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Parent-Student Handbook

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Pacoima Charter School (PCS) recognizes that, when schools and parents form strong partnerships, our children's potential for educational success improves significantly. Teachers and school administrators become more aware of parent and community expectations and may implement their suggestions regarding programs and operations. Parents learn the scope of the school's instructional program and set high expectations for their children. As a result, schools can better focus on student growth and success. Schools have the responsibility to involve parents in this partnership. Therefore, PCS supports a variety of parent-involvement programs that require schools to involve parents at all grade levels in a broad range of roles. These programs are coordinated through the Parent Center at (818) 899-2077. In addition, the Special Education department has resources for parents of students with disabilities to be involved or obtain information about their child. For more information, contact (818) 834-6519

Mandatory 30 hour Parent Involvement

30 hours of parent involvement are required per family, per school year. Hours can be earned by participating in the following activities:

- Visits to the public library
- Visits to Museums
- Attending field trips
- Attending school events such as Parent-teacher conferences, Open House, etc.

Parent Leadership Action Committee (PLAC)

Parents are encouraged to be part of the decision making process at PCS. The Parent Leadership Action Committee meets monthly. Meeting dates are available in the main office. The committee informs parents about decisions that are made in the Business, Curriculum and Network committees. Parents have the opportunity to participate in major decisions affecting their children's education and the distribution of funds.

Student Safety

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

The safety of our students is our major priority. The parking lot is not for dropping off or picking up students. Students are to be dropped off and picked up at the curb along the street. Please do not park in the parking lot or double -park on the street. *We offer a valet program for student drop-off on Norris Street in the morning from 7:15am-8:00am*.

Each grade level is dismissed at specific gates.

Grade Level	Gate
1st , 2nd	Gates on Norris Ave.
3 rd	Herrick Ave. next to auditorium
4 th	4 th grade building on Norris Ave.
5 th	Next to main office