

How Do I Apply?

Application process for the Middle School and High School PBL Learning Programs is the same:

(1) Complete a Application for Admission

Anyone can submit an Application on student's behalf. These can be found in Guidance & Administrative offices in all Middle and High Schools or online at www.fcps1.org at the Southeastern Alternative School homepage.

(2) Submit Application

Applications may be submitted by mail, online, or to your base school's main / guidance offices. If you would like assistance completing an application, please stop by our office at your convenience.

(3) Applications will be reviewed and parents will be contacted within 10 business days to explain the next steps in the process.

(4) Students selected to continue with the application process will receive an Invitation for a Student & Parent Meeting during interview weeks.

Submit your application by:	To start Southeastern on:
August 4, 2015 (Tues)	August 17, 2015 (Mon)
October 2, 2014 (Fri)	October 19, 2015 (Mon)
December 4, 2015 (Fri)	January 6, 2016 (Wed)
February 26, 2016 (Fri)	March 14, 2016 (Mon)
July 29, 2016 (Fri)	August TBD, 2016

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These are **programs of choice** requiring interested students and / or parents to submit an **Application for Admission** and complete the interview process for consideration of enrollment.

Southeastern Alternative School

Project-Based Learning Programs

“Hands-on, real-world learning for the struggling student.”



**Middle School - Grade 8
High School - Grades 9 - 12**

What are the Project - Based Learning Programs at Southeastern?

Our Project-Based Learning Programs are designed to offer a **hands-on, interactive, project-based**

learning (PBL) approach to instruction and assessment in all core academic areas required for promotion and graduation.

Class sizes are extremely small with an average student to teacher ratio of 1:10. Students participate in classes structured to meet

the needs of diverse learners while they work to solve complex, real world problems. Students are required to participate in bi-weekly field trips, outdoor / indoor projects, and a Final Symposium which showcases their achievements.

Our approach to learning is significantly different—but it is not easier or watered-down. We adhere to the same VA—SOLs and FCPS curriculum as the base schools. However, **the difference in our approach makes school success more attainable for students who struggle with traditional teaching approaches.**

Am I right for this program?

Is my child right for this program?

Look at these simple questions to see if you, or your child, might be a candidate for the Project—Based Learning Programs at Southeastern:

- *Do you struggle with traditional lecture and / or note-taking teaching styles?*
- *Do you enjoy hands-on, visual projects?*
- *Do you like to work in partners or in groups?*
- *Are you failing or barely passing your courses even though you try to understand the material?*
- *Are you easily distracted and therefore teachers / parents think you aren't paying attention?*
- *Do you withdraw from class participation?*
- *Do you have a high level of anxiety surrounding school or class work?*
- *Do you struggle with completing homework without assistance and getting it done on - time?*
- *Do you need additional time to discuss and process your decisions when angry, mad, sad, frustrated in a place that is safe and inviting?*

If most of your answers are **YES**, then you may want to consider investigating the PBL Programs further. We have an **OPEN DOOR** policy inviting all interested parents & students to visit, learn about the program, meet staff members, take a tour, and maybe peek into a classroom or two. Additionally, we hold "Informational Sessions" 3x a year—see our website or call our office for more information about dates / times.

What does a normal day look like?

Arrival— 7:10am to 7:25am (*Breakfast served*)

Daily Classes— 7:30am to 1:36pm (*Lunch served*)

Dismissal— 1:36pm



Transportation is provided for all students enrolled in the PBL programs at Southeastern. *Student drivers must complete required paperwork.*

Middle school students in Grade 8 follow a year-long schedule including Pre-Algebra (or Algebra) English, Geography, Physical Science, and a rotating Activities block.

High school students follow a 4x4 block schedule.

Students may earn credits in courses required for graduation in all content areas. Content area electives vary by term:

English 9, 10, 11, 12

Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, AFDA, Informal Alg.

World **History** 1 & 2, US History, Government

Earth **Science**, Biology, Ecology

Physical Education 9 & 10

Economics & Personal Finance

Additional electives, using one of our various accredited, online learning programs and independent study may be an option for some students.

All students work towards a standard or advanced diploma. *Please see FCPS Program of Studies for diploma requirements.*