



The Centers of Innovation and Digital Learning Fast Facts

School Openings

- The Centers for Innovation and Digital Learning at Kings Highway and Gulf Beaches Elementary Schools will open Monday, August 18, the start of the PCS 2014-2105 school year.
- Kings Highway Elementary School will serve students Pre-K – 5 grades.
- Gulf Beaches Elementary School will serve students K-5 grades.
- School hours of operation for both schools will be 8:35 a.m.- 2:35 p.m.

Curriculum & Technology

- The Centers for Innovation and Digital Learning will provide a technology rich environment with electronic devices for all students in grades K-5 and interactive online lessons to complement traditional curriculum.
- The Centers for Innovation and Digital Learning will uniquely integrate an electronic device, such as iPads and interactive whiteboards, into traditional curriculum areas, from reading and writing to the arts and physical education.
- Personalized learning will be a focal point at the Centers for Innovation and Digital Learning, ensuring that student lessons will be geared to their individual learning styles.
- Families will play an important role in the learning process of students attending the Centers for Innovation and Digital Learning. There will be blended learning opportunities incorporating a mixture of online learning and traditional face-to-face lessons. Students will also be encouraged to bring home electronic devices for specific guided activities to ready students for future lessons in the classroom.
- In preparation for the opening of the Centers for Innovation and Digital Learning, teachers for these schools will receive specialized training, coaching and tools to engage families in the learning process and encourage students to be critical thinkers and reflective learners.

Application Process

Students can apply to either program, but not both, if they reside south of Route 60/Gulf-to-Bay and north of Ulmerton Road. For students living elsewhere there are specific application areas.

Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet

- This school is for students living in the South County Application Area (south of Ulmerton Road)
- Expected school enrollment is 348 students in grades K-5 with three classes at each grade.

Kings Highway Elementary Magnet

- This school is for students living in the North County Application Area (north of Route 60/Gulf-to-Bay)
- Expected school enrollment is 528 students (276 K-5; 252 PK students) in grades PK-5 with two classes at each grade and 10-12 VPK classrooms

Transportation

- Zone development is currently underway for students living near the schools but more than 2 miles away.
- Families must provide their own transportation or get to a bus stop within the transportation zone if they live outside these zones.