

Pinellas County Schools News

School Closure and Digital Learning Update

Pinellas County Schools will continue with digital instruction for the rest of the 2019-20 school year. Governor DeSantis and the Department of Education extended the closure of all school buildings in the state of Florida for the balance of the school year due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

For more information and resources about the School Closure and Digital Learning, please visit : <https://www.pcsb.org/coronavirus>
<https://www.pcsb.org/digitallearninfo>

Pinellas County Schools (PCS) Meal Distribution

PCS will start distributing meals for six days beginning on Wednesday, April 22 through the end of the school year. Once a week, families will receive a combination of hot and cold breakfast items and hot lunch entrees, with easy heating instructions. Parents are asked to pop open their trunks at the sites for safe food delivery. Families who walk to the site can bring a bag or large box.

Distribution dates:

Wednesday, April 22 – 6 days-worth of meals
Wednesday, April 29 – 6 days-worth of meals
Wednesday, May 6 – 6 days-worth of meals
Wednesday, May 13 – 6 days-worth of meals
Wednesday, May 20 – 6 days-worth of meals
Wednesday, May 27 – 6 days-worth of meals

Meal distribution time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
To see the school locations for the meal distribution please visit: www.pcsb.org/foodlocations

Mental Health & Wellness during COVID-19 for Families

Pinellas County Schools has created a site with resources to help families to support the mental health and wellness of their children during the Covid 19 situation. For more information, you can access to the site through this link:

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/32767>

Also the student services staff at your child's school is available to speak with you and your student if you have any concerns. Please contact Student Services office at 588-6307 for assistance.



Pinellas County Schools Summer Bridge 2020

There will be summer instruction for Pinellas County Schools students, but it may be virtual as is currently taking

place, or if schools are permitted to reopen, it may take place face-to-face in schools. Details are still being developed for the 2020 summer instructional program and once finalized communications will come directly from your child's current school principal.

For any updated information about Summer Bridge follow the link : <https://www.pcsb.org/page/4032>

Information and Resources for English Learner Families



Attendance in the Digital Classroom in Microsoft Teams:

The attendance in the digital classroom is important and is mandatory every day, just like in a regular school setting. Please check with your teachers about their attendance procedure in the digital classroom.



Assignments in the Digital Classroom in Microsoft Teams:

Teachers are assigning work and quizzes in Microsoft Teams. Make sure to complete all your assignments by due date or, if needed, request extra time from your teacher. When completing an assignment in Microsoft Teams, make sure to click on "Turn in" tab so your teacher can see it.



Attendance and Grades in Focus:

Please check your child's attendance and grades in FOCUS. Here is where teachers are posting the attendance and the assignments grades. For questions or concerns about your child's attendance, grades and/or progress, please connect with your child's teachers as soon as possible for support.

4. Bilingual Support in Schools:

Most schools have bilingual assistants available every day to help you and your child. If your child needs bilingual assistance, please contact the bilingual assistant or the Spanish Helpline at 588 6415.

5. How to connect with your child's teacher(s) for assistance:

If you know the email address of your child's teachers, you can email each teacher individually for support. Otherwise, visit your child's school website and follow these steps:

1. Look at the top of the page and click where it says, "About US".
2. Then, click on " Staff/Staff Directory " and look for the name of your child's teacher.
3. Click on the teacher's name to send an email.

For more ESOL resources please visit: www.pcsb.org/ESOL

For more information in English/Spanish, please contact: Ericka Reckenwald

ESOL Family Outreach

Phone: 727-588-6415

Email: reckenwalde@pcsb.org

Resources for Families and Students



Pinellas County Schools en Español Facebook page

Help us spread the word! Connect with us on social media through **Pinellas County Schools en Español**—

www.facebook.com/PCSBespanol/

The page connects Hispanic families with news and information about the school district and ESOL events in Spanish. Please follow the link above, like, and share!



Free Pinellas County Schools App

It helps families access student information on their cellphones and mobile devices. The App provides easy access to: Current

Student Grades, Current Student Attendance, Recent Student Assignments, Upcoming Student Assignments, and more. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App store.



Clever @ Home

It supports learning outside of the classroom anytime, anywhere. Students are encouraged to continue using the

resources found within Clever before or after the school day from home. They can access these resources through clever.com/in/pcsb by signing in with their PCS account.



The Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP)

It helps

students keep track of achievements, goals, see their performance on assessments, access targeted lessons to improve, track progress toward graduation and discover areas they may need to address, and more. Students can access the PLP through clever.com/in/pcsb by signing in with their PCS email account.



Pinellas County Schools Parent Helpline in Spanish:

Spanish-speaking parents have the opportunity to call the helpline to obtain information related

to the school district. **Helpline phone number: 727-588-6415**