

PARENT HANDBOOK
2024 – 2025



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PASADENA LAKES ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK

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Please provide the following information when calling the attendance hotline: Name of student, teacher's name, date of absence, reason for absence and daytime phone number where you can be reached.

Please read Section I -Attendance in Broward County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct for more detailed information and a list of accepted excused absences. The Code of Student Conduct can be accessed at www.browardschools.com.

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Principal's Honor Roll:	All A's, on grade level, no 3's
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Personal Success Award:	Showing improvement, no 3's
Kids of Character	Nominated each month by staff and exhibit the trait of the month.
Perfect Attendance	Present for the entire marking period, no tardies.

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Students enrolled in the program participate in many activities such as study/homework time, reading, arts and crafts, organized games, computers, and science.

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BREAKFAST

Currently, BCPS has obtained a grant that provides free breakfast. Breakfast is served from 7:40 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Service will end promptly at 8:00 a.m. so children will not be late to class. **A new free/reduced application must be completed each year.** Applications may be completed any time through the year at www.myschoolapps.com.

Adult supervision is provided during breakfast. Due to increased security, a lack of space and the shortage of serving time, **parents may not accompany their children to breakfast.**

CAFETERIA

Free and reduced price meals will be provided for students who qualify and are authorized. New Free and Reduced Meal Applications must be submitted each year to verify qualification in this program. **The students who received such meals the previous year will be given a two-week grace period to resubmit the necessary application.** After that time the meals will be discontinued if applications are not submitted and processed. New applications are available on-line and will only be sent home by parent request. Log onto www.myschoolapps.com to submit an application.

Monthly menus are available on the District and school's websites. Students may choose between a selection of hot meals or a salad. Ice cream is sold on Wednesdays for \$0.65. Please make sure your child brings the appropriate amount for these purchases or parents may deposit money into their child's lunch account on-line at www.myschoolbucks.com.

Currently, Broward Schools receives a grant that provides free breakfast and lunch for all students. The price of a regular lunch is \$2.00; approved reduced cost is \$0.40. Meals may also be paid for in advance on-line at www.myschoolbucks.com. There is a \$1.50 service fee for all on-line payments. You may pay for several children during one transaction. Parents can also pay for ice cream, which is sold on Wednesday's through www.myschoolbucks.com.

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During the first month of school, you will receive the classroom rules from your child's teacher. Please review those rules, as well as the following general school rules, with your child.

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Detention may be used as a consequence of inappropriate behavior. Detention is scheduled between 2:10 and 3:10 p.m. Parents will be notified at least a day in advance of any scheduled detention. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation home on days their child is scheduled for detention.

DISTRICT SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER

When an emergency situation pertaining to any Broward County Public School occurs after normal business hours, weekends, or holidays please call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at 754-321-3500 to report it.

DRESS/PERSONAL GROOMING

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A uniform waiver may be applied for in certain circumstances within the first 10 days of attendance at PLE.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

It is very important the school have several up-to-date emergency contact numbers for your child. If your telephone number or address changes during the school year, contact the school immediately to update the

information. Each year parents will be asked to complete Back to School forms with current information. More information about Back-to-School forms can be found on our districts website at www.browardschools.com .

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) became a Federal Law in November 1974 and further revised in 1975 and 1976. The intent of this law is to protect the accuracy and privacy of students' educational records. Without the prior consent of the parents or eligible students (over 18 years of age), only parents of such students and authorized individuals having legitimate educational interests will have access to certain confidential letters or statements.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are planned as extensions of the curriculum. Field Trip Authorization forms must be signed and returned before a child is allowed to participate in a field trip. The deadline for returning this form will be indicated on the permission slip along with the cost of the trip. According to School Board Policy #6303, "Students may be denied the privilege of participating in field trips, social and/or extra-curricular activities if said student(s) have been disruptive, violate the student code of conduct or fail to conform with school rules and regulations. The final decision on whether or not the student may participate shall be made by the principal with documentation and input from the affected staff." Field Trips will be paid on-line through the Broward County Public School E-store at www.estore.browardschools.com or <https://osp.osmsinc.com/browardfl/> .

Virtual fieldtrips may also be offered to students to extend their learning.

