



the Eagle News



Principal's Message

Dear Eagles Families,

Thank you to all our families for a terrific start to the 2019-2020 school year. I want to take a quick moment to share some great news. I am sure you already have heard our school has been awarded the letter grade of A by the Florida Department of Education. We have also been awarded the School of Excellence designation by the state. Congratulations and thank you to our students, staff and families for receiving these prestigious accolades. As the cooler weather arrives and the holidays are just around the corner, I want to take a quick moment to thank all our families for a terrific start to the 2019-2020 school year. I am amazed at how quickly the first quarter of this school year flew by. Parents, as your students prepare for the rest of this semester and first semester exams, please remind them to take time to study each night and to ask for extra help when needed. We hold tutoring in many subjects almost every day before school, during lunch and after school. Please check our website for specific times and locations or have your child speak with their teachers or guidance counselor.

Parents, please remember to monitor your child's attendance and academic progress on FOCUS. Attendance is the key to success. If you cannot access FOCUS, please stop by or call the school and we will be more than happy to assist you. While you are on FOCUS, please check the accuracy of your telephone numbers and email addresses so you will receive messages about upcoming events and other important school information. Please check our school website for the latest and up to date information on all the happenings at East Lake High School.

I am honored to serve as your child's principal and it is a pleasure to partner with you to provide the best high school experience for your child.

Thank you and Go EAGLES!
Carmela Haley, Principal



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East Lake High School's Website

www.elhsonline.com

(Provides information about our school's outstanding programs)

FOCUS (Parent Connect):

www.pcsb.org

Mission Statement: East Lake High School will develop productive and responsible students who are prepared for post-secondary education, the workforce, and citizenship.

Policy Manual

The manual containing the policies and procedures of the School Board of Pinellas County is kept in the principal's office of East Lake High School. A copy is also on file in the Media Center. The manual is available to all parents, students and citizens. Access to the manual may also be viewed at www.pcsb.org.



Address Changes

It is imperative that any changes in address or phone numbers be reported to our Records Department. Addresses must be changed in the Student Reservation System first by a parent using their Focus password. Once that change is complete, please bring two proofs of address to the school records clerk: a current utility bill, lease agreement or bill of sale for a home. **Clinic cards are not used for address verification.**

Annual School Financial Report

The Annual School Financial Report has been posted to the district website. The report can be found on the district website by following this link: <http://www.pcsb.org/Page/2949>.



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History Teacher Recognition on Bay News 9 Neither King Nor Country: East Lake High Teacher's Latest History Book

Courtesy of Erin Murray Bay News 9

PUBLISHED 6:00 PM EDT Oct. 21, 2019

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. – "History is not everyone's favorite subject, but it probably should be... The East Lake HS teacher is also an author and is now focusing his books to engage adults. "History is always a better story because it really happened."

"I am not kidding, when I meet someone and they find out I am a history teacher and they say, 'Oh I hated history in school,' I will take it personally. It drives me crazy because it is just so entertaining and so powerful," said Mr. Kay.

This is just one reason he began writing a series of books for kids called the Young Heroes of History series. But more recently, he has focused on adults. He just published a book called "Neither King Nor Country."

Kay is an award winning history teacher at East Lake High. To learn more about his book and who he is, follow his Facebook Page: Alan N. Kay A History Cart. To read the rest of the story go to:

<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2019/10/21/-history-is-always-better-story-because-it-really-happened> History Teacher Recognition on Bay News 9

Stay Connected With PCS

- PCS NEWSROOM – For the latest district news, visit the PCS Newsroom website, www.pcsb.org.
- WPDS-TV 14 – School Board meetings are held twice monthly during most months and are streamed live at www.wpds.tv. Rebroadcasts are available on Spectrum Ch. 614, WOW cable Ch. 2 and Frontier Fios Network Ch. 46.
- TWITTER – Sign up to follow district news on Twitter at www.twitter.com.pcsschools and East Lake High School at www.twitter.com/myeastlakehigh.
- FACEBOOK – Become a fan on the district's Facebook page where you can receive the latest news and information.
- PCS FOCUS – Review your child's grades, participate in education video lessons, and communicate interactively with your child's teacher through this online system. www.pcsb.org.



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SAC Meeting Dates 2019-2020

2nd Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm – Large Conference Room

ELHS School Advisory Council is looking for new members for 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please call Teresa Peterson at 727-942-5419, ext. 2045, or email petersonste@pcsb.org.

Welcome Volunteers!!

