



2026-2027 School Year

Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year. Below is more important information that will help ensure ALL of OUR family members have ALL the information they need to have a successful school year.

2024-25 Phone Contacts			 Thank you for keeping your contact information up to date!
Main Number	727.521.5350		
School Nurse - Nurse Leah	727.521.5350	x2026	
Registration/Student Records - Ms Fiscus	727.521.5350	Option 3	
Bookkeeper/Secretary - Ms. Hulsman	727.521.5350	Option 4	
Cafeteria - Mr. Maniaci	727.521.5350	Option 5	
Behavior Specialist - Mr. Browne	727.521.5350	x2300	
R'Club - Ms. Norkita	727.526.8154		
Gladden Park	727.893.7458		
Transportation	727.587.2020		
PCSB Administration Building	727.588.6000		
Email Contacts			
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Registration/Student Records DMT	Randi Fiscus	fiscusr@pcsb.org	
Family and Community Liaison	Marsha Brown	brownmars@pcsb.org	
Guidance Counselor	Marta Bielicki	bielickim@pcsb.org	
Social Worker	Amy Bluett	bluetta@pcsb.org	
School Psychologist	Gosia Gusiletov	gusiletovm@pcsb.org	

Important Dates:

- ✓ Meet YOUR Teacher: August 6th 4p – 6p
- ✓ Florida “Back-to-School” Tax Holiday: July 20th – August 20th
- ✓ New Heights Open House and Data Night: September 24th
5:30p – 7:30p

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Dress Code Reminders

Although New Heights is NOT a uniform school, we still follow Pinellas County School Guidelines for Dress Code. Please be mindful of the following:

- ✓ **NO HOODS, Hats or Head Gear will be allowed to be worn indoors:**
 - School Board Policy: Head gear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas, sweatbands and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus unless permitted by the principal for religious or medical reasons. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours, however these articles must not violate this dress code.
- ✓ **SLIDES, FLIPS FLOPS AND SLIPPERS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.** Scholars must be in appropriate footwear always and will NOT be permitted to change during day.
- ✓ Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit and down to mid-thigh. All tops must have sleeves and cover the entire shoulder.
- ✓ Rips, holes, or tears in clothing must be below mid-thigh.

Attendance

Scholar attendance is critical to their success and the success of OUR community. Please make every effort to ensure your scholar is in school every day. If your scholar is absent for ANY reason, it is important that you notify their teacher ASAP.

Being on time is also part of a scholar's attendance. ALL scholars should be in their classroom and ready to learn by 8:40a DAILY.

School and Community Partnership

New Heights recognizes the important role we play in our community. We will work hard each and every day in the best interest of OUR scholars. New Heights Elementary is committed to keeping parents informed of your scholars' progress every step of the way. With that, we ask that ALL of our families commit to attending our Open House (Dinner and Data Night), Parent Teacher Conferences and are actively engaged with your scholar's teacher. We cannot do this without OUR community's support, and we look forward to working TOGETHER this year in OUR "I am because WE are" approach to learning. Our Learning Community Calendar can be found on our schools website.

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New Heights Specific Cell Phone/Wireless Communication Device Policy

Any student who chooses to bring a wireless communication device to school shall do so at their own risk and shall be personally responsible for the security of their wireless communication device(s). School Board staff are not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to wireless devices brought onto school property, or left on school-sponsored transportation, including any wireless communication device(s) confiscated due to inappropriate use.

Definitions:

- “Wireless communication devices” are devices that can receive and/or transmit any communication without a cable connection, which may include, but is are not limited to, wearable recording devices, including smart glasses in addition to cell phones headphones, earbuds, and tablets. This definition also includes any current or emerging wireless handheld technologies or portable information technology systems developed for similar purposes.
- “Off position” means powered completely off, and is not simply set on a vibrate, silent, standby, hibernation or airplane mode.
- “Silent mode” means no audible alerts or vibrations.
- “Instructional school day” is the time of day within the bell times approved by the School Board for that school.

