

Important Phone Numbers

Note: All numbers are (727) area code

Career Technical & Adult Education (CTAE)	588-6006
Charter Schools and Home Education	588-6209
Educational Alternative Services	588-6069
Emergency Information Line	588-6424
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	588-6068
Exceptional Student Education (ESE)	588-6032
GED Information/Testing (North County)	538-7145
GED Information/Testing (South County)	592-2036
Home Education Information Hotline	588-5199
Homework Helpline	547-7223
Human Resources	588-6000 ext. 1936
Risk Management	588-6195
School Board Office	588-6300
Strategic Communications	588-6122
Strategic Partnerships	588-6405
Student Assignment	588-6210
Student Services	588-6307
Superintendent's Office	588-6011
Teaching and Learning	588-6121
Transportation Call Center	587-2020

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2018 FACTS

at a glance



School Board Members

School Board Meetings

2017/18 Student Calendar

2018/19 Student Calendar

Carol J. Cook
 Rene Flowers
 Terry Krassner
 Joanne Lentino
 Linda S. Lerner
 Eileen Long
 Peggy L. O'Shea

Superintendent of Schools

Michael A. Grego Ed.D.

VISION

100% Student Success

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. Meeting dates and times are available on pcsb.org. Public comments can be made at the end of each meeting. Live and recorded video of the meetings can be viewed on 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 Charter/Spectrum Ch. 635, WOW Ch. 2 and Frontier Ch. 46. For more information, contact the board office, 588-6300.



MISSION

Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life.

Aug. 10, 2017: First day of school

Sept. 4, 2017: Labor Day holiday

- No school for students

Oct. 16, 2017: Hurricane make-up day

Nov. 18 - Nov. 26, 2017: Thanksgiving holiday

- No school for students

Dec. 23, 2017 - Jan. 7, 2018: Winter holiday

- No school for students

Jan. 8, 2018: Hurricane make-up day

Jan. 15, 2018: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

holiday - No school for students

Feb. 19, 2018: No school for students

Mar. 12, 2018: Hurricane make-up day

Mar. 24 - Apr. 1, 2018: Spring holiday

- No school for students

Apr. 2, 2018: Schools reopen

May 24, 2018: Last day of school

Aug. 13, 2018: First day of school

Sept. 3, 2018: Labor Day holiday

- No school for students

Oct. 15, 2018: No school for students

Nov. 17 - Nov. 25, 2018: Thanksgiving holiday

- No school for students

Dec. 22, 2018 - Jan. 6, 2019: Winter holiday

- No school for students

Jan. 7, 2019: No school for students

Jan. 21, 2019: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

holiday - No school for students

Feb. 18, 2019: No school for students

Mar. 8, 2019: No school for students

Mar. 9 - 17, 2019: Spring holiday

- No school for students

Mar. 18: Schools reopen

Apr. 19: No school for students

May 27, 2019: Memorial Day holiday

- No school for students

May 29, 2019: Last day of school

Community Involvement

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



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Transportation

The district currently operates 470 home-to-school routes daily, transporting approximately 33,000 students twice per day, more than 9 million miles annually. 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.



By The Numbers

Demographics

White	55.0%
Black	18.8%
Hispanic	17%
Asian	4.6%
Multiracial	4.4%
Native American	0.2%

Size: Eighth largest of 67 districts in Florida and 27th out of more than 16,000 districts in the United States.



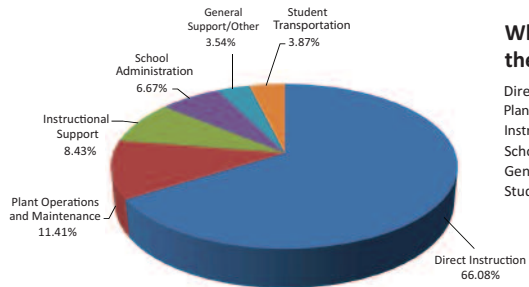
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Enrollment

Pre-K	2,659
74 Elementary Schools	40,154
3 Elementary/Middle Schools (K-8)	2,210
21 Middle Schools	19,752
18 High Schools	28,904
5 Exceptional Schools	688
16 Charter Schools	6,085
Other	1,515
Pinellas Virtual School	214
Total PK-12	102,181
Pinellas Technical College	5,172
Adult General Education	18,441

Personnel

	Full-time	Part-time
Administrative	403	0
Instructional	7,278	1,643
Support	4,836	1,042



Where we spend the money....

