



BUC Family Night

Working together for a successful year....

Welcome Students & Families

*Mainland is **PROUD** to be a Title I School!!*

Dr. Joseph Castelli – Principal

Ms. Hilarie Blum, Mr. Julian Gutierrez Quintero, Ms. Brandy Meadows,

Ms. Jennifer Robinson – Assistant Principals

Mr. Damon Barrs – Administrative Dean


Dr. Susan Lewis & Mr. Joe Giddens – SEL/TOA

Mrs. Trisha Scheuerman – Parent Liaison

Student Laptops

School Issued Device - No BYOT

- **EVERY** student is required to use a VCS issued laptop.
- BYOT is no longer allowed and personal computers will **not be supported** by school IT/Media Center.
- Students will be required to have, and use, their school issues laptop for all **CBT** (*computer-based testing*) days.
- **Expectations** are included on the acknowledgement form that every student must have signed in order to check out their laptop.



Date: ____/____/20____ Device Asset # _____

1:1 Student Device Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

As a school computer is issued to a student, the student and parents/guardians acknowledge the following:

- This device is not my personal property, but the sole property of the Volusia County School District. As such, VCS has the right to monitor my activity and/or retrieve this device at any time.
- The intended sole use of the device is for educational purposes. All use of the device must abide by the VCS *Student Code of Conduct*, the *1:1 Student/Parent Handbook*, and is subject to [School Board Policy 219](#).
- I will bring my assigned device to school every day with a fully charged battery.
- If the device is damaged and/or not working properly, I will report it to my teacher, school administrator or other school personnel within 24 hours.
- If the device is stolen, I will file a police report within 24 hours and provide a hard copy of the police report to the school within 24 hours of filing the police report.
- I must return the device to the school at the end of the school year or if I withdraw for any reason, including transferring to another Volusia school.

Cell phones/Wireless Devices: Pursuant to House Bill 309, **a student may not use a wireless communications device during instructional time**, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes. A teacher shall designate an area for wireless communication devices during instructional time. This includes cellphones, smartwatches, tablets, and ear buds. Students who violate the law will be disciplined in accordance with the procedures implemented in the school's code of student conduct.

Optional Device Insurance

- **DEVICE INSURANCE** is highly recommended for every student to have.
- Parent/Guardian must activate their **PARENT PORTAL** account in order to pay for this optional coverage.
- Please note that **CHARGES** for any damages or loss will be added to a student's obligations and will require payment before a new device can be issued, if needed, or before graduation – whichever comes first.
- Insurance may be purchased **UP TO** September 12th
Or 30-days from enrollment, as noted on form. \$30 fee is waived for families eligible for income-based services.



DEVICE DAMAGES & INSURANCE: Accidents happen! If a student damages or loses his/her device or charging cord, a standard fee will be charged to the family. VCS strongly recommends that families purchase annual device insurance for \$30/student to reduce the cost of fines assessed for a damaged/lost device. Families eligible for income-based services will be enrolled at no cost. Review the cost savings in the table below:

| Fee Structure for Damaged/Lost VCS Devices | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| WITHOUT VCS Insurance Coverage | | WITH VCS Insurance Coverage* | |
| Cost of replacing a charging cord is \$25 | | Cost of replacing a charging cord is \$25 | |
| Level 1: mild damage (broken hinges, clogged or broken power jack) | \$50.00 laptop \$80 iPad | 1 st Offense, regardless of level of damage | waived |
| Level 2: moderate damage (cracked/broken keyboard, broken base enclosure, bezel, or touchpad) | \$100.00 laptop \$80 iPad | 2 nd offense, regardless of level of damage | \$25.00 |
| Level 3: severe damage (cracked screen, water/liquid damage, damage to motherboard, USB/AC ports) | \$200.00 laptop or iPad | 3 rd offense, regardless of level of damage | \$50.00 |
| Level 4: Lost/Stolen: If stolen, family must report it to police & submit documentation of police report to VCS to avoid fees. | \$500.00 laptop \$250 iPad | 4 th offense and all subsequent offenses | \$100.00 |
| | | Lost/Stolen: If stolen, family must report it to police & submit documentation of police report to VCS to avoid fees. | \$150.00 |
| *NOTE: Insurance does NOT cover any fines resulting from neglectful or malicious damage to VCS technology. | | | |
| DEVICE INSURANCE: Requires all families to set up a VCS Parent Portal account. An invoice of \$30 per student will appear in the Purchase & Pay tab inside the Parent Portal. A zero-dollar invoice will be posted for families eligible for income-based services. Families opting for insurance coverage will have 30 days to pay after the first day of school or from enrollment date, whichever is last. Invoice is paid online with credit card or bring cash or check to the school. Purchasing insurance is encouraged, but not required. TECHNICAL NOTE: It has been reported that for a smoother experience, access Parent Portal from an Internet browser rather than through the mobile app. | | | |

Student V-Portal

Accessing V-Portal



- VPortal is your personal cloud desktop giving you access to all of your apps, files, and classes from anywhere. You have accessibility to all your digital textbooks, resources, and learning management systems. *VPortal is accessible from all device types.*



Volusia County Schools



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VPORTAL

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- Go to www.vcsedu.org and select VPORTAL in the top menu bar.
- Click the **BLUE** button to login.
- Enter your VCS Email: ALPHA@vcs2go.net
- Enter your Password: initial default is birthdate (MMDDYYYY), however, students are required to update their password to the new “complex format”.