Volunteers have always played a large role in the success that East Lake High School has experienced in the areas of tutoring, mentoring, clerical help, proctoring, hospitality and booster club support. If you have a talent or special interest or you are willing to help us out once in a while, please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Teresa Peterson at (727)942-5419 ext. 2045. There is a volunteer system on Focus. Volunteers can add hours from their personal computer. Volunteers need to update their volunteer status in Focus for the new school year. Please see Teresa Peterson for more details about using the system.

East Lake would like to thank Adopt-a-Class sponsors for their generous class room donations!

Student Recognition

Congratulations to the following students for having their art work selected for the Morean Art Center's "Word & Image show in St Petersburg. Morgan St Pierre, Kris Zavoina, Alexandra Cheney, Yelena Gladyr, Vanessa Odom, Madison Piguat, and Trevor Ray, Students created a piece of art and a written piece related to the theme "I wonder ...". The Opening reception will be held on Saturday November 16 at 3:00. All are welcome to attend.
Eileen Iacobucci
Visual Arts teacher



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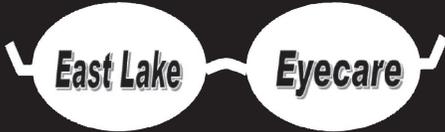
Code of Student Conduct

Each student enrolled in Pinellas County Schools will receive a copy of the CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT. Students and parents should understand and support the rules. Listed below are some highlights for the school year. These acts are not the only acts that may result in discipline (including suspension, reassignment or expulsion). Other acts that are not listed below are covered in the "Code of Student Conduct."

Code of Conduct Highlights

- A Directory Information Opt-Out form is provided for a parent to use regarding the release of directory information including the release of information to military recruiters and institutes of higher education.
- Dress Code: The dress code is the same for all elementary, middle and high school students and includes the following:
 - All shirts and blouses must cover midriff, back, sides, and all undergarments including bra straps at all times. All shirts, tops, and dresses shall have sleeves and cover the shoulders.
 - Shorts, skirts, divided skirts, dresses, and culottes are allowed. They must be hemmed and be mid-thigh length or longer.
 - Clothing must be appropriate size, with the waist of the garment worn at the student's waist.
 - Clothing not properly buttoned, zipped, fastened, or with inappropriate holes or tears shall not be worn.
 - Clothing and footwear traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments.
 - Sunglasses may not be worn inside unless a parent provides a doctor's note to the school.
 - Bandanas or sweatbands are not allowed to be visible on school grounds during the regular school hours.
 - Hats or other head coverings may be worn during outside PE activities and may not be worn during any portion of the regular school day without the expressed permission of the principal.
 - If the school has a mandatory school uniform policy, the student must adhere to those requirements.
- Students have the right to attend a school where all ethnic and cultural heritages are welcome and respected. To ensure this environment each secondary school will create a Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee.
- Bullying is not acceptable behavior and is addressed in our Guidelines to Prevent Sexual Harassment & Prohibition of Harassment.
- A first time drug or alcohol incident will lead to a suspension and an alternative school.
- Students in honors, advanced placement or magnet courses that are expelled or reassigned to an alternative school must be aware that their curriculum will be impacted. While every attempt is made to match schedules, it is rarely possible to replicate every class. Students taking these classes must be aware that when engaging in serious violations of the Code of Student Conduct they are jeopardizing their academic plan and the completion of some classes will be delayed.
- A student in a vehicle in which there is a gun or drugs or alcohol on school board property or at a school activity may be considered to be in possession of that gun, drugs or alcohol if the principal determines, based upon evidence, that the student was aware of the presence of the gun, drugs or alcohol.
- Students with attendance problems will be referred to the school's Child Study Team, which may result in a referral for social work services, truancy court, or involvement of the Office of the State Attorney.
- Teachers shall record zero (0) for an incident of cheating. Note: The use of the word "shall" means that the teacher must record a zero (0).
- Use of tobacco or an e-cigarette on school property or at a school sponsored activity will lead to alternative program – smoker's clinic. A student holding a lit cigarette or an e-cigarette will be presumed to be using tobacco.
- During a disciplinary reassignment, a student may not participate in any school activity or be on any Pinellas County School campus without specific approval of the Director of School Operations. For seniors, this may include participating in their home school graduation ceremonies.
- In order for a stepparent who is not the legal guardian of the child to have information about a student or sign forms related to the student, there must be on file written permission from the parent or legal guardian. This permission must be updated annually.

