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PSA Mission

PSA exists to meet the distinctive academic, social, and emotional needs of students by utilizing best practices of gifted education.

PSA Building Hours

The hours for supervision of students on campus are from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. To help with extended time circumstances, PSA provides before and after school care from 7:30-8:20 am and 4:00 – 6:00 pm each school day at a nominal cost. In addition, various clubs, organizations, and services meet after school under the supervision of a staff member.

Transportation

PSA works with a bus company, Coastal Bus, to offer transportation for PSA students for a fee. For information see the Coastal Bus website, www.coastalbusline.com

Public Charter School

PSA is a public charter school operating as a unit of the South Carolina Public Charter School District in Columbia, SC. PSA is open to all students who live in South Carolina on a space-available basis. All students are required to complete a rigorous and highly complex course of study that is designed to **challenge** gifted and talented students.

Availability of Classes

Courses are offered dependent on student enrollment and teacher staffing. Palmetto Scholars Academy reserves the right to cancel or eliminate courses for any given school year. Schedule requests will be given priority but cannot be guaranteed.

Middle School Course of Study

	6th	7th	8th
English	English 6/7	English 7/8	English I
Math	Pre-Algebra 6 or Algebra I	Pre-Algebra 7, Algebra I or Geometry	Algebra I or Geometry
Science	Science 6	Science 7	Science 8
Social Science	Ancient World	Contemporary World	SC/U.S. History
Foreign Language	Latin 6	Latin I (option)	French I or Spanish I
Electives* *Updated yearly to meet student needs*	Spanish, Art, Band, Musical Theater, Physical Education	Art, Band, Chorus, Drama, Computer Technology, Physical Education	Art, Band, Chorus, Musical Theater, Physical Education Percussion Science Enrichment, Social Studies Enrichment

High School Course of Study

	9th	10th	11th
English	English II	English III	English 101 and 102
Math	Geometry or Algebra II	Algebra II or PreCalculus	PreCalculus, Calculus, or Physics
Science	Biology	Chemistry, Biology 101, Chemistry 110, or Forensics	AP Chemistry, Biology 101, or Forensics
Social Science	Human Geography	AP or Honors U.S. History	Government & Economics, AP European History
Foreign Language	French II or Spanish II	French III or Spanish III	French IV or Spanish IV
Other	Health, Physical Education, Electives	Electives	Introduction to Research, AP Statistics, Electives
Electives* *Updated yearly to meet student needs*	African American Studies, Art Foundations, Art 2, Art 3, Band, Business/Technology Applications, Chemistry 2, Chorus, Computer Science AP, Cybersecurity, Fashion Design, Fitness, Entrepreneurship, Jazz Band, Journalism, Mission Design, Psychology, Physics, Sociology, Spanish 4, Strength/Conditioning, Theater, Women's Ensemble, Yearbook		
12th Grade	Dual Enrollment through the College of Charleston (CofC) or Trident Technical College (TTC), Research Seminar, and Senior Capstone Project		

Lunch

We partner with Charleston County Schools Food Services to provide meals for all interested students. Parents can fill out an electronic application for free and reduced priced meals. To fill out the national application go to <https://www.lunchapplication.com> and select South Carolina and Charleston County as the school district then PSA as the school. To view menus, view costs, or get more information please visit Charleston County Schools Nutritional Services website: http://www.ccsdschools.com/divisions/operations/nutrition_services

Leap Day

PSA offers numerous athletic, club, and extracurricular involvement in addition to the academic curriculum. Leap day is a great example of these offerings. These days give students a break to dive into other avenues of interests. Leap days for 2018-19 will be broken up into four sessions plus lunch to offer a full day of opportunities to enjoy.

Clubs/Organizations

Boys, Girls & Co-Ed Rugby
Ballistics/Trebuchet
Biology Olympiad
Cheerleading
Cyber Defense
Foreign Language Club
Future Business Leaders of America
Future Problem Solvers International
Gay/Straight/Transgender Alliance
High School House Council
High School Robotics
Middle School House Council
Middle School Robotics
Mission Design
Model UN
National History Day
National Honors Society
Odyssey of the Mind
Quiet Riot
Quest Teams
Step Club
Saber Club
Sustainability
Toastmasters
Yearbook

Athletics

Girls Tennis
Girls Softball
Girls Volleyball
Boys & Girls Basketball
Boys & Girls Soccer
Co-Ed Varsity Cross Country
Co-Ed Track

Student Community Service

PSA Students must perform at least 10 hours of community service each academic year. (Note: Student hours may be attained anywhere service opportunities exist). Please remember to log hours by going through the PSA website under the quick links tab to service hours then choose the STUDENT service hours choice.

Parent(s)/ Family Volunteer Requirement

PSA Parents (or close family members / guardians) are asked to volunteer at least ten hours per academic year. (Note: Parent hours should be for volunteering at or in support of a PSA function). Please remember to log hours by going through the PSA website under the quick links tab to service hours then choose the FAMILY service hours choice.

Volunteer Background Check

In order to volunteer, an annual background check is needed. Please make sure you have completed the annual background check 24 hours prior to volunteering (it costs 12.99). It is required prior to signing up to chaperone, or help out at any school functions. Please go to the school website www.psaschool.org click on the parents tab then click on volunteering for the link to the background check.

Parent Community Association (PCA)

The PSA Parent and Community Association (PCA) is a volunteer organization which exists to support and enrich the academic and community life of the students at Palmetto Scholars Academy and to aid the faculty, staff and administration of the school in carrying out their work.

Website: <http://www.psapca.com>

The Parent Community Association at Palmetto Scholars Academy is active and involved in promoting communication, parenting, student learning, volunteering, school decision making and advocacy, and collaborating with the community. This is accomplished through volunteer opportunities, parent information meetings, and school-wide service-related and social events.

For the 2018 - 2019 School Year the PSA Parent Community Association is pleased to offer a variety of sponsorship levels.

Sponsorship levels

General Membership	\$20
Copper Sponsorship	\$50
Bronze Sponsorship	\$100
Silver Sponsorship	\$250
Gold Sponsorship	\$500
Platinum Sponsorship	\$1000

To sponsor please go to <http://www.psapca.com/>