Student V-Portal Desktop & Apps



Canvas is the main curriculum app for all classes.

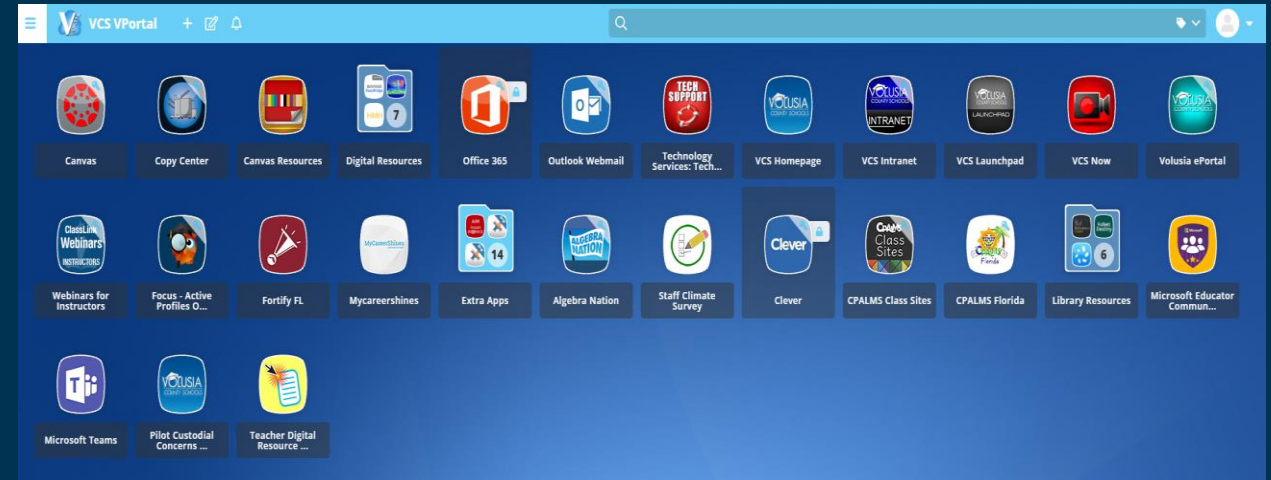


Focus/Gradebook holds schedules, grades, attendance, teacher email and student contact information.



Teams is used for virtual meetings and is linked to Outlook calendar and contacts.

There are other useful apps for research, test review, media center access and more!



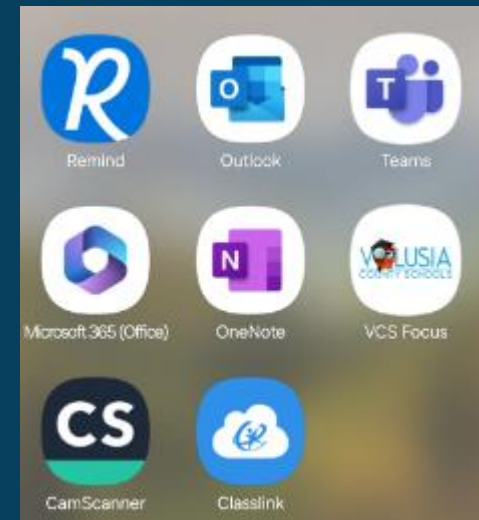
Office 365 holds all other main apps, including student school email and calendar though Outlook as well as access to the OneDrive where files are saved.

Useful Mobile Apps To Download

- There are times when accessing school files and email needs to be done using a mobile device. This is easier if done using an app and not through Vportal accessed through the District website.
 - Safari as a mobile browser often does **NOT** work, use Google if possible.
- It is **strongly** recommended that **every** student download Outlook.
- **Class Link** allows you to access V-Portal apps in a direct and mobile friendly format, eliminating going through the District website first.
- There are additional apps that some teachers may use for class instruction or communication.



