



## FAQ's

### Why should I consider choosing Pacific View Charter School for my child(ren)?

Pacific View Charter School offers many benefits to students and families:

- ❖ **Comprehensiveness-** Pacific View Charter School provides a complete instructional program for students, with high-quality lessons, units, and integrated assessments combined into a comprehensive offering.
- ❖ **Flexibility-** Recognizing that each child is unique, our adaptive learning program is customizable and designed to meet the needs of individual students.
- ❖ **Support-** Pacific View Charter School gives parents and teachers the tools, resources, materials, and guidance they need to ensure that students receive an education comparable to the best public and private schools.
- ❖ **Credibility-** Affiliation with K12® and WASC accreditation brings with it the credibility of a respected educational program and the legitimacy of a public charter school.
- ❖ **Materials.-** All instructional materials (including books, workbooks and other curriculum supplies) are provided by Pacific View Charter School at no cost to the parent.
- ❖ **Individualization-** The learning program is self-paced and adapts to the needs of individual students.
- ❖ **Planning & Progress Tools-** The Internet-based learning program comes with easy-to-use planning tools and user-friendly academic progress reporting tools.
- ❖ **Community-** Students and families can become active members of Pacific View Charter School community with online community features, events, local field trips, and other face-to-face gatherings.

**Do I need to own a computer to attend?**

It would be ideal if the student had access to the Internet from home. If the student does not have access to the Internet at home, Pacific View Charter School has computers on site for students to access all K12 lesson and pacing guides, Monday- Friday 8:00 am- 4:00pm.

**What computer skills are required?**

Basic level computer skills are required. Use of the computer is an important part of the program, but in the early grades it is the parent (or other responsible adult) who interacts with the computer. The program is easy to use.

**How much time do students spend on the computer?**

At Pacific View Charter School, we believe in a balanced approach toward the computer. Computers help us provide you with effective assessment, planning, and time-management tools. As a result, you can spend more time personally interacting with your child. Computers also act as powerful learning tools that can motivate, stimulate, and keep children informed about the world around them. They do not, however, replace a solid education. Rather, they help facilitate one. That's why we use a unique multimedia approach that also includes a great deal of old-fashioned books, workbooks, and instructional materials.

**What is a charter school?**

A charter school is an independent public school of choice, freed from most state regulations but accountable for results. Charter schools are incredibly varied—there is no single charter school model. Generally, there are four "pillars" that make up the charter school idea: freedom, innovation, choice, and accountability.

**What does it cost to attend Pacific View Charter School?**

As a program of a public charter school, there is no tuition. Pacific View Charter School provides all instructional materials for the program. However, students and families will be responsible for providing some consumable materials (such as printer ink and paper).

**What does Pacific View Charter School provide to students and families?**

- ❖ Leadership, support, and guidance from teachers and the rest of the Pacific View Charter School staff.
- ❖ Books, workbooks, manipulatives, maps, as well as other supplies necessary to complete our program.
- ❖ Engaging lessons and integrated assessments.
- ❖ Easy-to-use planning tools.
- ❖ Academic progress reporting tools.
- ❖ Monthly social outings.

### **Who is eligible to attend?**

Pacific View Charter School is an autonomous school authorized by Oceanside Unified School District that can enroll students living in the following counties:

- ❖ San Diego
- ❖ Riverside
- ❖ Orange
- ❖ Imperial

### **What subjects will my child study?**

Students in grades K–8 will study Language Arts, Math, Science and History.

The high school program offers over 100 courses and includes UC/a-g approved courses.

### **How do I enroll my child?**

Got to [www.pacificview.org](http://www.pacificview.org) and click on “Enroll Now” or

Contact: Grades K-8: Mary Roberts [mroberts@pacificview.org](mailto:mroberts@pacificview.org)

High School: Steve Bentley [sbentley@pacificview.org](mailto:sbentley@pacificview.org)

### **Does the program provide textbooks and other instructional materials?**

Yes, we provide all the textbooks and instructional materials that are needed to complete the program. These books and materials will be received upon enrollment.

