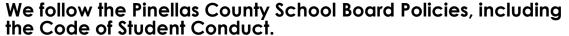
WELCOME TO PINELLAS TELESCHOOL 2025-2026 STUDENT ORIENTATION

General Questions

Thank you for attending, we are excited to have you here!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pinellas Teleschool is a Pinellas County Schools' Educational Alternative School Disciplinary Site. Teleschool supports students who have been transitioned to a virtual environment as a result of an administrative placement, reassignment, or expulsion. Attendance online by TEAMS is mandatory.



- Operating Hours: 7:00 AM-2:30 PM
- Student Hours: 7:15 AM-1:45 PM
- Serving scholars in grades 6-12
- How is Pinellas Teleschool Different?
 - Accelerated graduation model.
 - Fully staffed student services team with trauma informed care systems.



FULL SCALE STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT

- As an Educational Alternative School (EAS), we support a population of scholars who are 100% trauma-exposed and nearly 90% trauma-engaged. Our typical student is.... A-typical.
- To counter environmental and social exposures, we provide many services. Pinellas Teleschool provides a setting that fosters the optimal development of our scholars through connective, empathetic, and communal structures. Some services we provide are:
 - Onsite social worker, psychologist, behavior specialist & counselor
 - Clothes for Kids referrals
 - St. Petersburg Clinic referrals
 - Free Individual counseling



WHO'S WHO AT PINELLAS TELESCHOOL

School Administrators

Etje Ramdohr -Principal

School Paraprofessionals

Shannan Nichols- Attendance

School Instructional Staff

Kathrine Hawley - ESE

Natalee Cleveland - Math 6-8. Algebra 1

Michael Douglas - Science

Alicia Higgins - Math 6-12

Melayna Hunter - Social Studies

Barry Leclair - Digital Info. Tech.

Dainer Simons - English and Lang Arts

Mihailo Stoykovich - Reading

Melissa Witeck - MJ Health

School Support Staff

Rhianna Alejo - Clerk Specialist I

Michelle Ba - Data Management Tech

Coach Blackmon - Behavior Specialist

Melanie Gillett- School Psychologist

Diana Gregory - Secretary/Bookkeeper

Eartha Mims- School Counselor

Devlin Pippert - School Social Worker

Nakkia Sly-Title 1 Coordinator

TBA- Registered Nurse

TBA-S.R.O.

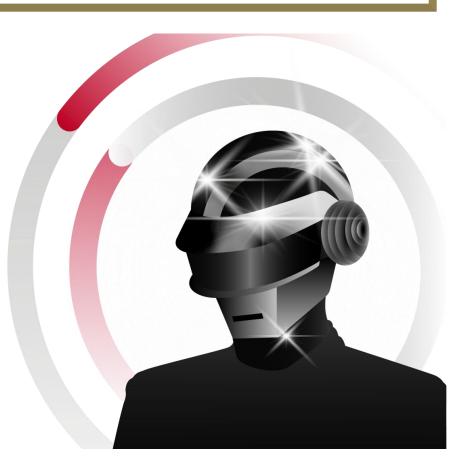
David Willis - Technology Technician

SCHOOL VISION AND MISSION

VISION- 100% student success through a digital learning environment.

MISSION- Pinellas Teleschool's school mission is to extend educational opportunities beyond the classroom and transcend learning for academic success and life.

MOTTO- Culture to climb, courage to change!



REQUIRED SUPPLIES

- All scholars will have access to a PCSB laptop, laptop charger and internet access (Wi-Fi). Daily use of these items is a requirement of enrollment.
- Only PCSB laptops and chargers will be permitted inside of the building on testing dates.
- Pens, Pencils and paper are given on an as needed basis. Please ask if your student needs them.

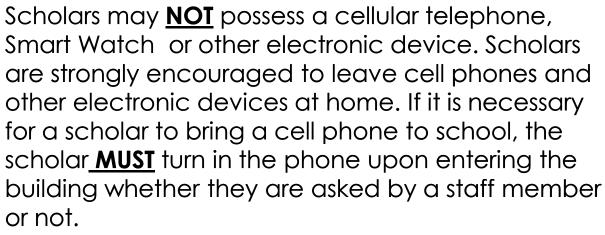
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School Hours are 7:00 AM-2:00 PM Testing Hours –

- * <u>Scholar Entry</u> 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.
- * <u>Release from testing</u> 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.

Pinellas Teleschool Electronic Device Policy



If a scholar is caught with an electronic device, it will be confiscated, and the parent or guardian will have to retrieve the item from school administration.

PCSB Medication Guidelines

- Scholars may NOT transport medications to or from school.
- Parent/Guardian must complete a medication form and/or obtain MD signature/order
- Please bring meds to school pre-cut if necessary.
- Parents/Guardians must notify the school of any changes in medication dosage, time, etc. (New form must be completed annually)

PCSB Medication Guidelines

- Parents are required to pick up and sign out any unused or unnecessary medication at the end of the school year or upon request. (Any medications left at the end of the school year will be destroyed)
- * Over the counter medications require both a parent signature and written health provider prescription.
- Pharmacy label must be intact for prescription meds
- Medications MUST be counted with the school nurse upon drop off of the medication as well as the pick-up.



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Teams

TELESCHOOL GHEAT SHEET

PGS Issued laptop



Log into the computer using your r2.d2 username and password. If your password has be reset, it's your smanagement.

Possible Errors:

Disabled account: student has not been/or was recently added to Teleschool FOCUS. This happens overnight. Account should be okay the next day. Incorrect username/password: Gall Disston for a password reset.



Connect to your home the Wi-Fi using the icon located in the bottom right corner.