Mrs. Scheuerman's most used
school apps



Parent Portal

Register & Stay Informed



- FOCUS is the on-line resource for families to stay informed of their student's academic progress and attendance.
- Contact teachers conveniently using the provided email links on the student accounts.
- Families are encouraged to review their student's account regularly.
- Do you need your student's access PIN information?
 - Contact VCS Help Desk - (386) 734-7190, Ext. 25000
 - Contact MHS Student Services Clerk (386) 258-4665, Ext. 54226

[Parent Portal Instructions](#)

[Create a Parent Portal Account](#)

Accessing Parent Portal

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a great way for parents/guardians to stay connected to their student's:

Grades
Attendance
Assessments
Pay for Field Trips and other school items
Academy and Advanced Program applications
School Choice applications

Volusia County Schools is committed to delivering high quality instruction to all of its students. The Parent Portal is a great way for parents/guardians to stay connected to their student's grades, attendance, assessments, and important announcements. Parent Portal accounts are available for all students enrolled with Volusia County Schools and are easy to set up.

Accessing Your Account

[Access Parent Portal](#)

Need Technical Assistance?

Call our ITS Help Desk
386-734-7190 Ext 25000.

Open 7:30am - 4:30pm,
Monday thru Friday.

Summer Hours
Monday thru Thursday.

- Your **CONTACT INFORMATION** must be up to date in your student's account for you to successfully access your parent portal.
- If in doubt, have your student log in to their Focus account and access the **PROFILE** section to view the names and contact information listed for each parent/guardian.
- Please contact the Registrar if an update to student contact is required.

Alert: If the registering person is not recognized as a valid contact within Focus, you will receive an error message as pictured below.



The screenshot shows the 'Volusia Parent Portal Registration' form. At the top is the Volusia County Schools logo. Below it, the text reads: 'Please enter your student's information: Parent/Guardian's name below must match one of your child's Address/Contacts. (Required)'. There is a text input field for 'Parent/Guardian First Name:' which is currently empty.

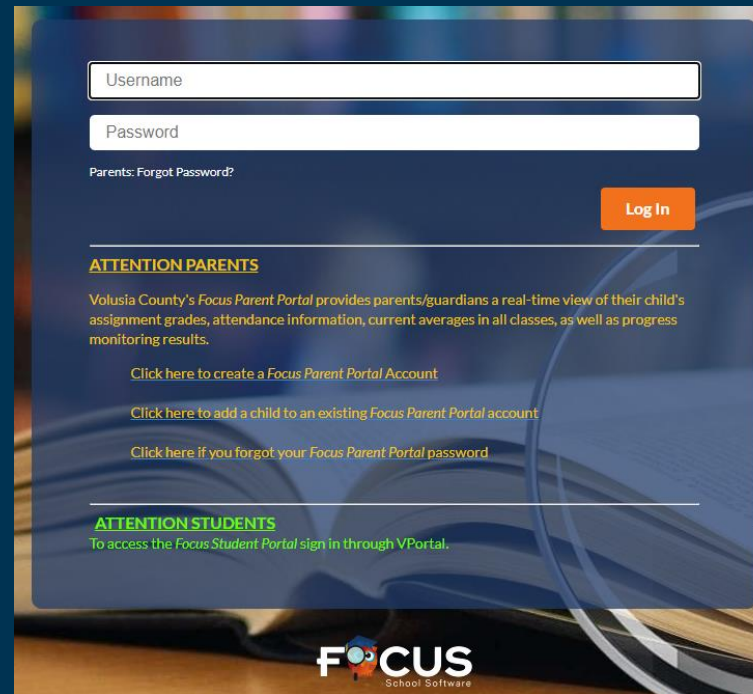
**STAY
UPDAETD &
INFORMED!**

Accessing Parent Portal

- Go to www.vcsedu.org and select PARENTS & STUDENTS in the menu bar.
- Select **PARENT PORTAL** in the drop-down menu.
- Enter your Username & Password.

Parents will have access to:

- Purchase and Pay ***NEW 2023-24***
- Student State Test Assessment Information
- Attendance
- Student account information, which includes:
 - Schedule
 - Grades
 - Grad Requirements



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Focus Parent Portal. It features a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of books. At the top, there are two input fields for 'Username' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a link that says 'Parents: Forgot Password?'. To the right of the password field is an orange 'Log In' button. Below the login fields, there is a section titled 'ATTENTION PARENTS' in yellow. This section contains a paragraph explaining that Volusia County's Focus Parent Portal provides real-time information on grades, attendance, and progress. Below this paragraph are three links: 'Click here to create a Focus Parent Portal Account', 'Click here to add a child to an existing Focus Parent Portal account', and 'Click here if you forgot your Focus Parent Portal password'. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'ATTENTION STUDENTS' in green, with a link to 'To access the Focus Student Portal sign in through VPortal.' The Focus School Software logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the screenshot.

