

Welcome to



Information Night

POLK STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL
Lakeland, FL

Information Session Purpose

- **We are here to provide you with**
 - General information about Polk State's collegiate programs
 - Specific information about CHS
 - Application steps and details about the application & acceptance process
 - Answers to your questions
 - Contact information

History of the collegiate Programs

CHS 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.

- Polk State college has **THREE** collegiate charter high schools, all accredited by SACS.
 - *Lakeland Collegiate High School*
 - Opened August 2004
 - *Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School*
 - Opened August 2006
 - *Gateway Collegiate High School*
 - Opened August 2013
- Separate application process



Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School – Winter Haven



Available program areas include

- Associates in Arts degree (A.A.), a traditional state college two-year degree
- Teaching Prep Track
- STEM Focus
- Health Sciences Focus
- Leadership & Service Learning Focus
- Transportation available

Gateway High School – Lakeland



Available program areas include

- Non-traditional student focus
- Opportunity to complete HS diploma
- Opportunity to earn college credits towards A.A.
- Information Technology Program
- High level of student services & support
- Transportation available

CHS 5 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 & career readiness skills that lead to successful postsecondary transition
- **Lead** students to an understanding of future economic/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 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 two-year curriculum will enable students to simultaneously complete a high school diploma and many of the requirements for an associate's degree in either academic transfer or technical education option.

What do we mean by “serious” and “focused”?

Attendance, prepared & on time – Attendance = Success!

Expect homework.

Expect independent work outside of class, such as projects or papers.

Expect a very rigorous academic curriculum.

Expect to work on closing any skill gaps.

Expect to prepare for the ACT/SAT.

Expect to follow an assigned schedule and to take some high school classes.

What is Dual Enrollment?



- 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 = English IV

What is Dual Enrollment?

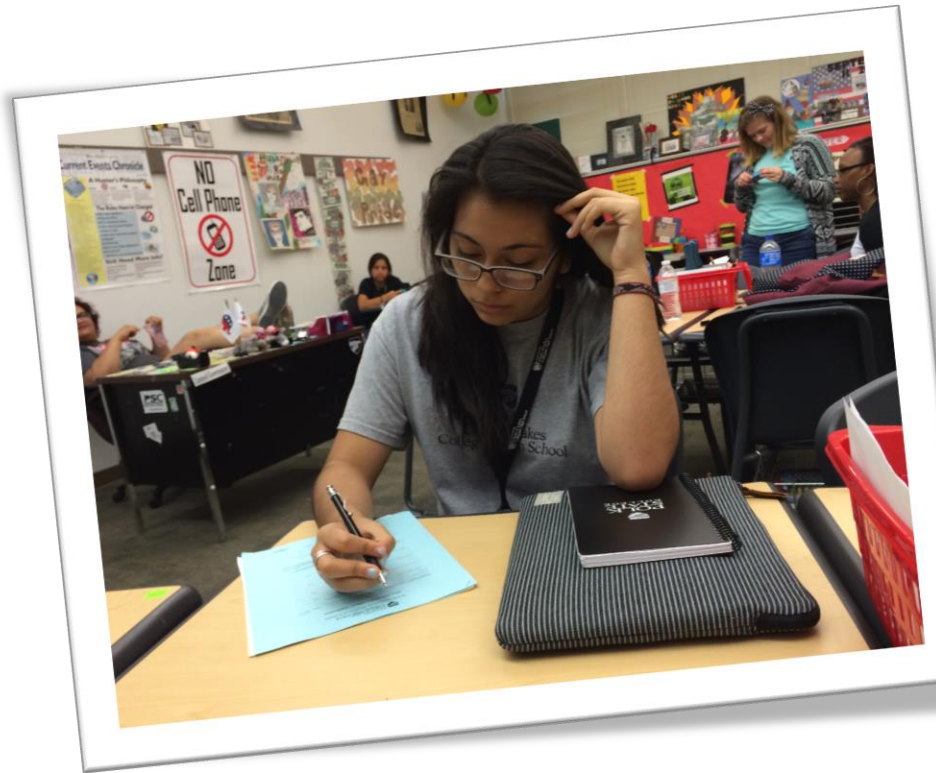
- All grades from dual enrollment (3+ college credits) are posted to the high school Student Scholastic Record with a full weighting.
- All courses in dual enrollment are posted to the Polk State college transcript, which follows the students permanently.
- A student can participate in dual enrollment with Polk State College from any high school in Polk County.

