



Pembroke Pines Charter School Charter Chat 2025-2026

Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!

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Vision - Our vision, as a community, is to cultivate character, and foster life-long learning through a challenging educational experience in a safe environment.

Mission - It is our mission to prepare students to succeed in a global society by providing a personalized and rigorous curriculum through excellence in teaching.

General Information

Advisory Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting for East, Central & West Campuses will be on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025** at the East Campus and for the FSU Campus on **Thursday, October 16, 2025**. You will receive service hours for attending.

Arrival/Dismissal

PPCS is committed to providing students an education in a safe and secure learning environment. Please know that for school safety, children are not to arrive at school prior to 8:15 a.m. (FSU and West Campus 8:05 am) or to remain on school grounds after 3:45 p.m. The school has a supervised before and after school child care program for students who need to be dropped off or picked up earlier or later than the times listed above at a cost.

Email Communication

In an effort to assist with going green, Pembroke Pines Charter Schools will be sending messages and information via technology. It's very important that you keep your contact information up to date, including your email address. There are two (2) ways for you to obtain information:

1. Messages will be posted on-line on our website, pinescharter.net.
2. Messages will be sent via FOCUS.

Please be sure to keep the school informed of any changes in your address, phone number(s) and email address.

Employee Performance Assessment

Parents have the opportunity to provide input into the faculty and administration performance evaluations. If you are interested, please provide the Principal with your input in writing by April 30, 2026.

Newsletter

This is the first newsletter of the year. The newsletter will be distributed 2 times per year. Please visit the school website for up to date news and information.

Parent Liaisons

The Pembroke Pines Charter Schools have a parent liaison assigned to each campus. The liaisons are listed below:

East Campus - Mr. Sean Chance
Central Elem. - Mr. Michael Castellano
Central Middle - Mr. Peter Bayer
FSU Campus - Mr. Sean Chance
West Elem. - Dr. Lisa Maraj
West Middle - Mrs. Channale Augustin
AV Middle & High School - Mr. Jonathan Bonilla

Safety

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and schools officials. www.getfortifyfl.com

HOPEFLORIDA

Do you need HELP or know someone who does? Call TOLL FREE (833) GET HOPE (438-4673) to connect to a FREE HOPE Navigator to assist you with locating the resources and supports to help meet your needs. They will guide you and continue to assist you to receive the supports needed. <https://hopeflorida.com/>

Uniform Policy

All students must be in uniform each day. Navy blue bottoms, appropriate uniform shirt as well as uniform sweater and/or jacket. ID's should be displayed at the middle and high school levels. Solid navy blue jacket/sweater may be used. Please remember to put your child's name on all sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts. The uniform policy may be viewed at www.pinescharter.net

Volunteer Hour Expectations

30 hours per family.
<https://youtu.be/vKUfhjat6g8>

SOS Foundation

The Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation, a 501c3, was established in January of 2004 to assist teachers and students through the creation of a one-million-dollar endowment. These monies provide scholarships for high school graduates, teacher scholarships for advanced degrees, and Employee of the Year bonuses for instructional and non-instructional employees in the Pembroke Pines Charter School System. For more information please visit: <http://www.ppcsf.org/>

Important Phone Numbers

City Manager/ Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Charles Dodge
954 - 450-1040

Central Campus

Sean Chance - Principal
 Shannon Molina - A.P. Elem.
 Dr. Maria Garcia - A.P. Middle
 Elem. - 954-322-3300
 Middle - 954-322-3300

East Campus

Channale Augustin - Principal
 Melissa Fernandez - A.P.
 954 - 443-4800

FSU Campus

Dr. Lisa Maraj- Principal
 Dr. Kimberly Pizzo - A.P.
 954 - 499-4244

West Campus

Michael Castellano - Principal
 Samantha Grandson-A.P. Elem.
 Alan Pfau - A.P. Middle
 Elem. - 954-450-6990
 Middle - 954-443-4847

Planet T Uniforms

954 - 538-0066

Transportation Authority

954 - 364-4790

IMPORTANT DATES:

School Fees:

Only cash or money order after
Friday, May 1, 2026

Service Hours Due:

Friday, May 29, 2026

Activity Fee for the FSU Campus due:

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Important Dates**September**

9/17 - 23 - Start w/ Hello - WE
 9/22 - Fox-Mar Pictures Make Up -WM
 9/22 - 26 - Choose Peace Week/Stop Violence Week - E
 9/22 - 26 - Peace Week - CE,CM, FSU
 9/23 - NO School
 9/24 - PTSA Dress Down - WM
 9/25 - Dress Down - FSU
 9/26 - Interim Reports
 Wear White Top School w/ Bottom - E, FSU
 Apple Fest KG ONLY - FSU
 Fox-Mar Individual Picture - CE
 PTSA Movie Night - CM
 Kona Ice - E
 Kinder Apple Festival - E
 9/29 - Read-A-Thon Kick Off - E
 9/30 - Fox-Mar Student Pictures - FSU

