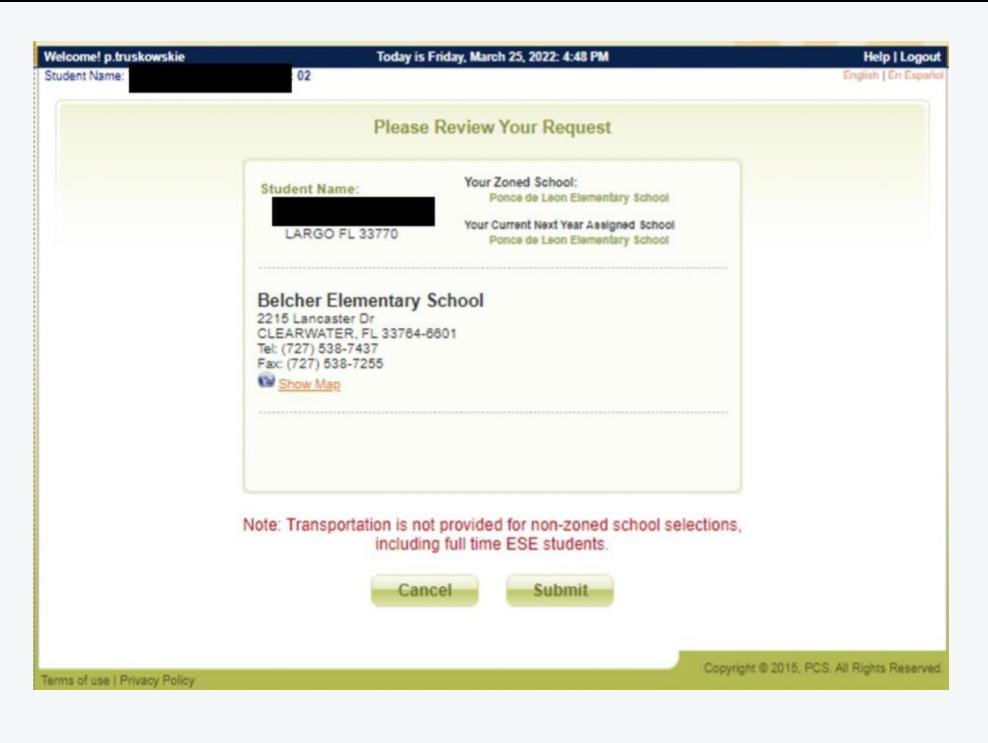
Please Select Your Desired School

Student Name:	Your Zoned School: Ponce de Leon Elementary School
LARGO FL 33770	Your Current Next Year Assigned School Ponce de Leon Elementary School
The schools listed below are the	only schools being affered for your child's special needs.
list indicates the school is ne Assignment Request granter	Schools Filled to Capacity" in the below dropdown ear it's capacity. The possibility of having a Speci d for a "Schools Filled to Capacity" school is eceive placement on a wait list if you proceed wit to capacity.
Special Assignment Reque	ested School
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	for more than one sibling to w Special Assignment Request
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and their siblings together if p	ame school, we will attempt to place your studen ossible; however we may contact you if this is no ower seats available than your family is applying
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* The student ID # can be fou	und on your child's report card. Or, it can also be
found on the FOCUS web site	e; after sign on click on MY CHILD, then CHILD at ID under your child's picture.
found on the FOCUS web site INFO. Look for <u>Local Studen</u>	e; after sign on click on MY CHILD, then CHILD

Note: Transportation is not provided for non-zoned school selections, including full time ESE students.

