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Charter Schools at
Academic Village
Campus

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Our MISSION

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

Our VISION

Pembroke Pines Charter Schools in collaboration with students, parents, and the community, endeavor to create a challenging and supportive organization of lifelong learners. It is our vision to actively engage in a continuous process of intellectual, emotional and social growth that is unified in direction, yet diverse in approach and instruction.

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PPCHS News & Events

Midterm Exams

Midterms are almost upon us. Parents, please carefully review the information below.

- Exams will take place Wednesday 12/17/25 thru Friday, 12/19/25. Students will be dismissed at 10:30AM on exam days.
- Students are still permitted to exempt exams according to BCPS guidelines.
- Students exempting exams are not required to be on campus during those exam periods and will not be marked absent. Students that stay on campus will be required to remain in their classroom. There will not be a holding location for these students. Students are re-quired to remain in their exam room for the duration of the exam.

	Wednesday 12/17/25 Period 1 Exam 7:15 - 8:50am Period 2 Exam 9:00 - 10:30am	 Buses will leave campus at 10:30AM)
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	Thursday 12/18/25 Period 3 Exam 7:15 - 8:50am Period 4 Exam 9:00 - 10:30am	 Buses will leave campus at 10:30AM)
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	Friday 12/19/25 Period 5 Exam 7:15 - 8:50am Period 6 Exam 9:00 - 10:30am	 Buses will leave campus at 10:30AM)
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Upon Return from Winter Break Coordinate with teacher for make-up exams for the week of 1/5/26.		
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Make-Up Exam must be coordinated with classroom teachers for 1/5/26, which is a teacher planning day. If a student cannot make up the exam before grades are due, an "I" or incomplete is issued.

Exam Exemption Forms: Students in grades 9-12 who earn a "B" or better in a particular course may be exempt from the mid-term and/or final exams in that course. **Dual Enrollment, Cambridge, and AP midterms CANNOT be exempted.**

Exam exemptions require parental permission. Forms will be sent to students on Monday, December 8th, 2025 and are due Friday, December 11th by 2:30PM.

Per Policy 6000.1, students may not take mid-terms early.



Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!

Important High School Announcements

Absences/Tardies

When a student is absent, a parent must complete the google form located on our school's website (<http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/416/Attendance-Tardy-Information>) within 2 (two) school days of absences. Google form must include the full name, 06# number, grade of the student, date of absences, reason for absences, and parents name and email. Failure to do so within 2 (two) days will result in an unexcused absence.

To excuse a tardy, also complete the google form located on our school's website (<http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/416/Attendance-Tardy-Information>) within 24 hours of the tardy. **STUDENTS MUST HAVE CHECKED IN/ARRIVED TO SCHOOL BEFORE A TARDY CAN BE EXCUSED.** Do not complete the form until the student has checked in/arrived.

In the event the student will be absent for three (3) or more consecutive days or attending a special event, a Request for Absence Form must be completed and emailed or brought in to the attendance coordinator for administrative approval. The form is also located on our website and can be accessed using the link above. At the bottom of the web page, you will find the [Access the Absence Request Form Here](#) link.

Makeup work for credit is allowed for all excused absences. Students have 2 class days to make-up work for each class day absent. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

It is the student's responsibility to reschedule missed quizzes/tests within the allotted period for make up work.

Parent Advisory Meetings

Our parent advisory meetings are held at 6:00 PM on the second Monday of each month. Parent volunteer hours are given for attending the parent advisory meetings. **See page 9 for dates.** Mark your calendars!

Uniforms

In order to maintain a safe and orderly campus, all students must be in proper uniform. On-Campus Supervision On-campus adult supervision is provided from 6:45 AM-2:30 PM.

Parent Volunteer Hours

It is the parent's responsibility to keep track of their hours. Please note the following dates for your records: The commitment of 30 parent hours must be completed by May 29, 2026 for parents grades 9-12. **Senior students whose parents have not completed the volunteer commitment will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.** In the event the parent volunteer commitment is not completed, your son/daughter will not be registered for the 2026-2027 school year.

