

WELCOME TO THE VETERANS' REVEILLE!





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Veteran's REVEILLE Presentation



Steve Lanier
Superintendent
Franklin County School District

May 1, 2026

Webpage: franklincountyschools.org

Facebook: Steve Lanier, Franklin County Schools Superintendent



1975

Apalachicola Shark



1980

USAF Airman



2006

Navy Commander



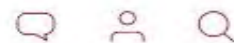
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Franklin County School District

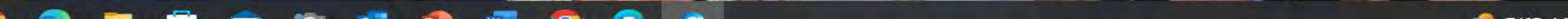
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DISTRICT HOME



Franklin Co. School Board alongside Supt. Steve Lanier



Franklin County

Population: 12,573

Annual Per Capita Income: \$26,933

State Average: \$57,644

Primary Industry: Tourism

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Public Schools

Franklin County School, PK-12

Enrollment: 715

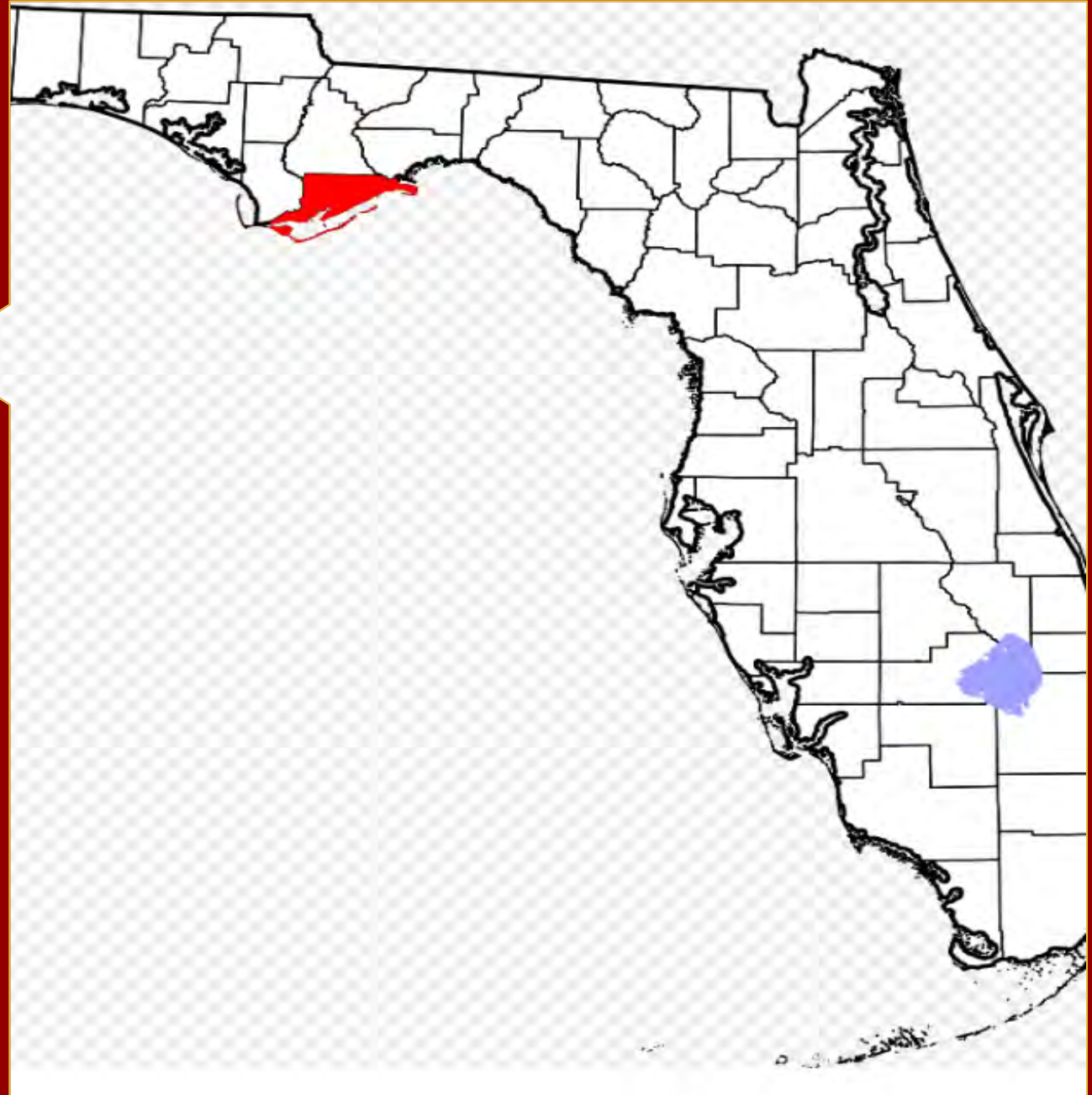
Apalachicola Bay Charter: PK-8

Enrollment: 342

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Home School Enrollment: 134

Private School Enrollment: 101



Significant Improvements

- ✓ **2026 Achieved Highest School Graduation Rate in School's History: 92%**
- ✓ Teachers Received Highest Pay Increase in History (\$8,000)
- ✓ Replaced 75% of Aging Bus Fleet with 9 New Buses
- ✓ Half Cent Sales Tax Voted on in 2022 = Adds an additional \$2 million per year
- ✓ Enhanced School and Student Safety by Installing Weapons and Vape Detectors
- ✓ Reduced Absentee Rate from 42% to 13%
- ✓ Replaced 16-year-old Baseball, Softball, and Basketball Score Boards
- ✓ Established First Ever Navy JROTC & Cadet Core



Graduation Rate

2026: Highest in
School History

2026:	92%
2025:	89%
2024:	85%
2023:	83%
2022:	75%
2021:	73%
2020:	77%
2018:	75%
2014:	49%
2012:	49%
2008:	68%



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Our Biggest Challenge:

- ✓ School Choice for Students
- ✓ Home School Vouchers
- ✓ Private School Vouchers
- ✓ Declining School Enrollment

