



Back To School Parent Information Station

August 4, 2011

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Welcome Parents and Community. Thank you for being here for the children! Tonight marks an important event for Flagler County. We have all come together across nine locations to support our children's education and send the message that receiving an education is important and we want to help you succeed and graduate. Tonight we also kick-off a campaign which encourages everyone to be involved in educating our youth. - Graduate One, EveryOne - Help Graduate One! We will spend about an hour with you tonight sharing information that we believe will be helpful in the coming school year.

Introduction of Team Leader(s), Presenters, Team Members, Special Guest.



A Message From Our Superintendent.....



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As our superintendent of schools could not be at all locations, she brings you a message through video.



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The Research Says.....

(Parent Teacher Association (PTA) & Harvard Family Research Project 2010)

When Parents Are Involved Children Have.....

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation, better self-esteem

 Family Participation in education was twice as predictive of students' academic success as family socioeconomic status.

 The more parents participate in schooling—in advocacy, decision-making, as fundraisers and boosters, as volunteers, and as home teachers – the better for student achievement.

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Tonight is all about being involved in children's education and who better to start with than the child's first teacher - their parent. Review slide. Point out that even in these economic times, the research tells us that our income does not determine our children's academic success - we do. Parent Involvement is continuous across a child's life, entails enduring commitment but changing parental roles as children mature into young adulthood. Now we know how important parent involvement is to our children's success in school and life, what does it look like, how can we be involved.

Communicate, Communicate

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Review slides, share examples, your own experiences.

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- ★ Meet with your child's teacher when school starts and stay in touch throughout the year.
- ★ Plan with your child's teacher on the best way to stay connected throughout the school year (email, phone, homework folder, planner etc.).
- ★ Attend conferences and be sure to address concerns or questions early.
- ★ Ask the teacher what your child is learning and how you can support this at home.
- ★ Ask questions! You can't be sure unless you ask!
- ★ Talk with your child daily about homework, classroom activities, and school events.
- ★ Attend "Family Nights" and parent workshops.
- ★ Encourage and nurture your child's creativity.
- ★ Be aware of school events. Read school/class newsletters.
- ★ Check the school marquee and website.
- ★ Be proactive in making the school aware of your support for your child's education.
- ★ Volunteer to serve on the School Advisory Council or PTO.

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Busy Parents & Busy Children What to do....Talk, Talk, Talk!

Turn off the radio; take a break from the cell phone.

Spend time talking with your children.

Involve your child in the things you do normally.

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This a reminder to all of us that we have to be thoughtful about the quality time we spend with our children and with the busy lives parents and children have, we need to be sure we are sending the message to our children, what you do is important, tell me about your day.

Family Access

- Parents and students can view student's grades, attendance, schedule, and more.
- Students have their own login and password.
- Parents have their own login and password.
- School Registrars can sign you up at the school.



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A screenshot of the Skyward login interface. At the top, it says "Flagler Student". Below that are two input fields: "Login:" and "Password:". To the right of the password field is a blue "Login" button. Below the login fields is a link that says "Forgot your login or password?". At the bottom of the form, it displays the date and time "04.10.12.02.15" and the browser information "Mac OS X / Firefox 2".

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Family Access Registration
Tuesday August 16, 2011
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Government Service
Building (GSB)

Going beyond the textbook

- ☀ Flagler County has adopted a Science Techbook from Discovery Education instead of the textbook for grades K-8 .
- ☀ Teachers' lesson plans, assessments and resources are all web-based and downloadable. Simulations and demonstrations can be chosen and watched with a few clicks.
- ☀ Students can access information making inter-active self-directed learning possible.



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Review slide and share that we are excited to have such a resource for our students and staff.
Now let's look at School Attendance

Student Attendance

(Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory 2004)

- The most important key to children's academic success is having them attend school on a regular basis.
- Statistics show that absenteeism due to reasons other than illness increases with each grade level.
- Poor attendance is a major indicator of gradual alienation and disengagement, and may lead to a student dropping out permanently.