Drop-Off Policy

Parents are responsible for contacting their children and ensuring students know to pick up all items during their lunch time or between classes. Office personnel will NOT contact students as this disrupts the learning environment.

School Hours

School hours are from 7:15AM-2:00PM. Students must be in their classrooms before 7:15AM. Any tardy students must report to the front office. Students will NOT be able to sign out after 1:30PM.

Late Policy

Maximizing instructional time is critical for student success. As such students must arrive to school on time as well as arrive to each class on time.

Early Pick Up/Sign Outs

Parents may pick up their children no later than 1:30PM or 30 minutes before the 2pm dismissal time. The person(s) picking up the student(s) MUST be on the Emergency Contact Card AND MUST have a picture ID.

If the student is a driver and needs to be excused for early sign-out during the school day, please email the Attendance Clerk at hsattendance@pinescharter.net. Please include the following in your email:

- Student's First and Last Name
- Grade
- Date and Time of Release
- Parent/Guardian Contact Number for verification
- Method of Transportation (driving self, Uber, etc.)

The Attendance Clerk will verify the email with a phone call. Students will not be released until the email is verified. Students are to come up to the front office in between classes (students will NOT be called out of class) to confirm the email has been verified. This information can be found on our school website on the Attendance and Tardy Information page. Please remember students are not permitted to be signed out after 1:30pm on regular school days. **ONLY 3 EARLY SIGN OUTS VIA EMAIL ARE PERMITTED PER SEMESTER.** Once the 3 Early Sign Outs via email are reached, the parent or guardian will need to come to the front office window to physically sign out the student.

The Broward County Code Book for Student Conduct & Discipline Matrix is available on:

<https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>.

For additional information about PPCHS policies and procedures, please review our Parent and Student Handbook:

[Parent & Student Handbook 2025-2026](#)

PPCHS
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The PPCHS CHAT is a place for everyone: teachers, administrators, students, and even parents. Teaming with the voices of our student body, the school newspaper covers everything from lively school events, to local events in the area, and anything they believe the student body wants to hear. The CHAT is full of budding student journalists, who write for their community in a relatable, reliable way that interacts with the school’s community. The CHAT is the perfect way to be caught up with all school news. Access the newspaper at ppchsnews.com, and read all the stories available! Enjoy the winter holidays and stay safe!

Follow us on TikTok and Instagram @ppchsnewspaper for more content and information.

High School Counseling Department

School Counseling Department

Maribi Henriquez-Grade 9

Gianna Scott-Grade 10

Lissette Plaskett-Grade 11

Krystle Maycock-Grade 12

BRACE Advisor: Idania Perez

Dana Ostendorf-ESE

Pearl Moses-
School Counseling Director

- Results for the PSAT/NMSQT held on October 8th were released on October 23rd and November 6th for makeups. Instructions on how to access score reports were sent to students via email. If you have any questions, contact your grade level school counselor.
- Retake exams for FAST and EOC’s will be held December 2nd through 10th. Retakes are for students who have yet to pass their testing requirements. Students are encouraged to check their email for information on their test date/location.
- The FAST ELA (English/Language Arts) PM 2 will be held on January 13 & 14, 2026 for 9th and 10th grade.
- First semester is coming to a close- at this point it is important for all students and parents to review progress and determine what is necessary for continued success or improvement. Setting goals, staying organized, and prioritizing are just a few of the important ways to academic success.
- We encourage all students to visit the School Counseling Canvas page for counseling and BRACE information.
- We urge students to check their school email daily for important updates and announcements.



Student Volunteer Hours Info

Students can get updated information regarding Student Volunteer Hour Totals on Broward FOCUS.

- Check Volunteermatch.org and HandsOnBroward.org for a database of volunteer opportunities.
- Seniors who are working toward receiving the **Silver Cord distinction, deadline for Volunteer Hours is March 6, 2026.**
- The **Graduation/Bright Futures Volunteer Hour Deadline for Seniors is April 24, 2026.**
- If you should have questions or concerns regarding volunteer hours submitted prior to this school year, please contact your grade level counselor directly.