Direct Instruction	\$ 574,194,379
Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$ 99,147,268
Instructional Support	\$ 73,229,780
School Administration	\$ 58,002,240
General Support/Other	\$ 30,791,589
Student Transportation	\$ 33,634,744

Classroom expenditures account for 66.08 percent of the overall budget. Capital outlay fund cannot be used for operating expenses unless specifically allowed by the Florida Legislature. In 2017-18, Pinellas County Schools will receive approximately 46 percent of its total operating budget from the state, 53 percent from local sources and less than 1 percent from the federal government. Salaries and fringe benefits represent 82.51 percent of the total operating budget. The average planned expenditure per student: \$8,621 from the operating fund.



- Middle and high school students earned 12,915 industry certifications in the 2016-2017 school year.
- Industry certifications are offered to help students succeed in a career after high school. Industry certification areas include: nursing assistant, biomedical, culinary, child care, biotechnician, engineering, robotics and veterinary science, among others. Learn more at: pcsb.org/cteprograms.
- Career Academy students have a higher graduation rate, higher grade point averages, and better attendance than non-academy students.
- Students are preparing for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers as early as elementary school. Over 4,500 students participate in 260 after-school STEM Academies.

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 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 District Application Programs provide based on grade level and interests. Visit pcsb.org/choice to learn more.



Virtual Education

Pinellas County Schools has its own virtual school called Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) that serves students in grades K-12. Students may take virtual classes part-time or full time with free enrollment. Pinellas Virtual School uses Florida Virtual School curriculum for grades 6-12 as well as having some unique courses available only through Pinellas Virtual School. All teachers are district employees. Pinellas Virtual School offers low student-to-teacher ratios. Teachers actively communicate with school counselors and parents to ensure students succeed in their courses.



8 Visit pcsb.org/virtual to learn more.

Operating

Total: \$942,900,000

- Salaries and Benefits
- Textbooks
- Materials and Supplies
- Student Transportation
- Custodial
- Maintenance Training
- General Administration
- Equipment

Capital Outlay

Total: \$319,679,051

- Renovations/Remodeling
- New Construction at Existing Facilities
- Purchase of Real Property
- Furniture and Equipment
- Handicapped Accessibility
- Fire, Health and Safety
- Environmental Compliance



Striving for the Goal

- Superintendent Michael A. Grego received state and national recognition for his leadership. The Florida Association of District School Superintendents named Dr. Grego the 2018 Florida Superintendent of the Year. The National School Foundation Association honored him as their inaugural Superintendent of the Year.
- Pinellas County Schools earned a top-10 ranking in the annual Digital School Districts Survey. The award recognizes exemplary use of technology for innovative curriculum and improved student learning.
- For two years in a row, Pinellas County Schools earned the top spot in Florida and a top-10 ranking nationally for offering school choice for families in a national study by the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.
- The overall district graduation rate for the 2016-2017 school year was 82.9%, which represents an 11 percentage point increase since the 2012-13 school year. Graduation rates for all student subgroups in Pinellas County Schools have trended positively with major improvements among Hispanic and African American students.

Stay connected!

Visit pcsb.org and find a districtwide calendar and tabs specific to the needs of families and students. You can also visit us on Facebook (facebook.com/mypinellaschools) and Twitter (@my_pcs).

- In the 2016-17 school year, more than 4,500 students participated in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academies at 93 schools. In addition to STEM Academies, the K-12 STEM Department offers a yearly STEM Expo for students and families and STEM Summer Camps for students at four locations. Learn more at pcsb.org/STEM.
- Science labs in all elementary schools offer students in grades 2-5 access to engaging, hands-on activities to help master science concepts and inspire early interest in pursuing science-related careers.
- Students showed improvements over the last three years in reading and language arts (writing) proficiency rates across elementary and middle schools. State assessment results for 2016-17 show increases in performance from 3rd through 8th grade, with the strongest improvement seen in 8th grade.
- Nearly half of all schools have an A or B rating and 92.1% have an A, B or C in the Florida Department of Education's accountability system. In 2016-17, seven schools improved to an A and eleven schools improved to a B.