



PINELLAS  
COUNTY  
SCHOOLS

2017

FACTS

*at a glance*



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## Superintendent of Schools

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## 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. Meeting dates and times are available on [pcsb.org](http://pcsb.org). 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. For more information, contact the board office, 588-6300 or visit [pcsb.org](http://pcsb.org).



### VISION

100% Student Success

### MISSION

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

# Student Demographics

White	55.9%	Pre-K	2,500
Black	18.6%	74 Elementary Schools	41,222
Hispanic	16.4%	3 Elementary/Middle Schools (K-8)	2,238
Asian	4.6%	21 Middle Schools	19,913
Multiracial	4.3%	18 High Schools	29,302
Native American	0.2%	5 Exceptional Schools	684
		19 Charter Schools	5,844
		Other	1,363
		Pinellas Virtual School	176
		Total PK-12	103,242
		Pinellas Technical College	5,172
		Adult General Education	18,441

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



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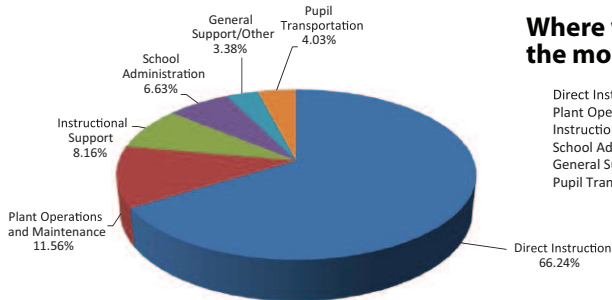
# Personnel

	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.

# Financial 2016-2017


Total budget, all sources is \$1,502,473,821



## Where we spend the money...

Direct Instruction	\$ 550,950,736
Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$ 96,165,370
Instructional Support	\$ 67,844,623
School Administration	\$ 55,182,266
General Support/Other	\$ 28,129,812
Pupil Transportation	\$ 33,527,193

Classroom expenditures account for 66.69 percent of the overall budget. The capital outlay fund cannot be used for operating expenses unless specifically allowed by the Florida Legislature. In 2016-17, 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 82.53 percent of the total operating budget. The average planned expenditure per student is \$8,390 from the operating fund.



A five-year capital outlay plan is underway to improve every school facility. Investments include completely new campuses to replace aging infrastructure, new building additions, renovated media centers, updated athletic facilities and more.

## *Operating*

**Total: \$928,285,040**

Salaries and Benefits

Textbooks

Materials and Supplies

Student Transportation

Custodial

Maintenance Training

General Administration

Equipment

## *Capital Outlay*

**Total: \$297,205,107**

Renovations/Remodeling

New Construction at Existing Facilities

Purchase of Real Property

Furniture and Equipment

Handicapped Accessibility

Fire, Health and Safety

Environmental Compliance

The new Largo High School  
opened to students in August 2016.

# Striving for the Goal

- Pinellas County Schools continues to maintain the AdvancED Accreditation Commission's Systems Accreditation, the highest level of accreditation a school system can receive from the organization. Accreditation through AdvancED provides each of the district's 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 and survey students, staff and families in a systematic manner.
- The 2016 graduation rate of 80.1% reflects an increase of 8.2% since the 2012-2013 school year. Graduation rates for minority groups have also increased through strategic initiatives focused on eliminating achievement gaps. The graduation rates for black and Hispanic students have increased 18.4% and 18.9%, respectively, since 2011.
- Students have more options than ever for advanced coursework with three International Baccalaureate Diploma programs, two Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma programs, and the Advanced Placement Capstone

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Visit the district website at [pcsb.org](http://pcsb.org), where you can find district-wide calendar information, address the needs of families, and access PCS Family Engagement resources. PCS Family Engagement is available for iOS and Android. Links to all PCS school websites, parent workshops, daily engagement opportunities, and much more. You can also find us on Facebook ([mypinellas](https://www.facebook.com/mypinellas)) and Twitter (@[mypinellas](https://twitter.com/mypinellas)).

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program in every high school. Advanced Placement participation and pass rates continue to increase. In one year, the number of exams with a passing score increased 11%.

- Every high school offers AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID prepares students for success in high school, college and a career, especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education.
- Pinellas leads the nation in career and technical education. Ford Next Generation Learning named Pinellas the second Model Community in the nation for the successful implementation of high school career academies. More than 19,000 students take advantage of career academies.
- Pinellas students score high on the SAT college entrance exam. The school district's 2016 mean scores surpassed state and national scores on each section of the exam. Schools help students take advantage of free, personalized SAT preparation through SATpractice.org. All students can participate in the PSAT, an assessment that can lead to college scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship program.

## *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 that the District Application Programs provide based on students' grade level and interests. Visit [pcsb.org/choice](http://pcsb.org/choice) to learn more and 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 utilized in many of the district's brick and mortar classrooms. All PVS teachers are district employees. Registration for virtual school begins 90 days prior to the first day of school.



# Career Readiness

- Middle and high school students earned more than 10,000 industry certifications in the 2015-2016 school year.
- The Pinellas GED pass rate of 85% is higher than the state average of 79%.
- Adult ESOL program enrollment is more than 3,500 students, double the enrollment from two years prior.
- 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. Nearly 5,000 students participate in 247 after-school STEM Academies.





## *Referendum*

Since 2004, Pinellas County voters have supported students and teachers through the Referendum. The half-mill tax generates funds to strengthen reading, music and arts programs; provide updated technology; and help recruit and retain teachers.

## *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.

## *Transportation*

The district currently operates 470 home-to-school routes daily, transporting approximately 32,000 students twice per day. The department operates six bus compounds throughout the county and employs 500 school bus drivers.

## 2016/17 Student Calendar

- Aug. 10, 2016:** First day of school  
**Sept. 5, 2016:** Labor Day holiday  
– No school for students  
**Oct. 12, 2016:** No school for students  
**Nov. 21 - Nov. 25, 2016:** Thanksgiving holiday  
– No school for students  
**Dec. 19 - Dec. 30, 2016:** Winter holiday  
– No school for students  
**Jan. 2, 2017:** No school for students  
**Jan. 16, 2017:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday – No school for students  
**Feb. 20, 2017:** No school for students  
**Mar. 13 - Mar. 17, 2017:** Spring holiday  
– No school for students  
**Mar. 20, 2017:** No school for students  
**Mar. 21, 2017:** Schools reopen  
**Apr. 14, 2017:** No school for students  
**May 25, 2017:** Last day of school

## 2017/18 Student Calendar

- Aug. 10, 2017:** First day of school  
**Sept. 4, 2017:** Labor Day holiday  
– No school for students  
**Oct. 16, 2017:** No school for students  
**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:** No school for students  
**Jan. 15, 2018:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday – No school for students  
**Feb. 19, 2018:** No school for students  
**Mar. 12, 2018:** No school for students  
**Mar. 24 - Apr. 1, 2018:** Spring holiday  
– No school for students  
**Apr. 2, 2018:** Schools reopen  
**May 24, 2018:** Last day of school

# 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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