

H. B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION NEWSLETTER 2025 – 2026

WELCOME



DATES TO REMEMBER

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 7, 2025

9th Graders & all new-to-Plant students Orientation
5:00 P.M.~7:00 P.M.

Please report to the gymnasium for meeting from 5:00-5:30pm
then Homeroom to get your most recent schedule
and then walk your schedule.

Returning 11th & 12th Graders
2:30 P.M.~3:20 P.M.

Please report to your Homeroom to get your
most recent schedule and then walk your schedule.

Returning 10th Graders
3:30 P.M.~4:30 P.M.

Please report to your Homeroom to get your
most recent schedule and then walk your schedule.

SENIOR COLLEGE INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

4:00 P.M. – 5:15 P.M. in the auditorium
ALL Seniors and/or their Parents must attend.





Strength Through Unity



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Plant High School Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! 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. Emergency cards will be sent home by the second day of school—**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.

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

We warmly invite all incoming freshmen, new students, and their families to attend our **Freshman/New Student Orientation** on **August 7, 2025, at 5:00 PM** in the Plant gymnasium. After the meeting, students will visit their Homeroom to pick up their most recent schedule and have the opportunity to walk through it at their own pace until 7:00 PM.

Returning Student Open House Schedule:

- **11th & 12th Graders**
 - 2:30 PM – Report to Homeroom for tentative schedule
 - 2:35–3:20 PM – Walk through schedule
- **10th Graders**
 - 3:30 PM – Report to Homeroom for tentative schedule
 - 3:35–4:30 PM – Walk through schedule

We kindly ask that all returning students exit the building by 4:30 PM.

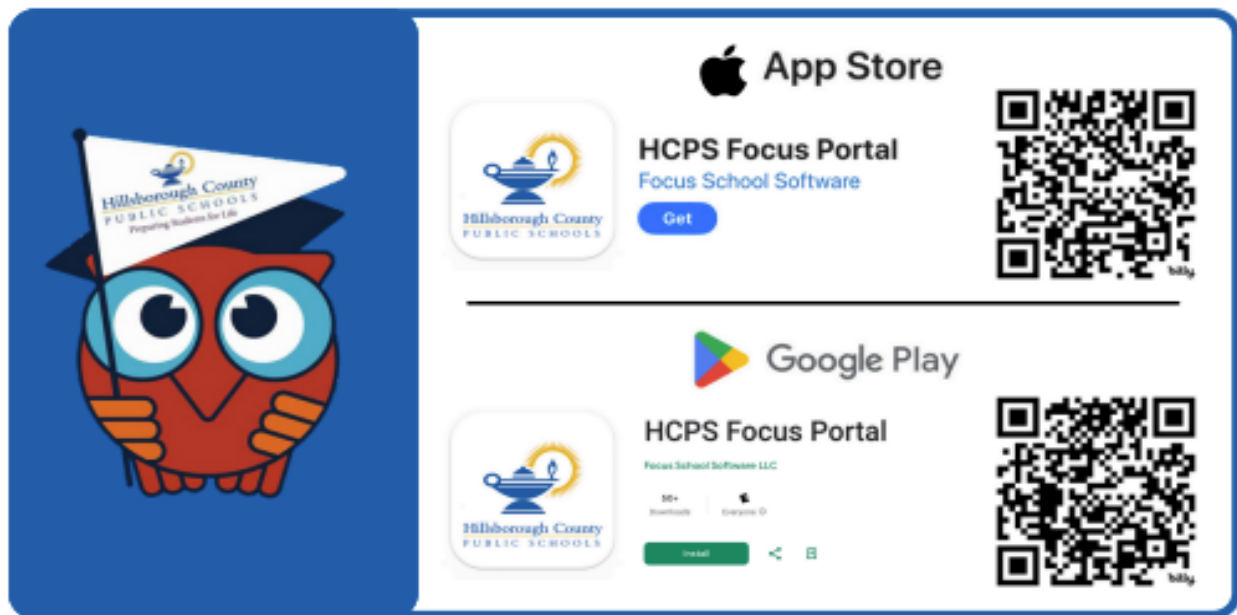
We're looking forward to a fantastic school year and can't wait to see all the amazing things our students will accomplish. Thank you for being an essential part of the Plant High School community!

