

H. B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL 2026~2027 NEWSLETTER



SEMESTER 1 IMPORTANT DATES 26-27

- Open House- August 6th
- First Day of School- August 10th
- Senior College Information Night- August 26th
- Labor Day/Non-Student Day- September 7th
- Qtr. 1 Progress Reports – September 8th
- PM1 Test Day- September 9th (All Grade 9 & 10)
- Conference Night- September 17th (4:00p-8:00p)
- CPR Training 11th Grade- September 18th (Periods 1-3)
- SAT Digital- October 6th (Select Seniors needing graduation benchmarks)
- PSAT Test Day- October 7th (All Grade 9, 10, & 11)
- End of 1st Quarter- October 9
- Non-Student Day/Columbus Day- October 12th
- Grades Due by Teachers: October 19th
- Homecoming Game & Dance: October 23rd & October 24th
- CLT- October 29th (Select Juniors & Seniors needing graduation benchmarks)
- ACT- November 3rd, 4th, & 5th (Select Seniors needing graduation benchmarks)
- Veteran's Day- November 11th
- FCLE- November 12th, 13th, & 16th (Select gov't courses)
- Qtr. 2 Progress Reports- November 17th
- ASVAB Test- November 18th
- FALL BREAK- November 23rd-November 27th
- Student's Return to School- November 30th
- PM2 Test Day- December 2nd (All Grade 9 & 10)
- Semester 1 Exams- December 14th - December 18th
- End of 2nd Grading Period- December 18th
- WINTER BREAK- December 21st- January 1st
- Teacher Workday/Non-Student Day- January 4th
- Students Return- January 5th



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Plant High School Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! First, a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our students, staff, and families – Plant is once again an “A” SCHOOL! We are thrilled to begin another exciting year of learning, growth, and achievement. At Plant High School, we are committed to providing rigorous and engaging instruction, and your students are truly in excellent hands. We are proud to be part of a vibrant community of dedicated educators, motivated students, and supportive families.

This newsletter contains important information to help you and your student start the year smoothly. Please take a moment to read through it carefully, as many of the policies and procedures outlined will directly impact your family. Please note that Emergency Contact and Student Information Forms will be completed electronically in [FOCUS](#), making the back-to-school paperwork process faster and more convenient. Paper forms will still be available upon request for families who need them in the Student Affairs Office. It **is essential that these cards are reviewed, updated, and returned promptly**. We cannot release a student from school without a signed emergency card that includes accurate contact information. This process is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students.

The **Student Code of Conduct** is available on the district’s website: [Student Code of Conduct | Hillsborough County Public Schools](#). We encourage every student and parent to become familiar with its contents. You’ll also find additional **Plant High School information** on our website: [Home | Plant High School](#). The Plant HS site is a valuable resource covering academics, athletics, extracurriculars, honor societies, and service clubs.

We warmly invite all students and families to attend Open House on Thursday, August 6th. Incoming freshmen and NEW students at Plant HS should arrive by **5:00 PM** and head to the Plant HS gymnasium. After the new student orientation meeting, students will visit their Homeroom to pick up their most recent schedule. Freshmen and any other New Students will follow a bell schedule to visit each classroom until 7:15 PM.

11th & 12th Graders (including new students)

2:30-3:20 P.M. – Report to Homeroom

10th Graders (including new students)

3:30-4:20 P.M. – Report to Homeroom

We kindly ask that all upperclassmen (excepts new students) exit the building by 4:30 PM.

New-to-Plant Upperclassmen

5:00-5:30 P.M – Report to gym for orientation meeting.

9th Grade Students

5:00-5:30 P.M – Report to gym for orientation meeting.

5:30-7:15 P.M. – Report to Homeroom to receive your schedule and proceed to follow the bell schedule of the night to visit each of your classes. Stop by the cafeteria during your lunch period too.

We’re looking forward to a fantastic school year and can’t wait to see all the amazing things our students will accomplish. Thank you for being an essential part of the Plant High School community!

Warm regards,
Heather Holloway
Principal, Plant High School

PLANT HIGH SCHOOL
PANTHERS



Welcome to

PLANT

FRESHMAN OPEN HOUSE

9th GRADERS



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH



5:00–5:30 – Report to gym for orientation meeting.

- Find your name on **Alpha Homeroom Locator** on the way in. Jot down your Homeroom number.
- Sit in bleachers for meeting.
- Report to Homeroom **AFTER** the meeting in gym (by 5:40) to pick up your most recent schedule.



5:30–7:15 – Report to Homeroom to pick up your schedule.

You will follow a bell schedule to report to periods 1-8 (provided by your Homeroom teacher). You can report to the cafeteria to visit clubs & parent organizations during your lunch period.

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**ONCE A PANTHER,
ALWAYS A PANTHER!**



P PLANT — HIGH SCHOOL — UPPERCLASSMEN OPEN HOUSE



STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY

★ **THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026** ★



11TH & 12TH GRADERS (INCLUDING NEW STUDENTS)

2:30–3:20 – Report to your Homeroom to pick your most recent schedule - then walk your schedule.



10TH GRADERS (INCLUDING NEW STUDENTS)

3:30–4:20 – Report to your Homeroom to pick up your most recent schedule - then walk your schedule.



NEW-TO-PLANT 10TH, 11TH & 12TH GRADERS

5:00–5:30 – Join us in gym for an orientation meeting.

PLANT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

SENIOR COLLEGE NIGHT

Class of 2027



Colleges will share the latest application updates & how to apply — perfect for seniors & families!



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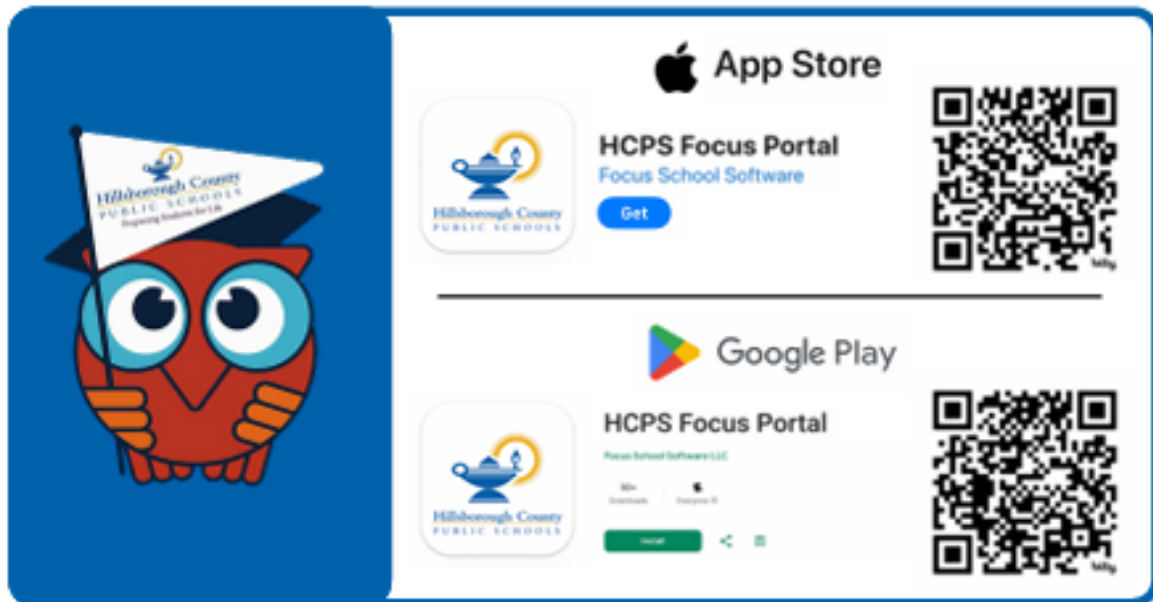
5:30 PM

Plant High School Auditorium

HCPS Families!

There's a new way for you to access and monitor your student's progress in school.

The **FOCUS Parent Portal** allows you to view report cards, attendance, certain student information, graduation status, and more through a single, convenient website.



Important Next Steps:

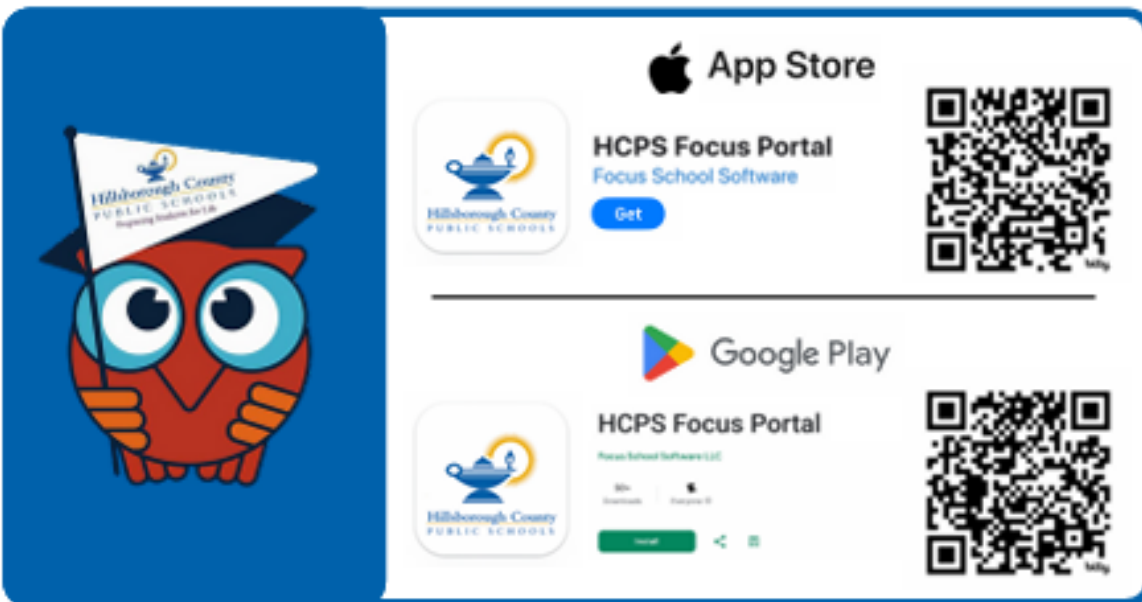
- Download the **HCPS Focus Portal App** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
- Visit HillsboroughSchools.org/Focus for more information on how to log in or create an account



¡Familias de HCPS!

Hay una nueva forma de acceder y monitorear el progreso de su estudiante en la escuela.

El **Portal para Padres de FOCUS** le permite ver las boletas de calificaciones, la asistencia, cierta información de los estudiantes, el estado de graduación y más a través de un solo sitio web conveniente.