- ✓ School Choice: Florida law changed in 2018 allowing students to cross county lines for public education (One size does not fit all)
- ✓ Home School and Private Schools: 2025 Legislation now allows \$9,000 or more per student to be paid out to parents or private schools.
- ✓ This funding is being taken from local public school districts
- ✓ 134 total students originally enrolled in FCS are now being home schooled = \$1.2 million loss to district



Save our Schools: Home Schooling Problems

- Rural school districts cannot sustain continued school enrollment declines
- Loss of per-student funding (\$9,000) when students leave public schools
- Fixed costs remain (transportation, buildings, utilities, staffing)
- Even small enrollment losses create major budget impacts in rural districts
- Reduced ability to offer electives, athletics, arts, and CTE programs
- Increased difficulty recruiting and retaining teachers
- Forces layoffs or eliminates positions
- Public schools retain accountability requirements

Home Schooling Enrollment by District

Jackson County:	575
Wakulla County:	392
Washington County:	373
Madison County:	360
Holmes County:	310
Jefferson County:	250
Gulf County:	230
Liberty County:	200
Calhoun County:	199
<i>Franklin County:</i>	134



Enrollment Numbers

2026:	715
2025:	851
2024:	845
2023:	770
2022:	769
2021:	780
2020:	843
2019:	869
2018:	904
2017:	923
2016:	899

2026 Millage Shift Campaign



- November 2026 Time to vote for the Capital Outlay Millage Shift
- Not a Tax Increase, Not a New Tax: A continuation of referendum passed since 2008
- Funds provided through millage from property owners in Franklin County
- 1 Mill is equal to \$4 Million
- Shifted from Capital Budget to Operational to pay for staff raises
- Lowest Starting Salary now 10th Highest in State
- Please Vote Yes for our Employees

Career & Technical Education (CTE)



- ✓ Welding Technology
- ✓ Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)
- ✓ Licensed Practical Nurse
- ✓ Entrepreneurship/Word Press (quick books, digital tools)
- ✓ Culinary Arts
- ✓ Tango Flight
- ✓ Cadet Core
- ✓ Agriculture Foundations