Warm regards,
Heather Holloway
Principal, Plant High School

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:

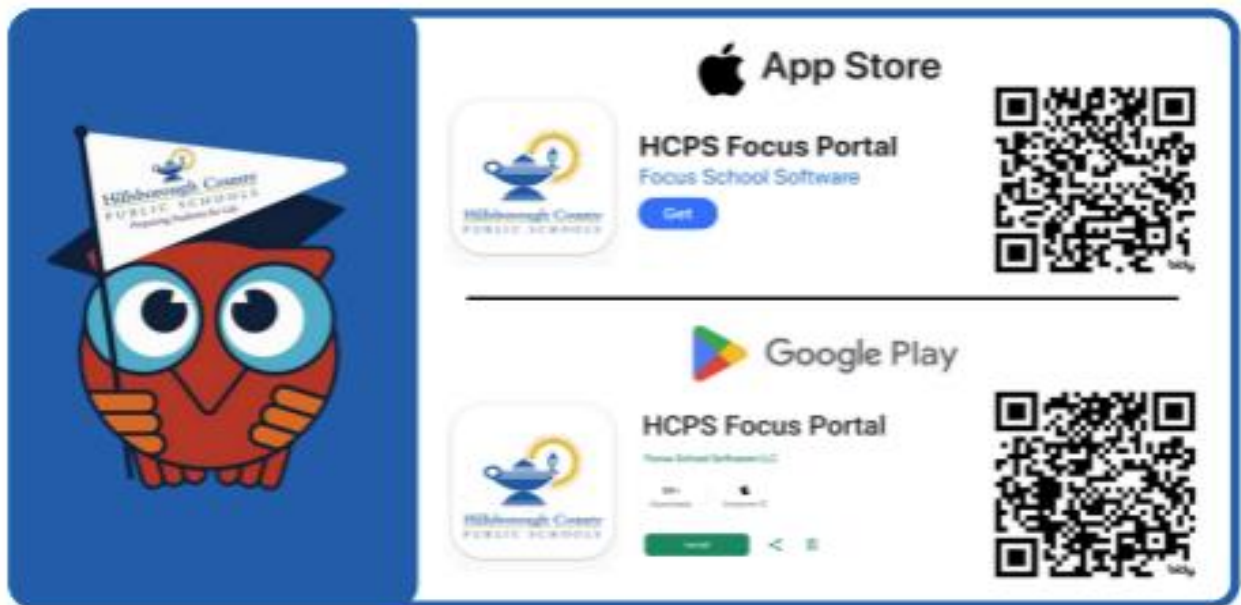
- Download the **HCPS Focus Portal App** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
- Visit HillsboroughSchools.org/Focus for more information on how to log in or create an account



¡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



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-Ld.....	232
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SWITCHBOARD OPERATES FROM 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

Wendy Kelly.....	Principal's Secretary.....	297
Vacant.....	AP Administration & Athletics Secretary.....	224
Sheila Kestran.....	AP Curriculum Secretary.....	292
Kaitlyn Franklin.....	Student Affairs Secretary.....	231
Edith (Julie) Rosado.....	Student Affairs Secretary.....	230
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Lisa Arellano.....	Student Services/Guidance Secretary.....	225

OTHER STAFF

Donna Kroegel.....	Bookkeeper.....	228
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Kayla Spilman, RN.....	Nurse, School Clinic.....	235
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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 two days 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 Canvas. Our new Student Services Department Head, Ms. Jackson-Stuart will be working on a newsletter to send out to parents and students. More information to follow.

STUDENT SERVICES/GUIDANCE OFFICE

YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Alphabetical assignments by the last name of student.

