

Gulf High School

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Dear Parents and Students:

I hope you are enjoying your summer break! It is hard to imagine that we will begin our new school year together on August 19.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication last year! We set a course to increase proficiency last year and our results, while preliminary, indicate that we increased in 9th grade reading, geometry, biology and writing.

We focused on ensuring behavior did not detract from student engagement last year and our results were notable. Overall, there was a 37% decrease in referrals and a 16% decrease in students with more than 10 absences. In today's competitive job market, college and tech school admission practices and the global economy, we need a tighter focus more than ever. Starting with how students appear, to how they interact, to how they display responsibility, we are committed to linking local, state, national, and international resources to create active, lifelong learners who will promote worldwide intercultural understanding and respect. Please view the dress code and behavior expectations on the school website.

We have been working diligently this summer to create an atmosphere that will continue the great legacies of the school. Many staff volunteered to come in over the summer and review student data. Because of their efforts we can start the school year with a clear understanding of our students' needs so we can help them continue their growth through rich learning experiences.

We are very excited to announce our plans for our new Information Technology Academy (IT) that will focus on the development of applications and games. As we work together to help prepare our students for the 21st century workforce, we will continue to seek ways to help our students become successful in high school and as adults.

As we set out to start a journey together this school year, we encourage students and families alike to join us on our PATH (**P**ride, **A**chievement, **T**eamwork and **H**eat); ensuring another 90 years of strong academic and athletic excellence is a commitment in which I am excited to partner with you.

On August 13th from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., students can pick up their schedules, pay fees and pick out a locker. Please check the website for additional information.

See you August 19th! Go Buccaneers!

Kim Davis

Kim Davis,
Principal