

2025-2026  
**PARENT & SCHOLAR  
ORIENTATION**

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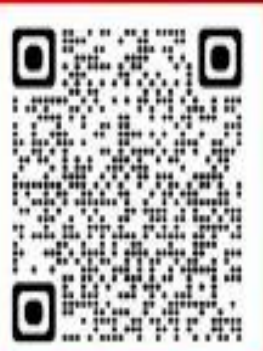
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- 313-552-1421 TEAMS



# CHECK US OUT ON ALL OF OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



WEBSITE



BAND



CLASS DOJO



Instagram



Facebook

# NEW STAFF FOR 2025-2026

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Kevin Botos-Counselor



**PROMOTED**

Carla Lewis-5<sup>th</sup> grade Certified Teacher

# WHAT'S NEW

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## **PULASKI PRIDE MINDFULNESS ROOM (204)**

**PURPOSE:** a **safe space** for Pulaski Stakeholders **to reflect, restore and return** to learning, teaching and working environments to effectively implement of DPSCD and Pulaski HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

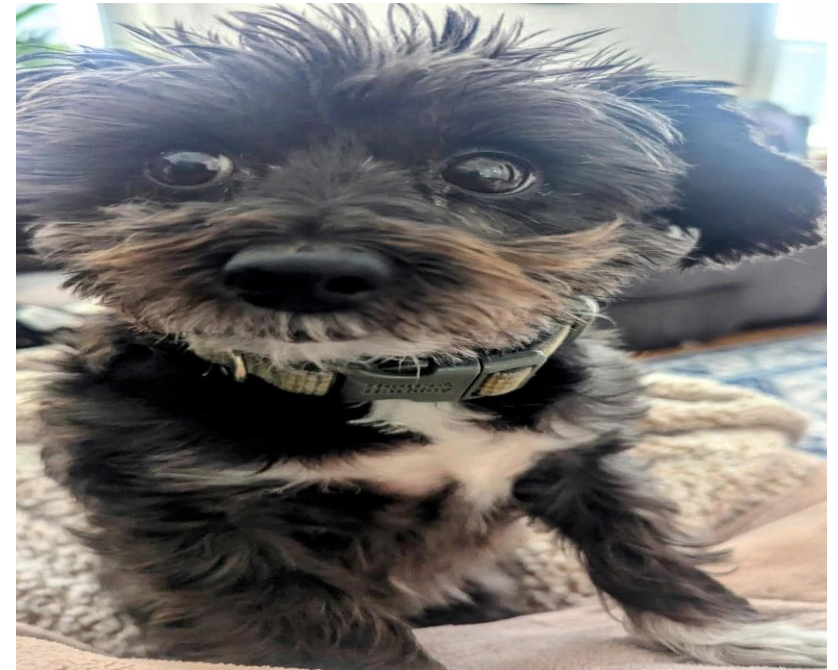
### **STAKEHOLDERS:**

- Scholar(s) that require **restorative** session(s) for violation of Code of Conduct, school expectations (ISS)
- Scholar(s) requiring a **RESET** (social, emotional, physical, academic break) (<30 minutes)
- Staff that require a **Mental Reset** (<50 minutes)

# WHAT'S NEW

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- MANDATORY KINDER DENTAL ORAL ASSESSMENT
- MR. BLAKE-THERAPY DOG



# WHAT'S NEW

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PUNCH CARD

**PURPOSE:** To improve Pulaski Elementary/Middle School parental/guardian involvement as well as track parents' participation in scholars' academics and social emotional learning

### **CRITERIA:**

- Volunteer on campus (café, hall, classroom, corner crossings)
- Attend special programming (Holiday Program, Honors Celebrations, Black History Program, Spring Fling, Mother Son event, Father Daughter event, Sneaker Ball)
- Volunteer on Field Trips
- Attend Parent Teacher Conferences (October and March)
- Attend Title One/Open House Meeting
- Attend Curriculum Night
- Attend Reading Night
- Follow Pulaski Social Media (Instagram and Facebook)
- Join Band schoolwide Communication App
- Join schoolwide and teacher Class Dojo
- Attend Parent Workshops/Parent Academy/Parent Club