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At East Lake HS, we place great value on your education. We also recognize that electronic devices (including, but not limited to cell phones, portable gaming devices, etc.) can be disruptive to the learning environment. For this reason, we adhere to the following policy for the 2019-2020 school year:

1. All devices, including cell phones, tablet PCs, mobile presenters, wireless tablets, iPods, MP3 players, camera phones, digital cameras or laptops, are not to be used during class unless the teacher authorizes their usage for class-related purposes. During the testing session cell phones/camera phones are to be turned off and stored in a case, book bag, knapsack, or purse, and may not be placed on the table, desktop, or individual's lap. In particular, cell phones are to be turned off and are not to be used during class, except where noted below.
2. Cell phones/camera phones are to be turned off, out of sight and not used during any testing or examination period.
3. Students may use electronic devices before school, after school, during passing and during their lunch break. Students may not use electronic devices during the times of day that have been set aside for instruction.
4. For safety reasons electronic devices with ear phones must be operated with only one ear bud. Students must turn off cell phones and electronic devices before they enter the classroom door regardless of whether the tardy bell has rung (they are no longer in passing time if they have made it to the room).

5. If teachers see a student walk into the room with an electronic device on or out, they will ask the student to put it away (if it is the first offense). If the situation becomes a chronic problem or if the student refuses to put away the electronic device, the teacher will send the student to the office. If the student refuses to give up the device, it will be considered defiance/insubordination to a staff member and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.



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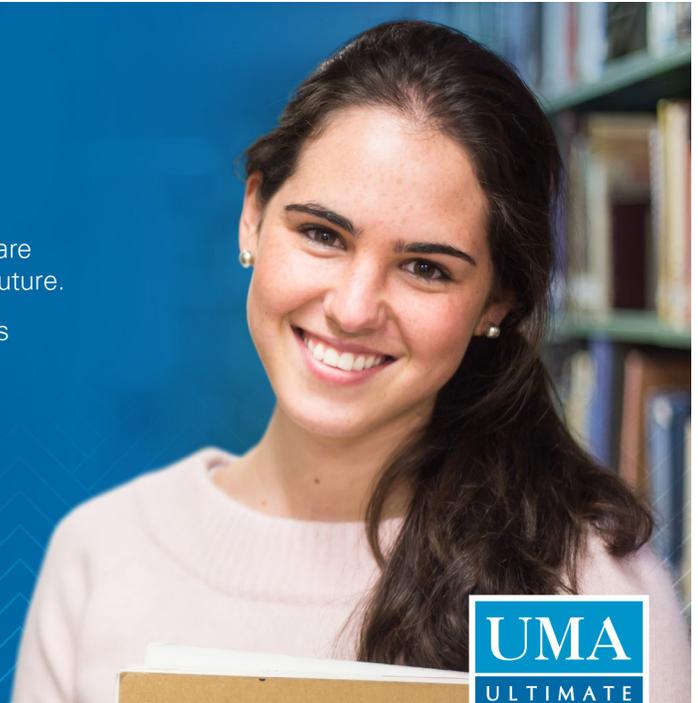
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District Application Programs

PCS offers nearly 80 programs focused on students' interests, talents and learning styles. The Application Period for the 2020-2021 school year is Jan. 8-17, 2020. Find the right fit for your child!

Explore individual programs in more detail at Discovery Nights: Oct. 30 - Dec. 18. Discovery Night at East Lake High will be December 9, 2019 at 6:00PM

Questions?

- Go to <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/837> for the full information.

The Student Assignment office assists families during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Contact Us: StudentAssignment@pcsb.org or (727) 588-6210 District Application Programs

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Attendance Policy

When a student has been absent from school, a parent/guardian must contact the attendance office within 48 hours of the student's return to school. This can be done by going to 'elhsonline.com' and clicking on the icon 'Report Student absence' or emailing 'WilliamsLi@pcsb.org'. Make sure the student's full name, date of birth, grade, reason for absence and date(s) of absences are given. Absences of 5 or more school days must have a medical note to be excused. Medical notes received by attendance that have altered date(s) or information will NOT be accepted. Students must be in class 50% of the time to receive credit for being present. Please review the 'Code of Student Conduct' for approved reasons of absences. Unexcused reasons such as skipping will not be supported and does have consequences. Please be reminded that every teacher will follow this policy without exception.

Early Dismissal

Please send in written notes requesting early dismissal for a student must have the following information written clearly on the note: The student's name, time to be dismissed, reason for the early dismissal and a parent's daytime phone number. All early dismissal notes (including notes for special event days such as homecoming, prom or the day before a holiday) must be turned into Linnea Williams, Attendance Specialist's office prior to the 7:25 am bell. After the school day starts, parents will be required to come into the school and sign their student out, telephone and email requests will not be honored.



