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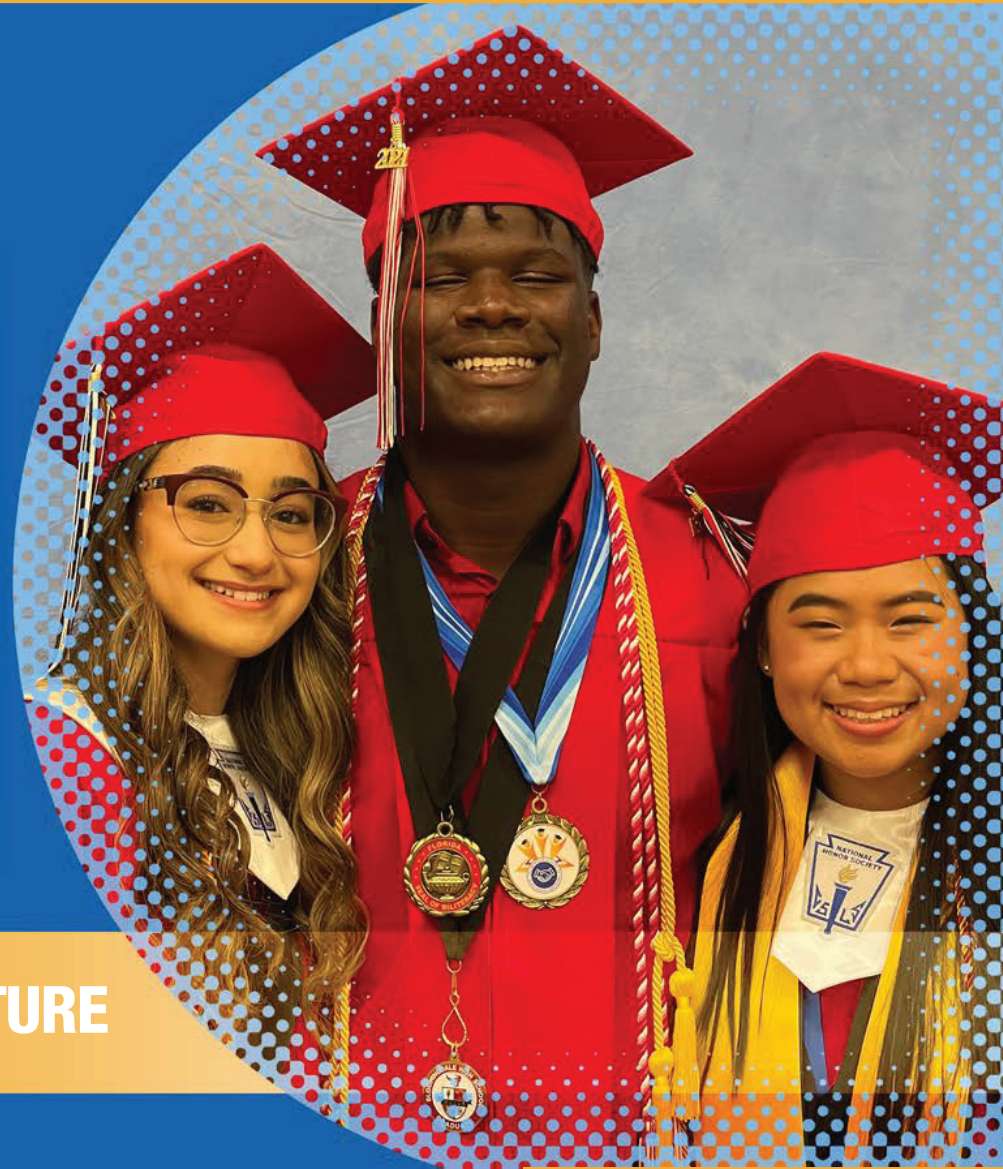
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REFERENDUM RESULTS

#HalfPennyPromise

Thanks to taxpayers who approved the half-penny sales tax in November 2018, our district has invested more than **\$255 million** to improve our schools.

338 projects completed

85 projects in progress

14 major summer 2021 projects completed
An estimated \$73 million invested into these projects

80% awarded to locally-owned businesses

25% of all projects awarded to minority owned businesses

To check out a full list of projects in progress and complete, visit hillsboroughschools.org/referendum

Don't forget to follow [@HalfPennyPromise](https://www.facebook.com/HalfPennyPromise) on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on the latest referendum news.



This third busy summer with major projects at our schools, thanks to the November 2018 Education Referendum passing. Chamberlain High School is a lot cooler this year! This is because the campus was under construction during this third round of major summer referendum projects.

JE Dunn construction and Anston-Greenlees, Inc design professionals worked together with Chamberlain administrative staff to ensure the work got done in time for students and teachers to return for the 2021-22 school year.

The administrative team worked out of the media center while construction crews replaced the campus's HVAC system (air conditioning) and installed new intercom systems and phone lines.

If you walk through the halls of Chamberlain, skylights provide natural lighting, but the old chiller system was not able to keep up with the heat of the day thanks to all of that Florida sunlight.

This new air conditioning system will be more efficient, and the air will be cleaner, saying goodbye to dirty filters and hello to new technology with an ultraviolet filtration system.

Jake Nellis, who runs the Tampa office at JE Dunn, said they replaced the entire HVAC system throughout the student wings, and each classroom has new ceilings.

Also, some of the phone and intercom systems at Chamberlain were over twenty-five years old, so the school administration is thrilled that the upgrades took place over the summer.

After Memorial Day, JE Dunn hit the ground running with more than one hundred construction workers on-site. They worked six to seven days a week throughout summer to get the job done.

"It is a tremendous project; we are really just trying to hit a home run, making sure students have the best learning environment that they possibly can," said Nellis.

Mike Jewell, the JE Dunn Superintendent who handled oversight of the construction, shared that they replaced seven rooftop HVAC systems. He explained that it was a lot of work, but it was a great process working with the administration and staff on campus each day.

"Everybody worked diligently. Multiple meetings took place a day to make sure we remained on task. Working during the summer on a two-month project, to us, one day equals a week," said Jewell.

"Obviously, there are many things throughout the district that are on maintenance lists that are not able to get done due to time and lack of funds. So now, because of the referendum, we are going to be more efficient and save money on the electrical side when we run our A/C," said Jake Russell, Principal at Chamberlain High School.

It is excellent to know the students, teachers and staff returned to campus with a top-of-the-line air conditioning and air purification system. Between this year's A/C and electrical work and next year's bleachers, field house, gym and turf renovations, just over \$12 million will be invested into Chamberlain High School.

Fourteen major referendum projects took place over the summer. These projects require numerous workers on site each day to tear out classroom ceilings to replace ductwork, use cranes to lift chiller units, and install new equipment. Because of the massive amount of work, this can only be done during the summer, when students and staff are not on campus.

As of July 2021, thanks to the taxpayers of Hillsborough County, our district has invested more than \$255 million to address essential needs in our schools. This includes air conditioning, aging roofs, classroom technology, painting and paving projects, plus safety and security improvements. To check out the list of projects in progress and complete, visit hillsboroughschools.org/coc.



2021-2022 School Calendar

This calendar is available for viewing and sharing by visiting hillsboroughschools.org

- **Students' First Day of School** - August 10, 2021
- **Labor Day Holiday/Non-Student Day** September 6, 2021
- **End of 1st Grading Period** October 8, 2021
- **Veterans Day/Non-Student Day** November 11, 2021
- ***Fall Break/Non-Student Days** November 22 – 26, 2021
- **Students Return to School** November 29, 2021
- **End of 2nd Grading Period** (End of 1st Semester) December 17, 2021
- **Winter Break/Non-Student Days** December 20, 2021 – December 31, 2021
- **Non-Student Day** January 3, 2022
- **Students Return to School** January 4, 2022
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/Non-Student Day** January 17, 2022
- **Non-Student Day** February 18, 2022

- **Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day** February 21, 2022
- **Non-Student Day** March 7, 2022
- **End of 3rd Grading Period** March 11, 2022
- **Spring Break/Non-Student Days** March 14 – 18, 2022
- **Non-Student Day** March 21, 2022
- **Students Return to School** March 22, 2022
- **Non-Student Day** April 15, 2022
- **Last Day of School/End of 4th Grading Period** (End of 2nd Semester) May 27, 2022

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Great American Virtual Teach-In** Thursday, November 18, 2021
- **Please Note * Hurricane Day(s) if needed:** November 11, 22-24, and 26, 2021
- **Student Early Release Days**
Students are released one-hour early each Monday
Last day of school: Students are released 2.5 hours early

PASOS AL FUTURO: PROGRAM DESIGNED AND HELD IN SPANISH TO HELP STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12 PREPARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND THE WORKFORCE.

To ensure the continued safety and wellbeing of our students and families, this will be a virtual experience for the 2021-22 school year. The college planning orientation is in Spanish and will be presented in the summer months with continued monthly informational sessions offered throughout the school year. We invite you to visit hillsboroughschools.org/pasos for specific dates. Additionally, counselors are available in all schools to help you learn more about the school district and direct you to resources.

