

WELCOME TO WESLEY CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL



WESLEY CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Make a Mark



Wesley Chapel High School provides a **community** in which students become **life ready** citizens with **confidence**, **empathy**, and **perseverance**.

To ensure our students are
college, career, and life
ready we are:

Accountable
Resourceful
Compassionate
Principled
Inspirational



IMPORTANT 9TH GRADE CONTACTS

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SUMMER ORIENTATION

JULY 27, 2023



- Cruisin' the Campus
- Locker Frenzy
- CATS Expectations: How a Wildcat Should Act
- I'm in High School... Now What?
- Early schedule pick up
- Free t-shirt/pizza for every freshman



THE IMPORTANCE OF FRESHMAN YEAR



WILDCAT PRIDE...

- High performing schools have “an extraordinary commitment of resources and attention to 9th grade.”
- 9th grade students have unique developmental characteristics.
- 9th grade year is the key to high school success.
- Students who feel a sense of belonging are more likely to be academically and emotionally successful in high school.

Where Wildcats Learn to Roar!!!



WILDCAT PRIDE

- All 9th graders will earn 6 credits
- Set short term and long-term academic goals
- Meet quarterly with at-risk students to discuss plans for the next quarter's success
- Adopt zero tolerance for failure
- Make connections through relationships
- Establish academic & behavioral interventions



- Allow teachers to make informed decisions through data analysis
- Increase rigor & relevance in the 9th grade
- Schedule students based on academic needs
- Increase meaningful parent involvement



DIPLOMA OPTIONS

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Standard Diploma Requirements

Academic Advisement – What Students and Parents Need to Know



A CREDIT IS A UNIT OF MEASURE FOR COURSES COMPLETED

✦ *A unit of measure for courses completed*

- 1 semester class = 1/2 credit
- 1 year long class = 1 full credit
- Each year you need to earn 6 credits, 3 credits per semester.

✦ *If a course is failed for the semester, no credit is awarded*

✦ *24 credits are needed for a Standard Diploma*



24 REQUIRED CREDITS

2.0 GPA	
English	4
Math (Algebra 1 + Geometry)	4
Science (Biology)	3
Social Studies (World History, US History, 5 Economics + .5 US Government)+.5 Financial Literacy	3
HOPE	1
Fine Art	1
Electives	8
Total Credits (one course must be online)	24
Pass 10th Grade ELA State Test	Pass Algebra 1 EOC

HOW IS GPA CALCULATED?

All grades have a numerical equivalent
a/k/a “Quality Points”

A = 4 points B = 3 pts C = 2 pts
D = 1 pt F = 0 pts

Students must have a 2.0 GPA in order to earn a diploma.

Total quality points earned divided by total classes = GPA



BEWARE THE DANGER OF A ZERO

An overwhelming percentage of students who fail a class have at least ONE zero.



MATHEMATICAL EXAMPLE

$$\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 100 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ + \underline{100} \end{array}$$

60% D

$$\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 100 \\ 50 \\ 50 \\ + \underline{100} \end{array}$$

80% B



EVERY ASSIGNMENT MATTERS

- Take advantage of make-up opportunities
- Most teachers also offer re-takes on quizzes and tests
- Check grades regularly (Weekly)
- Ask for help when needed
- Set up a routine at home for School work



AP CAPSTONE

AP Capstone Diploma is a nationally recognized advanced diploma offered by College Board. (The same company that offers PSAT, SAT, and AP)

It requires:

- 4 AP courses with passing AP exam scores (score of 3 is passing)
- AP Seminar course in 11th grade
- AP Research course in 12th grade





Engaging Career Technical
Opportunities

Automotive
Agriculture
Digital Video Technology
Business



Amazing Fine Arts

- Renowned Fine Arts:
 - Dance, Band, Drama
- Performances held in our Performing Arts Center



As the parent or guardian of an incoming 9th grade student, how can you help with the transition to high school?



THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE IS ONE OF THE BEST INDICATORS OF
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PERFORMANCE



WCHS believes that EVERY student can learn

- ✦ Learning must be a daily occurrence
- ✦ Attendance includes missed individual classes
- ✦ 10 minutes of “Tardiness” per day can equal 15 instructional hours lost in a semester



WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- ✦ *HS Freshmen who miss 10 days of school in a semester fail two classes on average.*
- ✦ *Students with high test scores who miss more than two weeks of school in a semester, are more likely to fail than students with low test scores who miss less than one week of school.*



WHAT CAN “WE” DO?

- ★ Monitor student grades and attendance.
- ★ Talk about the importance of school and attendance and consider consequences.
- ★ Make sure that the school contact information is correct.
- ★ Ensure that students are well rested and fed breakfast.
- ★ Consider if an adult would go to work, then a student should probably go to school.