Students with financial obligations for textbooks are expected to clear their obligations promptly. **Textbooks will not be issued to students whose names are on the obligation list and students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.**



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Ms. Irene Pantelis (pantelisi@pcsb.org)	P-Z
Mrs. Leah Liguori (liguoril@pcsb.org)	Grades 9-12 (Engineering Program)

Parent/Student Guide for Guidance

2019-20 School Year

Below is information that will help you guide your student throughout his/her year:

Graduation Requirements

- If you want to double check the requirements your student needs in order to graduate (including the required standardized tests), please go to the following webpage that can be found on our East Lake High School website under Guidance. You can visit us at www.elhsonline.com

Bright Futures

- If your student is trying to earn the Bright Futures Scholarship, volunteer hours need to be submitted to guidance. In order to ensure hours are entered correctly, your student must make his/her own copy of the hours logged before submitting to guidance. The district paperwork is required for their hours, and counselors need to preapprove their service work before they can begin. This paperwork can be picked up in the front office. To view all other eligibility requirements for the scholarships, please visit <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>.

Other Scholarship Opportunities

- We have other scholarships given to us from the district, and these are distributed in English classes and can also be found on the East Lake High School website under Guidance. Most of these apply to seniors and sometimes juniors.

Virtual School

- Your student **MUST** complete one online course before he/she graduates. Students must sign up and request the course he/she wants to take. If the student is taking the course as part of the 7 period day, he/she must have a parent's consent and must leave campus during the assigned course. Students must get signed permission from principal. Instructions for how to enroll in either Pinellas Virtual School or Florida Virtual School can be found at the ELHS front desk or in guidance.

Parents Contacting Guidance

- Since we spend most of our time working with our students and helping with testing, communication through email is best for us. If you would like to have a face to face meeting, please email us directly so that we can set that appointment. We also update information frequently on our school website as well as in the school newsletter.

Students Contacting Guidance

- Students can contact their guidance counselor several ways. We encourage student and counselor communication since this can be very beneficial to their social and professional development. Students may contact us via email, or

they can visit us in our offices. The student may also see us during class time **ONLY** if they have permission from their teacher. In crisis situations, one of us should always be available. We also encourage our students to make appointments with us if their time requires more than a couple minutes.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Parents and students are able to request a conference with a teacher or teachers by either contacting the teacher (emails can be found on FOCUS) or the student's counselor. Conferences can be held by phone or in person and many times email communication can be enough to cover the concern or question. Parents are able to meet with the teacher one on one, or the parent/teacher can request that a counselor be in attendance.

College Visits

- College visits can be taken four times in the student's high school career. These visits must be documented at least one week prior to the visit. The student must submit a parent note to the administration stating where and when the visit will take place. After the visit, the student must also submit a verification of attendance by providing a letter from the institution on the school's letterhead.

Transcripts

- Students may request transcripts by going to the front office and visiting Mrs. Robison before or after school. Each transcript costs \$1 and must be paid in order for the transcript to be processed.

State Testing

- Be prepared for your student to take tests that are required for your child's success in high school. Some of the assessments to be aware of are the FSA Reading and Writing and the EOCS in Biology, Algebra, Geometry, and US History. There will also be a few other tests offered such as the PERT Test, the PSAT, SAT, ACT and the ASVAB.

Exam Exemptions

- Your student may be eligible for exam exemptions each semester if he/she has less than 5 absences (excused and unexcused) in all periods, and if the student has earned As or Bs in the given period he/she wishes to exempt. Some specific classes have exceptions to exemptions. Please have your student consult with his/her teacher or administrator to learn more about this matter.

Student Calendar

2019-2020 Student Calendar (November – May)

- Nov. 23 - Dec. 1, 2019:** Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up days on 11/25/2019 and 11/26/2019
- Dec. 20, 2019:** End of first semester.
- Dec. 21, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020:** Winter holidays - No school for students.
- Jan. 6, 2020:** No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up day
- Jan. 7, 2020:** Second semester begins.
- Jan. 20, 2020:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday - No school for students.
- Feb. 17, 2020:** No school for students.
- Mar. 13, 2020:** End of third quarter
- Mar. 14 - Mar. 22, 2020:** Spring holidays – No school for students.
- Mar. 23, 2020:** No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up day
- Mar. 24, 2020:** Schools reopen. Classes resume.
- Apr. 10, 2020:** No school for students.
- May 25, 2020:** Memorial Day holiday – No school for students.
- May 29, 2020:** Last day for all students (with the exception of Adult students at the Postsecondary Centers). (a) Hurricane make-up days

