



PARENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (PPP)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Making an educational change for your child can be an overwhelming and/or exciting experience. Please read through the following frequently asked questions to help get a better sense of who we are and what our expectations are of students and parents.

Q What is Parent Partnership Program (PPP) all about? How is it different than a traditional school?

- A** PPP is a homeschool program in which students come to the PPP (Parkway Campus) for one to three days a week depending on grade level. Homeschool students get direct group instruction with PPP and continue that learning at home with the parent/guardian playing a role in that learning. The planning and executing of that learning shift from parent/guardian to teacher as the child gets into higher grade levels.
- Kindergarten students come up to one day a week for supplemental instruction. The bulk of their learning happens at home through the development of a parent-teacher learning plan. Students in grades 1–6 are given core curriculum and a weekly plan on the one to two days a week they are at PPP. The other days of the week, parents/guardians are teaching that plan at home.
 - Students in grades 7–10 are given core and elective curriculum to complete on the two to three days a week that they are at PPP. When they are at home, parents/guardians are ensuring students are completing assigned work.

Every student has a written student learning plan (SLP). The SLP is developed by you and your staff advisor together. It contains the written details of what subjects your student will be doing at home and what subjects/classes they will be attending here at PPP.

Q What grade levels attend your school? What are the sizes of your regular classes?

- A** We serve students in grades K–10. The average size of a regular class is 12 students.

Q What kinds of classes do you offer?

- A** Our classes include:
- Regular classes consisting of students and one staff member teaching. These consist of core (reading, writing, math) and elective classes. All of our high school classes give high school credit.
 - The program offers remote classes using district curriculum. The student may come in once a week to meet with a teacher or contact may be made online.
 - Homebased classes in which the teacher and parent/guardian designs/selects the curriculum and the student comes in once a week to have a staff member oversee that curriculum. The course work for high school credit needs to have certification.
 - Apex online classes (high schoolers only) using district curriculum.

Q Do I need to stay on campus with my child?

- A** No, feel free to drop your child up and pick up at the end of the school day.

Q What do I for my volunteer time?

A Parents/guardians are encouraged to volunteer with the program. Volunteers help with projects for teachers on campus, help with events on campus, assist with recess supervision, help maintain safe practices where touch surfaces are involved, etc. There are also opportunities to volunteer with home-based projects and activities.

Q Does PPP accommodate students who are on an individual education plan (IEP)?

A In-district students qualified for special education services may receive academic support based on an IEP team decision. Other services such as language or occupational goals may be provided at resident schools in our district. Our staff is open to helping your student with any special concerns. Please talk to your SLP advisor or our principal.

Q How will my student on a 504 be supported?

A 504 plans are reviewed annually and staff will support individual needs.

Q Can my child use the district bus in getting to/from PPP if I live within the Snohomish School District?

A Bus transportation is not available at PPP.

Q We do not reside in the Snohomish School District and would need a choice transfer. Do you take choice transfers?

A We do take choice transfer students. Your paperwork must be turned in to your home district first. The information will then get sent to the principal for final approval electronically.

Q Does PPP offer lunches to purchase or free/reduced lunches?

A We do. Our lunches need to be preordered since they are delivered from another location in the district. Please talk with the front office to order a purchased lunch, or to apply to receive free/reduced lunches.

Q Does PPP offer state testing? And if so, is my student required to test?

A We do participate in state testing every spring due to our state requirements. This testing gives teachers and parents/guardians good information about student learning. Students are required to participate in assessments. The information is used globally by the school to help staff structure instruction.





Q Because of our schedule, I only need my child to be at PPP for one or two classes, or part of a day. Is that an option?

A It is! Talk to your SLP advisor and you can decide what day(s) and or classes your student wants to attend. We have many students who come for only part of a day, or only for certain classes. Part-time enrollment can occur and parents may maintain their homeschooling status. (See the principal for more details.)

Q I am interested in my child taking a class at another school while also taking classes at PPP. Is that a possibility?

A We do share students with some other schools in our district. Let your SLP advisor know what you would like to do. Your SLP advisor, principal and you will decide how to best make the sharing of schools happen.

Q Does PPP offer classes for high school credit?

A All of our high school classes are for credit classes. If your high school student takes any class at PPP, they will receive credit for that class and it will be posted to their high school transcript.

Q My student wants to take an online class. Are online classes offered through PPP?

A Our district online program is called Apex and is available only to our high school students. We do have students who take Apex classes during their day at PPP, if the course is not available on campus. You can talk to your SLP advisor about how taking an Apex class could be a part of your high school student's curriculum.

