



Superintendent's Update

January 8, 2026



Tonight's Topics

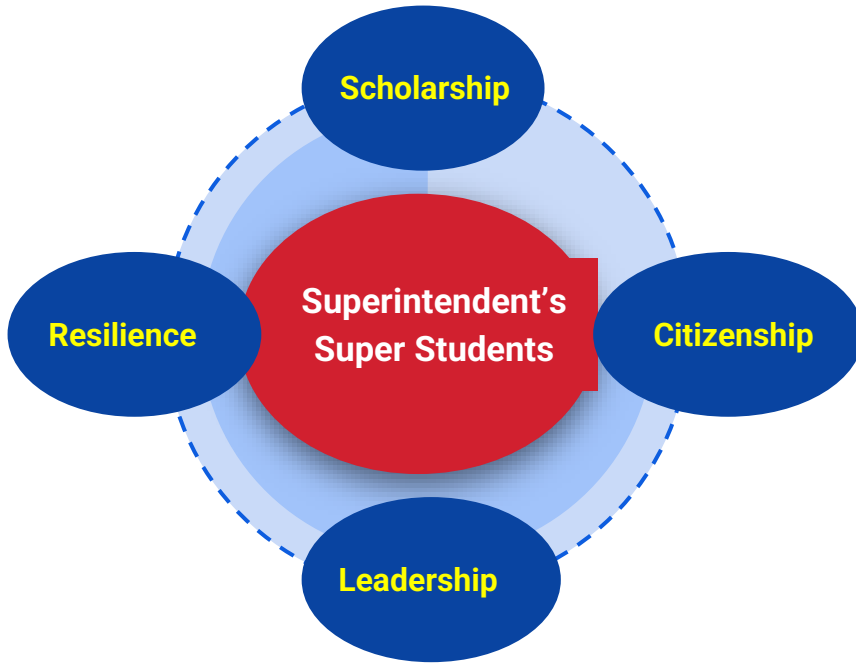
- Super Students of the Month
- Finalists for TOY and SREY
- 2025 Marching Championships Medalists
- Planning for 2026-2027
- Controlled Open Enrollment for 2026-2027
- Upcoming Events



Superintendent's Super Students of the Month



Superintendent's Super Student of the Month: December



Charlotte C from LAE



Superintendent's Super Student of the Month: December



Mason L.
Lake Asbury Jr.

Nathan G.
Fleming Island High

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Teacher of the Year Finalists
School-Related Employee of the Year Finalists
Rookie Teacher of the Year



School-Related Employee of the Year Finalists





Teacher of the Year





Rookie Teacher of the Year

Kyleigh Edenfield

Middleburg Elementary





The Apple Awards

JANUARY
THURSDAY 22 6:30 PM
2026

CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS
SUCCEEDING ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

CLAY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The poster features a teal background with white and orange polka dots. At the top center is an illustration of an apple with a stem and leaves, surrounded by smaller orange and blue dots. The text "The Apple Awards" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, the date and time "JANUARY THURSDAY 22 6:30 PM 2026" are displayed in a white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner is the Clay County District Schools logo, and in the bottom right corner is the Clay Education Foundation logo, which depicts a stylized figure holding a tree with various icons inside its branches.

Register Here!





2025 Marching Championships Medalists

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Congratulations students!



FFCC Marching Championships

Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit

- Orange Park High - Bronze (Class 3A)
- Fleming Island High - Bronze (Class 5A)
- Oakleaf High - Silver (Class 5A)



FINE ARTS



Planning for 2026-2027



2025-2026

2026-2027

Planning for 2026-2027



District and schools begin planning student enrollment for 2026-2027 in January

- ★ 8th graders engage in career inventories to examine careers best suited to their talents and interests
- ★ College and Career coaches and high school counselors visit junior highs to discuss program and scheduling options
- ★ Parent Nights are held to support parents in their decision





School Choice

School Choice Week: Jan 25 - 31

Clay County School District is dedicated to creating and offering a robust education designed to fit every child's and parent's needs.

- ★ Career Programs, like Aerospace and Criminal Justice
- ★ Accelerated Programs, like Cambridge, IB, and STEAM
- ★ Controlled Open Enrollment
- ★ Virtual options (CVA)





	CHS	FIHS	KHHS	MHS	OHS	OPHS	RHS	BLC
3-D Animation and Game Design					X			
Accounting						X		
Aerospace Technology					X			
Agricultural Communications	X		X					
Agribusiness and Management					X			
Agrotechnology			X	X				
Air Conditioning and Heating (HVAC)							X	
Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing				X				
Automotive Maintenance	X			X		X		
Agriculture Biotechnology					X			
Carpentry/Building Construction Technology	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Computer Systems Information Technology				X				
Criminal Justice	X							
Culinary Arts	X		X	X		X	X	X
Cybersecurity							X	
Digital Design	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Digital Photography		X			X			
Drafting				X				
Early Childhood Education		X		X	X	X	X	X
Electrical Wiring				X	X			
Electrocardiograph (EKG) Technician	X			X	X			
Emergency Medical Responder							X	
Engineering						X		
Entrepreneurship		X	X	X	X			
Fashion Design					X			
Health Science	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Horticulture Science and Services				X				X
Hospitality and Tourism		X						
Principles of Teaching	X						X	
Robotics					X	X		
Television Production		X		X	X		X	
Veterinary Assisting	X							
Welding Technology						X		

Career & Technical Education

- We offer over 30 CTE programs with industry certifications for students to enter the workforce directly after high school.
- Last school year, our 11,000+ CTE students earned 3,291 nationally recognized industry certifications in the 2024-2025 school year.





Fine Arts and Performing Arts

- Arts and music offered at every school
- Last school year, 105 students earned the Seal of Fine Arts, celebrating students who have met exemplary benchmarks in fine arts coursework
- Countless Performance Opportunities
 - All-County Chorus
 - All-County Band
 - Theatre Showcase
 - Annual Art Show
 - Community Events
 - School Events
- Annual Fine Arts Awards Gala

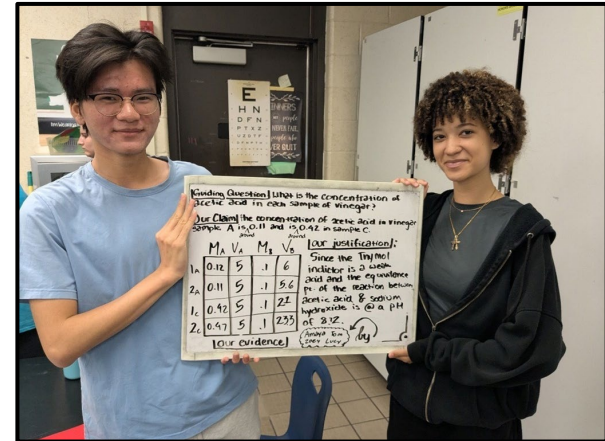




Accelerated Options

Junior High	Senior High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Cambridge Pre-AICE ★ S.T.E.A.M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Cambridge AICE ★ International Baccalaureate (IB) ★ Dual Enrollment ★ Advanced Placement/Capstone ★ Early College Program

Learn more on the School Choice page on the OneClay website
<https://www.oneclay.net/page/school-choice>





Accelerated Programs for Rising 7th and 9th

- **January**: Invitations to apply are sent to qualifying 6th and 8th grade students
- **January and February**: Schools hold informational parent meetings
- **February-March** Deadlines to apply for programs (applications will be available on school websites)
- **March**: Acceptance emails are sent for students to accept seats



Controlled Open Enrollment for 2026-2027



Controlled Open Enrollment

- Controlled Open Enrollment (COE) provides parents and legal guardians of children and youth entering grades K-12 the opportunity to seek enrollment in a school other than the zoned school of attendance.
- In accordance with Florida Statute 1002.31, parents/legal guardians currently residing in any school district in the State of Florida may select schools from a list identified by the Clay County School District as having available seats based upon published guidelines.





Current Open Schools

- Charles E. Bennett
- Clay Hill Elementary
- Doctor's Inlet Elementary
- Fleming Island Elementary
- Lakeside Elementary
- Montclair Elementary
- Paterson Elementary
- S. Bryan Jennings Elementary
- Shadowlawn Elementary
- Swimming Pen Creek Elem
- Wilkinson Junior
- Keystone Heights Jr-Sr High



- These schools have at least one open seat in one grade level
- Will update again on March 10
- Visit OneClay website to see availability by grade level and to apply for enrollment



Applications for 2026-2027 School Year

- The district will update and publish the list of schools with open seats for the 26-27 school year on **June 3**
- Application will be posted on our district website
- Once an application for an available seat is received, and space is available, registration information will be sent to the parent through the email provided. Parents have a two week window to complete registration. After two weeks, incomplete registrations will be put on the waitlist.

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



Upcoming Events



On the Horizon

- **MLK Day: January 19**
- **Apple Awards: January 22**
- **Celebrate Literacy Week: January 26-30**
- **All-County Secondary Chorus Concert: January 26**
- **Clay County Theatre Showcase: January 27**
- **All-County Band Performance: January 29**
- **All-County Elementary Choir Concert: January 30**
- **District Science and Engineering Fair: February 3**





Thank You!