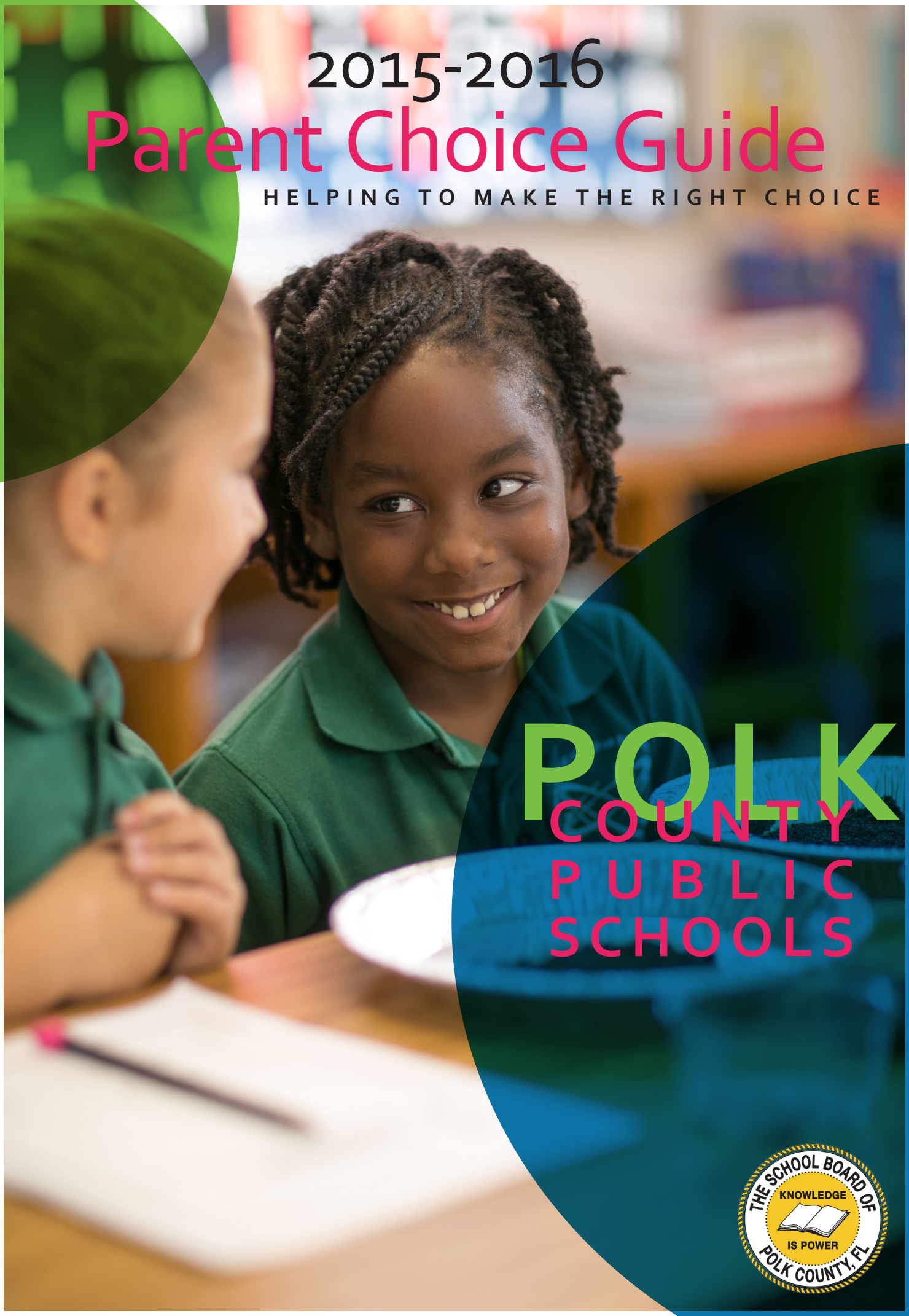

2015-2016 Parent Choice Guide

HELPING TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE

POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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1915 South Floral Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830

Mailing Address
P. O. Box 391
Bartow, FL 33831

863-534-0500
www.polk-fl.net

OUR MISSION:

TO PROVIDE A HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

In accomplishing this mission, we envision that students in the Polk County Public Schools will effectively:

- read, write, compute, speak, listen, and use complex thinking skills to solve problems;
- be self-directed in creating personal purpose and vision, setting priorities, choosing ethical action, and creating their own knowledge;
- cooperate and collaborate with others in working with and leading groups; interact positively in diverse settings; recognize the value and contributions of all individuals; and make positive contributions to their communities;
- understand and use social, organizational, and technological systems; design, monitor, improve and correct performance within a system; and create viable products.

These desired student outcomes and practices will be fostered and nurtured in schools and classrooms with an environment in which:

- adults assume instructional and ethical leadership to create efficient, effective environments perceived as safe, healthy, and equitable, where students are recognized as unique individuals capable of learning and independent thinking;
- adults use varied and reliable teaching and evaluating procedures through relevant curricula;
- adults enable students, families, and communities to work cooperatively to assume responsibility for the total educational experience;
- adults engage in professional growth and training activities to effect continuous improvement in the system;
- students are guided in their total physical, mental, and emotional development through activities which are student-centered and which focus on positive expectations and encourage intrinsic motivation.

Polk County Public Schools has more than 150 schools with a diverse student body. The school district is the eighth largest in Florida and thirtieth largest in the United States. The district is the largest employer in Polk County with more than 13,000 employees. More than half of those are employed as teachers.

Enrollment Information

www.polk-fl.net
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Explore your educational options and investigate the many opportunities available for your children at

www.polk-fl.net/schools/polkedoptions.asp

Office of Acceleration and Innovation

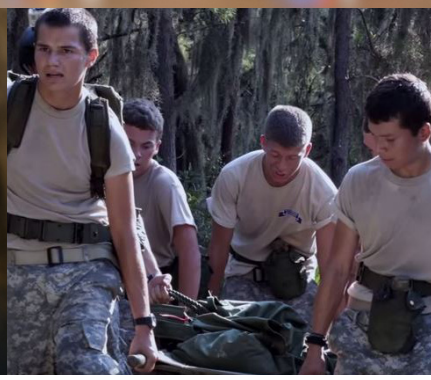
Phone: (863) 534-0631

Email: magnetchoice@polk-fl.net

Office of
ACCELERATION
& INNOVATION
Polk County Public Schools

EXPERIENCE ALL EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS KINDERGARTEN TO GRADUATION AND BEYOND!