GATES

For safety and security, all gates will remain locked throughout the day, unless manned by a staff member. If the gates are locked, all visitors must contact the office at 754-323-6900 for assistance. Gates for students to access campus will open for student drop off at 7:40 am and for student pick-up at 2:10 pm.

GUIDANCE/STUDENT SERVICES

All students will be presented with materials dealing with self-esteem, decision-making, mindfulness and substance awareness. Our guidance counselor is also available to discuss study habits, grades, test scores or family problems interfering with your child's learning and may meet with students face to face or through Microsoft TEAMS. BCPS counseling information may be shared with parents if the student needs on-going counseling.

HOMEWORK

Research has shown that regularly scheduled homework is an important factor for students' success in school. Parents and children can spend quality time together working on homework projects. To make homework more productive: designate a set time each day, provide quiet, uninterrupted time, be positive, stress success, not failure and have fun.

ILLNESS AND MEDICATION

CLINIC:

A school clinic is maintained for students who become ill or injured during school hours. Minor cuts and scratches are washed and a band-aid may be applied. Whenever a student sustains an injury that needs parental or professional attention, has a temperature, or vomits, parents will be notified immediately to come and pick up the student. Children who are ill should not be in school, not only for their own health but to prevent contamination to others, especially if your child is experiencing any symptoms related to COVID 19 or any other communicable diseases such as fever, persistent cough, sore throat, headache, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle or body aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose.

MEDICATION:

Broward County School Board Policy 6305 expressly forbids employees of the school system from dispensing medicine to students without proper authorization from a licensed physician and the parent. The Broward County Health Department has recommended that parents inform their physician and dentist of their child's school hours and to make adjustments in the time and dosage, so children do not have to take medicine at school.

If a child must take medication during school hours, a Medication Authorization form must be completed and signed by the child's physician and on file in the school office **before** any medication is dispensed. Proper completion of this form is the only way school personnel will be allowed to administer medication. This form must be updated on a yearly basis. All medication must be provided in the original bottle.

Cough drops, aspirin, eye, ear, or nose drops, allergy pills, etc. all come under restrictions dealing with the administering and dispensing of medicine in school and cannot be brought to school by the child without proper medical documentation.

ITEMS LEFT AT HOME

NO DELIVERIES – We are asking that parents refrain from dropping off items to students during the school day (i.e. lunches, snacks, backpacks, jackets, homework, etc.). Please make sure lunches and backpacks are ready to go as part of establishing a good routine for your child.

OBSERVATION AND VISITATION

Due to the unique needs of the students in special programs we, at PLE, have found that limiting parent observations to 30 minutes and one time per month is the best policy for ensuring uninterrupted instruction. Please schedule observations through the ESE office.

All classroom observations must be scheduled 48 hours in advance.

PARTIES

Students enjoy two parties each school year. The first party is the last hour of the last week before winter break. The second party is on one of the last days of the school year. You may send store bought refreshments to school for these two parties and further information will be shared by your child's teacher. Please NO products containing peanuts, due to student and staff allergies.

PASADENA SCOOP

Pasadena Press will be on-line monthly at www.browardschools.com/pasadenalakes . We encourage you to take a few minutes each month to read the newsletter with your child. Many parents find it helpful to put the calendar and menu on their refrigerator. PLE school website is www.browardschools.com/pasadenalakes .

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association at Pasadena Lakes welcomes all of our families and community members. PTA Executive Board meetings are held monthly at the discretion of PTA in coordination with school personnel. General PTA meetings are held at least four times a year. Look for meeting dates in the *Pasadena Scoop*, <https://pasadenapawsome.memberhub.store/store> or contact the PTA at 754-323-6927.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued approximately every nine weeks. Interim reports are issued as needed half way through the marking period. If your child is experiencing academic difficulty, contact the teacher to set up a conference so that plans for improvement can be made. Report cards and Interim Reports may be accessed by logging into your child's single sign-on Clever Launchpad at sso.browardschools.com . Parents will need to use their child's 06 student number and password to log in. Once logged in look for the Virtual Counselor logo and click to view.

