

# JAGUAR CHRONICLE

DANIEL JENKINS ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY · AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

## IMPORTANT DATES

- August 12<sup>th</sup>: First Day of School for Students
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>: NO SCHOOL for Students (Labor Day)
- September 11<sup>th</sup>: Interim Reports
- September 12<sup>th</sup>: Open House for Students & Families
- September 16<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL for Students (Staff Development Day)
- October 11<sup>th</sup>: End of First Quarter
- October 14<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL for Students (Teacher Work Day)

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Dr. Kathryn Blackburn**  
*Principal*

**Miguel Rivera**  
*Assistant Principal*

**Jason Fields**  
*Dean of Students*

**701 Ledwith Avenue**  
**Haines City, FL 33844**  
**863.421.3267**

*"Setting the Stage for Student Success"*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

DEAR DJA FAMILIES,

The summer is not officially over, but it is time for school to begin again! I am very excited about beginning the 2019-2020 school year as the new principal of Daniel Jenkins Academy. Although you do not know me yet, I am very familiar with the Haines City area, starting my career here "on the ridge." I began my administrative career as a Resource Teacher at Dundee Ridge Middle School. We actually began the school year with a double session model on the Haines City High School campus. If that was not crazy enough, after one year as a Resource Teacher at Dundee Middle, I was selected as an assistant principal to help open Sandhill Elementary!

I have a passion for children; however, I realized, in that year, that my love was for middle school students. Fortunately, I was transferred back to Dundee Ridge Middle School as an Assistant Principal of Curriculum. After two years as assistant principal, I was selected as principal of Dundee Middle and served there as principal for seven additional years. In my tenure there as principal, with my leadership, the staff moved the school to a "B."

My next assignment was at Sleepy Hill Middle School in Lakeland, Florida. I served as principal at Sleepy Hill for nine years.

This year, I was selected to serve as principal for Daniel Jenkins Academy. I am very excited and happy to be back here in the Haines City area. Daniel Jenkins is an amazing school with many opportunities for students to learn and excel. I cannot wait to meet you all and learn more about all the wonderful students and families here at Daniel Jenkins Academy.

I am looking forward to a great year and I look forward to meeting all the students and families we serve.

DR. KATHRYN BLACKBURN  
*DJA PRINCIPAL*

*THE MISSION OF DANIEL JENKINS ACADEMY IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS HIGH-QUALITY, GLOBALLY-FOCUSED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.*



# RESOURCES FOR AT-HOME LEARNING

## English-Language Arts



<https://www.commonlit.org>

High-quality, free instructional materials to support literacy development for students in grades 3-12.



newsela

<https://www.newsela.com>

Newsela is an Instructional Content Platform that supercharges reading engagement and learning in every subject.



PBS

<https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org>

Tap into America's #1 Educational Media Brand for access to thousands of innovative, standards-aligned digital resources.



<http://www.discoveryeducation.com>

Discovery Education ignites student curiosity with award-winning digital content.

## Science



<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com>

Play games, watch videos, and learn about animals and places.



<http://www.chem4kids.com>

Tutorials on matter, atoms, elements, the periodic table, and reactions.



<https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org>

This website provides age-appropriate, topical science news.

## Math



<https://lms.thinkthroughmath.com>

Build conceptual understanding, problem-solving skills, and a resilient attitude toward math. Site Code: 1201590



KHAN  
ACADEMY

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Provides homework help, practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard to help monitor growth.



<https://www.algebration.com>

Algebra Nation is a dynamic free resource available to help students succeed in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and beyond.



<http://moodle.polk-fl.net>

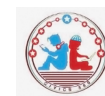
Sample problems organized by strand and standard. Students can log in through ClassLink using their polk-fl credentials.

## Social Studies



<https://www.icivics.org>

Various games and webinars that cover important topics in Civics.



<http://civics360.org>

This website offers EOC practice tests, as well educational videos.



<https://www.smithsonianmag.com>

Videos on history, science, innovation, and art.

## All Content Resources



<https://fsassessments.org>

This portal is your source for information about the Florida Standards Assessments. It includes practice tests that sample items for specific grade-level/subject tests.



<http://www.floridastudents.org>

Resources located from all over the web to support learning in language arts, mathematics, science, civics, and U.S. History.

# IN OTHER NEWS

- Are you interested in becoming a volunteer with the Polk County School District? Please complete our online volunteer application: <http://polkschoolsfl.com/getinvolved/>
- We are looking for parents and students to **join our school's Student Advisory Committee (SAC)**. If you are interested, please contact the school at 863-421-3267 for more information.
- DJA Sports will start up in August with Boys and Girls Cross Country (no tryouts necessary), as well as Girls' Basketball (tryout dates TBA).
- DJA Homework Schedule: Students will be assigned nightly homework; however, homework from certain subjects may not be limited to just these days:

MONDAY	LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING
TUESDAY	MATH
WEDNESDAY	SOCIAL STUDIES AND ELECTIVES
THURSDAY	SCIENCE

## UPCOMING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Haines City Police Department's Family Fun Night**  
- Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
at the McDonald's on US 27
- **Daniel Jenkins Academy's Open House**  
- September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM - 7:30PM

## Title I News

As we begin the 2019-2020 school year, your collaboration is important in ensuring we continue to provide opportunities for each student to be successful. Therefore, Daniel Jenkins Academy would like to invite you to **review our school's Title I Compact**.

