NEW PILOT PROGRAM!
BOOKS BRIDGE BUS!

MOBILE ACTIVITY CENTER for FAMILIES

Come visit the bus to see what we offer for parents and families!

The Bus will offer families
- Weekly parent workshops & activities
- Information on community resources
- 20 IPad with Wi-Fi
- Rosetta Stone
- Materials for checkout and return!

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Important dates
Early Release - March 15
No School (Spring Break) March 20-24

For more information about Federal programs and Title I parent involvement please visit www.polk-fl.net
Homework Help
Help with homework for elementary and middle school students is offered at each center every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-6:00 pm.

The help is provided by high school honor students or adult volunteers.

Please call the center to sign up for the homework help.

Parents must stay with their child.

NEW
TITLE I PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Located on the campus of Horizons Elementary School 1700 Forest Lake Drive Davenport, FL 33837
Phone (863) 419-3430
STAFF: Marjorie Greenfield and Sonia Carrillo

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Open time each morning for parents 8:00-9:00 am
Weekly Coffee & Conversation on Friday from 8:30-9:00 am
Parent workshops every Monday from 2:00-3:00 pm
Homework help every Tuesday/Thursday from 3:00-6:00 pm
Informational brochures & pamphlets
Family Game Time every M, W, F from 3:00-4:00 pm

For more information please call or visit one of the parent center s
Monthly calendars of events can be found on www.polk-fl.net
or
Parent Center Website
www.polk-fl.net /parents/involvement/pirc.htm

Please stop by any of the parent centers for a cup of coffee and some conversation!
Held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 8:00 am to 9:00 am
Nutrition class taught by Karen Webb with Catholic Charities at the parent and family center located on the campus of Combee Elementary.
Preschool Programs

Welcome

Polk Preschool Programs are built on the premise that every family, regardless of economic status, needs support. Given that support, every member of the family can grow. Together the family members will gain confidence in themselves as individuals and as a family unit. And it works!

Choosing an early education program for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. We understand how important it is to you and your family that you have the information you need to make an informed decision.

2017 SUMMER PreK Enrollment (Available April 2017)

2017-18 Prekindergarten Enrollment (Begins March 1st, 2017)

We are accepting applications for our 2017-18 Prekindergarten classes. There are no registration fees or supply fees. If you choose a full day option, you pay for the days school is open.

Polk County Schools Prekindergarten programs have been very successful in providing a high quality early childhood education program for 4 year olds. We offer full school day (fee required) and Free 3 hour sessions for 4 year old VPK students.

For more information please visit www.polk-fl.net 
Keyword: Preschool Programs
It is that time again for students (and parents) to begin thinking about next school year and courses in which students should enroll.

In Polk County Public Schools, we offer opportunities for students who are above average academically to participate in **Accelerated Programs**.

For example, in middle school, eligible students should be taking courses labeled as “Advanced” and some high school courses such as Algebra 1 Honors.

In High School, students can participate in Advanced Placement courses. Two of the benefits of participating in Advanced Placement courses include:

**Standing out in college admissions**
Deciding to take an AP course lets colleges and universities know that you have what it takes to succeed in an undergraduate environment. When admissions officers see “AP” on your transcript, they know that what you experienced in a particular class has prepared you well for the challenges of college.

**Earning college credits**
By taking an AP course and scoring successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses: most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores. These credits can allow students to save college tuition, study abroad, or secure a second major. AP can transform what once seemed unattainable into something within reach.

A ten-minute video regarding some of our Accelerated Programs is available at [https://vimeo.com/195986252](https://vimeo.com/195986252).

Additional information can be found on our website: [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net)

Keyword: **Accelerated Programs**, or by contacting your child’s school counselor.
For more information on the 2016-2017 TESTING

Please visit www.polk-fl.net

KEYWORD: Testing, FSA or EOC

How To Help Your Child Succeed on Tests

Encourage your child to do their best, but do not put stress on him/her.

Make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep on the night before the test.

Ensure your child wakes up early to make sure that he/she arrives at school on time.

Give your child the chance to practice using the practice test platform.

FSA: http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/
Florida is a national leader in education. Florida students are closing the achievement gap, improving graduation rates, and taking more Advanced Placement and STEM courses. A great education starts with high academic standards, rigorous courses and dedicated educators ready to help each student reach his or her full potential by preparing them for the colleges and workplaces of tomorrow.

Visit [http://www.fldoe.org/academics](http://www.fldoe.org/academics)

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

The Student Achievement through Language Acquisition (SALA) staff provides assistance to schools, districts, school board personnel, teachers, parents, and community organizations in all areas of education for English Language Learners (ELLs) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program services.

Read More

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**GED TESTING**

Florida recently transitioned its credentialing process to a paperless web-based transcript and diploma request system. This section contains information on how to register to take the GED® Test, testing accommodations and much more.

