



2022
2023

PARENT GUIDE & CALENDAR

Sandra "Sam" Himmel - Superintendent



A message from your Superintendent

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are so excited that you chose the Citrus County School District for your family's educational needs. We continue our commitment to address the health and safety of our students and maintain excellence in education.

The administration, teachers and school board would like to thank you for your support, understanding and shared dedication to our learning community. We shall continue to work in unison to be the best we can be.

Staff have engaged in continuous learning and professional development with the goal to deliver instruction that meets the needs of students. Parents, please know that I deeply appreciate and value the role you play in your child's education. I urge you to stay involved throughout your child's school career to ensure the greatest success possible.

The need for parents to stay involved in their child's education and extracurricular activities is exactly why we created this calendar. Within these pages are important dates, facts, and resources to benefit you and your child throughout the 2022-23 school year. Specifically, we have included district policies and guidelines, enrollment information, graduation requirements and security and safety programs. The calendar also includes names and telephone numbers of individuals who can provide additional information on a variety of subjects. I encourage you to write on, cut out and tab any pages you frequently visit.

Thank you to the numerous community partners who helped make this calendar a reality, especially the Citrus County Education Foundation.

It is my honor to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. We hope you find the 2022-23 Citrus County School Board Parent Guide and Calendar useful, and we look forward to an exciting school year!



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Educators who Excel

Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Kelly Filipic

The Florida Teacher of the Year Program recognizes and honors the contributions of outstanding classroom teachers who have demonstrated superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. Mrs. Kelly Filipic, our 2023 Citrus County Teacher of the Year has a positive attitude and a willingness to take on challenges at Lecanto Middle School. Mrs. Filipic has been teaching for the Citrus County School District for 15 years and current-

ly serves as an instructional coach at LMS. Kelly's incredible work ethic and strong organizational skills are critical in her position as she manages multiple tasks at any given moment. She consistently builds strong relationships with her students, their families, and colleagues, allowing her to positively impact the school climate and student achievement. LMS Principal Inge Frederick provided a Theodore Roosevelt quote that she believes describes Kelly perfectly - "People don't care how much you know unless they know how much you care."

**Florida
School-
Related
Employee
of the Year
Finalist!**

School-Related Employee of the Year



Mr. Nick Catto

Mr. Nick Catto, our 2022 School-Related Employee of the Year and one of five finalists for Florida's School-Related Employee of the Year, has been making a difference in the lives of young students in Citrus County for the past seven years. Mr. Catto served as an ESE paraprofessional at CREST where he worked with some of the most challenging students on campus while pursuing an education degree from Central State University and is now making the move to Hernando Elementa-

ry School for the 2022-2023 school year. Nick has proven himself to be irreplaceable in many ways. He builds strong relationships with his students and peers by providing advice and guidance. CREST Principal Lee Mulder states, "Mr. Catto never waivers in his commitment to our students, school, and district. He goes beyond the call of duty daily. He works with a very diverse group of students and helps them find success in the most challenging situations."



Senior Checklist

Scholarship Opportunities

Local: Citrus County
Coalition for College
& Careers



State: Bright Futures,
Florida student
scholarships and grants



Federal:
FASA, Pell grants



Our Superintendent Sam Himmel is committed to making sure every senior graduates from high school and is prepared for success after they walk across the graduation stage.

In order to provide our community with a strong and ready workforce, Citrus Schools wants our graduates to have the tools necessary to prepare for success

in college and careers.

Choosing a college pathway opens many doors — but it is expensive. Please take advantage of all of the scholarships available to you. Nearly 70% of seniors take out student loans and graduate with almost \$30,000 in debt.

Use the QR codes for more information on scholarships and ways to stay debt free.



Join Our Team!



- Teachers & Substitute Teachers
- Maintenance • Custodial • Paraprofessionals
- Food Services • Bus Drivers



Questions? Contact our Human Resources Department at 352-726-1931, ext. 2295
Or view open positions and apply online at www.CitrusSchools.org

Are We There Yet?

AUGUST 2022



School staff, parents, and students are all responsible for creating a culture of positive behavior. Parents and students must follow the school district's Student Code of Conduct.

