

THE FLYING NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026 | BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION



FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL - LEADING THE LAUNCH

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

We are thrilled to announce that **Fort Lauderdale High School** is once again rated an **A+ School** by the Florida Department of Education. Not only are we an A+ school, but our students scored in the top achievement points across the district in numerous categories.

Additionally, this year we were also named **The Magnet School of Excellence** for our Pre-Law and Public Affairs and Cambridge programs! US News Report named us one of the **Best Schools in the Country ranking in the top 7% in the nation!** I want to thank all our stakeholders for partnering with our school to make it one of the best schools in the district, state, and country! We are so proud of our students and staff who all worked so hard to achieve such great success and we know we will reach even higher heights this school year. This year we will be **Leading the Launch of AVID and AI**, as collaboration fuels us, rigor guides us, and innovation launches us.

As we embark on this new school year, it is important for students to continue to set goals. Whether focusing on improving SAT scores, attending STAR tutoring, increasing grade point averages (GPA), and/or taking advantage of Advanced Placement (AP)/Dual Enrollment/Cambridge (AICE) courses, establishing goals is an important step for ensuring student achievement. ***We kindly ask that you remind your child to keep cellphones in airplane mode and put it away throughout the day, with the exception at lunch time. Our goal is to keep our students actively engaged in their learning and hear critical school updates at all times during the school day; therefore, cellphones must be put away.***

Parents will be able to access their child's grades, attendance, and requirements through FOCUS once again this year. To learn more about FOCUS and how to access your child's records please visit www.browardschools.com/focus. Here you will find resources and information about FOCUS and learn how to create an account and download the APP to your electronic devices. Please check on your student's grades and attendance and reach out if you need assistance.

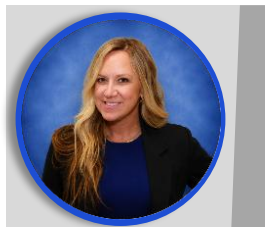
As always, our number one priority is the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. We want to make sure that our students feel safe and that they have an enjoyable experience at FLHS. ***All students in Broward County high schools will be entering through a metal detector once again this school year.*** At our school, the entrance for all students that do not ride the bus will be at the front of the school (Guidance Gate). Students that park in the student parking lot will walk through a designated passageway leading to the Guidance Gate before entering campus. All bus riders will have to enter through a metal detector posted in the bus loop. Please keep this extra security step in mind when arriving to campus and ensure students get to school early to be on time for class as we will continue with our tardy policy from last year.

Please take time to review this newsletter as it provides an overview of important information regarding the upcoming school year. Students return to school on **Monday, August 10th** and school starts at **7:40 am**. Students will be on an A/B block schedule with a total of 7 classes, plus a study hall. Our school will be hosting a Parent Information Session for all parents during **Open House on Tuesday, August 25th at 5:30 pm**.

Fort Lauderdale High School is committed to working alongside all of our Flying L families to make certain the 2026-2027 school year is a success and that our scholars enjoy their on-campus experience and remember their time here forever. I look forward to another incredible year with our Flying L family.

Thank you for your continued support,

Erin B. Brown, Principal



Follow us on  to find out what is happening at our school: @FlhsOfficial and @PrincipalFLHigh

Meet Our ADMINISTRATORS



Andre SHANNON
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
9th Grade



Tracie LATIMER
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
10th Grade



Karleen THOMPSON
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
11th Grade



Edward RODRIGUEZ
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
12th Grade

F.L.H.S. CALENDAR & BELL SCHEDULES



FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL 2026-2027 CALENDAR

AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	PSD	4		5	6	7	8	ERD
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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31					28	29	30							

NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY				
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16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	ERD	18	19	20	21	22
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FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
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MAY					JUNE					CALENDAR CODES				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F					
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31														

White Day, Second Period Personalization: 9th and 11th Grade Students
Blue Day, Sixth Period Personalization: 10th and 12th Grade Students



FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL 2026-2027 BELL SCHEDULES



WHITE DAY	BLUE DAY	Time:
PERIOD 1	PERIOD 5	7:40 – 9:12 AM (92 min.)
PERIOD 2	PERIOD 6	9:19 – 10:51 AM (92 min.)

LUNCH A – 10:51 – 11:22 AM		
Buildings: 21, 20, 5, and 9		
PERIOD 3	PERIOD 7	11:29 AM – 1:01 PM (92 min.)

PERIOD 3	PERIOD 7	10:58 AM – 12:30 PM (92 min.)
LUNCH B – 12:30 – 1:01 PM		
Buildings: 17, 8, and PE		
PERIOD 4	PERIOD 8	1:08 – 2:40 PM (92 min.)