PARENTS & STUDENTS

New Student Registration

Parent Portal Directions

School Calendars

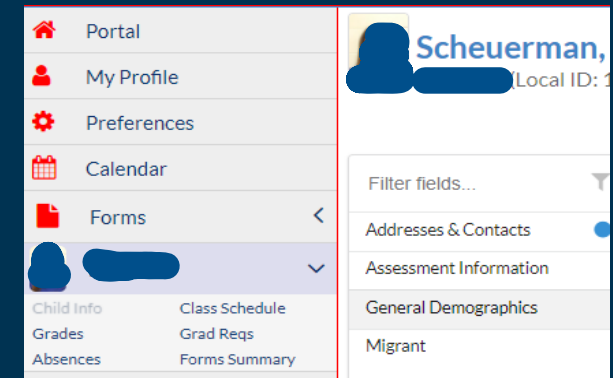
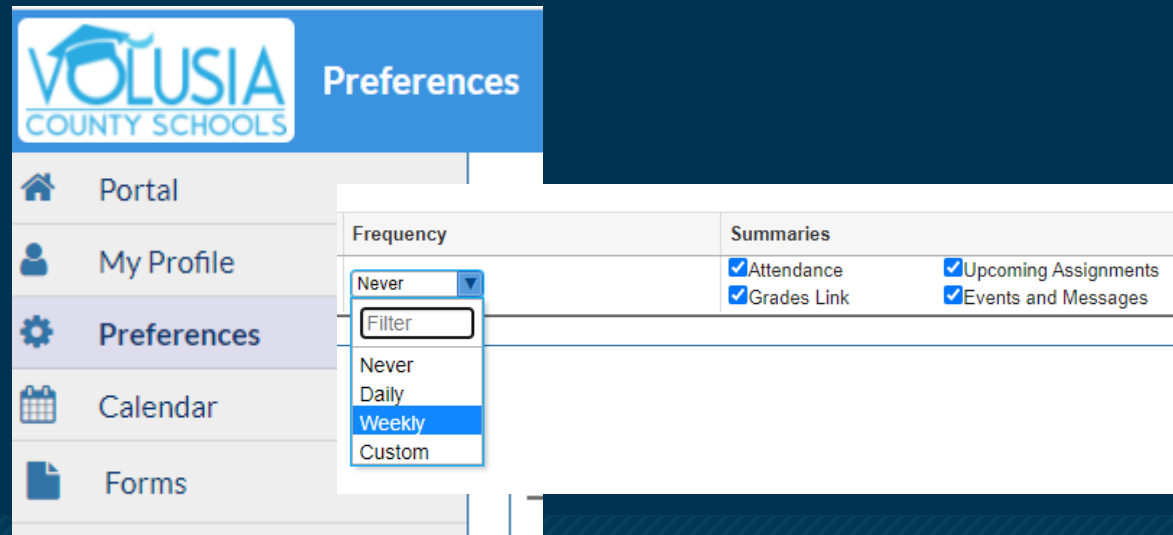
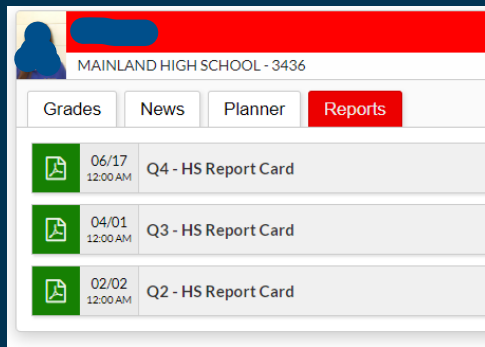
School Choice Process

School Hours

School Lunch

Parent Features

- Select **PORTAL** to see your student's main information as well as access to **REPORTS** for grading periods.
- Select **PREFERENCES** to set up alerts to be sent and frequency desired.
- Select **CHILD INFO** under your student to review contact information on file and State assessment information.
- **GRAD REQS** will show your student's progress towards graduation requirements as well as additional designations including Merit, Scholar and Biliteracy Seal. Also visible is GPA and if required assessments or EOC's have been passed.



Parent Features

- **NEW THIS YEAR!** All payments for school activities and obligations will be paid through Parent Portal.
- Access the **PURCHASE & PAY** option under applicable student.
- Check under the **ALERTS** section for any notices or pending invoices ready to be paid.
 - **Note:** Cash/check payments **ONLY** are done through the Activities Office.