October

10/1-30 Band Parent Assoc./Snap Raise - CM
 10/1 - Fox-Mar Student Pictures - WE
 10/2 - NO School
 10/3 - PTSA Monster Mash Dance -CM
 K-2 Birthdays - E
 PTA Parent's Night Out @ 6p - E
 10/3-10 Book fair - FSU
 10/6 -10 Scholastic Book Fair - WE CM
 10/8 - 8th Grade Biology Field Trip CM
 Fox-Mar Picture Day - E
 10/9 - PTO Dress Down - FSU
 Ice Cream Social - FSU
 Band Work in Progress
 6pm - WM
 10/10 - Early Release -12:45pm
 Kona Ice - E
 Trunk or Treat @ 6p - E
 10/13 -Teacher Planning - NO School
 10/14 - SOS Dress Down - FSU WM
 CE CM
 K-2 AR Party - CE
 3-5 AR Party - CE
 10/14-30 NEHS Socktober Donation Drive - E
 10/16- Advisory Board Meeting - FSU
 Band in HS Football Game-CM
 10/17 - Trunk or Treat - WE
 Spook Central 6-9pm - CE
 High Five Celebration - E
 3-5 Birthdays - E
 10/20 - NO School
 10/21 - Raising Positive Children 6-8
 Dress Down Pink - CE CM
 10/24 - Trunk or Treat - FSU
 Kona Ice - E
 10/28 - Hispanic Heritage Perf. - WE
 Dress Down - WM
 10/30 - Fall Fest, 1st Grade- WE
 10/31 - Character Parade - WE, FSU
 Fall Fest, 2nd Grade - WE
 KG Character Parade & Fall Festival - CE
 1st-5th Fall Festivals - CE
 PTSA Fun-a-thon - WM
 Fall Festival & KG Parade - E

CE-Central Elem. CM-Central Middle
 E-East Campus FSU-FSU Campus
 WE-West Elem. WM-West Middle

Advisory Board Dates for Central, East and West Campus at 6:00pm

| 2025-2026 Advisory Board Dates | |
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| Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – West Campus | Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – East Campus |
| Tuesday, November 4, 2025 – Central Campus | Tuesday, December 2, 2025 - West Campus |
| Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – East Campus | Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – West Campus |
| Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – Central Campus | Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – East Campus |
| Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – Central Campus | Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – West Campus |

Meetings fall on first Tuesday of each month

East Campus – 10801 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, FL 33025 – 954- 443-4811
 Central Campus – 12350 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026 – 954-322-3300
 West Campus – 18500 Pembroke Road – Pembroke Pines, FL 33029 – 954-4434847

FSU Advisory Board Meeting - October 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm**Faculty Expanding Their Areas of Expertise**

We would like to recognize the following teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter Schools who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject(s). While doing this they are teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved to teach out of field by the Pembroke Pines Charter School's Governing Board.

AV Campus

Ryan Anglani - Gifted
Alyssa Benitez - ESOL
Bianca Carbone - ESOL
Luz Marina Gil - Dance Technique I & Intro to Dance
Patricia Jackson - ESOL
Heather James - ESOL, English I, Intensive Reading II
Glorivette Ortiz-Sanabria - Gifted
Lisette Ponce - ESOL
Sydne Virgille - World Hist., Pers Fin. & Mon Mgmt, World Ctrtl
Kelsley Wilkinson - M/J Compre PE Grade 7, M/J Fitness Grade 6

Central Campus

Christina Blackmon - M/J Language Arts I
Grace Concepcion - ESOL
Kristin Conlon - ESOL
Erick Corretjer - Gifted
Maria Gonzalez - Gifted
Megan Mahone - Gifted
Shari-Kaye Moye - M/J Language Arts 2
Brandon Prescott - Gifted
Elaim Reixach - Gifted
Samanda Soloman - Gifted
Megan Mahone - Gifted
Rebecca Sossai - Gifted
Elyse Speciale - Gifted
Victor Torres - Gifted

East Campus

Jimena Aguilar - ESOL
Lucia Silberman - ESOL
Jessica Valdes - ESOL
Mandria Young - ESOL

FSU Campus

Cynthia Coronado - ESOL
Debra Dubin - Elem. Ed K-6
Karine Miranda - School Counseling K-12
Ana Pacini - ESOL
Marie Reece - Elem. Ed K-6 and Autism
Sara Rodriguez - ESOL, Gifted
Jeannie Roldan-Verges - Elem. Ed K-6
Adiela Vasquez - ESOL

West Campus

Rachel Cohen - ESOL
Erin Constransitch - Gifted
Antoinette Hepburn - ESOL
Chrisafina Lowery - ESOL
Yelithze Useche - Gifted