EARLY RELEASE DATE	PROFESSIONAL STUDY DATES
10/09, 12/18, 02/12, 03/18, 04/30, 05/28	09/03, 11/05, 02/04, 04/01
PERIOD 1/5	7:40 – 8:50 AM
PERIOD 2/6	8:56 – 10:08 AM
PERIOD 3/7	10:14 – 11:24 AM
PERIOD 4/8	11:30 AM – 12:40 PM
GRAB & GO LUNCH 12:40 – 12:50 PM	
BUSES DEPART	12:50 PM

PERIOD 1/5	7:40 – 8:35 AM
PERIOD 2/6	8:41 – 9:38 AM
PERIOD 3/7	9:44 – 10:39 AM
PERIOD 4/8	10:45 – 11:40 AM
GRAB & GO LUNCH 11:40 – 11:50 AM	
BUSES DEPART	11:50 AM

COUNSELORS CORNER



Andrea AMISON
School Counseling Director
9th – 12th Grade
Last Names: S-Z



Kathleen JACKSON
School Counseling
9th – 12th Grade
Last Names: A-E



Rachel MONTROSE
School Counseling
9th – 12th Grade
Last Names: F-L



Taraneh ABREU
School Counseling
9th – 12th Grade
Last Names: M-R

Your FLHS School Counseling Team looks forward to supporting you throughout the 2026 - 2027 school year.

- **Andre SHANNON**
Assistant Principal
- **Joyce WHITE**
Guidance Secretary
- **Jessica FRANCOIS**
BRACE Advisor
- **Kasim LIBURD**
IMT
- **Snowey COAXUM**
Registrar

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Attention Parents and Students:

There are a number of important forms that need to be completed at the start of the school year on the Focus Parent Portal. This information is key for ensuring your child is safe while on campus, and that families are informed about all rules and expectations for the school year. Key forms that need to be completed online include:

- **Emergency Contact and Release Forms**
- **Broward School Board Code of Conduct**
- **Photo Release**
- **Updated Contact Information**
- **Medical Notifications and Medications**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**to access and complete online forms
beginning August 2026.**

SCHOOL MEAL BENEFITS

Power Up! with nutritious meals from your local school cafeteria.

Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services (BCPSFNS) offers FREE breakfast to all BCPS students every school day and as a part of the Community Eligibility Provision Program (CEP).

Student identification badges are required to be scanned at the Point of Sale for each meal in the cafeteria.

You May Qualify for Additional Programs:

Students will no longer eat lunch at no cost. BCPS families will need to apply to determine their eligibility for free and reduced-price lunches if the student did not fill out an application last year.

Students who qualified for Free and Reduced Price Meals are eligible for additional District programs by completing an online Parent Disclosure Form on FOCUS by **September 2026:**

Fee waivers for SAT/ACT/PSAT exams, college application fees, discounts on after school programs, internet services, and more are available.

The information you provide on your Meal Benefits Application and Eligibility Status may be shared with other programs. Fill out the two forms by following the links below:

- **[FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION](#)**
- **[MEAL BENEFITS DISCLOSURE FORM](#)**

POWER UP!
Broward County Schools
Food and Nutrition Services



FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL
LEADING THE LAUNCH

Fort Lauderdale High School
OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our 2026 Open House to explore academic programs, extracurricular activities, and meet your child's teachers & administrative staff.

✓ Parent & Family Orientation: 5:00 pm
✓ Club & Athletics Fair: 5:30 pm
✓ Classroom Visits: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

TUESDAY AUGUST 25 6:00 PM

WELCOME BACK FLYING L FAMILY

For More Information:
☎ 754-322-1100 <https://fortlauderdale.browardschools.com>

TIME TO GET FOCUS(ED)

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is pleased to confirm continued use of **FOCUS**, our web-based Student Information System (SIS) for the upcoming 2026–2027 school year.

This platform provides access to student schedules, attendance, grades, assignments, calendars, and important messages—all in one location.

Visit <https://www.browardschools.com/focus> to learn more about the system and create a Parent account for the 2026 - 2027 school year so that together we can ensure your child's success.

Key points:

- Automatic Enrollment: All students, teachers, and staff will have accounts automatically created. (Parents/guardians will need to create a Parent Portal Account)
- User-Friendly Portals
- Commitment to Technology.

For additional information you may access the Focus Parent Portal FAQ page [here](#).

Get Focus(ed)!
Student Information System



SAFETY & SECURITY



At FLHS the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and families is our number one priority. With this in mind, we need everyone's support; if you **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**. Everyone is encouraged to report suspicious or dangerous behavior, as well as any threats to our school and in an emergency, call 911 immediately. Reports can be made to any staff member on campus, however, preferably the incident should be reported to one of the school's administrators or security staff members.

