

DISTRICT FACTS

Size:

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

Student Demographics

57.4% White
18.6% Black
15.0% Hispanic
4.5% Asian
4.1% Multiracial
0.3% Native Am

Class-size Target:

K-31:18
Intermediate (4 & 5).....1:22
Middle School1:22
High School1:25

Accreditation: All Pinellas County high schools, as well as John Hopkins Middle School, Clearwater and Dixie Hollins Adult Education Centers and Tomlinson Adult Learning Center, are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). PCS currently is pursuing systems accreditation where each school and the entire District will be accredited through AdvancED, an organization that encompasses SACS. The District's Pinellas Technical College is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education and SACS.

Transportation: The district currently operates 475 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.

Pinellas County Schools Employees 2014-2015 School Year

Personnel (substitutes included)	Full-time	Part-time
Administrative	396	1
Instructional	7,576	2,068
Support	4,947	1,117

* 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 60 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 levels and interests. Visit 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. PVS uses digital resources and lesson plans used in many of the district's brick and mortar elementary, middle and high school classrooms. All teachers are district employees. Registration for virtual school begins 90 days prior to the first day of school.

CAREER TECHNICAL & ADULT EDUCATION (CTAE)

During the 2013-14 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 (according to the most recent data available).
- 1,714 high school students were served in adult education centers and community schools earning high school credit toward graduation.
- 4,288 postsecondary vocational students attended adult education centers, community schools, and technical colleges.

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CALENDAR 2014-2015

Aug. 18 – First day of school
Sept. 1 – Labor Day holiday – Schools and district offices closed
Oct. 17 – End of first quarter
Oct. 20 – No school for students
November 24 - 25 - School closed for students.
All 12- month personnel on duty.
November 26-28 Thanksgiving holidays for all personnel.
Dec. 19 – End of first semester
Dec. 22-Jan. 2 – Winter holidays – schools and offices closed
Jan. 5 – Teacher Planning Day
Jan. 6 – Second semester begins/Schools reopen
Jan. 19. 12-month personnel on duty. Holiday for all other personnel.
Feb. 16 – District-wide Professional Development
March 13 – End of third quarter
March 16 – School-based Professional Development
March 30-April 3 – Spring holidays for students and all personnel
April 6 – Schools reopen and classes resume.
May 25 – Memorial Day holiday – Schools and offices closed
June 2 – Last day of school for students

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

IMPORTANT PHONE #S



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2014-2015



AT A GLANCE

Educating and preparing each student for college, career and life.

FINANCIAL 2014-2015

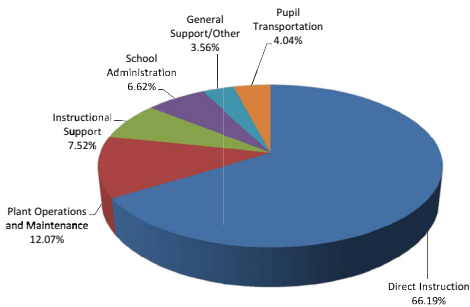
Total budget, all sources, is \$1,291,541,241

Operating

Total: \$881,161,415
Salaries and Benefits
Textbooks
Materials and Supplies
Student Transportation
Custodial
Maintenance
Training
General Administration
Equipment

Capital Outlay

Total: \$267,147,267
Renovations/Remodeling
New Construction at Existing
Facilities
Purchase of Real Property,
Furniture and Equipment
Handicapped Accessibility
Fire, Health and Safety
Environmental Compliance



Vision: 100% Student Success

Mission: "Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life."

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Janet R. Clark
Carol J. Cook
Rene Flowers
Terry Krassner
Linda S. Lerner
Peggy L. O'Shea
Dr. Ken Peluso

School Board Meetings: The School Board generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at either 10 a.m. or 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. 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. 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 School Board office, 588-6300.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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SCHOOLS	ENROLLMENT
PreK	2,322
74 Elementary	41,441
2 Elementary/Middle	1,963
21 Middle	19,717
17 High Schools	29,821
4 Exceptional	603
22 Charter	6,248
Other	1,729
Virtual	260
Total PreK-12	104,104
Pinellas Technical College	4,929
Adult general education	18,534

Capital outlay funds cannot be used for operating expenses unless specifically allowed by the Florida Legislature.

