

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Book Club
- Bridge Club
- Builders Club
- Christian Club
- Color Guard Squad
- Drama Club
- 5,000 Role Models of Excellence
- Ladies in Leadership
- Multicultural Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- Poetry Club
- Scrabble Club
- Sports (volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading)
- Student Leadership Council
- Students Targeted for Educational Performance (STEP)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Community volunteers and mentors
- Adopt-a-Class partnerships

SCHOOL MISSION

To provide a quality academic and safe environment for all students by coordinating community, family and school to build character, academic confidence and effective life skills for the future.



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Dunedin Highland

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2009-2010



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QUICK facts

Principal: Brenda Poff

Grade Levels: 6-8

Enrollment: 1,284

School Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Attractor/focus: Center for Gifted Students Magnet; back-to-basics fundamental-type program; strong performing arts program including award-winning bands, piping, chorus and orchestra

Before/after-school care: Yes
Dunedin Recreation, 7:30 a.m. (before school only) Phone: 812-4530

Average Class Size: District average class size complies with the class-size reduction amendment with “core” academic courses for middle school at 22:1 (school average).

Teaching Staff: Approximately 31 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full time: Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE), Intensive Emotional Behavior Disorder (IEBD), Gifted magnet

Part time: Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program: Yes

Academic Information: Visit www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools

Computers and Technology: Two computer class labs, two student computer labs, student computer stations in every classroom and three mobile computer labs.

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Dunedin Highland Middle School dates back to 1957 when it opened with 498 students in grades 7-9. It was at the original dedication that a reporter suggested featuring bagpipes to support the Scottish heritage of the Dunedin community, and a new idea was born. Since then, bagpipes have been an integral part of the middle school. In 1961, the “Bonnie Lads and Lassies” was organized, and that singing group still exists today. In 1997, the fundamental-type program began. It offers a traditional, back-to-basics approach to learning. The new school opened in 2004 and features state-of-the-art technology in a facility that supports learning in a visually appealing environment.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Long-standing tradition of parent involvement
- Fundamental-type program (SCOTS) in grades 6-8
- Highly qualified teaching staff
- Business community support through Adopt-a-Class
- Emphasis on reading through Read 180, REACH, Reading Counts!, After Lunch Let’s Read, Random Acts of Reading, Battle of the Books, Before School Let’s Read

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Award-winning sports teams (basketball, track, volleyball)
- Highlander Band performances in Atlanta, Disney World, New York City and Washington, D.C.
- Bagpipe band awards at U.S. Southern Piping Association
- Bonnie Lads and Lassies perform at Walt Disney World
- 2007-2008 District Quiz Bowl Team, third-place team

CURRICULUM

- Rigorous academics: language arts, math, science and social studies
- Other required courses in various grades: reading, physical education, health and computers
- Elective courses: band, chorus, orchestra, guitar, computers, art, yearbook, foreign language, etc.
- High school credit classes in math, science and Spanish
- Advanced science, math and language arts at all levels
- Center for Gifted Studies – grade 6
- Grade 7 MEGSSS & IMAST
- Gifted education elective for eligible 7th and 8th grade students

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Read 180
- Model School Achievement Program (MSAP)
- Camp Highlander orientation program for incoming 6th-graders