



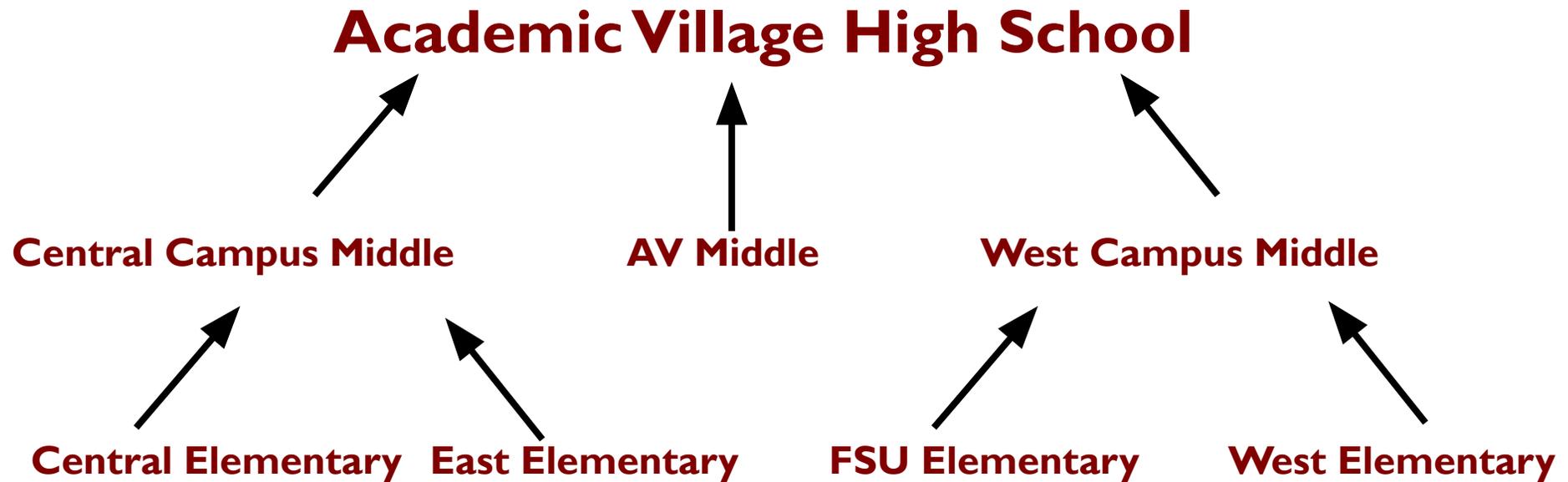
Welcome to the Village!

Freshmen and New to Charter ORIENTATION

ACADEMIC VILLAGE - July 31, 2025



City of Pembroke Pines Charter System



Campus Layout

Aquatics Center

Gymnasium

Cafeteria

Stadium

U Bldg

(1st Floor)
Middle School

(2nd Floor)
HS Social Studies
& Math

D Bldg
English

M Bldg
Band, Arts &
Debate

Broward
College

C Bldg
Foreign Language &
Technology



A Bldg
HS Main
Office

S Bldg
Science

SW Regional
Library



District Vision

***“Empowering Students
for the
Possibilities of Tomorrow.”***



Mission Statement

The Pembroke Pines Charter **community** will provide a challenging educational foundation to prepare students for **college** success and responsible **citizenship**.



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**College
Citizenship
Community**