Próximos pasos importantes:

- Descargue la **aplicación Portal para Padres de FOCUS** desde el Apple App Store o Google Play Store
- Visite HillsboroughSchools.org/Focus para obtener más información sobre cómo iniciar sesión o crear una cuenta



Bell Schedules

Please plan appointments before and after school!

H.B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL 2026-2027 BELL SCHEDULES (REVISED 7/28/26)

Schedule Period ↓	MONDAY EARLY RELEASE	REGULAR TUES - FRI	MONDAY 10 MINUTE HOMEROOM	REGULAR 10 MINUTE HOMEROOM	MONDAY 30 MINUTE HOMEROOM	REGULAR 30 MINUTE HOMEROOM	PM PEP RALLY	AM PEP RALLY
Warning Bell	8:25	8:25	8:25	8:25	8:25	8:25	8:25	8:25
Homeroom			8:30 - 8:40	8:30 - 8:40	8:30 - 9:00	8:30 - 9:00		
1st Period	8:30 - 9:10	8:30 - 9:18	8:45 - 9:23	8:45 - 9:31	9:05 - 9:41	9:05 - 9:48	8:30 - 9:10	9:30 - 10:10
2nd Pd Reflection/ Announcements	9:15 - 9:20 (5 mins)	9:23 - 9:24 (1 min)	9:28 - 9:34 (6 mins)	9:31 - 9:33 (2 mins)	9:46 - 9:48 (2 mins)	9:53 - 9:59 (6 mins)	9:15 - 9:20 (5 mins)	10:15 - 10:20 (5 mins)
2nd Period	9:20 - 10:00	9:24 - 10:12	9:34 - 10:12	9:38 - 10:24	9:48 - 10:24	9:59 - 10:42	9:20 - 10:00	10:20 - 11:00
3rd Period	10:05 - 10:45	10:17 - 11:05	10:17 - 10:55	10:29 - 11:15	10:29 - 11:05	10:47 - 11:30	10:05 - 10:45	11:05 - 11:45
4th Period	10:50 - 11:30	11:10 - 11:58	11:00 - 11:38	11:20 - 12:06	11:10 - 11:46	11:35 - 12:18	10:50 - 11:30	11:50 - 12:30
5th Period	11:35 - 12:15	12:03 - 12:51	11:43 - 12:21	12:11 - 12:57	11:51 - 12:27	12:23 - 1:06	11:35 - 12:15	12:35 - 1:15
6th Period	12:20 - 1:00	12:56 - 1:44	12:26 - 1:04	1:02 - 1:48	12:32 - 1:08	1:11 - 1:54	12:20 - 1:00	1:20 - 2:00
7th Period	1:05 - 1:45	1:49 - 2:37	1:09 - 1:47	1:53 - 2:39	1:13 - 1:49	1:59 - 2:42	1:05 - 1:45	2:05 - 2:45
8th Period	1:50 - 2:30	2:42 - 3:30	1:52 - 2:30	2:44 - 3:30	1:54 - 2:30	2:47 - 3:30	1:50 - 2:30	2:50 - 3:30
Dismiss to Gym							2:30 - 2:40	8:30 - 8:40
Pep Rally							2:40 - 3:30	8:40 - 9:20
Minutes Per Period	40	48	38	46	36	43	40	40

*5 minutes passing time between classes on all bell schedules

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Heather Holloway.....	Principal.....	297
Charles (Phil) Morris.....	Asst. Principal for Curriculum.....	226
Evanitta Omensetter.....	Asst. Principal for Administration/Athletics Director.....	227
Dr. Valerie Fuchs.....	Asst. Principal for Student Affairs, A-La.....	232
John “Chris” Baker.....	Asst. Principal for Student Affairs, Lb-Z.....	233

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

Wendy Kelly.....	Principal’s Secretary.....	297
Dustin Clark.....	AP Administration & Athletics Secretary.....	224
Sheila Kestran.....	AP Curriculum Secretary.....	292
Kaitlyn Franklin.....	Student Affairs Secretary.....	231
Edith (Julie) Rosado.....	Student Affairs Secretary.....	230
Jennifer Valentin-Schultz.....	Student Affairs Secretary.....	NA
Lisa Arellano.....	Student Services/Guidance Secretary.....	225

OTHER STAFF

Amanda Moore.....	Bookkeeper.....	228
Lisette Anaya.....	Data Processor.....	229
Tiffany Lee.....	ESE Specialist.....	260
Matthew Penn.....	Media Center Specialist.....	259
TBD, RN.....	Nurse, School Clinic.....	235
Stefanie Lopez Diaz, LPN.....	Nurse, School Clinic.....	236
Kathleen Cachon.....	Registrar.....	234
Ofc. Adam Harris.....	School Resource Officer.....	274
Thomas Lee.....	Student Nutrition Services Manager.....	276

Plant High School Phone Number: 813-272-3033

SWITCHBOARD OPERATES FROM 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Plant High School has six school counselors to meet the needs of students, including 5 traditional school counselors and a college and career counselor. We have also added a fulltime program advisor for students to be advised in the career and technical fields. The counseling department focuses on the whole student's development, providing personal-social, academic, and college and career counseling. Services are provided for students through individual or small group meetings and through classroom presentations by grade level. For the senior year, the assigned (alpha) counselors hold individual meetings with every senior in the graduating class to review graduation requirements, provide guidance with academics and the college process, and will write the senior’s college letter of recommendation. Our college and career counselor is an additional resource for students.

School social workers provide additional personal-social support and resources to students. We have added an additional School social worker who will work part time. They also help oversee attendance concerns. The school psychologist is at Plant one day a week and provides personal-social support and evaluations for students.

GET CONNECTED

Visit our Guidance Website at <http://planthighguidance.weebly.com> for answers to FAQs and to have quick and easy access to resources and important information. Information is shared during the year via a department newsletter, and more resources are available on the Student Services Canvas page.

STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Alphabetical assignments by the last name of student.

Jamie Wolford.....	A-DAG.....	240
Lisa Wilkerson (Poirier).....	DAH-HERM.....	241
Janibelle Jackson-Stuart.....	HERN-MER & Dept. Head.....	242
Allison Castellano.....	MES-SAN.....	243
Emma Ramos.....	SAO-Z.....	239

College and Career Resource Center in Room 101:

Lauren Moseley.....	College and Career.....	281
Kristen Lehman.....	Program Advisor.....	282

Other helpful resources:

Lisa Arellano.....	Student Services Secretary.....	225
Kathleen Cachon.....	Registrar.....	234
Leila Daugherty.....	School Psychologist, part-time.....	261
Shelby Parker.....	Social Worker.....	293
Kristen Phillips.....	Accelerated Programs.....	NA
Carmen Rodrigues-Soares.....	Social Worker, part-time.....	261
Melissa Sigmon.....	Success Coach.....	238

We are continuing to balance classes to achieve lowest numbers in each classroom, therefore schedules are not final until class balancing is complete. You will receive a copy of your schedule at Open House and again in homeroom on the first day of school. You may see changes to your schedule that you did not request due to our continued class size balancing efforts. Class choices are available at: <http://planthighguidance.weebly.com/curriculum-guide.html>.

SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS

SCHEDULE CORRECTION FORMS will be available on the first day of school in the student services office. Students can submit a schedule correction via the schedule correction form. Corrections will only be processed through this method. Concerns will only be addressed during the class period in which there is an issue. Special requests cannot be considered, just corrections for errors (missing lunch, missing a class, etc.). **Due to the number of students with virtual periods, it is not possible to align the lunch period with virtual periods off.**

If a request can be accommodated, then students will receive the updated schedule as soon as the correction is made.

THESE REASONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED CORRECTIONS:

- | | |
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| ➤ LUNCH preference | ➤ Preference for specific class periods |
| ➤ TEACHER preference | ➤ Requesting closed classes |
| ➤ Electives changes | ➤ Requesting VIRTUAL PERIODS (DEADLINE WAS APRIL) |

****The only method to request a schedule correction is by Schedule Correction Form.**

Counselors will be available to assist JUNIOR and SENIOR ONLY with schedule adjustments on **Friday, August 7, 2026**, in the **Media Center** from **12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

Approved adjustments include:

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| -Missing class periods | -Courses listed that have already been completed |
| -Duplicate classes on their schedule | -No lunch period assigned on their schedule |

If your schedule includes one of the approved concerns listed above, please plan to visit the Media Center during the designated time.

If your student is a 9th or 10th grade student, we will address their concerns during the 1st week of school. Please listen to the announcements.

BRIGHT FUTURES

RECORDING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

****IMPORTANT CHANGE****

Students will submit their hours using PAPER LOGS.



Your volunteer form must be submitted to the Student Services/Guidance Office in the bright yellow oversized locked mailbox located on the shelf along the front window of the office. Follow the directions on the sign on top of the mailbox before you place your log in the mailbox. We recommend that you make a copy or picture of your log for your record before placing it in the mailbox.

Student Volunteer Service Guidelines and links to Service Log Forms can be found at this webpage:
<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/hcps/page/volunteer-service-and-paid-work-guidelines>

Important Timeline Information

August 10, 2026

First day of school and the first day students will be permitted to turn in a paper log of their hours.

August 21, 2026

SENIORS ~ Class of 2027 ~ Deadline to turn in the hours that you would like to be logged on to your transcript for college applications AND your final deadline to turn in hours for **National Honor Society (NHS)**, if you haven't already been inducted.

December 17, 2026

SENIORS ~ Class of 2027 ~ Deadline to turn in hours for **Bright Futures** (first round). Any seniors who miss this deadline (and haven't logged their hours) will miss the chance to be evaluated for Bright Futures eligibility until the summer following graduation.

JUNIORS ~ Class of 2028 and SOPHOMORES ~ Class of 2029 deadline to turn in hours for spring eligibility and application to **National Honor Society (NHS)**.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PLANT HS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FOR BEING #1 IN HCPS AP EXAM PASS RATE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

If your student scored a 5 on an AP Exam in May 2026 we have a free yard sign for you! Please have your student pick up their sign from our Accelerated Programs Coordinator, Kristen Phillips, during Open House or the first week of school to bring it home to display. Her office is located in the Media Center at Plant HS.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR MAY 2027 AP TESTING DATES

If you are taking an AP class at PHS, **please mark your calendar NOW for the May 2027 AP test dates.** All students taking an AP class(es) are required to take the AP exam(s). Those students with an exam conflict will be scheduled for the late exam time for one of the exams as determined by Plant's Accelerated Programs Coordinator, Kristen Phillips. Her email address is Kristen.phillips@hcps.net if you need to contact her.

AP Digital Portfolio Submission Deadlines: April 30th, 2027

AP Computer Science Principles: deadline for students to submit their Create performance task as final.

AP Seminar and AP Research: deadline for students to submit performance tasks as final.

AP World Languages and Cultures: deadline for students to submit their Personalized Project Reference as final.

