

INFORMATION SESSION

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POLK STATE
Lakeland Collegiate
High School

Who We Are

- One of three accredited public charter high school programs operated by Polk State College under a contract agreement with the Polk County School Board.
 - Lakeland Collegiate High School – Lakeland (2004)
 - Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School – Winter Haven (2006)
 - Gateway to College Collegiate High School – Lakeland (2013)
- Lakeland Collegiate serves 11th- and 12th-grade students.
- Lakeland Collegiate provides challenging academic curriculum and extracurricular activities for a well-rounded educational experience.
- All three schools accept applications and students may apply to more than one school – each school requires separate application



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Our Mission / Vision

Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School will empower students in a college environment to graduate high school with a significant number of college credits and a vision for their futures.

Lakeland Collegiate will provide high school juniors and seniors with:

- A high school administrative and support staff located on the Polk State College Lakeland Campus.
- Individualized student mentoring and advocacy to bridge the transition from high school to college.
- College courses taught by both Polk State and Lakeland Collegiate faculty.
- Personalized college and career advising.
- Access to all college resources.
- The two-year curriculum will enable students to earn high school diplomas and all or many of the requirements for associate's degrees.

School Culture

Academic Rigor

- All students are expected to prioritize academic performance
- Students should expect to devote high levels of time and attention to academics

Leadership

- All incoming students take a Leadership Course (SLS1261)
- Students have ample opportunities to develop leadership in clubs and organizations

Civic Engagement

- Students have the opportunity to participate in Youth in Government and a civic engagement activities

Community Service

- All students engage in community service projects and annual “Day of Service”
- Lakeland Collegiate works with United Way
- Students have adopted Oscar J. Pope Elementary



Students who are the best fit for Lakeland Collegiate

- Meet minimum dual enrollment qualifications – 3.0 GPA & passing 2/3 sections of the PERT.
- Are positioned to enter the 11th or 12th grade in the upcoming school year.
- Consider school attendance a priority.
- Believe High School graduation credit completion is critical.
 - Willing to take high school version if college credit is not possible or best option.
 - Goal is to complete all high school credits before spring of senior year.
- Ready for a challenging academic environment.
- Mature enough to handle flexible schedule and less structure.
- Willing to work with Lakeland Collegiate staff in course and degree planning.
- Eager to engage in the culture of the school.
 - Clubs & Organization participation.
 - Community service oriented.
 - Regular attendance at all required meetings and events.
- Willing to carefully plan for postsecondary transition.
 - ACT/SAT.
 - College admissions process / post- high school plan.



Traditional Dual Enrollment vs. Collegiate High School

Traditional Dual Enrollment

- Student remains at zoned high school (or home school/private school) and works with their school to add college courses on the high school campus, Polk State's campus, and/or online.
- Subject to schedule coordination with high school classes and time slots.
- Subject to minimum dual enrollment requirements (PERT & GPA).

Collegiate High School

- Student leaves zoned school and enrolls full time at Lakeland Collegiate. A majority of courses are college level and taken on campus at Polk State with wide flexibility.
- Subject to minimum dual enrollment requirements (PERT & GPA).
- Full-time Lakeland Collegiate faculty and staff are engaged with the student for instruction and support for the two years.
- Mature environment that best suits serious-minded, focused students.

Lakeland Collegiate Curriculum Plan

11th Grade

- All CHS Juniors take CHS's Leadership Course (college readiness, mentoring, etc.)
- Complete high school graduation credits with a combination of high school and college courses.
- Majority of courses assigned with Lakeland Collegiate faculty in both high school and college course formats as appropriate to ensure successful integration into the college environment.

Summer

- Complete college courses as appropriate toward the student's degree program. Summer is optional but necessary to complete an associates degree for most.
- Lakeland Collegiate administration and staff work 12 months and are available to support students year-round.

12th Grade

- Complete any remaining high school graduation credits with high school or college courses.
- Fully integrate into the college environment and pursue degree completion as appropriate for each student.

Program Cost

- **Polk State College tuition, college fees, required textbooks**
 - FREE for collegiate high school students!
 - Excludes uniforms, certain art supplies, cameras, and miscellaneous items for specialty courses.
- **Yearly Class Dues – Covers student activities and event expenses**
 - Junior Class Dues - \$25
 - Senior Class Dues - \$35
- **Optional Additional costs to student/family:**
 - Club dues (required for some clubs).
 - School event tickets (prom, homecoming, Grad Bash, etc.).
 - Graduation items (cap and gown, invitations, etc.).
 - Yearbook.
 - School pictures and senior portraits (including sitting fee).
 - Annual school trips (Washington DC, Study Abroad, etc.).



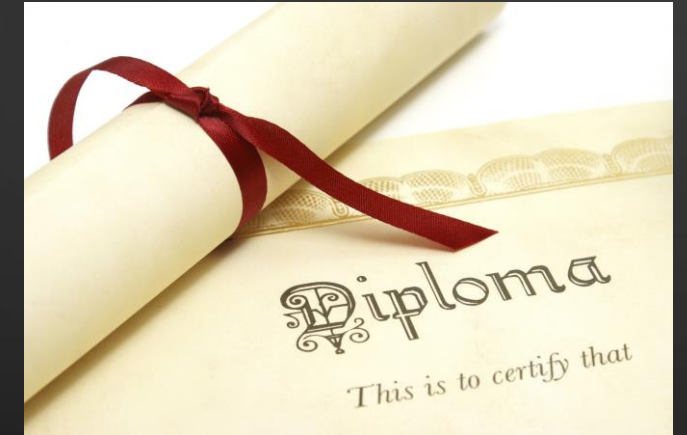
Associates Degree Programs

Associate in Arts Degree

- First two years of a four-year degree.
- Transferrable to any university or college in Florida.
- Transferrable outside of Florida in most cases.

