



Welcome Families

START HERE.

GO ANYWHERE!

At Petaluma City Schools, we believe all students have value, infinite potential, and the right to an excellent education. Thank you for considering starting your child's educational journey with us!



Priority Registration

JANUARY 8TH
FEBRUARY 13TH

TK:

STUDENTS WHO TURN **4** ON
OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST

KINDER:

STUDENTS WHO TURN **5** ON
OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST

PCS follows age guidelines set by the California Department of Education. TK eligible students must enroll in TK and kindergarten eligible students must enroll in kindergarten.

School Tours

Grant Elementary

January 8th at 8:30 AM
January 13th at 8:30 AM
January 21st at 8:30 AM

January 27th at 8:30 AM
February 2nd at 8:30 AM
February 6th at 8:30 AM

February 10th at 8:30 AM
February 13th at 8:30 AM

Mary Collins at Cherry Valley

January 16th @ 9:30 AM
January 21st @ 2:30 PM
January 30th @ 9:30 AM

February 5th @ 9:30 AM
February 13th @ 9:30 AM
March 5th @ 9:30 AM

March 13th @ 9:30 AM
April 16th @ 9:30 AM
April 30th @ 9:30 AM

McDowell Elementary

January 7th @ 9:00 AM
January 8th @ 9:00 AM
January 13th @ 9:00 AM

January 20th @ 9:00 AM
January 27th @ 9:00 AM
February 3rd @ 9:00 AM

February 10th @ 9:00 AM
February 25th @ 9:00 AM

McKinley Elementary

January 16th at 9:00 AM
January 23rd at 9:00 AM
January 28th at 9:00 AM

February 6th at 9:00 AM
February 13th at 9:00 AM

March 13th at 9:00 AM
April 17th at 9:00 AM

McNear Elementary

January 8th @ 8:45 AM
January 15th @ 8:45 AM
January 20th @ 8:45 AM

January 30th @ 9:00 AM
February 5th @ 8:45 AM
February 11th @ 8:45 AM

February 24th at 8:45 AM

Penngrove Elementary

January 8th @ 9:00 AM
January 20th @ 9:00 AM
January 22nd @ 9:00 AM

February 3rd @ 3:15 PM
February 5th @ 9:00 AM
February 10th @ 9:00 AM

March 5th @ 9:00 AM
March 19th @ 3:15 PM

Valley Vista Public Waldorf

January 8th @ 9:30 AM
January 14th @ 10:30 AM
January 16th @ 11:00 AM
January 22nd @ 9:00 AM

January 27th @ 12:00 PM
January 30th @ 9:30 AM
February 6th @ 10:00 AM

February 11th @ 9:00 AM
February 26th @ 11:00 AM
March 31st @ 11:00 AM

Transfers

1

Determine your District of residence by visiting:
petalumacityschools.org/enroll/transfer-information

2

If your district of residence is Petaluma City Schools, or it is a charter school (Penngrove, Waldorf, Cherry Valley) you **DO NOT** need an inter-district transfer. Just complete the online enrollment application.

3

If your district of residence is not Petaluma City Schools, complete the inter-district transfer form & submit it to transfers@petk12.org

4

Be sure to complete the standard online enrollment application as well. Once your transfer is approved, your application will be processed.

Enrollment Process

1

Tour schools and learn about all options and programs

2

Gather all required documentation

a. Date of Birth Confirmation

b. Proof of address, such as: utility bill or rental agreement

c. Immunization Records must be submitted in order to attend school)

d. If applicable: Inter-district or Intra-district Transfer Form

3

Apply during the open enrollment window

(January 8 - February 13)

4

Wait to receive an offer

(Plan to hear in March!)

5

Accept your offer

Ready, Set, School!

WITH OVER 100 YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCE EDUCATING LITTLE HEARTS AND MINDS, OUR TEACHERS PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF THE MOST IMPACTFUL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO GET YOUR LITTLE ONE READY FOR SCHOOL



HELP THEM GET R.E.A.D.Y!

R – ROUTINES & RESTROOM SKILLS

- Practice simple routines and 1-2 step directions.
- Build independence using the restroom (wiping, flushing, handwashing).
- Try dressing skills: zipping, buttoning, putting on sweaters or jackets.

E – EXPRESS YOURSELF

- Encourage your child to say what they need or want.
- Practice speaking in complete sentences.
- Use an appropriate voice volume and learn how to get someone's attention politely.

A – ALL ABOUT SHARING

- Take turns, share toys, and practice waiting patiently.
- Learn how to sit for short periods and focus on a simple task.

D – DO-IT-MYSELF SKILLS

- Managing their own backpack: lunchbox, water bottle, books, folder, sweater/jacket.
- Cleaning up after themselves at home to build the habit for school.

Y – YES TO NEW EXPERIENCES!

- Talk about school in positive, exciting ways.
- Prepare for the big goodbye:
- Create a simple, comforting goodbye plan (e.g., "Hug, kiss, high-five—then you go have a great day!").
- Practice short separations so your child feels confident and safe with new caregivers.

! – CELEBRATE THE START!

- Remind your child that starting school is a big adventure and you're proud of them!