

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

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

- Skills USA VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America)
- Mock Trial Team
- Florida Public Service Association (FPSA)
- Florida Law Honor Society
- Debate Team
- Community Organizations: Law Explorers, Police Explorers and the Teen Court
- Academy Student Advisory Committee
- Annual Law Day
- Traditional Senior Trip
- Regular Assembly program to recognize students' accomplishments



POINTS OF PRIDE

- Designated as a Model Academy by the National Career Academy Coalition
- Designated as a PCS Center of Excellence
- Our Academy's Florida Public Service Association has earned state championships at the annual Leadership Conference and Criminal Justice competition 8 of the past 11 years.
- The Academy's Mock Trial Team is undefeated 6th Judicial Circuit Court Champions and have placed in the top five at state competition 4 times. They have been the recipients of Best Attorney, Best Witness, and the State Professionalism Awards
- 3 National Law Enforcement Skills USA Champions
- National Skills USA Vice President
- State Skills USA officers
- State Florida Public Service Association President, Secretary and State Co-Chairman
- 2 instructors are graduates of the Florida Supreme Court Teaching Institute
- FPSA Advisor of the Year
- 6 valedictorians
- 3 salutatorians
- 3 National Merit Scholars
- Former Administrator and 2 instructors received Administrator of the Year and Teacher of the Year honors from the Florida Law Related Education Association
- The Academy's Debate Team has won 4 district championships
- PACTE Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year Awards

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 school.

TRANSPORTATION

Arterial bus transportation (buses that operate on main roads with a limited number of stops) is 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

Our mission is to equip the students of Pinellas Park High School with the educational tools necessary to become productive and contributing members of society.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Certifying A Future.

Pinellas Park High School

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Criminal Justice Academy

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL



CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

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ABOUT US

The Criminal Justice Academy is a four-year high school magnet program with an emphasis on law education. The academy staff is committed to providing students with an outstanding high school education in all academic areas. Students gain an understanding of the American legal system and explore the wide range of career-related opportunities. Graduates of the academy will be prepared to further their formal education in the college or university setting or to pursue immediate entry into a chosen career or technical school, or for employment upon graduation from high school.

areas of study

POLICE OPERATIONS, COURT TRIALS, CIVIL LAW, FORENSIC SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS

Academy students take at least five credits in Criminal Justice courses. Required coursework offers students an overview in police operations, courts and corrections, civil law and forensic science investigations. Additional

electives allow students to explore other avenues of law and law enforcement. Students have opportunities to meet professionals working in legal fields through participation in field trips, Annual Law Day, internships and shadowing.

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 Criminal Justice Academy Program must:

- Be applying for the 9th or 10th grade
- Have a 2.5 academic grade point average for 6th, 7th and 8th grades
- Have reading and math stanines greater than 4 or an FCAT 2.0 Reading score greater than 220 and an FCAT 2.0 Math score greater than 228
- Have acceptable disciplinary and attendance records
- Meet all entrance requirements at the conclusion of 8th grade

The academy also offers students the opportunity to interact with professionals by hosting guest speakers and providing hands-on skills training in preparation for state competitions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Specialized Law Courses including:**
 - Criminal Justice Operations 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - Court Procedures
 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (dual-enrollment course through SPC)
 - Public Service Directed Study
 - Speech 1 & 2
 - Sociology
- **Honors, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Courses**
- **Two Mock Court Rooms**
- **Firearms Training Simulator (FATS)**
- **Biology/ Forensics Lab**
- **Crime Scene Laboratory and outdoor crime scene area**
- **Volunteer Community Service hours**
- **Industry certification through the Pinellas Police Chiefs' Council**
- **Dedicated and experienced teachers and staff**
 - Among the instructors for the law-related courses, there are four individuals who have more than 75 years combined experience working in the areas of law enforcement, the court system, and corrections
- **Public Service Directed Study/Internship**

