

# Palm Coast Community School

## Parent Meeting FAQs

### 1. What will the classrooms be like?

Initially PCCS will be blending grade levels with Kindergarten and First grade being in one room. The benefit of having a combined classroom allows for learning to occur in groups based on ability rather than age.

### 2. Where will the classrooms be?

Classrooms are being built out and will be located in the northwest side of our building where pc3 youth meet on Sunday mornings. Student drop-off and pick-up for VPK and elementary students will continue to utilize the church lobby entrance.

### 3. Will students be required to wear uniforms?

PCCS students will not be required to wear a designated uniform to school. A dress code policy is being created to allow for individuality and modesty that is conducive to learning.

### 4. Can you tell us about the scholarship options?

Please see the PCCS Scholarship Options Handout for specific details.

### 5. Where can parents get help if needed in applying for scholarships?

Stop by the PC4 reception area or call 386-246-1660 to set up an appointment to receive help applying for or navigating the scholarship options that may be available to your child(ren).

### 6. What is the tuition amount for this school year?

Annual tuition is \$6,500 plus registration and student fees of \$500. The student fees cover curriculum, field trips, testing, and certain classroom supplies. Students will be given a required supply list at the beginning of each school year that parents are responsible for. Also, parents who opt for extended care, which will be available before or after school or on school holidays as indicated on the calendar, will incur an additional charge – as is currently the case with PC4. *(Refer to PCCS 2019-2020 Calendar for extended care dates)*

### 7. Are there any scholarship options for students?

Yes, most are on a first come, first served basis according to funding availability. See the PCCS Scholarship Criteria Brochure for details. If you meet the eligibility criteria for any of the scholarships listed, apply immediately. PCCS staff can assist with navigating the application process if you request help.

### **8. What will be the payment options for students not on scholarship or students on a scholarship that doesn't cover the full tuition and fees?**

The \$200 registration fee is due at the enrollment appointment. The tuition and student fees may be distributed over ten monthly payments beginning August 1 and ending May 1. The monthly amount is determined by whether or not you have an initial down payment.

### **9. Will there be any special payment accommodations/discounts/scholarships for families with multiple siblings enrolled?**

Internal discounts to assist families with children enrolled in both PC4 and PCCS is currently being developed for 2019-2020. Information should be available shortly.

### **10. When can parents expect enrollment to open?**

Enrollment will be the first week of June but parents turning in an intent form will be notified before we announce it publicly. Enrollment will take place on a first come, first served basis. There are a total of 24 openings available for the 2019-2020 year.

### **11. What if I applied to Step Up and got put on the waiting list?**

Step up is required to offer scholarships in the following priority: 1) renewing students, 2) eligible siblings of renewing students, 3) new students whose household income is equal or less than \$46,637, and 4) other new students who meet household income criteria up to \$66,950. Foster children and children of households receiving Food Stamps (SNAP), TANF, or FDIR are always immediately eligible with applicable documentation.

### **12. What if I'm on the waiting list but my income changed and is now lower or if I have recently been approved for SNAP/TANF/FDIR?**

Go online to [stepupforstudents.org](http://stepupforstudents.org) and watch for a "CHAT" tab to appear on the right side or to pop up on your screen. Use that to Step Up know you're on the waiting list, but your household income circumstances have changed or that you're now eligible for direct certification through Food Stamps. Be prepared to provide supporting documentation to validate the change in circumstance and recognize processing may take several weeks.

### **13. What do I do with the email I get confirming my child is awarded a scholarship?**

Whether your child is awarded a Step Up, McKay, FEP, or Hope scholarship, when you get the award email, bring the award notification (and the Step Up student confirmation form usually attached as a document to the email) to the school.

### **14. What are the transportation options?**

All transportation to and from school is the parent's responsibility. A transportation plan for the following year is under development.

### **15. What are the lunch options?**

Students will be required to bring their lunch daily. On occasion PCCS will have lunch catered and students will be given the opportunity to participate.

### **16. What are the hours of school?**

School will take place from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. PCCS will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Extended care is available at an additional cost for students needing to arrive before school between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM or stay after school between 3:30 PM and 6:00 PM. *(Refer to PCCS 2019-2020 Calendar for extended care dates)*

### **17. What type of curriculum will you be offering?**

As we mentioned before, it will be a blended curriculum incorporating materials from different well-known providers such as Houghton Mifflin and McGraw-Hill. It will also include research supported programs and learning options such as project/inquiry-based learning, cooperative learning, online and technology based learning all with underlying core competencies. Our goal in this is to develop students who will become life-long learners, with critical thinking skills and awareness of how to pursue knowledge and understanding in any area or circumstance with or without someone directing their efforts.

### **18. How will you incorporate Bible teaching into the school?**

The daily schedule will reflect times of prayer, devotion and or bible learning. Students and staff will be encouraged to live out biblical principles and values by building relationships with each other and with God. We want to create a culture where it's safe to ask questions while students pursue a relationship with God.

### **19. Will there be field trips? If so, where will they go?**

Yes, we'll have field trips. Specific details have not been finalized but the field trip destinations will be designed to reinforce, enhance, or provide experience in elements being taught in the classroom.

### **20. Will the classroom teacher be certified?**

Yes.