

Mini-term F. A. Q.'s

1. Why does PCS have mini-term?

Mini-term allows us to enhance our curriculum by going deeper into some subjects or by offering additional subjects that are not possible throughout the school year.

Mini-term also provides off-campus learning opportunities in Central Illinois and abroad.

2. Is mini-term required?

Mini-term is required for all full-time students at PCS. Part-time students may choose if they want to participate in mini-term or not. School-sponsored mission trips fulfill the mini-term requirement.

3. When is mini-term this year?

Mini-term is March 13-17, 2017.

4. What time are mini-term classes?

AM classes 8:30-11:30

PM classes 12:15-3:15

5. How do I register?

Download a registration form under High School Downloads on the website.

Open the catalog and consider courses that might interest you.

Complete registration form, including alternatives. (Do NOT include courses you have already taken.)

Turn in at the H.S. office by the deadline for your grade.

6. How are students assigned to mini-term classes?

Registration forms are considered by turn-in order – starting with seniors and juniors, and later sophomores and freshmen. (Forms turned in after the deadline follow ALL forms that were turned in on time.)

Each student will be assigned to his or her first choices that are still available.

Students will not be assigned to classes that are too similar – example: Pottery Projects & Ceramics Projects.

7. When do we pay for the class?

Assigned classes will be posted in January. Shortly after that, you should receive an invoice in the mail. Pay by the February due date on the invoice.

8. How are mini-term grades determined?

Most classes grade largely on participation in classroom activities such as listening, discussion, note taking/journaling, or completion of projects. Some classes include assigned reading or papers. Others include active participation in service projects or athletics. See the specific class description for details.

Attendance at your mini-term class is required and will be included as a grading criterion for any mini-term class.

9. What about classes that meet off campus?

Students and parents will need to arrange transportation to off-site classes. Class instructors will distribute and collect proper permission slips for student drivers and passengers.

10. What happens for lunch during mini-term?

Students that will be on campus for AM and/or PM classes can still order lunches online. They can also bring lunches. Only students that have an off-campus class before or after lunch may stop to pick up lunch during their commute.