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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Can you believe that the summer is ALMOST over? It's hard to fathom that in a few short days classes will begin for you all again. The staff and I are ecstatic that you are returning or starting brand new with us here at Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School.

There is so much that we are preparing for in this new school year! One of the things that we are especially EXCITED about is our Technology Academy that will begin January 2023. The Technology Academy will afford students the opportunity to earn industry certification in many areas!

We are also happy to welcome three new several new staff members to our AMAZING team! As we progress through this new year, please know that I have an open door policy and welcome your calls, emails and visits. It's time to SOAR! Let's go Eagles!

Dr. Downing-Townsend (Dr. DT)
Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- ☒ July 25 - 29, 2022 - Student Schedules emailed to the student's my.polk.edu email address.
- ☒ July 28, 2022 @ 6:30PM Parent Orientation (LTBI100) LIMIT 2 People per family. Click link to register:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CABAD23A7FAC25-parent>
- ☒ August 1, 2022 - First day of high school classes
- ☒ August 1-5, 2022 - PERT testing for those eligible.
- ☒ August 15, 2022 - First day for college classes

STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation for ALL students is an automated process via Canvas. This orientation is much different than the college online orientation. Students, please be sure that you complete EVERY module for the student orientation. If you have questions regarding student orientation, please contact Mrs. Chandler.



POLK STATE
**Lakeland Gateway to College
Collegiate High School**

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Regular Day Schedule High School Only

1st Period - 7:30A - 9:00A

Homeroom 9:00A - 9:15A

Homeroom is Monday - Thursday only

2nd Period - 9:15A - 10:45A

3rd Period 10:45A - 12:15P

Lunch 12:15P - 12:40P

4th Period 12:40P - 2:10P

Early Release Schedule High School Only

1st Period - 7:30A-8:15A

2nd Period - 8:20A - 9:05A

3rd Period - 9:10A - 9:35A

4th Period - 10:00A - 10:45A



IMPORTANT TIPS

- ALL scheduling goes through the school counselor/assistant principal at Gateway.
Not with advisors at the college.
- Here at Gateway, we provide the textbooks and/or access codes needed for classes, both high school and college. High school class textbooks are provided by the teacher as applicable. College textbooks process is through Mrs. Murray. (Discussed on a different page). **NEVER pay for a textbook and NEVER visit the bookstore for ANY class textbooks.**
- **High school classes** meet face-to-face three days per week. If you have high school classes, you will come to campus either Monday, Wednesday and Friday **OR** you will come to campus Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. **The two days that you do not meet face to face, you will be REQUIRED to be on zoom during that scheduled class time.**
- College Class schedules vary and may be found in PASSPORT to see the days and times that the class(es) will be held.
- Every student will be provided lunch only (Only cold lunches available and are delivered by our new food service provider daily). We do not serve breakfast. Lunch forms will be offered to all students. For those who qualify for FREE or REDUCED lunch will qualify for FREE SAT (2) and ACT(2) waivers and free college applications.

School Forms and Supplies

There are several forms that will be emailed to you by Friday, July 22, 2022.

Steps to complete the forms:

- complete each form
- save the document as the students first and last name. (ex. TinaSmith)
- Once all documents have been completed, **please email all of the completed forms to Mrs. Murray. (clmurray@polk.edu)**
- **Deadline for all forms to be completed is August 31, 2022.**

Here at Gateway we don't have supply lists, however teachers may have classroom expectations.

High School classes basic supplies include:

Pencils
Ink Pens (Blue/Black)
Notebook paper
Folders



How We Communicate at Gateway



We LOVE to communicate with our parents and students. There are several ways that this is done.

- Email - if you have questions regarding anything, please send an email to the person with whom you need to send the question to. (please allow 24 - 48 hours to respond) (see pg. 2 for emails)

STUDENTS MUST USE THEIR MU.POLK.EDU EMAIL ACCOUNTS

- Band App - the Band app (Band is also a web based app and may be accessed via a computer). It is where the school calendar is, where we post a lot of announcements that pertain to activities that are happening at Gateway. Band information is by Class and will be emailed separately.
- Phone - please feel free to contact us via phone and if we are unavailable please leave us a voice message (we will reply within 24-48 hours). 863-669-2923 is our school's main number.
- Stop by and see us. Please note that if we are busy and you can not wait, leave us a message. As the principal, I try my hardest to meet with students and parents when they stop in to see me, but sometimes if I am in a meeting it's hard to do so.

Office Staff may be reached at their extensions by calling 863-297-1010, Option 1, then press the star key.

Dr. Downing-Townsend - x6197

Mrs. Chandler - x6449

Ms. Jones - x6335

Mrs. Battle-Williams - x6334

Mrs. Murray - x6336

Mrs. A. Bonney - x2315

College Course Eligibility

At Gateway we offer Four (4) college courses that **DO NOT** require passing PERT scores.

SLS1250, SLS2930, SLS1261, SLS1101

Other college courses require passing PERT scores, or ACT concordant scores, or SAT concordant scores, or PSAT scores, or PreACT scores, or 3.0 GPA and a B or higher in the coursework that's listed below.