LOADING AND UNLOADING:

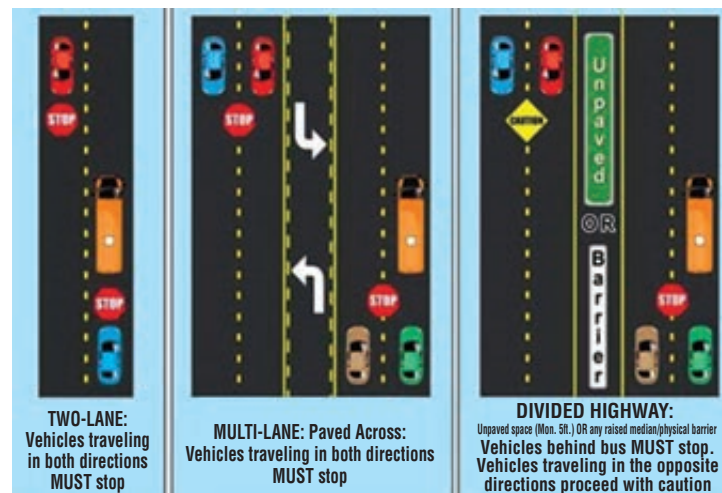
- Always stay away from the 10 foot "danger zone" around the bus, except when you are directed by the driver to get on or off the bus.
- Always be sure the driver can see you.
- Always wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross the road and/or load into the bus.
- When crossing a traffic lane, always look left, right, then left again,
- Cross only if approaching traffic has stopped.
- Never walk behind the bus or along the side of the bus.
- Only board your assigned bus, unless other arrangements are approved by your school.

DURING THE BUS RIDE:

- Always follow the driver's directions.
- Never distract the driver from driving unless there is immediate danger to you or others.
- Remain seated and keep the aisles clear and keep arms, legs and head inside the bus.
- Never bring unsafe or unauthorized items into the bus.
- Always show respect for your fellow students.

BUS STOPS:

Bus stops are placed at the closest intersection to a student's home whenever feasible. You can easily find where the closest bus stop is to your home by clicking on the QR Code on the right or by calling the Transportation office that serves your child's school.



More information on staying safe between home and school and bus safety tips:



Questions? Contact the transportation office that serves your child's school:
Crystal River: 352-795-0057, serving: CRPS, CSES, RCE, CSMS, CRMS, CRHS, and AES
Lecanto: 352-746-2714, serving: CRE, FRE, HOM, LPS, LMS, LHS, and CREST
Inverness: 352-344-2193, serving: FCE, HES, IPS, PGE, IMS, CHS, and WTC

REMEMBER: Parent or guardian must be at the bus stop morning and afternoon for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Students will be returned to the school if the adult is not at the bus stop.



AUGUST 2022

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	Professional Development Teacher Workday	Professional Development Teacher Workday				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31	Did You Know? Citrus County Schools offer <i>MyPaymentsPlus</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage your student's meal account • Check your student's account balance • Monitor the items your student purchases • Receive email notifications when the account reaches a low balance • Make a prepayment into your student's meal account 		

Kindergarten

SEPTEMBER 2022



STAY INVOLVED

- Attend start-of-year open house
- Attend School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings
- Read the school newsletter
- Sign up to be a classroom volunteer
- Join the PTO/PTA
- Empty out the backpack every day



KINDERGARTEN REPORT CARD

P PERFORMING SUCCESSFULLY

Example: The student reads material at his/her grade level and can demonstrate understanding of what is read.

I INCONSISTENT PERFORMANCE

Example: The student is improving in his/her ability to read and understand written text but often needs help to complete assignments successfully.

N NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

Example: The student regularly struggles with reading. Extra assistance is regularly needed.

GRADING CODES FOR OTHER AREAS

Grade	Definition
S	Satisfactory Performance
N	Needs Improvement
U	Unsatisfactory Performance
X	Areas to Develop

Throughout the report card there are opportunities for teachers to note areas that need to be developed or improved.

Did You Know?

All students will be evaluated within the first 30 days of the school year. Your child's teacher will let you know how well your child is progressing.





