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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS MISSION STATEMENT

The right of a student to participate fully in classroom and extracurricular activities shall not be abridged or impaired because of age, race, color, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin, disability, pregnancy, parenthood, marriage, political beliefs, social and family background, or for any other reason not related to his/her individual capabilities.

To this end, the District School Board of Pasco County will work to maintain high standards in the areas of respect, dignity, and diversity while ensuring a safe environment for both students and employees. The District is to confront issues of human and civil rights while guaranteeing that all are treated fairly, equally and humanly in accordance with federal and state law.



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PASCO COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICT INFORMATION

PARENTS/GUARDIANS & STUDENTS: This document contains important information regarding access to legal notices regarding your rights and to district policies and procedures. This information is available on our district website at http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/parent_notices. We ask you to access and review this information online, sign and return the acknowledgement form. A copy of all notices and policies are available in English or Spanish by contacting the office at your child's school.

SECTION I: EMERGENCY NUMBERS

CRISIS		ABUSE	
Emergency	911	Child Abuse Hotline	(800) 962-2873
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222	Domestic Violence	(800) 500-1119
Runaway- Local	(800) 786-2929	Sexual Assault	(352) 521-3120
Runaway- National	(800) 621-4000	RAINN (Rape & Incest)	(888) 668-7273
Rap House for Runaways	(727) 835-1777	National Sexual Assault Hotline	(800) 656-HOPE

POLICE DEPARTMENTS		ALCOHOL	
Pasco County Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	(727) 847-8102	Al-Anon	(888) 425-2666
Dade City	(352) 521-1495	Alcoholics Anonymous	(727) 847-0777
New Port Richey	(727) 841-4550	DUI Program-New Port Richey	(727) 847-3411
Zephyrhills	(813) 780-0050	DUI Program-Zephyrhills	(813) 780-8282



NARCOTICS		GENERAL	
National Drug & Alcohol Treatment Hotline	(800) 662-4357	United Way of Pasco Helpline	(727) 845-3030
Narcotics Anonymous	(727) 842-2433	United Way-National Helpline	(877) 828-8929
24 Hour information & referrals		211	

SECTION II: LIST & GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PARENT & LEGAL NOTICES

Following is a list and general description of the important notices, policies and procedures that are found at http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/parent_notices. Please review these notices, sign the acknowledgment form that follows and return to your child's school.

NOTICE/ POLICY	GENERAL DESCRIPTION
Attendance Policy	Description of the Florida Statute (F.S. 1003.21) that governs compulsory student attendance, Pasco School Board philosophy and policies regarding student attendance
Bullying/Harassment/Teen Dating Violence Policy and Procedure	Description and policy regarding bullying, harassment, and teen dating violence and abuse
Career Academies	Listing of Career & Technical Education programs available to Pasco students and the location of each program
Check Care Disclosure	Disclosure of policy regarding returned checks
Child Labor Laws	Summary of child labor laws of the State of Florida and the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)



Clinic, Health Issues & Medications	Summary of district policy regarding the distribution and storage of medications at school and policies regarding student illness
Controlled Open Enrollment (School Choice)	Guidelines and procedures regarding school choice: including application procedures, application windows and a list of schools deemed “frozen” due to student capacity
Dropout Prevention & Graduation Enhancement	Description and location of the various dropout prevention programs that are available and implemented in Pasco County
Florida Shines Online Career & Academic Planning	Information regarding Florida Shines: an online platform available to Florida students to assist with planning for post-secondary life including post-secondary education, financial aid information and career planning
Food & Nutrition Services	Information about the food and nutrition services provided to Pasco students, meal prices and information regarding the criteria and application process for free/reduced meals
Graduation Requirements	Policy for determination of graduation requirements for a regular 4-year/24-credit diploma (see also Student Progression Plan)
Media Release	Summary and policy in accordance with FERPA regarding the disclosure of directory information and media http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/library/is/forms/mis667.pdf
Medicaid Notice	Parental rights and safeguards regarding the district’s use of public benefits and insurance
Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)	Information regarding the supports and interventions that are provided at your child’s school in order to obtain high achievement for all students. These supports are organized into three tiers: with tiers II & III being more intensive supports
Network and Technology Use Agreements	Description of responsible electronic use guidelines for students
Notice of Social Security Number Disclosure	Description of the reasons that Pasco County Schools collects Social Security numbers for our students and how that information is protected and used



Parent Right to Request Evaluation	Provides a link to the FL State administrative code that governs parental rights regarding the right to request an educational evaluation
Parental Rights & Safeguards Regarding District use of Public Benefits & Insurance	District policy regarding the use of Medicaid funds for services provided to students and the requirement for parental consent regarding this use of funds
Pledge of Allegiance Notice & Classroom Transfer Process	Policy regarding the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the process for students to be excused from this activity
Privacy Rights under HIPAA	Information regarding The Health Information Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) and how Pasco County Schools protects this information
Respect & Civility Policy	Description of the policy that promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all district employees, students, families and the general public
Reporting Child Abuse	Signs of abuse and resources for reporting suspected abuse of children
Responsibility of District & Parents/Guardians of students transported at public expense	Description of the roles & responsibilities of all stakeholders involved in the transportation of students for public education purposes
Student Code of Conduct	Comprehensive handbook of the complete Pasco County Student Code for all Pasco students, the discipline matrix, rights of students and procedures for due process and appeals
Student Progression Plan	Description of the school board approved comprehensive program for student progression
Student Records	Information about the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) & how Pasco County Schools uses, stores, protects and shares student records
Student Surveys & Privacy: PPRA	Information regarding the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, which governs surveys asking questions of a personal nature



SECTION III: REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must attend the school in the district where their parents/legal guardians reside unless they have an approved assignment to another school or program (e.g., School Choice). Applications for School Choice may be obtained by visiting the Pasco County Schools: Educational Options website. Completed applications must be submitted during specified application periods.

The school district expects residence information submitted regarding students to be truthful and accurate and district forms pertaining to residence and household membership shall be verified under penalties of perjury.

Section §837.06, Florida Statutes, provides that, "Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree." Additionally, a person who knowingly makes a false declaration under penalties of perjury commits a felony of the third degree, pursuant to section 92.525, Florida Statutes. Providing school officials false information regarding your residence when enrolling your child may result in your child being withdrawn and/or reassigned to the appropriate zoned school and referral of the matter to law enforcement for possible criminal prosecution. Additionally, falsification of this information may result in the permanent revocation of your child's privilege to engage in extracurricular activities, including organized sports.

Parents/legal guardians are responsible for notifying the school principal if there is a change in residence or parental responsibility of the student within five (5) days even if the parent thinks the student is still in the school's zone. Failure to give timely notice may result in a reassignment to the student's zoned school and/or loss of eligibility for athletics and other activities.

Additional information regarding registration requirements can be found at: http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/comm/registration_requirements



SECTION IV: PARENT & STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The legal notices, policies and procedures listed and described can be found in their entirety online at http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/parent_notices. A hard copy of each may be obtained in English or Spanish by contacting your child's school.

It is vital that parents and students are aware of their rights, as well as the rules and procedures that are required of all Pasco County School District students and families. We ask that each student and a parent/guardian sign this acknowledgment and return it to your child's school. Failure to return this acknowledgment will not relieve a student or the parent/guardian from the responsibility of obtaining the knowledge of all notices, policies and procedures of the Pasco County School District.

- ☐ I understand that I can access all legal notices and policies and procedures, including the Student Code of Conduct, at http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/parent_notices. I understand that I can request a copy of any piece of this information by contacting my child's school.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date