

# Educational Choices and INNOVATION



**Osceola County**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NEW THIS MONTH

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Welcome Back!

We hope you are enjoying the last days of summer break before your children return to school. The first day of school for students attending schools in Osceola is **August 12th**. We look forward to welcoming our current and new students for face-to-face instruction at their home-zoned school or school of choice as well as our virtual students attending Osceola Virtual School.

The beginning of the school year is a time for fresh starts, new beginnings, social, emotional and physical well-being as well as making learning gains. As we open our doors, we want to assure you that student safety has been and will continue to be at the forefront of everything we do at our schools. We know that your child's education is important to you and we are here to continue to help you set your child up for success.

If you need to register for the current school year, contact your home-zoned school. If you would like to complete a choice application, please visit our website at [www.osceolaschools.net/howtoapply](http://www.osceolaschools.net/howtoapply).

The School District of Osceola County is committed to Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day! We thank you for the opportunity to serve your children and wish you all the best as you finish out summer break and prepare to send your children back to school. We are excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year with you!

## What is New? THE AVID ELECTIVE

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a college and career readiness program where student's strengthen their academic skills via a model of WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading). The AVID elective strives to close the opportunity gap to prepare all students for college, careers, and life. Many AVID students will become the first in their family history to enter college. By shifting to a more equitable, student-centered approach, students' lives are changed! The AVID elective ensures that students get the support needed to believe in themselves, handle the most rigorous classes, and understand the opportunities available to them. Students are engaged as critical thinkers and create content mastery through inquiry and collaboration. Note-taking, study, and organizational skills, are all important concepts that are taught, learned, and perfected for future success.

Starting the 2021-2022 school year all elementary schools will be using the AVID strategies across their campus and all middle, multilevel and high schools are offering the AVID elective. Eligible students will be required to complete the AVID Elective Application, obtain a teacher recommendation, participate in an interview, maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and an acceptable attendance and behavior record. For more information on AVID visit, [www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org).



# SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL

*Home of the Cowboys*

Osceola High School (OHS) is an International School of Excellence with students representing over 30 different nations. The school is grounded in a culture and tradition designed to showcase diversity, inclusion, and mutual support. Osceola High School is a family, and its mission is to graduate ALL students career and college ready. Through the rigorous course offerings with the necessary interventions to support ALL students, OHS students learn the power of perseverance and the benefit of taking risks. OHS has been recognized for their award winning AFJROTC and Hospitality and Tourism Programs. For more information, visit our website at [w.osceolaschools.net/OCHS](http://w.osceolaschools.net/OCHS)

### Notable Highlights

- NAF Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Awards
- Award winning AFJROTC Program
- Only Avionics Technology Program in Osceola

### Innovative Programs

- 3DE by Junior Achievement
- Career and Tech Education (CTE)
- JROTC Air Force



## 3DE BY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

3DE by Junior Achievement aspires to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy by nurturing students' motivation and creativity to be visionaries of their futures and drivers of their own success. Over the summer of 2019, Junior Achievement and Osceola High School began the "catalyst for change" program created by Junior Achievement. The program provides students the opportunity to evaluate real-world challenges that companies today are experiencing. Student learning in core classes pertain to solving that problem by collaborating in groups to draw conclusions and present solutions. This case method teaching and learning style is at 3DE's center. Students gain skills in communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and group dynamics. Students have the opportunity to work with large companies and are taught to be prepared to present their ideas and defend their answers. These are all valuable skills that employers seek for the jobs of today and the future. To learn more about 3DE, visit [www.3deschools.org](http://www.3deschools.org).

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### *Start Times*

#### Elementary Schools

8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.) Wed. early release 2:20 p.m.

#### K-8 Schools & Middle Schools

9:20 a.m. – 4:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.) Wed. early release 3:20 p.m.

#### High Schools

7:20 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.) Wed. early release 1:20 p.m.

## OPEN HOUSE

### *Save the Date for In-Person Visits*

**All High Schools (including Osceola County School for the Arts - Grades 6-12)**

Monday, August 9th - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**All Middle Schools and K-8 Schools**

Tuesday, August 10th - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**All Elementary Schools**

Wednesday, August 11th - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

## DRESS CODE

Osceola is a uniform district. The following dress code is acceptable at all district-managed schools.  
 Shirts with collar - White or Navy Blue (check with your child's school for additional colors and spirit shirts)  
 Bottoms - Navy Blue or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers

**"One child, one teacher, one book,  
 one pen can change the world." -  
 Malala Yousafzai**

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**July 31st - August 9th** - 10-Day "Back-to-School" Tax Holiday  
**August 12th** - First Day of School

**October 14th** - End of 1st Grading Period  
**November 18th** - 2021 CHOICE Fair