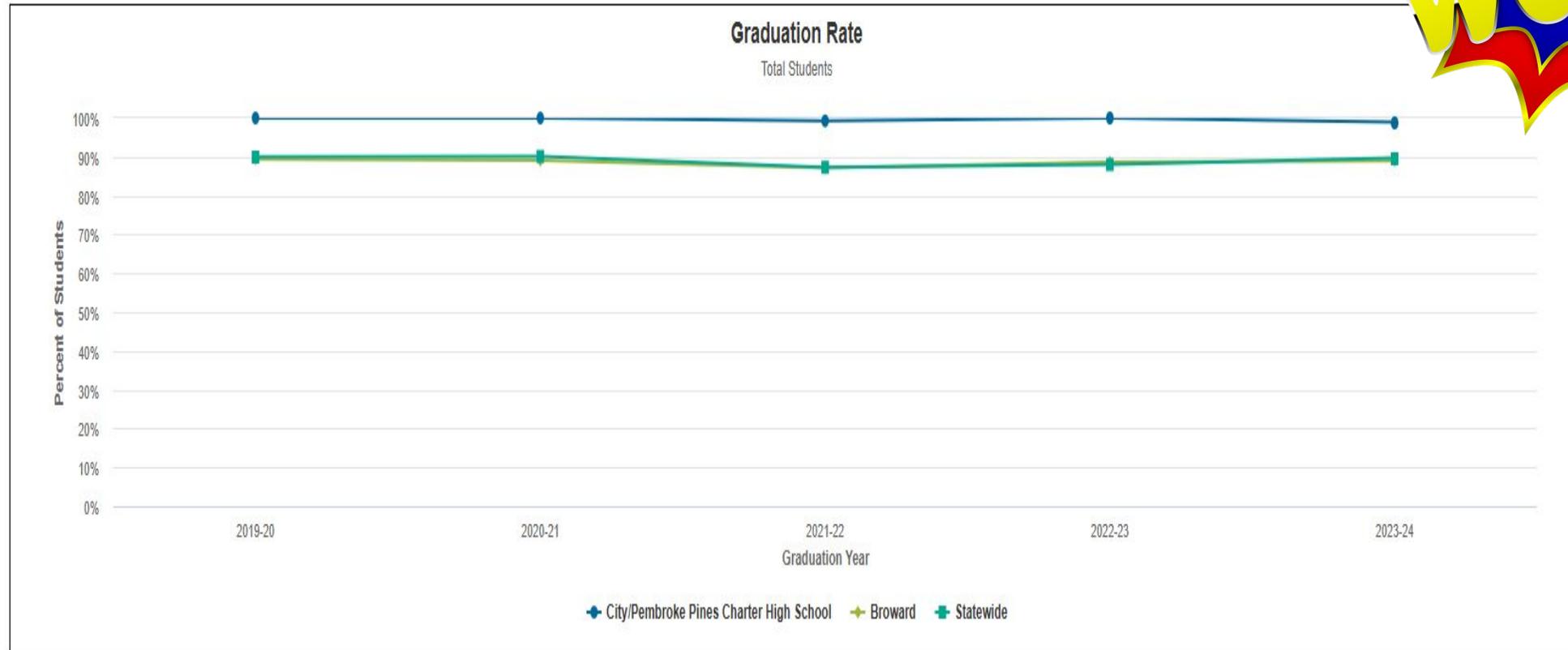
Niche Rankings

- #1 of 95 - Best Public Middle School in Broward County
- #1 of 20 - Best Charter High School in Broward County
- #5 of 369 - Best Charter Middle Schools in Florida
- #9 of 172 - Best Charter High Schools in Florida
- Top 100 of 2,500+ - Best Charter Middle & High School in America



*Pembroke Pines Charter Schools at the Academic Village Campus
College - Citizenship - Community*

Graduation Rate



* Class of 2025 graduation rate **100%**

AV High School Results

ELA FSA Performance Results

- 9th grade ELA - 84% passing rate - 8% increase from last year!
Exceeds county by 26% and state by 29%
- 10th grade ELA - 77% passing rate - 6% increase from last year!
Exceeds county by 16% and state by 20%

Biology EOC Performance Results

- 86% passing rate - 4% increase from last year!
Exceeds county by 10% and state by 16%

Algebra EOC Performance Results

- **70% passing rate - 22% increase from last year!**
Exceeds county by 8% and state by 16%

Geometry EOC Performance Results

- **79% passing rate - 23% increase from last year!**
Exceeds county by 19% and state by 25%

US History EOC Performance Results

- **67% passing rate - 2% increase from last year!**
Below county by 8% and below state by 5%



Advanced Placement Exam Results

Courses meeting or exceeding the global pass rate

Art & Design 2D

Art & Design 3D

Biology

Calculus AB

Chemistry

Drawing

English Language

English Literature

Environmental Science

Physics I

Pre-Calculus

Psychology

Spanish Language

US Govt & Politics

US History

World History



AV High School Notable Results

FHSAA RANKINGS 2024:

CLASS 6A SPORTS-TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM IN BROWARD/DADE/PALM BEACH COUNTY:

2025

District Champions
Boys Cross Country
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Boys Basketball
Girls Water Polo
Girls Softball



Brian Piccolo Recipient:
Kiedran Willis Jr.

