

2019  
Parent Academy  
Summer Catalog



*Pinellas County School District*



# Overview



The mission of Parent Academy is to provide parents, families and the community with the necessary tools and skills to support students academically, socially, and emotionally, while building a cornerstone to a healthier and safe community.

Our summer academy catalog focuses on two key pillars:

**Student achievement-** workshops provide information and strategies for parents to support their child at home.

**Parent advocacy-** workshops provide information and strategies to help parents advocate for their child.

## Viewing Instructions

Our summer Parent Academy catalog is comprised totally of links to videos for families to support learning at home and advocate for their student. These videos can be watched at your convenience, from your mobile device, tablet, laptop or desktop computer. It's best if you use Chrome as your browser. Some of the recordings require you to download the Blackboard app (free of charge from the Google or Apple Play Stores) to see the slides, if you are viewing on a mobile device. Make sure to click the recording link and/or the little triangle in the middle of the screen to begin the video- be patient, it may take a few seconds to load. Remember to turn up the volume!

For questions, contact Sheila Kane, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator,  
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# Student Achievement

## 504 & ESE Accommodations: “Leveling the Playing Field”

How do I identify and select appropriate instructional and assessment accommodations for my child? This video focuses on the guiding questions that 504 and IEP teams must consider when selecting accommodations based upon the data and the individual needs of the learner. Categories and sample accommodations commonly used are explored.

Target Audience: All

Length: 31 minutes

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## Advanced Coursework at the High School Level

This video provides parents with the opportunity to understand the variety of advanced academic options available to students in Pinellas County high schools, and how those options lead to college credit at no cost to the student or their family. For families with students in grades 8 through 11.

Target Audience: Grades 8-11

Length: 48 minutes

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## Industry Certifications Can Save Parents Money

In the 2017-18 school year Pinellas County middle and high school students earned over 13,400 industry certifications in a wide variety of technical skill areas – Information Technology, Construction, Automotive Mechanics, Cyber-Security, Health Occupations and more. These certifications can save money on tuition when students attend a technical or state college. Additionally, certifications can give graduates an advantage in the job market when seeking that very first high paying job.

Target Audience: Grades 6- 12

Length: 25 minutes

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## PERSONALIZED LEARNER PATHWAY (PLP): Taking Ownership of Your Path to Graduation

This video shows parents and students the PLP for Pinellas County 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students- what the PLP is, how to access it, and how to use it to make sure the path to graduation is accessible to your Pinellas County student.

Target Audience: All

Length: 30 minutes

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## CLEVER: Taking Ownership of Your Learning At Home

Clever is the sign-on system (portal) for students to access resources for learning at home. In this video, you will learn about all the accessible valuable resources to support student learning at home.

Target Audience: All

Length: 43 minutes

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## Pathways to Middle School Acceleration

Gain insight into options for middle school students who are interested in Advanced Courses.

Target Audience: Grades 5-8

Length: 52 minutes

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# Student Achievement

## Simple Starts to Growing Young Readers

Help your beginning reader have fun with words! These videos offer simple starting points and activities you can do at home with your child to enhance reading, word knowledge skills and keep your child excited about learning!

Target Audience: Pre K- grade 2

[WATCH RAINBOW WRITING RECORDING HERE](#)

[WATCH WHAT'S MISSING RECORDING HERE](#)

[WATCH MIX FIX RECORDING HERE](#)

[WATCH READ ALOUD VIDEO HERE](#)

## Digital Resources

Learn how to use digital resources to support literacy at home over the summer!

Target Audience: K- grade 5

Length: 10 minutes

[WATCH RECORDING HERE](#)

## Oral Storytelling

Oral language development directly supports the development of reading and writing skills. Learn how to easily encourage your student to tell stories about their everyday life!

Target Audience: K- grade 5

Length: 10 minutes

[WATCH RECORDING HERE](#)

## Middle School English Language Arts Resources

This video contains information on how to access resources for middle school English Language Arts. These resources are standards-based tutorials, activities, and practice items that will enhance student learning. Students will be able to access any of the resources at home. The video will allow parents to see all of the available resources and become an active part in their student's learning.

Target Audience: Grades 5- 8

Length: 6 minutes

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## Take Stock in Your Bright Future

When students and parents think about college and continuing education after high school, one major concern is how to pay for it. In this video, two major scholarship programs in Florida- Bright Futures and Take Stock in Children will be reviewed including eligibility requirements and the application process for both programs.

Target Audience: Grade 6- 12

Length: 54 minutes

[WATCH RECORDING HERE](#)

## MyON

Find out all you need to know for your students to participate in the Pinellas Summer Reading Challenge!

Target Audience: Pre K- grade 5

Length: 3 minutes

[WATCH RECORDING HERE](#)

# Parent Advocacy

## Youth Mental Health

This introductory course provides general Mental Health knowledge and emphasizes the importance of early intervention. This course will increase awareness and provide an overview of Mental Health as it relates to the school environment. This course will provide some suggestions on what to do in the event that concerns about a student arises.

Target Audience: K- grade 12

Length: 38 minutes

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## Community Connections

Watch short episodes of pertinent PCS Community Connections.

Target Audience: All

[Obesity](#)

[Vaping/Student Fitness](#)

[Student Stress](#)

[Healthy Snacks](#)

## Bullying and Harassment- What Parents Need to Know!

Get valuable information on what bullying and harassment is, and the differences between teasing, conflict and bullying. Tips for how to recognize and respond to bullying as well as prevention and intervention techniques. Characteristics of a victimized child and the child displaying bullying behaviors are reviewed, with strategies for how families can work with the school to ensure safety for their child.

Target Audience: All

Length: 31 minutes

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## Navigating the Enrollment Process

General overview of enrollment, District Application Programs and other School Choice Options (i.e. Special Assignment Requests) through a Student Assignment website demo with key dates highlighted.

Target Audience: All

Length: 45 minutes

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# Resources

- Pinellas County Schools- Get Engaged in Education- <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/433>
- Pinellas County Schools Parent Academy Resources <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/26534> - view PowerPoint files, handouts and recordings from previous Parent Academy sessions
- Download our free mobile Pinellas County Schools app in the Apple or Google Play stores- search for ***"Pinellas County Schools"***
- Career Source Pinellas- <https://www.careersourcepinellas.com/> Many workshops available on topics such as career development, job search and computer skills
- Pinellas County Library Cooperative- <http://www.pplc.us/libraries.shtml> Find links to all the library websites and the hundreds of programs and events hosted each month to broaden knowledge and personal growth
- Florida Department of Education (DOE) Family Involvement <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/family-involvement-links.shtml>

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