- Advanced Placement
- Arts Program
- District provides transportation
- Dual Enrollment
- IB Candidate School
- International Baccalaureate®
- STEM Program



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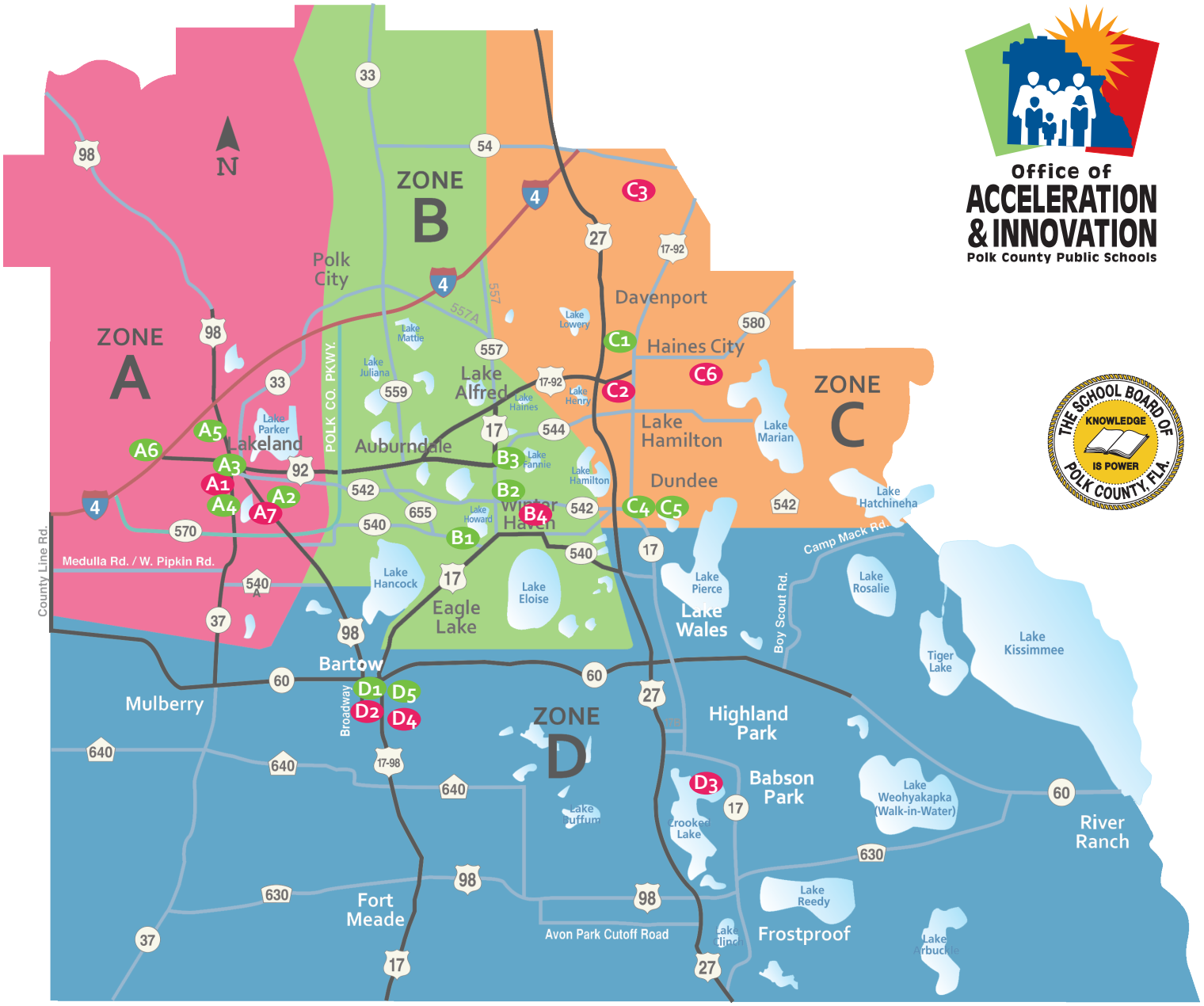

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For more information call 863.534.0631 or visit us online at www.polk-fl.net/schoolchoice

Magnet and Choice School Programs

A1 Blake Academy
Grades: K - 8
Focus: Technology
Phone: (863) 499-2870
510 Hartsell Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33815

A2 Crystal Academy of Science & Engineering
Grades: 6 - 8
Focus: STEM
Phone: (863) 668-3055
2410 N. Crystal Lake Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801

A3 Lawton Chiles Middle Academy
Grades: 6 - 8
Focus: IB® Middle Years Program
Phone: (863) 499-2742
400 N. Florida Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33801

A4 Lincoln Avenue Academy
Grades: K - 5
Focus: IB® Candidate and STEM
Phone: (863) 499-2955
1330 N. Lincoln Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33805

A5 Rochelle School of the Arts
Grades: K - 8
Focus: Performing and Fine Arts
Phone: (863) 499-2810
1501 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33805

A6 Winston Academy of Engineering
Grades: K - 5
Focus: STEM
Phone: (863) 499-2890
3415 Swindell Road
Lakeland, FL 33810

A7 Harrison School for the Arts
Grades: 9 - 12
Focus: Performing & Fine Arts
Phone: (863) 499-2855
750 Hollingsworth Road
Lakeland, FL 33801

B1 Brigham Academy
Grades: K - 5
Focus: STEM
Phone: (863) 291-5300
601 Avenue C, S.E.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

B2 Jewett Middle Academy
Grades: 6 - 8
Focus: IB® Middle Years Program
Phone: (863) 291-5320
601 Avenue T, N.E.
Winter Haven, FL 33881

B3 Jewett School of the Arts
Grades: Kg-8
Focus: Arts infused with STEM (STEAM)
Phone: (863) 291-5373
2250 8th Street, N.E.
Winter Haven, FL 33881

B4 Winter Haven High School
Grades: 9 - 12
Focus: Cambridge AICE
Phone: (863) 290-5330
600 6th Street SE
Winter Haven, FL 33880