WEEK 1	MORNING 8:00 A.M.	AFTERNOON 12:00 P.M.
Monday, May 3, 2027	Human Geography Physics C: Mechanics	Biology
Tuesday, May 4, 2027	United States Government and Politics	European History Microeconomics
Wednesday, May 5, 2027	Cybersecurity English Literature and Composition	Physics 1: Algebra-Based Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Thursday, May 6, 2027	French Language and Culture Physics 2: Algebra-Based World History: Modern	Chemistry
Friday, May 7, 2027	United States History	Macroeconomics
	Art and Design: Friday, May 7, 2027 is the deadline for AP Art and Design students to submit their three portfolio components as final in the AP Digital Portfolio.	

WEEK 2	MORNING 8:00 A.M.	AFTERNOON 12:00 P.M.
Monday, May 10, 2027	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Music Theory Seminar
Tuesday, May 11, 2027	Precalculus	Statistics
Wednesday, May 12, 2027	English Language and Composition	Art History Computer Science A
Thursday, May 13, 2027	Spanish Language and Culture	Environmental Science
Friday, May 14, 2027	Comparative Government and Politics Computer Science Principles Spanish Literature and Culture	Latin Psychology

ALTERNATE AP EXAM DATES FOR EXAM CONFLICTS TBA

- * PLEASE plan to take your AP exams according to the dates above. There is NO “make-up” opportunities for students who miss any AP exam. It is similar to missing an SAT or ACT exam. Alternate exam dates are published and restricted by College Board and are reserved for students who have an exam conflict—two AP exams on the same day and at the same time. Students with any conflict(s) are pre-identified. Students with exam conflicts will test on the scheduled late-testing dates at the scheduled times published by College Board. Plant HS does not get to determine this schedule, and we must adhere to it.
- * According to College Board—**family graduations, family trips and college orientations are NOT permissible for students to test on alternate dates.** We CANNOT accommodate alternate exam requests for reasons that are not approved by College Board’s AP Manual.
- * **There is a fee of \$40 if a student fails to show up and take a scheduled AP exam.**

ACT and SAT DATES AND DEADLINES:

Seniors!! If you do not have the necessary test scores, be sure to register for one of the first ACT or SAT test dates. College application deadlines will be here before you know it!

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after “registration deadline”)	<i>Visit ACT.org for further information on Online Registration and Special circumstances</i>
September 19, 2026	August 14, 2026	September 1, 2026	
October 17, 2026	September 11, 2026	September 29, 2026	
December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026	
February 27, 2027	January 22, 2027	January 22, 2027	
April 10, 2027	March 5, 2027	March 23, 2027	
June 12, 2027	May 7, 2027	May 25, 2027	
July 10, 2027	June 4, 2027	June 22, 2027	

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline Changes, Regular Cancellations, and Late Registration	More information and to register visit College Board Website: <u>Home – SAT Suite of Assessments College Board</u> (satsuite.collegeboard.org)
August 22, 2026	August 7, 2026	August 11, 2026	
September 12, 2026	August 28, 2026	September 1, 2026	
October 3, 2026	September 18, 2026	September 23, 2026	
November 7, 2026	October 23, 2026	October 27, 2026	
December 5, 2026	November 20, 2026	November 24, 2026	
March 6, 2027	February 19, 2027	February 23, 2027	
May 1, 2027	April 16, 2027	April 20, 2027	
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027	



New for 2026–2027! Emergency Contact and Student Information Forms will be completed electronically in **Focus**, making the process faster and more convenient.

Paper forms will still be available upon request for families who need them.

Emergency Card

REQUIRED from every student.

- *The PARENT or court-appointed GUARDIAN must complete updates/corrections to the emergency card.* PLEASE, ONE parent/guardian must SIGN and DATE the card.
- PLEASE REVIEW EACH LINE OF INFORMATION for accuracy and especially complete any blank boxes, e-mail and medical information. Please correct any inaccurate data on the card. If it does not apply to your student, please put “n/a” (not applicable) in the box.
- RESIDENCE ADDRESS: *If the student resides at an address different from the one listed*, the parent/guardian MUST COMPLETE a **“Change of Address”** form with Parent/Guardian Signature and provide copies of 1) your current TECO or City of Tampa water bill AND 2) your LEASE or Current Tax Bill as PROOF of ownership. Pick up and submit Change of Address forms in the Student Affairs office. ***The official record WILL NOT update by changing the address on the emergency card.***

Other forms to look for may include:

Student Likeness Release Form, Student Health Clinic Form, **Student Code of Conduct**, Bus Transportation, and others.



STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE (SAO)



Your partnership is essential in helping us maintain accurate attendance records. If your child is absent, please notify the school **on the day of the absence** by phone or by visiting the school. Prompt reporting allows us to provide teachers with same-day attendance updates, monitor student attendance daily, and contact families quickly if concerns arise.

ATTENDANCE POLICY BRIEF

The educational program provided by Hillsborough County Public Schools is based on students being present for instruction. Regular attendance supports continuity of learning, classroom participation, and student success.

Attendance is required for all students enrolled in school during the days and hours school is in session. Parents/guardians and students share the responsibility for ensuring regular attendance. Parents/guardians are expected to report student absences to the school's attendance office on the day the absence occurs.

HCPS Attendance Policy (Section 5200): <https://web.hillsboroughschools.org/policymanual>



H. B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL

EVERY DAY COUNTS

STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY



PARENT AND STUDENT ATTENDANCE GUIDE



PARENT/GUARDIAN HAS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- ✓ Notify school personnel about their child's absence from school on the day of the absence.
- ✓ Be aware of the Student Academic Calendar and coordinate trips, vacations, and personal business to support attendance on school days.
- ✓ A parent must explain the reason by telephone on the day the absence occurs. You may access the 24-hours **COMPUTER** automated attendance line by calling **813-272-3033**; push 1 and you will be forwarded to the attendance line voicemail.



NOTE: Absences cannot be cleared, as is sometimes requested, at the end of a marking period. The absence is submitted to the Florida Board of Education. Absences must be excused as they occur.

- ✓ Notify school personnel of their child's absence prior to the end of the school day of the absence, if possible, and provide notification within 72 hours of the child's return to school.
- ✓ Unless a valid reason, as outlined in these policies, is the justification for the absence, the absence will be unexcused.
- ✓ If requested, provide documentation of illness from a physician or public health unit. The principal may request documentation after six incidents of absence within a nine-week period.
- ✓ Be aware of the school district calendar and coordinate trips, vacations and personal business to support attendance on school days.
- ✓ Notify the school if a student is expected to miss at least 15 consecutive school days due to illness, medical condition, or social/emotional reasons, or may miss excessive days intermittently throughout the school year for the same reasons.



SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE IN ATTENDANCE:

- **For a Period** – To be considered present in any period, a student must be present for "meaningful instruction" in that period.
- **For the Day** – To be considered present for the day, a student must be present for at least one period.



DISTRICT'S BELIEFS ABOUT ATTENDANCE

- Regular student attendance is essential to positive academic outcomes and helps develop and promote a positive school culture.
- Hillsborough County Public Schools is dedicated to supporting regular student attendance and reducing chronic absenteeism – missing 10% of enrolled days for any reason (excused absence, unexcused absence, or out-of-school suspension) – in a typical school year this about **18 days**.



WHEN ABSENCES ACCUMULATE

- 1 When a student accumulates 3 absences during a grading period, whether excused or unexcused, the teacher shall attempt to make contact the parent/guardian by telephone or electronic communication to discuss barriers to regular school attendance and shall document such contact.
- 2 When a student accumulates five (5) absences during a grading period, whether excused or unexcused, administration shall attempt to make contact the parent/guardian by telephone or electronic communication to discuss barriers to regular school attendance and shall document such contact.
- 3 A referral will be made to the school's Problem-Solving Leadership Team for a student who has had at least five unexcused absences, within a calendar month, or 15 unexcused absences, within a 90-calendar day period.
- 4 Pursuant to Florida Statute, the district is required to report to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) the names, dates of birth, sex and social security numbers of minor students who accumulate fifteen (15) unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days.



EXCUSED ABSENCE – DEFINITIONS

- Parent must call to excuse absences within 72 hours of the student's return to school.
- After 6 call ins for excusal, documentation must be provided.

The definitions below constitute an excused absence:

- Student illness or health related appointment (e.g., mental, physical, and behavioral health). A note from a health care provider may be required.
 - A student who has demonstrated a pattern of absences may be required to present medical verification to the principal.
- Court appearances or legal obligations (documentation required).
- An approved school activity.
 - Absences classified as School Business will be recorded but will not count against a student's attendance record for grading purposes. (e.g., Music MPA, Co-curricular club, athletic activity, SGA pep rally, HOSA).
- Attendance at a center under Child and Family Services supervision.
- Accident resulting in injury to the student.
- Significant community events with prior permission of the principal.
 - When more than one school is involved, the Area Superintendent will determine the status of the absence.
- Observance of an established religious holiday.
- Death of an immediate family member (including parents, siblings, grandparents, or members of the student's household).
- School-sponsored activities (e.g., academic competitions, field trips, approved extracurricular events). Absences will be marked as School Business.
- Family emergencies (subject to administrative approval).
- Natural disasters or sudden loss of housing (e.g., evacuation, home displacement).
- Military Connected Students–HCPS is committed to assist students from military families and will continue efforts to facilitate the development and implement policies that directly impact children of military personnel. To ease the burden of our students who have parents that may be deployed or on leave, schools will allow up to a total of five days of excused absences.
- Other justifiable reasons, as approved by school administration, must be pre-approved. A written request from the parent/guardian, when possible, must be submitted to the principal at least three days before the absence.



STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKE-UP WORK

- If the absences are excused, all educational requirements for the course shall be met before a passing grade and/or credit is assigned. A student whose absence has been excused shall be permitted to make up the work missed provided that the student makes arrangements with teachers within three days of the student's return to school. It is the student's responsibility to make these arrangements. Students shall submit make up work within the deadlines set by the teachers. Students on school business shall be counted present and required to make up work missed.
- A student on out-of-school suspension (OSS) shall receive a grade of "zero" for tests and/or graded work missed.
- Unexcused absence make-up work is at the discretion of the classroom teacher.
- A student receiving alternative to out-of-school suspension (E-SIP) may make-up work providing all days assigned are attended.

Secondary Students – A student who has been absent and whose absence is excused is permitted to make up the work missed after returning to school.

Parents/guardians or students must arrange with their teachers any request for make-up work 24 hours in advance, when possible, or within three days of returning to school, and all make up work must be submitted by the deadlines set by the teacher(s).



CONSEQUENCES – DHSMV REPORTING

- 4 Pursuant to Florida Statute, the district is required to report to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) the names, dates of birth, sex and social security numbers of minor students who accumulate fifteen (15) unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days.