SEPTEMBER 2022

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The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement. To find out more about Florida Students Scholarship & Grant Programs:



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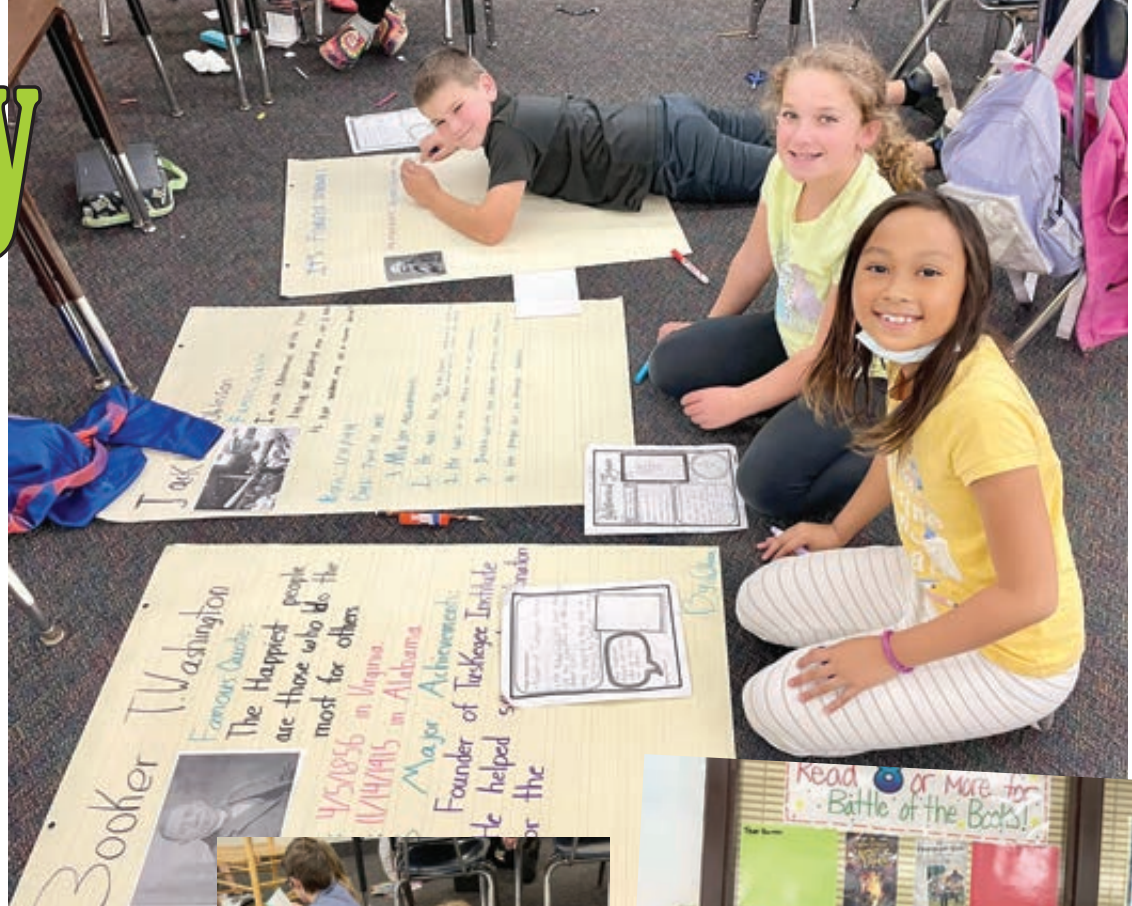
Elementary

How to help your child through elementary school:

- Stay in close contact with your child's teacher.
- Talk with your child about what he/she is reading.
- Review graded papers on a regular basis.

Staying Involved:

- Attend start-of-the-year open house.
- Join PTA/PTO.
- Empty out your child's backpack every day.
- Read school newsletters and follow school's social media channels and calendars.



OCTOBER 2022

GRADES 1-5 REPORT CARD

Five letters are used to describe student performance

GRADE	SCORE
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 -

GRADING CODES FOR OTHER AREAS

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N	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
U	UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE
X	AREAS TO DEVELOP

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Questions about preparing your child for Elementary Education?

Contact: Patricia Kahler

Director of Area Schools and Elementary Education

KahlerP@citrusschools.org



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Update Your Child's Emergency Form
Update names, addresses and telephone numbers of your student and any family members who may pick up your child.



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Secondary

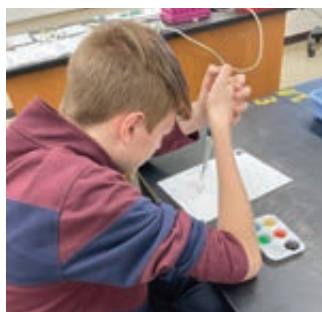
QUESTIONS ABOUT
PREPARING YOUR
CHILD FOR MIDDLE
OR HIGH SCHOOL?