Para la seguridad y bienestar de de nuestros estudiantes y sus familias esto sera una experiencia virtual para el año escolar 2021-22. La orientación sobre la preparación universitaria es provisto totalmente en español y se presentará durante los meses de verano con sesiones informativas seguidas durante el año escolar. Te invitamos a visitar hillsboroughschools.org/pasos para las fechas específicas. Adicionalmente, los consejeros están disponibles en toda las escuelas para ayudarle a aprender más acerca de nuestro distrito escolar y dirigirlo a los recursos disponible.



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Superintendent of
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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

VISION

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MISSION

To provide an education and the supports which enable each student to excel as a successful and responsible citizen.

PARENT CHECKLIST



Here's a checklist to help your child succeed in school...

ATTENDANCE

- I expect my child to go to school every day or learn virtually, be on time and complete each school day.

COMMUNICATION

- I call the school's attendance line to report my child's absence.
- I attend scheduled conferences and events and volunteer when I am available and needed.
- I ask for a conference with the teacher if I have a concern.
- I inform the teacher of anything that may have an effect on my child's performance or behavior.
- I read and act on information sent home about my child's progress and achievements.
- I talk with my child and know what he or she is doing and with whom.

HEALTH

- I schedule visits to the doctor and dentist.
- I set a bedtime that lets my child get nine hours of sleep.
- I talk with my child about the dangers of abusing alcohol and drugs.

INTEREST

- I set aside time each day for my child to share with me what he or she has done in school.
- I review my child's report card and help him or her set goals for doing better.
- I read with my child every day.

EXPECTATIONS

- I will log into my Parent Canvas account to monitor my child's progress and communicate with teachers when needed.
- I set high expectations for my child's behavior and achievement at school.
- I expect my child to finish all class and homework assignments.
- I expect my child to respect others.
- I expect my child to get a high school diploma and seek additional education.

Dear Families,

I am excited to begin the 2021-2022 year and partner with you and our outstanding principals and staff to make this an amazing school year.

We have so much to be proud of in Hillsborough County Public Schools, not the least of which is our resiliency. Our graduation rate continues to climb, we have more supports in place than ever before to assist our students socially and emotionally, and we have extraordinary, award-winning programs at many of our schools.

Our district has continued to thrive even through a pandemic and all the challenges it created.

We designed this Family Guide as a menu of the services offered by our district and our partners. Inside, you will find valuable information on important dates, school choice options and nationally renowned programs and initiatives exclusive to Hillsborough County Public Schools.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we accelerate Hillsborough in all areas of education.

Respectfully,
Addison G. Davis
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

School Board meetings are aired on Hillsborough Schools TV, Spectrum channel 635, Frontier FiOS channel 32 and online at hillsboroughschools.tv, live on specific Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. with replays on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (Board Meetings), and 8:00 p.m. (Recognition Meetings). Hillsborough County School Board meetings are available with closed captioning on live webcasts and on live television broadcasts. Closed captioning is also displayed on a monitor in the Board auditorium during School Board meetings.

Visit our district website to view meeting dates, live webcasts and archived School Board meetings.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

For a complete listing of Hillsborough County Public Schools, please visit our district website at hillsboroughschools.org and access schools at the top of the main page.

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Immunization Requirements for 2021-2022 School Year

The School Health Services Program oversees or provides mandated services in accordance with Florida Statute sections 381.0056, 381.0057, and 402.3026. School health services' purpose is to minimize health barriers to learning for public school students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. To help ensure the provision of safe and appropriate county-level school health services, the Department of Health, Hillsborough, School Health Program office work in conjunction with Hillsborough County Public Schools, School Health Services Department to implement health services and state mandates provided in our public schools.

Students from Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade who are coming into a Florida school for the first time must present an immunization record (DH 680) and a current Florida School Entry Physical Examination, Form (DH 3040). The immunization record must show that the student has met the minimum state requirements for that grade. Immunizations are provided at no charge by the Department of Health, Hillsborough County.



Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten

For students entering Pre-Kindergarten*, the immunization record must show that the student has met the minimum state requirements for vaccines:

- * 3-5 doses DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
- * 3-5 doses Polio
- * 1-2 doses MMR (measles-mumps-rubella)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- * 1-2 doses Varicella (chickenpox)

** Note: Immunizations listed below are not required, but recommended:*

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)

Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)

Hepatitis A (Hep A)

** Varicella vaccine is not required if Varicella disease is documented (the year the child had the disease must be included) by a Licensed Physician, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant.*

Immunization Requirements for students entering seventh through twelfth grade

Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) immunization is required for all students entering 7th grade. It must be documented on an updated DH680 form and the original copy submitted to the school along with the minimal state requirements:

- 5 doses DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
- 4 doses Polio (IPV or OPV)
- 2 doses MMR< (measles-mumps-rubella)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- 1 dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
- 2 doses Varicella (chickenpox) or has had the disease as documented by a healthcare provider

** Note.1 dose Tdap (tetanus- diphtheria- pertussis) for seventh grade is required.*

** An updated DH 680 form to include Tdap must be obtained for submission to the school.*

** Varicella vaccine is not required if Varicella disease is documented (the year the child had the disease must be included) by a Licensed Physician, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant.*

State Mandated Screenings

School Health Services is responsible for state-mandated screenings, Florida Statute 381.0056(6)(e). Vision and hearing screenings are necessary to identify impairments that interfere with learning. In addition, growth and development, body mass index (BMI) and scoliosis screenings are necessary to prevent complications associated with obesity, diabetes, heart, and lung damage, respectively. The mandatory grade levels are listed below:

- Vision screening – provided to students in grades KG, 1, 3, and 6. Vision screening will also be performed on all students entering Florida schools for the first time in grades KG through 5.
- Hearing screening – provided to students in grades KG, 1, and 6.
- Hearing screening will also be performed on all students entering Florida schools for the first time in grades KG through 5.
- Growth and development screening with BMI – provided to students in grades 1, 3, and 6.
- Scoliosis screening – provided to students in grade 6.
- All students who do not pass their screening will be referred for further examination and corrective measures. If you are in need of a health care provider for your child, please contact your school nurse.
- If you do not want your child to participate in any of the mandated screenings, you must notify your child's school nurse in writing before the assigned screening date. Please ask your child's school for the date or dates of the scheduled screenings. In addition, please provide your child's results from that particular screening to be included in your child's health record.

Immunization Requirements for Kindergarten through sixth grade

Students entering kindergarten must submit an updated immunization record and a school entry physical examination

- 5 doses DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
- * 4-5 doses Polio (Kindergarten)
- 2 doses MMR (measles-mumps-rubella)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- * 2 doses Varicella (chickenpox)

** Note. KG – If the fourth dose of polio vaccine is*

administered prior to the fourth birthday, a fifth dose of polio vaccine is required for kindergarten entry only.

*** Varicella vaccine is not required if Varicella disease is documented (the year the child had the disease must be included) by a Licensed Physician, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant.*

Additional Immunization Recommendations:

Four vaccines are not mandated for your child's grade level but are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and should be discussed with your health care provider. They are meningococcal meningitis, hepatitis A series, Influenza and Human Papilloma (HPV) Vaccine series.

Meningococcal Disease

A dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) is recommended for children and adolescents 11-18 years of age. This vaccine is 85-90% effective in preventing meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by bacteria. The disease is spread by airborne respiratory droplets (cough or sneezes). Symptoms of meningococcal disease are often mistaken for less serious illnesses such as the flu.

Common symptoms may include fever greater than 101.4, red to purple colored rash, nausea, vomiting, generalized muscle aches, severe headaches, confusion, sensitivity to light, and/or stiff neck. It is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2-18 years old in the United States. The vaccine is available at the department of health, Hillsborough County, if it is not provided by your child's healthcare provider's office. For those who have never gotten MCV4, a dose is recommended at high school entry but not required in the State of Florida. Most colleges and universities require this vaccine. Please check the college or university policy you plan to attend. In addition, this is highly recommended if you are living in a dormitory type of residence. MCV4 is contraindicated to anyone that experiences a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose or to any components of vaccines.

Human Papilloma Virus Disease

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) causes the majority of genital warts and cancers. HPV vaccine has been shown to protect against 80% of the most common types of cervical cancer and oral cancers and decrease genital warts. While it is recommended for ages 11-12 years of age, this vaccine has been approved for both males and females beginning at nine years of age. The most frequently reported symptoms of the HPV vaccine are chronic pain with paresthesia, headaches, fatigue and orthostatic intolerance.

If you have private health insurance or Medicaid, contact your health care provider. If you do not have private health insurance or Medicaid, contact the Florida Department of Health, Hillsborough County Immunization Clinic for further information.

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Advocating for your Child in Hillsborough Schools

» STEP 1

Talk to your child's teacher

» STEP 2

Talk to the Assistant Principal

» STEP 3

Talk to the Principal

»STEP 4 Call or email a Regional Superintendent

Elementary Schools:

Region 1 Superintendent – Jennifer Yarde
Jennifer.Yarde@hcps.net

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» STEP 5 Call or email Chief of Schools, Administration or Chief of Transformation Network

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813-272-4071

Chief of Transformation Network, Shaylia McRae

Shaylia.McRae@hcps.net
813-272-4876

To find your school's region, go to hillsboroughschools.org/parents and search under Additional Information.