Read More

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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students may earn one or more designations on their standard high school diploma - the scholar designation and the merit designation per section 1003.4285, F.S. Requirements are listed in the graduation requirements charts by grade nine entering cohort year.

Read More

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**JUST READ, FLORIDA!**

Just Read, Florida! is the statewide reading initiative that prioritizes reading in Florida's public schools and among all the community groups and volunteer organizations that support them. To date, over 45,000 teachers statewide have attended Just Read, Florida! reading academies.

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### Additional Information

Contact your child’s school for the specific dates he or she will be testing.

#### 2016-17 FSA English Language Arts and Math Resources
- Fact Sheet: [http://www.floks.doe.org -- Parents -- Testing -- Fact Sheets -- FSA ELA and Math](http://www.floks.doe.org)
- Computer Practice Tests: [www.flsassessments.org -- Practice Tests -- Take the Computer-Based Practice Tests](http://www.flsassessments.org)
- Paper Practice Tests: [www.flsassessments.org -- Practice Tests -- Paper-Based Practice Materials](http://www.flsassessments.org)

#### 2016-17 Statewide Science Assessment Resources
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- Practice Test: [www.flsassessments.org -- Accountability -- Assessments -- K-12 Student Assessment -- Statewide Science Assessment -- Taking the Assessment](http://www.flsassessments.org)

#### ACCESS for ELLs Practice Test
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2016-17 Algebra 1 & Geometry End-of-Course Assessments Resources
- Fact Sheet: http://www.polk-fl.net → Parents → Testing → Fact Sheets → FSA EOC
  (Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry)
- Practice Tests: www.fsassems.org → Practice Tests → Take the Computer-Based Practice Tests

2016-17 Civics End-of-Course Assessments Resources
- Fact Sheet: http://www.polk-fl.net → Parents → Testing → Fact Sheets → NGSSS EOC
  (Biology, US History, Civics)
- Practice Tests: www.FLAssessments.com/ePATs → Choose Appropriate Course

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Abbreviations

FSA: Florida Standards Assessment
ELA: English Language Arts
EOC: End of Course
ELL: English Language Learner

### High School State Assessment Overview

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AVAILABLE ON www.polk-fl.net
What is the Parent Portal?

The myPolkSchools.net Parent Portal is a new on-line service offered to parents and guardians in Polk County. The service will bring together into one single web page information about ALL of the students for a particular parent. Instead of visiting several different websites, making telephone calls or visiting the school to access records or information, the parent may access them all from any Internet-connected computer. The most important goal of the Parent Portal is to enhance district-to-school-to-home communication as outlined in the Polk County Schools Strategic Plan Item 7(1): "Establish an effective system of communication linking district, school and home."

Where is it? How do I get there?

Go to https://parent.mypolkschools.net

How do I register?

In order to access the Parent Portal you must first register. Please visit the portal and click the "Register" button. Follow the prompts and enter your information, once you've completed the form, click on "Create Account". If you are a Polk County School Board employee with a "@polk-fl.net" email address, you DO NOT need to register. Use your firstname.lastname username and corresponding password to login.

LOOKING FOR SOME HELP?

Heartland for Children has partnered with Aunt Bertha, making it easy for you to find food, health, housing, or education programs in seconds. We even tell you which programs you may qualify for & how much in benefits you could receive!

Check us out at Heartland.AuntBertha.com. It's FREE!

Aunt BERTHA has arrived!
Learning At Home

Family-Friendly Schools, Education-Friendly Homes

Your child will benefit if you:

- Encourage reading in your home
- Ensure adequate sleep
- Limit TV and video time
- Provide a well balanced healthy diet, even for teenagers
- See that your child attends school regularly and is on time
- Set aside a homework/study routine each school night
- Encourage completion of all of all assignments
- Attend all events in which your child participates
- Talk and listen to your child about school activities each day
- Ask for help or advice when your child is struggling or having a problem
- Provide ongoing enrichment
- Show respect and support for your child, the teachers and the school
- Support the school in developing positive behaviors
- Understand student expectations for each grade level & course
- Know how to access scholarship and financial aid information for higher education
- Update address and phone numbers with the main office
- Praise your child’s efforts
- Schedule at least one teacher conference during each year
- Read everything that comes home from school, checking backpacks regularly
- Monitor test scores and performance carefully

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Welcome

Polk County Public Schools has an outstanding volunteer program. Investing in our schools helps students succeed. To learn more, contact the Department of Public Relations & Strategic Partnerships at (863) 534-0636.

Becoming a Volunteer

The security of our students is a primary concern. Volunteers pay a non refundable fee of $25.00 to cover the cost of a Florida Department of Law Enforcement background check. Payment is made by personal check or money order payable to the Polk County School Board and submitted with a volunteer application at the school site. Check with your school and make sure you are not already approved.

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School Messenger

SchoolMessenger allows us to stay connected with you - our parents and guardians by sending various school related messages. In order to receive non-emergency calls about situations at your students school, you must grant us permission. Opt in now!

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http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/ese/default.htm