

Vision: 100% Student Success Mission: "Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life."

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am excited to kick off a new year full of promise and opportunities. Pinellas County Schools is committed to ensuring students have safe and secure learning environments that foster high-quality and enjoyable student experiences.

We expect all schools to be places where students, families, staff and community members can belong, thrive and feel welcome. To achieve this goal, schools must promote mutual respect for all students, families and staff. It takes everyone working together to build healthy and safe school cultures.

This year's Code of Student Conduct has been updated and outlines expectations for student behavior. Please familiarize yourselves with the responsibilities and expectations. Together, we can create positive learning environments and experiences for all students.

Parent/Guardian Action: Please review the Code of Student Conduct with your child, sign the Parent and Student Acknowledgement Form and all other necessary forms online using Focus. You will find more information in the box below. You also have the option of filling out forms in the Code of Student Conduct booklet. If you sign forms in the booklet, please submit them to your child's school.

The Code of Student Conduct is available online at www.pcsb.org/code. Any updates made to the Code during the school year will also be available on the website. If you have questions about policies and procedures, please contact your child's principal.

I value your support and look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students and staff members in the coming year. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure safe learning environments where all students can achieve success.

Sincerely.

Kevin K. Hendrick Superintendent

## **Try the Electronic Signature Option**

Nine parent forms are available for electronic signature. If possible, please fill them out electronically instead of submitting hard copies to your child's school. You can access the forms by logging into Focus at focus.pcsb.org. The forms below are available for electronic signature:

- <u>Parent and Student Acknowledgement</u> (hard copy on Code of Student Conduct page 27)
- Directory Information Opt-Out (hard copy on page 17)
- <u>Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement</u> (hard copy on page 19)
- <u>School-Based Healthcare Services</u> (hard copy on page 23)
- School and Classroom Library Material Student Access (hard copy on page 21)
- <u>Media Release Form</u> (hard copy provided by your child's school)
- Technology Equipment Acceptance and Responsibility (hard copy provided by your child's school)
- <u>Residency Questionnaire</u> (hard copy provided by your child's school)
- Student Clinic Card (hard copy provided by your child's school)

**Please note:** The Parent and Student Acknowledgement and Directory Information Opt-Out forms apply only for the school year in which they are signed. The Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement and Media Release forms, once signed, are active the entire time your child is enrolled in Pinellas County Schools and do not need to be resubmitted each school year.

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