The screenshot displays the Volusia County Schools Parent Portal. The top navigation bar includes the district logo, a 'Help' button, the word 'Portal', a user icon, a dropdown menu for '(Parents)', and a selection for 'M - [School Name] SCHOOL' for the '2023-2024' school year. A left sidebar menu lists options: Portal, My Profile, Preferences, Calendar, Forms, and a student profile section with a dropdown arrow. Below the student profile, a grid of links is visible: Child Info, Grades, Absences, Student Services, Customer Ledger, Class Schedule, Grad Reqs, Forms Summary, and Purchase & Pay. The main content area is titled 'District & School Announcements' and features tabs for 'News' and 'Events'. Under the 'Alerts' section, a message states 'You have available invoices! Please review them here.' Below this, two announcements are listed: '08/08 12:00 AM Seeing your Students Class Schedule' (District Announcement) with a link to learn how to access the class schedule, and '02/07 12:00 AM How to View Student Information in Parent Portal' (M - RIVER SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL - 7741). At the bottom, a section titled 'Exciting News for Parents and Students!' contains text announcing that parents can now view their student's class schedule and absences on the parent portal, and that secondary students can also view their student's GPA and graduation requirements.

New APP Available

VCS Focus

Focus School Software LLC

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6 reviews

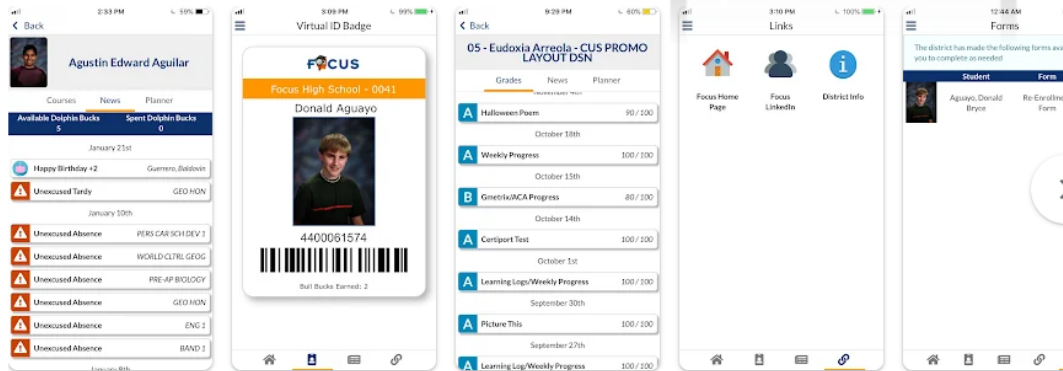
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About this app →

Managing your student's educational journey with Volusia County Schools gets easier with the VCS Focus App. Get important news and easy access to links from the district and your student's school right from your mobile device. Stay connected with real-time notifications of grades, attendance, upcoming assignments, and test scores from within the app.

- Download the **NEW Community App** for quick and convenient access to your Parent Portal account.
- Use the **NEW Purchase & Pay** feature to easily view and pay invoices or to purchase items for your student, including yearbooks!
- Have quick access to student attendance through the **NEWS** tab.

Campus Resources

Campus Resources



School Counselors



Academic Coaches



Resource Room
Parent Liaison



Clubs & Athletics
SAC



Faculty & Staff
Specific Departments

School Counselors

Who is **YOUR** School Counselor? Students are divided by **GRAD YEAR:**

- 9th A - H: Jewel Johnson, Counseling Director
 - jljohnso@volusia.k12.fl.us
- 9th I - Z: Caryn Hubbs
 - cnhubbs@volusia.k12.fl.us
- 10th: Samantha Hepburn
 - sghepbur@volusia.k12.fl.us
- 11th: Cassandra Lundy
 - calundy@volusia.k12.fl.us
- 12th: Allen Thomas
 - athomas1@volusia.k12.fl.us

Students are asked to email their counselor with questions or requests for appointments.

Parents are asked to call/email to request an appointment.
(386) 258-4665, Ext. 54226

