



Developmental Research School
at the University of Florida

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?

Applications for admission are accepted year-round. To be included in the first round of selection each year, applications must be received by the published deadlines (below). There are four grade levels that have larger numbers admitted to their student communities each year and have different submission and notification deadlines. These grade levels are kindergarten, fourth grade, sixth grade, and ninth grade.

Kindergarten Applications – To be considered for inclusion in the first round for applicant selection in kindergarten, applicants must be 5 years old either on or before September 1 of the year they start kindergarten. Applications are accepted from September 1 of the year before the child starts kindergarten until February 15 of the year the child starts kindergarten.

Grade Level	Applications Accepted	Deadline	Notifications
Kindergarten	September 1	February 15	End of March
First Grade Second Grade Third Grade	All Year	April 15	During April/May Students are admitted if and when there are vacancies in these grades.
Fourth Grade	All Year	March 15	Beginning of July
Fifth Grade	All Year	April 15	During April/May Students are admitted if and when there are vacancies in this grade.
Sixth Grade	All Year	December 15	End of January
Seventh Grade Eighth Grade	All Year	April 15	During April/May Students are admitted if and when there are vacancies in these grades.
Ninth Grade	All Year	January 15	End of February
Tenth Grade Eleventh Grade Twelfth Grade	All Year	April 15	During April/May Students are admitted if and when there are vacancies in these grades.

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

A: A current statement on school/district letterhead addressing any reported discipline or behavioral issues will be accepted. This statement is required even if your child has not had any reported discipline or behavior issues.



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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 criteria 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 website.

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 FSA 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.

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://pk Yonge.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: Due to construction on our school campus, we are unable to offer shadowing opportunities for students entering P.K. Yonge for the 2020-21 school year.

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.pk Yonge.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.pk Yonge.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.



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

A: P.K. Yonge is able to offer exceptional student educational (ESE) services and accommodations to students with disabilities, but they are limited to those that can be provided in an inclusive setting within its general education program. All P.K. Yonge students, including those who receive ESE services, must be able to meet the graduation requirements set by the State of Florida to earn a Standard Diploma. P.K. Yonge maintains a carefully designed multi-tiered system of instructional supports, and supplemental instruction is designed to support student success in the core curriculum. Most of the school's instructional support services are provided through a "push in" model with additional "office hours" provided for our secondary students during the school day and by appointment. P.K. Yonge offers Honors and AP courses only for its high school students, with dual enrollment options available in the junior and senior year. In the application process, parents/guardians must provide the student's most current Educational Plan, Individual Education Plan, or 504 plan, as well as other requested information regarding the need for ESE or 504 services. Visit: <https://pk Yonge.ufl.edu/academics/exceptional-student-education/>

NOTE: Only complete Admissions Applications will be evaluated for selection and admission. All records requested must be included with the Admissions Application. If the family submits required information after the student has been selected for admission and the school subsequently determines that the student's educational needs cannot be adequately met and supported in a general education setting, the school reserves the right to withdraw the invitation for admission.

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 parent/guardian who claims the child as a dependent on the 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: Who do I contact with other questions or for additional information?

A: Admissions | 352-392-1554 | admissions@pk Yonge.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. 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/>