

MORE ABOUT PCCS



PCCS is a fully-accredited Primer (K-5) through 12th grade private Christian school. PCCS enrolls more than 200 students from numerous communities including Rockwall, Rowlett, Royce City, Greenville, Mesquite, Caddo Mills, Cumby, Quinlan, Terrell, Forney, Scurry and Poetry.

We are able to serve families from diverse income levels due to our sound financial planning as well as our Parent Partnership Program (each family contributes a minimum of 4 hours per month for each child enrolled to help with operational needs, including housekeeping, landscaping, monitoring (traffic, recess, lunch), computer & website maintenance, facility management and more).

As a multi-denominational Christian school, PCCS recognizes that “we’re more the same than different.”

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Language Development
Speech Therapy
Assessment Services
Reading Recovery
Modified Pace & Curricula
Individual & Small Group
Instruction



*Providing daily support
resources
while linking your child
to their age-appropriate
classroom*

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The PCCS vision extends beyond the mainstream classroom setting to offer educational resources to students with varied instructional needs and learning differences.

Our LINK Lab offers small group & individualized instruction for students in grades 1-12. Its success is a product of sound interactive & multi-sensory teaching strategies integrated with well-recognized curricula. We seek to help each student reach his or her potential and are eager to make adjustments when a student's learning style warrants it or as a student's needs change over time.

DIVERSE PROGRAMMING

PCCS core college-prep programming utilizes nationally-recognized & "top 10" curricula (US Dept of Education, Am. Assoc. for Advancement of Science) and is pleased that its annual Stanford Achievement average falls within the U.S. top 15%. To meet its mission to offer private Christ-centered education to a broader spectrum of families, PCCS piloted its learning differences program in 2003. This specialized program includes:

- LINK Lab, Upper & Elementary School
- Fast ForWord
- Inspiration & Kidspiration
- Reading Recovery
- Individualized Support Tutoring
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Assessment Services



Referrals to particular LINK Lab classes and Personalized Education Plans (PEPs) are based upon core teacher recommendations, educational testing, prior school records & other available information about a student's particular

learning profile. For example, a student may complete mainstream math while undertaking LINK Lab language arts studies. In addition to any mainstream courses, LINK Lab students enjoy daily time with age-appropriate peers during morning devotions, recess, lunch and afternoon **Enrichment Courses*** beyond "Three R's." **Assessment Services** assist our staff in placement decisions as well as personalizing LINK Lab groups and lessons plans to student needs. PCCS offers a full battery of assessments (WIST, GSRT, CROPP, OWLS, CASL, GFTA, LDDI, KBIT-2, ADHDT) as well as vocational tools (OASIS-3, VPI). **LINK Lab is currently staffed with six teachers** with early childhood-12th grade experience (e.g., speech and language pathology, fluency, learning differences, reading recovery, behavioral modification, dyslexia, autism, modification development, deaf ed, psychology, & vocational/academic testing).

The **Upper School LINK Lab** utilizes TEA Graduation Requirements to develop graduation plans for each student; however, the transcript will reveal a course load modified as to pace and curricula commensurate with each student's abilities. Upper School LINK Lab has been pleased with the Pearson Education AGS Global Division curricula for Math, Language Arts & Literature, Science & Social Studies. The English class supplements with novels chosen for their concrete representation of concepts and themes. This program modifies instruction through pacing, interweaving of working examples into discussions and exercises, offering multi-sensory approaches to subject matter (e.g., visual, verbal, written), and re-teaching/reviewing concepts to improve memory & mastery.



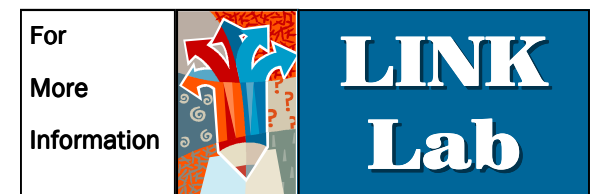
Elementary LINK Lab teachers tailor instruction to each LINK Lab group using a modified & enhanced Stevenson Program for reading & language arts intervention. PCCS students have made great strides in auditory processing, memory, focus, sequencing, blending & organization. Our use of structured phonics, multi-sensory and phonemic approaches, direct instruction, comprehension techniques and mnemonic strategies effectively teach phonics & bolster retention (*Teaching Exceptional Children* cites

*The **PCCS Enrichment Program** includes more than 50 courses in the 6th/7th periods such as Drumline, Quilting, Photography, Danger Rangers, Art & Crafts, Pottery, 4-H Club, Puppets, Drama, Ballet, Speech Team, Karate, P.E., Ballroom Dancing, Bible, Athletics, Conversational Spanish, Outreach Team, Multi-media Art, Money Mgt, Keyboarding, Sign Language, Wilderness Skills, Creation Station, Gourmet Cooking, Chess & more. Students enthusiastically await each semester's list of Enrichment courses they and their parents choose!

research supporting mnemonic instruction as the most effective special education intervention). The Math Advantage curricula works well for LINK Lab students and offers differentiated instruction & multi-sensory integration.

Supplemental Programs available include **Fast ForWord**, a Stanford University-endorsed program designed to improve reading & mental acuity. This 5-day-per-week program was recently evaluated by the WWC division of the Dept. of Education which noted that Fast ForWord has strong positive effects on alphabets and mixed effects on comprehension. Other studies show that 90% of Fast ForWord completers exhibit improvements in reading achievement, provided FF protocols are followed. PCCS enrolls approx. 20 students annually in the FF Lab and is pleased to report positive results in reading comprehension, fluency, and language skills in most students who complete FF. For specific U.S. school FF successes, see www.scientificlearning.com. **Inspiration** (6th & up) & **Kidspiration** (K-5th grades) are two related programs recommended by Scottish Rite to PCCS. Kidspiration uses visual learning aids to help students strengthen word recognition, vocabulary, comprehension & written expression, while the Inspiration program helps older students visualize ideas, concepts, relationships, improve writing efficiency, & plan/organize research projects using visual cues. **Individualized Support Tutoring** is available each afternoon for any PCCS student struggling in any course. **Reading Recovery**, ranked as an optimal intervention practice for 1st grade struggling readers by the Dept. of Education-WWC Division, is also offered at PCCS by a trained RR instructor.

These PCCS programs have seen many successes and smiling faces.



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