Attendance - General Rules

- Only unexcused absences “count” in truancy monitoring.
- Students are allowed 10 absences per year with a parent note (5 per term or ½ year).
- An administrator can excuse an additional 5 per year by parent request and with review.
- Beyond 15 absences per year (total), only doctor or court notes are accepted.
- Religious holidays are excused with proper documentation in advance.

Communicating Attendance

- Student is absent unexcused: automated phone call goes home.
- Student is absent 5 days unexcused in a calendar month: 5 day letter goes home.
- Student is absent 10 days unexcused in any 90-day period: 10 day letter goes home. This letter goes out each time this status occurs.

Attendance Counts!

- A total of 15 absences (excused and / or unexcused) is reached: Dr. verification letter goes out.
- A total of 15 unexcused absences in a 90-day window (for kids 14-17): an automated report is sent to DMV to revoke the driving privilege.
- A student has had TWO 5 day letters, or ONE 10-day letter, or 20 unexcused absences for the YEAR: a Student Study Team Meeting (SST) is scheduled with the counselor .

Promotion & Graduation Requirements

3rd Grade Benchmark Year

- Florida State Legislature passed a law that affects the promotion/retention of students in 3rd grade.
- If the student scores a Level 2 or above on the Reading Sunshine State Standards portion of the FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test), he or she is eligible to be promoted.
- If a student scores a Level 1 on the FCAT in Reading, he/she will be retained, regardless of grades received on progress reports.
- A Level 1 student may be promoted if he/she meets one of the six "good cause" exemptions identified by the state.
(Handout Included In The Bag)

Middle Grades Promotion (6th, 7th, 8th)

Must successfully complete academic courses:

- English - 3 middle school or higher courses
- Mathematics - 3 middle school or higher courses
- Social Studies - 3 middle school or higher
- Science - 3 middle school or higher courses
- Career and Education Planning Course (7th or 8th grade)
- Physical Education

Graduation Requirements

2010 Senate Bill 4 Graduation Requirements

Grade This Year (2010-2011)	School Year entering 9 th grade	On-Time Graduation Year	Alg. I EOC*	Geometry EOC*	Biology EOC	Chemistry Or Physics + 1 more equally rigorous	FCAT2 Reading	FCAT2 Math	FCAT Science	Alg. II
9	2011-2012	2014-2015	Pass EOC for credit	Take EOC Spring 2012: 30% of course grade; thereafter, must pass EOC for credit	Take EOC Spring 2012: 30% of course grade; thereafter, must pass EOC for credit	N/A	Yes	No	8 th -Yes 11 th -No	N/A
8	2012-2013	2015-2016	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	N/A	Yes	No	8 th -Yes 11 th -No	Earn credit to graduate
7	2013-2014	2016-2017	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass to graduate	Yes	No	8 th -Yes 11 th -No	Earn credit to graduate
6	2014-2015	2017-2018	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass to graduate	Yes	No	8 th -Yes 11 th -No	Earn credit to graduate
5	2015-2016	2018-2019	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass to graduate	Yes	No	8 th -Yes 11 th -No	Earn credit to graduate
4	2016-2017	2019-2020	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass EOC for credit	Pass to graduate	Yes	No	8 th -Yes 11 th -No	Earn credit to graduate

*EOC = End-of-Course Exam

US History: EOC projected in 2013-14. Passing score not scheduled to be a part of graduation criteria.

Civics EOC Field Test in 2012-13 at Middle Grades Level. EOC is part of Civics grade in 2013-14. Must pass EOC to earn Civics credit for promotion to HS in 2014-15.

All students who take Algebra, Geometry, and Biology in Flagler County must comply with the same requirements as the 2010-11 9th grade cohort.

(July 2011) All Information complies with Florida Statutes and the Flagler County Public Schools Student Progression Plan



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Refer parents to this handout in their packet.