Make up 1 day	Make up 2 days	Make up 3 days	Make up 4 days
October 14, 2019*	October 14, 2019 January 6, 2020	October 14, 2019 January 6, 2020 March 23, 2020	October 14, 2019 November 25, 2019 November 26, 2019 January 6, 2020

*If hurricane occurs later in the season the one day make up day will be January 6, 2020.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED LIST OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE DAYS

2019-2020 School Year

April 2020

- Passover (First 2 days) Thursday & Friday, April 9 – April 10, 2020
(Observance begins at sunset on Wednesday, April 8, 2020)
- Good Friday Friday, April 10, 2020
- Seventh & Eighth Day of Passover Wednesday & Thursday, April 15 - 16, 2020
- Eastern Orthodox Holy Friday Friday, April 17, 2020

May 2020

- Eid-al-Fitr Sunday, May 24, 2020
(Observance begins at sunset on Saturday, May 23, 2020)
- Shavuot Friday & Saturday, May 29 - 30, 2020
(Observance begins at sunset on Thursday, May 28, 2020)

If there is a day that is not listed on the Board approved observance days which impacts a significant number of students in any specific school; the principal has the discretion not to schedule any testing or major course review in accordance with the needs of his/her building.



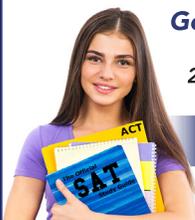
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Testing & Grades

2019-2020 SAT & ACT Test Dates and Registrations

SAT Test Date	Registration Date
Saturday, December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019
Saturday, March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020
Saturday, May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020
Saturday, June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020

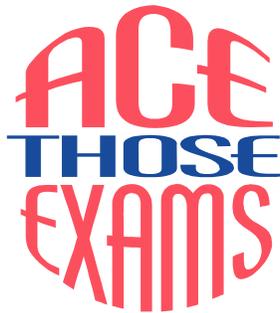
Register at: www.sat.collegeboard.org/register

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020*	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020

Register at: www.actstudent.org (use code 101-739 when registering)

A reminder to register for the SAT and ACT at East Lake High School! We are now offering students the opportunity to take the tests at East Lake High School on all national test dates!

Please visit www.fsassessments.org which is an online resource to support our preparation for the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). The FSA portal is available for districts, schools, students, parents and the general public to access information about the assessments.



Report Card Distribution Dates

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Monday, April 6, 2020

Friday, June 5, 2020

High School Grading System

The high school grading system is as follows:

A	=	90-100%
B	=	80-89%
C	=	70-79%
D	=	60-69%
F	=	0-59%

Graduation GPA

Students are required to have a 2.0 GPA to graduate from high school.

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- Boys BasketballB. Taylor
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- CheerleadingR. Pirie
- Cross Country Girls.D. Smith
- Cross Country Boys.B. Taylor
- FootballR. Hudson
- Flag FootballD. Gainer
- Boys GolfJ. Bloznalis
- Girls GolfT. Hogg
- LaCrosseC. Marino
- Boys SoccerT. Johnson
- Girls Soccer.J. Despota
- Softball.K. Delk
- SwimmingR. Sajdak
- Tennis.J. Bloznalis
- Boys Track.D. Smith
- Girls Track.B. Taylor
- VolleyballT. Small
- WrestlingJ. Marzo



Important Websites

www.elhsonline.com

Tech Prep/Career Choices:

Students, start thinking about your future career by visiting these websites:

www.florida.access.bridges.com

www.pcsb.org Focus, Search Career/College

College and Career Planning:

www.Prephq.com

www.Florida.echoices.com

www.collegeboard.org (SAT)

www.actstudent.org (ACT)

www.facts.org

www.spcollege.edu

www.collegecareerlifeplanning.com

www.virtual-mentor.net

Access to ePEP personal education planner:

www.petersons.com

www.bridges.com/testgear

Florida Virtual School: www.flvs.net

Financial Aid and Scholarships

www.fastweb.com

www.fafsa.gov

www.finaid.org

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

www.pinellaseducation.org

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org



Clinic Cards

Current health information is vital. Please complete the health information card distributed to students during homeroom at the beginning of school and return it to Student Services immediately. It is very important to return the clinic card, in case of an emergency. This is information we need to contact parents.