



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

At Paul Cuffee School, we're preparing all students for college and careers.
How do you know if your child is on track? Your child should be meeting these goals:

Definitions of the language used is provided on the back of the page

GRADES	GOALS	WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE
K - 12	Be a strong reader to build a large vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read every day in all the languages you know• Successfully exit from language support programming• ACCESS overall score 4.8
K - 12	Be in school, on time, every day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fewer than 9 absences for the year• Fewer than 9 tardies for the year
K - 1	Master foundational literacy & math skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know and write all letters and sounds• Count from 0-100 (aloud and counting objects)• Speak in full sentences• AIMSweb reading & math: green or blue
2 - 5	Master foundational literacy & math skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RICAS: score of 500 or above (gr 3-8)• AIMSweb: green or blue• STAR: At/above benchmark• Grades: Score of 3/GS or above
6 - 8	Read, calculate, and problem solve in math at or above grade level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RICAS: score of 500 or above (gr 3-8)• AIMSweb: green or blue• STAR: At/above benchmark• Grades: Score of 3/GS or above
9 - 12	Read at or above grade level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR reading: at/above benchmark• English grades: 3 or 4• PSAT 10: 430 or above in reading and writing• SAT 11: 480 or above in reading and writing
9 - 12	Maintain a strong Grade Point Average (GPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain a grade point average of 2.8 or better
9 - 12	Math at or above grade level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR math: at/above benchmark• Math grades: 3 or 4• PSAT 10: 480 or above in math• SAT 11: 530 or above in math
11 & 12	Prepare for College & Careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the FAFSA form• Complete College + Career Counseling class• Complete Common Application

GLOSSARY

ACCESS	ACCESS is a English language test for K-12 students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs) to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English.
AIMSweb	Achievement Improvement Monitoring System is a research-based screening and progress monitoring assessment. PCS students in K-5 reading and math are tested in the fall, winter, and spring to compare students' growth with national averages.
College/Career Class	Mandatory course for all 11th & 12th grade students. Provides an opportunity to explore post-secondary options and apply to relevant programs and schools.
Common Application	An application that most colleges require students to fill out for admission to their university.
FAFSA Form	Free Application for Federal Scholarship Aid. Completing this form is required for students to qualify for financial aid at the college level.
Foundational Literacy Skills	The skills we use to read and write words. Foundational literacy skills include reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.
Foundational Math Skills	These skills include numerical operations skills (including adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing), place value, measuring, shapes, fractions, and problem solving.
GPA	Grade Point Average - A number representing a student's academic achievement during their time at school. It is calculated as the total number of grade points received over a given period divided by the total number of credits awarded.
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. A Rhode Island 10th grade requirement, this college/university preliminary entrance exam is taken by PCS students in the fall of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade.
RICAS	Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System. Every year in the spring, all PCS students in grades 3-8 are required to take the English Language Arts and Math RICAS tests to measure their mastery of the state's academic standards.
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test. Rhode Island requires that this college/university entrance exam is taken each spring by 11th graders. To improve their scores, Paul Cuffee students will also take the SAT in the fall of their 12th grade year.
STAR	A series of required reading and math assessments for students in grades 6-12. PCS gives these tests in the fall, winter, and spring to see students' growth in core academics compared to students nationwide.



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