- These students may not be issued a driver's license or learner's driver's permit and further, the DHSMV will suspend any previously issued driver's license or learner's driver's permit.
- To have a driver's license reinstated, the student must attend school regularly for thirty (30) days with no unexcused absences and pay the appropriate reinstatement fee.

STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY. 🐾 PANTHER PRIDE. 🐾 EVERY DAY COUNTS.

VACATION PLANNER

**SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS
BY PLANNING AHEAD**



- ➔ **3 DAY OPPORTUNITY: SATURDAY 9/5-MONDAY 9/7** **LABOR DAY**
- ➔ **3 DAY OPPORTUNITY: SATURDAY 10/10-MONDAY 10/12** **END OF
QUARTER 1**
- ➔ **9 DAY OPPORTUNITY: SATURDAY 11/21-SUNDAY
11/29** **THANKSGIVING
BREAK**
- ➔ **17 DAY OPPORTUNITY: SATURDAY 12/19-MONDAY 1/4** **WINTER
BREAK**
- ➔ **3 DAY OPPORTUNITY: SATURDAY 1/16-MONDAY 1/18** **MLK JR**
- ➔ **4 DAY OPPORTUNITY: FRIDAY 2/12-MONDAY 2/15** **FAIR
DAY/PRESIDENT'S
DAY**
- ➔ **3 DAY OPPORTUNITY: SATURDAY 3/6-MONDAY 3/8** **STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL**
- ➔ **10 DAY OPPORTUNITY: SATURDAY 3/20-MONDAY 3/29** **SPRING BREAK**
- ➔ **3 DAY OPPORTUNITY: FRIDAY 4/16-SUNDAY 4/18** **LONG
WEEKEND**
- ➔ **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: FRIDAY, MAY 28**

TARDINESS

A student is tardy when the student arrives after the beginning of the school day or when the student is not in the assigned seat or station when the tardy bell rings in any class period. A tardy student who arrives to class more than 15 minutes after the start of the class period shall be counted as absent.



PLANT — HIGH SCHOOL — TARDY MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026-2027





VISION:
To create a districtwide culture where every student is present, on time to class, and engaged in learning from the moment instruction begins.

- Tardiness to school or class will follow the district procedure.
- Tardy to class—A student is considered tardy to class if they arrive to the classroom after the tardy bell for that class rings.

TARDY COUNT	SITE-SPECIFIC AVAILABLE CONSEQUENCES
7 TARDIES	• Parent/Guardian Contact (required) • Restorative Practices • Conference w/ Student 
14 TARDIES	• Parent/Guardian Contact (required) • Conference w/ Student • Tardy Intervention Plan (required) 
20 TARDIES	• Tardy Intervention Plan (required) • In-School Suspension (1 day) • FOCUS CODE Noncompliance with Directives 
25 TARDIES	• Parent/Guardian Contact (required) • Tardy Intervention Plan (required) • In-School Suspension (2 days) • FOCUS CODE Noncompliance with Directives 
30 TARDIES	• Parent/Guardian Contact (required) • Tardy Intervention Plan (required) • E-SIP (1 day) • FOCUS CODE Noncompliance with Directives 
35+ (40, 45 etc..) TARDIES	• Parent/Guardian Contact (required) • Tardy Intervention Plan (required) • E-SIP (2 days) • FOCUS CODE Noncompliance with Directives 

ON TIME. EVERY TIME. EVERY DAY.

TOGETHER. COMMITTED. PANTHER STRONG.

SIGNING IN & OUT OF SCHOOL



H. B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE PANTHERS



“SIGN-IN” – ARRIVING TO SCHOOL AFTER 8:40 A.M.

SCHOOL START TIME: 8:30 A.M.



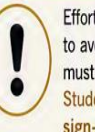
- Up to 5 per **semester** excused with parent call or parent note.
- After 5 late sign ins, a parent must physically come to Student Affairs to sign student in **AND** must provide documentation to excuse the late sign in.



A parent/guardian should call **272-3033 ext. 230 or 231** to speak to a Student Affairs Office secretary or leave a message on automated ext. 400 (push 1 on the auto attendant) prior to the student arriving to school or within ONE day of the tardy. **Any student reporting late to school at any time must report to the Student Affairs Office before going to class.**



The Student Affairs Office will verify all sign-ins to parent/guardian contact list. Students are allowed to sign in late to school a maximum of five (5) times (either by parent call-in or parent walk-in) for each **semester**. Any additional sign-ins will be considered unexcused unless the student presents a doctor's note **AND** the parent accompanies the student to sign in.



Effort should be made to have departure time coincide with the end of a class period to avoid disruption of class time with phone calls to the classroom. Any student who must leave the school grounds during the school day **must have clearance from the Student Affairs Office and must report to the Student Affairs Office to receive a sign-out pass prior to leaving.**



“SIGN-OUT” – LEAVING SCHOOL BEFORE DISMISSAL TIME



NON-DRIVING STUDENTS – PARENT MUST SIGN OUT IN PERSON

- Parent/legal guardian must come to Student Affairs to sign students out (no call-in sign outs)
- Up to 5 excused sign outs with no documentation per **semester**
- After 5 sign outs in a semester, documentation must be provided for excusal (must be provided the next school day).



DRIVING STUDENTS

- Parents must complete a **notarized affidavit** that they request to allow their student driver to sign out upon their call in – kept on file and verified/checked each time a parent calls in. (SEE AFFIDAVIT ON THE NEXT PAGE)
- Students must provide evidence that they drive to school and park on or near campus (parking decal purchase, receipt from nearby business) – kept on file
- In order to sign out over the phone, parent must give multiple pieces of student demographic info.
- Up to 5 call-in sign outs per **semester**.
- After 5 call-in sign outs in a semester, parents must physically come to Student Affairs to sign out **AND** provide documentation for excusal (must be provided next school day).



Parental contact must be made for all sign-outs. Any student leaving school after having arrived on campus, including pre-school hours, without signing out will be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension; the absence will be considered unexcused. A current emergency card must be on file before a student is permitted to sign out. **THERE WILL BE NO SIGN OUTS WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF DISMISSAL.** Signing out **more than five (5) times in a semester** will require a parent and a doctor's note to be considered excused.



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H. B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL
AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENT PHONE SIGN-OUTS
(FOR STUDENT DRIVERS ONLY)

I am the parent/legal guardian of the following student:

Student Name	Student ID Number
Grade	Parent Name
Parent Phone Number	Parent Email Address

My child is authorized to drive to and from school and has attached valid documentation of a current on-campus or off-campus parking pass. Examples of this documentation are:

- ✓ copy of a Plant parking pass
- ✓ copy of a parking pass from a neighboring parking area
- ✓ copy of a receipt for a parking pass or parking agreement.

I hereby authorize my child to be signed out of school via phone call up to five (5) times per semester. I understand that:

- o Each phone sign-out must be initiated by me, the parent/guardian, and verified by school staff.
- o After the fifth phone sign-out in a semester, I must physically come to the **Student Affairs Office** to sign my child out in person for any further early dismissals.

If applicable, I authorize my child to transport the following non-driving sibling(s) home when both are signed out:

____ Not Applicable

Sibling Name	Sibling Grade Level

I understand that this affidavit must be notarized and submitted to the Student Affairs Office before any phone sign-outs will be permitted. I agree to notify the school immediately of any changes to my child's driving status or parking pass eligibility.

Parent Signature _____

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF _____.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of ____, **20**__, by _____, who is:

- ☐ Personally known to me
- ☐ Has produced identification (**Type of Identification Produced:** _____)

(Seal)

Signature of Notary _____ Print/Stamp Notary's Name: _____

TELEPHONE CALLS AND/OR LUNCH TO STUDENTS

To help maximize instructional time and minimize classroom disruptions, parents/guardians are asked to discuss transportation arrangements, medical appointments, and any other after-school plans with their student **before** the school day begins. Except in emergency situations, messages will not be delivered to students during the school day, and students will not be called out of class. The Student Affairs Office reserves the right to determine what constitutes an emergency and will respond accordingly.



We do not accept lunch deliveries to the front office or anywhere on campus. Students are subject to disciplinary action if they open a secured gate or provide campus access to anyone who has not been authorized by a Plant High School staff member.

Students should bring lunch from home or purchase one from the school cafeteria. If a student is without lunch, an emergency meal will be provided, and payment may be made the following school day.

Plant High School is a **closed campus**. Students are not permitted to sign out or leave campus for lunch.

BULLYING

The School Board is committed to providing an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from bullying and harassment for all students and employees.

Plant High School has a great student body that exhibits respect daily. Many of our students participate in Unity Day, a program that assists students in handling peer pressure situations and occurs quarterly. Bullying and/or harassment of any student or school employee is PROHIBITED during any educational and/or school sponsored program. This includes all activities at any HCPS institution, school bus and/or using data or computer software that is accessed through an HCPS computer. Community members are strongly encouraged to report any incident of bullying or harassment in writing to the Plant Administration.

HCPS Policy: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/hcps/page/bully-prevention>

DRESS CODE

- Shoes must be worn. Bedroom slippers are unacceptable and not allowed.
- Clothing that exposes the entire shoulder, tube tops, spaghetti straps, or similar type of clothing may only be worn with a blouse or shirt. Clothing exposing the torso or the midriff, either front, back, or sides is prohibited. Underwear must not be visible. Boys' shirts must have sleeves. Clothing must not expose the mid-chest area. Clothing not properly fastened or with tears that are indecent must not be worn.
- Clothing traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear must not be worn as outer garments.
- All pants and shorts must be secured at the waist. Underwear must not be visible. Mini-skirts, mini-dresses, and short shorts are prohibited. Hemlines must be no shorter than fingertip length.
- Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Head coverings must not be worn in the building unless required for religious observance or health-related reasons.
- Garments and/or jewelry that display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, weapons, or alcohol-related wording or graphics, or that provoke or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in the school, must not be worn. Wallet chains must not be worn.



Any student in violation of this policy will receive a consequence and be provided with a change of clothes. If a student commits multiple infractions, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action.

STUDENT ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE

Students being dropped off or picked up are to **ONLY** be dropped off or picked up on Himes Ave in front of the school. Parents should not enter campus from any access point to drop off or pick up a student. **ALL** student drivers are to enter/exit through the Dale Mabry Hwy. gate (West side) **ONLY**. **NO** arrival or departure access is available on the East or North side of the school. The Sterling Gate (intersection of San Miguel St. and Sterling Ave.) will strictly be for school buses, ESE student drop-off and pedestrian access.