Q Can my child get a high school diploma through PPP?

A PPP does not offer high school diplomas. We normally have classes that go up to 10th grade. After 10th grade, students have the option to:

- Go to a traditional high school,
- Apply to become a student at AIM High School,
- Attend Running Start, and receive a diploma when the AA degree is completed,
- Or decide to maintain homeschool status.

Talk to your SLP advisor or the principal about your concerns and options for a high school diploma.

Q Does the district supply curriculum for both PPP-enrolled classes and my student's home-based classes?

A: The district will provide curriculum for only the classes that students take at PPP.

Q Are cell phones allowed on campus?

A Cell phones are allowed for students in grades 5–10 if they are out of sight during class time (unless requested by a teacher to be used for a class activity). If needed, students should contact parents only during lunch break.

Q As a parent, what will I be expected to do for PPP?

A The following is a checklist of expectations for parents. Inability to meet these expectations may result in your student not being able to continue enrollment in PPP.

Parent expectations:

- Homeschool my student at home on the days my student is not on campus and communicate with teachers frequently about my student's academic progress and status.
- Send my child to school each day with a backpack containing a three-ring binder, paper, pencils, pens and enough food for my child's snack or lunch. I will especially make sure my high schooler has a three-ring binder each day.
- Turn in samples on the 20th of each month of every month my student attends PPP (if applicable).
- Use Skyward/Family Access to stay informed of my student's academic progress (this is especially important for 7th–10th graders).
- Contact PPP office staff by phone or email each time my student is absent and give a reason for absence. To get work my child missed when absent, I will contact each teacher directly.
- Plan on my student fully participating in the state testing each spring. I will talk to the principal if I have questions or concerns.
- Carefully read all emails from school to stay informed about all the school happenings.
- Check my family file and read the parent information board often. I will look at the reader board when it's outside. I will stay aware of what's going on at PPP.
- Sign up for and attend both the fall and spring parent-teacher conferences. It is extremely important for me as the parent to attend both conferences.
- Attend the high school parent information meeting held in the fall (if applicable) for parents of 8th–10th graders.
- Attend all three of the all-parent meetings which are typically held in September, January and May.
- Accompany my student to after school or evening PTO or school events; these events always require parental/guardian supervision.
- Adhere to parking lot drop-off and pick-up procedures. I will be patient in line, not pass on the left, and only drop off or pick up when my car is the front car in the line. I will exit the lot and circle around if directed to do so.
- Park on the street every time I come inside the campus and use the crosswalk.

- Make sure that my student is dressed appropriately each day they are on campus according to the PPP dress code, including having them wear playground friendly shoes. I will remember the dress code when it's hot outside.
- Drop off my student on campus no earlier than 15 minutes before their first class starts and pick them up no later than 15 minutes after their last class ends.

Q I am interested in having my child enroll at PPP. What are the steps of enrollment/registration?

A We have four steps to our enrollment process. Once all three (or four if applicable) steps are completed, your student may then begin classes.

1. The first is completing the online registration packet and getting it approved by our principal. The principal wants to make sure that our program is the right fit for your family. Additional forms will be required and can be obtained from the registrar. If your student is on an IEP you must contact the principal before registering.
2. Once your registration is approved, the second step is to schedule and then attend a student learning plan (SLP) appointment (more information below.) A staff member will be assigned to your family, who also acts as your academic advisor, and this is who you will meet with during this appointment. The SLP appointment is when you and your SLP advisor decide on the learning plan for your child (i.e. what classes are taken on campus, what classes are taught at home, and goals for each class.) Your student can only be eligible to attend classes once the SLP is in place.
3. The third step is to have our school nurse approve your immunization (or certificate of exemption) status. Your student can only be eligible to attend classes when your immunization status is in accordance with state mandated laws and is approved of by our nurse and on file at PPP. Contact your doctor's office and get the information from them about the status of your child's immunizations. Your doctor must sign the immunization form or the certificate of exemption form (both are in the registration packet.) We have immunization information at our front office available for you. Please note that our district is subject to the regulations mandated by the Washington State Department of Health which may be different than the recommendations of your doctor.
4. The last step is for choice transfer students only. If you are a choice transfer student, you must have the process completed and approved electronically by the principal before your student can start classes.

Q I didn't see my question answered here. Who can I call to find out more information?

A Call the PPP main office at 360-563-3423 and we will do our best to answer your question or direct you to the person that can best help you.