

## 2015-2016 Student Calendar

Aug. 24:	First day of school
Sept. 7:	Labor Day holiday – Schools/ district offices closed
Oct. 19:	No school for students
Nov. 23-27:	Thanksgiving holiday No school for students
Dec. 21-	Winter holiday
Jan. 1:	No school for students
Jan. 4:	No school for students
Jan. 18:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday – No school for students
Feb. 15:	No school for students
Mar. 14:	No school for students
Mar. 21-25:	Spring holidays No school for students
Mar. 28:	Schools reopen
May 30:	Memorial Day holiday – No school for students
June 7:	Last day of school

## 2016-2017 Student Calendar

Aug. 10:	First Day of School
Sept. 5:	Labor Day holiday – Schools/ district offices closed
Oct. 12:	No school for students
Nov. 21-25:	Thanksgiving holiday No school for students
Dec. 19 -30:	Winter holiday No school for for students.
Jan. 2:	No school for students
Jan. 16:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday No school for students
Feb. 20:	No school for students
Mar. 13 -17:	Spring holidays – No school for students.
Mar. 20:	No school for students
Mar. 21:	Schools reopen
Apr. 14:	No school for students
May 25:	Last day of school

# 2016

# FACTS



## at a glance

## Important Phone Numbers

School Board Administration Building .....	588-6000
Adult Education .....	588-6321
Career Technical & Adult Education (CTAE) .....	588-6006
Educational Alternative Services .....	588-6069
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) .....	588-6068
Exceptional Student Education (ESE).....	588-6032
GED Information/Testing .....	588-5199
Human Resources .....	588-6275 ext. 6326
Partnership Schools .....	588-6209
Risk Management.....	588-6195
School Board Office.....	588-6300
Strategic Communications.....	588-6122
Strategic Partnerships .....	588-6405
Student Assignment .....	588-6210
Teaching and Learning .....	588-6121
Transportation Call Center .....	587-2020

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## School Board Meetings

School Board Meetings: The school board generally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Administration Building, 301 Fourth St. SW, Largo. The meeting dates and times are available on [pcsb.org](http://pcsb.org). There is time for public comment at the end of each meeting. Live and recorded video of the meetings can be viewed on [pcsb.org](http://pcsb.org). The meetings are televised for two weeks following the meeting on WPDS-TV14 Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. WPDS-TV14 appears on Bright House Ch. 614, WOW Ch. 2 and Verizon Ch. 46. For more information, contact the board office, 588-6300.

## Superintendent of Schools

Michael A. Grego Ed.D.

## Schools & Enrollment

Pre-K.....	2,364
74 Elementary.....	41,071
2 Elementary/Middle.....	1,934
21 Middle .....	19,612
18 High Schools .....	29,830
5 Exceptional.....	722
23 Charter .....	6,820
Other .....	1,203
Virtual .....	223
Total PK-12 .....	103,779

Pinellas Technical College 5,122

Adult General Education 18,286

**Size:** Seventh of 67 school districts in Florida and 26th out of more than 16,000 districts in the United States.



## Career Technical & Adult Education (CTAE)

During the 2014-15 school year:

- More than 84 percent of students completing one of the technical education programs were placed in jobs, chose to continue their education or joined the military.
- 1,180 high school students were served in adult education centers and community schools earning high school credit toward graduation.
- 4,464 postsecondary vocational students attended adult education centers, community schools, and technical colleges.
- High school career academy students achieved higher grade point averages and experienced a higher graduation rate than their non-academy peers.
- Pinellas County students earned over 1,800 industry certifications.

**Accreditation:** Pinellas earned the AdvancED Accreditation Commission's Systems Accreditation. This distinction is the highest level of accreditation a school system can receive from the organization. Accreditation through AdvancED provides each of our 130 school sites with a globally recognized distinction of quality. It demonstrates commitment to continuous improvement to the five AdvancED standards and provides tools to monitor progress toward the standards.



## District Facts

### Class-size Target

K-3.....	1:18
Intermediate (4 & 5) ...	1:22
Middle school.....	1:22
High school.....	1:25

### Student Demographics

White.....	56.6%	Asian .....	4.5%
Black .....	18.6%	Multiracial .....	4.3%
Hispanic.....	15.8%	Native Am.....	0.2%

**Transportation:** The district currently operates 470 home-to-school routes daily, transporting approximately 32,000 students twice per day, more than 10 million miles. This does not include countless shuttles, activity runs, athletic trips and field trips operated to support school programs. The department operates six bus compounds throughout the county and employs 500 school bus drivers.

Personnel (substitutes included)	Full-time	Part-time
Administrative*	399	0
Instructional	7,585	1,959
Support	4,958	1,004

\*Forty-three percent of all instructional and administrative personnel have a master's degree or higher.

## District Choice Programs

Pinellas County Schools offers families a wealth of educational choices based on students' interests, talents and abilities. We strive to meet the needs of today's students with a growing list of more than 70 choice programs that range from Centers for Gifted Studies to International Baccalaureate (IB). Opportunities for students have been expanded with the creation of new elementary, middle and high school choice programs. Discover all the choices the District Application Programs provide. Visit [www.pcsb.org/choice](http://www.pcsb.org/choice) to learn more and to view a list of programs.

## Virtual Education

Pinellas County Schools has its own virtual school called Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) and students may take virtual classes part-time or full time. For middle and high school students, PVS uses digital resources and lesson plans used in many of the district's traditional classrooms. All teachers are district employees. Registration for virtual school begins 90 days prior to the first day of school. Learn more at [www.pcsb.org/virtual](http://www.pcsb.org/virtual).

