

Department of Middle School Education

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Pinellas County Schools Talent Identification Program (PCS-TIP) Parent Information Packet



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COMPONENTS OF THE PCS TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

- Initial information meeting for parents
- PCS TIP Tutorials for students (January 23-February 24, 2024)
- Parent info session related to SAT Day and Road to Recognition event (February 22, 2023 – Livestream @ 6pm)
- Digital SAT Test Day (March 6, 2024)
 - Students test at their Middle School
 - Parents register their student by submitting credit card payment using the QR Code to the right. The fee is \$32.64
 - The test is free of cost for low-income students as identified by free/reduced lunch status in Focus with the District providing a scholarship for the \$32.64. Students identified as free/reduced lunch should register using the QR code to the right.



PCS TIP TEST DAY REMINDERS

- TIP students will report directly to their testing room at the start of the school day.
- The SAT test will last 3 hours.
- Students are provided with two 5-minute breaks and a 1-minute break to stretch, eat a snack, or use the restroom.

We recommend students bring:

- Two No. 2 pencils and a soft eraser
- Calculator - calculators **permitted** while testing include a graphing calculator, a scientific calculator, or a four-function calculator (not recommended)
- Extra batteries and/or a backup calculator
- A watch (without an audible alarm)

Students cannot have during testing:

See the [Cell Phones and Electronic Devices policy](#) for more information Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones or smart phones, smart watches, including BlackBerrys, iPhones or Android devices
- iPods or other MP3 players
- iPads or other tablet devices
- Laptops, notebooks, PDAs or any other personal computing devices
- Pagers or any other texting devices
- Separate timers of any type
- Cameras or other photographic equipment
- Any device capable of recording audio, photographic or video content, or capable of viewing or playing back such content.

SAT Day & Road to Recognition Overview Session

For Parents of PCS TIP Students

February 22, 2023 - 6:00pm Livestream

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian,

Your student is taking the SAT on Wednesday, March 6 and we are very excited that your student is a part of this program! As part of the program, we want to ensure parents are involved and informed as well!

We hope you will take the time to join us for a parent information session about what your child can anticipate in their first SAT test day experience and to hear more about the Road to Recognition event that will be held for PCS TIP SAT



participants and their parent. The session will be hosted virtually by Pinellas County Schools leaders. Your school will share the link for viewing the presentation with the parents of registered students one week in advance. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this informative session that will allow for Q & A at the end of the session.


ROAD TO RECOGNITION
FOR STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN 2022 PCS TIP SAT
AND THEIR PARENTS

APRIL 13, 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian,

We hope you will join us for a celebration of your child's SAT results and to gain an understanding of the scores as well as the next steps your child can take to maximize his/her post-secondary options.

This session will include an overview of the SAT Score Report, a preview of your child's course requests for the 2024-25 school year, information to help you start thinking about high school options, an opportunity to look at the tools available in Xello (an online platform to help students plan and prepare for college), an

 SAT[®] overview of PCS summer enrichment programs available to your child, and a general Q & A session with the PCS Director of Advanced Studies & Academic Excellence and the School Counseling Specialist.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this exciting opportunity to learn about steps you can take to support your child's journey through high school and into college.