Now, any student, educator, parent, or member of the public can also report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through **FortifyFL** which is a suspicious activity reporting app or one of the other tip reporting methods mentioned below:

[CLICK HERE FOR TIP REPORTING METHODS](#)

Students, staff, and visitors **are required to wear their identification badges at all times while on school campus**. At the beginning of the year students will be required to use IDs from the previous school year until new ones are issued for the 2026-2027 school year. **ID Picture days are - August 20th and 21st. Make up day: September 25th.**

In addition, Broward County Public Schools' Emergency Management Department collaborates with district-wide stakeholders, its partners, and the community to establish a framework to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impact of all emergencies. Our students and staff are provided with comprehensive training and drills on all emergency policies and procedures (such as evacuations or lock-downs) based on the Emergency Preparedness Manual. Please familiarize yourself with the emergency response protocols below or [CLICK HERE](#) to access the BCPS Parent Guide to Plain Language:



Policies and expectations related to safety and security will be further explained to students during our grade level assemblies and communicated via Parent Link. Fort Lauderdale High School thanks you for helping keep our school community safe!

CODE OF CONDUCT

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, emphasizes that a strong and positive school culture is essential for ensuring equal educational opportunities and maintaining a safe learning environment. **The Code of Student Conduct (Policy 5090)** provides clear policies and procedures that promote fairness, consistency, and respect for student rights.

Important among these rules are consistent and timely attendance, respect for people and property, appropriate dress, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records and prohibited items such as weapons, drugs, e-cigarettes and other vapor devices. Collaboration among students, parents, staff, and the community is vital to fostering mutual respect and modeling the district's core character traits.

We strongly encourage all stakeholders to familiarize themselves with the complete Broward County Code of Student Conduct which can be found by clicking [here](#).

BCPS WEAPONS DETECTORS & STUDENT DROP-OFF

Continuing the work that began last school year, metal detectors — also referred to as Weapons-detection systems — will remain in place across all BCPS high schools for the 2026–2027 school year. These systems will be positioned at designated entry points leading onto campus, and all students and visitors are required to pass through them upon arrival. For special events or activities, whether on or off school grounds, detectors may be relocated to support the needs of the occasion. At Fort Lauderdale High School, entry will only be permitted through the approved access points on NE 4th Avenue or the bus loop. Additional details can be found at:



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

F.L.H.S. DISCIPLINE PLAN

Fort Lauderdale High School will continue to adhere to our school-wide Discipline Plan. Key student expectations outlined in the plan are as follows:

- Students must arrive at class on time & must adhere to all the policies set forth in each teacher's syllabus.
- Wireless communication devices must be out of sight.
- Students will engage in conduct that meets the goals set forth in the FLHS Positive Behavior Plan.

Afterschool detentions will be included for certain behaviors within the discipline plan. [Click here](#) for a complete copy of our 26-27 FLHS Discipline Plan.

F.L.H.S. ATTENDANCE & SIGN-OUT POLICIES

School Board Policy 5.5 outlines the rules that apply to attendance and attendance procedures. You may view BCPS attendance policies [here](#).

A student's presence in class is required to maximize the attainment of instructional objectives. For students who demonstrate patterns of non-attendance, interventions may be recommended.

Parents, or anyone authorized for pick-up (on emergency contact forms) **must come inside the main office with a picture ID to sign students out for early dismissal.** The school system strongly encourages parents/guardians to ensure their student is in school for the full school day every day so that their academic performance is not negatively impacted.

Students shall not be released within the final 30 minutes of the school day unless it is determined by administration that it is an emergency.

Additional information related to attendance can also be found in the current edition of the [Code of Student Conduct](#), approved as School Board Policy 5090, and the [Student Progression](#), approved as Policy 4000.

ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

The school board of Broward County, Florida, is committed to protecting its students, employees, and applicants for admission from bullying, harassment, or discrimination for any reason and of any type. The school board believes that all students and employees are entitled to a safe, equitable, and harassment-free school experience. Bullying, harassment, or discrimination will not be tolerated and shall be just cause for disciplinary action.

If there are any concerns or you have reason to believe

your child is being bullied, please contact our school immediately.

PBIS

In conjunction with our Discipline Plan, we are excited to continue to promote our student Flying L Pride store for the 2026-2027 school year! The purpose is to allow students to purchase items using "PRIDE BUCKS" by exhibiting target behaviors:

Patience

Respect

Integrity

Determination

Excellence



Student First

Observant

Accountable

Responsible

To receive Flying L PRIDE bucks throughout the school year, our scholars must be "caught in the act" exhibiting positive behaviors. Students will have a chance to visit the store on select days during lunch.