BCAA Athlete of the Year:
Alejandro DeBastos



PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL!

https://fhsaa.com/documents/2024/7/7//Overall_Results_Template.pdf?id=5557

Welcome to PPCHS

Administrative Staff

Principal – Peter Bayer

Assistant Principal – Cindy Velez (9th Grade Administrator)

Behavior Specialist – Steve Bruns (10th Grade Administrator)

Assistant Principal – Robin Battle (11th Grade Administrator)

Assistant Principal – Alma Llanos (Operations)

Behavior & Safety Specialist – Dan Capiro (12th Grade Administrator)

School Counseling Director – Pearl Moses

Curriculum Specialist – Clarel Salazar

ESE Specialist – Dana Ostendorf



Website

<http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/>



School Counseling Staff

Pearl Moses – School Counseling Director

Maribi Henriquez– 9th Grade School Counselor

Gianna Scott – 10th Grade School Counselor -

Lisette Plaskett– 11th Grade School Counselor

Krystal Maycock – 12th Grade School Counselor

Idania Perez - Student Services - Brace Advisor

Lauren Rodriguez – 504 Liaison/Student Volunteer Coordinator

Lisa Benitez – Guidance Administrative Assistant



Class of 2029 School Counselor



EMPOWERING STUDENTS FOR THE POSSIBILITIES OF TOMORROW



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School Schedule Overview

- Office Hours: 6:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- School Hours: 7:15 AM – 2:00 PM
- Monday, Thursday, and Friday – Students attend all six (6) periods for 50 minutes each class
- Tuesday – Odd Block Day – Periods 1, 3, & 5 for 100 minutes each class
- Wednesday – Even Block Day - Periods 2, 4, & 6 for 100 minutes each class
- Homeroom – Every morning except for Early Release Days/Charter Study Days
- See Focus for Bell Schedule - Changes may take place due to testing or holidays



Student Schedules

- Final Schedules will be posted on FOCUS the week before start of school.
- Lunch A and B is determined by 4th hour on regular schedules. On block days it is determined by 3rd or 4th hour.
- No schedule changes except for academic misplacements.



What to Expect in High School



- ❑ **Earlier Start: 7:15 am - 2pm**
- ❑ **More Independence**
- ❑ **Homework Each Day**
- ❑ **Studying NOT Cramming**
- ❑ **GPA Carrying over each year**
 - ❑ **Treated as a young adult**
 - ❑ **High Academic Expectations**
 - ❑ **Firm Deadlines**
- ❑ **More Sports, Activities & Clubs**
- ❑ **Lots of Emails (teachers, announcements, payments, etc)**



Focus for 9th Graders

Create a Strong Foundation

1. Proper Academic Placement based on performance up to this point – class rigor, grades, and test scores.
2. Work to your potential by challenging yourself but not overwhelming yourself-strive for EXCELLENCE not Perfection-Progression in an upward academic trajectory.
3. Recommended to start Volunteer Hours by second semester.
4. Get involved in school and community activities.
5. Keep a log of all your involvement, achievements, and awards.
6. Work on “soft skills” - adaptability, communication, problem solving, resiliency, time management

IMPORTANT!!! Every student is building their own home and running their own race.

Resist comparing your student to anyone else.





- Online gradebook system with many important features.
- Grades
- Attendance
- Communication between home and school
- School calendar

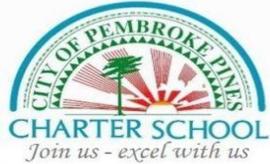


- It is our online curriculum management system.
- Parent account access directions will be sent via email and additional information will be shared with you by your child's teachers.



ANDROID

iPhone



PPCS FOCUS App
Focus School Software



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the app
today!



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E.S.E. Support Services

ESE Specialist: Dana Ostendorf
dostendorf@pinescharter.net

Support Facilitators :

Franka Mosley- 9th Grade
Claudia Papadopolo - 10th Grade
Teresa Pena - Diaz - 11th Grade
Dr. Gershia Ardo - 12th Grade

Location: U-121





Breakfast will be **FREE** for all students in the **2025-26 School Year**.