SAFETY PLAN

Each school in Broward County has developed a School Emergency Response Plan. This plan is updated annually and reviewed with all school staff members. The plan includes school site information and staff responsibilities before, during and after an emergency. Each year we work cooperatively with the local fire and police departments to develop a plan which addresses issues that might affect the safety and security of the children and staff both on campus and off.

Our first priority is to keep the students and staff safe during a crisis. Under some circumstances, the safest place for your child is at school. Drills and training are conducted regularly with the students and staff to maintain readiness. During times of high threat levels, outdoor activities and field trips may be cancelled to reduce risks.

In the event of a crisis involving the school, you or your designated contact will be notified, so please keep all emergency information current. You will be given brief information to the nature of the crisis and instructions for picking up your child if necessary.

We ask that during an emergency that you do not call the school. We will be busy safeguarding our students and staff and will need to keep the lines open for emergency communication. We also ask that you do not rush to the school to get your child unless directed to do so by school or emergency personnel.

SANITATION

Frequent handwashing and/or sanitizing is encouraged throughout the day by students and staff, as part of the regular school routine.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) works throughout the year to assess the school's needs, set goals, implement action steps and monitor achievement of the goals. Meetings are announced in the school newsletter and are open to the public. Your participation is encouraged.

SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM (SAF)

The School Advisory Forum (SAF) is open to all concerned parents and community members. The meetings are usually held immediately following the School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings which are generally held on the last Tuesday of the month at 2:15 p.m. or at 6:15 p.m.

SCHOOL HOURS

Pasadena Lakes Elementary School Hours

Monday – Friday	Student hours: 8:10 am – 2:10 pm
	Front Office & Staff Hours: 7:40 am – 3:00 pm
Early Release Days	Student hours: 8:10 am -12:10 pm
No student dismissal after 1:40 pm daily nor after 11:40 am on Early Release Days	

Changes in dismissal must be received by 1:00 pm to allow adequate time for personnel to be contacted in reference to your child’s dismissal. Request must be received in writing or through front office communication.

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

Students are responsible for returning library books, textbooks and other school property in good condition. Books that are not returned or damaged school property must be paid for in a timely manner. Student participation in extra-curricular activities and before or after-school care can be suspended until obligations are paid in full.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

On January 8, 2002, the United States Congress approved the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Broward County Public Schools is committed to following all guidelines as established by NCLB and will provide information regarding classroom teacher qualifications in a timely manner upon request.

You have the right to request the following information:

Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.

Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications of licensing criteria have been waived.

The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.

You will be notified in writing if your child has been assigned or has been taught for more than four consecutive weeks by a teacher who has not met the NCLB highly qualified criteria.

Please be assured that Broward County Public Schools is dedicated to providing the students of Broward County with a quality education. The information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher and/or the classroom paraprofessional may be obtained from the principal at 754-323-6900.

TECHNOLOGY

Laptops are used throughout the day to assist in enhancing the academic progress of students. If students qualify to have a laptop sent home, parents must be asked to sign a property pass and monitor the use and handling of BCPS student issued property. Failure to monitor the use and handling may result in the student only being able to use the laptop at school.

TEXTBOOKS

The majority of student textbooks are consumable and can be accessed through the student's CLEVER launchpad. When regular textbooks are utilized, it is the student's responsibility to keep the books in good condition. Assessment for lost or damaged textbooks will be charged when there is evidence of abnormal wear and/or unnecessary damage.

TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

Effective July 1, 2014, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved Policy 2401: Tobacco-Free Environment. This Policy prohibits all tobacco use anytime, anywhere, by anyone on any District-owned property or within 100 feet of any District-owned property. This includes all school-sponsored events after regular school hours.

VISITORS

All visitors and volunteers must check in at the front office upon entering the school. For the protection and safety of students and staff, all visitors are required to wear a name badge or volunteer tag when on campus. When arriving on campus visitors must present a valid photo ID that will be scanned through the Raptor system and the process may take a few minutes. Therefore, please arrive a few minutes early for any appointments. Meetings scheduled on campus may include district and/or school-based staff who will participate in person or via Microsoft Teams. Please Note: visitors may be asked to wait outside until the visitors in the front office exit, if there are too many guest inside.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents and community members are encouraged to volunteer at Pasadena Lakes. No special skills are required to be a school volunteer. Volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application and be approved by the District yearly.

