

Admissions: FAQ



Developmental Research School
at the University of Florida

Q: How do I get an Admissions application?

A: Admissions applications can be obtained from the P.K. Yonge web site, <http://admissions.pkyonge.ufl.edu>, or the school's Main Office. Information about the Admissions Policy and procedures is also available on the web site. Please note, we only accept complete applications that are delivered in person to the school or received by USPS mail. We cannot accept faxes or email. Caution, emails sent to P.K. Yonge are public records under State law and thereby expose your child's confidential information.

Q: When can I apply for my child?

A: Kindergarten applications are only accepted September 1st through October 31st the year before the child starts Kindergarten. The child must be 5 years old on or before September 1st the year the child starts Kindergarten.

1st - 12th grade applications are accepted throughout the year. No emailed or faxed applications will be accepted. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the school. Please watch for notifications on the admission page of the web site (www.pkyonge.ufl.edu) for application deadlines for sixth and ninth grades.

Q: What if my child's school does not have a Discipline Report or a Behavior Report?

A: A statement on school letterhead addressing discipline or behavior issues or the lack thereof will be accepted.

Q: Do I need to submit a Discipline Report and transcripts with a Kindergarten application?

A: No. This report is only required for applications for grades 1-12.

Q: How do students get selected for admission to P.K. Yonge?

A: P.K. Yonge seeks to maintain a diverse student population that mirrors the student age population of the State of Florida using the demographic parameters of gender, race, socio-economic status and academic achievement levels to balance classes. When openings in a student grade level become available, the current demographics of the grade level are analyzed to determine the enrollment needs. The desired demographic criteria are used to query the application database to find all matching applicants. All matching applicants are then filtered to identify any applicants with a qualified priority. Applicants identified by demographic criteria are then selected by lottery using a pre-determined randomly generated number sequence. For more information see the Admissions Policy pages on the P. K. Yonge web site.

Q: How can I check on my child's application status to determine my child's position on the waiting list?

A: There is NO waiting list or ranking of admission applications. Once a complete application is received, it is processed and entered into the Admissions database and your child then becomes part of the applicant pool for possible lottery selection. Frequent inquiries to school personnel do not enhance or influence your child's selection for admission since selection is by lottery and based on specific criteria stated above.

Q: How many students are enrolled in each grade level?

A: There are 54 students per grade in KG to 3rd grade; 66 student in 4th and 5th grades; 110 students per grade in 6th, 7th, and 8th; and 125 students in grades 9th to 12th grades .

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Q: How soon will I know if my child is selected?

A: Kindergarten students will be selected by mid-December. New 4th grade students are selected in July pending 3rd grade promotion and FCAT scores. New 6th and 9th grade students are selected mid-February through mid-March. Vacated student positions will be filled by lottery from the admissions database with admissions invitations extended from May to September as openings become available.

Q: Do I have to re-apply if my child is not selected?

A: No. To remain in the applicant pool, you will need to update your child's application between **June 15th and October 31st**. The **Annual Application Update** form can be found in the P. K. Yonge Main Office or on the P. K. Yonge website. (<http://admissions.pkyonge.ufl.edu>)

Q: Can I turn in my application if I do not have all of my child's application information?

A: No. Incomplete applications will not be accepted or processed.

Q: My child is interested in P. K. Yonge. Can my child shadow another student or visit for a day?

A: Shadowing (or student visits) is only available once your child has been selected by lottery and extended an invitation for admission. Shadowing visits can be scheduled prior to the Letter of Acceptance deadline. Activity Fees must be paid in full on or before the Letter of Acceptance deadline.

Q: Can I have a tour of the school?

A: P.K. Yonge does not offer personal tours of the school or campus. However, specific grade level information sessions are scheduled each year. Elementary information sessions are scheduled in September and October. Middle school and high school information sessions are usually scheduled in early January. Please check the admission page of the P.K. Yonge website (www.pkyonge.ufl.edu) for details and specific dates.

Q: How can I find out about your curriculum?

A: Information about our curriculum and course sequences can be found on our website. Please check our class webpages and the school counseling website for details. Additional information will be provided during our scheduled information sessions.

Q: What information is there on the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services are offered at P.K. Yonge?

A: P.K. Yonge offers exceptional student educational (ESE) services and accommodations in an inclusive setting. All students identified with a disability must meet the graduation requirement set by the State of Florida to earn a Standard Diploma. We have a carefully designed multi-tiered system of instructional support. Supplemental instruction is designed to support student success in the core curriculum. Most of our instructional support services are provided through a "push in" model with additional "help sessions" provided for our secondary students before and after school. Honors and AP courses are offered for our high school students. Parents must provide the most current Educational Plan, Individual Education Plan, or 504 plan for students who are identified as ESE or having a 504 plan.

Q: One of my children has been selected for admission or is currently enrolled at P.K. Yonge. Will my other children be selected for admission?

A: As described above, students are selected by lottery to complete the demographic profile of each class. While there is no guarantee a sibling will be selected for admission, priority status in the sibling's category

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(gender, ethnicity and income level) is awarded once the first child has been enrolled in P.K. Yonge for one year. Applicants awaiting designation as a sibling are in the applicant pool and are available for possible selection.

Q: What ethnicity should I put down for my child?

A: You should select the ethnic category that most accurately reflects the child's family history. The school's application requires your selection of only one ethnicity category.

Q: My child is a part of a blended family. Whose income do I report as family income for the socio-economic category?

A: The parents/guardians who claim the child as a dependent on their most recent Federal IRS Income Tax Form 1040 should report the amount on the Adjusted Gross Income line of the tax form.

Q: How do I qualify for Reduced Activity Fees?

A: Reduced Activity Fees are based on the eligibility guidelines established by the Federal School Meals program. Guidelines are based on family income and family size. Those seeking to qualify for a reduced activity fee must submit annually to the Business Services Office a *Request for Reduced Activity Fees* and the current Federal Income Tax Form 1040 of the parent/guardian who claims the child as a dependent. If application for a reduced activity fee is granted, the activity fee per student will be \$150 per year.

Q: Whom do I contact for other questions or additional information?

A: You may contact Neila Hutson, Admissions Coordinator at 392-1554 Ext. 247 or nhutson@pky.ufl.edu