

INFORMATION SESSION 2019



POLK STATE
Lakeland Collegiate
High School

Student Spotlight...

- Why did you choose Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School?
- What has been your experience at Lakeland Collegiate?
- Any advice for students considering applying to Lakeland Collegiate?



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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.

Administrative & Support Staff...

Principal – *Rick Jeffries*

Assistant Principal – *Joy Greene*

School Counselor – *Patrice Thigpen*

Instructional Technologist – *Virginia Richard*

College & Career Advisor – *Zachary Crum*

Administrative Assistant – *Latasha Lee*

Program Assistant – *Starr Barham*

Administrative Clerk – *Deborah Davidson*

Lab Assistant – *Gwen Simmons*



Faculty...

English, Journalism – *Lee Childree*

English, Literature, Government – *Jason Martin*

History – *Dr. Dawn Dyer*

Math – *Ami Gideons*

Science – *Leah Whitehead*

Spanish – *Ward Hurst*



***All Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School faculty teach the Leadership Course (SLS1261) and serve as mentors for students.**



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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 associates degrees.

Five Guiding Principles...

- **Foster** a friendly, highly supportive small learning community that respects a diversity of thoughts and ideas.
- **Challenge** students with rigorous academic expectations in a college environment and build college and career readiness skills that lead to successful postsecondary transition.
- **Lead** students to an understanding of future economic and career trends and encourage relevant education and training programs that match the trends.
- **Develop** civic-minded, service-oriented students with an eye towards building future leaders with a global focus.
- **Encourage** students to engage in extra-curricular activities to develop real-world social, leadership and team-building skills.

School Culture...

Leadership

- All incoming students take the Leadership Course (SLS1261).

Civic Engagement

- Students have the opportunity to participate in Youth in Government, speaker series, and a civic engagement program with Florida Southern College.

Community Service

- All students engage in community service projects.
- Lakeland Collegiate is partnered with United Way.
- Students have adopted Oscar J. Pope Elementary.



Traditional Dual Enrollment vs. Lakeland Collegiate...

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.

Students who are the best fit for Lakeland Collegiate...

Attendance is a priority.

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.



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.
- 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...

All tuition, fees, and textbooks are provided at NO CHARGE to Lakeland Collegiate students.

- Excludes required uniforms, art supplies, cameras, and miscellaneous items for specialty courses.

Possible additional costs to student/family:

- *Eagle Fund* donations/class dues or student activity cost (suggested \$25 per year for juniors and \$50 per year for seniors).
- Club dues (required for some clubs).
- School events (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, New York, Europe, 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.
- Students should work to choose a degree program as soon as possible to ensure they are taking the appropriate courses.
- Personalized degree audits are available to all students through their online account and should be utilized to track degree progress.

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.

Career Pathways...

Pathways Leading to Polk State Bachelor Degrees/Local Career Options

- Information Technology
- Education (Early Childhood, Elementary)
- Criminal Justice
- Business
- Nursing



Information Technology Program

Mr. Cliff Bennett



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Collegiate IT Offerings for 2019-2020



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Associates in Science Degrees



Network Systems Engineering Technology

A two-year degree designed to train network infrastructure specialists.



Computer Systems and Business Analysis

A two-year degree focused on business intelligence, programming, and data mining.

Bachelor of Applied Science

Supervision and Management (Business Information Technology)



- The degree is a blending of business and information systems.
- It is designed for students that have completed an Associates in Science in Computer Systems and Business Analysis.
- Students focus on improving business decisions through the use of business intelligence and data processes.

Some Local Career Opportunities...

- Amazon
- Microsoft
- City of Winter Haven
- City of Auburndale
- Lakeland Regional Health
- City of Lake Wales
- W.S. Badcock Corporation
- MidFlorida Credit Union
- CenterState Bank
- Citizens Bank & Trust
- FedEx

- Presidio Networked Solutions LLC
- Saddle Creek Logistics Services
- Mosaic
- Publix
- Polk County Public Schools
- United States Armed Forces
- Florida Polytechnic University
- Presidium Networks
- Gessler Clinic
- Summit Holdings
- Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center

Why should your student consider Polk State College IT?