Middle School **Lunch**: \$3.05

High School **Lunch**: \$3.20

Reduced Lunch Price (Middle/High): \$0.40

Menus & Nutrition Facts at Your Fingertips

Through Nutrislice, an innovative app, students, parents and faculty have access to school menus, including nutrition information, allergens and photos. Nutrislice can be downloaded for free from the App store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and is available on desktop and mobile devices.

Menus are also available at <https://pinescharter.nutrislice.com>



School Meals



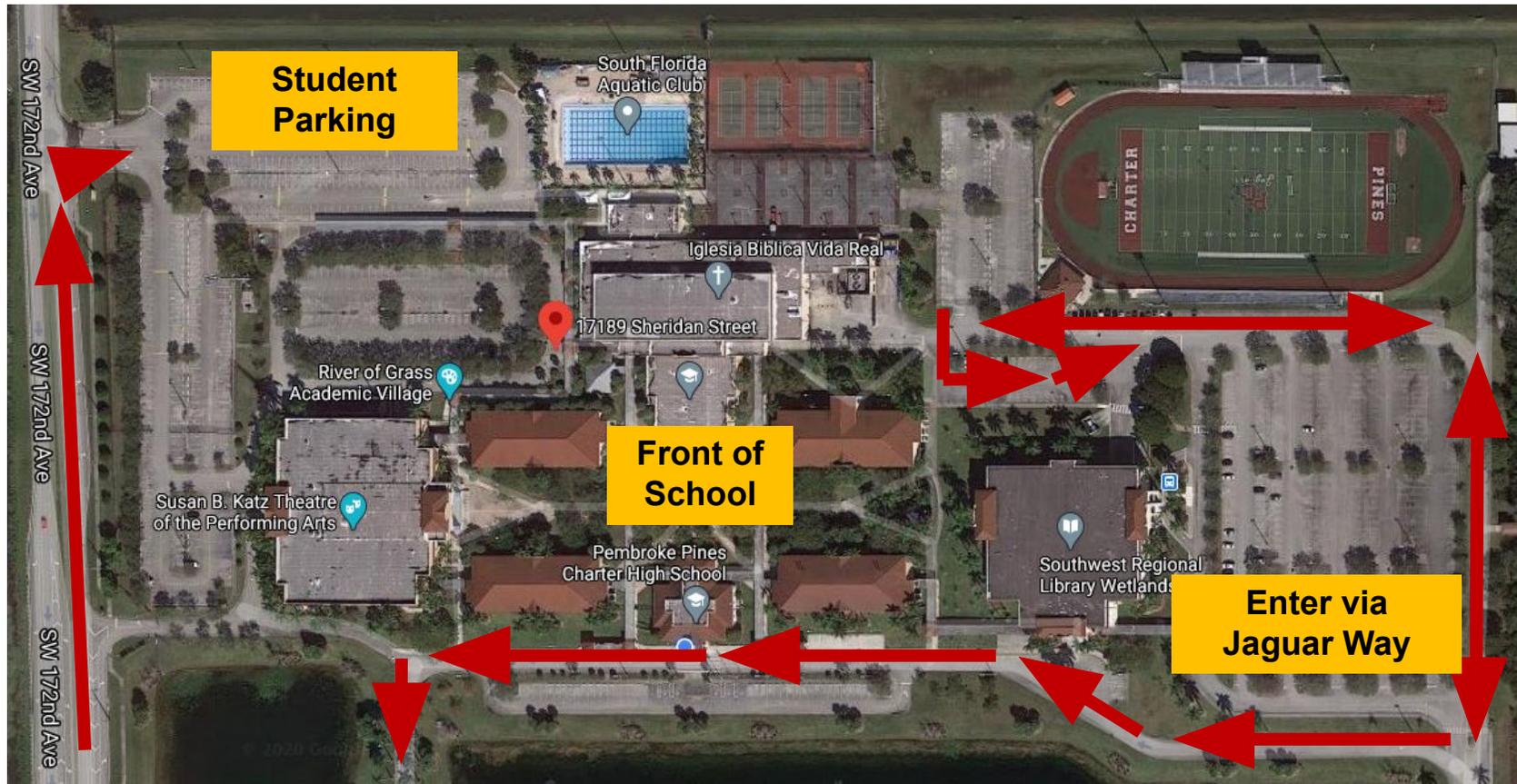
- ❑ For School Year 2025-2026, the Pembroke Pines Charter Schools will be offering free breakfasts. Lunch will be available for purchase at \$3.05 for Middle School Students and \$3.20 for High School Students.
- ❑ Starting on *August 1st, 2025*, families will be able to apply online for Free and Reduced Price Meals. For students eligible to receive reduced-price meals, lunch will cost \$0.40
- ❑ At the begin of the school year, parents and guardians are encouraged to complete a Free or Reduced Price meal application for all students. If there is a change in the household during the school year, please fill out a new application.
- ❑ To apply please visit <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/PEMP01> and complete the meal application. The approval of the meal applications may provide assistance to students with other programs (i.e., ACT and SAT waivers, etc.)
- ❑ Students will use ID cards to scan in the cafeteria instead of entering lunch numbers. Cards will be disbursed as soon as possible to students.
- ❑ To better serve our parents, Pembroke Pines Charter Schools offers MyPaymentsPlus, an online platform that allows you to conveniently manage your child's school meal account. By visiting [MyPaymentsPlus](#), you can make deposits and monitor your student's meal account.