Traditional Dual Enrollment vs. CHS

- The student is enrolled in most college classes in a traditional college campus environment – subject to college policies
- The student may take as many courses as can comfortably fit into his/her schedule.



Traditional Dual Enrollment vs. CHS



- CHS provides academic advising and early registration.
- CHS provides academic support to prepare our students for success.
- CHS is a small learning community dedicated to student success.
- CHS is not simply a dual enrollment academy

What is the Advantage of Dual Enrollment?

2016-2017

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 for Freshman & Sophomore Years:
\$11,952**

**Average Cost Freshmen & Sophomore Years + Books:
\$14,352**

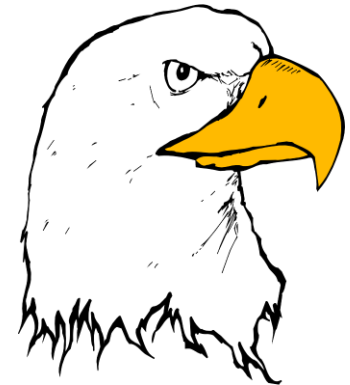
What is the Cost to CHS Students?

**All Tuition and Textbooks are
provided at NO COST to CHS
Students!**



CHS Eagle Fund

- Fund is used for all student activities and school enhancements
 - School T-Shirts for Students
 - Food for Student Events
 - Student Event Fees
 - Student Conferences & Competitions
 - School Promotional Items for Students
 - Community Involvement Events
 - Etc.
- All CHS families are encouraged to participate
- Eliminates the need for school-wide candy sales, donut sales, car washes, etc.



**Polk State College
Collegiate High School
Graduation Statistics:
2016**



- 126 high school graduates
 - 51% with a GPA of 4.0 or higher
 - 62 received their A.A.
- Scholarship dollars earned: \$1 million +
- Community Service hours performed: 15,000 +
- Total college credits earned 6,426
An average of 51 hours per student
- 100% high school graduation rate
- SAT/ACT scores above national and state averages

A.A. Degree Program



- Two-year general education degree program with multiple majors
- Completely transferrable to Florida public and private colleges and universities
- Guaranteed acceptance into the State University system as a junior with a completed A.A. degree

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 the 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

Health Science Options

Nursing

Health Information Management

Radiography
Technology

Occupational
Therapy Assistant

Respiratory Care

Cardiovascular
Technology

Physical Therapy
Assistant

Emergency Medical
Services

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

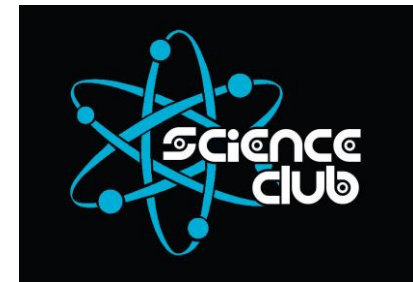


Leadership, Civic Engagement & Service

- Executive Internship Program in the first term provides college readiness skills, leadership training and a service learning component
- Youth in Government Program provides opportunities for students to engage in local, state and national civic engagement activities
- Annual speaker series exposes students to a variety of topics
- Interact Club, National Honor Society and Student Government organizations provide opportunities for students leadership and community engagement

Activities for CHS Students

- Service Learning Program
- Senior Ambassador Program
- Interact Club
- National Honor Society
- Youth in Gov't Club
- Student Government Association
- Science Club
- Journalism / Yearbook
- College Clubs and Organizations



Travel Learning Experiences

- Annual travel opportunities provide students with diverse experiences
- Washington DC Tour – Spring Break 2017
- New York City Tour – Spring Break 2018
- Summer Study Abroad Trips



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

Experience it all and get a head start on your career preparation at **Polk State college**.



