Hillsborough High School

Hillsborough High School, one of the south's oldest high schools and the oldest high school in the county, is rampant with history, tradition, and pride. Hillsborough produced the first high school newspaper in Florida in 1889 and the first yearbook in 1911. In 1913 and 1914, Hillsborough's basketball and baseball teams defeated teams from the University of Florida and Southern College. The mission of Hillsborough High School is to produce graduates who are responsible members of society, who possess excellent communication and problem-solving skills, and who care enough to make a difference in the world.
GEAR UP is a federally funded U.S. Department of Education program, which is also supported locally by the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. The program helps students to prepare for high school success and post secondary education. This Academic, Social, and Cultural Enrichment program leads to early understanding and awareness of undergraduate programs and 21st Century Careers.

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM COMPONENTS?

Student Education & Development
- FCAT Skills
- Tutoring
- Homework Assistance
- College Tours
- Fieldtrips
- Summer Program
- Cultural Awareness
- High Education Awareness
- Mentoring
- Youth Leadership Program
- Career Training and Support
- HHS After School Activities (3:00—5:00 p.m. Tues/Wed)
- Scholarships

Family Support & Empowerment
Family Enrichment service provides students’ families with additional support during after school hours and weekend session. These services enhance the following:

- Saturday Academic/Cultural Program
  - 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
  - Parents and students must attend the Family Enrichment Program in order to qualify for certain incentives
  - Family Support
  - Technology Access & Training
  - Academic Information and Guidance
  - Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) Involvement
  - School Advisory Committee (SAC) Involvement
  - Scholarships

WHAT CAN YOUR CHILD GAIN FROM PARTICIPATION IN GEAR UP?

- Greater appreciation for learning
- Academic growth and improved grades
- Motivation and readiness to pursue higher goals in high school
- Preparation for post secondary career programs
- Improved social skills
- Cultural appreciation of the arts, technology, and environment

CONTACT INFORMATION

HHS On-site: 813-256-5620
USF Office: 813-974-9339
Fax: 813-276-5629

School Principal:
Dr. William Orr - Hillsborough High School

Principal Investigator:
Ruby Joseph

For More Information Contact:
Patra Cooks, Project Manager
E-mail: pcooks@fmhi.usf.edu or patra.cooks@sdhc.k12.fl.us

Academic Coordinators:
Theo Bell
Email: tbell@fmhi.usf.edu

Electa Davis
E-mail: edavis@fmhi.usf.edu

Jessica Estevez*
E-mail: jestevez@fmhi.usf.edu

Parent Liaison:
Stephanie Reeves-Brooks
Email: sreeves@fmhi.usf.edu

Tutor/Mentor:
Wilfredo “Pete” DeJesus*
Email: wdejesus@fmhi.usf.edu

* denotes Spanish speaking staff member