Sports

(12 Teams)

- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball (Girls and Boys)
- ✓ Soccer (Girls and Boys)
- ✓ Baseball
- ✓ Softball
- ✓ Track & Field (Girls and Boys)
- ✓ Volleyball (Girls)
- ✓ Beach Volleyball (Girls)
- ✓ Competition Cheer

2023 Final Four Basketball Team

10:55 AM Sun Feb 26

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**Steve Lanier, Franklin County Schools
Superintendent**

1.3K likes · 1.6K followers

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Volunteer Opportunities

There are currently 46 Volunteers on the FCS Campus!

- Help in General Classroom
- Read in Small Groups
- Assist with Science Labs
- Tutor All Grades
- Organize and Deliver Mail
- Help in Library
- Copy and Deliver Instructional Materials
- Concession Stand Workers
- Beautify the Campus or Athletic Fields



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CDR VANCE PEDRICK, CADET CORE & POST 82 UPDATES

- POSTS 82 & 106 JOIN FORCES TO PRESENT THIS YEAR'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY!
- CADET CORE UPDATE
- POST 82 UPDATE



VETERAN VILLAGE HOMELESS SHELTER UPDATE!



Chief Warrant Officer William
"Boogie" Knight, Army Cobra
Helicopter Pilot Vietnam
1970



The REVELLE Makes Another
\$1000 Food Delivery to Tally's
Veterans Village 4-29-26!



AMERICAN POST 106 COMMANDER'S UPDATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING
EVENTS, MAY 1, 2026

- THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE NEW “SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION” RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE!! WE’RE TRYING TO BUILD “THE LEGION FAMILY.”
- WE ANNOUNCE INTENT TO AWARD 2 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HARDWORKING, FINANCIALLY CHALLENGED STUDENTS!
- JOIN US FOR POST EXEC. CMTE MAY 13 & NEW MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE, 3RD THURSDAY, MAY 21
- SAVE-THE-DATE, 10 AM, MONDAY, MAY 25, FOR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT 3 SERVICEMEN STATUS, VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, APALACHICOLA. RETIRED COMMAND CHIEF & APALACH CITY MANAGER CHUCK ANDERSON IS GUEST SPEAKER
- SAVE-THE-DATE, JUNE 14, FOR ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AT AMERICAN POST 106 LEGION HALL, APALACHICOLA



MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER IS

**RETIRED COMMAND CHIEF & APALACH CITY MGR,
CHARLES "CHUCK" AMDERSON**

**JOIN US MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 - 3 SERVICEMEN STATUE,
VET MEMORIAL PARK - APALACHICOLA**



Charles Anderson - City
Manager at Apalachicola,...



Key Dates & Upcoming Events

MAY 1, 2026

- Please mark your calendars for the following Key Dates and upcoming Events in the area (Click here for more details: <https://www.floridasforgottencoast.com>).
- May 1 - Veterans REVEILLE - 3 PM, Friday – 98 EATS Eastpoint
- May 2 – Historical Apalachicola Home and Garden Tour
- May 5– May 30 – Special Exhibit: Women of WWII, CGJ Museum
- May 5 - American Legion Post 82 Meeting (Monthly 1st Tuesday) – Lanark
- May 10 – Reminder! Mother’s Day! (Father’s Day is June 21st)
- May 21 – American Legion Post 106 Meeting (Monthly Last Thursday) - ApalachW
- May 25 – Annual Franklin County Memorial Day Ceremony at the **Three Soldiers’ Statue** in Apalachicola’s Veterans Park, 10 AM – 11 AM,
- June 5– Veterans REVEILLE - 3 PM, Friday – 98 EATS Eastpoint
- June 14 – American Legion 106 Flag Retirement Ceremony – 4 PM (Legion Hall, 801 Hwy 98 – Apalachicola, deliver worn and tattered flags to boxes at Courthouse, Eastpoint Library, and Legion Hall)