C1 Bethune Academy
Grades: K - 5
Focus: STEM
Phone: (863) 421-3334
900 Avenue F
Haines City, FL 33844

C2 Daniel Jenkins Academy
Grades: 6 - 8
Focus: Environmental Science (STEM)
Phone: (863) 421-3267
701 Ledwith Avenue
Haines City, FL 33844

C3 Davenport School of the Arts
Grades: K - 8
Focus: Performing and Fine Arts
Phone: (863) 420-2557
4751 N. C.R. 547
Davenport, FL 33837

C4 Dundee Elementary Academy
Grades: K - 4
Focus: IB® Candidate and STEM
Phone: (863) 421-3316
215 E. Frederick Avenue
Dundee, FL 33838

C5 Dundee Ridge Middle Academy
Grades: 5 - 8
Focus: IB® Candidate and STEM
Phone: (863) 419-3088
5555 Lake Trask Road
Dundee, FL 33838

C6 Haines City High School International Baccalaureate
Grades: 9 - 12
Focus: IB® Diploma Programme
Phone: (863) 419-3371
2800 Hornet Drive
Haines City, FL 33844

D1 Bartow Elementary Academy
Grades: K - 5
Focus: STEM
Phone: (863) 534-7410
590 S. Wilson Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830

D2 International Baccalaureate at Bartow High School
Grades: 9 - 12
Focus: IB® Diploma Programme
Phone: (863) 534-0194
1270 S. Broadway Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830

D3 McLaughlin Middle & Fine Arts Academy
Grades: 6 - 8
Focus: Fine Arts
Phone: (863) 678-4233
800 South 4th Street
Lake Wales, FL 33853

D4 Summerlin Academy
Grades: 9 - 12
Focus: Leadership
Phone: (863) 519-7504
1500 S. Jackson Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830

D5 Union Academy
Grades: 6 - 8
Focus: IB® Middle Years Program
Phone: (863) 534-7435
1795 E. Wabash Street
Bartow, FL 33830

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MAGNET AND CHOICE SCHOOLS

AT POLK COUNTY

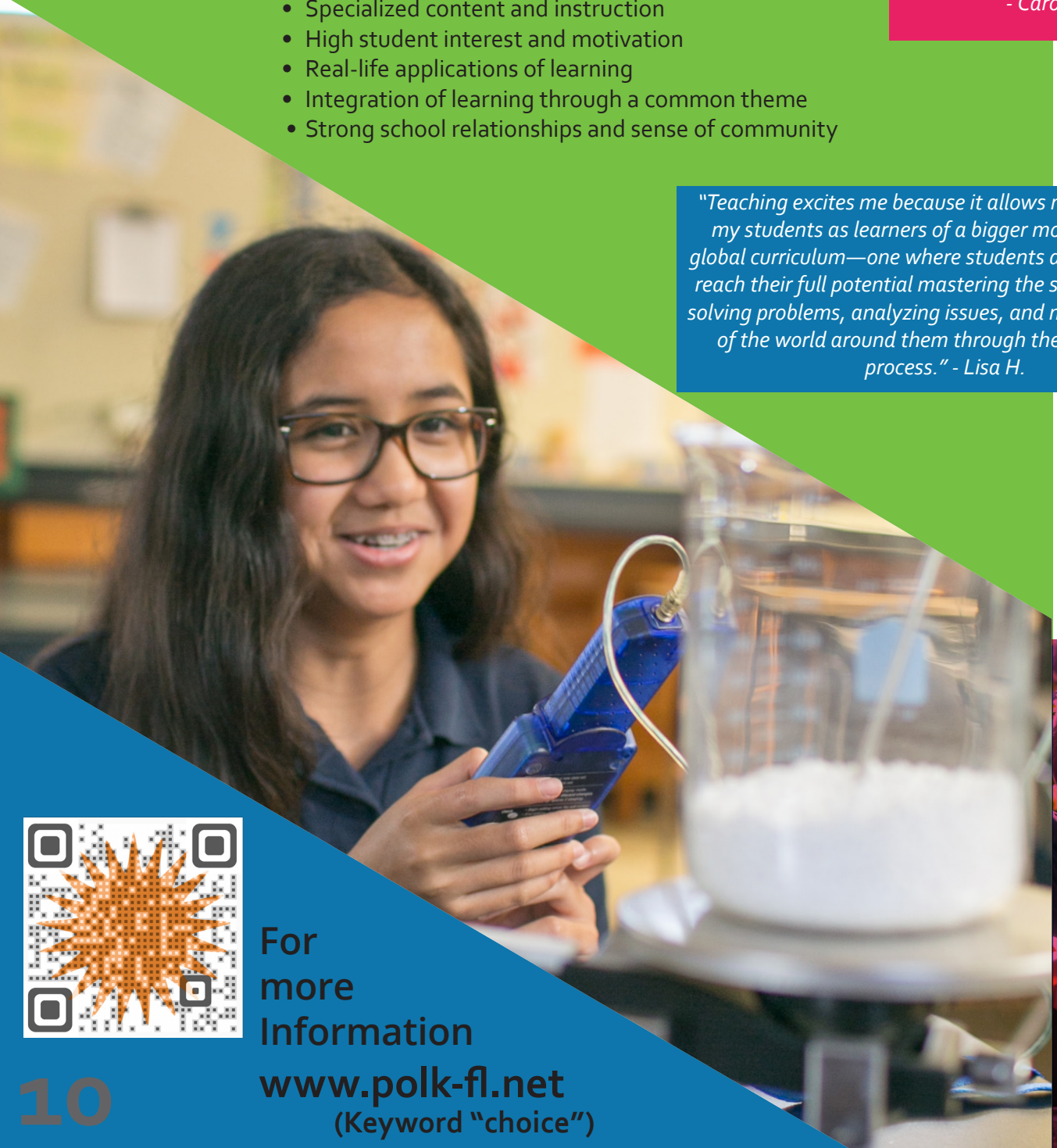
Magnet and Choice schools offer unique attractors and themes designed to provide a rigorous academic program focused around specific areas of student interest such as the Arts, International Baccalaureate, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Environmental Science, Marine Science, or Leadership through a military-style structure. Teachers utilize highly specialized instruction, embracing students of varying socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