» Bullying Prevention in Hillsborough Schools

Hillsborough County Public Schools is committed to providing an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying for all our students and employees. In consultation with students, parents, teachers, administrators, school staff, school volunteers, community representatives, and local law enforcement agencies, we have developed a District policy as part of a comprehensive plan intended to prevent bullying and harassment. You can view this policy on our district website. An online reporting system is also available on the site to appropriately identify, report, investigate, and respond to bullying and harassment situations.

There are several ways for students and/or parents to report acts of bullying in our district:

- Verbally to an adult at school.
- On a Bullying Reporting Form available in every school via email or phone call to a school administrator, Regional Superintendent or district office.
- Online at our district's website, hillsboroughschools.org/bullyprevention, in the left column, click on "Report an Incident of Bullying or Harassment" and you will be taken to a reporting form.
- Call Crime Stoppers (1-800-873-8477). All reports go directly to the principal or assistant principal of the respective school to investigate and resolve.



Tips to Reduce Test Anxiety

The U.S. Department of Education defines test anxiety as “excessive worry about doing well on a test.” This creates new challenges for a student. Ultimately, the student becomes so upset about the test that he or she panics and then feels helpless about the subject matter. For information on handling test anxiety, visit fldoe.org.

Here are a few things you can do as a parent right before a test:

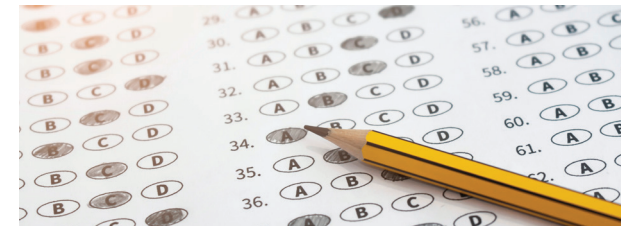
- Keep a positive attitude toward the test.
- Make sure that your child has a good night’s rest.
- Keep a normal routine at home.
- Help your child relax.
- Give your child a good breakfast.



Helping Your Child Do Well On Tests

You can be a great help to your child with these test-taking tips from the U.S. Department of Education:

- Talk to your child about testing.
- Explain that tests are yardsticks that teachers, schools, school districts and even states use to measure what and how they teach and how well students are learning what is taught.
- Tell your child that occasionally, he or she will take “standardized” tests. Explain that these tests use the same standards to measure student performance across the state or even across the country.
- Encourage your child. Praise your child for the things he or she does well.
- Meet with your child’s teacher as often as possible to discuss his or her progress.
- Ask the teacher to suggest activities for you and your child to do at home to help prepare for tests and to improve your child’s understanding of schoolwork.
- Make sure that your child attends school regularly. Remember, tests reflect a child’s overall achievement.
- Provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home and make sure that your child is well rested on school days and especially on the day of a test.
- Help your child avoid test anxiety by planning ahead, studying in advance and making sure your child understands the material.



Special Testing Accommodations

If your child is enrolled in an Exceptional Student Education or English Language Learner program or has a 504 accommodations plan, he or she may be eligible for special testing situations or accommodations. You may want to check with the school for more information well in advance of testing dates.



Feeding Body & Mind... One Child at a Time

Our Student Nutrition Services Department (SNS) operates as a self-supporting \$143 million enterprise. Each day, more than 2,000 dedicated employees serve nutritious breakfasts, lunches, snacks and dinners to Hillsborough County Public Schools students. Some highlights of our program include:

- **Free Breakfast and Free Lunch for All Students** - For SY 2021-2022, all students are offered a nutritious breakfast and lunch free of charge. A variety of a la carte food items are available daily at different prices.
- **Nutrition Information** – Menus, nutrition information and allergens can be found on NutriSlice, available via <https://sdhc.nutrislice.com> or as a free mobile app.

- **Special Diets/Meals** – If a child requires a diet substitute because of a medical condition, the parent is encouraged to complete a diet prescription form, which can be obtained from your school’s SNS manager. A meal preference form can also be completed by the parent if other diet changes are required because of cultural reasons. Both forms, available on SNS website, are required each year.
- **Meal Payment and Meal History** – Lunch prepayments and your student’s meal purchase history are available online through MyPayments Plus via our website or as a free mobile app.

Call **813-840-7092** or visit our website for more information and to apply for meal benefits.

Go to hillsboroughschools.org/sns.



Early Childhood LEARNING PROGRAMS

Looking for a preschool for your child? One of our many Bold Beginnings options may be right for you.

HEAD START

is a program for at-risk three to five-year-old children that promotes school readiness and the development of the whole child. The program delivers comprehensive services to children and families in core areas of early learning, health, and family well-being, while engaging parents as partners every step of the way. The eligibility of students for the program is determined by age and income guidelines. For more information, call (813) 740-7870 or visit hillsboroughschools.org/headstart.

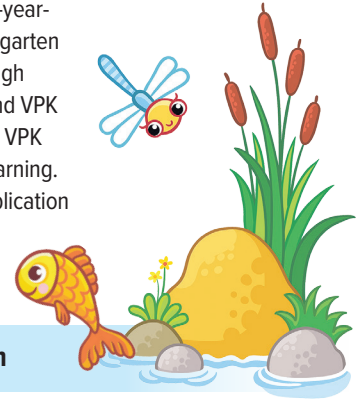


PRE-K EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

provides specialized instruction for children ages 3 to 5-years-old with developmental delays or other disabilities. The Pre-K Exceptional Education program offers early intervention to improve each child's level of functioning and enhance successful entry into Kindergarten. To access screenings and/or evaluations for Pre-K services, call Child Find at 813-837-7777. For information about Pre-K ESE services, call the Pre-Kindergarten Exceptional Education program office at (813) 837-7745.

VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN (VPK)

prepares children for Kindergarten and builds a foundation for their educational success. This state-funded program is free for all four and five-year-old children who will be eligible to attend Kindergarten in the fall of the following school year. Hillsborough County Public Schools offers both school year and VPK summer options. Parents must apply online for a VPK certificate at <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/account/login>. Completion of the online application requires an active email address and the ability to upload documents. For more information, call (813) 740-7870.



To learn more about our Early Childhood Programs and sign up for Kindergarten, visit signupforkindergarten.com

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Parent Resources & IMPORTANT INFORMATION



MENTORING

Mentoring helps students succeed, achieve and graduate from school. A mentor's role is to provide a listening ear, valuable guidance, and academic assistance to help students experience greater success. As students begin to realize that their mentor cares, school absenteeism decreases, academic performance improves and self-esteem increases. Any responsible adult who is willing and able to attend an orientation and share time with a student on a consistent basis can be a mentor. Mentoring opportunities are provided in partnership with several local organizations like Big Brothers, Big Sisters, The Boys and Girls Club, Best Buddies, The Y, and Hillsborough Education Foundation's Take Stock program. To find out more about mentoring programs, please get in touch with the organization or call us at (813) 272-4446.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Volunteer Services Department is committed to working with volunteers and community partners. We serve as a liaison to link volunteers and community partners with our schools. Volunteers and community partners are saying You Empower Students (Y.E.S.) every day with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to "Prepare Students for Life." Volunteer opportunities to say "Y.E.S." include school-based volunteers, business and community partnerships, mentors, speaker and enrichment programs, classroom presentations and days of service. Individuals interested in volunteering in Hillsborough County Public Schools complete a district volunteer application and are screened and registered by Volunteer Services. For more information, visit [hillsboroughschools.org](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org) (select "Parents" tab. Volunteer Services is located under Community Information). Make this your year to say Y.E.S. to becoming a volunteer in your child's school.

FAMILY OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

The Family Opportunity Centers exist to build innovation and seeks to support any community member (16 years and older) in obtaining life skills, education, and self-sufficiency through education while still providing access to guidance services, basic need assistance, language development and literacy, parenting workshops as well as, free childcare. This is possible by reimagining and leveraging the financial support of the Adult Education Family Literacy grant, Hillsborough County Social Services, Children's Board of Hillsborough County Administration Service Organization (ASO) funds, Hillsborough Schools HELP: Student in Transition Team, and grants, services, and in-kind supports through the 20+ partnerships with nonprofit and community partners.

The Family Opportunity Centers team is delighted to offer systems navigation, resource linkage, and support to students, parents, community partners, and school/district staff.

Delia P. Sanchez Family Opportunity Center
2100 E. 26th Avenue, Tampa 33605 | (813) 272-0673

Ernest E. Just Family Opportunity Center
1315 W. Spruce Tampa, 33607 | (813) 274-7982

PEACHJAR

A system used by our district to distribute flyers electronically to families while automatically posting them directly to each school's website. Parents receive district approved e-flyers directly to their email inbox. Additionally, readers can forward e-flyers to friends and

» GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Note: The Florida Legislature determines graduation requirements and are subject to change.