If you would like to donate items to our Positive Behavior Program, we will have a drop-off station in our main office. We are accepting sealed candy or snacks, gift cards, tickets, school supplies, or any other goodies that students might enjoy. We appreciate your support and dedication to our students.

MINDFULNESS & SEL

MindFULLme is an organization and club created at FLHS in 2019 by Mr. Dan Katz and several students to provide a safe place where students can express themselves. The club's advisor, Mr. Katz (a Certified Master Life Coach), is aware of all the stress school can bring and wanted to add some positivity to school life.



Club meetings are held **in the Lecture Hall**. Dates and times will be announced. Everyone is **welcome** to attend and enjoy a mental break from the school day.

JOIN OUR PTSA

The Fort Lauderdale High PTSA knows that a strong partnership among our families, school leaders and community members is important to the success of our students and school. That is why we cordially invite all Flying L families to become PTSA members for the 2025-2026 school year.

Visit: <https://flhsptsa.givebacks.com/> to become an active member of our Flying L Family community!

BUS & TRANSPORTATION

Get ready for the back-to-school season with these **School Bus Updates & Tips** for Students, Parents and Commuters:

- All eligible students needing bus transportation for the upcoming school year must **REGISTER 2 RIDE** by clicking [HERE](#). Use the webpage below to register and guarantee a bus assignment for the first day of school. Students who registered to ride last year (SY 25/26) but did not ride the bus last year must register using their student accounts (**06 accounts**).
- Expect school bus delays the first few weeks of school due to traffic congestion around campuses, schools regulating dismissals, and students becoming familiar with their bus drivers.
- Students should arrive at the bus stop at least **10 minutes early**.
- **The bus stop and the school bus are considered an extension of the classroom and students are expected to observe the same code of discipline expected in the school classroom.**
- Parents are **encouraged to contact Transportation Services at 754-321-4400 or our Transportation Liaison, Mr. Lenard at 754-322-1118** or if they have questions or concerns regarding their child's bus route.



The **BCPS Transportation Services Department** is excited to introduce **Here Comes the Bus (HCTB)**, a free and easy-to-use website and application that allows parents to view the location of their child's school bus in real-time on a smartphone, tablet or personal computer. Here Comes the Bus will make knowing when your child's school bus is arriving easier.

To register, visit the [Here Comes the Bus website](#) or download the Here Comes The Bus app by visiting the Google Play or Apple Store. Use school code **87599** to locate Broward County Public Schools.

ATHLETICS

Team sports at **FLHS** encourage strength, endurance, and healthy habits while teaching students the importance of collaboration, communication, and perseverance.

Is your child interested in getting involved in sports? If so, the following requirements must be completed before any student can take part in sporting events. This includes participation in all practices and games:

- **Effective immediately**, any new student to sport (9th-12th) (Form EL1 – ECG Form)
- **Pre-participation Physical** - MUST be a sport related physical (Form EL2) - Yearly
- **Consent and Release from liability certificate** (Form EL3) - Yearly
- **Memorial Health Care System parental consent** for treatment - Yearly
- All incoming 9th grade students are eligible to participate until the second semester. After second semester of 9th grade, all athletes **must maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or above** - Yearly
- **Affidavit of Compliance** with the policies on athletic recruiting and non-traditional student participation (Only for students from FLHS students that did NOT start with FLHS for their 9th grade year)
- **Proof of medical insurance** with student's name on the insurance card. Insurance can be purchased for school sports at www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com – Yearly.
- **Birth Certificate** may be requested.

Contact our Athletic Director, Coach Lawrence, with any questions at tjlawrence@browardschools.com.

CLASS OF 2027 SENIOR PARKING DECALS

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT EVERY DAY!

ON SALE 7/1/26 ONLY \$52

✓ REP YOUR CLASS!
✓ SHOW YOUR PRIDE!
✓ RESERVED FOR SENIORS!

AVAILABLE ON THE ESTORE DON'T MISS OUT!

DECALS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SENIOR PARKING SPACES.

★ DECAL PICKUP INFORMATION ★

PICKUP BEGINS: MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026	LOCATION: BUILDING 20, 2ND FLOOR	SEE: MS. ELVIA
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IMPORTANT: Students must submit a **COMPLETE PARKING REGISTRATION PACKET** before receiving their parking decal.

✓ PARKING REGISTRATION PACKET REQUIRED ✓ DECAL PAYMENT REQUIRED ✓ DECAL PICKUP FROM MS. ELVIA