Frequently Asked Questions

Are charter schools public schools?

Yes! Both FSA and EOCs are required.

Are collegiate students eligible for Bright Futures?

Yes!

Do college credits transfer to other colleges /universities?

Yes!

Frequently Asked Questions

Is Advanced Placement better than dual enrollment?

College admissions officers are looking for students who demonstrate success with a rigorous academic course load.

Is transportation available?

Yes, but limited to Lakeland High School Zone & Case by Case
– see zone map

Is there free or reduced lunch available?

Yes, if you qualify it is free!

Frequently Asked Questions

What about band, ROTC, athletics, etc?

Charter school students are allowed to participate in EXTRA-curricular activities (not tied 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 collegiate students participate in Polk State college activities?

All Polk State Activities are open to CHS students. If students try out for and make a Polk State athletics team, it counts towards their NCAA eligibility.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a typical day like?

Everyone's schedule is different! 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 (e.g. in the library, TLCC, CHART lab, or the Student Center).

May students leave campus during the day?

Seniors (with parental permission) may leave campus at the conclusion of their classes. Students are not allowed to "come and go." Juniors must check out at the office if they need to leave campus unexpectedly.

CHS Curriculum Plan

- **11th Grade**
 - Complete high school graduation credits with combination of high school and college courses
 - Majority of courses assigned with CHS faculty in both high school and college course format as appropriate to ensure successful integration into the college environment
- **Summer**
 - Complete college courses as appropriate towards the students degree program – summer is optional but necessary to complete the AA degree
 - CHS administration & staff work 12 months so are available to support students year-round
 - Transportation not provided in the summer term
- **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

CHS Target Population

- **Current 10th Grade Students (Rising Juniors)**
 - *Primary target* population for CHS
 - Goal is to spend 2 years at CHS to complete high school requirements and as many college credits as possible – AA degree is possible for many students
 - Students should be serious, mature students who are college ready and prepared for a rigorous academic environment
 - Students should plan to be engaged in the school culture at CHS for academic and social development and support
- **Current 11th Grade Students (Rising Seniors)**
 - *Limited spots* available for rising seniors – dependent upon available seats for fall senior class
 - Goal is to complete 1 year at CHS to finish remaining high school credits and as many college credits as possible
 - Students should be serious, mature students who are college ready and prepared for a rigorous academic environment
 - Students should plan to be engaged in the school culture at CHS for academic and social development and support

***Public School, Home School & Private School Students Welcome to Apply!**



The Important Question

Students: Are you serious minded and focused?

Parents: Are you ready to partner with CHS to maximize your student's success?

Application Process

Application Steps:

1. **Complete online application for Polk State College at www.polk.edu – ALL links available at www.chspsc.org**
 - 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**
 - Obtain a copy of scores and scan into a document
 - Take test in the TLCC during normal hours or CHS test sessions
3. **Complete the CHS Online Application**
 - <https://bit.ly/CHSAPPLICATION> (access link at www.chspsc.org)
 - Must complete application in one sitting – cannot be saved for later
 - Home School & Private School Students need to upload a transcript
 - Upload scanned copy of PERT scores – scores will be verified!

*Deadline to complete Application is **Friday, March 3, 2017**

***Submission of Application is not on first-come-first-served basis!**

TLCC PERT Testing

PERT Testing is offered at all Polk State Campuses

- **Lakeland Campus Testing Locations & Hours:**
 - **Lakeland Campus Student Services**
M-Th 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
F 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 - **Lakeland Campus TLCC**
M-Th 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sa 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- **Students MUST have a photo ID and testing ticket!**

CHS Contact Information

- **CHS Main Office**
 - Monday-Friday 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 - (863) 669-2322
- **Website** www.chspsc.org





Thank you!