Jamie Wolford.....	A-C.....	240
Lisa Poirier.....	D-Hi.....	241
Janibelle Jackson-Stuart.....	Ho-Me & Dept. Head.....	242
Allison Castellano.....	Mi-San.....	243
Terrill (Terri) Hensley.....	Sap-Z.....	239

College and Career Resource Counselor:

Lauren Moseley.....	College and Career.....	281
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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
Carmen Rodrigues-Soares.....	Social Worker, part-time.....	261
Melissa Sigmon.....	Success Coach.....	236
Kristen Lehman.....	Program Advisor.....	282

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 starting the first week of school for students to submit a schedule correction. Corrections will only be processed through this method. We have a NEW scheduling system this year, and counselors will make **necessary error corrections** to schedules throughout the first few weeks of school. 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 can be made.

Closed Classes: AP Euro, AP Human, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C, AP Psych, AP Bio, AP Macro/Micro, AP Comp Gov't/AP US Gov't, AP Capstone Research, AP Capstone Seminar, Physics 1 Hon, Debate, Driver's Ed., Psych 1, TV Production 1, AVID 1.

THESE REASONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED CORRECTIONS:

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

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

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 11, 2025

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

August 22, 2025

SENIORS - Class of 2026 - 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 19, 2025

SENIORS - Class of 2026 - 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 2027 and

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

Class of
2026

Class of
2027

Class of
2028

Class of
2029

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for 2026 Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

If you are taking an AP class at PHS, **please mark your calendar NOW for the 2026 AP test dates.** All students taking an AP class(es) are required to take the AP exam(s). Those students with an exam conflict (two of your AP exams are scheduled at the same time) will be scheduled for an alternate exam time for one of the exams as determined by Plant.

WEEK 1	MORNING 8:00 A.M.	AFTERNOON 12:00 P.M.
Monday, May 4, 2026	Biology Latin	European History Microeconomics
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Chemistry Human Geography	United States Government and Politics
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Physics 2: Algebra-Based World History: Modern	African American Studies Statistics
Friday, May 8, 2026	Italian Language and Culture United States History	Chinese Language and Culture Macroeconomics
	Art and Design: Friday , May 8, 2026 (8 p.m. ET), 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 11, 2026	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Music Theory Seminar
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	French Language and Culture Precalculus	Japanese Language and Culture Psychology
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	English Language and Composition German Language and Culture	Physics C: Mechanics Spanish Literature and Culture
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Art History Spanish Language and Culture	Computer Science Principles Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Friday, May 15, 2026	Environmental Science	Computer Science A

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 will test on the scheduled late-testing dates at the scheduled times.
- * 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.
- * **There is a fee of \$40 if a student fails to 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 6, 2025	August 1, 2025	August 19, 2025	
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025	September 30, 2025	
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 24, 2025	
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026	January 23, 2026	
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026	
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026	
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026	

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline Changes, Regular Cancellations, and Late Registration	More information and to register visit College Board Website: Home – SAT Suite of Assessments College Board (satsuite.collegeboard.org)
August 23, 2025	August 8, 2025	August 12, 2025	
September 13, 2025	August 29, 2025	September 2, 2025	
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025	September 23, 2025	
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 28, 2025	
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 25, 2025	
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 3, 2025	
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026	
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026	



LOOK for it!



On the first/second day of school, your child will receive several forms some of which will need to be completed and returned to school.

PLEASE collect all forms from your child, complete them and **RETURN** them with your student the next day to the school.

Students should return them to their Homeroom teacher or the Student Affairs Office.

Emergency Card

REQUIRED from every student.

- The emergency card has been pre-printed for your convenience.
- *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)



Parents/Guardians, your assistance and cooperation are needed in reporting your child's absence. For your child to be "excused," you will be required to call or visit the school the day your child is absent. We provide teachers with same day feedback on student absences. This allows us to keep track daily and try to notify you of any problems.