Be aware of the following:

- Many of our students walk to school. For everyone's safety, please use extra caution when driving on and around the Plant High School campus.
- Do not exceed the campus speed limit of 5 mph.
- Because many Plant High students drive to school, traffic is heavy around campus.
- The Dale Mabry Gate is the **only** entrance for student drivers, as it provides access to the student parking lot.
- To avoid the busiest traffic times, we recommend arriving **before 8:15 a.m.**
- Please do not enter campus or any school parking lot to drop off or pick up your student.
- Please be respectful of our neighbors by **not blocking driveways or traffic lanes.**
- There is no entrance or exit on the south side of campus (Palmira Street at Sterling Avenue). This gate remains locked at all times.



Dale Mabry Highway Gate (West side of campus – Rear of School)

The Dale Mabry Gate is locked each morning at 8:35 a.m. No entry or exit is permitted through this gate during the school day.

- A traffic signal controls this intersection.
- Southbound traffic on S. Dale Mabry Highway may NOT turn left into the Plant High campus between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
- Morning access to the campus through this gate is available only by:
 - Turning **right** from northbound S. Dale Mabry Highway, or
 - Crossing eastbound at the traffic light on W. San Carlos Street (near Steak 'n Shake).
- The gate **reopens at 3:20 p.m.**
- Afternoon exits allow:
 - Left turn to Southbound S. Dale Mabry Highway
 - Right turn to Northbound S. Dale Mabry Highway
 - Straight through to Westbound W. San Carlos Street

Sterling Gate (San Miguel Street & Sterling Avenue – North side of campus, adjacent to the water tower)

- This gate is reserved **exclusively** for:
 - School buses
 - ESE student drop-off
 - Pedestrian access

Himes Avenue (East side of campus – Front of School)

- Parents dropping off students **may not enter the staff parking lots** located on the northeast or southeast corners of campus.
- Students should be dropped off **at the curb along S. Himes Avenue.**
- Students arriving or departing from the **northbound side of Himes Avenue** must use the designated crosswalk in front of the school.
- Student drivers **may NOT enter or exit campus through the Himes Avenue or Sterling Avenue gates during arrival or dismissal.** There is no access to the student parking lot through these gates during those times.

Thank you for your cooperation! See map on the next page for visual representation.

STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP POINTS



KEY	
	= Acceptable Drop-off or Pick-up location
	= Prohibited Drop-off or Pick-up location
	= Traffic flow indicators
NOT DRAWN TO SCALE	

SECURITY FENCING

Once classes begin, all gates are locked for the duration of the school day. The safety of students and staff is the goal.

VISITOR (any non-PHS employee or student) ENTRY TO THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME

ANY VISITOR to Plant High School must request entry at the Administrative Office Building on Himes Avenue (building 8). The security access panel is on the North, stadium side, of building 8. Please present identification when requesting access. Visitors to the school must not enter by any other means.

Be aware that we welcome those needing assistance from our staff to visit our school. **If, however, you have a need to meet with the principal or any assistant principal, it is strongly encouraged that you make an appointment.** Administrators have limited time between their daily duties, and an appointment allows them to provide proper attention to you.

STUDENT ACCESS AFTER ALL GATES ARE LOCKED

Pedestrian students who arrive after classes begin (8:30 a.m.) must enter at the Administrative Office Building on Himes Avenue. The security access panel is on the North, stadium side, of building 8. Please present identification when requesting access.

Students who drive and have a valid PHS parking permit and arrive late may gain access to the parking lot only through the Himes Avenue gate. **BE ADVISED** that once you have parked your vehicle you must walk along the North side of the gym to the entry gates adjacent to the drivers' education range and gym patio to enter the school buildings area. PLEASE ensure you have sufficient time to sign-in with the Student Affairs Office and get to class on time.

IT IS PROHIBITED FOR STUDENTS TO ENTER THE SCHOOL CAMPUS BY ANY OTHER GATE AFTER 8:30 a.m. You must enter through the main office building #8.

STUDENT ACCESS DURING NON SCHOOL HOURS

IT IS PROHIBITED FOR ANYONE TO ACCESS CAMPUS DURING NON SCHOOL HOURS WHEN CAMPUS IS CLOSED.

Students who stay after school for activities are to be under the direct supervision of a school board employee. Students found on campus unsupervised will be trespassed.

H. B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL

STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY EXPECTATIONS

At H.B. Plant High School and throughout Hillsborough County Public Schools, academic integrity is a core expectation for all students. By upholding these principles, we foster a culture of trust, fairness, and respect.

- **Be Honest:** Complete your own work and avoid plagiarism, cheating, fabrication of information, unauthorized collaboration, and other forms of academic dishonesty.
- **Seek Guidance:** Teachers will provide instruction on proper research and citation practices.
- **Get Support:** Parents are encouraged to reinforce responsible study habits and support these expectations at home.
- **Accept Responsibility:** Violations may result in academic consequences assigned by the teacher.
- **Expect Consequences:** Repeated offenses may lead to disciplinary action in accordance with the HCPS Student Code of Conduct.

By working together, we can help students develop the honesty, responsibility, and accountability needed for success in school and beyond.



TEACHER ACTIONS: MANDATORY

- Prior to Discipline Referral
- Parent/Guardian Conference Based on Severity
- Consult with Student Services or Administration
- Grade penalty
- * Cheating on State or District Assessment must be referred to administration.



1ST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENSE

- Parent/Guardian Conference Based on Severity
- 1 Day ISS
- Loss of Privileges
- Teacher can issue grade penalty.



2ND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENSE

- 1-2 Days ISS
- Parent/Guardian Conference Based on Severity
- Choice/Magnet Revocation Warning Letter
- Loss of Privileges
- Principal's Warning Letter
- Teacher can issue grade penalty.



3RD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENSE

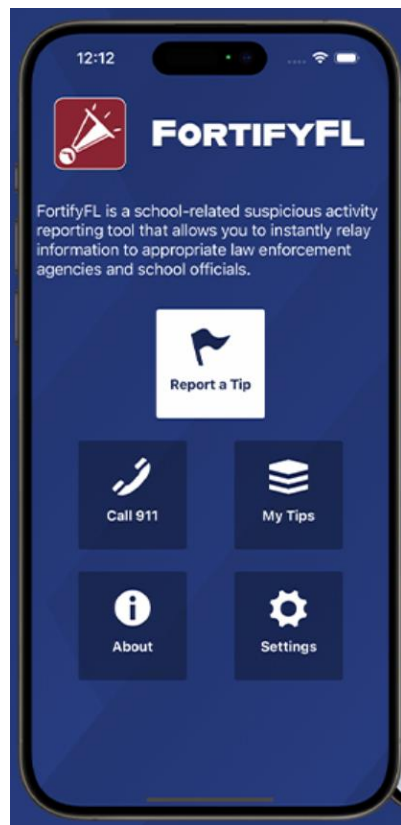
- 1-3 Days E-SIP
- Parent/Guardian Conference Based on Severity
- Choice/Magnet Revocation Letter
- Region Superintendent's Letter
- Teacher can issue grade penalty.



*** CHEATING ON STATE OR DISTRICT ASSESSMENT
MUST BE REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION.**

FORTIFYFL – SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

School Safety & Security - Please talk with your student about FortifyFL.



FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The application was named by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and roll-out. **FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.** When a report is made, school officials and law enforcement are immediately notified, allowing them to respond quickly to any potential threat.

What can be reported on FortifyFL?

- Reports of weapons on school property
- Potential threats or violent behavior
- Suspicious activity or persons
- Concerns about bullying or harassment

What happens if I make a false report on FortifyFL?

- *Unnecessary Panic and Disruption:* False reports can cause significant fear, disrupt the school environment, and lead to evacuations or lockdowns, wasting valuable resources.
- *Harm to Innocent Individuals:* A false report can target an innocent person, leading to unwarranted scrutiny, stress, and potential disciplinary actions against them. Accusing someone falsely can seriously impact their reputation and mental health.
- *Legal Consequences:* Making a false report is not only unethical but can also have legal ramifications. Under Florida law, filing a false police report is a criminal offense, punishable by fines and even jail time. The seriousness of this charge can increase if the false report leads to law enforcement being unnecessarily deployed, or if someone is wrongfully accused of a crime.
- *Undermining the System:* Repeated false reports can make it harder for law enforcement and school officials to take real threats seriously. It also drains resources that could be used to address actual safety concerns.

Report suspicious activity at: getfortifyfl.com or download the app from your app store.



FORTIFYFL

APLICACIÓN DE INFORMES DE ACTIVIDAD SOSPECHOSA

FortifyFL es una herramienta para reportar actividades sospechosas que te permite enviar información a las agencias del cumplimiento de la ley apropiadas y a oficiales escolares.



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STUDENT PARKING

Sale of parking permits will occur via MyPaymentPlus.com (MPP) and begin before the start of school. Sales will be to SENIORS ONLY prior to the start of school. **If you do not have a parking permit, then you may not park on campus during school hours.** Please follow directions in MPP. Don't have an MPP account? See page 29 of this newsletter for instructions. Any student issued a parking permit who accumulates ten or more unexcused absences will forfeit their parking privilege.

Students are ineligible for a parking permit if one or more of the following are true.

- Student has a debt to the school. If you have a debt with the school your application will be held until debt is paid. If debt is not paid in a timely manner, you would forfeit any fee paid and lose your parking privilege, and/or
- Student had excessive absences in 2nd semester last year. Excessive is defined as 10 or more absences, and/or
- Student received a discipline referral resulting in ISS, OSS or ATOSS.

Parking permits will be made available to seniors starting 7/30/2025 at 7:00 a.m. and until 9:00 a.m. on 8/25/2025. Seniors purchase their parking permits online at MyPaymentsPlus.com. Parking permits are \$20.

Depending on the number of parking permits sold to Seniors, JUNIORS will have an opportunity to purchase a parking permit through a fair and transparent lottery system. More information will be communicated to the JUNIORS via our automated messaging system. The same eligibility requirements above apply to juniors. Eligible JUNIORS may put their name on the list for the lottery via MyPaymentsPlus.com beginning at 7:00 a.m. on August 4, 2025, and ending at 9:00 a.m., August 25, 2025.

Due to limited parking SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN are not eligible to park on campus.

Any student choosing to park without a proper authorization is subject to disciplinary action. Parking permits should be used ONLY by the student to whom it was issued and in the ONE car for which it was issued. Misuse of a parking permit will cause student to lose their parking privilege and be subject to other disciplinary action.

Notice: Vehicles on the property of Plant High School are subject to search by school officials. Disciplinary action will be taken for illegal possession of weapons, alcoholic beverages, drugs, and/or narcotics on the school grounds, surrounding the school grounds or at any school function.

PARKING FOR AFTER-SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITY

Students should only be on campus after school under the direct supervision of a Plant High School faculty member. Students needing to park on campus after school hours for school run activities must park only in the student parking lot.



BUS ROUTE INFORMATION

Bus Routes for 2025-2026

Please check for the bus route schedules at

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/page/transportation-services>

Click on the "Find My Bus Stop" link.