# WHAT'S NEW

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## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PUNCH CARD**

**Parents that receive 10 punches will be recognized as a “Top Tier Pulaski Parent**

- Featured on Pulaski Sunday Robo Calls
- Featured on Pulaski Social Media, Website and Band
- Featured on Detroit Public Schools “Good News” on District Website
- Received Pulaski Parent Top Tier Award
- Receive Special Gift from Principal Smith-Bell

A yellow school locker with a silver handle and a vented top section. The locker is on the left side of the image, and the text is on the right.

# ENTRANCE AND DISMISSAL

- School Hours 7:30 am-2:40 pm
- Entry Doors K-2<sup>nd</sup> Door 3 Lappin, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Door 2 Reno, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and Tardy Scholars Door 4 Verona.
- **ALL SCHOLARS WILL WALK THROUGH A METAL DETECTOR AND HAVE THEIR BELONGINGS SEARCHED**
- Door 2 and 3 will close promptly at 7:40 am. All tardy scholars arriving at 7:41 am or after MUST enter Door 4 and sign in on our Tardy Book at the Security Desk
- Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am-7:45 am ONLY. Scholars arriving after 7:45 will not receive breakfast
- No scholar will be released AFTER 2:15 pm for EARLY DISMISSAL. This impedes on staff concluding the school day with scholars.
- Do NOT call the office AFTER 2:00 p.m. for clerical to give a scholar a "Dismissal Message"

# DPSCD MANDATORY SCHOLAR ID POLICY

## Benefits of Student IDs

- School Uniform
- School Safety and Security
- Personal Connections - Networking with Peers
- Efficiency - Lunch, Bus Rides, Resource reservations
- Student Safety - Misplaced Students
- Opportunity for expansion of additional technology



# DISTRICT CELL PHONE POLICY

5136 - PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

PULASKI IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN PHONES OR DEVICES

**Students are personally responsible for the care and security of their personal communication devices (PCDs).** A personal communication device is defined as a tool or product that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. The following technology tools and products are examples of PCDs: laptops, tablets, cellular and wireless telephones, pagers/beepers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), Blackberries or smartphones, Wi-Fi-enabled or broadband access devices, two-way radios or video broadcasting devices, and other devices that allow a person to record and/or transmit, on either a real-time or delayed basis, sound, video or still images, text, or other information.

Students may use PCDs before and after school, during after-school functions (e.g., extra-curricular activities). Use of PCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time or location is prohibited and they must be powered completely off (i.e., not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight. Parents/Guardians are advised that the best way to contact their child during the school day is by calling the school office.

Students may possess electronic communications devices only under the following conditions:

**PCDs must be kept out of sight during the instructional day. PCDs must be kept in a locker, book bag, backpack, pocket, or purse during the instructional day. PCDs shall not be kept in or on waistbands or other areas of clothing that can be easily accessed or viewed during the instructional day.**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, students shall be allowed to bring their PCDs to school in anticipation for instructional uses as approved by their teacher(s).

Students may not use permitted PCDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet websites that are otherwise blocked to students at school or except as authorized by paragraph A(1) through A(5) of this policy. Teachers may elect to authorize the use of PCDs to augment their class instruction. Internet access for PCDs shall be only through secured, filtered school-provided Wi-Fi.

# IMPORTANT

# DISTRICT CELL PHONE POLICY

Students shall not be required to obtain or given additional credit or benefits for possessing and using PCDs. Use of PCDs beyond that authorized by this policy shall be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct.

**Except as permitted by applicable law, PCDs and other electronic devices shall not be used to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school or at a school-related activity, without express prior notice and consent of authorized school personnel.**

Unless authorized by the Deputy Superintendent/Chief of Schools or her/his designee, the use of any camera or device which contains a camera that takes still or motion pictures regardless of format is prohibited.

**Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of PCDs on school premises/property.**

**IMPORTANT**

# DISTRICT CELL PHONE POLICY

**PCDs may not be used while traveling on district school buses except in cases of an emergency and approval by the bus driver, or as a result of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team decision.**

**During periods of State mandated testing teachers must request that students remove all devices from their possession, either by returning the devices to lockers or placing outside the direct possession of the student. If an electronic communication device is used at any time during the test administration, it must be confiscated and may be returned only to the parent or guardian. Any use of an electronic communications device during testing will be considered cheating and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.**

Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams may grant individual students with disabilities permission to use electronic communication devices during the instructional day based on the unique needs of the student as identified in his/her IEP or 504 plan.

**Students may not use a PCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated.** In particular, students are prohibited from using PCDs to (1) transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, religion, height, weight, citizenship, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, political beliefs; and (2) engage in "sexting" - i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails, Snapchat, direct messages or other materials of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form. Violation of these prohibitions shall result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, such actions will be reported to local law enforcement and child services as required by law.

Possession of a PCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extra-curricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege. If the PCD is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the student's parent/guardian after the student complies with any other disciplinary consequences that are imposed, unless the violation involves potentially illegal activity in which case the PCD may be turned over to law enforcement. A confiscated device will be marked in a removable manner with the student's name and held in a secure location in the building's central office until it is retrieved by the parent/guardian or turned over to law enforcement.

**A person who discovers a student using a PCD in violation of this policy is required to report the violation to the building principal.**

# IMPORTANT

# PULASKI ATTENDANCE POLICY

- All SCHOLARS are expected to attend school daily from 7:30 am-2:40 pm
- All scholars MUST be present on **Day 1 and thereafter, August 25 2025** to ensure they are NOT dropped from our enrollment. Our classes are filling up quickly .K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY have 1 class per grade level. **PRIORITY GIVEN TO NEIGHBORHOOD/BOUNDARY SCHOLARS**
- If your child will be **ABSENT** it is your responsibility to contact the school at **313 866-7022 by 8:00 am**. These scholars with an approved absence will be allowed 5 days to complete make up work.
- If you fail to contact the school, your child's teacher will contact you regarding the absent. They will log that contact on a schoolwide spreadsheet. The scholar will be marked UNEXCUSED and will NOT receive any MAKE UP WORK. All work assigned for that day will be marked as INCOMPLETE/ZEO (0)

# PULASKI ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Scholars that are CHRONICALLY or CHRONIC RECOVERY POSSIBLE Absenteeism—parents will be subject to **PARENT RESPONSIBILITY TICKETS UP TO \$500.00 per the City of Detroit, referred to Divergent Program by school due to chronic attendance** and court appearance and/or contact to CPS for Educational Neglect due to poor attendance
- Chronic Absenteeism Scholars MUST meet monthly with Administration during our Attendance Group Intervention to determine WHY they are not attending school. Our GOAL 14% Chronic Absenteeism
- Two absences per month is considered chronic. 18 days over the course of the year is CHRONIC. Once a scholar is CHRONIC they will remain labeled as CHRONIC.
- If SCHOLARS are not in school, we cannot effectively educate them
- Our Chronic Absenteeism has decreased 21-22 (79%) to 22-23 (45%) to 23-24 (39%) ... 24-25 (24.4%) **14% is the GOAL**
- MANDATORY DPSCD Attendance Retention Policy—scholars absent 45 days or more will be automatically **retained**. Tardies and early pick ups accumulate into absences. **SCHOLARS OUT OF BOUNDARY WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL**

