

INFORMATION SESSION **2020**



POLK STATE
Lakeland Collegiate
High School

Student Spotlight...

- Why did you think Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School was a good fit for you?
- 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 – each school requires separate application

Administrative & Support Staff...

Principal – *Rick Jeffries*

Assistant Principal – *Joy Greene*

School Counselor – *Patricia Edgecomb*

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*

Gabrielle DeRouen – *Part-time staff assistant*



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 associate's 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...

Academic Rigor

- All students are expected to prioritize academic performance
- Students should expect to devote high levels of time and attention to academics

Leadership

- All incoming students take the Leadership Course (SLS1261)
- Students have ample opportunities to develop leadership in clubs and organizations

Civic Engagement

- Students have the opportunity to participate in Youth in Government and a civic engagement activities

Community Service

- All students engage in community service projects and annual “Day of Service”
- Lakeland Collegiate is partnered with United Way
- Students have adopted Oscar J. Pope Elementary



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

Meet minimum dual enrollment qualifications – 3.0 GPA & passing 2/3 sections of the PERT.

Be positioned to enter the 11th or 12th grade in the upcoming school year.

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.



Traditional Dual Enrollment vs. Collegiate High School...

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.

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.
- Choose work-based learning project site (spring)

Summer

- Complete college courses as appropriate toward the student's degree program. Summer is optional but necessary to complete an associates degree for most.
- Lakeland Collegiate administration and staff work 12 months and are available to support students year round.
- Complete work-based learning project hours (20)

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.
- Present work-based learning project (spring)

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:

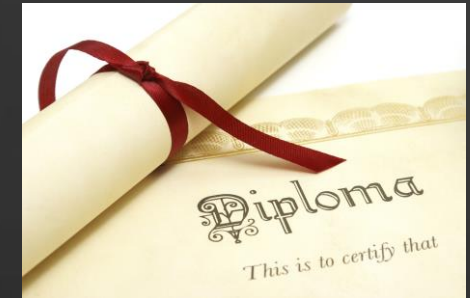
- *Eagle Fund* donations/class dues or student activity cost (suggested \$25 per year for juniors and \$50 per year for seniors).
- Club dues (required for some clubs).
- School events (prom, homecoming, Grad Bash, etc.).
- Graduation items (cap and gown, invitations, etc.).
- Yearbook.
- School pictures and senior portraits (including sitting fee).
- Annual school trips (Washington DC, New York, Study Abroad, 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.

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



E³ Program

- **Expose**

- Polk State pathways integration
- Business partner showcase
- Polk State career program tours
- Business partner soft-skills event



- **Explore**

- Work-Based Learning Project – Summer between Jr. and Sr. Year (Required for all students)
 - Students find a business or organization to spend 20 hours volunteering/job-shadowing in their area of career interest
 - Students make a senior year presentation about their experience

- **Embrace**

- Completion of degree/pathway academic plan
- Finalize post-secondary transition plan
 - Smooth transition to Polk State's career/bachelor programs
 - Transition to colleges/universities for degree completion
 - Transition to career



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 Trips

- Washington DC – Spring 2021
- New York City – Spring 2022

Study Abroad Summer Trips

- London, Paris & Alps – Spring 2021
- TBA – Spring 2022



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?

- PCSB no longer contracts with charter schools – bus service options have not been determined for 2020-2021 school year

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 college 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...

- **Step 1 – Complete the Polk State College online application at www.polk.edu**
(Students who have never applied to Polk State or taken dual enrollment courses)
 - Click “Apply Now” on the main page
 - Complete application
 - Email confirmation and PERT ticket will be sent within 4-8 days
- **Step 2 - Take the PERT Test or obtain a copy of your scores if already taken and passed**
(All Students)
 - Obtain a copy of PERT score report (students who have taken and passed the PERT)
 - Take the PERT test using the emailed ticket (first-time PERT test takers)
 - Obtain a PERT testing ticket from Polk State Student Services (students re-taking the PERT)
 - Take test in the TLCC or students services during normal hours
 - Obtain a copy of PERT scores and scan into a document
- **Step 3 – Complete the Lakeland Collegiate Online Application at www.polk.edu/LCHS (Application after first information session)**
(All Students)
 - Click “Apply Here” to start application
 - 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 for PCSB students, self-provided by private/home school students)
 - Upload scanned copy of PERT scores into application – scores will be verified!
 - ***Deadline to submit Application is Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 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!

Acceptance Process...

1. All Students who submit a complete application by the deadline will be considered.
2. If there are more applicants than available spots, a lottery list of all applicants will be generated by the Polk County School Board using a standard computer program.
3. Acceptance priority is based on meeting minimum dual enrollment eligibility requirement set by the state: an unweighted 3.0 grade-point average and passing 2/3 sections of the PERT test.
4. Acceptance letters will be mailed out in late March – be sure mailing address is correct on the application!
5. Students must accept offer of admissions within two weeks by returning enrollment form that will be included with the letter.
6. Students not accepted will be placed on a waiting list by lottery number and will be sent a waiting list letter.
7. Admissions preference provisions are in place for qualified siblings of current Lakeland Collegiate students and children of employees of the 3 collegiate high school programs
8. An orientation Meeting for all newly accepted students will be held April 16 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

A group of diverse young people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are smiling and hugging each other. The image is overlaid with a large, bold, red, italicized text that reads "THANK YOU". The background is a light, textured wall. A thick, red, brush-stroke-like graphic element is at the bottom of the image.

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