GYMNASIUM INSIDE ADVERTISING OPTION OFFERED

The offer of inside-gymnasium advertising is being made again this school year. Previous monies raised were used for: gym floor cover, athletic locker room facility, folding team chairs, and roster name plates. Money generated funds items deemed vital to athletic programs. Our digital scorers' table is equipped with a 58" high resolution display. Create an awesome commercial-style advertisements for 15 or 30 seconds or we can display your company logo. New 30 second ads are available for \$500 and renew in subsequent years for \$300. The logo will be displayed at all sporting events and other community/school functions when the scorer's table is utilized. Interested parties should contact Coach Carrie Mahon at carrie.mahon@hcps.net.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The PE department will be selling PE uniforms the first week of school during PE classes. PE uniforms are required for ALL physical education classes. The cost of the uniform is \$20.00 per set or \$10.00 per shirt or shorts. Cash or checks are accepted, and checks should be made out to PHS Athletics Foundation. Contact Coach Carrie Mahon with questions at carrie.mahon@hcps.net.

PREPARING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Official transcripts and recommendation letters MUST be requested through the Naviance platform. There will be a deadline for requesting transcripts and recommendations for college applications. Please plan to review the updated senior handbook at <https://planthighguidance.weebly.com/senior-handbook.html> for updated deadlines and other important information and take this into consideration when preparing college applications.

Naviance web link: <https://student.naviance.com/planths>

PLANT RECEIVES TERRIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

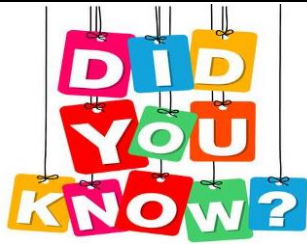
This year, Plant High School is rated as a Top 100 High School from The Washington Post. Additionally, Plant continues to set the standard in FSA/EOC reading, writing and math scores in the Hillsborough County School District. Our 2026 senior class received approximately \$25 million in scholarship money. 95% of the senior class is attending a higher education institution this coming year. Multiple PHS teams won numerous athletic and academic team awards. All the credit goes to the hard work completed by our faculty and students and the support given by the community. Our goal is to continue to improve all students' academic and athletic achievements.

CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESSES OF 2025-2026

H.B. Plant High School:

- Ranked #2 overall in HCPS in the FDOE school grade performance with a total score of 758 points, and
- Increased our Grad Rate to 99% Grad Rate (tied for the highest grad rate in HCPS), and
- Our Advanced Placement (AP) students earned an overall pass rate avg. of 80.3% which is ranked #1 in HCPS while also administering more AP Exams than any other high school in the district, and
- Plant High School also ranked #1 in ELA 10th Grade with 80% proficiency (9th Grade ELA proficiency finished at #2). Our Algebra EOC proficiency ranked #1 overall and our Geometry EOC proficiency tied for #1! Our Biology EOC proficiency levels were #2 with an impressive 93% and our US History EOC proficiency maintained above 90% with 91% ranked #2, and
- Plant High School also reached a #2 Ranking at 88% Accelerated (AP, AICE, Industry Certification and on campus Dual Enrollment) which is 6 percent higher from our previous rate! Our highest EVER! Like grad rate, this is our previous year's results factored into school grade for this year. We have improved 12 points in our acceleration rate over the past two school grade cycles.

CELBRATE our students, teachers, parents, and all who support excellence at Plant High School. WELL! DONE! PANTHERS! An AMAZING accomplishment years in the making.



Need to know?

When report cards are ONLINE?
The days when there is no school?
When the grading period ends? etc.

Hillsborough County Public School
District CALENDARS
are accessible online!

Click the Link Below:

[Events | Hillsborough County Public Schools](#)

We recommend you bookmark this webpage!



**MONDAY,
AUGUST 10,
2026**

Students **ABSENT** on
the first day of school are
withdrawn from Plant
High School as “Did Not
Enter” (DNE).

It is very important that
students attend school on the
first day and every day!



- Do you need to know when the next PTSA meeting is happening?
 - Wonder when and where the next sporting event is taking place?
- Need to e-mail your child’s teacher?

For the answers to these questions and many more,
you only need to look as far as

Plant High School’s website

<http://hillsboroughschools.org/plant>

and X

@PlantHighSchool and @PlantPTSA

Want to see your child(ren)’s grades?
Canvas is the most up to date spot to check out their classes



National School of Excellence
1990 – 1991
1997 – 1998



2010, 2011, 2012



[H.B. Plant High School Band – The Best High School Band! \(hbplantband.com\)](http://hbplantband.com)

- July 28 ~ Leadership Camp/Training 8:30am-3:30pm
- July 29 ~ New Member/Leadership/Percussion Camp 5:00pm-9:00pm
- July 30 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- July 31 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 3 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 4 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 5 ~ Senior Individual Pictures for senior night banner and individual senior banners.
- August 5 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 6 ~ Band Football Band/Standards Only Camp 9am-1pm
- August 6 ~ Full Band/Dancero Photo 4pm in gym
- August 6 ~ Band Performance for 9th grade open house 4:30-5pm in gym
- August 7 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 7 ~ Required parent meeting 6:30pm in auditorium
- August 11 ~ Color Guard Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm
- August 13 ~ Full Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm
- August 14 ~ Full Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30-9pm

Marching Show

Our Marching Show Theme this year is titled "A Centennial Celebration, The Road to 100" and will feature the following musical selections:

I've Been Working on the Railroad

Festive Overture by Shostakovich

Crazy Train by Ozzy Osborne

Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin

Centuries by Fall Out Boy

Not Like Us by Kendrick Lamar (Dance/Guard/Drumline Feature)

Plant HS Alma Mater

Golden by K-Pop

Our main marching competitions will be on October 3 at King HS, October 17 at Durant HS and District Marching MPA on November 7 at Steinbrenner HS.

Important reminder for ALL Band students:

All Band and Color Guard students MUST complete Athletic Clearance/Home Campus before camp starts. Band students not in marching band must still complete Home Campus. This is a district mandate that we must follow for the safety of your child! Directions may be found in the band room and/or on the Plant Athletic website.

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/domain/4883#calendar21448/20240725/month>



Student Nutrition Services

Thomas Lee, x276
Plant High School SNS Manager

Free Meal Benefits Guidelines and Application
All information ONLINE at this link:

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/page/student-nutrition-services>

Online/Mobile Meal payments made easy with



MyPaymentsPlus.com

Register for LUNCH meal payments online NOW.



**FREE
BREAKFAST
every day for
ALL STUDENTS**



HOW TO UTILIZE MYPAYMENTSPLUS.COM (MPP)

HCPS and Plant High utilize MPP for online payments including *cafeteria purchases, club dues, music instrument and uniform fees, fundraising, and more!*

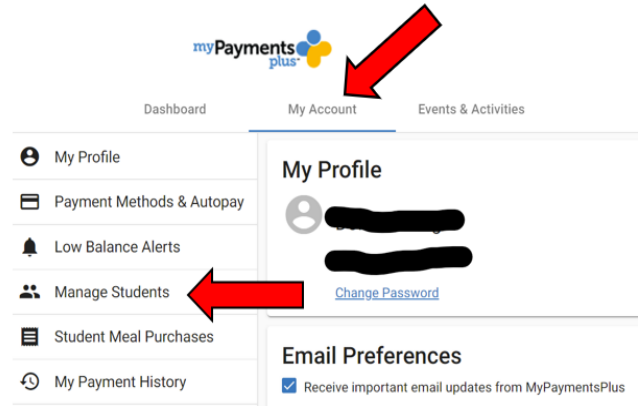
Benefits: available 24/7, annual payment receipt record, no student relay of payments, and no lost checks/cash.

If you do not have an MPP account, then we encourage you to register for an account.

Go to: [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com)

or download their app from your app store.

- Click the “REGISTER” box and enter required data.
- Add your student(s) by going to “My Account” (in the app “My Profile”), then “Manage Students” then “Add Account”. You will need your child(ren)’s student number and last name. This is required to see anything available for payment for your child. *If the student’s last name is hyphenated, use the surname before the hyphen only.*
- Payments to be made can be in the “Cafeteria Account”, “Fees” and/or “Events & Activities” tab. It is best to review all areas.
- Add payment(s) to your cart, complete necessary form data (if applicable) and make payment.
- There is a percentage of purchase MPP user fee.



DIGITAL PAYMENT REFUND POLICY FOR TICKETED EVENTS/DANCES

Please be sure you can attend *before* you purchase a ticket. Once you have purchased a ticket, ANY refund of the ticket price must be requested from the school bookkeeper at amanda.moore@hcps.net and/or 813-272-3033 x228 or in person, **PRIOR TO 3:00 p.m. the last workday prior to the event**. After that date and time, refunds for the event will not be entertained.

Please do not dispute charges through your bank or charge card company as there are fees imposed on the school for such disputes. The ticket price and any dispute fee charged to the school will be imposed as a debt to the student should you do so. Please communicate with the school bookkeeper for any refund.

SENIOR NIGHT

Senior Night is a **MUST ATTEND** meeting for **ALL Seniors!**

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 5:30PM in the Plant High School Auditorium.

Seniors will receive information about the “**Senior Handbook**”, the college application process, and individual presentations from the major public colleges and universities in Florida, along with other guest colleges and speakers.

No matter what your plans are after high school, there is something at this meeting for you! Make sure you don’t miss valuable information that can help you be successful planning for life after high school.

PSAT/NMSQT: Wednesday, October 7, 2026

All 9th, 10th & 11th grade students will take the PSAT/NMSQT and registration is **NOT** required. The DIGITAL PSAT/NMSQT will be administered during the school day October 7, 2026. You can review information at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>.

Get started NOW by practicing for the PSAT and SAT!

Students can access quizzes and full-length practice tests at this link: [Practice – SAT Suite | College Board](#).