### **Who grades student work?**

Grades K-8: On a day-to-day basis, parents review and grade student work and physical work is sent to teachers periodically for their expert review. Teachers collaborate with parents to assign semester grades.

High School: K12® Highly Qualified Teachers grade student work.

### **Can my child work at his or her own pace?**

The program is designed to be self-paced and flexible.

Grades K-8: Students must complete 90% of coursework to be promoted to the next grade level.

High School: Students work in two courses at a time for six weeks.

### **What are the parents' responsibilities?**

Parents (or other responsible adults) guide students through the lessons and

ensure that children are learning. They also contact teachers when students are experiencing academic problems, help students manage their time and set goals, monitor student work, meet with teachers in regular conferences, and fill out daily attendance logs.

It should be noted that participation in our program requires a large investment of time by parents. The academic program is demanding, and requires approximately five hours per day of student work. Parents who are unable to make this commitment themselves may designate another "responsible adult" who can make the time commitment to guide the student through the daily lessons, monitor their assessments, keep them on track, communicate with their teachers, etc.

### **What tests are required as part of the program?**

- ❖ K12 lesson assessments
- ❖ K12 unit assessments
- ❖ STAR (Grade 2 and above)
- ❖ CST Writing Test (Grades 4 and 7)
- ❖ Physical Education Testing (Grades 5 and 7)

### **Since students do not go to a school building every day, how do they interact socially?**

Throughout the year, students are invited to participate in monthly field trips. Pacific View Charter School also offers a classroom setting with a credentialed teacher one day a week on site for K-8 students to become accustomed to a classroom experience and to interact socially.

### **Is the program's network secure?**

Any records kept or transmitted electronically are subject to high standards of electronic security. Our network security system is state-of-the-art. We employ electronic firewalls and we monitor and test the system regularly to ensure its stability and integrity.

### **What is the process for leaving the program if I change my mind?**

Students can leave the program at any time. This is a school program of choice. All you have to do is formally notify Pacific View Charter School's administration and Supervisory Teachers of your intention to remove your student from the program and return the materials and equipment that were provided to you.

### **How does this virtual program take attendance?**

Attendance records are maintained by Pacific View Charter School teachers. Teachers and administrators review attendance logs on a regular basis to

determine that students are on track.

**How does Pacific View Charter School address special education?**

Pacific View Charter School contracts with service providers through the hosting district to ensure that children with special needs receive appropriate accommodations and services. Students with disabilities are served according to federal, state, and local laws regarding special education. Pacific View Charter School is open to all students. Children with and without disabilities will be admitted to program on the same basis.

**Can a student attend Pacific View Charter School and another school simultaneously?**

No. Students cannot attend Pacific View Charter School and another public school at the same time.

**Are the teachers credentialed?**

Yes. All Pacific View Charter School and K12® teachers are certified and have, on average, five to ten years of teaching experience. They also are qualified, energetic, and committed to the Pacific View Charter School mission.

**What kinds of students will this virtual program serve?**

- ❖ Children looking for a challenging curriculum emphasizing both knowledge and skills.
- ❖ Children who are struggling academically.
- ❖ Children who are academically gifted.
- ❖ Children who have special needs.
- ❖ Children who attend unsafe or overcrowded schools.
- ❖ Children who are home schooling but might sign up for a public charter school program if offered the support of a quality curriculum, adaptive lessons, and qualified teachers.
- ❖ Children who are engaged in other productive endeavors (the arts, athletics, or community service, for example) that make it difficult for them to attend class during regular school hours.
- ❖ Children who are self-directed learners.
- ❖ Children who love computers and multimedia applications.
- ❖ Children who move frequently due to changing family circumstances.

**What is the cut-off date for kindergarten?**

A child must be five years old by December 2 to enroll in Pacific View Charter School.

**To view K12® sample lessons, go to:**

[http://k12.com/get\\_a\\_taste\\_of\\_k12/k12\\_lessons/](http://k12.com/get_a_taste_of_k12/k12_lessons/)