Click on the CLEVER icon located on the computer desktop to access apps. Log in with Active Directory, if it asks.



Possible Errors

Oh No Not able to authenticate: Student does NOT have a schedule. Contact Guidance Counselor.



Click on the TEAMS icon to connect to classes. You can speak to your teacher here.





The calendar icon in TEAMS can help you see your classes according to your schedule.





On the calendar, classes in session, will be darker blue and have a join button.



Ms Sandman- LMTS TEXT 813.586.0445 sandmann@pcsb.org

TELESCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE TIPS

- Because Teleschool student classes are scheduled on multiple platforms (Focus, Edmentum and Teams), sometimes students get confused what classes they actually have. For example, Edmentum doesn't list your full schedule, and the Teams calendar isn't always perfectly up to date. And the classes listed on the front page of Focus aren't the full schedule like they are in traditional school.
- To see your actual schedule in Teleschool, log into your Focus account (if you don't have access yet, make sure that your guardian or parent has signed off on the documentation), and click on the Class Schedule tab, and then click on the current semester.

TELESCHOOL STAFF CONTACTS

Below you will find contact information for Teleschool staff. This information may change during the year, it is current for 08/11/2025.

- Ms. Simons simonsda@pcsb.org
- Mr. Douglas douglasmi@pcsb.org
- Ms. Higgins higginsal@pcsb.org
- Ms. Hunter hunterme@pcsb.org
- ESE TBA
- Ms. Cleveland clevelandn@pcsb.org
- Mr. Leclair leclairb@pcsb.org
- Mr. Stoykovich stoykovichm@pcsb.org
- Dr. Mims, School Counsellor mimse@pcsb.org
- Mr. WIllis, Tech Specialist for computer and connectivity issues willisda@pcsb.org

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to hearing from you.

Personalized Learning Options

Facilitated Digital Support

- √ 100% digital course including assignments, study guides, quizzes & assessments.
- Coursework is accessible at anytime, from any web enabled device.
- A teacher certified in the content provides support and monitors assessments in person.
- Scholars work at their own pace and have the capacity to accelerate and complete courses in less time than a traditional semester model.

<u>Traditional Direct Instruction</u>

- Instruction provided through lecture and collaborative structures.
 (Reading, Crit Think and M/J Health)
- Access to laptops and Clever applications for remediation and supplemental support.

HOW TO CHECK STUDENT PROGRESS/GRADES



Courseware

World History Semester 1 - CORE 24/25 World History Semester 1 - CORE - TBA

Course Grade: 3.88% (F)

Current Grade: 25.83% (F)

6/21 Complete



Courseware

Physical Science Semester 1 - CORE

24/25 Physical Science Sem 1- Hassler

Course Grade: 8.67% (F)

Current Grade: 86.67% (B)

3/16 Complete



Courseware

Physical Science Semester 2 - CORE

24/25 Physical Science Sem 2- Hassler

Course Grade: 6.67% (F)

Current Grade: 100% (A)

2/16 Complete

Middle School Promotion Requirements

- Pass Three Language Arts Courses
- Pass Three Math Courses
- Pass Three Social Studies Courses
- Pass Three Science Courses
- Complete ELA Assessments
- Complete Math Assessments
- Complete Grade 8 Science Assessment
- Complete Civics Assessment

Graduation Requirements for Both Credit Options

- □ Four (4) Credits of English: English 1, 2, 3, and 4
- □ Four (4) Credits of Math: Algebra 1, Geometry, and two more selected Math credits
- ☐ Three (3) Credits of Science: Biology and two more selected Science credits
- ☐ Three (3) Credits of Social Science: World History, US History, Economics (.5), US Govt. (.5)
- □ One Credit of Performing Arts/Practical Arts Credit
- ☐ Three (3) credits of selected Electives (Reading, Dig Info Tech, Crit Think, etc.)
- □ Half credit Personal Financial Literacy (.5)

The additional requirements for the 24-credit graduation option are:

- One Credit of Hope
- Five (5) <u>additional</u> selected electives (these <u>should</u> include at <u>least</u> two consecutive credits in the <u>same</u> foreign language IF you wish to enter a university as a freshman, or if you wish to qualify for the highest Bright Futures Scholarship award)
- https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/graduation-requirements/

Additional Graduation Requirements

SCHOLARS NEED TO PASS ONE OF THESE TESTS IN READING AND MATH IN ADDITION TO EARNING ALL THEIR CREDITS TO RECEIVE A DIPLOMA:











Let's Review the Forms and Policies Together

DIGITAL FORMS IN FOCUS

- Clinic Card
- *Home Language Survey
- Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement
- Media Release
- Technology Use Agreement
- Consent to Receive Health Services
- Directory Information Opt-Out Form
- Code of Conduct Acknowledgment Form

DOWNLOADABLE FORMS

- Parent/Student Acknowledgment Form
- Electronic Device Policy
- Safe School Agreement
- Where Do I Go for Assistance Form
- PCS Student Calendar

Important Parent Notice:

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THESE FORMS
YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A LAPTOP FOR YOUR STUDENT OR ANY REPAIRS.

"Success occurs when opportunity meets preparation."

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HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

Review your scholar's progress in each course, current GPA, and past due assignments.

Contact your scholar's teacher if you suspect they may be off track.

PARENT CONFERENCES

- Parent-scholar conferencing is highly recommended. This conference can occur via Microsoft TEAMS or telephone conferencing.
- Arrangements can sometimes be made after hours on designated nights.
- While it is always encouraged to communicate with individual teachers. Please contact Dr. Mims to set up a conference when necessary.
- Parents may be required to attend conferences to address significant concerns with placement, attendance, or academic progress.

GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL