

THE ACADEMIES OF CLAY

School District of Clay County
Clay County, Florida



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Any Student. Any Path. Any Future.

Innovate, Engage, Empower

Mission

- Our mission is to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to provide a public education experience that is motivating, challenging and rewarding for all children. We will increase student achievement by providing students with learning opportunities that are rigorous, relevant and transcend beyond the boundaries of the school walls. We will ensure a working and learning environment built upon honesty, integrity and respect. Through these values, we will maximize student potential and promote individual responsibility.

Vision

- The School District of Clay County exists to prepare **life-long learners** for success in a global and competitive workplace and acquiring applicable life skills.



Academies of Clay 2015-2016

- Clay High School
 - Academy of Law and Emergency Services
 - Academy of Business and Leadership
 - Academy of Manufacturing and Veterinary Technology
- Fleming Island High School
 - Academy of Digital Media
 - Vystar Academy of Business and Finance
 - Academy of Teaching and Learning
 - AICE Academy
 - Academy of Visual and Performing Arts



- **Keystone High School**
 - Academy of Business, Leadership and Advanced Studies
 - Academy of Agriscience, Manufacturing, and Technology
 - Academy of Arts, Health and Human Services
- **Middleburg High School**
 - STEAM Academy (Science, Technology, Agriculture, Auto Maintenance)
 - VITAL Academy (Visual, Information Technology, and Leadership)
 - DESIGN BUILD Academy (Architecture, Construction and Design)
 - MECCA Academy (Medical, Early Childhood, and Culinary Arts)



- Oakleaf High School

- Cambridge AICE Academy
- Academy of Digital and Commercial Media
- Academy of Public Service
- Academy of Visual and Performing Arts
- Aerospace Academy
- Agriculture Biotechnology Academy

- Orange Park High School

- Orange Park Medical Center Academy of Health and Human Services
- Academy of Engineering, Manufacturing, and Design
- Vystar Academy of Business and Leadership



- Ridgeview High School

- Academy of Health and Human services
- Academy of Technology and Innovation
- Academy of Advanced Studies
- Academy of Performing Arts and Design



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Clay High School, Orange Park High School Middleburg High School, and Keystone High School

4 Clay County High Schools “Cooked Up” three Wins at Daytona State College’s “Sharpening Your Skills” Culinary Arts Competition. **Daytona State College’s Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality Management and the National Restaurant Association sponsored the competition.** Sixteen schools from several Florida Counties participated. Professional Chefs and area hospitality industry managers were event Judges.

Orange Park High School’s Culinary Team won First Place in Gourmet Foods by displaying knife skills and preparing an entree, appetizer, and dessert in a timed competition. Chef Butler was overjoyed!

Keystone Heights High School’s Culinary Team won First Place and Middleburg High School won Second Place in the Waiter Relay Competition; a stressful, timed waiter relay requiring formal table settings and napkin folds. Middleburg’s Chef Surita and Keystone’s Chef Piantanida were pleased with the results



Students received trophies and scholarships for their first and second place awards! "This competition provided the culinary students wonderful practice in preparation for the National Pro-Start Culinary Competition in Orlando" in March, said Chef Amy Surita!

Congratulations Clay County Culinary Programs!



Clay High School

Culinary students at Clay High School recently participated in a friendly Gingerbread House competition.

Some of the local **Business Partners** for The Culinary Academies are: Club Continental, The Hilltop, First Coast Technical College, Hilton Garden Inn and Sysco Foods.



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Keystone High School

The KHHS first year culinary arts students recently visited Rype & Ready: Farm to Fork in Elkton, Florida where they toured the farm and enjoyed a farm meal featuring delicious, local food. Students were engaged in **hands on learning** at the farm.



Middleburg High School

MECCA Academy Culinary Students develop skills which prepare them for post-secondary education, apprenticeship programs, and the workforce within the culinary and hospitality industries.

Some of these **skills** are food preparation techniques and serving, purchasing and identifying foods, food safety practices, use of kitchen equipment, knife skills, and hands on practice for success in the future.



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Orange Park High School

Orange Park High School Culinary students hosted Culinary Boot Camp in September. Each school brought teams of 5-6 students to begin training for upcoming culinary competitions. Schools attended were RHS, MHS, CHS.

Students in The Culinary programs have the opportunity to receive **Industry Certifications** such as: ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification, National Pro-Start Certificate of Achievement, and SafeStaff Food Handler's Certification. Career opportunities for graduates include: Chef, Baker, Culinary Teacher, Dietician, Caterer, Food Scientist, Food/Equipment Vendor and many others.



Ridgeview High School

In honor of Veterans' Day, students at Drs. Inlet Elementary invited parents, grandparents, and other loved ones with military service to a honorary breakfast. Students from the Ridgeview High School Culinary Arts Competition Team and their instructor, Mr. Martinez, shared their culinary expertise by cooking and serving the meal. Teachers, students, and families gathered to eat breakfast, listen to the chorus, and engage in presentations honoring local military families. Mr. Martinez will retire from the United States Marines in December 2015 after serving our country for 28 years. "Not only did this activity provide the students with team-building skills for upcoming competitions, but it could not have been for a better cause. It was our honor to honor our men and women in uniform," said Martinez.



Academies of Clay Expo and Open House

All 8th grade students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend the Academy Expo and Open House to see firsthand what each high school academy has to offer in their programs of study. Academies provide a college preparatory curriculum with a career theme, enabling students to see relationships among academic subjects and the application to a chosen career field. That night you can learn about the Academies of Clay, gather information, visit classrooms and meet teachers. Most programs will also have business partners on hand to talk about the collaboration that exists between the academies and business partners.

Clay High	February 25	6:00 in the Cafeteria
Fleming Island High	February 4	6:30 in the Cafeteria
Keystone Heights High	February 23	6:00 in the Cafeteria
Middleburg High	February 8	6:30 in the Cafeteria
Oakleaf High	February 18	6:30 in the Cafeteria
Orange Park High	February 9	6:30 in the Cafeteria
Ridgeview High	February 11	6:30 in the Cafeteria

Please contact the High School if you have any further questions about the event.

*High School Guidance Counselors and Academy Coaches will visit each Junior High School on **February 16th** during the school day to hand out high school information, course selection sheets and make presentations to the students.*





It will take all of us coming together and reaching beyond traditional alignment to achieve what is not only possible, but necessary for our children.



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