



Palmetto Elementary

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Access/ Admission Policy

Palmetto Elementary Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

Palmetto Elementary is committed to developing a community of life-long learners with a global mindset utilizing inquiry, knowledge, and compassion. To this end, we empower each other to take action, accept each other's differences, and create a more peaceful world and green environment. As a school community, we commit to a single school culture; collaborating to make this vision a reality

Philosophy

At Palmetto, we recognize language is central to teaching and learning. Therefore we consider all teachers language teachers. Each student is unique, and Palmetto supports the development and support of the mother tongue of all students. We know supporting our student's mother tongue language is essential to their academic growth. Palmetto commits to supporting all of our parents by providing a learning community that promotes and supports language diversity

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Purpose

The School Board of Palm Beach County is committed to providing quality educational opportunities for all students. It strives to provide an educational environment that enhances the student's educational success. The School Board implemented magnet schools and Choice/Career Education programs as one way to ensure that quality educational opportunities were available to all students in diverse settings. The School Board continues to use Choice/Career Education schools and programs as a strategy to provide quality educational opportunities for students in diverse settings, to the extent financial resources are available for the programmatic aspects of these schools and programs and for the related transportation. These education opportunities will be compliant with federal and state law.



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Eligibility

Per [District Policy 5.016](#) any student residing in Palm Beach County can apply to a Choice IB Programme in the county. Students are required to submit an application to the Choice and Career Options Department to be checked for eligibility. If deemed eligible, applications will be run through a lottery system to determine which students will be given seats at the school. Students must meet all application deadlines as posted by the District's Choice and Career Options Department.

-Elementary Eligibility for IB: None

Palmetto Elementary operates as a whole school program, students that are zoned for the school will automatically be placed in IB courses upon their enrollment. This is applicable to PYP and MYP programmes. They are not required to participate in the lottery system.

Roles and Responsibilities

- ❖ **IB Coordinator:** The coordinator will ensure that students are eligible for the program per Board Policy 5.016. The coordinator will contact families if they are awarded a seat in the lottery. The coordinator will post the policy publicly for all stakeholders.
- ❖ **Students:** Students must adhere to all IB policies that the school has in place, in addition to the Choice Contract they are required when they accept their seat to the program.
- ❖ **Parents:** Parents will read and understand Board Policy 5.106 and the IB policies that the school has in place.

Evaluation of Policy

The IB faculty and administration remain deeply committed to ensuring the success of the admission policy. Toward this end, the faculty and administration will review the policy regularly with an eye toward improvement. The policy will be reviewed annually by **[The PYP Coordinator]**. This policy was last reviewed on **[August 2023]**. The Board policy 5.106 is reviewed by the Choice Department and School Board members every 5 years.

Policy Distribution

School Website <https://www.palmbeachschools.org>

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