



Disston Academy for Progress and Enterprise

Pinellas Teleschool

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Phone- 727.893.1115

Etje Ramdohr, Principal

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Hello Parents and Students,

Welcome to the School Year 2025 – 2026!

Pinellas Teleschool is a virtual program for middle and high school students who have been administratively placed due to zero-tolerance infractions at their assigned schools. We follow the Pinellas County School Board Policies, including the Code of Student Conduct.

Our motto at Pinellas Teleschool is “Culture to Climb – Courage to Change!”

**Students**, take this opportunity to follow our motto by reflecting on your mistake and actively participating in a learning environment that produces success!

**Parents**, this is a wonderful opportunity for your student to get on track, reflect on their mistake, and graduate on time.

#### **School Hours:**

- First day of school – Monday, August 11, 2025
- Operating Hours: 7:00 AM-2:30 PM
- Student Hours: 7:15 AM-1:45 PM

#### **Mandatory Orientation via TEAMS:**

- Parents and students must attend together, to ensure that all families receive current information such as
  - School Expectations and Communications
  - Academic Support and Interventions
  - Curriculum and Assessments and more
- Schedule an Orientation that fits your schedule:
  - We value your time, if you are 10 min or more late for the Orientation, please reschedule.
  - Please call to schedule your Orientation at (727)893-1115 Ext. 2000
  - Our Orientation and Intake Coordinator, Ms. Alejo is here to assist you and may be reached by email at [Alejo@pcsb.org](mailto:Alejo@pcsb.org) or by phone at (727)893-1115 Ext. 2000.
  - Thursday, July 31 at 5 PM
  - Friday, August 1 at 9 AM
  - Wednesday, August 6 at 5 PM
  - Thursday, August 7 at 1 PM
  - During the school year, Orientation is every Tuesday at 1:00 PM and Thursday at 9:00 AM
  - Please feel free to request school-issued technology equipment online at [www.pcsb.org/Disston](http://www.pcsb.org/Disston) in advance of your orientation.



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**Campus Security and Testing:**

- We provide a safe environment by keeping all exterior doors and gates secure.
- All visitors must report to the reception area located in the front office, provide identification and sign-in.
- Scholar Entry – Scholars will enter the building through the main entrance.
- Parent Drop Off - Please drop your scholar off at the main entrance.
- PCSB Laptops- Please bring your PCSB laptop and charger whenever you need to take a test.
- Personal items – No backpacks, purses, or clutches. You may bring water and a snack. All items will be searched upon arrival on campus.
- No electronic devices are permitted during testing (cell phones, SMART watches, headphones, iPads, earbuds, etc.)
- Release from testing– All scholars are required to get a Permit to Leave (PTL) by having their parent notify the front reception.
- All scholars must leave the school campus within 30 minutes of completing testing; otherwise, it will be considered trespassing.
- Permits to Leave are granted beforehand, and all scholars, including those over 18, must have parent/guardian notification and/or approval.

**Ensuring your information is up to date:**

- In order to ensure you receive the proper updates and information, it is crucial that your information in the school computer system is up to date. If your residential address changes at any time, please bring two proofs of address such as a utility bill or copy of your lease/mortgage for verification at the time of registration. Keeping your address up to date will also ensure your student is at the bus stop closest to their house upon the return to the traditional school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our School Counselor, Dr. Mims at (727)893-1115, Ext. 2060.

We are excited and looking forward to meeting you and your student!

**Thank you and have a great day!**

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