



POLK STATE

Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you for your interest in the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School Program on the Lakeland campus. This packet contains the forms necessary for application to Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School only. Please read each form carefully and complete all information as appropriate. Be sure that all required signatures are completed. If you have questions or need additional information, call our office at **863-669-2322**. *Interested high school sophomores are strongly urged to attend an information session with a parent or guardian.*

Date of application:

Full Legal Name: Last

First

Middle Initial

Phone Number:

Email address:

Polk County School Board ID#: 5300

Application Checklist/School Selection Form

The items listed below comprise the full Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School Program application. All items are required for eligibility for admission to the school, regardless of the student's program. In order to receive consideration in the application process, **all components listed must be completed and received by the established deadlines**. Submit the following forms, complete with appropriate signatures, to the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School Office:

- ☐ Application/Data Entry Form for Polk State College Lakeland Gateway High School Program
- ☐ Application Essay
- ☐ Report of Previous Expulsions, Arrests, Juvenile Justices Actions
- ☐ Participation Agreement
- ☐ Placement Test (PERT) Scores
- ☐ Official Transcript (if not currently enrolled in a Polk County Public School)

Submitted by:

Date:

Received by:

Date:

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PERT SCORE: Circle one : 3/3, 2/3, 1/3, 0/3 **Current Unweighted GPA:** _____

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Program Contact Information

Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School Office: **Location:** LAC 1100
Phone: 863-669-2322
Fax: 863-669-2944

Application Steps

1. Attend an information session/application workshop. Workshop attendance is not required; however, it is strongly encouraged. Application packets will be distributed along with information on completing the application. An overview of the school mission, programs, and services will also be provided. Call the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School office at **863-669-2322**, for dates and times of the sessions.
2. Obtain a Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School application.
 - Application on website at <http://ghspsc.org>
 - Pick up an application packet at the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School office.
 - Request an application be mailed to you by calling the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School office.
3. Completed applications should be accompanied by an official transcript if the student is not currently enrolled in a Polk County public school.
4. Submit the completed application to the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School office as soon as possible.
 - Take the college placement test and hand carry or fax score report to Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School office High School office (see above contact information).
 - Hand deliver complete application packet to Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School office.

NOTE:

An application is complete only if ALL application documents, with all appropriate signatures and placement test scores, have been received by the High School office. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure completion of the application.

PERT TESTING INFORMATION IS REFERENCED ON AN INDIVIDUAL PAGE IN THE PROGRAM PACKET

Application/Data Entry Form for Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School Program (please print)			
PCSB Student ID#: 5300		Current Grade:	Social Security #
Student Name: (Last)		(First)	(Middle)
Birth Date:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Place of Birth (City):	(State):
Ethnic Origin: <input type="checkbox"/> White/Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Black/Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please list)			
Home Phone No.		Cell Phone No.	
Home Address: (Street)		City:	Zip:
Mailing Address (If different):		City:	Zip:
Current School: (School Name)		City:	Zip:
Has student been enrolled in any special education program at previous school or schools? (Examples: EMH, Gifted, Speech, SLD, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please specify program:			
Has student ever been dual enrolled at PSC before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Has sibling ever attended Gateway to College Charter High School? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name:			
Student lives with: <input type="checkbox"/> Both parents <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother or <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian: Name: Address: Telephone No.			
FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather		MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother	
Name: _____ First Middle Last		Name: _____ First Middle Last	
Occupation: _____		Occupation: _____	
Employer: _____		Employer: _____	
Business Phone #: _____		Business Phone #: _____	
Cell Phone #: _____		Cell Phone #: _____	
Parent E-mail: _____		Parent E-mail: _____	
Highest level of schooling completed by father: (please circle one)		<input type="radio"/> Middle school/Jr. high <input type="radio"/> College or beyond <input type="radio"/> High school <input type="radio"/> Other/unknown	
Highest level of schooling completed by mother: (please circle one)		<input type="radio"/> Middle school/Jr. high <input type="radio"/> College or beyond <input type="radio"/> High school <input type="radio"/> Other/unknown	

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APPLICATION ESSAYS

These essays will be used by the selection committee to decide between many applicants. Please use the essays to help your application by following all the instructions.

This essay portion of the application helps us become acquainted with you on a more personal level and is an important step in the final acceptance by the Polk State Gateway to College Selection Committee. Your application is **not complete** without your essays and will not be considered for acceptance without receiving them by the announced deadline.

DIRECTIONS: On separate sheets of paper, write answers to the essay questions below. Each essay should be at least two (2) paragraphs, in essay format, typewritten, and double-spaced. Each essay can be more than 2 paragraphs, but please don't submit essays that are less than 2 paragraphs.

If you do not have access to a computer or typewriter, you may neatly hand write your answers in ink. **Please write your name on each page.** Attach the essays to your application form.