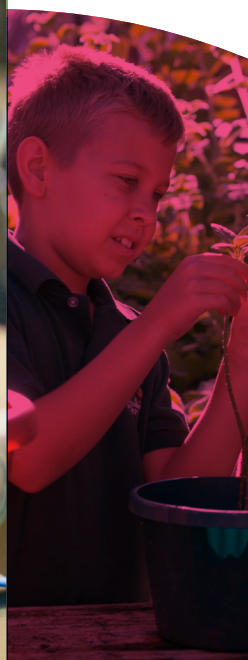
Some of the benefits of attending Magnet and Choice Schools include:

- High academic achievement
- Increased cultural diversity and awareness
- Technology in the classroom
- Innovative instruction
- Increased parent involvement
- High student, parent, and teacher satisfaction
- Specialized content and instruction
- High student interest and motivation
- Real-life applications of learning
- Integration of learning through a common theme
- Strong school relationships and sense of community

"This school is a window into our larger world for my child, my family, and my community. Lessons about science and technology are interwoven with civic-minded values such as honesty, knowledge, and concern for others. Curiosity about the natural world and regard for our neighbors is highlighted and lends itself to a love of learning that extends beyond the classroom and across the years. As a former student, I look forward to my child's education and her fond recollections, which I feel certain will echo my own." - Carol Z.

"Teaching excites me because it allows me to empower my students as learners of a bigger more connected global curriculum—one where students are motivated to reach their full potential mastering the standards while solving problems, analyzing issues, and making meaning of the world around them through the engineering process." - Lisa H.





For more Information

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CRYSTAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Crystal Academy utilizes dynamic partnerships and hands-on, real world learning experiences to prepare learners to excel in tomorrow's workforce. Students choose between two pathways. The Engineering Pathway offers Robotics and a wide array of Information Technologies with ITV and Autocad. The Science Pathway embraces Marine Science featuring growing and transplanting of coral reefs, Aquaculture, including raising various species of fish in tanks as large as 300 gallons, Agriscience and Hydroponics.

schools.polk-fl.net/clms

2410 Crystal Lake Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801
Phone: (863) 499-2970

Program: Magnet
Focus: STEM
Grades: 6 - 8

LAWTON CHILES MIDDLE ACADEMY

As an International Baccalaureate® Middle Years Programme World School, Lawton Chiles Middle Academy is committed to high quality, challenging, international education. Our math, science, and technology magnet school offers honors courses to enable students to earn high school credits. Lawton Chiles offers students the ability to choose from numerous electives, including digital design in a Fabrication Lab setting. Students also benefit from community partnerships and a collaborative environment.

www.lcmaknightsonline.com

400 N Florida Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33801
Phone: (863) 499-2742

Program: Magnet
Focus: IB® MYP
Grades: 6 - 8

"As the principal for 14 years, I've had a privilege of being a part of a community of involved, supportive parents, eager, motivated students, and dedicated teachers who share a common goal of excellence. Our team of teachers is committed to implementing research proven practices in their classrooms to meet the needs of all of our students. Together, we create a nurturing learning environment where the social and emotional needs of our students are balanced with a rigorous, engineering centered academic program. We infuse international and global perspectives to set our students on a lifelong path of success." - Evelyn H.

ZONE A magnet

LINCOLN AVENUE ACADEMY

Lincoln Avenue Academy is a STEM and International Baccalaureate® Primary Years Programme magnet school featuring an accelerated, hands-on, transdisciplinary curriculum. Students have access to innovative technologies such as 3D printing, fabrication maker lab, robotics, and mobile devices. Academics are enriched through weekly classes, including STEM lab, visual arts, music, and Spanish.

lincolnavenuejaguars.weebly.com

1330 N. Lincoln Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33805
Phone: (863) 499-2955

Program: Magnet
Focus: IB® Candidate and STEM
Grades: K - 5

ROCHELLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Rochelle School of the Arts provides enrichment and concentration in the Fine Arts to all students, along with instruction in all core academic areas. Dance, Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Theatre, and Visual Arts are offered, increasing in time and focus as students move through the grade levels.

Rochellearts.polk-fl.net

1501 N Martin Luther King Jr Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33805
Phone: (863) 499-2810

Program: Magnet
Focus: Performing & Fine Arts
Grades: K - 8

WINSTON ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

Winston Academy of Engineering offers rigorous STEM pathways (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) that integrate hands-on, project based learning throughout the curriculum. Our engineering focus enables learners to develop creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration skills while utilizing advanced technologies in the classroom, the STEM lab, and out in the field.