# MANDATORY DPSCD LATE PICK UP POLICY

1. **First Contact:** Phone call to parent/guardian.
  2. **Subsequent Contacts:** Email, Teams, text message, additional phone calls, and home-school-communication platforms like Class Dojo may also be used, if available.
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3. **Emergency Contacts:** If parent/guardian contacts are unresponsive within 30 minutes, the staff person should make contact with student emergency contacts from the Student Information System.
  4. **DPSCD Public Safety:** If no contact can be made with listed parent/guardian or emergency contacts after one hour, the designated staff member should contact DPSCD Public Safety by calling 313-748-6001, who will respond as follows:
    - a. Once activated, Public Safety may contact Child Protective Services (CPS) to notify them of the situation and secure a log number by calling 855-444-3911. CPS action will not be requested at initial contact, but notification and receipt of a log number will ensure they have a representative available if action becomes necessary.
    - b. **A Public Safety Officer will physically go to the address(es) on file to find a custodial parent and/or guardian.** Officers will start with the primary custodian, and work there way through addresses on file, including emergency contacts.
    - c. **Public Safety Officers will use social media and other investigative tools** to locate friends or family of a custodial parent and/or guardian and ask them to make contact. If these attempts are unsuccessful, they will also use these methods to make contact with unresponsive emergency contacts with permission to pick up the student.
    - d. If necessary, the involved Public Safety Officer will request the support of Detroit Police Department to locate a custodial parent and/or guardian.
    - e. If a custodial parent and/or guardian or approved emergency contact cannot be located through these escalated means, **Public Safety will notify CPS supervisors and request an expedited placement.**

Students should not be transported away from the school site by staff, even to Public Safety. Designated staff are required to stay with the child until a student can be appropriately released to an authorized person on their record or CPS.

A yellow school locker with a silver handle and lock mechanism is visible on the left side of the image.

# MANDATORY DPSCD LATE PICK UP POLICY

| Incident                                                           | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| First Incident Under 1 Hour                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Follow procedure</li><li>● Document incident</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Second Incident Under 1 Hour                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Follow procedure</li><li>● Document incident</li><li>● Advise parent/guardian of consequences for repeated incidents in writing</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Third Incident Under 1 Hour/First Incident Involving Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Follow procedure</li><li>● Document incident</li><li>● Schedule a mandatory parent/guardian meeting</li><li>● Develop a plan with documented issues, solutions and parental commitments</li><li>● Option for police action, up to and including a Parental Responsibility citation should circumstances be egregious</li></ul>                                                                    |
| Fourth Incident/Second Incident Involving Public Safety            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Follow procedure</li><li>● Document incident</li><li>● Option to revoke after-school activity participation; notify parent/guardian of this consequence</li><li>● Option for police action, up to and including a Parental Responsibility citation</li><li>● Option for Administrative referral to CPS should circumstances indicate that parental responsibilities are being neglected</li></ul> |

# NO EXCEPTIONS!!



**OUR SCHOOL TIME ENDS AT 2:40PM MONDAY-FRIDAY**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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All scholars K, 7th and New to the District MUST be fully immunized by NOVEMBER 1, 2025. If your scholars needs immunizations, please schedule those appointments as soon as possible to prevent your scholars from being medically suspended from school.

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IF, you prefer NOT to have your scholar immunized, you MUST PRESENT a signed waiver from the Health Department. Verbal Refusal will NOT be accepted.

# IMMUNIZATION



A yellow school locker with a silver handle and a vented top section.

# UNIFORM POLICY

- All scholars **MUST** be in full uniform **DAILY**-Red Polo Shirts (long or short sleeve), Black Pants, Red, Black or White uniform sweater, ID Badge, Clear Backpack
- **PROHIBITED ITEMS**-hoodies, bandanas, scarfs, sandals, shorts, flip flops, crocs, foam runners, leggings, sweatshirts over uniform shirts are prohibited due to the safety of our staff and scholars. **We must be able to quickly identify our scholars in case of a building emergency or school lockdown situation.**

# CRISIS AND EMERGENCY PLAN

Crisis and Emergency Plan will be discussed during our Title One Meeting on **Wed Sept 17, 2025**  
**2:30-5:00 in our cafe**

Do not telephone the school. We understand and respect your concern, but it is essential that the telephone system is available for emergency communications.

**Update emergency contact information for your child(ren).**

We must be able to contact you or your designated representative if an emergency arises.

