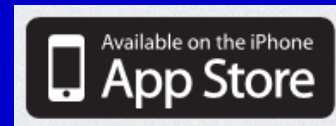


Welcome to Ponce de Leon Middle School's Magnet Orientation!

Tonight's presentation is available to download into your smartphone.

Follow these steps:

1. Download a FREE QR Reader from your provider's app store.
2. Using the QR Reader scan the QR Code sticker in the front cover of your orientation packet.



WELCOME



... a place where
every child matters.

Ponce de Leon Middle School

An International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme World School. Winner of Magnet Schools of America 2016 “Magnet School of Distinction”.



Martha C. Chang,
Principal

Assistant Principals

Yader Lacayo

Jeannette Sierra-Funcia

Activities/Athletic
Director

Melissa Masters

Magnet Lead Teacher

Marlene Ramos

Making the best
of
Middle School

Ponce de Leon Middle is a safe, family oriented school. Our staff is trained in helping our incoming students and their parents make the most of their middle school experience. Every student at Ponce has a counselor, administrator and team of teachers assigned to them that can help to make Ponce an unforgettable and positive experience. Here are tips to help you get ready:

1. Leave your book bag and uniform ready the night before.
2. Keep all important events (school and family life) in your agenda.
3. Do your homework the evening that is first assigned. Waiting creates stress for you and your family.
4. Have phone numbers from at least one student in every class. This will be helpful when you are absent or need help with a homework assignment.
5. Smile, say please and thank you to your classmates and school staff. Everyone is nicer when you have a positive attitude.

6. Join at least 1 extra school activity.
7. You have professional and friendly teachers, ask them for directions on how to get to your next class. Ask your teacher for extra help if you did not understand an assignment.
8. You are a strong, smart student, try getting help for school issues yourself, speak to a Ponce staff that can assist.
9. Be helpful to other students and your teachers, they are also stressed and scare to be in a new school.
10. Be proud, you are lucky to attend the BEST middle school.

COUNSELORS

Sonia Alvarez

Jennifer Juncosa

CONTACTING COUNSELOR

- Call 305-661-1611 to set up an appointment.
- Please allow 48 hours for a call back.

Interdisciplinary Teams

- Problem with 1 or 2 classes
contact the teacher directly at
305-661-1611
- Problem across all classes
contact Team Leader for team
conference at 305-661-1611.
- E-mail your child's teacher
(all emails found in school's website.)

How to get to our web-site:

Visit <http://ponce.dadeschools.net>

The screenshot shows the homepage of Ponce de Leon Middle School. At the top, there is a banner for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, featuring the school's logo and the text "An International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme World School". Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for Home, Our School, IB MYP Magnet, Students, Parents, Faculty & Staff, Academics, and Activities. The main content area features a large banner celebrating the school as a "2014 Winner" of the Magnet Schools of America National Award of Merit. Below this, there is a "Welcome" section with a video player and a "Latest News" section with several news items. The footer contains a link to a webcast featuring Dwyane Wade and James Patterson.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PONCE DE LEON
MIDDLE SCHOOL
An International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme World School

Home Our School IB MYP Magnet Students Parents Faculty & Staff Academics Activities

2014 Winner
MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA

Welcome
Ponce de Leon Middle School
We are committed to producing global students who are responsible members of society.

Follow us on Twitter
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Giving Our Students the World

Latest News

- "20 Years, 20 Stories: After-School All-Stars"** Take a Look!
- Yearbook Pre-Sale Begins (\$25 Cash)**
- Students having problems accessing their Student Portal** Click Here!
- Parents having problems finding student's grades.** Find Our More!
- Dwyane Wade and James Patterson Visit Ponce.** Read More!
- Watch the Wade and Patterson Webcast with Ponce students.** Watch & Listen!

Miami Heat Champion Dwyane Wade and #1 Bestselling Author James Patterson Join Forces to Encourage Children to Read!