Winston.polk-fl.net

3415 Swindell Road
Lakeland, FL 33810
Phone: (863) 499-2890

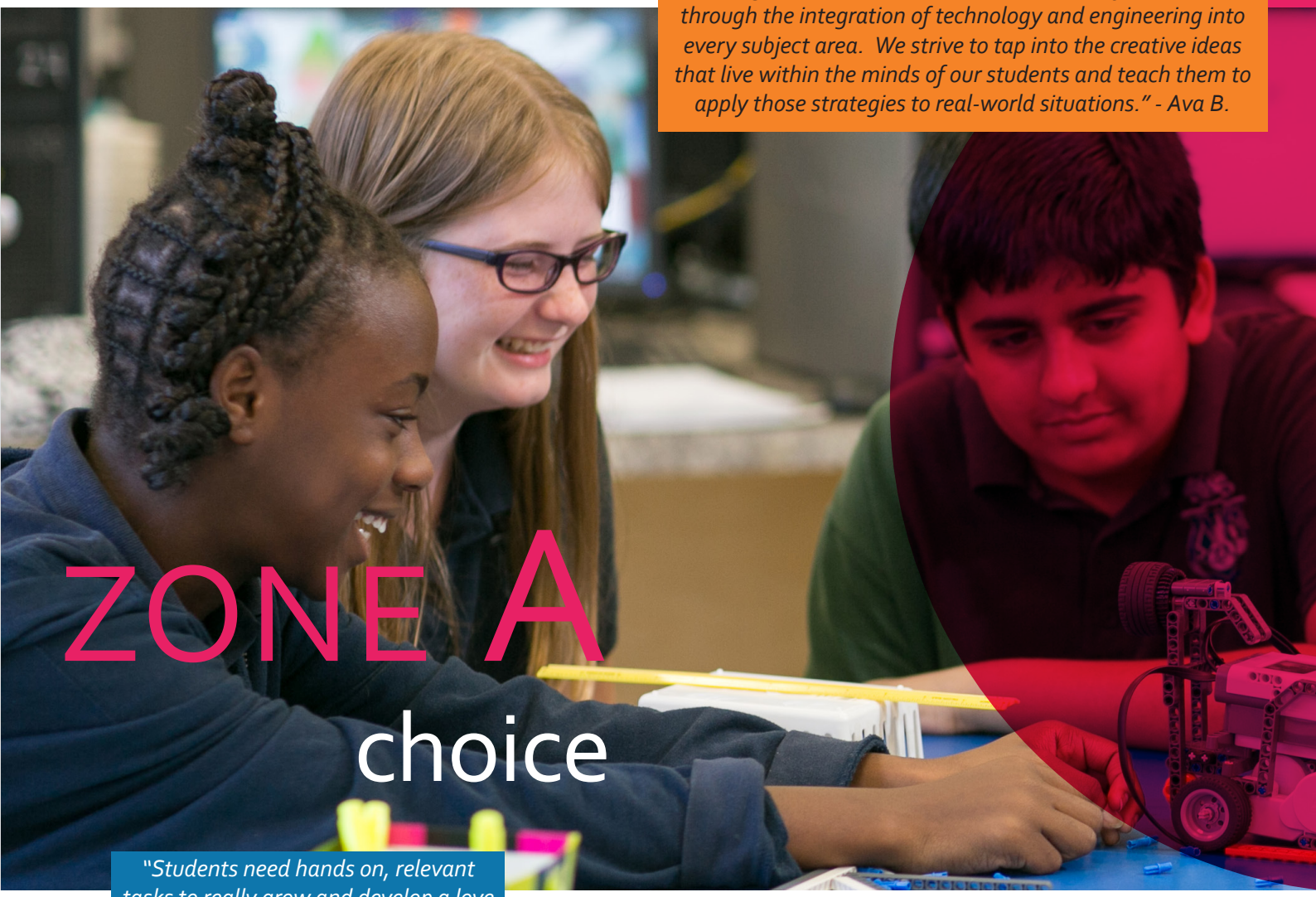
Program: Magnet
Focus: STEM
Grades: K - 5

"I love our students, administration, and other staff members. I constantly see my fellow teachers at this school striving to present students with technological opportunities, exciting lessons, and interesting projects that the students see and respond to with enthusiasm. As a teacher, I feel supported and valued by the administration, and an atmosphere of cooperation and sharing has been developed among colleagues." - Dawn W.

"We are grateful parents to have our daughter attend a school where she is surrounded by passionate teachers who provide a hands-on learning environment with a structured and disciplined classroom setting." - Jil B.

"Our schools meet and exceed the needs of the students that attend. Students participate in a variety of learning activities that provide multiple avenues for student achievement in all subject areas. The staff work together with parents, students, and each other to provide a well-rounded education to enable all of our students to meet the challenges of their future."
- Wendy S.

"Our goal is to create the problem-solvers of tomorrow through the integration of technology and engineering into every subject area. We strive to tap into the creative ideas that live within the minds of our students and teach them to apply those strategies to real-world situations." - Ava B.



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"Students need hands on, relevant tasks to really grow and develop a love for learning. Our students problem solve and use STEM in a way that leaves an intense knowledge that long outlasts their time in the classroom." - AshLee P.

BLAKE ACADEMY

Blake Academy's Family Continuous Progress structure is based around the needs of each student and his/her academic progress. Teams of teachers and groups of students work together in flexible classroom groupings to promote success for all students. Middle school students choose electives that enable students to discover their personal interests. Technology is integrated into rigorous academics across all areas. Special focus areas include science, technology and the fine arts.

R.W. Blake Academy

www.BlakeAcademy.com

510 Hartsell Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33815
Phone: (863) 499-2870

Program: Choice
Focus: Technology
Grades: K - 8

"My kids look forward to their engineering projects and can't wait to tell me about it when they get home! As an involved parent, I have witnessed the engaging environment the teachers provide. It is evident the mission is to help every child reach their intellectual potential as well as inspire our children to work together to solve challenges. My kids have already grown exponentially in the short time they have attended and I am so looking forward to their continued growth!"
- Julie R.

STEM
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH

Students participating in the STEM program use science and math to solve problems by integrating technology and engineering with science and math. Students participating in STEM programs use the engineering design process, and up to date technologies to apply math and science to solve real life problems. High academic achievement is supported through the use of current technologies, the engineering design process and a strong emphasis on math and science.

Some of the benefits to students participating in the STEM program include:

- Interdisciplinary learning in which math and science are applied through the engineering design process
- Hands-on learning
- Emphasis on investigation and discovery
- Building a foundation for college and for STEM careers

STEAM
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ARTS MATH

STEAM adds the Arts to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). In a STEAM program, students are encouraged to use artistic expression and creative thinking through the arts to engage in the engineering design process. Students participate in interactive, hands-on activities to learn real life applications. The Engineering Design Cycle Process challenges students to apply critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaborative learning to authentic local and world issues.

Some of the benefits to students participating in the STEAM program include:

- Integration of the Arts with the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum
- Hands-on learning with up to date technologies
- Integration of art through design components of the engineering design cycle
- Building a foundation for college and STEAM careers

BRIGHAM ACADEMY

Brigham Academy prepares students for successful academic and personal achievement by stressing individual responsibility, citizenship, and leadership. Learning activities in our technology rich STEM labs provide students with the opportunity to collaborate, ask, imagine and create on a daily basis. Each interactive, project-based learning activity is designed to develop core STEM knowledge and 21st century skills while making learning fun. Extracurricular activities and clubs are offered for many different interests.

schools.polk-fl.net/BrighamAcademy

601 Avenue C SE
Winter Haven, FL 33880
Phone: (863) 291-5300

Program: Magnet
Focus: STEM
Grades: K - 5

JEWETT MIDDLE ACADEMY

As an International Baccalaureate® World School, Middle Years Programme, Jewett Academy integrates rigorous academic experiences with intercultural understanding to develop compassionate, knowledgeable, and responsible citizens who work toward creating a more peaceful world. Jewett Academy promotes high academic and social expectations, focuses on critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and uses technology to enhance learning.

