

# District School Board of Pasco County

*Our vision is to create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.*

Our district's design and vision for schooling is based on the concept of *A Community of Connected Schools.*



The three guiding principles that provide the framework for this concept are:

**Continuous Progress**, which enables students to move through the educational program in a seamless progression, at a rate that makes the accomplishment of high standards both challenging and achievable;

**Continuity of Caring**, which provides a nurturing environment of consistent and complete care to meet the full range of students' needs; and

**Ensuring Equity and Excellence**, which provides equitable, quality education that elevates the standards of academic performance for **all** students.

## Pasco County School Board Members

**Allen Altman**  
District 1

**Joanne Hurley**  
District 2

**Cathi Martin**  
District 3

**Kathryn Starkey**  
District 4

**Frank Parker**  
District 5



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Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent

*District Wide Accreditation - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Council on Accountability and School Improvement (SACS CASI)*

## 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>August 17-21</b>	First Day of School for Teachers/ Planning Days
<b>August 18</b>	Secondary Schools Back-to-School Orientation
<b>August 19</b>	Elementary Schools Back-to-School Orientation
<b>August 24</b>	<b>First Day of School for Students</b>
<b>September 7</b>	Holiday for Students and Teachers/Labor Day
<b>September 22</b>	Progress Reports
<b>October 16</b>	District Inservice Day/No School for Students
<b>October 23</b>	Report Cards
<b>November 11*</b>	Holiday for Students and Teachers/Veterans Day
<b>November 24</b>	Progress Reports
<b>November 25*-27</b>	Holiday for Students and Teachers/Thanksgiving
<b>Dec. 23 - Jan. 7</b>	Winter Break
<b>January 8</b>	Teacher Planning Day/ No School for Students
<b>January 15</b>	Report Cards
<b>January 18</b>	Holiday for Students and Teachers/Martin L. King Day
<b>February 15</b>	Holiday for Students and Teachers/Presidents' Day
<b>February 23</b>	Progress Reports
<b>April 2</b>	Teacher Planning Day/ No School for Students
<b>April 5-9</b>	Spring Break
<b>April 16</b>	Report Cards
<b>May 11</b>	Progress Reports
<b>May 31</b>	Holiday for Students and Teachers/Memorial Day
<b>June 9</b>	Last Day of School for Students
<b>June 10-11</b>	Teacher Planning Days/ Last Day of School for Teachers
<b>June 18</b>	Final Report Cards

\*NOTE: Possible hurricane makeup days will be November 11, 2009 and November 25, 2009 respectively.

## A View of Pasco Schools

Number of Students . . . . . 66,137

(Prekindergarten - 12th grade)

Number of Schools . . . . . 81

Elementary . . . . . 44

Middle . . . . . 15

High . . . . . 11

Education Centers . . . . . 4

Charter Schools . . . . . 5

District Free and  
Reduced Lunch Average . . . . . 49%

Number of Employees . . . . . 9,685

Teachers . . . . . 5,182

Instructional Support . . . . . 4,206

(e.g., secretarial, transportation, custodial)

School-based/District Administrators . . . . . 297

### New School Openings 2009-2010

Anclote High School

Watergrass Elementary School

## Points of Pride

- Thirty five (35) of our teachers achieved National Board certification in 2008, which brings us to a total of 185 teachers in our district who have achieved National Board Certification. This is the highest level of certification a teacher can achieve.
- Thirty-five (35) schools received the 2008-2009 Florida Department of Education's Five Star School Award. The Florida Department of Education presents this award annually to those schools that have shown outstanding involvement with business partners, families, volunteers and student community service.
- Our district has received many state and national recycling awards; including the 2009 Teaming Up for the Environment Award from the Tampa Bay Rays.



For more information about Pasco County Schools, call the  
**Communications and Government Relations**  
Department, 813-794-2717, 727-774-2717 or 352-524-2717,  
or visit our web site at ([www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us)).

### EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The right of a student to participate fully in classroom instruction and extracurricular activities shall not be abridged or impaired because of race, color, religion, gender, age, ethnicity, national origin, pregnancy, parenthood, marital status, political beliefs, social or family background, disability, or for any other reason not related to an individual's abilities.

## 2008-2009 Student Valedictorians

Gulf High School

Jamielee Hyatt



Hudson High School

Elaine McCready

International Baccalaureate GHS

Alice Chang

International Baccalaureate LOLHS

John Diaz

Sebastian Garcia

Land O' Lakes High School

Shelby Ronk

J.W. Mitchell High School

Steven Giordano

Pasco High School

Stephanie Bires

Ridgewood High School

Andrew Stagner

River Ridge High School

Stephanie Hull

Sunlake High School

Van Tucker

Wesley Chapel High School

RoseMarie DeAngelo

Wiregrass Ranch High School

Monica Abdelmalak

Zephyrhills High School

Anthony Pritchard



## 2009-2010

### Employees of the Year

Teacher of the Year

Kathryn Bylsma, Gifted Science Teacher

Dr. John Long Middle School

School Related Personnel of the Year

Donna Lyons, Principal's Secretary

Dr. Mary Giella Elementary School

Non-Instructional Non-Bargaining  
Employee of the Year

Leroy Christopher, Plant Manager

R.B. Stewart Middle School

Administrator of the Year

Terry Rhum, Director

Employee Relations