Contact: Darrick Buettner

Director of Area Schools
and Secondary Education

352-726-1931, ext. 2241

BuettnerD@citruschools.org



NOVEMBER 2022

REPORT CARD

Students receive electronic report cards every nine weeks. They also receive mid-term progress reports every 4-5 weeks. Most academic and elective subjects are given a grade percentage ranging from 0 to 100% where the ranges represent the following progress.

GRADE	SCORE	PERCENT
A	OUTSTANDING	90-100
B	ABOVE AVERAGE	80-89
C	AVERAGE	70-79
D	LOWEST ACCEPTABLE	60-69
F	FAILURE	0-59



NOVEMBER 2022

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Nutrislice (nutritional analysis software) is available on our website for parents and students to track the nutrient content and food allergens of our menu items. It is also available in a mobile app.



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27 HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING BREAK	28	29	30	<p>FLORIDA FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH:</p> <p>A time to celebrate the crucial role parents and families play in their children's education. When schools work together with families to support learning, children are more motivated to succeed, not just in school, but throughout life.</p>		



Game On

DECEMBER 2022



The opportunity to participate in the Citrus County School District's athletic program is a distinct privilege. With that privilege comes certain responsibilities as well as the rewards and honor of being a part of an interscholastic athletic program.

The Citrus County School District, through policy and action, supports the belief that a strong program of extracurricular athletics provides a balance in educational programming for its students. Our successful athletic program includes dedicated coaches, active support from the student body, outstanding leadership from school administrators, and most importantly, a great sense of pride fostered by the entire community.



CHS Athletics



CRHS Athletics




LHS Athletics

We are looking forward to seeing our student athletes compete and have success both in and out of the classroom!



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Student Testing

Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.), which is aligned to Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.), has replaced Florida's previous Florida Standards Assessment (F.S.A.) in the subjects of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for VPK through 10th grade students. The new progress monitoring assessment focuses on real time results three times throughout the school year that drive decisions setting all students up for success.

No changes have been made for the administrations of the following state assessments that take place at the end of a course:

- Grade 5 & 8 Florida Science Assessment
- Algebra 1 EOC
- Geometry EOC
- Biology EOC
- US History EOC
- Civics EOC



QUESTIONS ABOUT TESTING?

Research and Accountability Department

Contact: Amy Crowell

Director of Research & Accountability

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NEW

- Hours rather than days to administer
- 3 opportunities to check-in on growth
- 75% less testing time = more time for learning
- Informs teachers so they can better help students
- Based on new B.E.S.T. standards
- Customizable, unique to each student
- Timely data during the school year
- Gives schools 2 opportunities to improve

**75% LESS TIME TESTING,
therefore increased time for
LEARNING.**

Other assessments such as ACT/SAT, Advanced Placement (AP), End-of-Term Final Exams, and District Assessments also occur throughout the year. For a detailed assessment calendar, you may access our Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar on the district website at www.citruschools.org/calendars.



JANUARY 2023



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HOLIDAY - CHRISTMAS BREAK	Professional Development Teacher Workday	Students Return to School				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	HOLIDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	ATTENDANCE MATTERS <i>every student, every day</i> #EveryDayCounts			

Any Student, Any Academy

FEBRUARY 2023

Academy of Health Careers — CRHS: Encourages students to become health care workers and to assist students into post-secondary education in the pursuit of the health care career of their choice.



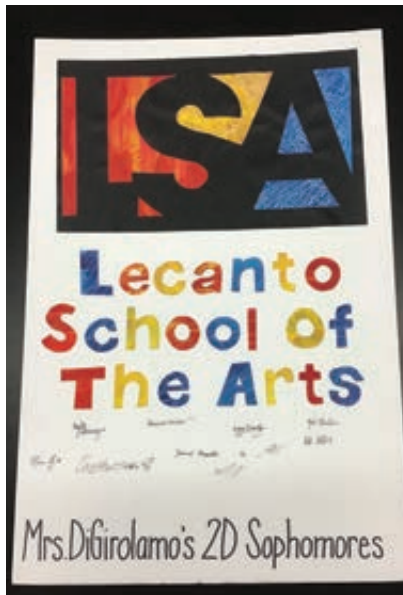
Construction Academy — CHS: Our newest academy provides opportunities in the building construction industry and/or prepares students for the skills needed to be competitive as they enter the workforce. The curriculum is through the Home Builders Institute, the nation's leading educational resource for CTE in the building industry.



Academy of Computer Science - CHS: Provides students with the best foundation possible in the computer sciences arena. Students will learn coding using the Python programming language, take Advanced Placement courses and more.