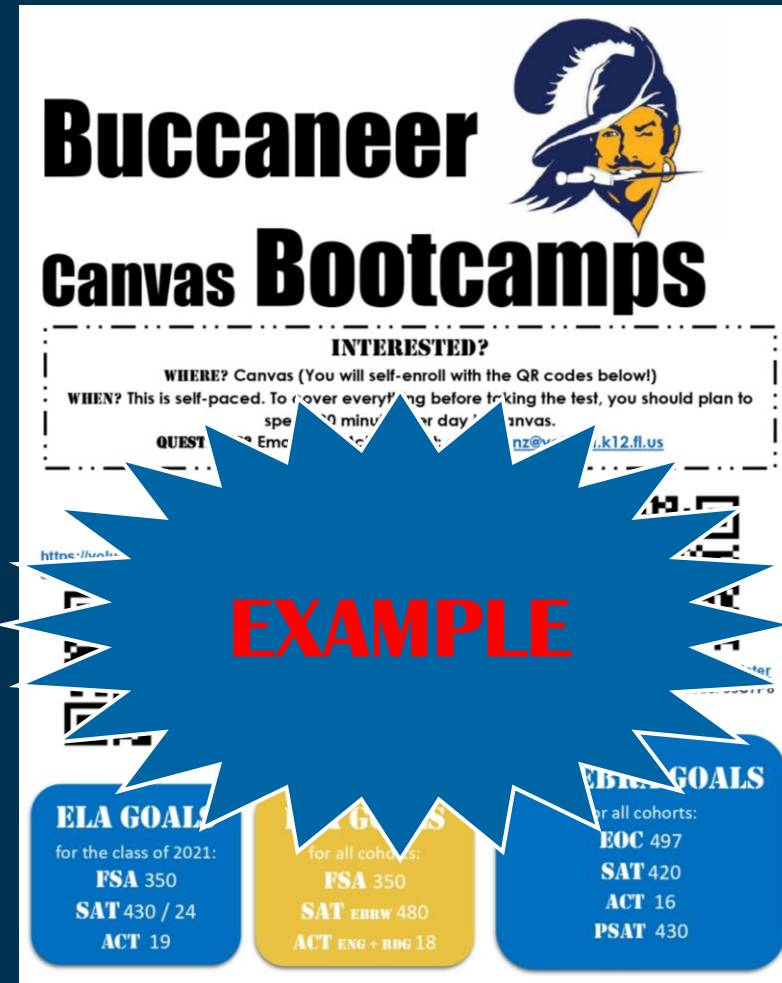
Academic Coaches


Academic Coaches:

- Ms. Courtney Artigas
 - caartiga@volusia.k12.fl.us
- Mr. Steven Clem
 - smclem@volusia.k12.fl.us

Bootcamps and tutoring sessions are offered throughout the year.

Notices posted around campus and on the school website.



Buccaneer 

Canvas Bootcamps

INTERESTED?

WHERE? Canvas (You will self-enroll with the QR codes below!)

WHEN? This is self-paced. To cover everything before taking the test, you should plan to spend 20 minutes per day on Canvas.

QUESTIONS? Email caartiga@volusia.k12.fl.us

EXAMPLE

ELA GOALS
for the class of 2021:
FSA 350
SAT 430 / 24
ACT 19

GOALS
for all cohorts:
FSA 350
SAT EBRW 480
ACT ENG + RDG 18

EBRW GOALS
for all cohorts:
EOC 497
SAT 420
ACT 16
PSAT 430

Resource Room & Parent Liaison

- Resource Room – located in Student Services area
 - Open **Monday-Thursday** on regularly scheduled school days
 - **Information** on colleges/universities, scholarships, military options, SAT, CLT & ACT, ASVAB, Fee Waivers and more. **Computers** available for students and families.
 - **Open door policy**, students may come with a pass during school day or anytime before/after school. Parents may call or email to make an appointment, if needed.
- Parent Liaison, Trisha Scheuerman
 - tascheue@volusia.k12.fl.us
 - (386) 258-4665, Ext. 54348
 - Remind Group: @mhs1-238 (if not using the Remind App, text code to 81010)

Clubs & Activities

It is proven that an involved student is more likely to excel in school.

- There are many **activities, clubs, sports and academies/programs** to join or at least explore while at Mainland!
- **Daily Announcements** will include club meetings, special events and athletics – if you miss the announcements, they are posted each day on the website.
- Sports and many clubs will count towards a student's **YPP/Community Service Hours** requirements. Visit the [YPP page](#) of the school website or the Resource Room for details and required forms.

Mrs. Jill Rogers – Activities Director

- jprogers@volusia.k12.fl.us



School Advisory Counsel (SAC)

1st Meeting!
August 29 @ 6pm

Parents and students are invited to participate in monthly SAC meetings that take place in the MPR at 6:00pm each month of the school year. Meetings are open to the public to attend, but only members may vote on issues and requests discussed in each meeting.

This is a valuable way to know Mainland, and its leadership, better and to be a voice in the decisions that are made through SAC.

Ms. Desiree Asceovich – 2024-2025 SAC Chair

- dnascevi@volusia.k12.fl.us



Faculty & Staff / Specific Departments

- All **staff contact information** is found on the school website, main menu.
- A student's schedule in Focus includes hyperlinks for **emailing teachers**.
- **Attendance Clerk/Early Dismissal:**
 - Ms. Janice Isaac // Ext. 54308
- In addition to our faculty & staff, there are a few **specific departments** you should be aware of:
 - Dean's Office
 - ESE/Special Services
 - School Way Café

Deans Office & Special Student Services

Deans Office

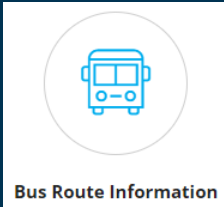
- Mr. Julian Gutierrez Quintero – Assistant Principal
 - Ext. 54278
 - jagutier@volusia.k12.fl.us
- Ms. Michele Campbell - Deans Clerk
 - Ext. 54240
- Student Discipline
- ID Badges (and replacements - \$5)
- Bus Passes
- Parking Passes & Off-Campus Passes