- Earn the required 18 or 24 credits.
- Earn a cumulative unweighted state grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
- Achieve a passing score on the required state assessments.

For detailed information, refer to the graduation requirement charts posted on our district website.

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS / STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

Hillsborough County Public Schools' mission is to provide an education and the supports which enable each student to excel as a successful and responsible citizen. Students will be placed in programs and levels best suited to meet their academic needs, with consideration given to their social, emotional and physical development, to ensure their total and continuous development. Decisions regarding student promotion, retention and special placement are primarily the responsibility of the principal and the School Placement Committee, in accordance with the district's Student Progression Plan. Promotion is based on student achievement. Instruction will be offered in each school that complies with the student performance standards adopted by the Florida State Board of Education. The standards adopted

by the state, are incorporated into appropriate courses in all subject areas in Kindergarten through adult. To view our Student Progression Plan in detail go to <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/progressionplan>.

- Instruction addressing career awareness will be offered in each school.
- Provisions shall be made for all students to participate fully in classroom instruction and extracurricular activities. No student will be denied participation because of age, sex, race, disability, religion, national origin or any other reason not related to his or her individual capabilities.
- Instruction in comprehensive health education, substance abuse, and child trafficking prevention shall be offered, in accordance with state required instruction (f.S. 1003.42).
- When exceptional abilities and skills are demonstrated, the student may be considered for advanced academic opportunities.
- In exceptional cases, a student may be referred to a district-level placement committee for review to determine if another grade level may be appropriate, in accordance with School Board policy.

family or share them on social media to boost participation. Peachjar is just one more way our district communicates with the community while saving time, money and trees. For more information about Peachjar, call 813-272-4048.

MYON

Part of the District's READ.WRITE.NOW. initiative, myON is a personalized digital library is available at not cost to every child in the District. Renaissance myON® Reader is a student-centered, personalized literacy platform that gives students access to more than 6,500 enhanced digital books. Books can be matched to your child's interests, grade and reading level. Combined with a suite of close reading tools and embedded supports, myON Reader fosters student engagement and achievement. To log in, go to [myON.com](https://myon.com) and search your child's school name; the username is your child's lunch number and the password is your child's district password or birth year and date if you have not logged in. Contact your child's school if you have additional questions.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of individuals from various community segments—parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry representatives, and other interested community members. The purpose of the SAC is to assist the principal in developing and evaluating the school improvement plan's results and the annual school budget. The responsibility of the School Advisory Council is to provide parents,

citizens, faculty, staff and students an opportunity to participate in the development of educational priorities, assessment of a school's needs and identification of local resources. The people best suited to decide what will be effective in helping our students learn are the people closest to each school: the principal, faculty and staff, parents, students, local business leaders and community members. These stakeholders are represented on a school's advisory council. To learn more about SAC, contact your child's school.

MYSLOT

Have you visited mySPOT? Go to <https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us/public/login/> to connect. It's a student and parent online toolkit with connections to many district resources, including MyOn Reader and the Student Handbook.

ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Formed by parents and community members who believed that public education must be a shared community value and priority, Alliance for Public Schools educates, engages and inspires families and communities to collectively support high-quality public schools and the children who attend them. Parent University is a compilation of available resources for parents to utilize with their children while at home, in addition to school academics. In collaboration with the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association, the Alliance for Public Schools adds useful sites, tools, and modules from their Parent University program that can be accessed online. Learn more at all4schools.org.

PTA/PTSA

The Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) provide a way for parents, teachers, administrators, students and community members to advocate for better laws and programs to support student achievement and help prepare them for life. The goal of the Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA is to strengthen communication and participation between county units, local PTA/PTSA units, and Hillsborough County Public Schools. They work together to bring home, school, community and places of worship together, to improve the school and community that supports all of our children: "Every Child, One Voice." Contact your child's school for more information and visit hccptapta.org.

PROFFERFISH



The way students, counselors and parents access and log community service hours has changed. Students now use the Community Service Ecosystem—Profferfish. This innovative online platform has changed student community service from a reactive process to a proactive journey, and best of all, it's FREE to all high school students in Hillsborough County Public Schools! To create an account, log in your hours, and search for future volunteer opportunities, visit profferfish.com. Students can reach out to their School Counselor for more information or assistance.

PARENTLINK

Principals use ParentLink to communicate important information directly to parents and families. ParentLink is also used by our district to communicate important events, updates about our district and emergency information. The ParentLink system uses your contact information at your child's school, so it is important to keep this up to date. Contact your child's school to update your contact information.

STATE AND DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

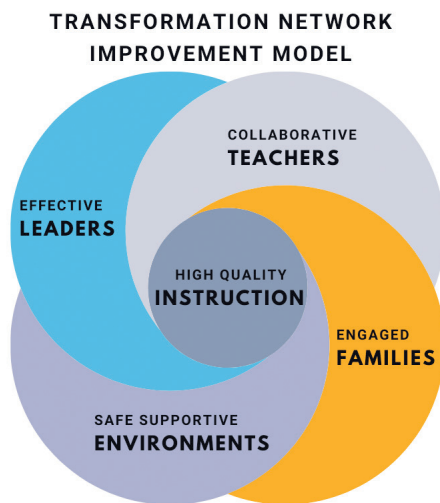
The Florida Standards and the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for all elementary, middle and high school content areas can be found on our district website, hillsboroughschools.org. Type "go fsa" in the search box. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call or visit your child's school to set up a time to view a copy of the standards.

Note: In accordance to the FDOE, the state will be converting standards to the Benchmarks for Excellent Student's Thinking (B.E.S.T.) in the coming years. More information will be shared in the future.



PERSONALIZED ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLAN

Students will begin career exploration and educational planning during their middle school years. Before the beginning of their ninth-grade year, students will develop a four-year academic and career plan that aligns with their goals after high school and will share the plan with their parents/guardians. The plan will be reviewed annually for any necessary revisions. Additionally, it will focus on closing the achievement gaps and level the playing field for students in underperforming schools by creating equitable systems of support resulting in rapid, sustainable improvement of student outcomes.



ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

Our district has set up a web page that houses PDF maps of every school's attendance boundary, a link to the locator and link to the attendance boundary changes page. Visit hillsboroughschools.org, go to Departments and select Growth Management & Planning.

TRANSFORMATION NETWORK

The Transformation Network is leading a comprehensive multi-year school turnaround effort focused on the District's most vulnerable and chronically underperforming schools, located in some of the County's most impoverished and socially segregated neighborhoods. Our vision is to ensure that every child has unwavering access to our 5 strategic focus areas:

1. Rigorous High-Quality Instruction.
2. Expert, Collaborative Teachers.
3. Deeply Engaged Families and Communities.
4. Safe, Supportive Environments.
5. Transformational, Effective Leaders.

Additionally, the Transformation Network is focused on closing achievement gaps and leveling the playing field for students in underperforming schools by creating equitable systems of support resulting in rapid, sustainable improvement of student outcomes. The Network is working to achieve these goals through a commitment to serving the academic, social, and cultural needs of all students, families, faculty, and staff.

SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM

Funded by the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County, the School Readiness program provides financial assistance for childcare and early education to low income working parents and families referred by partner agencies. The goal of the School Readiness program is to provide safe, healthy and quality early

educational experiences that support enhanced outcomes for children, their families and the surrounding communities. To enroll and learn more, visit elchc.org/programs_services/school-readiness.

FAMILY LITERACY SERVICES

The Adult Education program provides educational opportunities to more than 30,000 adult students 16 years of age or older in the areas of adult basic education (ABE), general educational development (GED), adult high school credit, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), vocational preparation instruction, workplace readiness skills, family literacy and career/technical educational opportunities. The CARIBE Refugee Program provides free English language classes and vocational/career training to adult foreign nationals who enter the United States with refugee status. For more information, call 813-231-1929. Short-term, customized courses are offered to address community interests and needs, such as workforce development and recreation/enrichment classes.

FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC AND LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM (FDLRS)

FDLRS/Hillsborough is part of a statewide network which provides support services to students with disabilities, their families, as well as other district educators and community agencies within Hillsborough County. FDLRS provides services in the areas of Child Find, Human Resource Development, Parent Services, Technology and Inclusion (Florida Inclusion Network). For more information, please call (813) 837-7777 or visit our website at hillsboroughschools.org/fdlrs.

FLORIDASHINES

FloridaShines is our state's Student Hub of Innovative Educational Services, offering an array of FREE online tools and resources designed to help students succeed in school, earn a college degree, and embark on a rewarding career. FloridaShines works with the state's K-12 school districts, public colleges, and universities to develop tools that benefit students, parents, and educators alike. HIGH SCHOOLS STUDENTS CAN:

- Research Florida's public colleges and universities, and compare school profiles
 - Learn about Career and Technical Centers
 - Explore degree and certificate programs
 - View admissions requirements and deadlines
 - Learn about ways to pay for college and more!
- Visit www.FloridaShines.org to learn more.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS (HOST)

Our district offers fee-based before school, after school and summer programs for school-age children attending select elementary and middle schools. For information on HOST, Hillsborough Out of School Time, call 813-744-8941 extension 1, ask at your child's school or visit Hillsboroughschools.org/host.