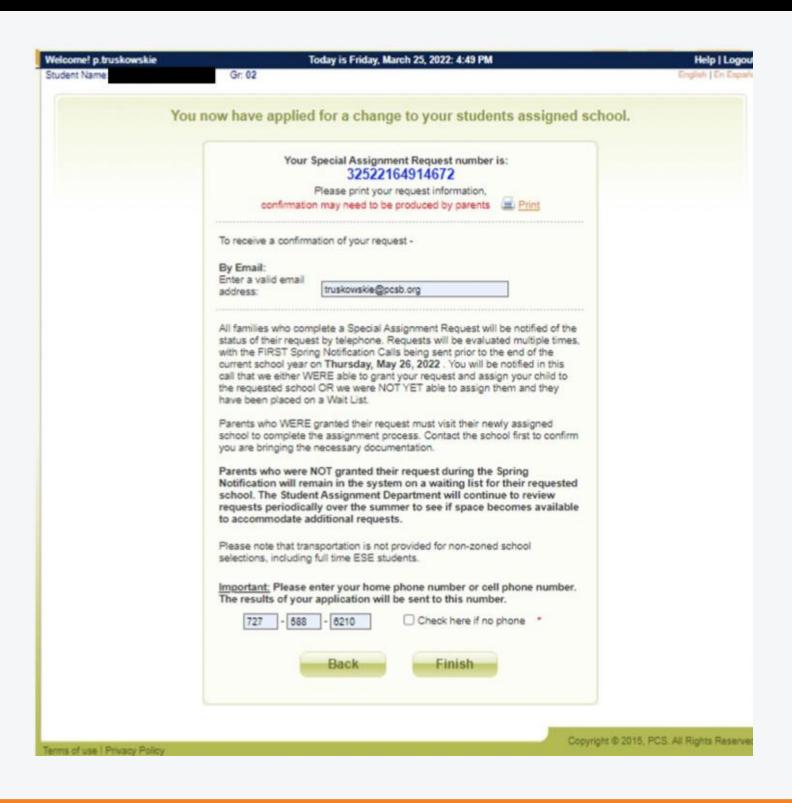


REVIEW YOR REQUEST



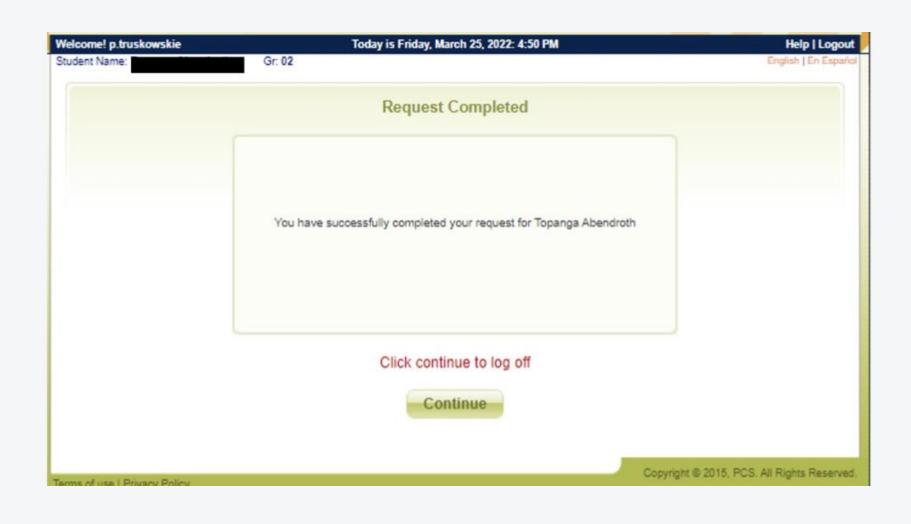
- Review your selection and student information.
- If correct, click Submit.

ADD CONTACT INFORMATION



- Please include email and/or phone number.
- This is how we will contact you to inform you of your SAR status.
- Click Finish.

COMPLETED APPLICATION SCREEN



Screenshot of a successfully completed application

CONFIRMATION EMAIL



Fri 3/25/2022 4:50 PM

Pinellas County Schools <donotreply@pcsb.org>

Pinellas County Schools Special Assignment Request

To Truskowski Ellen

Student Name:

A Special Assignment Request application # 32522164914672 has been made for Topanga Abendroth at the following school:

Requested School:

Beicher Elementary School 2215 Lancaster Dr CLEARWATER, FL 33764-6601 Tel: (727) 538-7457 Fax: (727) 538-7255

Your Zoned School: Ponce de Leon Elementary School

Your Current Next Year Assigned School: Ponce de Leon Elementary School

All families who complete a Special Assignment Request will be notified of the status of their request by telephone. Requests will be evaluated multiple times, with the FIRST Spring Notification Calls being sent prior to the end of the current school year on Thursday, May 26, 2022. You will be notified in this call that we either WERE able to grant your have been placed on a Wait List.

Parents who WERE granted their request must visit their newly assigned school to complete the assignment process. Contact the school first to confirm you are bringing the necessary documentation. Parents who were NOT granted their request during the Spring Notification will remain in the system on a waiting list for their requested school. The space becomes available to accommodate additional requests.

Please note that transportation is not provided for non-zoned school selections, including full time ESE students.

The email you provided to us is: truskowskie@pcsb.org
The phone number you specified to call is: 727-588-6210.

If you have any questions, please call the Student Assignment Center at: (727) 588-6210.

Thank You

CITED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- PCS School Board Policy 5120
- PCS School Board Policy 5120.01
- PCS School Board approved Student Assignment Procedures

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT OFFICE

Hours: 8 AM – 4:30 PM Mondays- Fridays

• Phone: 727.588.6210

Email: <u>StudentAssignment@pcsb.org</u>

Website: <u>www.pcsb.org/registration</u>