In 2014-15, Pinellas County Schools will receive approximately 42 percent of its total operating budget from the state, 47 percent from local sources and less than 1 percent from the federal government. Salaries and fringe benefits represent 82.44 percent of the total operating budget.

Average planned expenditure per student: \$7,962 from the operating fund.

The base student allocation from the FEFP formula is \$4,031.77 for 2014-15.

WHERE WE SPEND THE MONEY...

Direct Instruction	\$ 542,649,105
Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$98,967,721
Instructional Support	\$61,705,197
School Administration	\$54,246,753
General Support/Other	\$29,234,583
Pupil Transportation	\$33,158,056

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 2013-14

- All Pinellas County high schools have an A or B rating by the Florida Department of Education's accountability system. This is due in part to the increase in graduation rates, a major component in the state's calculation of school grades.
- The International Baccalaureate Diploma pass rate for 2014 was 94% with 237 students completing 1,896 subject area exams and earning an average 5.14 score out of a possible 7.
- Career and Technical Course Industry Certifications earned by students increased 60% from 2012 to 2013 with the number of certifications increasing from 2,224 to 3,705. Certifications continued to increase in 2014 with the number increasing from 3,705 to 4,096.
- The College Board recognized the Pinellas County School District as a Gold Status District for the overall enrollment of minority students in Advanced Placement courses and the high number of minority students enrolled and passing the exam. The District also earned recognition as an Advanced Placement District of the Year for increasing access to Advanced Placement coursework while simultaneously increasing the percentage of students scoring 3 or higher on AP exams.
- Pinellas County Kindergarten Readiness Rates have significantly increased, rising from 82% in 2011-12 to 90.7% in 2013-14.
- The new Summer Bridge program, a 6-week summer learning opportunity, registered more than 6,000 students the first year and more than 12,000 students in 2014.
- FCAT 2.0 Reading and Mathematics scores of Pinellas County English Language Learners are the highest they have been in three years.
- The number of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and Robotics Clubs in Pinellas County Schools increased from 15 in 2012 to 152 in 2014. Additional academic components will be added each year.
- Participation in the District's Talent Identification Program for high achieving 7th grade students grew in 2014. Launched in the 2012-2013 school year, the program invites students in the top 10 percent of each middle school's 7th grade class to take the SAT. A summer enrichment program is also offered.
- The District was awarded a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Next Generation Systems Initiative grant to create a plan for personalized learning in the district. The plan includes five personalized learning programs within existing high schools and a model personalized learning school in partnership with the New Tech Network.
- The Pinellas County School District was ranked 19 out of 107 large districts nationwide for providing parents with educational choices for their students. The District received over 1,000 more applicants and over 800 more acceptances for its magnet, fundamental and career academy programs.
- The District opened three new schools for the 2014-15 school year. The Centers for Innovation and Digital Learning at Gulf Beaches Elementary in St. Pete Beach and Kings Highway Elementary in Clearwater provide a technology rich environment with iPads for all students in grades K-5. In an effort to prepare more high school students for college and career, Pinellas Gulf Coast Academy serves students in grades 9 - 12 at risk of not graduating.
- Seven PCS students won a total of 10 National Scholastic Art Awards. They were among the 1,800 awards selected from the 100,000 entries submitted to the national competition.
- All high school theatre programs participated in District Thespian events showing a 20% increase in entries. Fifteen high schools competed in the One Act Festival and received an excellent or higher rating, the highest ratings Pinellas County high schools have received in more than a decade.
- Pinellas County Schools received a grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture in support of the District's anti-obesity efforts. The District received the highest rating in the state as a Florida Healthy School District.
- Pinellas County Schools was recognized by the American Heart Association with a Gold Achievement Award and a Worksite Innovation Award as a fit-friendly worksite for meeting criteria encouraging students and employees to engage in exercise and healthful eating habits.
- Food Service was recognized with nine awards from the Florida Nutrition Association in the areas of public policy and legislation, nutrition, and participation in National School Lunch and Breakfast Weeks.

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**.