

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Programs

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School (PECS) is a fully accredited PreK through 8th Grade School.

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School exists to provide parents, students and the community of Brighton with a school that meets high standards of student academic achievement by providing a rigorous student oriented curriculum, infused with the Seminole Language and Seminole Culture, in an environment that is safe, nurturing, conducive to learning and designed to preserve Seminole traditions. Successful Learners Today...Unconquered Leaders Tomorrow.

Immersion Program

The mission of the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Creek Immersion Program is to preserve the native traditions, cultural beliefs, and the Creek language by integrating the Seminole Language and Culture in the daily classroom routine of each of the Immersion classrooms. Each child is given every opportunity to grow intellectually, physically, and emotionally through experimental activities, child-initiated learning experiences (play) and curriculum-based materials. We strive to ensure that children are prepared to embark on their educational journey, as both a student and a proud member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Five years ago, at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School, the Creek language Immersion Program began. Children between the ages of four moons and two years of age, provided they were not yet verbal in the English language, were spoken to exclusively in the Creek language so that they grew up learning the language. It was believed that the language was going to disappear, and this program was created to preserve the language. The children in the program have been spoken to exclusively in the Creek language, and they have become fluent.

The PECS Creek Immersion Program adheres to eligibility requirements to ensure all Florida Seminole Tribal Member children and Brighton Seminole Reservation children beginning at the age of four moons will be afforded the opportunity to attend the program.

There are currently eleven children enrolled in the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Creek Immersion Program.

Culture Days

PECS offers the students a Culture Program which is designed to preserve the rich Seminole history and traditions. Students take part in bead work, basket making, traditional clothing making, and cooking. The students learn about different events and concepts and ideas that were once a prevalent way of life for the Seminole people. The boys learn to prepare a hog and butcher it while the girls learn to make frybread and grind their own corn for sofkee. Other activities include making swamp cabbage, scaling fish, telling legends, traditional hair, skillet toss, thatch racing, tomahawk, and archery.