ATTENDANCE POLICY BRIEF

The educational program offered by this District is predicated on the student's presence. This is based on continuity of instruction and classroom participation. Attendance shall be required of all students enrolled in the schools during the days and hours that the school is in session. School attendance shall be the responsibility of parents/legal guardians and students. Absences shall be reported to the school attendance office by the parent/legal guardian on the day the absence occurred.

HCPS Full text: <https://web.hillsboroughschools.org/policymanual> Section 5200

TO REPORT A WHOLE DAY ABSENCE

A parent must explain the reason by telephone, preferably on the day the absence occurs but **WITHIN NO MORE THAN 3 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE ABSENCE**. 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.

Parents/guardians of truant students must meet with the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs. The school will make every effort to contact the parent/guardian whenever a student's absence has not been explained.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

The HCPS Board considers the following factors to be reasonable excuses for time missed at school:

- Personal illness of the student. A student who has demonstrated a pattern of absences due to illness may be required to present medical verification to the principal.
- Court appearance of the student.
- Medical appointment of the student. A note from a health care provider is required.
- An approved school activity.
- A written request from the parent/legal guardian is submitted to the student's Assistance Principal in SAO **at least three days prior to the date of absence**. The parent/guardian will be notified of the decision.
- Attendance at a center under Children and Families Services supervision.
- Significant community events with prior permission of the Principal. When more than one school is involved, the Regional Superintendent will determine the status of the absence.
- Observance of an established religious holiday.
- Death of a close relative. For purposes of this policy, close relatives shall be defined as the father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter (or in-law), stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, half-sister, half-brother, stepchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, grandparents, grandchild, or members of his/her own household.



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 (ATOSS) may make-up work providing all days assigned are attended.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Students on school business shall be counted present and required to make up work missed. Examples of school business are:

- Participation in a regularly scheduled, school-sponsored athletic event.
- Other approved activities, such as Student Council, National Honor Society, PTSA, pep rallies, class meetings, club meetings, field trip, senior graduation activities, or an event that is designated by the principal and approved by the Regional Superintendent.
- An academic activity directly related to the instructional outcomes of one or more courses.

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

- Hillsborough County Public Schools will call the home when your child is marked absent at the time official (1st period) attendance is taken.
- A student who is absent from class but who is not listed on the absentee bulletin (possibly skipping) shall be reported by the teacher to the student's Assistant Principal in Student Affairs.
- A student absent six (6) or more days in a nine-week grading period may be required to present medical evidence or have the parent visit the school to verify absences.
- When a student accumulates ten (10) absences from the designated attendance period during a nine-week grading period, a parental notice is available from the automated attendance accounting system. Upon receipt of this notification, the appropriate school personnel shall attempt to contact the parent or guardian by telephone.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS TO MAINTAIN THEIR DRIVING PRIVILEGE

STATE LAW REQUIRES that students, 14 to 18 years of age, who have not earned a high school diploma, who have 15 unexcused absences in any period of 90 calendar days, be ineligible for driving privileges. School districts are required by this legislation to report to the State of Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV), the names of any students who have accumulated 15 unexcused absences in any period of 90 calendar days.



The student who is reported will be informed by the DHSMV that his/her name has been received and he/she may lose the privilege to drive. Should a student be contacted by DHSMV with information, he/she may initiate a request for a hardship waiver or a request for reinstatement of driving privilege through the Student Affairs Office. Effective January 5, 1999, students who accumulate 15 unexcused absences in any period of 90 calendar days will be reported by the school to the DHSMV. Please follow the attendance procedure that has been established in order that students are not reported unexcused when they should be excused.

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.

