

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT UPDATE

Parent Update August 2025



A Message from Principal Baker

Dear Eisenhower Families,
Welcome back to our returning families and to our new families, "Welcome to Eisenhower Elementary School!" Eisenhower ES is a community school that embraces children. Being an Panda is special. As we open the school year, we will continue to serve all of our students and families by focusing on the student

experience and setting high expectations for all. Our Eisenhower PTA supports us in achieving our goals. I highly recommend you join this advocacy organization and be an active part of your child's success. Look our for more information about membership info, school & community related info and so much more.

We ended the year on a very high note. The State grades were released, and Eisenhower Elementary School is rated an "B" once again this year! Our scores are higher than they were last year proving once again that our kids feel safe and happy while learning.

It is also important to note that Eisenhower's scores supported the District in becoming an "A" rated district! This is the first time ever that the Pinellas County School District has received an "A" for he second year in a row! Isn't it awesome to be a part of school & district that are so AWESOME!?!

Our goal is to kick off the year with positivity and continue trending up as we grow our students and grow our practices as educators. In order to have a successful start, it is important that we have processes for safety, including a safe campus & classrooms, arrival/dismissal processes and much more. Please take the time to read this update and review attachments so you can be part of our success.

Thank you and Go Pnadas!

Tijuana Baker

Principal

A reminder:

- **Stay tuned to our school marquee, our school website, and our Facebook page to keep updated with school information throughout the year.**

Student Hours

Student hours for K-5th grade: 8:45 AM- 2:55 PM

Attendance matters. We do expect children to be in attendance for the entire learning day.

First day of school August 11th



- K-5th grade parents will be able to walk their child(ren) to class on the first day of school to the classroom door where teachers will be waiting. Once parents drop off their child, they should then leave campus.

For safety purposes, after day one we will be securing our campus; then we will maintain a secure campus for the remainder of the school year. We will have staff on hand to help scholars find their classrooms.

- **Please be sure your child knows how he/she will be getting home**

from school each day!! Start this way on Day #1 of school. If your child is a bus rider, have him/her ride the bus on day one. This prevents confusion later.

- Students need to be seated & ready to learn **promptly at 8:45 AM**. Students will be marked as tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:45 AM.

Back-to-School Electronic Forms

Parents can fill out all their back-to-school forms in one place - online. Use your parent ID and password to log into Focus at focus.pcsb.org and complete your Back-to-School Forms packet. Forms can also be accessed at www.pcsb.org/backtoschoolforms.

- For log-on issues, please contact your school.

[See the Focus Forms Tip Sheet](#) (pdf)

Still have questions? [Watch our Focus Forms Intro Video](#).

Focus Updates:

Parents can now create Parent Portal accounts, reset passwords and link their children to their accounts electronically. Learn more at www.pcsb.org/focusinfo.

Electronic forms include:

- Parent Acknowledgement of Student Code of Conduct
- Media Release
- Directory Information Opt-Out Letter
- Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement
- School and Classroom Library Material Student Access
- Technology Equipment Acceptance and Responsibility
- Residency Questionnaire
- School-Based Healthcare Services
- Student Clinic Card

If parents prefer paper forms, they can fill them out instead.

Pinellas County Schools Online Forms for Parents.

NEED HELP?

**Call Your School or
the PCS Help Desk:**

727-588-6060



Staying Connected with the Classroom

1. Login to Focus Parent Portal: <http://focus.pcsb.org>

2. Parents must complete online forms above (See previous section) in "**Back To School Electronic Forms**" section.
3. Select green button to fill out forms.
4. Once forms are complete you will be able to see your child's teachers and schedule

Classroom Supply Lists: Our classroom supply lists are posted to our website and Facebook page. For your convenience follow link below.



Eisenhower Elementary (es) / Homepage

Good attendance is a habit we should build as soon as children start school.

pcsb.org

No Student Drop Off Before 8:15AM

Parents,

Per new safety legislation. there are to be **no students on campus prior to 8:15 AM**. This is non-negotiable.

If you arrive prior to 8:15 in car line, the student is to stay in the car with you. If you walk or ride a bike, please adjust your schedule so that your child arrives between 8:15-8:45 AM. **The school does not provide supervision for students prior to 8:15 AM**. Patrols are the only exceptions and will be greeted by their sponsor. We need YOU to adhere to this safety concern. Thank you!



Arrival & Breakfast

Where do students get dropped off in the mornings?

Arrival Areas

- PreK in the PreK drop off area at the cafeteria doors or in the carcircle.
- K through 5th grade car riders- car circle (see map on school website)
- K through 5th grade Walkers - main front entrance
- Office Entrance - The only parents entering are ones that need access to the school DMT (Claudia Calderon) or the school Nurse

Breakfast:

Breakfast and lunch is served to students at no cost from 8:15AM-8:40AM

Morning Arrival

Staff will begin supervision of students at 8:15am. Prior to 8:15am, students are not permitted on campus for student safety. Students may enter the campus in the front main entrance carline or



the back walking gate. They will all be directed to the cafeteria until 8:30am. Classrooms will be open to students beginning at 8:30am. If your student is not eating breakfast, we encourage arrivals after 8:30am. Students may report directly to their homeroom class at that time. Instruction begins promptly at 8:45am.

