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.

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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](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](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](http://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](http://www.psapca.com)