



Dear Student Applicant:

Thank you for considering one of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academies or Programs of Study with the District School Board of Pasco County. The goal of these programs is to provide rigorous and relevant educational pathways that assist students in developing essential work skills to be successful in a global economy. You will be prepared for further education in academic and career areas that require post-secondary education at a college, university, community college or technical institute, and in career areas that are open for immediate employment upon graduation.

This year students electing to enroll in a CTE Academy or a Program of Study at a school other than their zoned school must attend that school for the entire day. Students may not apply for the School Choice option if the CTE Academy or Program of Study exists at the student's zoned high school. A bus will be available to transport students in the morning and in the afternoon to and from their school choice via a satellite bus stop either at the student's zoned school or at a stop designated within the community. The route design and operation will be similar to that of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. Students will be permitted to drive to their school of choice upon approval of the Principal. Students electing to attend another school must complete and submit a School Choice and an application form by March 1, 2010. School Choice and Application Forms can be found at [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us) or at a Pasco County High School site.

### ***Special Notes***

#### **Veterinary Assisting at Hudson High School and the Criminal Justice Program at Fivay High School**

Rising seniors interested in the Veterinary Assisting program at Hudson and the Criminal Justice Program at Fivay are exempt from this rule for the 2010-2011 school year. Transportation will be provided for students leaving their zoned school to attend either of these programs.

#### **Transportation will be provided regionally for students applying for School Choice.**

##### ***East Side High School Regional Transportation includes the following schools:***

Land O' Lakes High School, Pasco High School, Sunlake High School, Wesley Chapel High School, Wiregrass Ranch High School, and Zephyrhills High School

##### ***West Side High School Regional Transportation includes the following schools:***

Anclote High School, Fivay High School, Gulf High School, Hudson High School, Land O' Lakes High School, Mitchell High School, Ridgewood High School, River Ridge High School and Sunlake High School

#### **Marchman Technical Education Center and Moore Mickens Education Center**

Students electing programs at Marchman or Moore Mickens will not be required to apply for School Choice. Students will be provided shuttle transportation to and from their zoned school to either Marchman or Moore Mickens for their half-day CTE program.

Please contact Student Services at each school or the Community, Career and Technical Education Department for more information regarding these programs.

## Academies and Programs of Study Qualifying for School Choice

### **Anclote High School**

Academy of Energy  
Culinary Arts

### **Fivay High School**

Criminal Justice  
Hospitality and Culinary Arts  
Health – First Responder

### **Gulf High School**

Academy of Health

### **Hudson High School**

Academy of eCommerce  
Veterinary Assisting

### **Land O' Lakes High School**

Academy of Culinary Arts

### **Mitchell High School**

Academy of Medical Arts  
Academy of Business Management

### **Pasco High School**

Agricultural Communications  
Veterinary Assisting  
Cosmetology  
Academy of Health  
Academy of Building Technologies

### **Ridgewood High School**

Gaming/Simulation/Animation Visual Design  
Academy of Health  
Academy of Building Technologies

### **River Ridge High School**

Academy of Engineering

### **Sunlake High School**

Academy of Finance

### **Wesley Chapel High School**

TV Production  
Academy of Automotive Service Technology

### **Wiregrass Ranch High School**

Academy of Information Technology (IT)  
Culinary Arts  
Allied Health Assisting

### **Zephyrhills High School**

Drafting/Illustrative Design Technology  
Criminal Justice Operations  
Auto Service Technology  
Academy of Health

# Policies and Procedures

**A Career and Technical Education Academy or Program of Study is defined as multi-year, specialized program that leads to high skill, high wage and high demand career pathways, post-secondary education and industry certification.**

1. Applications for School Choice transfers made on the basis of an Academy/Program of Study must be made at the same time that an application to Academy/Program of Study is made.

2. Each Academy/Program of Study sets expectations for academic progress, attendance and behavior. Should a School Choice transfer student not meet such expectations, the following actions will ensue:

- a) The principal of the School Choice Academy/Program of Study school may initiate action to rescind a student's School Choice placement for failing grades, excessive school absences or tardies and/or recurrent discipline problems.
- b) Prior to rescinding a student's School Choice placement, the principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in writing citing the reason for potential revocation of the School Choice placement.
- c) The parent/guardian shall be permitted a reasonable time and opportunity to address or correct the situation.
- d) If not corrected in a reasonable amount of time, the principal or designee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent for revocation of the student's School Choice placement. In most instances the revocation will be effective at the end of the semester after grades have been awarded.

3. Mid-Year School Choice transfers to a new Academy/Program of Study will not be permitted.

4. In the event that a student is no longer enrolled in an Academy/Program of Study for which a School Choice placement has been approved, the student will be required to return to his/her zoned school at the start of the new semester once credit has been awarded.

5. Students may apply for multiple programs of study; however, students may only accept *one* school's invitation to join.

6. All completed applications must be submitted by the established due dates.

7. Each school will determine the number of student seats available in each Academy/Program of Study and may deny entry solely based on seats available. A lottery system is available to ensure students have equal access to an Academy/Program of Study if seat capacity is met. Students may be placed on a waiting list and accepted as seats become available until the first day of school.

8. Students may not apply for a CTE Academy/Program of Study at a School Choice school if the program exists at the student's zoned high school.