

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A MAGNET OR FUNDAMENTAL PROGRAM

*For Out-of-County Applicants*

**THE INITIAL APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN FROM 9 AM JANUARY 6 THROUGH 5 PM ON JANUARY 16, 2026!**

## 1 ACCESS THE FOCUS PARENT PORTAL.

To complete an application, families must use the online Focus Parent Portal at <https://focus.pcsb.org>. Use the same link to set up an account with your email. You can use any computer, including a school computer, to login and apply.

## 2 ENTER BASIC STUDENT INFORMATION

- On the left-side menu, find Forms and click the drop down arrow.
- Select Online Application.
- Enter your child's first name, last name, date of birth and choose New Student to Pinellas County Schools.
- Select Begin Application.
- Enter your student's legal middle name, gender, county of residence.
- If you are only applying for a magnet or fundamental program (not your child's zoned school), check the box.
- Select 2026-27 as the school year and enter the grade level they will be in for that year.
- IEP/ Gifted Information
  - If your child has an IEP or is gifted, select yes and enter the requested information.
  - If not, select No for both questions.
- Select your child's language.
- Click Next Page to continue.
- Type your house number and street name, then select your address from the list.
  - Please note: a generic address will appear (100 Your County). Leave this and enter your correct address under the mailing address option and click save address.
- Select save, then Next Page to verify information.
- Select +Add New Contact
- Enter the relationship to the child and choose contact address
- Select Save Contact
- If you want to include another contact, select +Add New Contact and enter their information.
- Select Next Page to Continue
- Select Click to Sign, provide your signature and enter the date.
- Click the Submit and Finish button.



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Please continue to back side for instructions to select your program choices.

# 3 MAKE AN APPLICATION.

- Find your child's name on the left side menu.
- Click the drop-down arrow next to the name.
- Select Magnet & Fundamental Program Application 2026-27.

Magnet & Fundamental Program Application 2026-27

If this information is incorrect,

- Current Students: contact the school for corrections.
- New Students: contact Student Assignment at 727.588.6210

Enter yes for any priority you wish to claim. If claiming an employee priority, enter your PCS email address.

Choose up to 5 programs. Rank them in order #1-5, with #1 being the first choice.

If an anchor sibling is in the #1 choice program next year, enter the sibling's name, date of birth, and Local Student ID, then click Save.

Upload military transfer orders, gifted eligibility, or other documents.

Click Submit or Submit & Print if you want a copy of your application.

Welcome to the Magnet & Fundamental Program Application for the 2026-27 School Year!

Student Name Potter, Harry	Local ID	Current Grade 09	Projected Grade 09	Home Address 4 FOREST LN	
Parent/Guardian Name	Home Phone	Current School Applicants	City LARGO	Zip Code 33778	
Parent Email	Work Phone	Zoned School Seminole High School	Gifted No	ESE Status None	Birth Date 2011-07-31

Please note that this data can only be changed at the school where the student is currently enrolled. Proof of address must be presented to change the address.

Are you entering PCS for the first time due to a military transfer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, upload a copy of your military orders at the bottom of this page or e-mail them to <a href="mailto:dao@pcsb.org">dao@pcsb.org</a> .	Are you a full-time PCS employee? <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, what is your PCS email address? <input type="text"/>	Do you work at the school you selected as your #1 choice? No <input type="checkbox"/>
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### Choose Programs

Please read the following information carefully before proceeding.

Based upon your address, you can apply for the programs listed below. If you do not see a program listed, it is outside of your application area, and you are ineligible to apply.

You may apply to one program or up to five programs.

Click on the dropdown arrows to rank your choices from one to five. Your top choice should be ranked #1. Please note, priorities are only applied to your top (#1) ranked choice.

### Programs

Choice	Title	School	Program Description & Additional Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	FUNDAMENTAL	Boca Ciega High School	Boca Ciega Fundamental provides a structured, family-oriented learning environment that promotes responsibility and self-discipline through daily homework, dress code, and active parent involvement. <b>Transportation area: HS South</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CAREER ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURE & COMMERCE (CAICC)	Clearwater High School	The Career Academy for International Culture & Commerce (CAICC) at Clearwater High School offers a four-year global-business curriculum that immerses students in international commerce, culture, and enterprise to prepare them for college and careers. <b>Transportation Area: Ulmerton North</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS (ISTEM)	Countryside High School	Countryside High School's ISTEM Program prepares students for college and careers through two tracks—Technological, offering IT-focused strands like CSIT, Game and Simulation, Web Development, and Digital Design, and Scholar, emphasizing rigorous STEM academics with real-world applications in Cybersecurity, Biotechnology, and Engineering Technology. <b>Transportation Area: HS North</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACADEMY OF ENTERTAINMENT ARTS (AEA)	Dixie M. Hollins High School	Hollins High School's Academy of Entertainment Arts is a technology-rich creative arts program where students explore film, game design, animation, music production, photography, and branding/entrepreneurship through hands-on, project-based work. <b>Transportation Area: HS Mid and South</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE ROBOTICS & CONSTRUCTION-ARCHITECTURE	Dunedin High School	Dunedin High School's architecture program prepares students for college and careers through hands-on design with AutoCAD and Autodesk Revit, industry partnerships, and dual enrollment leading to certifications, college credit, and drafting career pathways. <b>Transportation Area: Ulmerton North</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	FUNDAMENTAL	Dunedin High School	Dunedin Fundamental provides a structured, family-oriented learning environment that promotes responsibility and self-discipline through daily homework, dress code, and active parent involvement. <b>Transportation Area: HS North</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE ROBOTICS & CONSTRUCTION-ROBOTICS	Dunedin High School	Dunedin High School's ARC Applied Robotics program engages students in hands-on engineering and programming to design, build, and operate robots, preparing them for college and high-demand STEM careers.

a. Academic entrance criteria required  
b. Audition required

### List Siblings at Applying Schools:

Will the student have a sibling attending the top ranked (#1) program during the 2026-27 school year? If yes, please enter the sibling's information below.

Each student must have their own individual completed application.

Enter the sibling full name, date of birth and Local Student ID. Once you have added the sibling's information click enter to log the record before clicking save.

Sibling Full Name	Sibling Birth Date	Sibling Student ID	Delete
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="X"/>

Save

For students new or returning to PCS, upload military transfer orders or gifted and high school AICE or IB eligibility documentation here.  
Multiple documents may be uploaded or attached in an email to the program's coordinator.

Drag files to upload

Select

**Important Dates:**  
To accept a Magnet & Fundamental Program offer, you must log in between 9 AM on February 10 and 5 PM on February 20, 2026.  
Accepting a seat will decline all other offers and remove you from all other waitlists.  
Not accepting will keep your student on waitlists but forfeit any current Magnet & Fundamental Program offers.  
All decisions must be finalized by 5 PM on Friday, February 20, 2026.

**Transportation Information for Magnet & Fundamental Programs**  
Students living more than 2 miles from school may be eligible for Arterial Transportation (bus service along main roads with limited stops). For details, visit our Transportation website.  
Students with curb-to-curb or specialized transportation listed in their IEP or Section 504 plan who accept a seat in a Magnet & Fundamental Program agree to waive that specialized transportation service.

Submit

Submit & Print