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Lakeland Gateway to College
Collegiate High School

Recruit Night 2019



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Welcome/Introductions

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Information Session Purpose

- General information about Polk State College Collegiate High School Programs
- Specific information about Gateway to College High School
- Application steps and details about the application and acceptance process
- Answers to your questions
- Contact information

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Gateway Mission/Vision

- GHS Mission – The GHS Mission is to provide an academic charter alternative for students who have at least 10 high school credits, are not older than 21, and want to graduate from high school and transition to college.
- GHS Vision – All GHS enrollees will graduate from high school and college and become self-actualized citizens and successful leaders in their communities.

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Polk State College Collegiate Programs

- Polk State College has THREE (3) collegiate charter high schools, all accredited by SACS:
 - - Gateway to College Collegiate High School
Opened August 2013
 - - Lakeland Collegiate High School
Opened August 2004
 - - Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School
Opened August 2006

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Gateway to College High School – Lakeland

Available program areas include:

- Non-traditional student focus
- Opportunity to complete HS diploma
- Opportunity to earn college credits toward A.A.
- Information Technology Program
- High level of student services and support

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School Purpose

- Polk State College charter high schools provide academic and technical education for SERIOUS high school students who desire to undertake college-level study.
- The Gateway Program is designed to be completed in two years or less, depending on individual student graduation requirements. It is the goal of the program to enable students the opportunity to complete a high school diploma and some of the requirements for an associate's degree in academic transfer.

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What does “Serious” and ‘Focused” Mean?

Attendance + Being Prepared + Being On Time = Success!!

Expect Homework.

Expect Independent Work outside of class (Projects and Papers)

Expect to prepare for the ACT/SAT

Expect to follow an assigned schedule that may include some high school classes

Expect to work on closing any skill gaps

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What do we mean by “Dual Enrollment”?

By Definition:

Dual Enrollment is a state-funded program that allows students to earn college credits while completing high school at no cost to the student!

- Some dual enrolled courses can also satisfy a high school requirement

For example: ENC 1101 can also be used to satisfy English 3 in HS

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Dual Enrollment, Further defined

- All grades from dual enrollment (3+ college credits) are posted to the high school Student Scholastic Record.
- All courses in dual enrollment are posted to the Polk State college transcript, which follows the students **PERMANENTLY.**
- A student can participate in dual enrollment with Polk State College from any high school in Polk County.
- **At Gateway, We are able to offer more college courses than other traditional high schools.**

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Advantage of Dual Enrollment

Florida Public Universities Tuition & Fees ONLY

Average cost per semester: \$2,988

Average Cost of Textbooks per semester: \$600

Average Cost per year: \$5,976

Average Cost Freshman and Sophomore Years + Books: \$14,352

All Tuition and Textbooks at Gateway High School are provided at NO COST to GHS students!!!

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A. A. Degree Program

- Two Year General Education Degree program with multiple majors
- Completely transferrable to Florida public and private colleges and Universities

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Information Technology Program

- Program track designed to prepare students for industry certification in high-demand technical fields
- Students will have internship options at the end of Junior year of high school
- Students will be employable at the end of their Senior year of high school
- Students earn significant credits towards the A. S. degree program in Network Systems Engineering Technology with the opportunity to complete the degree after high school graduation in a short time
- Students may complete additional courses towards an A. A. degree as appropriate

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Health Science Options

Possible Programs Available:

- Nursing
- Cardiovascular Technology
- Health Information Management
- Respiratory Care
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Emergency Medical Services
- Radiography Technology
- Physical Therapy Assistant

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Activities available at Gateway for students

- Interact Club
- Future Business Leaders America
- College Clubs/Organizations
 - Technology Club
- SISTERS
- Journalism/Yearbook
- National Honor Society

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Bachelor Science (B.S.) Degree Program

Polk State College is offering the following specialized tracks for a Bachelor's of Applied Science:

- Business Administration
- Business Information Technology
- Public Administration
- Public Safety Management
- Health Care Administration
- Nursing
- Criminal Justice
- Education