For more information regarding submitting and processing current volunteer hours, please submit questions via the AV Pines Volunteer/Media Services inbox on Canvas.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Ms. Negron in Room M102 has volunteer opportunities for students after school throughout the year on a first come, first served basis. Email her at hnegron@pinescharter.net or drop by M102 for more info.

SPAR

The 2024-2025 School Accountability Report can be found by visiting <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>

Scholarship Search Engines



- Cappex:** <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships>
- Chegg Scholarships:** <https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>
- College Board Big Future:** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- Fast Web:** <https://www.fastweb.com>
- Niche Scholarships:** <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- RaiseMe:** <https://www.raise.me>
- Scholarship.com:** <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- Scholly Search App:** <https://myscholly.com>

Scholarship Guide for Black Students: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/scholarships-for-black-students>

Scholarship Guide for Hispanic Students: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/hispanic-scholarships>

Scholarship Guide for Asian-American Students: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/asian-pacific-islander-scholarships>

Visit <http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/280/Scholarships> for scholarship updates and opportunities.

Senior Parents

All Seniors should complete their Bright Futures (FFAA) application! The Bright Futures scholarship is awarded based on GPA, service hours, course credits, and SAT/ACT scores. For requirements please see below:

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /CLT [®] /SAT [®])	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i>	3.50	2025-26 Graduates ² : 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i>		2026-27 Graduates ³ : 29/95/1330			
FMS	3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.00	2025-26 Graduates ² : 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours
	3 - Social Science		2026-27 Graduates ³ : 24/82/1190			

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

² Students seeking postsecondary funding for the 2026-27 academic year.

³ Students seeking postsecondary funding for the 2027-28 academic year.

The deadline to submit all service hours to qualify for Bright Futures is April 24th. The sooner the student volunteer hours are submit-
ted, the faster it is reflected on the student's award status! If your child is pending SAT/ACT scores to qualify, it is recommended for your child to register and retest for the SAT/ACT exam. For more information on requirements, and to check award status, please visit <http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/373/Bright-Futures>.

Class of 2026 Senior Corner

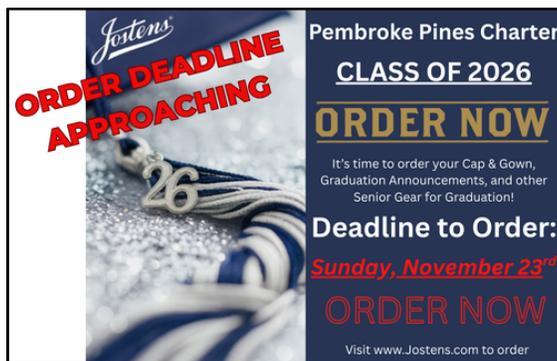
Hi Senior Parents! We are so excited to begin the final chapter of high school and we have so many events lined up to ensure that we have an incredible conclusion to the year.

Thank you for your support!



Important Dates

- >>> April 18th- Grad Bash
- >>> May 9th - Prom
- >>> May 28th - Graduation Rehearsal
- >>> May 29th - 2025 Graduation



Visit the Class of 2026 Instagram page for up-to-date



Class of 2026 Sponsor
Carmen Blanco
cblanco@pinescharter.net

Parent Read and Learn

The administration and staff of Pembroke Pines Charter High School has carefully selected topics focused on helping your child succeed. Parents may participate in the Parent Read and Learn Program by reading a book on any one of the approved topics and completing a homework activity prepared by the school. You will earn 10 hours for the book you read and completing the "homework". Only "one" Read & Learn book may be submitted per family. Deadline for earning Volunteer hours through our Read and Learn Program will be May 29th, 2026 for parents of students in ALL grade levels. If you need any further information about this program please email Destiny Tejada at dtejada@pinescharter.net. Books on any of these topics can be found in the library. Please e-mail the Media Center at AVMediaCenter@pinescharter.net for help locating an approved title or get your Broward County Library e-card here for access to e- books. For more information click the link above or visit: <http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/250/Parent-Volunteer-Information>



PPCHS Student Makes Her Mark in STEM

Sheavitha Vijeyakumar, Senior at PPCHS, has been working on the Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) Project since her Junior year under the guidance of a PhD Scientist/Researcher from the University of Florida, Cardiology Department. Her team researched GFP, gathered enough data to create their own GFP Protein, and, on October 16th, Sheavitha's research was presented at the University of Florida Symposium. Sheavitha started her work in April 2025 with her mentor Shyam Gajavelli, laboratory scientist with UF's Hematology and Oncology. Fluorescent proteins (FPs) are crucial tools in neuroscience, helping scientists study neurons, but their use is limited because of certain natural and biochemical constraints. Systems like the one targeted in Sheavitha's team's research helps to label neurons for a better future understanding and research. Great job, Shevita!