High School Graduation

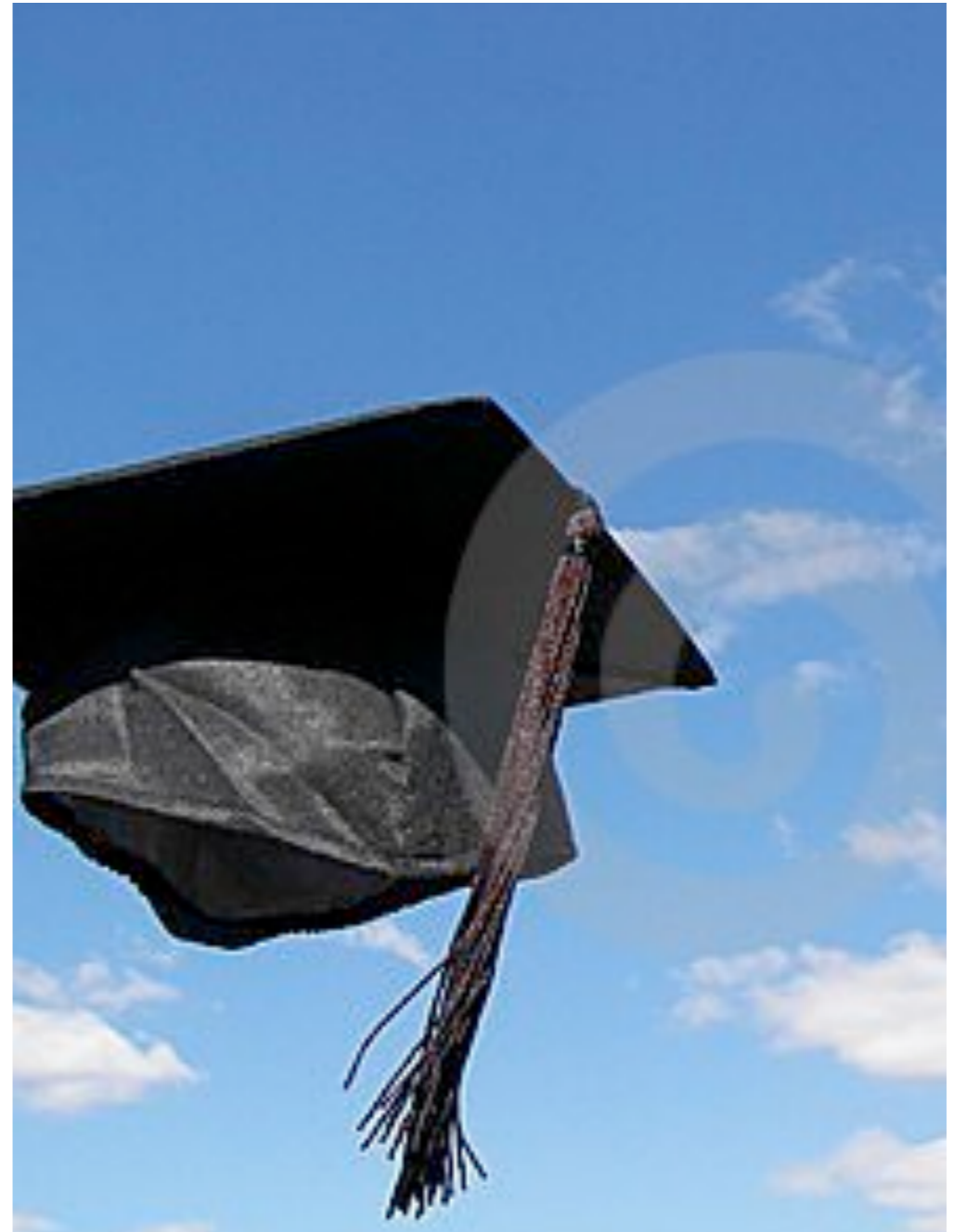
- Students entering high school from this year and beyond, will be required to Pass the Algebra I End of Course Assessment to receive credit for the class.
- Students entering 9th grade this year, will be required to take an End of Course Assessment in Geometry and Biology which will count 30% of course grade. Students entering high school after 2011-2012, will be required to pass the End of Course Assessment to receive credit for the class.
- Beginning in year 2013-2014 and after, students entering 9th grade, will be required to pass Chemistry or Physics + 1 more equally rigorous course to earn credit to graduate high school.

Remember...

Parental Involvement is SO Important Because It.....

Contributes to student attitudes about education that support achievement, for example:

- Believing that school & education are important
- Believing that doing homework is important
- Believing that trying hard is important



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A Closing Message From Our Children.....

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