Team Leaders 2015-2016

6th Grade Team Leader Eliza Gelin

7th Grade Team Leader Rosa Gonzalez

8th Grade Team Leader Stephanie Milford

SETTING UP
PARENT
CONFERENCES

- Conferences take place on Mondays and Thursdays.
- By appointment only.
- Leave message for Team Leader at 305-661-1611.

CODE OF
STUDENT
CONDUCT

- Progressive Discipline
- Detention with teacher is minimal consequence.
- Progresses to Assistant Principal.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- We are a mandatory uniform school.
- Must wear uniform at all school sponsored events.

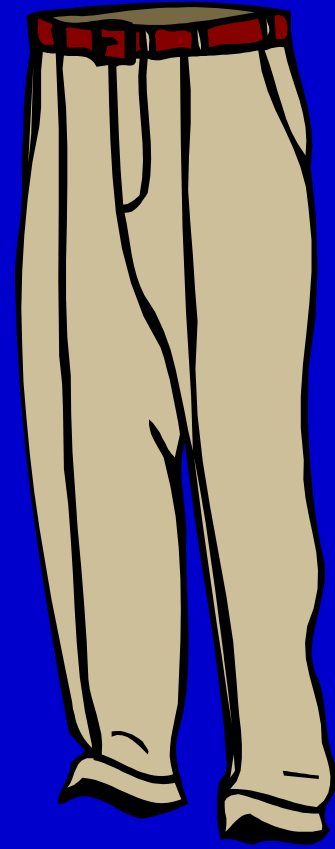
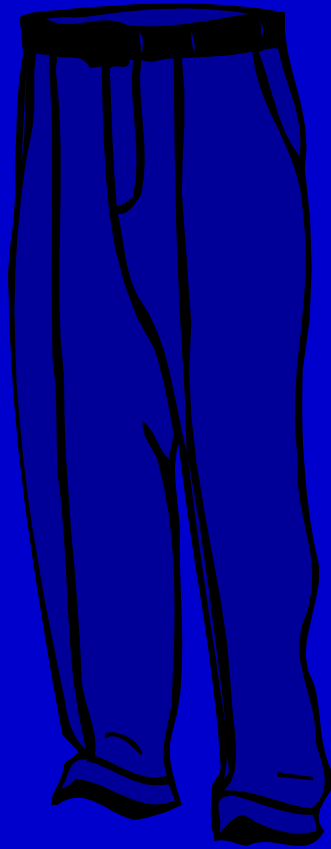
Approved Shirt Colors

- Navy
- White



Approved Colors for Pants

- Navy
- Khaki



ATTENDANCE

YOU CANNOT
LEARN IF YOU ARE
NOT HERE!

Procedures for reporting absences:

- Must bring a written note for every absence within 3 days return to school.
- All absences will be reported as unexcused until appropriate documentation is submitted to the attendance clerk.
- Absences for 5 or more consecutive days require a health provider's note.
- If absence is due to a medical appointment, written statement with time and date of appointment is required from the health care provider.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Academic performance is of primary importance.
- To play sports grade of “C” or better must be maintained in academics and conduct.
- Good attendance

- School insurance is strongly recommended.
- Must comply with Code of Student Conduct.
- Information on how to participate available throughout year.

Activities, Clubs and Sports

2016-2017

5000 Role Models

Bible Club

Chess Team

FCCLA

French Club

Future Educators of America

Gardening Club

Italian Club

Leonettes

National Junior Honor Society

Sea-Perch

SECME

Spanish Club

Spelling Bee Club

Student Council

Thespian Club

Band

Yearbook

Girls Volleyball

Boys Soccer

Girls Basketball

Girls Cross Country

Girls Flag Football

Coed Tennis

Girls Track & Field

Boys Basketball

Boys Cross Country

Boys Track & Field

Girls Soccer



IB

Explorer

Summer Camp

2016



All Stars After School Program



- Afterschool program enrollment is open
- Homework help
- Sports
- Activities
- Nutritious Snack
- Minimal Fee
- Call 786-517-2868 for more information

PTSA

- Parent, Teacher, Student Association
- The largest non-profit statewide volunteer organization working exclusively on behalf of children and youth.