Lunch

For the 2025-26 school year, school breakfast and lunch for **ALL** students at Eisenhower is **free!** I highly encourage all families to fill out the application for more benefits. **Online application for additional benefits are available at www.myschoolapps.com.** Meal applications help secure funding for technology, discounted testing and college application fees, free clothing for students and more. To get started, access the application at myschoolapps.com.



Apply beginning
August 4, 2025, at
myschoolapps.com
or scan the QR code
to get started!

My School Bucks - Online Service for Snacks or Additional Meals



My School Bucks is an online payment portal specially designed to allow parents to make convenient, anytime payments to their children's school meal accounts. Create a new account with My School Bucks using the student's 10 digit local ID number. You can find this number in *Focus*, which is located in the District's Home Page drop down menu; once in *Focus*, search under "Local Student ID". Each student will need his/her own account. Please use the website link to add funds to your student's prepaid account at www.myschoolbucks.com

Student Dismissal (Curbsmart)

We will be using Curbsmart again this school year. If you are returning to Eisenhower, your Curbsmart number will be the same as last year. If you are new to Eisenhower, you will be given a Curbsmart number placard to use for carline pick-ups. We will be using Curbsmart on the first day of school.



Curbsmart

- Pick up your Curbsmart placard car tag Thursday August 7th at our meet the teacher event. We will send it home with your student unique dismissal code on Monday August 11th for anyone not attending the Meet the Teacher event. The code and placard car tag number will be the same for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year.

Bus Riders

Bus Riders A few reminders for our bus riders

- Make sure your child is at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the assigned pick-up time.



BUS BULLETIN

- Remind your child that there will be assigned seats and students are expected to sit in his/her assigned seat every day.
- If you have multiple children riding the bus, the driver may ask for siblings to sit together.
- Students are expected to adhere to bus rules at all times.

If you live more than 2 miles from the school and need to request a bus stop for your child, please contact to the front office. A request will be made for a bus stop, for your child through the transportation department. This could take up to a week, so plan accordingly.

Parents of bus riders are encouraged to sign up for bus bulletin. Bus bulletin is a system that Pinellas County Schools uses to communicate transportation issues with schools and families. If you sign up, you will receive information regarding any changes to your child's route. The information could include a late pickup, a substitute driver, a change in route, or a number of other things. This is a great way to stay connected to transportation without having to call.

Please visit: <https://www.pcsb.org/BusBulletin>

Cell Phones / Watches

Cell Phones/Smart Watches-May not be used while on campus before/after school hours. Phones/Smart Watches must be OFF, inside backpacks, and not visible on campus at ANY time or they will be confiscated.



Clinic & Medications

- **MEDICATIONS:** If your child will need to have a medication administered (OTC or prescribed) during school hours, it is important for you to visit the front office PRIOR to school starting. ALL types of medications require additional paperwork that must be completed by a parent and/ or doctor. Students MAY NOT transport any medications to school.



****NEW**** Headphones: USB with Microphone

To support our students in using classroom technology effectively, we kindly ask that each student bring a pair of USB-A headphones with an attached microphone. These are important for activities such as online learning, testing, and interactive lessons.

Specifications:

- Headphones must have an attached/built-in microphone

- USB-A connection (not 3.5mm or Bluetooth)
- Durable and comfortable for regular use

Please label the headphones with your child's first and last name.

Thank you for your support!



Family Engagement Event/Activity Calendar



25-26 Eisenhower Event-Activity Calendar .pdf

Download

100.6 KB

Volunteering at Eisenhower

Hello Eisenhower Volunteers!!

We are very excited to begin the 2025-26 school year, and we are hopeful you will be returning as a PCS Volunteer. **Your action is needed** in order for you to volunteer in the new school year: All volunteer profiles are reset to INACTIVE status at the end of each summer and **all returning volunteers must reactivate** their profile each new school year in order to volunteer. Only Active/Approved volunteers are allowed to participate. The following link is a current copy of the PCS Volunteer Quick Guide to assist you with learning your username, and password for volunteer profile management and reactivation.

[https://focus.pcsb.org/uploaded-assets-volunteer/file/Volunteer%20Quick%20Guide\(1\).pdf](https://focus.pcsb.org/uploaded-assets-volunteer/file/Volunteer%20Quick%20Guide(1).pdf)

When you sign in and open your volunteer profile, a series of criminal offense questions will appear. Please answer the questions and accept the Truth & Confidentiality Statement at the bottom of the page, which will reactivate your profile. **(Do NOT reactivate using any mobile device. Doing so may cause your criminal offense answers to be inadvertently reversed, or it may cause you to skip a question.)** To log your volunteer hours, you will sign in exactly the same way, but the criminal offense questions will no longer appear because your profile will be ACTIVE.

Here are some upcoming dates that you should know about, and we may be needing volunteer support if interested.

8/11 - First day of school

9/25 - Open House

9/3- Volunteer Orientation @ 9 a.m.

9/18- Goodies with Grandparents @ 8 a.m.

10/1- Enterprise Village 5th Grade Field Trip

For more information about how you can be involved in the school, please contact Ms. CJ our Family and Community Liaison jonesce@pcsb.org.

Code of Student Conduct



Tijuana Baker

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