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)—RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI)

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) promotes school-wide practices that ensure all children's highest possible success. MTSS evolved from the Response to Intervention (RTI) and Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) frameworks. MTSS is an evidence-based model that uses data-based problem solving to integrate instruction, assessment, and intervention designed to meet all students' academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs. The integrated instruction and intervention are delivered to students in varying intensities (multiple tiers) based on student needs to prevent later academic and behavioral difficulty. Families can find additional information and resources on Florida's MTSS website at Florida-rti.org/parentresources.

There's a new chicken sandwich in town.

The Crispy Chicken Tender Bacon Sandwich. Handmade with quality ingredients, starting with our freshly fried chicken tenders and delicious bacon. Ready to grab and go. Find it in our Deli.



PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW

Parents have the right to review and know the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals who instruct their children. Federal law allows parents to request the following information:

- The license or qualifications issued by the Florida Department of Education, for the grade level(s) and/or subject(s) being taught.
- If the Florida Department of Education has granted permission for a teacher to provide instruction without being licensed or qualified, due to unique circumstances.
- The teacher's college, major of study, advanced degrees and subjects.
- The qualifications of any teachers' aides or paraprofessionals providing services to your child.
- Your child's level of achievement on each of the state academic assessments.

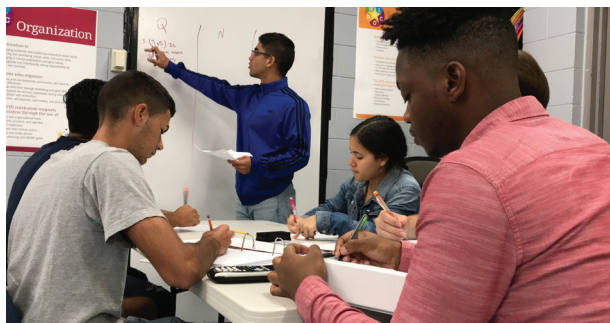
For more information, please contact your child's school.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (FACE)

The Family & Community Engagement Department serves as the lead resource for district-wide family & community engagement. Our objective is to establish strong collaborative structures between schools, families, and community stakeholders to increase student performance and improve family-school relationships. Our district will focus on supporting family well-being & student achievement by employing the following strategies to support the strengthening of parent-child relationships, which are central to a child's healthy development, school readiness and well-being:

- Providing family empowerment training for school-based teams
- Providing Parent Academy/Parent Education courses for families
- Cultivating community partnerships that support families, education and student achievement

For more information visit, hillsboroughschools.org/face.



MATH HOMEWORK HOTLINE

Do you need help on your math homework?

Call in to Math Homework Hotline between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm on Thursdays with a math problem. Our teachers are ready to take your questions beginning at 5:30 pm (phone lines are only available during the live show). The show airs from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm on Thursday evenings, online at hillboroughschools.tv, on Spectrum channel 635 and Frontier channel 32. During the live broadcast, students can call 813-840-7260. Learn more by visiting mhh.mysdhc.org.



TITLE I: IMPROVING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DISADVANTAGED

Title 1 provides supplemental funding that may be used for additional instructional staff, professional development, extended learning programs and other strategies for raising student achievement in high poverty schools. Critical program elements are:

- Comprehensive needs assessment and school-wide plan
- Support for Turn-Around and Transformation Schools
- Support for neglected and delinquent and migrant students
- Coordination of services for homeless students in non-Title I schools
- Recruitment and retention for highly effective teachers and paraprofessionals
- Ongoing professional development

For more information, visit hillsboroughschools.org

TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Florida Department of Education defines parent involvement as the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communications with school staff that involves the student, addressing learning and engages the family in school activities. Each Title I school receives a parent and family engagement allocation to support a comprehensive parent and family engagement program and provides families an opportunity to give input in determining how the Title I funds will be expended.

Public Law 114-95 requires all Title I schools to:

- Jointly develop a Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
- Develop a Student-Parent-Teacher Compact (the written agreement of what each party will do jointly to increase student achievement).
- Sponsor an Annual Title I (Informational) Meeting for all parents of students enrolled in Title I schools.

For more information, please contact your child's school or the Family and Community Engagement Department.

VIRTUAL PARENT ACADEMY (POWER HOUR)

Our Parent Academy (Power Hour) is a live, FREE, one hour webinar, aimed at providing parents with useful information regarding their child's education and overall well-being. Workshop sessions include the following strands:

- Student Achievement: Birth to College
- Parent Advocacy & Leadership
- Personal & Holistic Growth
- Belonging & Inclusion
- Multicultural & Teaching Tolerance
- Financial Education for Families & Youth

Parents may access the catalog of courses and recorded videos at www.hillsboroughschools.org (Under Departments, then select Family and Community Engagement). Information and eflyers will also be shared via Peachjar. Visit hillsboroughschools.org/parentacademy for more information.

CHILD FIND

Exceptional Student Education – CHILD FIND

There are clues that can tell you your young child needs extra help and attention. For example, he or she may:

- Have health problems
- Seem to have problems seeing or hearing
- Seem to have problems walking or moving
- Seem to have problems speaking or understanding you

Children with special needs can benefit from getting help when they are very young. If you think your infant or toddler has special needs, contact Child Find at 813-837-7777 to request information about services that can help your child and family.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (IDEA)

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that students with disabilities receive a free, appropriate public education. The U.S. Department of Education asserts that IDEA will:

- Raise expectations for children with disabilities
- Increase parental involvement in the education of their children
- Ensure that regular education teachers are involved in planning and assessing children's progress
- Include children with disabilities in testing, performance goals and reports to the public
- Support quality professional development for all personnel who are involved in educating children with disabilities
- Expend a proportionate share of funds each year in providing services to parentally placed private school students with disabilities

ACCOMMODATIONS*

Provisions will be made for students who have been determined eligible for Exceptional Student Education (ESE), and for Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) that document the need for accommodations, specially designed instruction and/or related services.

- Accommodations are the provisions that regular and special education teachers make to adjust for students with disabilities for instruction and testing/assessments.

Call (813) 840-7260 for Math Help

Our marvelous math team can help you on the Thursday nights listed below from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The tutors will begin taking calls on any math topic at 5:30 p.m. The live show will begin at 6 p.m.

Spectrum Channel 635 & Frontier Channel 32
mhh.mysdhc.org

Semester 1 Live Show Dates and Topics	Semester 2 Live Show Dates and Topics
09/16/21 Ratios and Rates	01/13/22 Solving Equations and Inequalities
09/23/21 Operations with Decimals	01/20/22 Transformations, Dilations, Similarity
09/30/21 Proportional Relationships	01/27/22 Rational Numbers and The Coordinate Plane
10/07/21 Operations with Fractions	02/03/22 Triangles and Angles
10/14/21 Applying Percent	02/10/22 Two-Dimensional Geometry
10/21/21 Operations with Integers	02/24/22 Surface Area and Volume
10/28/21 Powers and Exponents	03/03/22 Probability, Sampling, and Predictions
11/04/21 Simplifying Expressions & Properties of Numbers	03/31/22 Measures of Center
11/18/21 Solving Equations with Rational Numbers	04/07/22 Polynomials and Quadratic Equations
12/02/21 Systems of Equations	04/21/22 Florida Standards Review Grades 6-8
12/09/21 Semester 1 Review	04/28/22 Algebra Review



- Accommodations involve a wide range of techniques and supports that help students work around the limitations placed upon them because of their disability.
- Accommodations change how instruction or assessment is delivered, as opposed to modifications, which change what is to be learned by the student.
- The IEP team determines the accommodations, specially designed instruction and/or related services that are needed for a student.

Remember, you don't have to do it alone. Determining needed services and accommodations for students with disabilities is an IEP team responsibility. Collaborate and consult with an ESE teacher, general education teacher, school psychologist, school social worker, ESE parent liaison and other school and district personnel. All services and supports required to serve the individual needs of each student are documented on the student's IEP. The majority of students who have been determined eligible for ESE are expected to work toward the state standards for a regular diploma in a general education classroom setting with appropriate services, supports and accommodations. A small percentage of students with disabilities may be working toward the state standards for Access Points. The IEP team determines these decisions, with the parent serving as a vital member of the team.

JOHN MCKAY SCHOLARSHIPS

The John M. McKay Scholarship option is a state-operated voucher program for exceptional education students with Individual Education Plans and for students with 504 plans. For questions regarding the John M. McKay Scholarship program, visit floridaschoolchoice.org, call the Florida Department of Education Office of Independent Education at 800-447-1636 or call our school district's Exceptional Student Education office at 813-273-7513.

KEEPING GOOD RECORDS

Parents can help themselves, their child and the service providers by keeping their own records. This will make going to meetings and talking to the service coordinator much easier. It also will be helpful if the family ever moves to another county or state. Some families keep a folder at home that includes:

- Evaluation and assessment results
- The written family support plan and updates to the plan
- Letters you have received from public agencies or your service coordinator
- Records or reports from doctors or other people who have worked with your child
- Letters or notes from you to public agencies or your service coordinator
- Notes and dates of telephone calls, meetings, conferences and visits

For more information, visit hillsboroughschools.org and type "go ESE" in the search box, or call the ESE Department at 813-273-7025.

***Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act** protects persons with disabilities from discrimination, ensures persons with disabilities Equal Access to such programs, and requires programs to make Reasonable Accommodations, where necessary, to provide such access. Students who have been determined eligible as a student with a disability under Section 504 may be eligible for accommodations as documented in their 504 Plan.

STUDENT SERVICES IN HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOLS

MENTAL HEALTH IN HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOLS

There is an increased awareness of mental health services for students, which was supported by the Florida Legislature. Our district's Mental Health Plan aims to coordinate, collaborate, document, and monitor the mental health services provided to students. Our mental health team assists schools in promoting school-wide mental health awareness, suicide prevention & threat assessment initiatives, social-emotional learning (SEL) skill-building, trauma-informed practices, school-wide character education, bullying prevention, behavior management systems, and substance abuse awareness efforts. These initiatives are designed to increase

mental health awareness and identify mental health illnesses such as anxiety, depression or suicidal ideation. Our Mental Health Plan also aims to promote and provide students and staff with tools to build a strong school culture and nurturing environment that focuses on the whole child. By delivering positive interventions for challenging behaviors, as well as targeting mental health interventions, we hope to ensure students' emotional well-being and mental health needs are being met. Our mental health team includes district mental health clinicians who have an advanced degree and licenses in advanced clinical training. Clinicians provide direct services to schools and students from the basis of an interdisciplinary team that works with school staff on specific case management, student referral needs and threat/suicide assessment procedures. These initiatives are in addition to the existing services provided by school-based counselors, school psychologists,




mental health matters

Need to talk?
Your school is here to help.

Talk to a Student Services team member—
a School Counselor, School Nurse, School Psychologist,
School Social Worker—or any adult you trust.

Visit HillsboroughSchools.org/mentalhealth
or call 211 for help. Call 911 in an emergency.



DISTRICT BILINGUAL SCHOOL COUNSELORS /SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES

Bilingual school counselors address the needs of K-12 refugee, immigrant and English Language Learner (ELL) populations. Bilingual school counselors directly assist school-based counselors and staff in the coordination and delivery of guidance services to international students and their families. These services include, but are not limited to, the evaluation of international credentials for K-12 student placement, Spanish language educational forums for students/parents, advocacy on K-12 school and district Parent Leadership Council, participation in community and district-based groups that address the needs of the Hispanic community in Hillsborough and development of in-service training for K-12 school counselors and other school personnel on international education trends.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) PROGRAMS & ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) SERVICES

The ELL Department provides support to approximately 27,500 ELLs who speak 197 languages or dialects. Classroom teachers, ESOL Resource Teachers and Bilingual Paraprofessionals all work together to ensure ELLs develop skills and concepts in the content areas while they are acquiring English language skills. They also support the families of ELLs with a focus on facilitating home-school communication that fosters a greater understanding of the school system, and how to best support their children's education at home. The ELL department also provides a wide variety of teacher training designed to enhance the instruction provided to ELLs. For more information, please call the ELL department at 813-273-7511.



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS



- Adult Education ABE / GED Programs Online and On Campus
- Underage GED Program (16- and 17-year-old, who are not enrolled in K-12)
- Adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Adult High School – standard diploma online and on campus
- Adult High School co-enrolled credit classes (created for students in high school who need to make up credits failed)
- Family Literacy Services – (Childcare services for parents enrolled in ABE /GED or ESOL)
- National Farm Worker Jobs Program (for migrants)
- Adult Literacy Volunteer Programs through Volunteer Services
- Adult and Career Services Center (Career Pathways Services)

For more information, please contact the Adult and Career Services Center at 813-231-1907, visit hillsboroughschools.org and search “adult ed” in the search box or contact one of our Adult Education locations:

Bowers/Whitley Adult School	813-463-9528
Brandon Adult School	813-744-8131
Chamberlain Adult School	813-631-4500
Gary Adult High School	813-740-7660
Jefferson Adult School	813-356-1288
Lennard Adult School	813-658-2075
Leto Adult School	813-356-1831
Plant City Adult School	813-707-7147

school social workers and school nurses. To find student services information and resources, visit hillsboroughschools.org/student-services. For more information about our mental health team and plan, visit hillsboroughschools.org/mental-health.

SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES

School counseling services are available at all elementary, middle, and high schools. School counselors hold at minimum a master’s degree in school counseling and are certified/licensed educators who improve student success for all students by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program to improve student outcomes. School counselors lead, advocate, and collaborate to promote equity and access for all students by connecting their school counseling program to the school’s academic mission and school improvement plan. They work to maximize student success, promoting access and equity for all students, and creating a school culture of success for all. School counselors work with students individually, in small groups, and classroom settings focusing on academic advisement/achievement, personal/social development, mental health wellness, and postsecondary and career planning. Their responsibilities include: individual student academic planning and goal setting, classroom lessons based on student success standards, short-term counseling, referrals for long-term support, collaboration with families, teachers, administrators, and the community for student success, advocacy for students at individual education plan meetings and other student-focused meetings, data analysis to identify student issues, needs and challenges, and acting as a systems change agent to improve equity and access, achievement, and opportunities for all students.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

School social workers, through their unique training and practice, provide a variety of professional services, which foster students’ physical, social, emotional, and academic growth. They advocate, promote and support the educational process by meeting the individual needs of students and families within the community. These services include providing crisis intervention and counseling, supporting parent and family involvement, planning and developing school-based interventions with educators, engaging community resources, and assessing the need for special services. School social workers are often involved in helping students and their families with learning, behavior, attendance and/or mental health concerns while strengthening home, school, and community partnerships. School social workers serve early childhood through adult education in all of the district’s elementary, middle, and high schools. Social workers are leaders in several programs, which include attendance remediation, bi-lingual team, fostering education, alternative education, homeless services, mental health counseling for identified students, and graduate internship programs. Full-time services are available at select elementary, middle schools, and all high schools.

School social workers have Master’s degrees in social work and many are licensed mental health professionals, bringing experience of working in various agency settings. School Social Workers utilize a strength-based perspective and are experts in navigating the systems that influence students and families. Call 813-273-7090 or visit www.hillsboroughschools.org, and visit Social Work Services under the Departments section.



The place to go for EVERYTHING happening in Hillsborough County Public Schools!

<https://web.hillsboroughschools.org/getschooled>



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Each school day, more than 91,000 Hillsborough County students board school buses to travel to and from school. It is a responsibility we take very seriously. It provides a gateway to education for students all over Hillsborough County who otherwise could not get to and from school.



Your child's school bus information is now available on hillsboroughschools.org/busstops. If you have additional questions, please contact your child's school.

Now Hiring Bus Drivers!

We are currently looking for dedicated individuals who want to join a team that has placed students first in the decisions it makes—preparing students for life.

To learn more about Transportation Services in Hillsborough County Public Schools, visit hillsboroughschools.org/transportation or call **813-982-5500**.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Psychological services are available at all school sites within our district, for students of all ages. School psychologists help children succeed academically, socially and emotionally. They collaborate with parents, educators and other professionals to create safe, healthy and supportive learning environments. School psychologists' services include assisting in the selection and progress monitoring of academic and behavioral interventions implemented to support students, conducting psychoeducational assessments, offering counseling and services tailored to meet student needs and supporting staff and parents through consultation activities. School psychologists also collaborate as team members to complete suicide assessments and threat assessments. All school psychologists have advanced, post-graduate degrees and many have specialized training and experiences in crisis intervention, bilingual assessment, and behavior analysis. For additional information, call 813-273-7095 or visit hillsboroughschools.org and type "psychological services" in the search box.

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ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)

AVID is a national program that helps students reach their goal of entering a college, university or other institution. AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID equips students with the necessary skills to be successful at the middle school, high school and college levels by enrolling them in rigorous college prep courses such as Advanced Placement and honors. The AVID elective class offers students academic support and provides key learning skills, such as organization, note-taking, collaboration, test-taking, and reflective writing. AVID students also have access to tutors for all core academic areas. AVID is available in most high schools and middle schools. For more information see the AVID coordinator or school counselor at your child's school or visit hillsboroughschools.org.

AGP GIFTED PROGRAM (AGP)

AGP services are provided for students who meet the state's criteria for classification as gifted. In Florida, students who are considered gifted are those with superior intellectual development who are capable of high performance. Services for gifted students are designed to provide enrichment and/or acceleration opportunities aligned with the student's Gifted Education Plan (EP). The process for gifted identification includes screening, referral and evaluation. Parents who believe their child may be gifted may contact the school's guidance counselor to initiate the identification process. For more information about the Gifted program, visit our district website.

