



PLUS- Polk Library User for Students **A joint literacy initiative between PCPS and PCLC**

Dear Parents,

Polk County Public Schools (PCPS) and the Polk County Library Cooperative (PCLC) are partnering to support students' ongoing education and literacy. We share the belief that a love of reading and learning is a cornerstone for student success and that equity in our community can be built through open access to information and resources. It is with these shared goals in mind that we are working together to ensure that every PCPS student will have access to books and resources found at both their school and public libraries.

We call this initiative Polk Library User for Students (PLUS). Through this partnership, PCPS students are able to use their 10-digit Student ID number as the PLUS Card barcode, to access and check out public library online and print resources, in addition to all of the resources available through their school library. PCPS and PCLC are working together to make public library resources a part of every student's learning experience and leverage existing public resources to support student learning.

Here are some important things for parents to know:

- PLUS Card allows students to borrow many e-resources and access many library databases, similar to any other PCLC library card (some e-resources or databases may not be available due to vendor agreements).
- Students with PLUS cards can borrow up to 5 physical items at a time from a public library. Item types allowed for checkout are the same as for current regular PCLC Child or Youth cards. PLUS cards can be used for Books by Mail (BMAIL), the Bookmobile, and the Outpost 27 vending library.
- There are no overdue fines with the public library for PLUS card accounts.
- All students will automatically be enrolled in this program and be able to use their 10-digit, school ID number to access public library services. Their PIN will also be their school ID number.
- PLUS cards will be valid for use over the summer following the school year in which they are issued.
- Individual library policies for PLUS cards will apply locally, as they currently do for regular library cards.
- Parents are not allowed to checkout items on a PLUS card without the student present.
- If you do not want your child to have access to these public library resources, you may opt out. The opt out form, available on the following page, can be printed, signed, and returned to the nearest public library. Be aware that students who opt out of PLUS Card will not be able to participate in use of public library resources unless they have a regular PCLC Library Card and know the full card number and PIN.

Have a great school year!

PLUS Card Opt-Out Form

If you would like your child to participate in PLUS in the 2020-2021 academic year, then you do not need to do anything. Your child will automatically be enrolled.

If you DO NOT want your child to participate, then please complete this opt-out form and return it to your nearest public library

Student's Name (Please Print)

School

Student ID Number

Parent or Guardian's Name (Please print)

Phone Number, including area code

By signing this form, I understand my child will **not** have a PLUS Card public library account. I also understand that by signing this form my child will not be able to participate in classroom or other use of public library resources in the 2023-2024 academic year unless they have a Polk County Library Cooperative Library card and know the full card number and PIN.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date