Lecanto School of Art — LHS: A program designed especially for students with a high interest in visual arts. Hundreds of students have graduated from this program, many of which have received offers for art scholarships worth a combined total of over two million dollars.



International Baccalaureate Program — LHS: A rigorous pre-university course of study that meets the needs of the highly motivated secondary school student. All IB diploma candidates are required to engage in the study of languages, sciences, mathematics, and social studies in their final two years of secondary schooling.



Academy of Environmental Science — AES: Located on the beautiful Salt River in Crystal River, the waterfront location of the Academy provides the perfect setting for 9th- and 10th-grade students to explore their environment. Classes are created to offer hands-on, project-based learning opportunities to ensure connections to the real world.



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Skyward Family Access:

The Citrus County School District is proud to offer Skyward's Family Access component. Skyward serves as a portal whereby parents and guardians of Citrus County students can easily monitor student achievement and success and communicate with teachers and schools.



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	HOLIDAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY					
26	27	28	<h2>HOPE SCHOLARSHIP:</h2> <p>Pursuant to section 1002.40, Florida Statutes, the Hope Scholarship Program provides a public-school student who was subjected to an incident of violence or bullying at school the opportunity to transfer to another public school with capacity or request a scholarship to attend an eligible private school. To find out more, visit the Florida Department of Education:</p>			
						



Withlacoochee Technical College:

- Offers 20 different programs
- Offers both postsecondary and dual enrollment (high school students receive free tuition)
- Has highly qualified instructors
- Provides real world instruction to meet students' career goals
- Provides internships/on-the-job training
- Financial assistance available through Pell Grants and scholarships
- Most programs can be completed within a year



Adult Education:

Withlacoochee Technical College offers both GED Prep and Adult ESOL classes. GED Prep classes provide the opportunity for adults who did not complete a formal high school program to obtain their high school-level equivalency credential or diploma. Adult ESOL provides English language learner adults with English language instruction that will increase their ability to communicate in English for a variety of purposes including employment, education, and life in the United States.

Integrated Education and Training

Integrated education and training (IET) is now available for individuals who want to work on acquiring basic skills (GED) or learning to speak English (ESOL) while pursuing occupational or industry-specific training. Students are enrolled in both an adult education program (GED or ESOL) and a career and technical program and split their time between the two. Call for more information.



QUESTIONS ABOUT WTC?

Contact: Gloria Bishop - Director - 352-726-2430 - BishopG@citrussschools.org

Withlacoochee Technical College, 1201 W. Main Street, Inverness, FL 34450



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CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PROGRAMS prepare individuals for occupations important to Florida's economic development.

These programs are organized into 17 different career clusters and are geared toward middle school, high school, district technical school, and Florida College System students throughout the state. Learn more about what we offer:



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Keeping Campuses Safe

APRIL 2023

Hello families! Thank you for allowing us to play a part in your student's life. As a father of two sons, who have both been raised through our school district, I am 110% vested in the safety of our students, staff and visitors. The 2021-2022 school year was a significant year for us related to school safety.

Last year, our district invested in what arguably is the best panic alert system in response to the Alyssa's Alert legislation by the State of Florida. As we rolled out the system in August 2021, we quickly realized it's value when reporting medical emergencies related to students and other scenarios that required assistance with staff and students. Although there were some bumps along the way, we are in a great position to respond to an emergency on any campus with a system that utilizes precise location technology and 9-1-1 notification.

This advantage will save precious seconds for our first responders. Additionally, our district worked tirelessly to strengthen our family reunification plan that is designed to reunite parents and students for any type of school evacuation for a natural or man-made emergency.

Our preparation culminated in a reunification exercise where our district staff was able to see the process and set up an actual reunification site. Our community should feel confident in our staff's ability to carry out this task if they are ever called upon to execute it.

Lastly, our school guardian program continues to receive high praise from our staff and families as we continue to build positive relationships with our student body while keeping their safety paramount. Their high visibility and presence throughout our campus's only strengthens our physical security measures



that are in place at every school. As we enter the 22-23 school year, I want to remind everyone that safety is not one person or one organizations responsibility, it is everyone's responsibility. Although we often hear the words "See something, Say Something" we often experience the opposite in our country when tragedy occurs. I believe in the Citrus County community and encourage everyone to do their part when it comes to protecting our most precious commodity, children.