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Gateway Curriculum Plan

- **11th Grade**

- Complete high school graduation credits with combination of HS and college courses
- Majority of courses assigned with GHS faculty in both HS and college course format as appropriate to ensure successful integration into the college environment

- **Summer Terms**

- Complete college courses as appropriate towards A.A. (SUMMER IS OPTIONAL BUT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE AA DEGREE)
- Gateway administration/staff work 12 months, so are available to support students year round

- **12th Grade**

- Complete any remaining HS graduation credits with HS or College courses

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Application Process

Application Steps:

1. Complete online application for Polk State College @ www.polk.edu
 - Click Apply Now
 - Complete application
 - Await your email from Polk State College which will include your PERT ticket (usually takes at least 2 days)

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Application Process

2. Take the PERT Test (if not already taken)

- Obtain a copy of scores and scan into a document
- Take test in the TLCC during normal hours (if not already taken)

Application Process

3. Complete the GHS Online Application

- (<http://bit.ly/GHSAPP-2019> or fill out a paper application here <http://bit.ly/GHSAPP-PRNT-201920>)
- Application can be saved and accessed later
- All Students need to upload a student scholastic record (may be obtained in student portal if within Polk County Schools)
- All students must upload a copy of current PERT scores – (scores have to be verified)
- Deadline to complete application is April 30, 2019
- **Submission of Application is not on first-come/first-served basis, just by deadline**

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Application Process Recap

1. Complete Polk State College Application (if not already done so)
2. Complete Gateway Application
3. Take the PERT (Math, Reading and Writing)

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PERT Testing is offered at all Polk State Campuses

Lakeland Campus Testing Locations & Hours:

- Lakeland Campus Student Services

M-Th 8:00 am – 2:30 pm

F 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

- Lakeland Campus TLCC

M-Th 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Sa 9:00 am – 10:30 am

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Frequently Asked Questions

Are charter schools public schools?

- **Yes! Both FSA and EOC's are required for HS graduation**

Are Gateway students eligible for Bright Futures?

- **Yes!**

Do college credits transfer to other colleges/universities?

- **Yes!**

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is Advanced Placement better than dual enrollment?

- College admissions offices are looking for students who demonstrate success with a rigorous academic course load. Students are allowed ONLY up to 45 college credits earned via Advanced Placement, however, there are no limits on the number of dual enrollment courses/ college credits.

Is transportation available?

- TBD at a later date. Currently in negotiations with prospective providers

Is there Free or Reduced lunch available to students?

- Yes, if you qualify!! We use the same Federal guidelines as the PCSB.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What about band, ROTC, athletics, etc.?

- Charter school students are allowed to participate in Extra-Curricular activities (not tiered to for-credit courses) at the school for which they are zoned to attend, given that the activity in question is not offered at the charter school.

Can Gateway students participate in Polk State College activities?

- All Polk State College activities are open to Gateway students. If students try out for and make a Polk State College athletics team, it counts towards their NCAA Eligibility.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is a typical day like?

- Everyone's schedule is different! ! However, all students are required to have at least four classes at all times. High school classes meet daily while college classes do not. There is no set lunch time. The cafeteria is open all day. Students may have breaks in their schedule, and this unstructured time should be spent constructively (library, TLCC, CHART lab, Student Center, etc.)

May students leave campus during the day?

- Seniors (with Parental Permission) may leave campus at the conclusion of their classes. Students are to manage their school day and make the most of their free time between classes. Students that have to work or have other extenuating/special circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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Gateway Contact Information

- **Gateway Main Office**

- Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

- (863) 669-2923

- **Website**

- <https://www.polk.edu/gateway>

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Who Is Encouraged to Apply?

- **Public School, Home School, & Private School Students Welcome to Apply!**
 - Our primary target population is Rising Juniors (Current 10th graders)
 - We have limited spots for Rising Seniors (Current 11th graders). Dependent on the Graduating Senior class
 - The goal of the program is to spend 2 years at GHS to complete HS requirements and as many college credits as possible – AA degree is possible for many students
 - Students who apply should be mature students who are ready for a college environment and academic achievement
 - Students should plan to be engaged in the school culture at Gateway for academic and social development and support

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Questions



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