Associates in Science Degree

- Career-focused in areas such as Information Technology and Nursing.
- Not designed for transfer to all institutions.
- Some degrees are transferrable to bachelor degree programs.
- Some program courses are only available after high school graduation.



Polk State Bachelor Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Applied Science in *Supervision and Management*
- Bachelor of Science in *Criminal Justice*
- Bachelor of Science in *Nursing*
- Bachelor of Science in *Aerospace Sciences*
- Bachelor of Science in *Elementary Education*
- Bachelor of Science in *Early Childhood Education*



**CHS students who complete the AA/AS degree, enjoy a seamless transition into Bachelor's Programs*

Programs, Clubs, Organizations

- Student Government
- Senior Ambassadors
- National Honor Society
- Youth in Government
- Service Club
- Spanish Club
- Yearbook



Travel with Lakeland Collegiate

Annual Spring Break Trip

- Washington DC – Spring 2022

Study Abroad Summer Trip

- Greece & Italy – Summer 2022

*Travel is always based on health and safety conditions



Common Questions

COVID Issues

- CHS will offer both online and face to face options as the health situation warrants.

Can I play sports?

- Yes – at the student's home-zoned school.

Can I participate in marching band?

- No. Only programs that are extracurricular not co-curricular.

Is bus transportation available?

- PCSB no longer contracts with charter schools – bus service available through Lakeland Citrus Connection free of charge to students

What if I am eligible for free/reduced lunch?

- Lakeland Collegiate High School provides a free/reduced lunch program to students who qualify.

Can I apply as a Senior?

- Rising Seniors are eligible to apply and will be subject to space availability and lottery number
- Students entering CHS as seniors have the opportunity to earn credits towards their college degree

Is the school calendar the same as PCSB?

- Spring Break is the same, start date, end date, Winter Break, teacher workdays and some other holidays may not match from year to year – plan vacations/trips carefully!

Will my college credits transfer?

- Yes. In Florida, transfer rules apply with the state's 2+2 program.
- Polk State is fully accredited - most credits are transferrable anywhere.

Will most universities and colleges accept Lakeland Collegiate High School graduates?

- Yes. Universities and colleges are looking for students who succeed in an academically rigorous program like CHS and achieve competitive ACT/SAT scores.

CHS Online Program

- **CHS will offer an online option beginning fall 2021**
 - Limited capacity program
 - All classes may not be available online depending on student's degree plan
 - Students must be Polk County students
 - Additional requirements
 - 3.0 Unweighted GPA or above
 - Must pass all 3 parts of the PERT test
 - Must have passed all state testing (FSA ELA, EOCs) by the beginning of school year
 - Must have completed Algebra 2
 - Must attend additional orientation meeting with parents
 - Recommended to have completed an online course in the past
 - Possess strong academic and self-discipline skills
 - Students should indicate interest in the program on the application

How to Apply

- **Step 1** – Complete the Polk State College online application at www.polk.edu
(Students who have never applied to Polk State or taken dual enrollment at Polk State)
 - Click “[Apply Now](#)” on the main page (www.polk.edu)
 - Complete application
 - If you have not taken the PERT move to step 3
- **Step 2** – If you have already applied to Polk State College; have a Polk State Student ID, and have taken the PERT
 - Obtain a copy of PERT score report
 - Go to step 4 to apply at Lakeland Collegiate High School and upload score report
- **Step 3** – Take the PERT test online or in-person
- **Step 4** – Complete the Lakeland Collegiate Online Application at: www.polk.edu/LCHS.
(All Students)
 - Deadline to apply is 11:59PM March 19, 2021
 - Application submission order is not first-come-first-served
 - Need help completing the application? Contact the CHS main office at (863) 669-2322

PERT Testing

PERT Testing is offered:

- **Online**

- Contact Gwen Simmons for instructions – gsimmons@polk.edu
- Requires use of “Honor-Lock” online testing system using webcam and mic

- **CHS Computer Lab**

- By appointment – contact CHS main office for an appointment (863) 669-2322

*All on campus testing requires participants to wear a mask and practice social distancing

**Students who desire to re-take PERT test sections must wait 30 days

Acceptance Process...

1. All Students who submit a complete application by the deadline will be considered.
2. If there are more applicants than available spots, a lottery list of all applicants will be generated with assistance from the Polk County School Board
3. Acceptance priority is based on meeting minimum dual enrollment eligibility requirement set by the state: an unweighted 3.0 grade-point average or above and passing 2/3 sections of the PERT test (Reading / Writing / Math)
4. Acceptance letters will be sent in April by U.S. Mail – be sure mailing address is correct on the application!
5. Students must accept offer of admissions within two weeks by returning enrollment form that will be included with the letter.
6. Students not accepted will be placed on a waiting list by lottery number and will be sent a waiting list letter.
7. Admissions preference provisions are in place for qualified siblings of current Lakeland Collegiate students and children of employees of the 3 collegiate high school programs
8. A mandatory orientation Meeting for all newly accepted students will be held in May

Lakeland Collegiate Contact Information

- **Lakeland Collegiate Main Office**
 - **Hours:** Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - **Phone:** 863.669.2322
- **Website:** www.polk.edu/lchs



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