I wish every student and family success in the coming year and if you ever have any concerns related to safety, please feel free to contact myself or the administration at your students school.

Thank you, Chief Vincent
School District Police Chief





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STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS:



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Student Early Dismissal
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Celebrating Our Graduates

MAY 2023



Measuring the Economic Success of Florida's Graduates

MOST POPULAR PROGRAMS BY NUMBER OF COMPLETERS & MEDIAN FIRST-YEAR EARNINGS

Bachelor's Degree		Vocational Certificates		Career Certificates			
Registered Nursing	\$64,848	Network & System Administration	\$40,928	Law Enforcement Officer	\$45,928	Plumbing	
Computer/Information Technology Administration	\$49,264	EMT Paramedic	\$36,568	Correctional Officer	\$43,100	AC, Refrigeration, & Heating	
Education/Teaching	\$45,372	Information Technology	\$38,776	Insurance Claims Adjuster	\$42,000	Pipe Fitting/Sprinkler Fitter	
Homeland Security/ Criminal Justice	\$43,088	Business Admin/Management	\$35,008	Firefighter	\$40,096	Electrician	
Business Administration and Management or Marketing	\$42,576	Accounting Technician/Bookkeeping	\$34,620	Practical Nursing	\$36,836	Sheet Metal Technology	

The Florida Economic Security Report 2021 provides information on graduates of Florida's public higher education institutions, including the State University System, Florida College System, and District Technical Centers. The chart to the left shows the highest median first-year earnings for the most popular post-secondary programs. The full report can be accessed via <https://lmsresources.labormarketinfo.com/special/ESR.pdf>





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28	29  HOLIDAY - MEMORIAL DAY	30 Professional Development  Teacher Workday	31  Teacher Workday	 <p>The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) represents good news for our nation's schools. This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students. The law builds on key areas of progress in recent years, made possible by the efforts of educators, communities, parents, and students across the country.</p>		

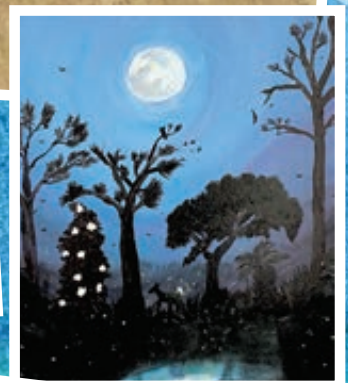
The Power of the Arts

JUNE 2023

Every young person deserves a complete and competitive education that includes the arts. The Citrus County School District provides many avenues PK-12 to help students find a particular activity they may be interested in.

It has been proven that involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork.

Works of art provide a visual context for learning about historical periods. Music, painting, drama, and dance help literature come alive. Graphic designs and drawings, such as those made by inventors and engineers, complement learning about scientific and technological principles and innovations.





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DID YOU KNOW?

The Citrus County School District operates a Summer Feeding Program that serves FREE breakfast and lunch to hungry children when school is out for the summer.

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District Student Services

JULY 2023



Health Services & Screenings:

Provide a safe, healthy, positive learning environment that fosters student achievement. We have a school nurse for every two schools in our district and a designated health room attendant in all our schools. School based health screenings will be conducted every school year as required by Florida Statute 381.0056, appropriate for child's grade level.

Student Code of Conduct:

Parents and Families - Please take time to read and review. This contains everything from requirements for attendance, student dress and student behavior. It also provides explanations of the consequences and penalties associated with failing to meet requirements and standards set forth by this policy. We also want to emphasize the position of the Citrus County School Board on zero tolerance for school-related violent crime, controlled substances, alcohol and student victimization which are all included.

Questions about Student Services?

Contact: Kit Humbaugh

Director of District Student Services

352-527-0090 x6306

OR

Jennifer Greco

Coordinator of District Student Services

352-527-0090 x6304



- Attendance
- Equity and Compliance
- Home Education

- Bullying and Harassment
- Expulsions
- McKinney-Vento Liason

- Due Process
- Health Services
- Other School Related Services



JULY 2023

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TUESDAY

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Citrus eSchool



Citrus eSchool provides a free, full-time k-12 option where all courses are offered via computer or tablet. Students can work from home with more flexibility and are instructed by Citrus County teachers.



CURRICULUM

Our Virtual Programs contain rigorous curriculum that features:

- ✓ Interactive Lessons and Modules
- ✓ Videos
- ✓ Written Lessons
- ✓ Assessments, Quizzes and Exams

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Our Virtual students can participate in clubs and sports available at their zoned school.