PERT MATH - at least 114 on the test (Eligible for college math only)

PERT WRITING - at least 103 on the test

PERT READING - at least 106 on the test

Using PERT for college courses (not including math), you **MUST** pass **BOTH** reading and writing

PSAT/NMSQT (PSAT 10)

Reading Test - 24

Writing and Language Test - 25

Mathematics Test - 24

SAT (subscores)

Reading Test - 24

Writing and Language Test - 25

Mathematics Test - 24

PSAT OR SAT for college courses (not including math), you MUST pass BOTH reading and writing and language arts.

PreACT

Reading - 22

English - 18

Mathematics - 22

ACT

Reading - 19

English - 17

Mathematics - 19

PreACT OR ACT for college courses (not including math), you MUST pass BOTH reading and writing and language arts.

Performance in high school coursework.

Any student who has an unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 AND achieves a grade of "B" or better (entire year) in any of the courses listed below shall have demonstrated readiness for college-level work.

For College courses requiring PERT Math

Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors

Algebra 2/Algebra 2 Honors

Pre-Calculus

Calculus

Geometry

Probability and Statistics

Math for College Algebra

Math for College Statistics

Math for College Liberal Arts

(AICE) high school mathematics courses

AP high school mathematics courses

IB high school mathematics courses

For College courses requiring PERT English & Writing

English Language and Literature

English 4/English 4 Honors

English Language and English Literature

(AICE) high school English courses

AP English courses

IB high school English courses



High School Schedules and Grading

High school schedules will be finalized and **EMAILED** to the students **my.polk.edu** email address next week.

Your my.polk.edu email address was sent to you when Polk State College sent you your acceptance letter.

High School class grades as the school year progresses, may be found in the student and parent portal via FOCUS.

Parents this will allow you to monitor your students **high school grades**. Students to log into your student portal, the user name is your complete my.polk.edu email address and your Polk State College ID# That begins with the capital letter of your first name.

Parents/Guardians for access to the parent portal, please contact Mrs. Murray. (clmurray@polk.edu)

College Schedules and Grading

College schedules will be finalized and **EMAILED** to the students **my.polk.edu** email address next week, but it may also be seen in Passport. To access Passport go to polk.edu, then click on Passport, then in the box that says student access, put your Polk State ID# in the top box (it starts with a capital letter), in the password box, unless you've changed it, the password is the two digit month and the two digit year you were born.

(Example I was born February 1974 so my password would be 0274)

Your my.polk.edu email address was sent to you when Polk State College sent your acceptance letter.

College grades differ from high school grades and do not show up in FOCUS until the semester has ended. Students may view most college grades in Canvas. (Parents do not have access to Canvas). Because high school is so different than college, we **STRONGLY** encourage parents to **ALWAYS** ask the students to show them Canvas grades.

Clubs and Activities

Gateway offers a variety of clubs and has many activities for students to enjoy and socialize.

Clubs:

- Technology Club
- Gateway Ghents
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Key Club
- More may be added

Activities:

- Homecoming Dance (Tentative)
- Prom (Gateway Collegiate and Lakeland Collegiate combined)
- Grad Bash (Seniors Only)
- Movie Night
- Game Day
- Awards Nights
- NHS Induction
- High School Welcome Week
- You're A Star-Roll out the Red Carpet!
- Getting to know you

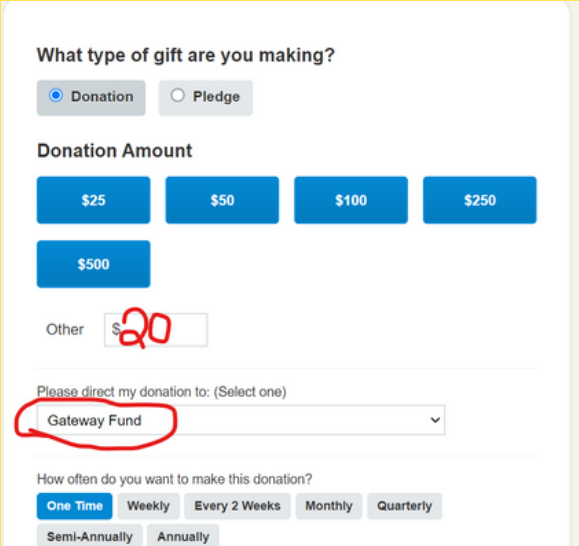
Student Activity Fee

As a student at Gateway there are many activities that we will have.

We are asking each student for a \$20.00 student activity fee.

Click the Link below and be sure to select Gateway Fund:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/pscfcd>



The screenshot shows a Qgiv donation form. At the top, it asks "What type of gift are you making?" with two radio buttons: "Donation" (selected) and "Pledge". Below this is the "Donation Amount" section with buttons for \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500. There is also an "Other" field with a handwritten "20" in red. Below the amount section is a dropdown menu labeled "Please direct my donation to: (Select one)" with "Gateway Fund" selected and circled in red. At the bottom, it asks "How often do you want to make this donation?" with buttons for "One Time" (selected), "Weekly", "Every 2 Weeks", "Monthly", "Quarterly", "Semi-Annually", and "Annually".

**“DREAMS
DON’T WORK
UNLESS YOU DO.”**
- JOHN C. MAXWELL -

LET'S HAVE A GREAT
SCHOOL YEAR