STUDENT ATHLETIC SEASON TICKET PUNCH CARD

There is no better way to build school spirit and develop a sense of belonging than to encourage your student to attend the many athletic events (over 50) scheduled throughout the school year. Passes are good for admission to any regular season HCPS sponsored athletic event. Purchase your passes online at [Hillsborough County School District Events and Tickets by GoFan](#)

\$44.00 + tax = any 10 regular season athletic events

\$75.50 + tax = ALL regular season athletic events

To purchase individual sporting event (\$5-\$7 per event) and student pass tickets go to:

[Plant High School Events and Tickets by GoFan](#)



PHS FHSA SANCTIONED SPORTS

Ms. Omensetter, Assistant Principal for Administration and Athletic Director



FALL SEASON	
Cross Country Boys, V	Alex Hernandez
Cross Country Girls, V	Katie Nelson
Football Varsity	*HenryC (Hank) Brown
Football Junior Varsity	Vacant
Golf Boys	Jennifer Cook
Golf Girls	Jennifer Cook
Sideline Cheer (non-sanctioned)	Dr. Jenise Gorman
Swimming Girls	*Todd Hoffmeier
Swimming Boys	Melissa Sigmon
Volleyball Varsity & JV	*McKensie Herold
WINTER SEASON	
Basketball Boys Varsity	Joseph Willis
Basketball Boys JV	*Ronald Boyd
Basketball Girls Varsity	Ellie Wilbur
Basketball Girls JV	*Silvia Farfante
Competition Cheer V Only	Dr. Jenise Gorman
Soccer Boys	*Matthew Reda
Soccer Girls	*Michael Miranda
Wrestling	*Lewis (Jay) Powers
SPRING SEASON	
Baseball	Dennis Braun
Flag Football Girls Varsity/JV	Vacant
Lacrosse Boys	Jeremy Kuebrich
Lacrosse Girls	*Marisa Colacino
Softball	*Lauren Donahue
Tennis Boys	Taylor Zeisloft
Tennis Girls	*Pam Gassler
Track Boys	Michael Massey
Track Girls	Katie Nelson
Student MUST be ENROLLED at Plant High School to contact coaches. Athletics Website: Athletics Information Plant High School	



ATTENTION ATHLETES!

If you hope to participate in college athletics, you must register for the NCAA Clearinghouse. You can register online at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>. Please utilize the free tool below to keep track of your NCAA Eligibility GPA. Questions – please schedule an appointment with Ms. Omensetter.



Want to Play College Sports?

You MUST Know Your Core Course GPA.



CORECOURSEGPA.com

H.B. Plant High School has teamed up with CoreCourseGPA.com to provide custom online software to all student-athletes to assist in tracking their progress towards meeting NCAA initial eligibility requirements.

CoreCourseGPA.com calculates core course GPA for both the Division I and II, provides corresponding minimum SAT/ACT scores, and a detailed report of core course credits earned and needed.

All student-athletes are encouraged to activate their FREE membership to begin tracking their core course GPA and learn more about important recruiting topics. The sooner, the better - every semester counts!

Activate Your FREE Membership

Step 1: Go to www.CoreCourseGPA.com

Step 2: In the "New Member Account Creation" box enter:

School ID: 101700

School Code: 706060707

Step 3: Complete the registration form

ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/plant/page/athletics-information>

Scroll to High School Forms & Eligibility



What You Should Know About High School Athletic Eligibility

Academic Requirements

If you are in the 11th grade or 12th grade, you must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester. If you are in the 9th grade or 10th grade, you must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester; OR you must have earned a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in the courses taken in the previous semester alone, provided you sign an academic performance contract (FHSAA form EL5) with your school and attend summer school as necessary. (Article 9.4, FHSAA Handbook, Bylaws and Policies)

Ninth Grade Eligibility

A student shall be eligible during the first semester of his/her ninth-grade year provided that it is the student's first entry into the ninth grade and he/she was regularly promoted from the eighth grade the immediately preceding year.

Residence

A student will be eligible at the first school in which he/she enrolls, or participates in an athletic practice, at the beginning of each school year. The student will be eligible in his/her first school of choice each year as long as the student remains enrolled in that school (Florida Law 97-53). Additionally, home school students who are registered through Hillsborough County Public Schools and charter school students who are enrolled in a Hillsborough County registered charter school are eligible for athletic participation at a school within the county they reside.

Transfers

Per SB 538 and School Board Policy 2431.01, student-athletes who transfer are allowed to immediately participate in interscholastic athletics for their new school as long as they are enrolled prior to the start of a specific sport's season and have not participated in any sport at another high school, during the current school year. Student-athletes may not participate in sports at two different schools during the same school year, unless they meet one of the following criteria:

- 1) Dependent children of active-duty military personnel whose move resulted directly from military orders.
- 2) Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
- 3) Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
- 4) Authorized good cause established by the FHSAA.

Age

Students reaching the age of 19 before July 1st will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for that school year and beyond.

Limit of Eligibility

A student shall be eligible for no more than four (4) consecutive academic years upon first entrance to ninth grade as defined by the pupil progression plan of the school in which the student is enrolled. A student who does not attend school, repeats any grade, is declared ineligible to participate, or otherwise fails to exercise the opportunity to participate for any reason for any length of time during this four-year period shall not be entitled to any additional period of eligibility.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Eligibility Requirements for Extracurricular Participation 2026-2027

Eligibility Period	Grade	Eligibility Requirements
First semester 2026-2027	Students first entering the 9 th grade in 2026-2027	Must be regularly promoted from the 8 th grade to the 9 th grade.
	Students entering 10 th grade	Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester; OR must have earned a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in the courses taken in the previous semester alone, provided he or she signed an academic performance contract with his or her school and attended summer school as necessary.
	Students entering 11 th and 12 th grades	Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester
Second semester 2026-2027	9 th and 10 th grade	Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester; OR must have earned a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in the courses taken in the previous semester alone, provided he or she signed an academic performance contract with his or her school and attended summer school as necessary.
	11 th and 12 th grades	Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester
A student shall be eligible for no more than four (4) consecutive academic years upon first successful completion of the eighth (8th) grade as defined by the pupil progression plan of the school in which the student is enrolled. Four years from the date he or she first successfully completes the eighth grade, he or she shall become ineligible for further interscholastic athletic competition. A student who does not attend school, repeats any grade, is declared ineligible to participate, or otherwise fails to exercise the opportunity to participate for any reason for any length of time during this four-year period shall not be entitled to any additional period of eligibility. Original school records shall be submitted to the County Athletic Director in the event of conflicting information as to the date of first successful completion of the eighth grade. (Article 9.5 FHSAA Handbook, Bylaws and Policies) Note 1: A grading period is defined as one semester. A semester is defined as one half of a school year (approximately 18 school weeks or 90 school days). This definition is applicable to all schools regardless of the type of class scheduling format used (i.e. block, traditional, etc.)		

Academic Performance Contract for Athletic Eligibility is a school generated form.

YEARBOOK SALES AND SENIOR PICTURES AND SENIOR ADS:

Yearbooks are on sale at yearbookforever.com. Purchase by August 9th to use the coupon code "summer" to get \$10 off.

Underclass Picture Day Information:

On September 2, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be brought down to the gym during their English class to take their photos. If your student does not have an English class on campus, they can come to the gym during their lunch period.

Retakes for students who missed the original picture day or do not like their original photo will be on September 30. A sign up will be posted a week prior on Canvas and the parent Facebook groups for students who would like to retake their photos.

Club Picture Day Information:

Club pictures will be taken in the stadium on November 3. Each club will sign up for a slot. Only registered members of the club will be allowed in the stadium to participate in the picture.

Senior Ad/Tribute Information:

Senior ad sales are now open. You can reserve an ad space for your senior by purchasing an ad through their My Payments Plus account (or send in a check made out to Plant High School to Room 103). Ads are available in a variety of sizes. You can meet with a yearbook designer to create the ad or submit materials for the designers to create. You can also submit your own completed ad. Ad sales close on October 31 - but the photos and text for your ad aren't due until November 30 (unless you are doing a design appointment). You will see a PDF proof of your ad before we submit it for final publication. You can download a copy of our senior ad rate sheets and contracts with even more information here: <https://bit.ly/4g3LSmx>

SENIOR AD SALES ARE NOT COMPLETE UNTIL THE FORM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. You can either print it out and send it in to room 103 or email it to the address below.

If you have any questions, you can contact the student media adviser, Christina Porcelli, via email at christina.porcelli@hcps.net. We also have space for business ads. If you would like to advertise your business while supporting Plant High School, please email christina.porcelli@hcps.net for more information.

Senior Portrait Information:

Your session will include a traditional yearbook portrait (at Plant, the options are either a black drape or a suit and tie - if they try to take the picture in a tux, please tell them to change it), a casual pose, and your cap and gown pose. Seniors will be able to select either the traditional yearbook pose OR their casual pose to be included in the yearbook.

Follow these instructions to book your session:

- Go to <http://cady.com/schedule>
- Click book now
- Type in H.B. Plant High School in the Enter Your School Name pop up
- Click Let's Go
- Look through the sample portraits and select at least two that you might like to use for your senior and then click See Sessions
- The session packages are listed most expensive to least expensive, so scroll all the way down to see all of your options prior to making a selection (there is a \$30 session that gives you the traditional yearbook pose, a casual pose, and a cap and gown pose)
- Next, click select on the session package then click Continue to Finalize
- Every package comes with the traditional yearbook portrait and the cap and gown portrait; the next screen allows you to select which additional scene you would like to use
- Next, you will select which of the two studios you would like to take your portrait at and the date and time
- Go to <https://home.cady.com/senior-session-prep/> to prepare for your session

Don't want to go to CADY for your portrait session? We will have one traditional yearbook pose only date at Plant in January. Those sessions will be booked directly through the yearbook staff. Directions to sign up will be released in January. There will be no retakes available for the on-campus date.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

To VOLUNTEER in any capacity for Plant High School, YOU MUST HAVE AN APPROVED VOLUNTEER APPLICATION ON FILE. This is a requirement which keeps us in compliance with Florida State law (Jessica Lundsford Act). All persons working with minor children in any way must be screened for criminal records.

Direct link to volunteer application: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/page/volunteer-application>

Move your cursor over the “HCPS Volunteer Application” button then CLICK.

Login each year to ensure that your volunteer status is current. Remember, if you are a Board member in any of our parent organizations, you must register as a volunteer.

Just in case you are needed, please complete the application today. Overnight chaperones must be level 2 cleared which requires fingerprinting. There is a fingerprinting fee involved.



Please join our parent organizations!

Parent and community involvement provides the foundation for the success we enjoy at Plant High School. We ask YOU to be a part of our continued excellence by joining any one or all the organizations that support academics and campus life here at Plant High School.

Parent, Teacher, & Student Association (PTSA)
Plant High School Academic Foundation
Plant High School Athletics Foundation
CONNECT – Mentor Program
Band Booster Club
Chorus Booster Club
Orchestra Booster Club
Friends of Plant Theatre
PHS Camo Club (JROTC Boosters)

PLANT HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome PHS Panther Families!

As we embark upon the new school year, we want to take a moment to introduce our three PHS parent partner organizations: [Plant PTSA](#), [PHS Athletics Foundation](#) and the [PHS Academic Foundation](#). These pillar organizations play a crucial role in supporting PHS by serving different entities, while working towards the common goal of enhancing student outcomes and our school community. Resources are shared between our parent groups, and we often partner on school projects. Our parent organizations depend on the PHS community and families for support and funding. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with each group. At a time when funding for public education is in jeopardy, your support of all, or one, of our pillars would be greatly appreciated. No donation is too small. Thank you for your generous support!

