



## PCA NEWS

### PCA Language Program Approved by Board of Ed

Pythagoras Children's Academy students may now be eligible to receive foreign language credit when they reach high school. PCA's Greek language program has been approved and recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education.

#### Board of Ed Code

Section 2-3.45 of the School Code requires that the Illinois State Board of Education set standards for the approval of ethnic school foreign language programs. Further, Section 2-3.44 specifies that such standards shall seek to insure that the level of foreign language instruction in the ethnic school is at least as high as the level of foreign language instruction in public high schools.

#### PCA Approval

[Pythagoras Children's Academy](#) applied for the status and was promptly approved.

*"This is exciting news for our students. They study Greek language beginning in preschool, and it's wonderful that they may be able to utilize that experience and receive credit, and continue to build their language skills," said Director Dina Jason.*

The approval makes [Pythagoras Children's Academy](#) the second Greek Orthodox Parochial school in Chicago to receive this designation.

#### Pythagoras Children's Academy

Located at [The Greek Orthodox Church of St. Demetrios](#) in Elmhurst, IL, [Pythagoras Children's Academy](#) was founded in 1998, on the values of faith, family, and education. Serving preschool through 5th grade, the program includes instruction in Greek language, history, and culture; as well as the Orthodox Faith. Its mission is to provide students with the highest quality elementary education with strong academic, spiritual and cultural foundations, and rooted in Orthodoxy and Hellenism. [Pythagoras Children's Academy](#) is the only such institution in Chicago's Western Suburbs.

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[Pythagoras Children's Academy](#) is located at 893 N. Church Road in Elmhurst, IL. 630.834.0477.