*A Title I Compact is a "plan of action" jointly developed with teachers, school staff, and parents/families to ensure all children meet state education standards. This compact will help us set the course for improved learning and student achievement, and will outline everyone's role in meeting those goals.*

**Please review the Title I Compact on the next page and complete the attached feedback form to share your input and ideas. All feedback forms should be returned to the front office by no later than Friday, August 23, 2019.**



**Daniel Jenkins Academy of Technology      2019-2020      Compact for Learning**

This compact outlines how the parents/family, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. By linking learning, the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help our students achieve the state's high standards for the school year.

	<b>Staff Responsibilities</b>	<b>Parent/Family Responsibilities</b>	<b>Student Responsibilities</b>
<b>Curriculum High Academics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Hold trainings and allow opportunities for parents to utilize technology to monitor student progress.</li> <li>* Send Interim Reports or Report Cards home every 4 weeks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Monitor my child's academic progress, attendance, and discipline records through the use of the Parent Portal.</li> <li>* Request a parent conference if I have concerns about my child's progress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Monitor my grades, attendance, and discipline records through the use of the Student Portal.</li> <li>* Show my parents/guardian my Report Cards and Interim Reports the same day I receive them.</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring Student Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Provide translators, if possible.</li> <li>* Update our school website with current information regularly.</li> <li>* Have staff available for pre-arranged consultations with parents at various times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Parents are encouraged to become a volunteer by applying online at <a href="http://polkschoolsfl.com/getinvolved/">http://polkschoolsfl.com/getinvolved/</a></li> <li>* Parents are welcome to participate in SAC, as well as developing our School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Title I School Compact.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Follow all school rules and directions given to me by others.</li> <li>* Talk to teachers and counselors about my grades and ask for help if I need it.</li> <li>* Bring supplies to school every day.</li> </ul>
<b>Partnership Be Involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Use FSA and End of Course Exam data to develop our School Improvement Plan (SIP) and share this information with Parents.</li> <li>* Set goals for our school and students to increase learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Establish a routine at home for completing assignments and discussing school.</li> <li>* Be involved in my child's education by asking them about school every day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Take testing and progress monitoring seriously.</li> <li>* Tell my parents about my grades, behavior, and attendance, even tardies.</li> <li>* Respect myself, the school, and others.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication Stay Informed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ensure a timely response to parents phone calls or emails. Teachers and staff may be contacted via email, phone, or in-person.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Read all messages sent home on flyers or emails, and respond promptly when documents require a signature.</li> <li>* Show respect for others at all times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Deliver all notices and information I receive at school to an adult at home the same day it is received, as well as return all notes on time.</li> <li>* Pay attention in every class daily.</li> </ul>
<b>Learning Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Provide high-quality instruction that meets Florida's student academic standards in a supportive, safe, and effective learning environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Set an example for learning at home by limiting television viewing, and also reading together for 30-minutes every day without distractions (TV, computer, games, etc.).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Attend school every day and get to class on time, with all necessary supplies for class.</li> <li>* Complete all assignments, each day for all of my classes.</li> </ul>
This compact was discussed on _____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Optional for Secondary</b>	<b>Teacher Signature</b>	<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>	<b>Student Signature</b>

Please visit our school's website for additional information, including curriculum and instruction, assessment dates, staff contact information, Title 1 resources, and other important dates.

If you do not have access to our website please visit the front office for printed information or call the front office.

**Web Address:** [www.danieljenkinsacademy.com](http://www.danieljenkinsacademy.com)

**Phone Number:** (863) 421-3267

## Title I Compact for Learning: Parent/Guardian Feedback Form

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_



After reviewing the Title I Compact for Learning, do you have any suggestions for improvement? *Circle:* YES or NO

⇒ If "yes," what suggestions do you have? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any questions regarding the Title I Compact or the Title I Program? If so, please share them with us.

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return your feedback to the front office by **no later than Friday, August 23, 2019**.  
If it is more convenient for you, you may instead email feedback to [sheri.onorati@polk-fl.net](mailto:sheri.onorati@polk-fl.net).

## Title I Compact for Learning: Parent/Guardian Feedback Form

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_



After reviewing the Title I Compact for Learning, do you have any suggestions for improvement? *Circle:* YES or NO

⇒ If "yes," what suggestions do you have? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any questions regarding the Title I Compact or the Title I Program? If so, please share them with us.

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return your feedback to the front office by **no later than Friday, August 23, 2019**.  
If it is more convenient for you, you may instead email feedback to [sheri.onorati@polk-fl.net](mailto:sheri.onorati@polk-fl.net).