Special Student Services

- Ms. Jennifer Robinson – Assistant Principal
 - Ext. 54242
 - jrobinso@volusia.k12.fl.us
- Ms. Krystle Frazier - ESE Clerk
 - Ext. 54230
- Dr. Teresa McMillan-Ward – IEP Facilitator
- ESE, Special Student Services, Students with disabilities.
- IEP Meetings & Support Facilitators

Transportation/Bus Information

Transportation Parent Portal

- Accessed through: www.vcs.edu
- Select the icon 
 - Read the directions included on the page and follow the link provided.
- Also available on the page:
 - Address Lookup Tool – check for eligibility
 - It is the responsibility of each family to ensure current address is on file with the school and to let the school know if student requires bus transportation, so the correct code is added.

Download the App

- www.WheresTheBus.com
- Please create only ONE account per household, even if your children take different buses.
- Find **PARENT** and select the **SETUP ACCOUNT** button.
 - Select **VOLUSIA COUNTY**
 - **ADD STUDENT** – enter your child's date of birth and your child's school ID (alpha code/ example 2ABCD)

School Way Café

Applications are NOT required this school year for meal benefits.

Qualified families received Direct Certification letters from the District and letters may be used to receive waivers for ACT/SAT, College Applications, etc. Every family is encouraged to apply for benefits if they feel they may qualify. Check on www.benefits.gov for programs that you may be eligible for in our State. Contact the Parent Liaison or School Counselor with ?'s

Complete the District [Income Based Service Request Form](#)

Café snacks may be paid for in cash or by loading funds to your student's personal account through www.MySchoolBucks.com and a student's MySchoolBucks ID# can be found on the Focus Parent Portal page.

EVERY student in Volusia receives free breakfast and lunch. **

School Way Café Manager: Ms. Cynthia Erbeck // Ext. 54599

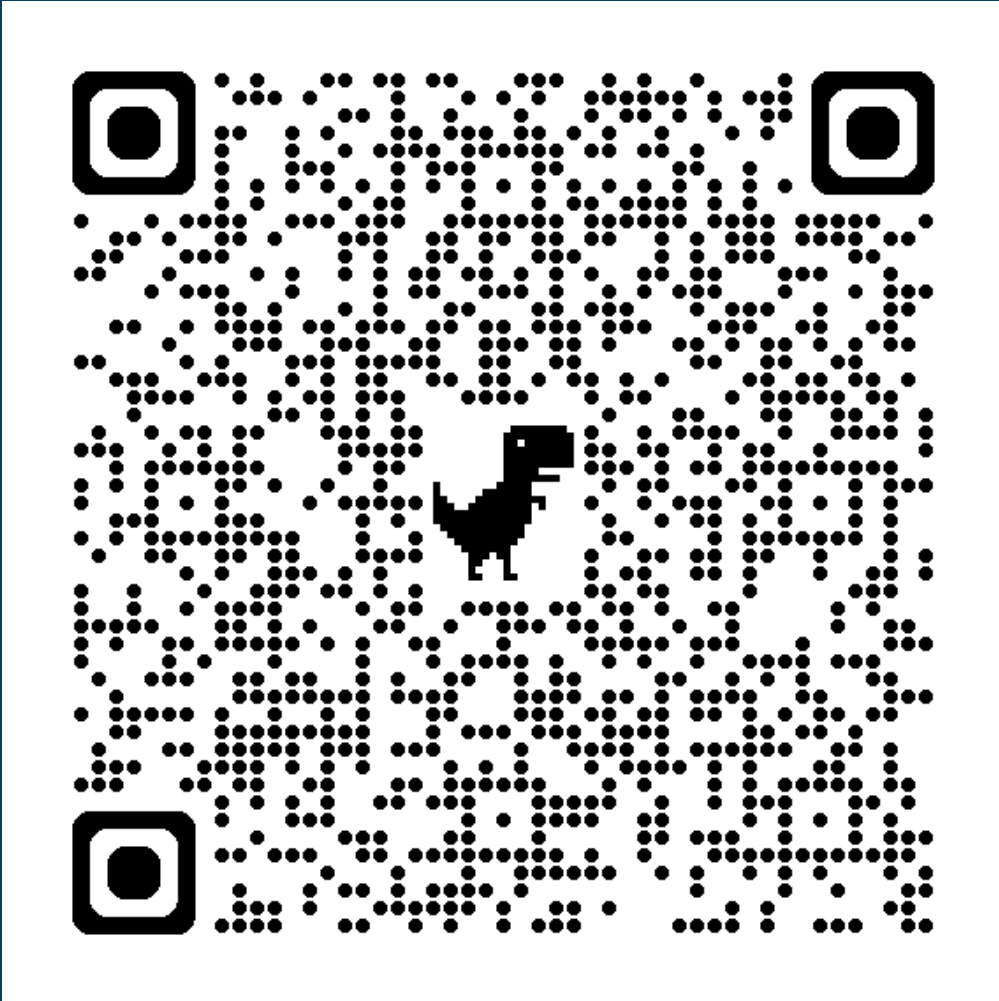
***2024-25 school year, all student's receive free lunch through CEP.
Standard meal only, ala carte items are extra.*



Our Mission

We are committed to
nurturing the hearts and minds
of our students by serving
healthy meals and providing
exceptional customer service.