UNEXCUSED TARDINESS

1. An unexcused tardy exists when a student is not in his or her assigned seat or station when the tardy bell begins to ring.
2. Tardiness is cumulative for each 9-weeks grading period and across class periods.
3. A student should make every effort to be in class on time. A student failing to do so will be considered tardy and subject to disciplinary action.
4. Excessive unexcused tardiness shall be considered willful disobedience, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension. The Assistant Principal will notify the student's parents for violations greater than a warning.
5. Students are expected to be on time to all classes no less than 90% of the time. Any student who fails to meet this standard is considered chronically tardy and placed on Tardy Watch. This equates to four tardies out of 35 classes on a weekly basis. Attendance is maintained on a period-by-period basis.
6. In the event a student fails to meet the standard of less than 90% on time attendance, reference as follows for interventions.
 - 1st week failing to meet 90% on time attendance: Tardy Warning notification and letter sent to parent
 - 2nd week failing to meet 90% on time attendance: Disobedience referral, 1 x ISS
 - 3rd week failing to meet 90% on time attendance: Disobedience referral, 2 x ISS, Revocation of Parking Privileges for student drivers.
 - 4th week failing to meet 90% on time attendance: Disobedience referral, 1 x ATOSS
 - 5th week failing to meet 90% on time attendance: Disobedience referral, 2 x ATOSS
 - Incidents following will continue to be processed as disciplinary referrals.

“SIGN-IN” – ARRIVING TO SCHOOL AFTER THE START OF CLASSES

NEW THIS YEAR!

- Up to 5 per **semester** excused with parent call.
- 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.

“SIGN-OUT” ~ LEAVING SCHOOL BEFORE DISMISSAL TIME

NEW THIS YEAR!

- **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).

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.** 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.



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 keep class time productive and students' concentration uninterrupted, parents are asked to make clear with their student any alternate plan regarding transportation, medical appointments, etc. Only in cases of emergency will such messages be considered for delivery and only in cases of emergency will students be called out of class. The Student Affairs Office reserves the right to make such a decision and act accordingly.



We do not allow lunch drop-offs in the office or anywhere on campus. Students are subject to disciplinary action if they open a security gate to anyone that has not been authorized by a PHS staff member. Students should come to school with lunch or get lunch from the cafeteria. An emergency lunch can be obtained should a student require one. Payment for the lunch can be made the following day. Plant High is a closed campus; **students are not allowed 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 STUDENTS WALK TO SCHOOL. FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, PLEASE USE EXTRA CAUTION WHEN DRIVING ON AND AROUND THE PHS CAMPUS!**
- Do NOT speed. The speed limit on campus is 5 mph.
- Unlike Middle and Elementary schools, several hundred of our students drive to school, which increases traffic entering and exiting the campus. The only entrance for student drivers is the Dale Mabry gate, as the student parking lot is located at that gate.
- Arriving before 8:15 A.M. and departing after 3:40 P.M. (2:40 P.M. on Mondays) are optimal to steer clear of high traffic times.
- Please do not enter the campus or any school parking lot to drop off or pick up your child.
- Please be respectful of our neighbors... do not block driveways or traffic lanes.
- No entry or exit is allowed on the South side (Palmira St. at Sterling Ave.) of the school. This gate is always locked.



Dale Mabry Hwy. Gate (West side, rear of school)

- The Dale Mabry gate is locked each morning at 8:35 A.M. No entry/exit occurs during school day.
- A traffic light is present at this intersection.
- Southbound traffic on S. Dale Mabry Hwy. CANNOT turn left into PHS campus (Dale Mabry gate) during the hour prior to school opening, 7:30 – 8:30 A.M.
- In the morning, entry via this gate may only be obtained when Northbound on S. Dale Mabry Hwy (right turn) OR crossing Eastbound at the light on W. San Carlos Street (at Steak 'n Shake).
- Gate re-opens at 3:20 P.M.
- Exit via this gate allows for left (Southbound Dale Mabry), right (Northbound Dale Mabry) turns and straight (Westbound San Carlos).

“Sterling Gate” at San Miguel St. and Sterling Ave. (North side, adjacent to the water tower)

- The Sterling Gate is strictly for school buses, ESE student drop-off and pedestrian access.