schools.polk-fl.net/jewettacademy

601 Avenue T
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Phone: (863) 291-5320

Program: Magnet
Focus: IB® MYP
Grades: 6 - 8

ZONE B

magnet

Photo by Tom Hagerty, Harrison School for the Arts student

JEWETT SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Jewett School of the Arts fosters innovation through the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) into core academic skills. Creative expression, critical thinking and problem solving is developed by immersing learners in hands-on, project-based activities that connect to each student's interests and passions while building STEM proficiencies. Our learners connect to and enhance their world through a variety of design media, theatre, musical expression, and dance.

jsa.polk-fl.net/

2250 8th Street NE
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Phone: (863) 291-5373

Program: Magnet
Focus: STEAM
Grades: K - 8

"The teachers teach us new things every day. They are nice to us. I love science. We have learned what's in an atom, renewable and nonrenewable energy and how electricity happens and that is just since we began school. We've made roller coasters with tubing, using snap circuits, and made pathway labs. It's fun – we see if things can get better and if not we try again till we make it work." - Jacob G.

ZONE C

magnet

"The International Baccalaureate® Programme gives our students so many opportunities to think about the world around them and how they can become productive citizens in our nation and world. The students are more accepting of others and are developing mutual respect and an understanding of differences in others and concern for our environment." - Pamela H.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement (AP) programs are rigorous, college level high school courses which count for both high school and college credit, once students successfully complete the AP Exam.

Benefits:

- Save money on college tuition.
- Develop college level academic skills.
- Stand out in college admissions.
- Reach educational goals more quickly.
- More flexibility in college.

For more information go to www.polk-fl.net (Keyword "Choice")

BETHUNE ACADEMY

Bethune Academy promotes excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education by inspiring critical and creative thinkers through the exploration of environmental issues. Integrated with traditional values, our rigorous curriculum is designed to facilitate innovation and critical thinking skills through the use of technology rich, hands-on activities. Students enjoy a variety of learning environments spanning the classroom, interactive computer labs and field experiences throughout Central Florida.

bethune.polk-fl.net

900 Avenue F
Haines City, FL 33844
Phone: (863) 421-3334

Program: Magnet
Focus: STEM
Grades: K - 5

DUNDEE ELEMENTARY ACADEMY

Dundee Elementary Academy provides an innovative learning experience that develops confident and independent students. We nurture the whole child and foster inquiry, which enables our students to experience other cultures, explore and test new concepts, as well as develop a mindset which will establish them as leaders in the 21st Century. Our students are immersed in hands-on learning around engineering and design, performance, programming, and field experiences with local farms.

dea.polk-fl.net

215 East Frederick Avenue
Dundee, FL 33838
Phone: (863) 241-3316

Program: Magnet
Focus: IB® Candidate and STEM
Grades: K - 4

DUNDEE RIDGE MIDDLE ACADEMY

Dundee Ridge Middle Academy is a STEM Magnet school and an official IB® MYP candidate. Our state of the art campus offers innovative, technology rich learning environments. Highly skilled teachers challenge students to reach beyond facts and understand how to use their academic knowledge to solve pressing world issues. We celebrate diversity, embracing each learner's unique talents and interests to ensure maximum academic and personal enrichment.

dra.polk-fl.net

5555 Lake Trask Road
Dundee, FL 33838
Phone: (863) 419-3088

Program: Magnet
Focus: IB® Candidate and STEM
Grades: 5 - 8

ACCEL (ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING CURRICULUM TO ENHANCE LEARNING)

Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) provides academically challenging or accelerated instruction to students in grades K—12. ACCEL opportunities include enhanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) coursework, enrichment programs, flexible grouping, advanced academic courses, content-specific acceleration, virtual instruction (at higher grade levels), high school credit acceleration, and grade promotions. Please contact your child's school to find out more about their specific ACCEL opportunities.

Students who meet academic requirements can participate in ACCEL. Placement criteria includes prior successful completion of challenging coursework or performance at the 93rd percentile or higher on SAT10 (Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Edition) subtests. In addition, students must have a good record of attendance and conduct and a recommendation by a teacher, guidance counselor, or an administrator. Students must be able to meet expectations to remain in the program.

Some of the benefits to students participating in the ACCEL program include:

- Participation in accelerated, rigorous curriculum
- Opportunities for participation in select extra-curricular activities
- Opportunities for higher level courses earlier in their academic career, including college courses

For more information go to www.polk-fl.net (Keyword "ACCEL")

ZONE C

choice

DANIEL JENKINS ACADEMY

At Daniel Jenkins Academy, students are engaged in Florida Environmental Studies while experiencing a high-quality, globally-focused education. Utilizing partnerships with experts at the Mote Marine Institute and the Hubbs-Sea World Research Center, our students gain knowledge and skills through stimulating real-life research opportunities. Hands-on learning activities include the development and maintenance of an aquaculture, remote interaction with environmental scientists, and interactive field trips.

schools.polk-fl.net/dja

701 Ledwith Avenue
Haines City, FL 33844
Phone: (863) 421-3267

Program: Choice
Focus: Environmental Science
Grades: 6 - 8

DAVENPORT SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Davenport School of the Arts provides a challenging, flexible, and innovative curriculum infusing the arts with strong academic instruction and enriching academic experiences for students. Our highly qualified staff provides a variety of learning environments that improve academic achievement while encouraging students to be creative problem solvers and develop strong leadership skills. Our art opportunities include music (instrumental and choral), visual art, dance, and drama.

davenportschoolofthearts.com

8 West Palmetto Street
Davenport, FL 33837
Phone: (863) 421-3247

Program: Choice
Focus: The Arts
Grades: K - 8

IB INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE®

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) offers a continuum of international education for students in Kindergarten through grade 12. IB aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring students who help to create a better and more peaceful world. The IB programmes encourage both personal and academic growth, challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development.

Students enrolled in an IB Programme engage in an inquiry based education that leads to student driven action. The IB approach emphasizes development of international mindedness and advanced academic skills.

