



District Application Programs

Magnet & Fundamental Programs (District Application Programs)

Imagine. Innovate. Inspire with PCS Magnet & Fundamental Programs.

What are District Application Programs (DAP)/ Magnet and Fundamental Programs?

District Application Programs are Pinellas County Schools' Magnet and Fundamental programs which are specialized educational opportunities offered to engage students, strengthen and develop talents, or provide an alternative option to the zoned school.

Magnet Programs focus on specific themes or areas of study, such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), performing arts, international studies, or environmental science. They aim to attract a diverse student body from across a school district, offering an enriched curriculum and unique learning experiences that go beyond standard educational offerings.

Fundamental Programs emphasize a structured, traditional approach to education. These programs typically feature strict discipline policies, dress codes, and a strong focus on core academic skills. Parental involvement is often a key requirement, fostering a collaborative environment between families and schools.

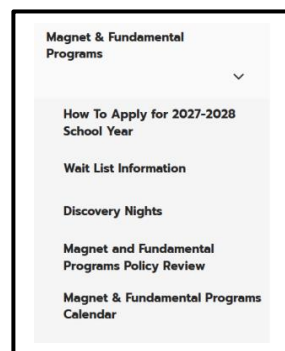
Both programs are designed to provide families with choices that align with their children's interests, talents, and learning styles while maintaining high academic standards.

Visit the links below or check out the DAP Guide to the right to learn more about these programs and what each one can offer your child.

Unlock your child's potential and explore the incredible opportunities available through our magnet and fundamental programs

Visit the PCS Website DAP for more specifics and support:

<https://www.pcsb.org/departments/district-services/magnet-fundamental-programs>



2027-2028 School Year DAP Information

2027-2028 District Application Program (DAP) Fairs

North County DAP Fair

- October 21, 2026 from 6pm - 7:30pm at Dunedin HS

All County DAP Fair

- October 24, 2026 from 9am - 11:30am at Pinellas Park HS

South County DAP Fair

- October 28, 2026 from 6pm - 7:30pm at Gibbs HS

DAP Discovery Nights

- **Perkins- January 12, 2027 @ 5:30pm**



Initial DAP Application Period for the 2027-2028 School Year

- January 5 - 15, 2027
- Closes at 5 pm on Friday, January 16, 2026

DAP Acceptance Period for the 2027-2028 School Year

- February 10 - 19, 2027

Late Application Period: Opens March 23, 2027

How to Apply

Parents must first create a Focus Parent Portal Account.

- If you do not already have a User ID and password, go to <https://focus.pcsb.org> and create an account. You will need an email address to set up and verify your account.
- Only one User ID and password is needed per family.

Please note: If your child is already in a program and plans to stay in that same program at their current school, there's no need to submit a new application.

How to Apply for a District Application Program Facebook/YouTube Live Event

View the YouTube event - Learn how to apply for Magnet and Fundamental Programs. Get an overview of the application process and see answers to common questions.

For Help Applying, visit: <https://www.pcsb.org/departments/district-services/magnet-fundamental-programs/how-to-apply-for-2027-2028-school-year>

Perkins Tour Information



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