Himes Avenue (East side, front of the school)

- Parents dropping off students may **NOT** enter the Staff parking lots located on the southeast and northeast corners of the school buildings. Students are to be dropped at the curbside on S. Himes Avenue.
- Students arriving/departing on the northbound lane of Himes Avenue should use the crosswalk in front of the school to cross the street.
- PHS student drivers may **NOT** use the gate at Himes Avenue or Sterling Ave during the arrival and departure times. There is **NO** access to the student parking lot via those gates at 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

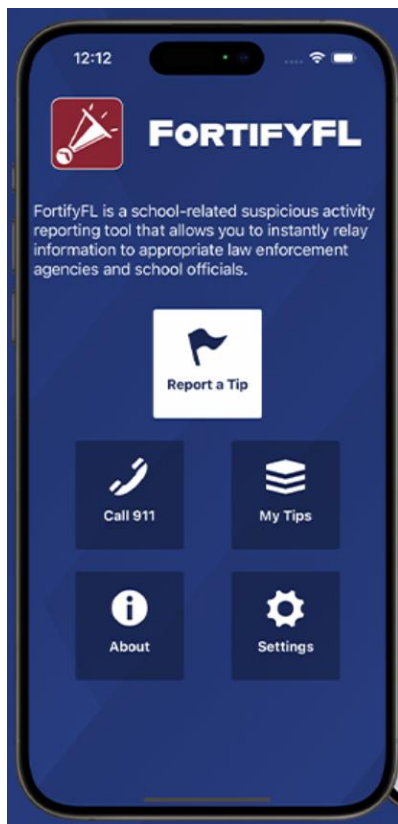
**H. B. Plant High School
Hosts District College Night
Thursday, September 25, 2025
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



Don't miss a chance to explore dozens of colleges in one place close to home.

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.



#FORTIFYFL
GETFORTIFYFL.COM



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AHORA



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 24 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 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 scores 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 any physical education class. The cost of the uniform is \$20.00 per set or \$10.00 per shirt or shorts. The check should be made out to PHS Athletics Foundation. Contact 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/planthhs>

PLANT RECEIVES TERRIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

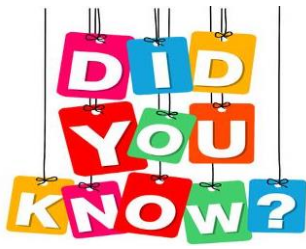
This year, Plant High School is rated as a Top 100 High School from The Washington Post. Additionally, Plant continues to set the standard in FSA/EOC reading, writing and math scores in the Hillsborough County School District. Our 2025 senior class received approximately \$29 million in scholarship money. 93% 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 2024-2025

H.B. Plant High School:

- Ranked #1 overall in HCPS in the FDOE school grade performance with a total score of 765 points (the highest score we have ever earned with the State's school grade component criteria), and
- Maintained a 98% Grad Rate for the 2nd straight year (highest grad rates for PHS in back-to-back years), and
- Our Advanced Placement (AP) students earned an overall pass rate avg. of 76% (up 3%) while also administering more AP Exams than any other high school in the district, and
- Our students ranked #1 (or tied for #1) in ELA proficiency and ELA gains (Grade 9 & 10), Math (Algebra & Geometry) proficiency levels, and in Science (Biology) proficiency levels we were #1, and
- Our student with disabilities (SWD) students improved 12 points in proficiency on state assessed courses and our black students increased 10 points, and
- Reached a #2 Ranking at 82% Accelerated (AP, Industry Certification, and Dual Enrollment) + 6 points (23-24 results). This is the first time we have ever been above 80% in Acceleration.

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



Look for your 25-26 calendar magnet with student first day papers!

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!

Go to
<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/page/calendars>
Click "District Calendar" button.
We recommend you bookmark this webpage!



**MONDAY,
AUGUST 11,
2025**

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 
@PlantHighSchool and **@PlantPTSA**

Want to see your child(ren)'s grades?
Canvas is the District's online grade center.