IB Programme spans the K-12 continuum and includes Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP). Schools become accredited IB World Schools through rigorous accreditation and periodic evaluation processes. An IB Candidate School is one that has submitted an application for IB authorization to become an IB World School. Candidate status does not guarantee that authorization will be granted.

Some of the benefits to students participating in the IB programme include:

- Emphasis on depth explorations, thinking independently, and responsibility for learning
- Increased breadth and depth of knowledge
- Physical, intellectual, academic, and ethical personal development
- Cultural awareness through development of a second language
- Interactions with peers around the world
- Opportunity to earn highly sought after IB Diploma leading to increased admissions and scholarship opportunities

Link to further information:

www.ibo.org/en/about-the-ib

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom.

www.ibo.org/en/programmes/primary-years-programme

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

The Middle Years Programme (MYP) is currently offered for Polk County middle school students. A challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world, the MYP is inclusive by design; students of all interests and academic abilities can benefit from their participation.

www.ibo.org/en/programmes

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The Diploma Programme (DP) is offered as the final two years of the high school program, allowing students to earn a prestigious International Baccalaureate high school diploma and credits that are often transferable to colleges and universities. The DP curriculum is made up of six subject groups and the DP core, comprising theory of knowledge (TOK), creativity, activity, service (CAS) and the extended essay. Through the DP core, students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research and undertake a project that often involves community service.

www.ibo.org/en/programmes/diploma-programme

ZONE D

magnet

BARTOW ELEMENTARY ACADEMY

Bartow Elementary Academy is inspiring and preparing learners to become tomorrow's leaders. Students utilize 21st century technology in the classroom and in our interactive STEM lab. Our magnet-themed focus includes hands-on inquiry based lessons and situational learning provided through strong community partnerships with mining companies, engineers, college professors, and many others. We provide a fun, nurturing environment where students learn life skills while mastering core knowledge, individual responsibility, citizenship, and leadership.

www.bartowacademy.com

590 S. Wilson Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830
Phone: (863) 534-7410

Program: Magnet
Focus: STEM
Grades: K - 5

UNION ACADEMY

Union Academy Middle Magnet School is an IB World School offering the International Baccalaureate® Middle Years Programme for students in grades sixth through eighth. Union Academy challenges and prepares students to successfully participate in a global community. Students experience three years of Spanish language instruction, investigate and problem solve in technology-rich environments, and are prepared to participate in the International Baccalaureate Pre-IB and Diploma Programmes at Bartow High School.

schools.polk-fl.net/ua

1795 E. Wabash Street
Bartow, FL 33830
Phone: (863) 534-7435

Program: Magnet
Focus: IB® MYP
Grades: 6 - 8

ZONE D

choice

MCLAUGHLIN MIDDLE & FINE ARTS ACADEMY

McLaughlin Middle School prepares students to be college and career ready through the use of critical and higher order thinking skills. Teachers do this while maintaining a strong focus on fine arts that include: a rock and roll academy, music leadership, dance, drama, guitar, orchestra, drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, band, and chorus. These arts, when paired with strong academics, ensure that students leave McLaughlin well-rounded.

www.mclaughlin.polk-fl.net

800 South 4th Street
Lake Wales, FL 33853
Phone: (863) 678-4233

Program: Choice
Focus: Fine Arts
Grades: 6 - 8

SUMMERLIN ACADEMY

The mission of Summerlin Academy is to motivate young adults to be better citizens by teaching leadership skills in order for the students to excel in school, career, community, and life. Summerlin Academy offers a challenging curriculum which includes Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses. The academy is the only school in the county to offer Russian and Japanese languages. The Academy also offers unique electives like Jiu Jitsu, Kendo, SCUBA, Equestrian, and Archery. Cadets must complete four years of JROTC, 150 community service hours, and have two years of a foreign language to receive a Summerlin Academy Diploma.

www.summerlinacademy.com

1500 South Jackson Avenue
Bartow,FL, 33830
Phone: (863) 519-7504

Program: Choice
Focus: Leadership
Grades: 9 - 12

IB high schools

Students can apply to attend the High School International Baccalaureate® Program during Open Enrollment in their eighth grade school year. There are two steps to the application process. Step 1: An application can be submitted online through PolkEdOptions.com. Step 2: Each student must register to take the IB placement exam. Students are accepted to the IB high school based on their performance on the IB placement exam.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The Diploma Programme (DP) is offered as the final two years of the high school program, allowing students to earn a prestigious International Baccalaureate® high school diploma and credits that are often transferable to colleges and universities. The DP curriculum is made up of six subject groups and the DP core, comprising theory of knowledge (TOK), creativity, activity, service (CAS) and the extended essay. Through the DP core, students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research and undertake a project that often involves community service.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment is offered at all high schools. Through Dual Enrollment, college minded high school students can take college credit courses while still in high school. Credits earned count towards both high school and college to help students obtain a career certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree. Polk County School Board provides enrolled students all required textbooks and students can request reimbursement for needed supplies. Three program categories include: Part-time Dual Enrollment (3—11 college credits per semester), Early Admissions (12—15 college credits per semester), and Accelerated Degree Program (15—18 college credits per semester). Some of the benefits for students participating in the Dual Enrollment program include:

- Broadened educational opportunities that include college credit courses
- Increased depth of study through additional college level electives
- Accelerated attainment of academic goals
- Free college credit hours

BARTOW HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE®

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) is an accelerated learning programme for students aged 16 to 19. It is respected by leading universities across the globe. Bartow High School is a cohesive and diverse learning community offering the International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP). We are consistently ranked as one of the top 10 schools in the nation. Rigorous academic and social excellence encourages students to achieve their greatest potential. Our graduates are contributing, influential citizens with a passion for lifelong learning.

IB | BHS
International Baccalaureate At Bartow

www.ib-bhs.com

1270 S. Broadway
Bartow, FL 33830
Phone: (863) 534-0194

Program: IB® High School
Focus: IB®
Grades: 9 - 12

HAINES CITY HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE®

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) focuses on developing students' strengths academically as well as aiming to make them caring global citizens. Students take academically challenging courses that prepare them for a successful postsecondary education. The rigorous coursework is designed to push our students to greater depths of knowledge and questioning; while the Core completes the holistic approach to becoming members of our global society.

www.hainescityhighschool.com

2800 Hornet Drive
Haines City, FL 33844
Phone: (863) 421-3281

Program: IB® High School
Focus: College Prep
Grades: 9 - 12

FINE ARTS

Fine Arts schools offer quality academic programs with an emphasis on a rigorous study in performing and fine arts areas which includes: visual arts, dance, theatre, and music. Other specialized areas of study available are Creative Writing, Motion Picture, Rock N Roll Academy and Music Leadership/Marketing.