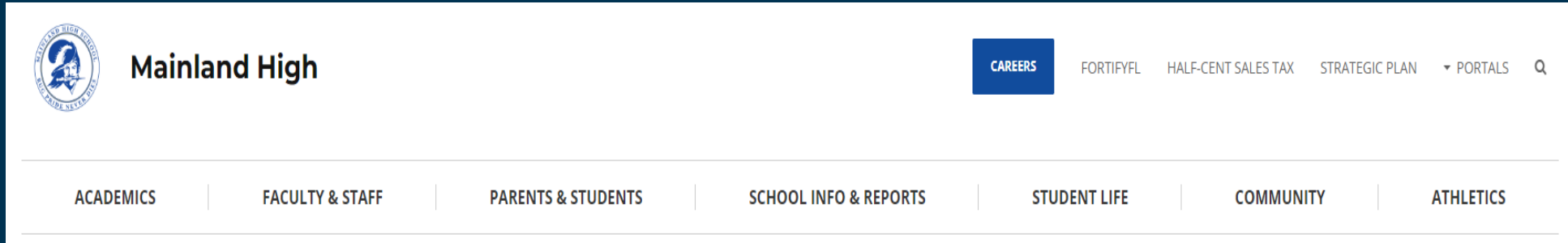
Income Based Services Request



Form and information is also accessible from the Mainland or Volusia County webpages/Students & Parents/Beginning of the school year forms – email response is sent directly to applicant from District Office and will serve as verification of any eligibility for current school year.

The purpose of the **Income Based Services Request** is to determine eligibility for income-based programs and benefits. If your family wishes to be considered for services that are based on income, please complete this form and submit it to your school. If you have a direct certification letter that was mailed to your home, you do not need to complete this form. The letter can serve as income verification. *This information will be considered confidential and will only be used to determine program eligibility.*

School Website



www.MainlandHighSchool.org

The Mainland website is the hub for information and answers to many questions you may have about school and activities. Access is also available on mobile smart devices.

The **Parents & Students** and **Student Life** menus are full of helpful information and links.

School Website

| ACADEMICS | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Academies | Media Center |
| AVID | Program of Studies |
| Career & Tech Ed | Online Learning Opportunities |
| Dual Enrollment | Drivers Education |
| Mainland Collegiate Institute | |

| PARENTS & STUDENTS | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Attendance | School Counselors |
| Beginning of School Year Forms | School Event Calendar |
| Buc Shop | School Improvement Plan |
| Bus and Transportation | Technology Resources |
| Clinic | Testing Information |
| New Student Registration | Transcripts |
| Parent Resources & BUC Family Night | Tutoring Opportunities |
| School Advisory Council (SAC) | |

| SCHOOL INFO & REPORTS | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| About Mainland | Emergency & Safety Guide |
| Bell Schedule | Online School Payments |
| Cafeteria | Principal's Message |
| Contact Us | Title I Information |
| Dress Code | School Financial Transparency |

| STUDENT LIFE | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Activities/Clubs | Volunteering |
| Daily Announcements | Yearbook |
| Seniors | |

Check the
website often to
stay informed!

All presentations
will be posted
online here.

Upward Bound - MHS Exclusive!



- The Daytona State College (DSC) TRiO Upward Bound program identifies and assists Mainland High School students who have the interest and potential to succeed in higher education.
- The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and enroll in the post-secondary institution of their choice.
- Program is intended for first-generation and/or low-income students in grades 9-12.



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For more information, please visit the DSC website:

<https://www.daytonastate.edu/student-resources/trio/trio-upward-bound/index.html>

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER Important School Dates:

Monday – September 2nd: NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

September 3rd: BUC Family Night – Navigating the College Application Process

Monday – September 11th: MIDTERM GRADING PERIOD ENDS

September 17th: BUC Family Night – Promotion/Graduation Requirements
& Testing Resources

September 24th: OPEN HOUSE and Title 1 Family Meeting

Thank You

Thank you for attending BUC
Family Night!

Your feedback is welcomed
and vital in helping us serve
you better.

Please take a moment to
complete the short survey,
either by completing the
YELLOW card or by scanning
the **QR code** with your phone.