High School Athletics Department

Athletics Dept.

Steve Bruns,
Athletic Director
954.538.3725
sbruns@pinescharter.net

Our basketball and soccer teams have begun their quest for a state championship. Below are the upcoming home schedules:



Soccer

December 4th
Boys VR - 4:00PM
Girls VR - 6:00PM

December 8th
Girls VR - 4:00PM
Boys VR - 6:00PM

December 15th
Girls VR - 6:00PM

December 17th
Girls VR - 4:00PM
Boys VR - 6:00PM

January 6th
Girls VR - 5:00PM



Basketball

December 9th
Girls VR - 6:00PM
Boys VR - 7:30PM

December 17th
Girls VR - 6:00PM

January 5th
Girls VR - 6:00PM

January 6th
Girls VR - 6:00PM

January 12th
Girls VR - 6:00PM
Boys VR - 7:30PM



Click above to purchase tickets

Basketball Update:

Your Varsity Jaguars are on the ROAD this month playing in some of Florida's top premier events showcasing the top in-State & National HS teams. The Road to Jacksonville continues ...

PINES CHARTER JAGUARS

GAME SCHEDULE

DECEMBER TOURNEYS

- showcase** @ CORAL SPRINGS CITY
KREUL SHOWCASE
6 DEC 4:00 PM
- THE KREUL** @ CORAL SPRINGS CITY
THE KREUL NATIONAL BRACKET
18-22 DEC 5:30 PM
- KINGDOM OF THE SUN** @ VANGUARD HS
KINGDOM OF THE SUN
26-29 DEC 9:30 PM

ELITE HS, PINEA, BCAA logos at the bottom.

JAGUARS

BASKETBALL

0	ANTHONY WALCOTT
1	ADAM STARR JR.
2	ZACURAS DAWSON JR.
3	ROMAN HUGHES
4	JACOB TRENCHFIELD
5	ANDRE DANIELS
10	ISAIAH JENKINS
11	ROBERT GUSHARD JR.
12	ALEX VARDAKIS
15	ADON HOLLINGSHEAD
22	NAEEM NASAI

COACHES

DAVE ROCA PAUL BROWN MIKE DIAZ
MICHAEL OPALKA KELSLEY WILKINSON
KALEB MCLAUGHLIN KENNETH TRUEBLOOD

PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER

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Silver Knight Nominees Confirmed

We are excited to recognize our Silver Knight nominees for the 2025–2026 school year. The Silver Knight Award, sponsored by the Miami Herald, honors students who demonstrate both outstanding academic achievement and exceptional service to their school and community. Please join us in congratulating our nominees. We are so proud of their accomplishments and the way they represent our school!



Isabella Abohasen
Athletics



Tyler Dawkins
Digital & Interactive
Media



**Erioluwa
Fatimilehin**
English Literature



Janeyliz Baez
Journalism



Gabrielle Jarvis
Science



Robertzsa Joseph
Social Science



Adriana Rodas
Speech



Sneha Matthews
Vocational
Technical



For more information regarding the award and qualifications, visit
<https://www.miamiherald.com/site-services/miami-herald-events/silver-knight/>

or contact Ms. Bianca Carbone
at bcarbone@pinescharter.net

Employee Performance Assessment

Parents have the opportunity to provide input into the faculty and administration performance evaluations. If you are interested, please provide the Principal with your input by
April 30, 2026.

Dispute Resolution Procedure

There is a procedure by which the charter school board resolves disputes. The school board is aware of this dispute resolution procedure.

