Admissions: FAQ

Q: How do I get an Admissions Application?
A: Admissions Applications can be found on the P.K. Yonge website (http://pkyonge.ufl.edu/about/admissions/) or in the school’s Main Office. The Admissions Policy and information about admissions procedures are also available on the website. Complete applications must be delivered in person to the school or received by USPS mail. Emailed or faxed applications cannot be accepted. IMPORTANT: 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: 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 note: To be considered for inclusion in the first round for large intake grade levels:

- **Kindergarten Applications** – Kindergarten applications are accepted from September 1 of the year before the child starts kindergarten until February 15 the following year. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of March.

- **Fourth Grade Applications** – Applications for fourth grade must be received by June 30 of the year the student starts fourth grade. Notifications to successful applicants will be sent after July 4.

- **Sixth and Ninth Grade Applications** – Applications for sixth and ninth grade must be received by December 1 the prior to the students starting sixth or ninth grade. Notifications to successful applicants will be sent in early February.

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 will be accepted. This statement is also required if your child has not had any reported discipline or behavior issues.

Q: Do I need to submit a Discipline Report and transcripts with a Kindergarten application?
A: No. This report is only required for applications/updates 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, and socio-economic status. When openings in a student’s grade level become available, the current demographic 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 on the P.K. Yonge web site.

Q: How can I check 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 Kindergarten to 3rd grade; 66 students in 4th and 5th grades; 110 students per grade in 6th, 7th, and 8th; and 125 students in grades 9-12.

Q: How soon will I know if my child is selected?
A: Kindergarten students will be selected by March 31. New 4th grade students are selected in July pending 3rd grade promotion and FCAT scores. New 6th and 9th grade students are selected in February. Vacated student positions will be filled by lottery from the admissions database with admissions invitations.
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Q: Do I have to re-apply if my child is not selected?  
A: Yes! To remain in the applicant pool, complete an Admissions Annual Application Update between July 1 and October 31 each year. The Admissions Annual Application Update can be found in the P.K. Yonge Main Office or on the P.K. Yonge website. (http://pkyonge.ufl.edu/about/admissions/)

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 a student visit) is only available once your child has been selected by lottery and has received an invitation for admission.

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 during each year. The Elementary Information Session/Tour is scheduled in September. The Secondary Information Session (for Middle and High School) Information Session/Tour is scheduled in January. Please check the P.K. Yonge website for details about Information Sessions. (www.pkyonge.ufl.edu)

Q: How can I find out about your curriculum?  
A: Information about our curriculum and course sequences can be found on our website. Visit the P.K. Yonge website (www.pkyonge.ufl.edu) and click on the Academics tab to learn more about academics at P.K. Yonge, or visit the Elementary, Middle, or High School pages in the About section on the website. Additional information will be provided during our scheduled group tours and information sessions.

Q: What information is there on the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services that 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 “office hours” provided for our secondary students during school (Power Hour) and by appointment. 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 have a 504 plan. Visit: https://pkyonge.ufl.edu/academics/exceptional-student-education/

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: 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 their demographic category is awarded to siblings once a child has been enrolled in P.K. Yonge for one year.

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.

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/guardian 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. After students are selected, families seeking to qualify for a reduced activity fee must submit the current Federal Income Tax Form 1040 of the parent/guardian who claims the child as a dependent. If the request for a reduced activity fee is granted, the activity fee per students will be $150 per year.
Q: Whom do I contact with other questions or for additional information?
A: Neila Hutson | Admissions Coordinator | 352-392-1554 Ext. 247 | nhutson@pky.ufl.edu

Q: Does P.K. Yonge provide transportation for students to and from school?
A: No. P.K. Yonge families provide transportation for their children.

Q: Does P.K. Yonge provide after school care for students?
A: No. However, Bluewave Afterschool, an independent contractor that operates on the P.K. Yonge campus, provides after care options for families of younger children. For more information, visit their website http://www.bluewaveafterschool.com/