Who can be a member?

Anyone who believes that children are
our future

- Mother
- Father
- Teacher
- Principal
- Custodian
- Cafeteria
Employee
- Coach
- Counselor
- Grandparent
- Student
- Businessperson
- Citizen

Our Purpose

To bring parents and teachers closer so that both can cooperate intelligently in the education and welfare of children & youth.

What is expected of members

- Members pay a one time per year fee of \$20 per family.
- Become involved:
 - Volunteer time
 - Get involved with your child's education and ask for help when needed.

PARENT PORTAL



Students
Grades...

Parents
Child info...

Employees
HR, payroll...

Community
Events...

Parents



Parents are the Most Important Influence in a Child's Education

Login to Parent Portal

[Forgot Username/Password?](#) | [Create Account](#)

What you need to know before logging in...

- ▶ To add students to a new Parent Account you must obtain the following:
 - Your child's MDCPS student ID
 - Parent 6 Digit PIN number (To obtain you must visit your child's school)
 - Students Date of Birth (DOB)

Parent Toolbox

- ▶ ABC Calendar
- ▶ Be Safe
- ▶ Find Your Neighborhood School
- ▶ Free & Reduced Meal App.
- ▶ Forgot Password or ID
- ▶ Homework Policy
- ▶ LINK
- ▶ PTA / PTSA
- ▶ Report Card Info.
- ▶ School Volunteers
- ▶ SCRUB
- ▶ Special Education
- ▶ The Parent Academy
- ▶ User Guides

Parent Highlights

- ▶ Survey of Students with IEP in ESE

Parent Resources

- ▶ 2012 FAFSA Information
- ▶ 2011-12 Vaccination Sites
- ▶ Assistive Technology
- ▶ Federal & State Compliance
- ▶ Autism Task Force
- ▶ Before / After School
- ▶ Bullying
- ▶ Civil Rights Compliance
- ▶ Community Engagement
- ▶ Early Childhood Programs
- ▶ Emergency Videos
- ▶ FDLRS
- ▶ FERPA
- ▶ Good Deals! Good Deeds!
- ▶ Hire Good
- ▶ Khan Academy
- ▶ M-DCPS Library System
- ▶ Parent Resource Guide
- ▶ Resource Guide (Spanish)

THIS SUMMER THINGS TO DO:

- Attend Explorer Camp
- Summer Reading List
- Check the website for information
- Have fun with family and friends!

FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL

- Students will check online what room to report to for homeroom.
- We have no lockers, except in PE.
- Bring Lunch Money (\$2.50) just in case.
- Basic Supplies Needed:
 - Paper
 - Pen
 - Pencil
 - Basic contact information.

LUNCH APPLICATIONS

- Must be renewed annually.
- Must be do on the parent portal.
- Must be done by deadline August 31, 2016.

STUDENT PLANNERS

- Planners will be given to students by the school.
- Encouraged to use planners daily in every class.
- Increase communication.

FORMS TO
LOOK FOR

- Emergency Contact Cards
- Insurance Forms
- Parent Notifications/Activities Calendar
- School Fees:
 - Physical Education: Locks & Uniforms
 - Science Lab Fee
 - Fine Arts Fee
 - Technology Fee
 - Band Fee



MAGNETSCHOOLS

GIVING OUR STUDENTS A WORLD OF CHOICES

2016-2017 School Year DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

As Parent/Legal Guardian(s) of _____ ("the student"), I/we accept the Magnet

Enrollment at Ponce de Leon Middle School (school name of acceptance) for the

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (program name of acceptance) for the

2016-2017 school year. I understand that by accepting this school program, the other schools to which the student was accepted will be declined. The student will remain on the random selection list for the schools to which they are currently wait listed.

