

Pinellas County Schools Application Program Entrance Criteria

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Program Name	Entrance Criteria	Host School	Application Area
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	Countywide
		Dunedin Highland	North
		Morgan Fitzgerald	Mid (Central)
		Thurgood Marshall	South
International Studies (pursuing verification as an IB Middle Years Programme)	These programs have no specified Academic Entrance Criteria. Parents are encouraged to review each program's Academic Profile of a successful student to help determine if this program offers an educational setting which will fit the needs of their child. Academic Profiles are published on each program's website.	James Sanderlin IB World School	Countywide
Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education		John Hopkins Middle	South
Leadership Conservatory for the Arts		Largo Middle	Mid (Central) & North
Center for Advancement of the Sciences and Technology		Pinellas Park Middle	Mid (Central)
Center for the Arts, Journalism, and Multimedia		Tarpon Springs Middle	North
		Bay Point Middle	Countywide
International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)  Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)	<p><b>Target Group 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-requisite courses: Algebra I Honors (or Algebra I credit through the Credit Acceleration Program (CAP))</li> <li>Test scores – <b>one</b> of the following or a combination of qualifying reading and math scores                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Standardized Test Scores</b>– Reading and Math stanines <math>\geq 8</math> or percentile rank <math>\geq 90</math> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>READING REQUIREMENTS:</b> <p>6<sup>th</sup> grade FSA ELA score <math>\geq 347</math> <b>OR</b> 7<sup>th</sup> grade FSA ELA score <math>\geq 359</math></p> </li> <li><b>MATH REQUIREMENTS:</b> <p>6<sup>th</sup> grade FSA Math score <math>\geq 347</math> <b>OR</b> 7<sup>th</sup> grade FSA ELA score <math>\geq 359</math></p> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> grade Final Academic Grades (math, science, social studies, English, world language) A's &amp; B's</li> <li>8<sup>th</sup> grade Semester Academic Grades (math, science, social studies, English, world language) A's &amp; B's</li> </ul> <p><b>STUDENT MUST PASS THE ALGEBRA I EOC TO BE ADMITTED INTO THE PROGRAM</b></p> <p><b>Target Group 2 (Course pre-requisites must be met):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 9<sup>th</sup> grade class will be selected from Target Group 2.</li> </ul>	Palm Harbor (IB) & Tarpon Springs (AICE)	North
		Largo (IB) & Clearwater (AICE)	Mid (Central)
		St. Petersburg (IB) & Dixie Hollins (AICE)	South

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Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT)		Lakewood	Countywide
Center for Medical Wellness Professions (CWMP) <i>application can only be made to one of these programs</i>	These programs have no specified Academic Entrance Criteria. Parents are encouraged to review each program's Academic Profile of a successful student to help determine if this program offers an educational setting which will fit the needs of their child. Academic Profiles are published on each program's website.	Palm Harbor	Home address is north of Ulmerton
		Boca Ciega	Home address is south of Gulf to Bay
Exploring Careers and Education in Leadership (ExCEL)	These programs have no specified Academic Entrance Criteria. Parents are encouraged to review each program's Academic Profile of a successful student to help determine if this program offers an educational setting which will fit the needs of their child. Academic Profiles are published on each program's website.	Largo	Countywide
Criminal Justice Academy (CJA)		Pinellas Park	Countywide
Business Economics Technology Academy (BETA)	These programs have no specified Academic Entrance Criteria. Parents are encouraged to review each program's Academic Profile of a successful student to help determine if this program offers an educational setting which will fit the needs of their child. Academic Profiles are published on each program's website.	Gibbs	Countywide
First Responders: National Guard Center for Emergency Management		Pinellas Park	Countywide
Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA)	Audition Required	Gibbs	Countywide

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

\*After all students who meet the entrance criteria have been placed, application program coordinators (except in the Centers for Gifted Studies) may use their discretion to admit students who meet some of their entrance criteria and show the potential for success. The IB and AICE programs have a process for identifying these students as Target Group 2.

**\*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.

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- 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.”