Photo by Andy Glogower, Harrison School for the Arts Student

HARRISON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Lois Cowles Harrison Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, founded in 1989, is a public high school of choice with enrollment based solely on audition. Harrison students participate in one of 12 arts disciplines: Chorus, Creative Writing, Dance, Guitar, Jazz, Motion Picture Arts, Musical Theatre, Orchestra, Piano, Technical Theatre, Theatre, and Visual Arts. Students follow a rigorous four-year course progression which not only focuses on artistic development, but also prepares students for post-secondary success.

www.harrisonarts.com

750 Hollingsworth Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
Phone: (863) 499-2855

Program: Choice
Focus: Performing & Fine Arts
Grades: 9 - 12

CAMBRIDGE AICE

An opportunity for secondary students, the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) is created and maintained by Cambridge University. It is administered by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate. Students can earn up to 45 college credits through the program. This robust, rigorous, and challenging international curriculum emphasizes a broad and balanced study that requires an in-depth understanding of subjects. Students engage in important study and job skills such as critical reasoning, researching, working in teams, and argumentation. They are able to tailor their studies to their interests, abilities, and future goals. The Cambridge approach aims to develop learners who are confident, responsible, reflective, and engaged.

Some of the benefits of participating in the Cambridge AICE program include:

- Advanced international curriculum
- Accelerated learning
- Broad and balanced study
- Preparation for higher education and future career
- Internationally recognized qualifications

WINTER HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Winter Haven High School's Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program provides students an advanced international curriculum with accelerated learning and opportunities for Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses.

www.winterhavenhs.com

600 6th Street SE
Winter Haven, FL 33880
Phone: (863) 291-5330

Program: Choice
Focus: Cambridge AICE
Grades: 9 - 12

For more information go to
www.polk-fl.net (Keyword "choice")

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Carolyn Bridges, Senior Director
Office of Acceleration and Innovation

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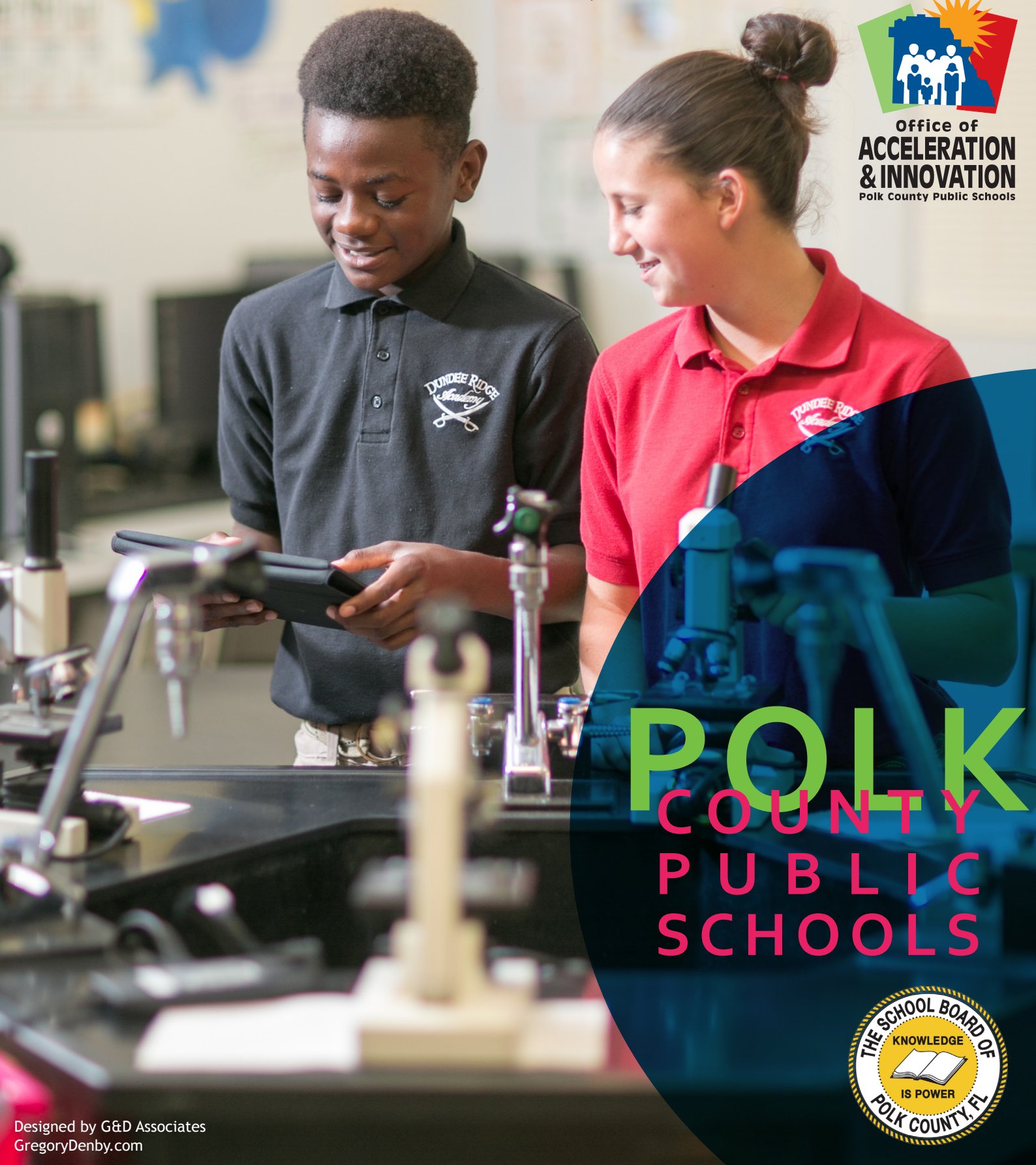

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