COLLEGIATE ACADEMIES

The Collegiate Academy Magnet Program provides high school students with the opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) college degree while in a high school environment. Students take the rigorous Dual Enrollment coursework concentrated at each Collegiate Academy, which allows them to earn enough credits for their AA degree and carry credits earned from that experience to a four-year university following graduation should they wish to pursue a Bachelor's degree. Students must maintain their grade point average to take full advantage of this Magnet Program, so they will receive academic and career advisement from both our district and our collegiate partner, Hillsborough Community College, as they move through their four years of high school to keep them on track. The life-changing goal: receive their high school diploma and college degree at the same time at the end of their senior year of high school! Collegiate Academies are found at Armwood, Lennard, Leto, and Spoto High Schools. Visit hillsboroughschools.org/Magnet to find your nearest Collegiate Academy Magnet Program.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is a rigorous Magnet Program in Hillsborough County Public Schools whose course of study meets the needs of highly motivated and academically focused students. The IB Magnet Programs (Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and Diploma

Programme) are offered from K-12 at 14 schools in the district and aim to teach the whole child through the process of inquiry, global education, and project-based learning. On the elementary and middle school levels, students explore and engage in their learning in unique and comprehensive ways to gain an appreciation of the world around them. The 5 high school IB programs challenge students to grow into leaders who will impact the world through rigorous and intensive coursework. Visit hillsboroughschools.org/magnet to find your nearest elementary, middle, or high school IB Magnet Program.

HILLSBOROUGH VIRTUAL K-12

Our district offers a full-time and a part-time program in Grades K-12 with more than 110 online course options, including robust and rigorous honors and Advanced Placement courses. All courses are taught by our district's highly qualified and Florida certified professional educators. This virtual program prepares full-time students to take all standardized tests instituted by Hillsborough County Public Schools and the State of Florida. A full-time high school diploma option is available. To learn more, call 813-983-7278 or visit our district website.

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM TO HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOLS!

This world-renown program can be found currently at Ferrell, Franklin, and Rodgers Middle Magnet Schools as well as at Academy 2027 Middle School and Sumner High School as a School Attractor Program. With a focus on increasing global awareness for students through a flexible approach to learning while providing teachers with best practices training, Cambridge Programs in HCPS give families another innovative school option for their students that will expand their minds and equip them with the skillset necessary for exploring and positively impacting their world. For more information about these programs visit hillsboroughschools.org/choice or hillsboroughschools.org/magnet.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment is the process by which an eligible middle or high school student is enrolled in a college course and the credit earned applies toward both a high school diploma and a college degree or postsecondary career and technical certificates. Refer to the Hillsborough County Public Schools Student Handbook for more detailed information, including eligibility criteria.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Advanced Placement (AP) is a global academic program offered through The CollegeBoard that provides high school students access to college-level coursework and the opportunity to earn college credit at no cost to them. While simply participating in an AP course provides students with a challenging, unique, and rewarding academic experience, earning a qualifying score on the associated AP exam could earn valuable college credit. Nearly all colleges and universities in the United States grant credit and placement for qualifying AP scores. Additionally, students are rewarded with bonus points on their grade point average while in high school for AP courses, and participating in the program has proved to be a great differentiator when students are applying to (and trying to stand out for) colleges and universities. For more information on AP, contact the office of Accelerated Programs or The CollegeBoard directly at collegeboard.org.

STEM EDUCATION

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Department facilitates STEM education for ALL students in Hillsborough County Public Schools. Our approach to STEM education includes a network of collaborating partners, including institutes of higher education, business partners, philanthropic organizations and many science-rich institutions. Through the use of experiential, hands-on learning, a constructivist approach to education, and cross-curricular collaborations between Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Career and Technical Education we ready our students for college and career success, thus preparing them for life. The STEM Department collaborates and hosts many STEM-centric competitions, opportunities and experiences for our district's students ranging from local robotics competitions to our district STEM Fair and the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program to the International Space Station. To learn more about STEM programs in our district, call 813-272-4622 or visit our district website.



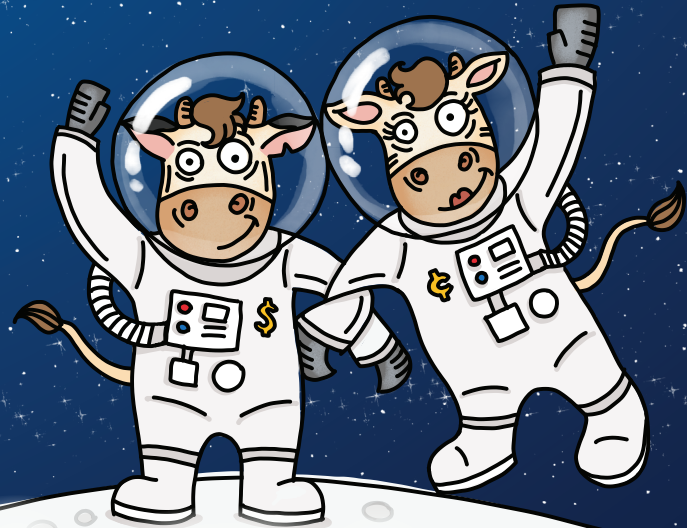
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HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS

Hillsborough School Options are a variety of educational opportunities for families to choose beyond their attendance area school (neighborhood school) and provide options based on student interest. To view a full listing of school options and application dates, visit hillsboroughschools.org/choice.

- Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- Charter Schools
- Hillsborough Virtual K-12
- Home Education
- Magnet Schools

MAGNET SCHOOLS

Magnet schools offer programs of study for students wanting to explore areas that spark their interests. These programs feature a unique theme that is found throughout the entire school, connecting each subject and class to the Magnet school's program.

Themes include International Baccalaureate, Collegiate Academy, Cambridge AICE, Cybersecurity, Engineering, Environmental Science, Global Studies, Humanities, Medical Studies, Criminal Justice, Performing and Technical Arts, STEM, Architecture, Law and many others. Magnet schools are offered at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Educators in each Magnet School receive training on their specific theme and infuse it into their discipline to create an engaging and unified environment for learning. An application is required for each Magnet school. Visit the hillsboroughschools.org/magnet to find out more information on programs, application dates and school contact details. You can also call 813-272-4692.



NEW MAGNET SCHOOL IN 2022-2023

While this exciting new Magnet School will not be opening until the 2022-2023 school year, applications for seats at what is being planned as a K-8 Magnet School open this fall during the Magnet School Application Window (October dates TBA). This Magnet School will be a one-of-a-kind option for families across the district. The district is pursuing the opportunity for potentially offering families the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme at this school which will be bolstered with unique Science and Fine Arts labs as well

as cutting edge technology to engage students in their education and increase their excitement about growing and learning every day. Located in the Waterset area (south Hillsborough County), students and families will enjoy a lush campus with new sights and perspectives around every bend. Classrooms and labs will have state-of-the-art flexibility and students will be taken to new worlds and new heights every minute of their school day. Keep an eye out for more information on this new Magnet School at hillsboroughschools.org/magnet.

MAGNET INFORMATION AND RECRUITMENT EVENTS

Magnet Schools as well as the Magnet Office will offer families many opportunities to learn about Magnet education in HCPS throughout the 2021-2022 school year. These events will be offered both in person and virtually as well as in multiple languages so all families can participate no matter where they are. Experts from the school and the district levels will be present at every event to answer questions, provide information on programs, and give details on how to apply. Visit hillsboroughschools.org/magnet for information on event dates, how to attend, and how to register.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Career and Technical Education programs focus on Florida's 17 career clusters, developing skills that prepare students for jobs in the workforce of the future. Students in CTE programs take a hands-on approach to learning, with engaging classes that connect to real-world job skills. In addition, career academies are small learning communities that consist of teams of academic and CTE teachers who share groups of students, monitor achievement and implement integrated curricula. Career and Technical Education typically leads to valuable industry certifications and strong partnerships with schools and businesses that create a strong future after high school. CTE prepares students for higher education, the workforce and adult life. For more information, call Career and Technical Education at 813-231-1860 or visit hillsboroughschools.org/CTE.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are independent public schools operated by a non-profit organization. They hire their own teachers, design their own academic program and control their own finances. They have their own board of directors that makes decisions for the school. All charter schools must provide a curriculum that meets the Florida Standards and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. These schools

must also hire certified teachers. In Florida, charter schools are accountable to the school district where they reside for student academic performance and fiscal management, but the district does not manage them. For additional information, call the Charter Office at 813-272-4049 and visit hillsboroughschools.org/charter.



HILLSBOROUGH VIRTUAL K-12

Hillsborough Virtual K-12 is a school choice option for students in grades K-12. HVK12 students are served by highly qualified Hillsborough County teachers for each class online. Students log in, receive curriculum, complete assignments and take quizzes and tests online. They have full access to their teachers for each subject they can communicate via email, phone/text, instant message, or virtual classroom. We offer online courses to eligible students in a variety of ways: Full-time, co-enrolled (part-time), credit recovery and home education. Students planning to take a class as part of, or in addition to, their school day, can enroll in classes now! Co-enrollment is now year round. For more information, call 813-983-7278 or visit the webpage at hillsboroughschools.org/virtual.