Please Note:

- Parents must contact schools directly to determine if transportation is available.
- Once registered, students must continue to maintain standards set forth in the Magnet Student Contract.
- Accepted students must be enrolled as full-time students.
- Acceptance may be provisional, and contingent upon the successful completion of exams, courses, etc. for the current school year.

Student ID

Parent/Legal Guardian – Print Name

Parent/ Legal Guardian – Signature

Date



Superintendent of Schools
Alberto M. Carvalho



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Enrollment Agreement

Congratulations on your child's acceptance to Ponce de Leon Middle School!

Please be advised that in order for your son/daughter to take advantage of this great opportunity, he/she must comply with the following provisions:

- Maintain a minimum of a "C" average in each class.
- Abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the district, the school, and individual teachers inclusive of the Miami-Dade County Public School's Code of Student Conduct, and the Miami-Dade County Public School's Attendance Policy.

Failure to meet the minimum "C" average in each class will result in your child being placed on probation for the remainder of the school year. If at the end of the school year your child does not have a "C" average in each class, your child will be withdrawn from Ponce de Leon Middle School, and you must make arrangements to enroll your child in another school for the following year. If Ponce is the middle school assigned to your neighborhood, your child will be transferred to the regular program.

Failure to follow the rules and regulations will result in disciplinary actions in accordance with Miami-Dade County Public School's Code of Student Conduct and Attendance Policy. These actions may include withdrawing your child from Ponce de Leon Middle School.

If I voluntarily withdraw my child from Ponce de Leon Middle School, I understand that he/she cannot be re-enrolled at the school at a later date. All voluntary withdrawals are final and binding. My child can re-apply during the application period for the following school year to the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program if he/she meets eligibility requirements. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

The signatures below acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth in this agreement.

_____	_____	_____
Student's Signature	Student's Name (Printed)	Student's ID #
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature	Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	Date

Ponce de Leon Middle School

IB Explorer Summer Camp

Application

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Student's ID#: _____

Student's Current School: _____

Parent/Guardian Last Name: _____

Parent/Guardian First Name: _____

My Child, (check one):
 Will attend Explorer IB Camp June 13-17, 2016.
 Will Not attend Explorer IB Camp June 13-17.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

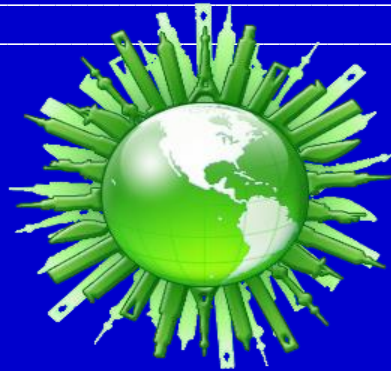
Home number: _____

Parent/Guardian cell phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian work phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____

My child has the following allergies/medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency please contact: Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

List below the names of adults who ARE authorized to pick your child early from camp:

List below the names of adults who ARE NOT authorized to pick your child early from camp:

Ponce de Leon Middle School

Spanish Language Survey

2016



<u>Student's Last Name</u> <i>Apellido del estudiante</i>	<u>Student's First Name</u> <i>Nombre del estudiante</i>	<u>Student's ID #</u> <i>Número de identificación</i>	<u>Entering Grade</u> <i>Grado entrante</i>
			<input type="radio"/> Grade 6 <input type="radio"/> Grade 7 <input type="radio"/> Grade 8
<u>Does student speak Spanish?</u> <i>El estudiante habla español?</i>	<u>Does student read in Spanish?</u> <i>El estudiante lee en español?</i>	<u>Does student write in Spanish?</u> <i>El estudiante escribe en español?</i>	<u>Does student currently take a Spanish class?</u> <i>El estudiante está actualmente en una clase de español?</i>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

THANK YOU for taking
the time to show your
child that education is
important to you.

Feel free to contact us if
you have any questions.

Questions and Answers