OUR TEACHERS

Our Virtual courses are taught by dedicated, Florida-certified Citrus County teachers who are committed to achieving student success.

- ✓ One-on-One Support to Keep Students Engaged and On Track
- ✓ Personalized Instruction
- ✓ Frequent Communication with Students and Parents

For more information

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Let's Talk!

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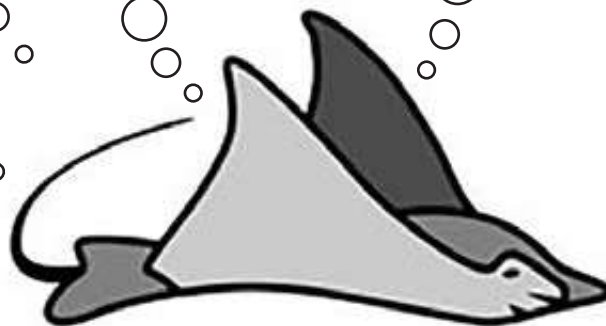


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MARINE SCIENCE STATION

— ESTABLISHED 1967 —

Marine Science Station

The mission of the MSS is to increase student environmental literacy through hands-on laboratory and field-based educational experiences in the Gulf of Mexico coastal and nearshore habitats; to inspire student interest and involvement in environmental conservation and protection; and to promote student development of environmental stewardship ethics.

History of the Marine Science Station

Since 1967, the Citrus County School Board has operated the Marine Science Station (MSS) as an educational enrichment center for marine and environmental sciences.

As a Citrus County Schools public educational facility, the MSS provides outstanding learning opportunities for approximately 2,000+ elementary and secondary school students from Citrus County per academic year (4th grade, 7th grade science and high school science students). The hands-on laboratory and field-based educational experiences are an integral component of the science curriculum of Citrus County Schools and are offered at no charge to the schools, teachers, students, or parents.

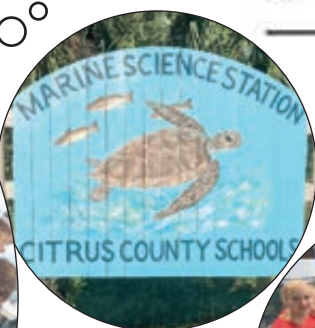
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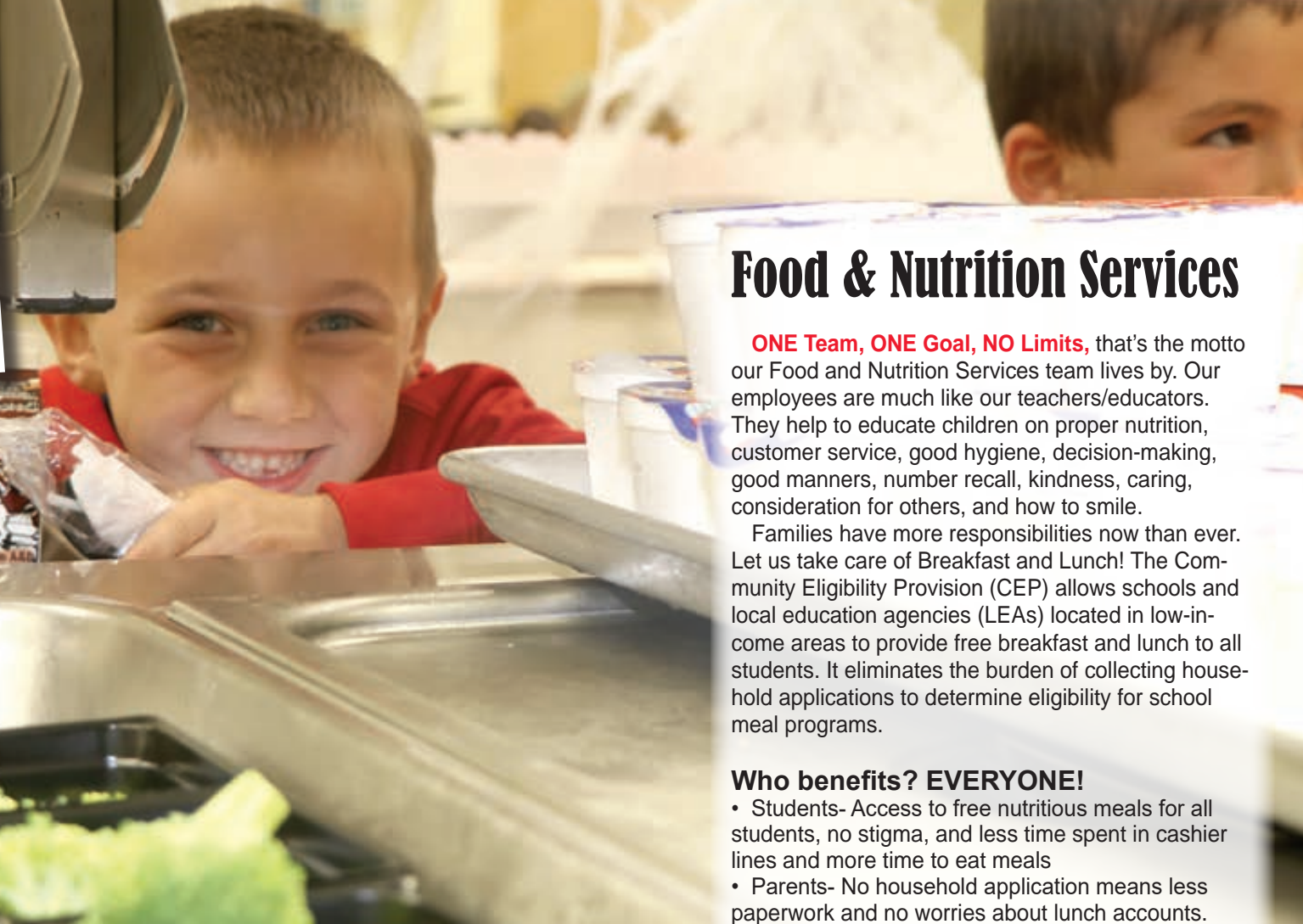
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Food & Nutrition Services

