

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Emergency Management Specialist
- Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
- Paramedics
- Health & Safety Engineers
- Community & Socials Service Specialist
- Air Traffic Controllers
- Fire and Ambulance Dispatchers
- Fire Fighters
- Protective Service Workers
- Security Guards
- Emergency Telecommunication
- Homeland Security
- Health Educators
- Social Workers

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

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

- Coast Guard and Homeland Security Club
- Florida Public Service Association (FPSA)
- Community Organizations: Fire Explorers, EMT Explorers
- Academy Student Advisory Committee
- Regular Assembly program to recognize student's accomplishments
- Mock Disaster Drills

WHAT THE INDUSTRY SAYS

"In reviewing your curriculum, it truly is global and encompasses a wide range of goals and objectives. We are encouraged that both your goals and ours can be met, and look forward to working with you in the future on this program"

— St Petersburg College- Fire Training Center

"This program looks to be an exceptional opportunity for students. We're excited about the prospect of having kids learn skills that will last them a life time and that they can use to positively influence their families, friends and communities."

— Pinellas County Emergency Management

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 program.

TRANSPORTATION

Arterial bus transportation (buses that operate with a limited number of stops) will be 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 FIRST RESPONDERS program is to ready students for entry into postsecondary education and/or employment opportunities as FIRST RESPONDERS through a comprehensive program that trains individuals for planning and initial response to emergency and disaster situations.



Pinellas Park High School

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ABOUT US

Pinellas Park High School, home of the Patriots, is located in the center of Pinellas County. Our culturally diverse school consists of approximately 2,100 students enrolled in a wide range of program opportunities. Pinellas Park High School offers honors, Advanced Placement, standard and vocational classes. PPHS continues to play a vital role in the shaping of our students and our community.

The students in the FIRST RESPONDERS program also play a vital role in the life of PPHS. They have the opportunity to participate in all activities at the school including athletics, band, drama, clubs, student government, and more.

your new career path

JUST SOME OF WHAT YOU'LL LEARN AS A FIRST RESPONDER:

- History, goals and career opportunities in all areas related to FIRST RESPONDER careers
- Basic emergency planning
- Knowledge of concepts of public safety
- An understanding of community-based organizations and their role in emergency preparedness and response
- Procedures to prevent the transmission of blood-borne pathogens
- Knowledge of the National Response Plan (NRP) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) related to Homeland Security
- Safety precautions, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Basic concepts of fire fighting
- Successfully work as a member of a team
- The concepts and principles of all aspects of communication and the media in a crisis or disaster
- Emergency management leadership and administrative concepts
- Science (weather, oceanography, geo-sciences, etc.) and its role in natural disasters

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

Students who wish to enter the First Responders program must:

- Be applying for the 9th grade
- Have a 2.3, or higher, academic grade point average for 6th, 7th and 8th grades.
- FCAT Level 2 or higher
- Have acceptable disciplinary and attendance records
- Meet all entrance requirements at the conclusion of 8th grade

First Responders has the opportunity to accept a limited number of 10th graders.

Students who wish to enter the First Responders program after successful completion of 9th grade must:

- Be applying for the 10th grade
- Have a least a 2.3 or higher academic grade point average from middle school and 9th grade
- FCAT Level 2 or higher
- Have acceptable disciplinary and attendance records
- Meet all entrance requirements at the conclusion of 9th grade

HIGHLIGHTS

- Specialized Emergency Management/Response elective course each year
- Honors, Advanced Placement Courses
- AVID
- Advanced Disaster Management Simulator (ADMS), a comprehensive interactive simulation platform.
- National Emergency Communications certification "NECC 911"
- Certificates in CPR/AED/First Aid
- Certificates in National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Volunteer community service hours
- Dedicated and experienced teachers and staff
- Emergency Management/Response course instructors have previous successful careers in this exciting field.



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