- High-quality education.
- Polk State College IT programs have proven track records.
- Our degrees were designed and are overseen by local industries.
- The price is right.....

Polk State Bachelor Degree Programs...

- Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management
 - Business Administration
 - Business Information Technology
 - Healthcare Administration
 - Public Administration
 - Public Safety 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



Programs, Clubs, Organizations...

- Student Government
- Senior Ambassadors
- National Honor Society
- Youth in Government
- Interact
- Science Club
- United Way
- Math Honor Society
- History Honor Society
- Tech Club
- Academic Team
- Debate Club
- Spanish Club
- SWAT – Students Working Against Tobacco
- Yearbook



Travel with Lakeland Collegiate...

Annual Spring Break Trip

- New York City – Spring 2020
- Washington DC – Spring 2021

Summer Trip Abroad

- England & France – Summer 2019
- Greece & Italy – Summer 2020



Common Questions...

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?

- TBA – PCSB no longer contracts with charter schools – a solution is in the works

What if I am eligible for free/reduced lunch?

- Lakeland Collegiate High School provides a free/reduced lunch program through Polk State’s food service.

• 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 work days and some other holidays may not match from year to year – plan vacations/trips carefully!

Will my credits transfer?

- Yes. In Florida, transfer rules apply with the state’s 2+2 program.
- Polk State is fully accredited, thus 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 and achieve competitive ACT/SAT scores.

How to Apply...

- 1. Complete online application for Polk State College at www.polk.edu – ALL links available at www.polk.edu/lchs**
 - Click Admissions & Aid
 - Click “Apply Now”
 - Click “New Users”
 - Print PERT Test Ticket at the end of the process
 - Current dual-enrolled students obtain copy of scores
- 2. Take the PERT Test or get a copy of your scores if already taken**
 - Obtain a copy of scores and scan into a document
 - Take test in the TLCC during normal hours or Lakeland Collegiate Retake test sessions
- 3. Complete the Lakeland Collegiate High School Online Application**
 - access link at www.polk.edu/lchs
 - Save and finish later is an option – once you hit “submit” you cannot go back
 - All students need to upload a transcript or scholastic record (accessible through Parent Portal)
 - Upload scanned copy of PERT scores – scores will be verified!

*Deadline to complete Application is Friday, March 1, 2019, 11:59 p.m.

*Submission of application is not on first-come-first-served basis.

*Help completing application available in CHS Computer Lab M-F 1:30-3:30

PERT Testing...

PERT Testing is offered at all Polk State campuses.

Lakeland Campus Testing Locations & Hours:

- **Lakeland Campus Student Services**
Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- **Lakeland Campus TLCC**
Mon. – Thurs. 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Students MUST have a photo ID and testing ticket!

Lakeland Collegiate Testing Sessions

- For RETAKES ONLY.
- Handout/website for days/times.

Lakeland Collegiate RETAKE Testing Dates/Times...

- February 13th, 1 p.m.
- February 15th, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- February 18th, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- Lakeland Collegiate CHART Lab (LAC-1119)
- Students can sign up by calling the Lakeland Collegiate main office at 863.669.2322.
- There are 15 slots for each test day.

***These sessions are for students who need to RETAKE one section of the PERT – not first-time takers or those needing multiple section retakes**

Acceptance Process...

1. All Students who complete the Lakeland Collegiate High School application and submit by the deadline will be considered.
2. If there are more applicants than available spots, a lottery list will be created by the Polk County School Board of all applicants.
3. Acceptance priority is based on meeting minimum dual enrollment eligibility requirement: an unweighted 3.0 grade-point average and passing 2/3 of the PERT.
4. Acceptance letters will be sent out in March.
5. Students must accept offer of admissions within two weeks.
6. Students not accepted will be placed on a waiting list by lottery number.
7. Late applications will be accepted but will not be included in the initial lottery.
8. Provisions are in place for siblings of Lakeland Collegiate students and students of employees of Polk State College.
9. Orientation Meeting for all newly accepted students will be held **April 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

Lakeland Collegiate Contact Information...

- **Lakeland Collegiate Main Office**
 - Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - 863.669.2322
- **Website** www.polk.edu/lchs
- **Facebook**
- **Twitter**
- **Remind Text System**



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