By volunteering to chaperone field trips, assisting in the classroom or media center, decorating bulletin boards, weighing and measuring students, helping with special events, you are not only helping your child but the whole Pasadena family.

Visit the Volunteer Services Web page – www.browardschools.com/getinvolved – for complete information on Broward County Public Schools Volunteer Programs, including quick access to the online volunteer application, current news and highlights, announcements and the Resource Library.

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS

Parents who are withdrawing their child(ren) from school should contact the school office, by telephone or by written communication, at least 48 hours prior to withdrawal. The child's teacher and the media specialist complete a clearance form prior to withdrawal. Students are responsible for paying for any lost or damaged books before they withdraw.

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As of July 1, 2022, parents must complete the Parent/Guardian Consent for School Health Services Form annually in order for students to be seen by the school nurse with the exception of emergency situations.

When necessary, emergency health services such as first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) will be performed until emergency medical services arrive on campus.

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MEDICATION:

Broward County School Board Policy 6305 expressly forbids employees of the school system from dispensing medicine to students without proper authorization from a licensed physician and the parent. The Broward County Health Department has recommended that parents inform their physician and dentist of their child's school hours and to make adjustments in the time and dosage so children do not have to take medicine at school.

If a child must take medication during school hours, a Medication Authorization form must be completed and signed by the child's physician and on file in the school office **before** any medication is dispensed. Proper completion of this form is the only way school personnel will be allowed to administer medication. This form must be updated on a yearly basis.

Cough drops, aspirin, eye, ear, or nose drops, allergy pills, etc. all come under the restrictions dealing with the administering and dispensing of medicine in school and cannot be brought to school by the child without proper medical documentation.

OBSERVATION AND VISITATION

Due to the unique needs of the students in special programs we, at PLE, have found that limiting parent observations to 30 minutes and one time per month is the best policy for ensuring uninterrupted instruction. Please schedule observations through the ESE office.

All classroom observations must be scheduled 48 hours in advance.

PARTIES

Students enjoy two parties each school year. The first party is the last hour of the last day before winter break. The second party is on one of the last days of the school year. You may send store bought refreshments to school for these two parties. Please check with your child's teacher for more information.

PASADENA PRESS

Pasadena Press will be online monthly. We encourage you to take a few minutes each month to read the newsletter with your child. Many parents find it helpful to put the calendar and menu on their refrigerator. PLE website is www.browardschools.com/pasadenalakes .

PTA

We are looking to form a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Pasadena Lakes. Interested parents or community members may contact the school at 754-323-6900 for further information.

The Parent Teacher Association at Pasadena Lakes welcomes all of our families. PTA Executive Board meetings are held monthly. General PTA meetings are held at least four times a year. Look for meeting dates in the *Pasadena Press* or contact the PTA at 754-323-6927.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued approximately every nine weeks via Virtual Counselor. Interim reports are issued as needed via Virtual Counselor. If your child is experiencing academic difficulty, contact the teacher to set up a conference so that plans for improvement can be made.

SAFETY PLAN

Each school in Broward County has developed a School Emergency Response Plan. This plan is updated annually and reviewed with all school staff members. The plan includes school site information and staff responsibilities before, during and after an emergency. We have worked cooperatively with the local fire and police departments to develop a plan which addresses issues that might affect the safety and security of the children and staff both on campus and off.

Our first priority is to keep the children safe during a crisis. Under some circumstances, the safest place for your child is at school. Drills and training are conducted regularly with the students and staff to maintain readiness. During times of high threat levels, outdoor activities and field trips may be cancelled to reduce risks.

In the event of a crisis involving the school, you or your designated contact will be notified. You will be given brief information to the nature of the crisis and instructions for picking up your child if necessary. Please make sure that school personnel have your current phone number.

We ask that during an emergency that you do not call the school. We will be busy safeguarding your child and will need to keep the lines open for emergency communication. We also ask that you do not rush to the school to get your child unless directed to do so.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The SAC works throughout the year to assess the school's needs, set goals, implement action steps and monitor achievement of the goals. Meetings are announced in the school newsletter and Parent Link and are open to the public. Your participation is encouraged.

SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM (SAF)

The School Advisory Forum (SAF) is open to all concerned parents. The meetings are usually held immediately following the School Advisory Council meetings which are generally held on the last Tuesday of the month at 2:15 p.m. or at 6:15 p.m.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Students, staff, faculty, volunteers, and parent/guardian(s) are informed regarding the recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self and the processes for reporting a threat or aberrant behavior.

When an emergency situation pertaining to any Broward County Public School occurs after normal business hours, weekends, or holidays please call 754-321-3500 to report it. Reports can also be made 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, using SaferWatch, Alyssa's Alerts, www.browardschools.com/securitytips, securitytips@browardschools.com, Fortifyfly or our school website www.browardschools.com/pasadenalakes.

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

Students are responsible for returning textbooks and other school property in good condition. Books that are not returned or damaged school property must be paid for in a timely manner. Student participation in extra-curricular activities can be suspended until obligations are paid in full.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

On January 8, 2002, the United States Congress approved the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Broward County Public Schools is committed to following all guidelines as established by NCLB and will provide information regarding classroom teacher qualifications in a timely manner upon request.

You have the right to request the following information:

Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.

Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications of licensing criteria have been waived.

The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.

You will be notified in writing if your child has been assigned or has been taught for more than four consecutive weeks by a teacher who has not met the NCLB highly qualified criteria.

Please be assured that Broward County Public Schools is dedicated to providing the students of Broward County with a quality education. The information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher and/or the classroom paraprofessional may be obtained from the principal at 754-323-6900.

TECHNOLOGY

Students are provided with opportunities to utilize technology as a part of their instructional day. How to care for these devices are modeled for students. Inappropriate use of a device may lead to students losing the privilege of using the device and provided with an alternative methods in which to achieve their educational goals. Student obligations may also be applied in some instances.

TEXTBOOKS

It is the student's responsibility to keep the books in good condition. Assessment for lost or damaged textbooks will be charged when there is evidence of abnormal wear and/or unnecessary damage.

TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

Effective July 1, 2014, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved Policy 2401: Tobacco-Free Environment. This Policy prohibits all tobacco use anytime, anywhere, by anyone on any District-owned property or within 100 feet of any District-owned property. This includes all school-sponsored events after regular school hours.

VISITORS

All visitors and volunteers must check in at the front office upon entering the school. For the protection and safety of students and staff, all visitors are required to wear a name badge or volunteer tag when on campus. Processing through the Raptor system sometimes takes a few minutes. Therefore, please arrive a few minutes early for any appointments.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents and community members are encouraged to volunteer at Pasadena Lakes. No special skills are required to be a school volunteer. Volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application and be approved by the District yearly.

By volunteering to chaperone field trips, assisting in the classroom or media center, decorating bulletin boards, weighing and measuring students, helping with special events, you are not only helping your child but the whole Pasadena family.

Visit the Volunteer Services Web page – www.browardschools.com/volunteer for complete information on Broward County Public Schools Volunteer Programs, including quick access to the online volunteer application, current news and highlights, announcements and the Resource Library.

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS

Parents who are withdrawing their child(ren) from school should contact the school office, by telephone or by written communication, at least 48 hours prior to withdrawal. The child's teacher and the media specialist complete a clearance form prior to withdrawal. Students are responsible for paying for any lost or damaged books before they withdraw. Students may only be withdrawn by the registering parent. Only the parent who

registers the student may withdraw the minor student from his or her current school, without proper documentation of extenuating circumstances indicating otherwise. Please refer to School Board Policy 5.1 for more information.

PARENT HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM 2024 – 2025



In keeping with our Go Green Initiative, the Pasadena Lakes Elementary Parent Handbook is available on-line at www.browardschools.com/pasadenalakes and in the student agenda. Please take a moment to review the handbook. If you need a hard copy, check the box below and one will be sent home with your child.

My signature acknowledges that I have read the Pasadena Lakes Elementary Parent Handbook on-line or hard copy found in the student agenda..

Date

Parent Signature

Student Name

Teacher

I would like to receive a hard copy of the PLE Parent Handbook.