## Financial 2015-2016

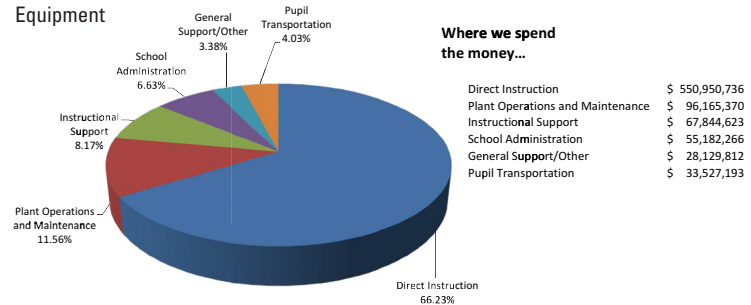
Total budget, all sources, is \$1,260,930,279

### Operating

Total: 902,500,000  
 Salaries and Benefits  
 Textbooks  
 Materials and Supplies  
 Student Transportation  
 Custodial  
 Maintenance  
 Training  
 General Administration  
 Equipment

### Capital Outlay

Total: \$244,865,604  
 Renovations/Remodeling  
 New Construction at Existing Facilities  
 Purchase of Real Property,  
 Furniture and Equipment  
 Handicapped Accessibility  
 Fire, Health and Safety  
 Environmental Compliance



- Classroom expenditures account for 67.53 percent of the overall budget.
- Capital outlay fund cannot be used for operating expenses unless specifically allowed by the Florida Legislature.
- In 2015-16, Pinellas County Schools will receive approximately 45 percent of its total operating budget from the state, 54 percent from local sources and less than 1 percent from the federal government. Salaries and fringe benefits represent 82.14 percent of the total operating budget.
- Average planned expenditure per student: \$8,149 from the operating fund.
- The base student allocation from the state formula is \$4,154.45 for 2015-16.

## District Highlights

- The College Board's district report card on SAT and Advanced Placement exams showed more participation in college-level Advanced Placement courses and more exams passed, especially among minority groups. The total number of exams passed increased by 5.7%.
- Participation by African American students in Advanced Placement exams increased 18.7%, far outpacing state and national rates.
- The 2015 mean SAT scores surpassed state and national scores on each section of the SAT college entrance exam. African American and Hispanic students increased their participation in the SAT, and their mean scores exceeded state and national scores in several areas.
- The U.S. Department of Education selected Pinellas County Schools as one of nine district finalists from across the nation, and the only district in Florida, as a Future Ready district. The honor showcases the role leaders play in leveraging technology to create transformational learning environments.
- 27 Pinellas students earned prestigious Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards in the categories of Top in World, Top in Country and Scholar based on the June 2015 Cambridge International Examinations. The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma program is available to students at Clearwater, Dixie Hollins and Tarpon Springs high schools.
- Since its inception in 2012, more than 1,000 7th grade students have taken the SAT college entrance exam through the school district's own Talent Identification Program. Participation more than doubled from 2014 to 2015.
- Approximately 3,000 middle school students participate in National History Day. Five hundred participate in Model United Nations.
- As part of a districtwide effort to expand the learning day, more than 3,600 students in grades 3-12 participate in before- and after-school Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Academies established at schools throughout the district since 2013. Schools grew the number of these teacher-led academies from 56 to 180 in three years.
- Summer Bridge, a summer learning program established in 2013, offers an engaging hands-on curriculum to prepare students for maximum success during the school year. In 2015, the program served more than 14,500 students across 65 sites. Academic gains were seen at every grade level for reading, math and science.
- In 2015, the new Freshman Transition Committee developed new programming and support for schools to help 9th grade students successfully transition to high school.
- The district's third International Baccalaureate program for high school students, established at Largo High School, graduated its first senior class in 2015. International studies programs for elementary and middle school students expanded with new programs at Mildred Helms Elementary, John Hopkins Middle School and Largo Middle School.
- The Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT) at Lakewood High School was selected as a 2015-2016 Microsoft Showcase School. The honor recognizes CAT for transforming its learning environment to deliver more personalized education to students to better prepare them for success in the workplace.
- Nine Pinellas schools were recognized with bronze, silver and gold awards by the national Alliance for a Healthier Generation for fostering healthy school environments. John M. Sexton Elementary was one of only 12 schools in the country to earn Gold for its incorporation of health-focused activities into the school day.
- 32 schools partner with local business leaders through the Council for Educational Change's Executive PASS program. The partnerships bring additional support and resources to increase student achievement and family engagement.
- Pinellas County Schools has been named a Ford Next Generation Learning (Ford NGL) Model Community for its successful implementation of high school career academies. High school career academies are a proven national model in which students learn in an environment that makes their education more relevant and engaging. Pinellas County is the second region in the country to be named a Ford NGL Model Community. More than 19,000 high school students participate in career academy courses.
- In celebration of excellent teaching throughout the district, more than 120 teachers were nominated for the 2016 Outstanding Educator of the Year award. All nominees are honored at the Pinellas Education Foundation's annual Evening of Excellence.

## Community Involvement

PCS welcomes volunteers, mentors, tutors, speakers, PTA/PTSA and School Advisory Council members. We also welcome business and community partnerships. For more information, contact the Office of Strategic Partnerships at 727-588-5050.

## Stay connected

Visit the district's website at [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org) to view a district-wide calendar and tabs specific to the needs of families and students. The PCS Family Engagement Mobile App has direct links to all PCS schools, mentor workshops and much more. Visit us on Facebook ([facebook.com/mypinellasschools](https://facebook.com/mypinellasschools)) and Twitter ([@my\\_pcs](https://twitter.com/my_pcs)).