ONE Team, ONE Goal, NO Limits, that's the motto our Food and Nutrition Services team lives by. Our employees are much like our teachers/educators. They help to educate children on proper nutrition, customer service, good hygiene, decision-making, good manners, number recall, kindness, caring, consideration for others, and how to smile.

Families have more responsibilities now than ever. Let us take care of Breakfast and Lunch! The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) allows schools and local education agencies (LEAs) located in low-income areas to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students. It eliminates the burden of collecting household applications to determine eligibility for school meal programs.

Who benefits? **EVERYONE!**

- Students- Access to free nutritious meals for all students, no stigma, and less time spent in cashier lines and more time to eat meals
- Parents- No household application means less paperwork and no worries about lunch accounts.
- School staff- Streamlined meal service operation and more time for students to consume their food.
- Administrators- Reduced paperwork and administrative costs, no need to track unpaid meal charges, improved program integrity and more nourished students ready to learn and grow!



Roy Pistone II, RDN, M.Ed., SNS

Director of Food and Nutrition Services

352-726-1931, ext. 2404

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Calendar of Events 2022-23

JULY 2022

30 **Stuff the Bus** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2022

5 **Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival** 8:00 AM

@ **Lake Hernando**

18 **Foundation Fest** – Venue TBA

DECEMBER 2022

5 **Galaxy of Stars** 5:30 PM

@ **College of Central Florida**

FEBRUARY 2023

2 **Regional Science Fair**

@ **Citrus Springs Community Center**

MARCH 2023

2 **Bunco for Books** 6:00 PM

@ **Beverly Hills Community Center**

18 **Math Field Day** 9:00 AM – Venue TBA

APRIL 2023

15 **Schoolhouse Hustle** 7:00 AM @ **CREST**

29 **Superintendent's Golf Classic**

@ **Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club**

MAY 2023

13 **Citrus Kids Triathlon**

8:00 AM

@ **Whispering Pines Park**

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Citrus County Education Foundation

Funding Success in the Classroom

The Citrus County Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to support Citrus County Schools, pre-k through 12th grade, by providing resources to enhance the quality of education for present and future generations. For three decades, we've been funding opportunities for success in our classrooms, focusing on impacting as many Citrus County students and teachers as possible.

CCEF funds programs such as Supplies 4 Success free teacher store, Foundation 4 Success classroom mini-grants, First Library early literacy program, scholarships for high school seniors, Golden Citrus Scholars, the Regional Science & Engineering Fair, Math Field Day, Men Building Men & Women Building Women mentoring programs, and investments in numerous other programs impacting more than 15,000 Citrus County students each year!



Citrus County School Directory

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