1. **Parents speak with teacher. If not resolved...**
2. **Parents speak with administrator. If not resolved...**
3. **Parents speak with principal. If not resolved...**
4. **Parents speak with Charles Dodge, City Manager**



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Congratulations to our National Merit Semifinalists



The City of Pembroke Pines Charter High School proudly recognizes 3 high school seniors named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists. These amazing, hard working students have an opportunity to continue in the competition to be awarded one of almost 7,000 National Merit Scholarships in the spring. Congratulations and Go Jags!

PPCHS Marching Band @ FMBC State



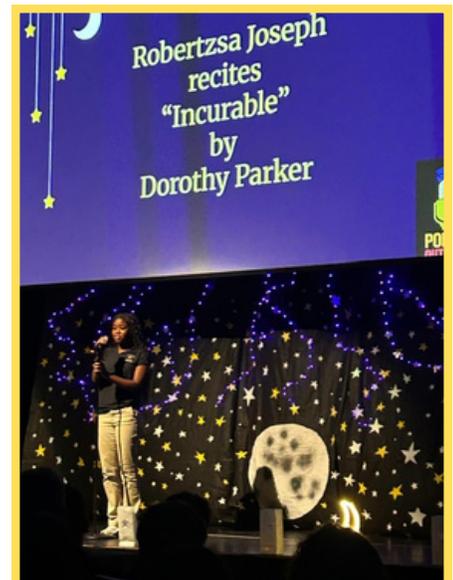
The Pembroke Pines Charter High School Marching Band achieved historic success this year with their first appearance in the FMBC State Finals! In only their 5th year of competition, they were able to achieve a 4th place finish with a score of 84.5 - both being new program records for the group. In addition to their success at the state level, the marching band continued their success at the Florida Bandmasters Association Marching Band Assessment by earning a Straight Superior award for the third time. We want to give a HUGE thank you to all of the students, staff, volunteers, parents, alumni, and families that supported us along the way and made this season possible!

Recite Night Success!

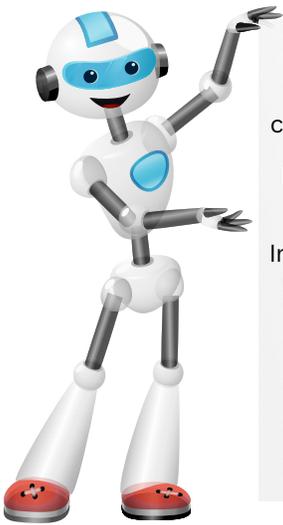
On November 18th, our Pines Charter chapter of the National English Honor Society hosted its annual Recite Night event. After an introductory performance by our PPCHS jazz band, 30 competitors recited poems by famous poets such as Dorothy Parker, Dylan Thomas, and Countee Cullen. The top ten scoring students will compete in round 2 as part of our Poetry Slam, which will also feature original student poetry. The Slam will be held after school in the library auditorium on January 27th.

Congratulations to our top ten finalists:

- Robertzsa Joseph
- Martin Petkov
- Mikayla Hines
- Derek Thompson
- Manuel Roz Cuadra
- Faith Banossian
- Tahysse Conde-Bastien
- Finn Phelps Crossman
- Tushara Varanasi
- Nikhil Karri



A PPCHS Robotics & STEM Team Takeover!



Our robotics team is already off to a great start. In the 1st competition of the season which occurred in Immokalee, our robotics team, Interstellar, won tournament finalists. In the second competition of the season called the Great Philosophers in Boca Raton, the team came in 3rd place. They have another competition this Saturday.



Pilot Nicholas Lopez gets ready for a flight



Pilot Anjali Yalamanchi gets some practice time on the simulator

Robots are not the only things you might see in the robotics lab after school. Our Engineering students have 2 new STEM programs they are competing in this year. The Drones in School program has teams competing in different drone racing challenges like 'capture the flag', simulator races and one to one races on a 36 x 30 track. Each year the challenge changes with a new payload the drones have to carry throughout the races. Also every month there is a new race track the team races through and submits their times. They will attend their first in person event in January.