Please respond to all of the following questions.

Be sure to answer all questions in your essays:

ESSAY I

What personal strengths have helped you overcome challenges in your life? How will your strengths help you to attain your educational goals? Talk about some key personal problems or challenges that you have had that have interfered with your success in completing your education in the past. What would be different now?

ESSAY II

Why are you interested in being a part of Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School Program? Why do you think this program is a good fit for you to achieve your goals? Why should the selection committee choose you for this scholarship program, especially since there is a lot of competition for limited slots?

ESSAY III

As a full-time college student, how would you balance your coursework, employment, family, social, and personal life? What would motivate you to attend classes 100 percent of the time? What would motivate you to complete all your homework assignments on time?

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**REPORT OF PREVIOUS EXPULSIONS, ARRESTS, JUVENILE JUSTICE ACTIONS
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISRUPTIVE OR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR**

According to S.232.0205, FS, students are required, at the initial time of registration for school, to report any previous school expulsions, arrests which resulted in a charge, or any juvenile justice actions taken against the student.	
Student Name:	
Date:	Grade:
I. Has the student been expelled from a school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
II. Has the student ever been arrested and charged? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
III. Has the student ever been placed under Community Service or had any other Juvenile Justice actions taken against him/her? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If the answer to question 1, 2, and 3 is NO, please sign on the line below.	
If the answer to any one of the above questions is YES, please state below the specifics of the incident, including dates, crime or cause of expulsion, and outcome (i.e. length of expulsion or program, community service, and cause and conditions of community control).	
I attest that the information provided is true.	
_____ Student Signature	_____ Date
I hereby give my permission to the Department of Juvenile Justice to release all records regarding my child's involvement with the Department of Juvenile Justice to a Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School official.	
_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	
_____ Date	

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PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The Polk State College Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School exists for the purpose of educating students in a nurturing and caring environment. We are pleased that you have made this academic choice and encourage your participation to the fullest in this educational experience. To assure understanding of policies and procedures regarding conduct, curriculum, and communication, please read the following and indicate your understanding and acceptance.

My signature below indicates that I acknowledge, understand and accept the following:

1. I understand that as a student in the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School program I will be enrolled for some classes in college-credit courses and that the depth, breadth, rigor and pace of these courses will be at the college level.
2. I understand that Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School students in college level courses are subject to the same standards, policies, and responsibilities as other college students unless otherwise restricted by federal, state, or local requirements.
3. I understand that curriculum content, evaluation, and selection of appropriate instructional materials is the prerogative of the college and/or high school instructor and may differ from that presented for traditional high school students.
4. I understand that Polk State College is an open campus and that I will be attending classes with non-high school aged students and that I may encounter students of a variety of ages and backgrounds while on the Polk State College campus.
5. I understand that the appropriate Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School Principal, Assistant Principal or Guidance Counselor is the first point of contact for parents who wish to discuss academic progress in a course, schedule a conference, or request information about school or classroom activities.
6. I understand that attendance at orientation and student college success plan review meetings is required for all students, and a supporting parent(s)/guardian.
7. I agree to treat fellow students, faculty, and staff with respect.
8. I understand that, if selected for admission to Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School, I must agree to abide by all POLK STATE COLLEGE policies and procedures, including but not limited to the PCSB Student Progression Plan, the Polk State College Handbook and the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School Manual. These documents detail the responsibilities students and parents are expected to fulfill. If parents and students do not meet these obligations it will be recommended that the student attend another school.
9. I understand that I will be expected to sign and abide by an agreement outlining my responsibility for all instructional materials, textbooks, and equipment issued to me.
10. I agree to attend school regularly and understand that I must be present for all scheduled classes. (Also, parent agrees that his/her child will attend regularly.)

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Name of Student

Student Signature

Date

The mission of Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School, a new Charter High School, is to provide an educational environment that will prepare previously disengaged students between the ages of 16 and 21 to graduate from high school with the skills for college success.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION READINESS TEST (PERT)

Each applicant is required to take the Polk State College placement test (PERT- Postsecondary Education Readiness Test). The applicant will receive a score report upon completion of the test. It is the applicant's responsibility to deliver the test scores to the High School office by hand.

Please see timeframe for the PERT test on the Lakeland campus below:

Please see available times for the PERT test on the Lakeland campus below:

Student Services - LTB 1301: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Teaching, Learning, Computing Center TLCC - LLC 2150: Monday through Thursday 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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To take the placement test, a placement testing "admission ticket" is required. **It must be obtained from completing an admission application online at this site:** <https://passport.polk.edu/Genesis/student/applogon.jsp>. The High School office is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. (see above for office locations).

Applicants must know their Social Security numbers and have photo IDs. Applicants must bring photo ID to the test location.

All testing supplies are furnished. Calculators are NOT permitted.