

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICT APPLICATION PROGRAM ENTRANCE CRITERIA

| Program Name | Entrance Criteria | Host School | Application Area |
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| Elementary and Middle School Centers for Gifted Studies | Grade 1: Qualifying IQ Score & Psychological Report; Grades 2-8: Gifted Identification and current EP Required | Ridgecrest Elementary | Mid (Central) |
| | | Midtown Academy Center for Cultural Arts and Gifted Studies (Gifted Studies Sub-program) | South |
| | | Elisa Nelson Elementary | North |
| | | Dunedin Highland Middle | North |
| | | Morgan Fitzgerald Middle | Mid (Central) |
| | | Thurgood Marshall Middle | South |
| Center for Literacy Innovation | Qualifying Score on Screening Rubric | Elisa Nelson Elementary | North |

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| Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) | <p>Target Group 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-requisite courses: Algebra I Honors (or Algebra I credit through the Credit Acceleration Program (CAP)) • Test scores – one of the following or a combination of qualifying reading and math scores <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Standardized Test Scores– Reading and Math stanines ≥ 8 or percentile rank ≥ 90 o READING REQUIREMENTS: 6th grade FSA ELA score ≥ 347 OR 7th grade FSA ELA score ≥ 359 <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o MATH REQUIREMENTS: 6th grade FSA Math score ≥ 347 OR 7th grade FSA ELA score ≥ 359 • 6th & 7th grade Final Academic Grades (math, science, social studies, English, world language) A’s & B’s • 8th grade Semester Academic Grades (math, science, social studies, English, world language) A’s & B’s • STUDENT MUST PASS THE ALGEBRA I EOC TO BE ADMITTED INTO THE PROGRAM <p>Target Group 2 (Course pre-requisites must be met):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who do not meet the above testing or academic grades criteria may be placed in this group based on a common rubric that is used to calculate the percentage of criteria the student has demonstrated. At least 10% of the incoming 9th grade class will be selected from Target Group 2. | Palm Harbor (IB) & Tarpon Springs (AICE) | North |
| | | Largo (IB) & Clearwater (AICE) | Mid (Central) |
| | | St. Petersburg (IB) & Dixie Hollins (AICE) | South |
| Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA) | Audition Required | Gibbs | Countywide |

Students applying for admission to a program with academic entrance requirements in grade 10 must meet all 9th grade program requirements and demonstrate the ability to successfully complete the program.

All middle and high school programs also require demonstrated positive behavior history.

- Applicants to District Application Programs may not have a past history of 10 or more referrals in the most recent two school semesters and/or any serious SESIR incident(s) as defined in the Code of Student Conduct.
- If a student is accepted into a program but prior to entering the school/program is reassigned to a district discipline program or expelled due to a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, he/she will be considered ineligible for admission. The student’s acceptance will be considered null and void.
- For students already enrolled in a DAP, reassignment to a district discipline program or expulsion will result in immediate removal from the District Application Program.

Parents should consult the program coordinator if they have any concerns regarding eligibility during the application period. Any student determined to be ineligible based on behavior shall have the opportunity to appeal this decision to the program administrator and/or follow the appeal procedures outlined in the Code of Student Conduct under the headings “Due Process Procedures” and “Grievance Procedures.”