

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.



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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.



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Ford NGL 3 Pillar Model

TRANSFORMING TEACHING & LEARNING

Creating meaningful learning experiences that enable students to learn and apply academic, 21st century, and technical knowledge and skills to real-world challenges



TRANSFORMING THE SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Creating and maintaining career and interest-themed academies and collaborative culture, structures, and practices



TRANSFORMING BUSINESS & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Engaging employers, educators, and community leaders in building and sustaining a transformed secondary school experience



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Clay Regional Career Fair

Over **350 juniors from Clay high schools** attended the **Clay Regional Career Fair held at St. Johns River State College**. Students enjoyed meeting employers and learning the value of networking with local companies for career information. They learned the importance of college and career planning while touring the programs at SJRSC. This event is made possible through a partnership with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, WorkSource NEFL and St, Johns River State College.



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Career Shadowing

- **36 area businesses recently hosted 152 juniors** from Clay high schools for Career Shadowing week. Career Shadowing is a work experience option where students learn about an occupation by walking through the work day as a shadow to a competent worker. The career shadowing experience gives students exposure to the workplace in an occupational area of interest of the student. This is made possible through a partnership with The Clay County Chamber of Commerce.



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CCUA Internships

- **The Clay County School Board and the Academies of Clay along with the Clay County Utility Authority have joined forces in offering internships to local students.** Both organizations recognize that careers in our business community require higher academic and technical skills. To prepare for a challenging new labor market, the Clay County School District has created the Academies of Clay program that offers a type of school-within-a-school. One component of the Academies program is its partnerships with employers. This is where the new relationship with CCUA comes into play. **CCUA offers and internship to students within the Academies. We are pleased to say we currently have 3 interns employed with CCUA.**



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Construction Career Days

- The Florida Department of Transportation sponsors Construction Careers Day. **The goal of Construction Careers Days is to educate students on career opportunities in Northeast Florida in the construction industry.** This includes engineering, environmental sciences, CADD, project management and more. Student activities include career center displays, equipment operations, and learning labs. The Career Center is a trade show set-up where students can learn about opportunities from vocational schools, colleges, contractors, and trades. **In 2015, 4 students in Clay County received a scholarship awarded through this program.**

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AICE Career Fair

- Business partners in the **Academy of Visual and Performing Arts** were set up at the **AICE Career Fair** allowing students the opportunity to speak one on one with employees about their line of work. **45 students rotated in and out of the TTC** throughout the event. **This is the fourth career fair this year sponsored by the AICE Advisory Board.** The first three themes were based on results of the FLCHOICES career assessment given to students last year. The Performing Arts theme was based on the entire 9th grade assessment results this year via Navigator (MyCareerShines).



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Health Career Days

- This event is being held March 29, 2016 at **St. Johns River State College**. **The Clay County School District will have 80 students participate from 3 schools who have passed their CNA exam or will take the exam before the end of the school year.** Employers at the Career Fair are specific to the health Care industry and are looking to fill vacancies within their companies. **This is an opportunity for seniors to secure employment using their certification immediately after high school.**



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Business Partners who participate in these events

- Advanced Disposal
- Aflac
- Bhide & Hall Architects P.A.
- Black Creek Veterinary Hospital
- Chick-fil-A
- Clay County Clerk of The Court
- Clay County Fire Rescue
- Clay County Sheriff's Dept.
- Clay Today Newspaper
- David Harp Electrical
- FDLE
- Fleming Island Dentistry
- Haven Hospice
- Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home
- Matanzas Geosciences Inc.
- Orange Park Furniture
- Orange Park Medical Center
- Pragmatic Works Inc.
- St. Vincents Medical Center
- Vallencourt Construction
- Vac-Con
- Visual FX
- Watson Realty



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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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