



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Who can apply to Parrish Charter Academy?

A: Students whose 5th birthday is on or before September 1st of the enrolling school year or those older than 5 years of age. A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may apply for their Kindergarten year of enrollment during the application window. K – 8th grade students may apply for the current and/or following school years as necessary, and as applications are available.

Q: When can we apply?

A: Applications for the next school year will open in December. Applications will continue to be accepted until all seats have been filled. Once enrollment has been met, all other applications will be placed on a Wait List.

Q: If we made an error on the application, how do we correct it?

A: Please email Office@PCAedu.org to correct items on your application.

Q: How long is our application active?

A: Your application will expire at the end of the school year requested. If we are unable to reach you to make an offer of enrollment, due to bad contact information or returned email, your application will be removed from our list. If you do not respond to an offer of enrollment based upon instructions received in an initial offer or email, your application will be returned to the Wait List.

Q: Can we apply each year?

A: If you are not offered enrollment the first year you requested it, you are welcome to apply for the next school year during that application window. Current PCA enrolled students do not need to reapply each year and are continuous students with PCA, until time of graduation from 8th Grade, or withdrawal.

Q: What should we do if we do not receive an email confirmation that our student's application was submitted successfully online?

A: Contact the office to check status of your application.

Q: What is your enrollment capacity?

A: Our enrollment capacity is 1,084 students in K-8th Grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

Q: Are there qualifications for a student to be accepted?

A: All applicants have equal opportunity to apply and participate in the lottery. All offers of enrollment are subject to grade-level documentation requirements.

Q: If my student is gifted, receives ESE services, or has a 504 plan, does this move them up the waiting list to enroll?	A: All applications have equal opportunity to participate in the lottery. NRCA can accommodate students within an inclusion setting.
Q: Does PCA give enrollment preference based on where a student lives, and is transportation provided?	A: PCA may enroll students from any county or zone, with no preference given to a specific residential location. Transportation may be offered via pocket pick-up points in certain areas of the county based on the residence address on file. However, transportation for Manatee County families is not guaranteed and may need to be provided by the families.
Q: Does PCA continue to enroll after the school year starts, and how are families contacted for openings?	A: Yes. If vacancies occur during the year, PCA will contact families on the waiting list in numerical order until the spot is filled. After initial enrollment offers are mailed on or before the second week of January, any openings that arise are offered through email to the address listed on the application.
Q: What happens if I miss the deadline or decline an offer of enrollment? Can my child still attend PCA?	A: If you miss the response deadline noted in your enrollment offer, your child's seat will be offered to another student on the waiting list. You may call to have your student reactivated on the wait list. If you decline an offer, your application is removed from our records and you will need to reapply.
Q: How do we check the status of the waiting list and my student's application?	A: Contact our office to check enrollment status and current status of vacancies.
Q: Do you participate in statewide testing assessments?	A: Yes, we follow the same calendar schedule for testing, such as the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T)