<https://hcpscanvasproject.azurewebsites.net/>



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 29 ~ Leadership Camp/Training 8:30am-3:30pm
- July 30 ~ New Member/Leadership/Percussion Camp 8:30am-12:30pm
- July 31 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 1 ~ 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 2-5pm for senior night banner and individual senior banners.
- August 5 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 6 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 7 ~ Full Band/Dancero Photo 4pm in gym
- August 7 ~ Band Football Band/Stands Only Camp 2-5pm (10-12 graders will be able to pick up schedules and visit classes)
- August 7 ~ Band Performance for 9th grade open house 4:30-5pm in gym
- August 8 ~ Full Band Camp 2-9:30pm (dinner break 5-6pm)
- August 8 ~ Required parent meeting 6:30pm in auditorium
- August 11 ~ Percussion/Color Guard Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm
- August 14 ~ Full Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm
- August 15 ~ Full Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30-9pm

Marching Show

Our Marching Show Theme this year is titled "The Fire Within" and will feature the following musical selections:

- Firework by Katie Perry
- Ode to Joy from Sym No. 9 by Beethoven
- The Heat is on by Glen Frey
- This Girl is On Fire by Alicia Keys
- Play With Fire by Sam Tinnesz (Dance/Guard/Percussion Feature)
- Set Fire to the Rain by Adele
- Firebird by Stravinsky

Our main marching competitions will be on October 4 at King HS and District Marching MPA is on November 1 at Durant 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!*

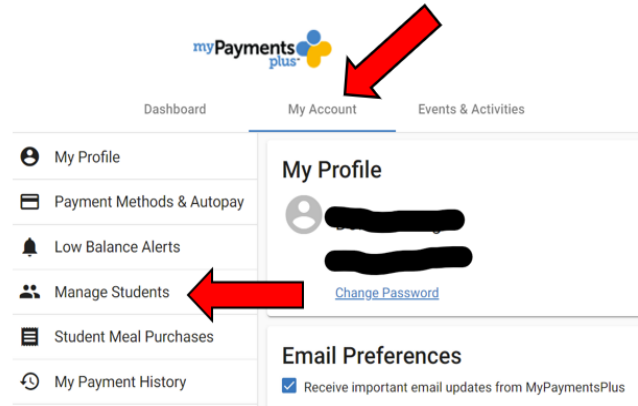
Benefits: available 24/7, annual payment receipt record, no student relay of payments, and no lost checks/cash.

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

NEW THIS YEAR

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 donna.kroegel@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!**

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 4:00PM in the 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.

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 8, 2025

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 8, 2025. 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 = any 10 regular season athletic events

\$75.50 = 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	Katie Nelson
Cross Country Girls, V	Katie Nelson
Football Varsity	*HenryC (Hank) Brown
Football Junior Varsity	*Joseph Agostino
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	Carrie Mahon
Basketball Girls JV	*Michael Brady
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	Vacant
Lacrosse Girls	*Marisa Colacino
Softball	*Lauren Donahue
Tennis Boys	Taylor Zeisloft
Tennis Girls	*Pam Gassler
Track Boys	Michael Massey
Track Girls	Ellie Wilbur
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 their school of residence.

Transfers

Per 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. Student-athletes that participate in a sport at their previous school during the same school year may not participate in the same sport unless they meet one of the following criteria:

- 1) Dependent children of active-duty military personnel whose move resulted 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 in this policy.

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 2025-2026

Eligibility Period	Grade	Eligibility Requirements
First semester 2025-2026	Students first entering the 9 th grade in 2025-2026	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 2025-2026	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
<p>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 Commissioner 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)</p> <p>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.)</p>		

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

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION

everything you need to know in one convenient place!

**HOW TO
BUY YOUR
YEARBOOK**

go to
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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.

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 August 26, 2025, January 27, 2026, and March 31, 2026. 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)



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: www.plant-athletics.com

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, 2025

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.

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School District Information 813-272-4000 • Web Site: www.sdhc.k12.fl.us



1 de Agosto del 2025

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. Las 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 ESPOCISIÓN 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 FAMILIA, 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:

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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.

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