HOW TO MONITOR YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES AND ATTENDANCE



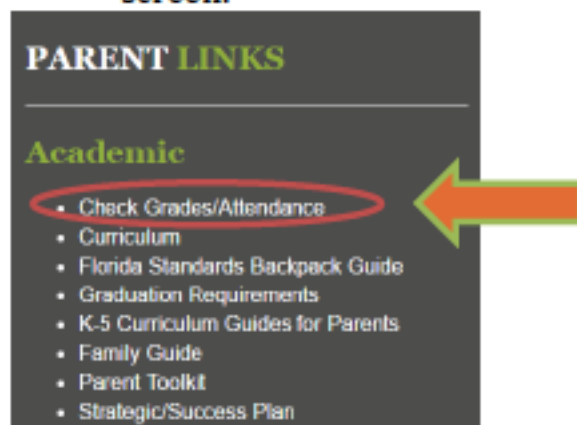
myStudent Documentation

Creating a Parent Portal Account

July, 2016

For the protection of your child's confidential information, we have created the following secure procedures for establishing a parent portal account. To establish a parent portal account online, you must have a valid email address and the student's birth date must be on record with Pasco County Schools.

1. Log on to the following Site: <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents> and select **Check Grades / Attendance** under the **PARENT LINKS** menu area located on the right hand side of the screen.



2. You will select Parents: please use this [link](#) to register for an account.

A screenshot of the parent login page. It features two input fields for "Username" and "Password". Below the password field is a link that says "Parents: Forgot Password?". To the right of these fields is a red "Log In" button. At the bottom, there is a message: "Welcome Parents: Please click this [link](#) to register for a new account. Click HERE for directions on how to create a parent account." and a smaller line of text: "If you've set up an account, please sign in above."

BE INVOLVED

- Keep up with your student's grades and assignments and contact their teachers on MyStudent
- Read our weekly newsletter, Wildcat Wisdom
- Check WCHS calendar frequently for upcoming events and activities
- Talk to your students. “What did you do today?” instead of "How was school?"



ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO BE INVOLVED

- Athletics
- Clubs
- Arts (Band, Dance, Drama)



HOW DOES BEING INVOLVED HELP STUDENTS?

- 1. Improved Academic Performance**
- 2. Explore Interests and Create Broader Perspectives**
- 3. Higher Self-esteem**
- 4. Social Opportunities**
- 5. Productive Breaks**



FOLLOW WESLEY THE WILDCAT!

- Instagram:
[instagram.com/wchswildcats](https://www.instagram.com/wchswildcats)
- Facebook:
[facebook.com/wesley.wildcat.96](https://www.facebook.com/wesley.wildcat.96)
- Twitter: @WCHS_Wildcats



MRS. FAYSASH, COLLEGE AND CAREER SPECIALIST

- SAT/ACT Testing
- College Application Process
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Military Recruitment
- Career Assessments
- Resume and Interview Skills
- Post-Graduation Planning



OPTIONS AFTER GRADUATION



- 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY BACHELORS DEGREE
- 2+2 PLAN=2 YEARS PHSC (AA)/2 YEARS UNIVERSITY
- ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (2 YEARS + WORKFORCE)
- TRADE OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE/APPRENTICESHIP
- ENTER THE WORKFORCE
- ENLIST IN THE MILITARY



Bright Futures: Florida Academic Scholars

- 3.5 weighted GPA in core classes (plus two years foreign language)
- AP Computer Science does not count for a BF math credit.
- 1340 SAT or 29 ACT
- 100 community service hours or 100 work-based hours
- 100% tuition and fees paid to a Florida public university or college
- Renewable for four years (3.0 GPA/minimum 12 hours per semester)



Bright Futures: Florida Medallion Scholars

- 3.0 weighted GPA in core classes (plus two years foreign language)
- AP Computer Science does not count for a BF math credit.
- 1210 SAT or 25 ACT
- 75 community service hours or 100 work-based hours
- 75% tuition and fees paid to a Florida public university or college (100% paid for state/community college)
- Renewable for four years (2.75 GPA and a minimum 12 hours per semester)



Bright Futures: Gold Seal Scholars

- 3.0 weighted GPA in non-elective courses
- 3.5 unweighted GPA in vocational courses (3 credits in vocational program)
- 4 English/4 Math/3 Nat. Science/3 Social Science/HOPE
- Qualifying scores on ACT, SAT, or PERT
- 30 community service hours or work-based hours
- \$39-\$48 per credit hour (depending on program)
- Up to 72 college credit hours in a *vocational program of study*



University Considerations



- Rigor of coursework (AP/Dual Enrollment, additional math/science courses, most difficult classes offered)
- Two years/units of the same foreign language
- GPA (weighted core semester grades 9th-11th grade years)
- SAT or ACT scores (all Florida public universities)
- Holistic Review: Essay, Service, Leadership, Extracurricular



WCHS COLLEGE AND CAREER S'MORE

Links to community service forms/information, test dates, events, financial aid, scholarships and more!



QUESTIONS



STUDENTS, PLEASE MOVE TO THE GYM TO
BE PLACED IN YOUR GROUPS.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS, PLEASE STAY HERE
AND LOG INTO MYSTUDENT TO PAY YOUR
STUDENT'S FEES



WIFI PASSWORD: DSBPC1887

GO TO MYSTUDENT OR THE PASCO COUNTY
SCHOOLS WEBSITE TO PAY FEES.

IN MYSTUDENT, CLICK ON “STUDENT FEES” ON
THE MAIN PAGE

ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, CLICK ON
“PARENTS” AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE THEN
“PAY FEES” ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PAGE.