HOME EDUCATION

Home education, as defined by Florida law, gives parents the freedom to choose and direct educational programs that best meet their child's needs. Parents are responsible for all aspects of the student's home education program. High school students do not earn a diploma as a home education student. Call the home education office at 813-609-6816 for more information or hillsboroughschools.org and type "home education" in the search box.

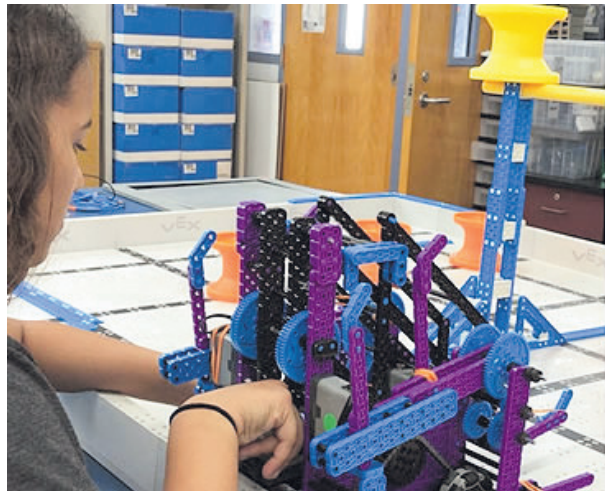
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FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Welcome to Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS), the seventh largest school district in the nation. We are proud to be home to more than 4,000 military-connected families in schools across our district.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our military families, especially our youngest heroes - your children, our students. Our district is dedicated to offering a variety of educational opportunities to your family. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions about your transition into Hillsborough County Schools, call 813-272-4692 and identify yourself as an active duty military family.



HILLSBOROUGH TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Workforce and continuing education provide adult students access to postsecondary training opportunities that lead to industry certifications or state licenses, which in turn lead to great-paying jobs. Hillsborough Technical Colleges are dedicated to providing quality, career-focused, technical postsecondary programs that prepare students with the knowledge, skills and credentials needed to launch, enhance or change careers.

HTC PROGRAM Clusters

- Agricultural Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Energy
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales & Service
- Transportation, Sales & Logistics



DID YOU KNOW?

Hillsborough Technical Colleges (HTC) are just one of several Hillsborough County Public Schools postsecondary options.

- Our district has four technical college campuses: Aparicio-Levy Technical College, Brewster Technical College, Erwin Technical College and Learey Technical College.
- There are 15.6 million secondary and postsecondary career and technical education students in the U.S.
- Industry certifications can increase pay and job prospects.

We have many programs that transfer credits to your local community college. Speak to a counselor for details. For more information, visit hillsboroughschools.org and search "Technical College" or call 813-231-1907.

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- Family Guide: bit.ly/canvasfamilyguide
- Student Guide: bit.ly/hcpsstudentguide

New to Hillsborough County? If you are the parent of a new Hillsborough Schools student or have never accessed Edsby before, please visit the families section on HillsboroughSchools.org and click the MySPOT Login link to register for an account.

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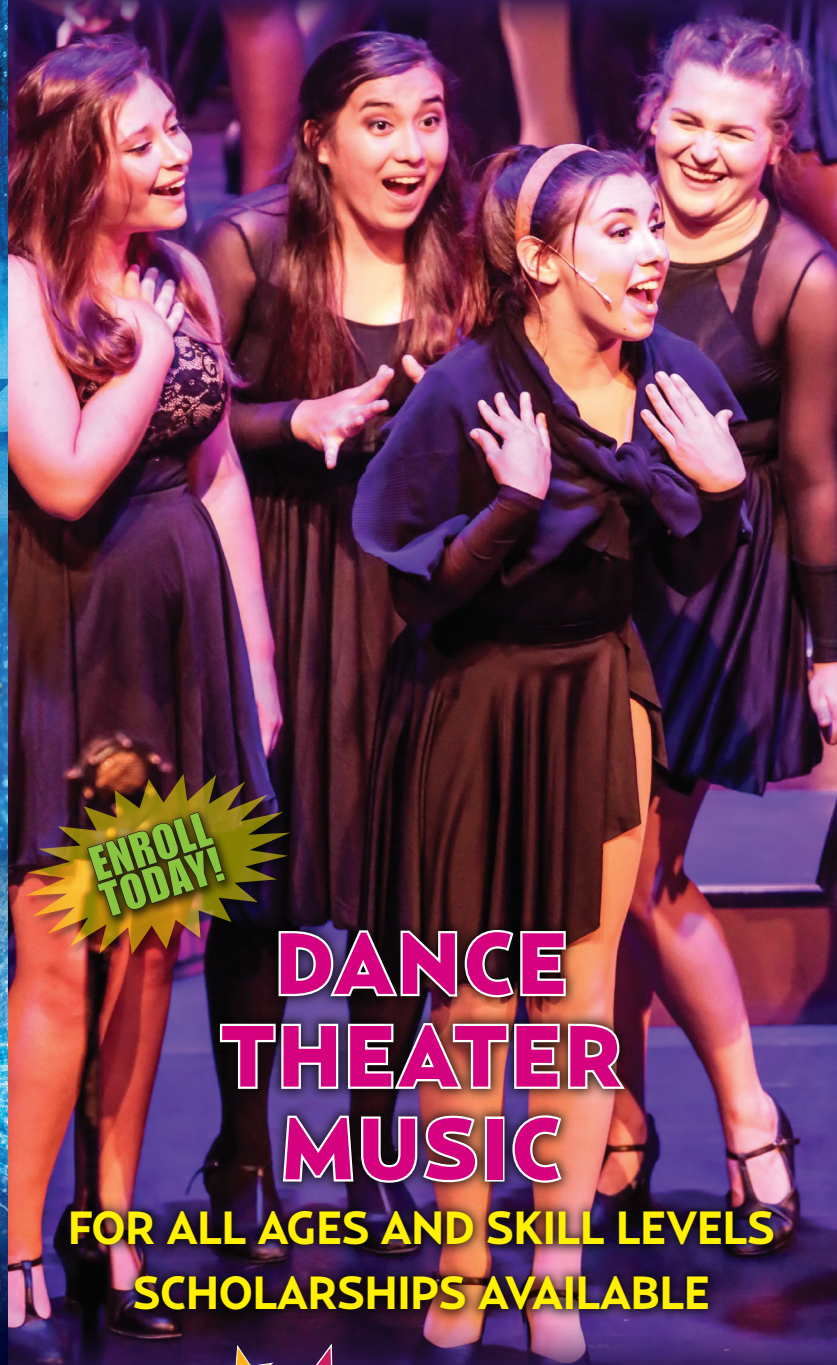
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Abuse Hotline (children, disabled or elderly)	2-1-1 or 800-962-2873	High School Education	813-272-4443
Adult Emergency Services	813-272-2958	Hillsborough Virtual K-12 Program	813-983-7278
Crime Stoppers (crimestopperstb.com).....	1-800-873-TIPS (8477)	HOST: Hillsborough Out of School Time (K-12)	813-744-8941
Children’s Crisis Center	813-272-2882	Meal Status / Meal Prepay	1-866-544-5575
Crisis Center of Tampa Bay Inc.....	813-964-1964	Middle School Education.....	813-272-4616
Life Center of the Suncoast (support for grief counseling)	813-237-3114	Migrant Title I.....	813-757-9331
Poison Information Center	813-844-4444 or 800-222-1222	Psychological Services.....	813-273-7095
Suicide Prevention Services	2-1-1 or 800-273-TALK (8255) or 813-234-1234	School Boundaries.....	813-272-4608
The Spring (domestic violence).....	813-247-7233	School Counseling Services	813-273-7346
District Office Phone Numbers		School Options Line & Magnet Programs	813-272-4692 (Student Planning & Placement)
Main district line	813-272-4000	School Readiness Programs.....	813-515-2340 (Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough)
Adult & Career Services Center	813-231-1907	School Social Work.....	813-273-7090
Career and Technical Education	813-231-1860	Student Nutrition Services	813-840-7092 Application Center (Free School Meal Benefits).....
Charter Schools	813-272-4049	Student Services Mental Health.....	813-273-7136
Communications Department	813-272-4060	Teen Parent Program	813-272-4674
Diversity Office	813-273-7125	Title I Office.....	813-272-4875
Partnership Engagement & Philanthropy	813-272-4062	Transformation Network	813-272-4845
County Council of PTA/PTSA	813-272-4979	Transportation (School Buses)	813-982-5500
Early Childhood (Pre-K Exceptional Education)	813-740-7870	Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) – School District Programs	813-740-7870
Elementary Education	813-272-4655	Volunteer Services	813-272-4446
English Language Learners.....	813-273-7511	Workforce and Continuing Education.....	813-231-1860 (Hillsborough Technical Colleges)
Exceptional Student Education.....	813-273-7025		
Family & Community Engagement (FACE)	813-272-4831		
FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System)	813-837-7777		
FDLRS Parent Services			
English.....	813-837-7732		
Spanish	813-837-7728		
Student Records.....	813-605-8908		
Head Start.....	813-740-7870		

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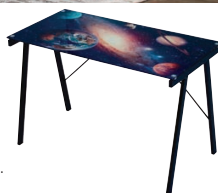
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