**PLEASE NOTE: All three PHS parent organizations use Membership Toolkit for their websites. You do not need to create a separate account for each organization, simply use the same email password for all three sites. (Coleman and Wilson are also MTK websites and will use the same log-in information).*



The PTSA is a group dedicated to improving the educational experience for students. We help our school to purchase technology, programs, and materials that are not in the school's budget, and support the ongoing needs of teachers and staff. Last year, we raised money to purchase security cameras for the school buildings, support our Student Services' mental health programs, and to update the Media Center. This year, the PTSA is excited to raise money to help financially support **Plant's 100th Year Celebration** which will be held in the 2026-2027 school year. The money raised this year will continue to support our students and staff as well as the beautification projects for the 100th Year Celebration at Plant High School.

Please consider joining the PTSA through a [family](#) or [business membership](#).

The PTSA hosts three General Membership meetings which will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center on September 8, 2026, January 12, 2027, and April 20, 2027. Please join us in August to review our budget for the school year.

Stay tuned for more info on Plant's 100th Year Celebration!

[Plant High School PTSA - Login \(membershiptoolkit.com\)](https://membershiptoolkit.com)



PLANT HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Together, We Support. Together, We Succeed.



WE ARE PLANT. WE ARE FAMILY. WE INVEST IN OUR FUTURE.



Plant High School PTSA would greatly appreciate your support with our only fundraiser of the year.

Our school district continues to **face budget shortfalls**, and we want to ensure we have the resources to continue to provide every opportunity and enhancements for all of our kids, teachers, and faculty.



This year your donation will help to fund:

- ✓ Campus Beautification – Centennial Projects
- ✓ Mental Health Programs
- ✓ Teacher Appreciation
- ✓ Student Services & Wellness Initiatives
- ✓ Technology & Academic Enhancements
- ✓ Senior Scholarships (must be PTSA member)
- ✓ And much more!



Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference. Together, we can continue to make Plant High School the best it can be for our students, teachers, and entire Panther community.



THANK YOU

for supporting our students, teachers, and the tradition of excellence at Plant High!



IMPORTANT DEADLINES



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

Deadline to be included in the first home game football program PTSA Ad.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Deadline to be included in the PTSA football banner and the remaining home games football program PTSA ad.

This banner will be hung by the concession stand **ALL YEAR** and this will be the **only** opportunity to be included.

SCAN TO DONATE TODAY!

Every gift helps. Every student benefits.



Scan the QR Code to support Plant High School PTSA!



PLANT HIGH SCHOOL PTSA – SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS



Diamond

\$2,500

- ✓ Name to be included on Separate Diamond Family Sponsor Banner placed Himes Ave
- ✓ Family Name featured in the PTSA Sponsorship Thank You ad in Plant High Yearbook
- ✓ Name to be included on the PTSA Football banner (hung by the concession stand)
- ✓ Name to be included on the Football Program PTSA Ad
- ✓ Family Recognition on all Social Media Platforms
- ✓ 4 PTSA Memberships
- ✓ Sponsor 4 Faculty Member's PTSA Membership
- ✓ 2 Plant PTSA Sponsor Car Magnet
- ✓ Name on Plant PTSA website and newsletter



Platinum

\$1,000

- ✓ Name to be included on the PTSA banner placed on Himes Ave
- ✓ Name to be included on the PTSA Football banner (hung by the concession stand)
- ✓ Name to be included on the Football Program PTSA Ad
- ✓ Family Recognition on all Social Media Platforms
- ✓ 4 PTSA Memberships
- ✓ Sponsor 3 Faculty Member's PTSA Membership
- ✓ 2 Plant PTSA Sponsor Car Magnet
- ✓ Name on Plant PTSA website and newsletter



Gold

\$500

- ✓ Name to be included on the PTSA banner placed on Himes Ave
- ✓ Name to be included on the PTSA Football banner (hung by the concession stand)
- ✓ Name to be included on the Football Program PTSA Ad
- ✓ 4 PTSA Memberships
- ✓ Sponsor 2 Faculty Member's PTSA Membership
- ✓ 2 Plant PTSA Sponsor Car Magnet
- ✓ Name on Plant PTSA website and newsletter



Silver

\$300

- ✓ Name to be included on the PTSA banner placed on Himes Ave
- ✓ 3 PTSA Memberships
- ✓ Sponsor 1 Faculty Member's PTSA Membership
- ✓ 2 Plant PTSA Sponsor Car Magnet
- ✓ Name on Plant PTSA website and newsletter



Bronze

\$150

- ✓ 2 PTSA Memberships
- ✓ Plant PTSA Sponsor Car Magnet
- ✓ Name on Plant PTSA website and newsletter



TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TOGETHER, WE ARE PLANT!





PHS Academic Foundation

The PHS Academic Foundation works to support academic needs at PHS and serves as a vital resource in enhancing educational opportunities and outcomes for students. The foundation raises funds to provide classroom resources, including supplemental textbooks, technology, and materials that foster an engaging

learning environment. The foundation offers grants for teachers to implement innovative instructional strategies and professional development opportunities. Please consider supporting the foundation through [membership](#) or a [community business partnership](#).

The Academic Foundation hosts monthly meetings with guest speakers to help educate parents on topics relevant to PHS families. Meetings are open for all to attend. Please join us on Tuesday, Aug 19, 2025 @ 9:30 am in the PHS Media Center for our "PLANT 101" presentation.

Membership Meetings are held monthly. Please check our website for meeting updates and topics. <https://phsacademicfoundation.membershiptoolkit.com>



THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAMS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Plant High School Athletics Foundation is to promote and support Plant's interscholastic athletics program through the following:

- Support of athletic and academic achievement by all student athletes.
- Promotion of active parent and community involvement.
- Promotion of sportsmanship and leadership by the members of the athletics program.
- Provision of financial assistance to the athletics program.

New website:

[Plant High School Athletics Foundation - Athletic Boosters](#)

We offer [family membership](#) and [business sponsorship](#) opportunities.

We look forward to continuing to support all our athletic teams and keeping Plant High School at the top!



August 1, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians of Students; Faculty and Staff:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is a state agency that oversees the cleanup of sites throughout Florida. The FDEP is responsible for notifying School Boards throughout the state when any contamination is discovered at school property. School Boards which receive such notice are further required to notify all Faculty, staff, parents, and guardians of students attending the school.

In 2009/2010 school year, the FDEP notified the Hillsborough County School Board regarding the identification of soil and/or groundwater contamination at several school locations. This letter is to fill the annual requirement of notification for the identified locations. In addition, the School Board also decided to voluntarily expand their notification process beyond FDEP requirements to include other school locations based upon a review of available information regarding historical as well as more recent soil and groundwater testing results.

DUE TO THE LOW POTENTIAL FOR EXPOSURE, THE SOIL AND/OR GROUNDWATER CONSTITUENT CONCENTRATIONS IDENTIFIED AT THESE LOCATIONS DO NOT POSE A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK. THE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS.

A listing of the schools identified for which the School Board has/is providing notification at this time is as follows.

Brandon High School	Buchanan Middle School	Just Elementary School
Kenly Elementary School	Leto High School	Lockhart Elementary School
Mann Middle School	Marshall Middle School	MacFarlane Park Magnet
McLane Middle School	Mendenhall Elementary	Morgan Woods Elementary
Oak Park Elementary School	Pinecrest Elementary School	Pizzo K-8 School
Plant City High School	Plant High School	Robinson Elementary School
Town & Country Elementary	Wilson Middle School	Young Middle Magnet

Additional relevant information for each school is available in the principal's office. You are invited to review this information at your convenience. Additionally, to assist you in understanding this information and to answer questions, the FDEP and the Florida Department of Health (DOH) have established two toll free information lines. DOH number 1-877-798-2772 and FDEP number 1-866-282-0787.
School Board of Hillsborough County

Risk Management and Safety Office • 2920 N 40th St • Tampa, Florida 33606
Office: 813-840-7324 Fax: 813-872-5266
School District Information 813-272-4000 • Web Site: www.sdhc.k12.fl.us



1 de Agosto del 2026

Estimados Padres y Tutores de Estudiantes; Profesores y Empleados:

El Departamento de Protección Ambiental de la Florida (FDEP) es una agencia estatal que supervisa todas las operaciones de limpieza de todos los sitios/lugares a través de todo el estado de la Florida. El Departamento de (FDEP) es responsable de notificar a todas las Juntas Escolares del estado de la Florida cuando una contaminación es descubierta en la propiedad de una escuela. La Juntas Escolares son las que reciben dicha notificación y además deberá de notificar a los profesores, personal, Padres de familia y Tutores de los estudiantes que asisten a la escuela.

En el año escolar 2009/2010, el Departamento FDEP notificó a la Junta Escolar del condado de Hillsborough información respecto a la identificación de suelo y la contaminación de las aguas subterráneas en varias ubicaciones de las escuelas. La carta es para llenar el requisito de notificación para las localidades. Además, Las Juntas Escolares también decidieron voluntariamente ampliar su proceso de notificación más allá de los requisitos de el FDEP e incluir a otras ubicaciones de las escuelas basadas en análisis históricos haci como la información mas reciente recibida de los resultados de las pruebas realizadas de el suelo y las aguas subterráneas.

DEBIDO A LA BAJA POSIBILIDAD DE ESPOCISI6N EN EL SUELO Y LAS AGUAS SUBTERRÁNEAS O LAS CONCENTRACIONES DE COMPONENTES IDENTIFICADOS EN ESTOS LUGARES NO DEMUESTRAN UN GRAN RIESGO PARA LA SALUD. LAS ESCUELAS SON SEGURAS PARA LOS ESTUDIANTES, PADRES DE FAMILA, PERSONAL, Y LOS VISITANTES.

Una lista de las escuelas identificadas y a las cuales la Junta Escolar les ha enviado notificación hasta el momento son las siguientes:

Brandon High School	Buchanan Middle School	Just Elementary School
Kenly Elementary School	Leto High School	Lockhart Elementary School
Mann Middle School	Marshall Middle School	MacFarlane Park Magnet
McLane Middle School	Mendenhall Elementary	Morgan Woods Elementary
Oak Park Elementary School	Pinecrest Elementary School	Pizzo K-8 School
Plant City High School	Plant High School	Robinson Elementary School
Town & Country Elementary	Wilson Middle School	Young Middle School

Información adicional pertinente para cada escuela está disponible en la oficina de el Director/a. Le invitamos ha revisar esta información a su comodidad. Además, ayudarlo ha entender esta información y a responder sus preguntas. FDEP (Departamento de Protección Ambiental de la Florida) y DOH (Departamento de Salud de el estado de Florida). Han establecido dos lineas gratis para proveer información. Los números son: DOH 1-877-798-2772 y FDEP 1-866-282-0787.

Junta Directiva Escolar del Condado de Hillsborough

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