General Policy for ALL Scholars:

All students may possess a wireless communication device at school, during a school-sponsored activity, and during school-sponsored transportation. **However, students 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 communications devices during instructional time, in accordance with s. 1006.07, F.S. All students must store wireless communication devices, headphones and earbuds in a designated area, except when otherwise directed by a teacher. For purposes of this policy, the designated area is a non-visible secure location, such as the student’s locker, backpack, purse, or pocket. Further, use of wireless communication devices, headphones and earbuds must be stored in accordance with the following rules by grade level.

District Guidance for Elementary Level Scholars:

Elementary school students must keep wireless communication devices in the off position throughout the instructional school day, and while participating in a school-sponsored activity on or off campus. Students are permitted to use their wireless communication devices after the end of the instructional school day, if needed to communicate with parents regarding the coordination of transportation.

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Headphones and earbuds are not allowed during the instructional school day or while participating in a school-sponsored activity on or off campus, unless otherwise directed by a teacher. When allowed, headphones and earbuds are restricted to minimal volume, only to be heard

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Violation of the Pinellas County and New Heights Cell Phone Policy will be handled as follows:

- **First Violation:** Have cell phone confiscated and turned into the front office. New Heights staff will contact parents regarding violation. Confiscated cell phones will **ONLY** be released to parents from front office.
- **Second Violation:** Have cell phone confiscated and turned into the front office. New Heights staff will contact parents regarding violation. Confiscated cell phones will **ONLY** be released to parents from front office **AND** the scholar will no longer be allowed to have a cell phone on campus.

Bullying

New Heights Elementary School works to ensure scholars are learning in a safe environment each and every day. We will be working with our community this year to clarify how to identify, report and prevent bullying from occurring so that **ALL** scholars can reach their potential. Pinellas County Schools has defined bullying as:

Bullying can be defined as being exposed, **repeatedly and over time**, to negative actions on the part of one or more students (Olweus, 1993). There are three key components to all bullying situations.

- ✓ There is **always a power differential** between the bully and the victim that is acquired through physical size, strength, or status.
- ✓ There is **intent to harm**; the child who is bullied is put in the position of oppression by the child who bullies.
- ✓ Finally, **bullying is a repeated rather than singular event.**

If you are concerned that your scholar is unsafe at school, please reach out to the school at **ANY** time. Your scholars' teachers and administration are **ALWAYS** available to help. In addition, if your scholar is experiencing bullying (as defined above) you can report that on the district website through our See Something, Say Something system. We ask that we are **ALL** careful in how we use the word Bullying and work together to ensure our scholars feel safe at school to be their best.

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School Supplies

As a TEAM we have worked hard to limit the number of items we ask for as we KNOW how expensive school supplies can get. Below is a list of **OPTIONAL** school supplies for your scholars. IF you are capable, there is a list of supplies below that each scholar will use this year. These items are always needed and can be replenished at any time. We will make sure that ALL OUR scholars have what they need regardless.

Requested Supply List for 2025-26 School Year: ALL grade levels (KG-5th Grade)

- ✓ Backpack
- ✓ #2 Pencils – Pre-Sharpended
- ✓ Headphones (Wired)
- ✓ 3 Composition Books
- ✓ Index Cards – 3 packs of 100
- ✓ OPTIONAL – Refillable Water Bottle

PreK3, PreK ASD and ASD Classrooms

- ✓ COMPLETE change of clothes in backpack always
 - Please replenish as needed throughout the year
- ✓ Supply of Diapers in YOUR scholar's size
 - Please replenish as needed throughout the year
- ✓ Wipes to be used with YOUR scholar
 - Please replenish as needed throughout the year

Primary (Kg, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade) Supply List (in addition to items on Universal List):

- ✓ Glue Sticks
- ✓ Crayons (24 count)

Intermediate (3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade) Supply List (in addition to items on Universal List):

- ✓ Composition Book
 - 1 – Red
- ✓ Highlighter

Universal Wish List Items

These items are OPTIONAL and ALWAYS welcome throughout the school year

- ✓ Hand Sanitizer – 1 bottle
- ✓ Tissues – 1 box
- ✓ Paper Towels – 1 roll
- ✓ Ziploc Bags – Gallon or Sandwich
- ✓ Dry Erase Markers
- ✓ Pencil Cap Erasers

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