If evacuation is required, students may be transported to a location away from the school. You will receive instructions from the media, web announcement, Band, social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), District robocalls, and/or text messages to pick up your child(ren).

# CRISIS AND EMERGENCY PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

When appropriate and safe, students will be released to parents/guardians from **14383 Gratiot MIKE'S MARKET (REAR PARKING LOT).**

We will confirm the identity of individuals who arrive to pick up each student, please have an appropriate photo ID and make sure you are listed on all contact information.

Do not come to the school or alternate destination until instructed to do so. It may be necessary to keep the streets and parking lots clear for emergency vehicles.

Talk to your child(ren) and emphasize how important it is for them to follow instructions from their teachers and school officials during emergencies.

Parents and other adults must stay calm and focused during an emergency to ensure all instructions are understood and diligently followed for safety.

Carefully read and listen to all information that you receive from the school, media, or other platform for directions

# CRISIS AND EMERGENCY PLAN PARENT/GUARDIAN ROLE

## Student Role During Emergencies



For ALL emergency situations, it is important for students to adhere to the guidelines below:

- Take all emergency situations serious.
- Listen carefully to and follow the instructions of the staff member giving next steps.
- See Something, Say Something: Report important information to an adult in the building or call the police.
- Do not use cell phones unless you must call for help.
- Do not run toward a violent incident.
- Remember that every second, decision, and action is critical during a crisis.

# CRISIS AND EMERGENCY PLAN (LOCATED IN MAIN OFFICE)

## Cooper Color Code of Awareness



White

Yellow

**SITUATIONAL AWARENESS-HEAD  
ON THE SWIVEL**

Orange

Red

Black

# CRISIS AND EMERGENCY PLAN

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- **White**: Total unawareness, and the worst possible level to be in. Someone in this level is unprepared if attacked.
- **Yellow**: A relaxed state of awareness. Some say that living in this condition can help increase personal safety.
- **Orange**: A specific alert has triggered full attention.
- **Red**: Ready to defend, also known as Condition Red. In this state, the focus shifts from a potential threat to a potential target. A person might draw their weapon or move to acquire a better sight, but only if the target's actions warrant it.
- **Black**: A catastrophic breakdown in mental and physical performance.

# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

**Must be updated yearly**

**Volunteering Opportunities**-complete online

<https://dpscd.galaxydigital.com/>

- **Café 10:00 am-1:00 pm**
- **Entry/Dismissal-crossing scholars at corners  
7:15 am-7:45 am and/or 2:30 pm-2:45 pm**
- **Classroom Support 7:30 am-2:40 pm**
- **Field Trips (do NOT wait until notification of field trip)**
- **K, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Promotion Ceremonies**
- **Quarterly Honors Celebrations (Nov, Jan, April)**

# 2025-2026 DPSCD PARENT HUB

<https://www.detroitk12.org/families>

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT  
Students Rise. We All Rise.



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Parent Academy

Strategic Plan

Facility Master Plan

Find it Fast



Clever Login



PowerSchool for Parents



Help Desk



Translation Services



Careers



Student Hub



# PARENT AND PRINCIPAL TIME

**VIRTUAL** Monthly Round Table Talks with Principal Smith-Bell at 3:30 pm, THIRD  
Tuesday per month via [TEAMS](#) (CLICK LINK)

| 1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER | 2 <sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| OCTOBER 21, 2025         | JANUARY 20, 2026         |
| NOVEMBER 18, 2026        | *FEBRUARY 24, 2026       |
| DECEMBER 16, 2025        | MARCH 17, 2026           |
|                          | APRIL 21, 2026           |
|                          | MAY 19, 2026             |

**\* 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (due to Winter Break)**

# 2025-2026 PULASKI'S THEME & SCHOOL SONG

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**“IMPACT-SHIFTING IN OUR GREATNESS”**

**School Song**

**Let's Get it Started-Black Eyed Peas**



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# QUESTIONS

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*Thank You...*