To access all of this information, simply scan the QR code below to be directed to our Food Service Website.



Parent Drop Off



Arrival and Dismissal



- ❑ Arrive no earlier than 6:45 AM.
- ❑ Adhere to drop off points and follow all guidance from staff directing traffic.
- ❑ First hour bell rings at 7:10 AM. Students must be in their 1st hour class seated by 7:15 AM.
- ❑ Parent pick up is in the same locations as arrival. Parents are not allowed to exit their vehicles.
- ❑ No drop off or pick up in front of AVM or in the bus loop for safety reasons.
- ❑ Officially, supervision on campus ends at 2:45 PM. All students not involved in a school activity with sponsor supervision must exit the campus.



Transportation

Follow these simple steps to register for school transportation:

- **Visit:**

<https://pinescharter.net/2404/Transportation-Services>

- **Register:** Complete the transportation request form - [Form Center • Transportation Request](#)

- **Bus and route information will be sent to you within 24-48 hours after submitting the form.**



Safe & Secure Learning Environment

- One Point Entry - Main Office
- Student Access cards
- Cameras Campus-Wide
- Fortify & Raptor
- First Day Packet - Update Emergency Contact Card - Focus
- Two School Resource Officers - City of Pembroke Pines Police Dept.
- Security Specialist and Team of Security Officers



Emergency Drills

- Monthly State mandated drills
- PPCHS collaborate closely with PPPD & PPFD
- Communication with school community from school administration through email and PPPD social media:

@PPINESPD @CITYOFFPPINES @PPINESFD



If you have any questions about....

- **General operations questions** – Contact front office at 954-538-3700
- **Attendance** - hsattendance@pinescharter.net
- **Freshman Administrator** - C.Velez - cvelez@pinescharter.net
- **School Counselor - Curriculum/Social Emotional questions** – mhenriquez@pinescharter.net
 - **ESE Specialist** - Dana Ostendorf - dostendorf@pinescharter.net
 - **ESE Support Facilitator** - F. Mosley - fmosley@pinescharter.net
- **504's/Student Volunteer Hours** – Lauren Rodriguez- lrodriguez@pinescharter.net
- **Course specific questions** – Email teachers see school website or syllabus for email
- **Canvas/ Focus issues** - Go to school website, click “Canvas” or Focus and “Report Technical Issues.”