Umer Qureshi, Steve Jacob and Caitlin Estevez test their ROV in the pool

Another STEM challenge new to PPCHS this year is SeaPerch. Have you ever watched the movie 'Spare Parts' with George Lopez? The movie is based on a real high school team that competed in SeaPerch and beat MIT! Our Jags have taken up the challenge of building underwater ROVs that go through a series of obstacles courses and races. They will also be participating in their first in person event in the spring.

PPCHS gets ready for InvenTeams @ MIT

We are proud to announce that a group of engineering students from Pembroke Pines Charter High School were selected to be an Inventeam for the 2025-2026 year. Eight Inventeams from across the country are chosen to participate annually. This is a program runned by The Lemelson Foundation and MIT. The Inventeams are selected by a respected panel consisting of inventors, entrepreneurs and industry professionals. These inventors pursue year-long invention projects focused on a local problem facing their community. After 22 years of Inventeams, we see many of these Inventeams end up with patents for their inventions. The Inventeams will showcase and present their technological solution in June during EurekaFest which is held on the MIT campus.

The following students are part of our Inventeam: John Abohasen, Caitlin Estevez, Valentina Glen, Dev Gupta, Steve Jacob, Joe Kahura, and Umer Qureshi. Their sponsor is Mrs. Laffler, the robotics coach and engineering club sponsor.

These students have been working on their proposal since the spring. Their goal is to help combat invasive plant species in the everglades using a technological solution. They spent time this summer doing research and reaching out to the community. They were able to take a trip to the Everglades with a professor from FIU who has done extensive research on invasive plant species. Alongside this professor, the students were able to see the problem firsthand. They also spoke with park rangers and others who work constantly trying to combat these invaders. Through the support from Lemelson-MIT and the \$7,500 grant, these inventors hope to bring a real solution to this problem.





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Your School Officials

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Local Law Enforcement

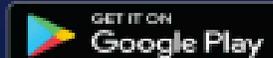
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

State-Level Officials

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

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Tus oficiales escolares

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Cumplimiento de la ley local

El departamento policial o la oficina del sheriff local recibirá copias de tu reporte automáticamente.

Oficiales a nivel estatal

Los oficiales a nivel estatal también tienen acceso a tus reportes para asegurar que se tomen las medidas apropiadas.

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High School Calendar Important Dates



December

08 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM)
17 - 19 Midterms
19 - Early Release/Day of Service (Dismissal at 11:45 AM)
22 - January 5th Winter Break

January

06 - Students Return to School from Winter Break
12 - Parent Advisory (6:00PM)
19 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No School
30 - Report Cards Issued

February

09 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM)
10 - Interim Report Issued
13 - Early Release (Dismissal at 11:45 AM)
16 - President's Day Holiday, No School

March

09 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM)
12 - Early Release (Dismissal at 11:45 AM)
13 - Teacher Planning, No School for Students
16 - 20th Spring Break



Faculty Members Broaden Their Areas of Expertise

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their skills and developing increased levels on content expertise. We would like to recognize those teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter Schools at Academic Village Campus who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college work and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject. While completing this work, they will be teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved by the School Board of Broward County to teach out of field.

The following teachers are out of field for the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year:

Ryan Anglani (certified ESE K-12, Autism Spectrum, ESOL & Reading Endorsed) Out-of-field for Gifted as Gifted Coordinator, Alyssa Benitez (certified Social Science 6-12) Out-of-field for English and ESOL, Bianca Carbone (certified in English 6-12) Out-of-field for ESOL, Luz Marina Cordova (certified Social Science 5-9) Out-of-field for Dance, Patricia Jackson (certified in English 6-12) Out-of-field for ESOL, Heather James (Certified Social Science 6-12 & Reading Endorsement) Out-of-field for ESOL, Glorivette Ortiz-Sanabria, (Certified Spanish K-12 & ESOL Endorsement) Out-of-Field for Gifted as Gifted Coordinator, Lisette Ponce (Certified Elementary Education K-6) Out-of-field ESOL, Sydne Vigille (Interim Substitute Teacher) Out-of-field for Social Science 6-12, and Kelsley Wilkinson (Interim Substitute Teacher) Out-of-Field for P.E. K-12.

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