Parent 101

Academic Issues & Student Expectations

Polk State College
Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School

Fall 2015
College Environment and Parent Support

- Courses designed for college level students
  - More rigorous
  - Some topics discussed may include those not normally discussed in a traditional high school classroom
  - College campus events may include information and access to college-level issues and activities
  - Maintain open communication with your student about class and campus issues
- Reinforce importance of displaying mature behavior (attitude, attendance, task completion, etc.)
- Know your student’s schedule
- Post copy of college syllabus from each class to help students keep track of assignment dates
- Student schedule will be evaluated based on performance in previous term!
- ASK QUESTIONS!

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

- Direct Communication from parent to college professors not allowed
- COL Staff do have the right to inquire about student progress and can communicate with professors – parents can then be informed by COL staff
- High school vs. College
- ASK QUESTIONS!
College Admissions Issues

- **ACT / SAT Importance/Preparation**
  - Rapidly Increasing admissions requirements for colleges/universities
  - Increasing scores to qualify for Bright Futures and other scholarships
  - More important than ever to maximize scores and take more than once!
    - “Super-Scoring” is your friend!
  - Fall Junior Year – Preparation with ACT Practice Test and PSAT, etc.
  - Spring Junior Year – Take SAT/ACT tests and evaluate results
  - Senior Year – Re-take SAT/ACT as needed
  - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (ACT)
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT)

- **Florida Bright Futures**
  - Changes to award amounts already in place
  - More difficult to earn
  - [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)
  - SENIORS apply December of their Senior Year!
    - Open lab day Thursday, December 3rd 11:30 – 2:00
## Florida Bright Futures Program
### SAT / ACT Score Requirements

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*SAT Score calculation is based on Critical Reading and Math scores only*
Additional Bright Futures Requirements

- Community Service Hours
  - FAS – 100 hours
  - FMS – 75 hours
Guidance Issues

- **Scheduling, Personal / Crisis Counseling, Consultation, Referral**
  - Guidance Counselor – Dr. Peter Preston
    - Scheduling
    - Crisis intervention
    - Academic advising (college & high school)
    - College admissions consultation
    - Referral suggestions

- **College Admissions / Career Advising**
  - College & Career Advisor – Josefina Mendoza
    - ACT/SAT registration, waivers etc.
    - Scholarships
    - Choosing a college
    - Career Information

- **Parent/Student Workshops**
  - **Senior Mentor Meeting** – Friday, Sept. 25 - 1:30 pm
  - **Financial Aid** – Tuesday, January 27 - 6:00 PM
College Visits

- **College representative visits to COL**
  - **Announcements**
    - COL message monitor screen
    - “This Week” at COL weekly newsletter
      - Emailed to parents each week
    - Posted flyers
    - Website, Facebook and Twitter

- **District College Fair**
  - Tuesday, September 8th 6:00-8:00 pm at FSC

- **Student/Family Visits**
  - Begin planning on-campus college visits
### Tardies and Absences

- **High School** tardies and absences are tracked by the Assistant Principal/COL Staff and parents are notified by callout – excessive tardies can bring penalties.

- **College** tardies and absences are not reported; however, the student can be dropped from class without notification (see syllabus from professor).
Parents must either:

- Call in absences from high school classes to 863-298-6800 or the absence is unexcused
- Send a note with reason for absence next day
- Absences for 3 days or longer will need doctor excuse
- Pre-arranged absences must be in writing a minimum of two weeks in advance and must be approved by a COL administrator

**PLEASE** plan personal and family trips carefully – college professors are not required to excuse a student and can drop a student with excessive absences!
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Cell Phone / Discipline

- **Cell phone Policy**
  - No cell phone use of any type in high school classrooms
    - 1\textsuperscript{st} offense – warning / phone held in office for remainder of the day
      - *Most issues solved at this level*
    - 2\textsuperscript{nd} offense – parent contact / phone held in office for the remainder of the day
      - 3\textsuperscript{rd} offense – parent contact / parent must pick up phone

- **Minor Discipline Issues**
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} offense – student consultation / possible parent contact
    - *Most issues solved at this level*
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} offense – parent contact / phone consultation
  - 3\textsuperscript{rd} offense – student / parent meeting with administration/teachers
    - Serious issues will require immediate action and possible reporting to PCSB / Polk State College Dean’s Office
    - Parent consultation / meetings available anytime by appointment
Communication

- Websites:
  - [www.polk.edu/col](http://www.polk.edu/col)
  - [www.polk.edu](http://www.polk.edu)
- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/colwh](http://www.facebook.com/colwh)
- Twitter – [www.twitter.com/colchs1](http://www.twitter.com/colchs1)
- Student PASSPORT and PAL accounts
- Student e-mail (my.polk.edu)
- “This Week” at Polk’s COL (weekly newsletter)
- Automated Phone Call outs
- Text, e-mails, letters, postcards
- REMIND text message system
Contact Us

- COL Office - (863) 298-6800 (7:00 am – 3:30 pm)
- Fax - (863) 298-6801
- Ms. Fetter’s cell - (863) 409-2241
- Mr. Jeffries’ cell - (863) 327-7026
- Polk State College - (863) 297-1000
- Website – [www.polk.edu/col](http://www.polk.edu/col) or [www.polk.edu](http://www.polk.edu)
Call COL main office 298-6800
  - Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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