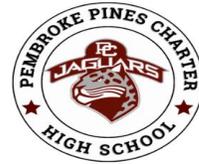
Attendance

- PPCHS follows the same attendance policy requirements as stipulated by BCPS. Any deviation or additions of the policy are noted in our Parent/Student Handbook, which can be found on our website.
- Report excused absences, extended absences, and early release to: hsattendance@pinescharter.net
- Extended absences must be pre-approved by grade level administrator
- Tardies: 2 or more unexcused tardies result in an after school detention
- *Excused Absences DOES NOT EXCUSE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS* see Broward County Code of Conduct for further details for absences and tardies**





PPCHS QUICK UNIFORM GUIDE



POLO AND SWEATERS:

WHITE, BURGUNDY, GREY, OR BLACK
(SCHOOL LOGO IS EXPECTED)



PANTS OR SHORTS:

KHAKI OR BLACK



SHOES:

CLOSED TOED SHOES



Planet T Uniforms

2214 N Flamingo Road
Pembroke Pines, FL 33028
954-538-0066

www.planettkids.net



ITEMS NOT ALLOWED:

(INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO)



SWEATPANTS, ROLLED UP SHORTS, TIGHTS, SLIDES, HATS,
RIPPED PANTS, LEGGINGS, HOODIES/JACKETS WITH
OTHER LOGOS, AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTIRE.



Uniform Policy

- Polos – PPCHS polo with emblem (white, black, grey and burgundy)
- Spirit shirts – worn on the last day of the week and on early release days
- Outerwear – Sweaters or jackets must have **PPCHS emblem or solid school colors**
- Pants – **Khaki/Black** pants or appropriate length shorts (No cargo, leggings, joggers, or sweat pants allowed)
- Shoes – Students must wear closed toe shoes.
- Must have student ID at all times (Access Cards)
- No hats, hoods, or head coverings (*unless for religious purposes*)
- P.E./Dance students must wear mandatory PE uniform (uniform store)



BCPS Code of Conduct

- Our school follows the School Board of Broward County Code of Student Conduct issued yearly.
- The Code of Student Conduct is available online at Broward Schools' website at <http://browardschools.com/codeofconduct>.**
- Any difference in consequence per incident is stipulated in the Parent/Student Handbook. It will also be posted on our website.**



Clubs and Activities

<http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/>

The screenshot shows the website header for Academic Village Middle & High School. The header includes the school logo on the left, which features a palm tree and the text "CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOL Join us - excel with us". To the right of the logo is the school name "Academic Village Middle & High School Florida". Further right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram, followed by a search bar with the placeholder text "Looking for...". Below the search bar are navigation links for "About Us", "Students", "Faculty", "Parents", and "Programs". A red arrow points to the "Programs" link, which has a dropdown arrow below it. The dropdown menu is open, showing three main categories: "Middle School Programs", "High School Programs", and "Food Services Department". Under "Middle School Programs" are "Clubs", "Sports", and "Summer Programs". Under "High School Programs" are "Athletics", "Clubs", "Summer College Programs", "Exceptional Student Education (ESE)", "Prowler Yearbook", "School Publications", "Silver Knights", "Testing Schedule", "AP Exam Schedule", and "Virtual Counselor". A red arrow points to the "Clubs" link under "High School Programs". Under "Food Services Department" are "Wellness Policy", "Wellness Policy Assessment", and "Free /Reduced Lunch Program Application".

Academic Village Middle & High School
Florida

Looking for...

About Us Students Faculty Parents **Programs**

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Clubs and Organizations

- ❑ Join a club!
- ❑ Experience school on another level and build your college resume.
- ❑ Over 50 clubs and organizations are available including honors societies.
- ❑ We offer a variety of clubs ranging from Student Government (SGA) to Robotics.



Athletics

<http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/>

Create an Account - Increase your productivity, customize your experience, and engage in information you care about.

Sign In



Academic Village Middle
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Florida



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Jaguar Athletics

Athletic Director: Steve Bruns – Asst. Athletic Director – Anthony Kelly

- ❑ Over 30 Junior and Varsity Sports offered
- ❑ Physical forms and online courses required
- ❑ Sports calendar and coach contact information-see school website
- ❑ See announcements/emails from PPCHS Athletics for informational meetings and try-outs



Parent Involvement

- Volunteer Hours: Give back to our village!
- 30 hours per family
- Check out our website for ways to complete hours
- Deadline is **May 2026**.
- **Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.**



2025 -2026 PTSA BOARD

ACADEMIC VILLAGE PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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VP

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Thank YOU!

It takes a village, to raise our children.

Thank you for your support!

<https://pinescharter.net/>

