

Educational Choices and INNOVATION



Osceola County
SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW THIS MONTH

**Senior Class of 2022 -
Osceola Prosper**

Graduation Dates

**School Spotlight -
Poinciana Academy of Fine Arts**

National Mental Health Month

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SENIOR CLASS OF 2022 - Osceola Prosper

High School graduation is a milestone in the lives of young adults and their families. It means that students have survived late nights studying for tests, the drama of school friendships, and at times the naysayers that doubted their grit to persevere amongst many other things. Walking across the stage represents the bittersweet ending to thirteen years of schooling. The last four of those thirteen years filled with thoughts of the future and what it holds.

Some graduates look forward to attending the college of their dreams while the dreams of others, is to join the armed services and serve their country. Some graduates look forward to obtaining a certification to enter the workforce.

Whatever the choice is Osceola County is providing two additional opportunities for the graduating class of 2022. All graduates are eligible for two years tuition free at Valencia College or Osceola Technical College (oTECH). This amazing opportunity provided by Osceola County brings relief and hope to students that might had given up on higher education due to financial burdens. Students that are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity will need to enroll part-time or full-time by Spring 2023. For more information call 407-582-6200 or visit <https://osceolaproper.com>.

Graduation Dates

May 23, 2022 - Osceola County School for the Arts
6:00 p.m. at Osceola County School for the Arts

May 24, 2022 - Celebration High School
1:30 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 24, 2022 - Gateway High School
5:30 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 25, 2022 - St. Cloud High School
9:30 a.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 25, 2022 - Tohopekaliga High School
1:30 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 25, 2022 - Liberty High School
5:30 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 26, 2022 - Osceola High School
9:30 a.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 26, 2022 - Poinciana High School
1:30 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 26, 2022 - Harmony High School
5:30 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 27, 2022 - Professional and Technical High School
9:30 a.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 27, 2022 - Osceola Virtual School and Zenith
1:30 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

May 27, 2022 - NeoCity Academy
5:30 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

POINCIANA ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

Home of the Stars



Poinciana Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA) is an arts-integrated elementary school, and has been recognized by the State of Florida as an Arts Model School. The students are given the opportunity to develop their talent and skills in the fine arts.

PAFA produces several shows each year for the school and community showcasing their talent. In addition to the special areas, many of the classroom teachers have been formally trained on how to integrate the arts into core subjects. The administration is proud to have a diverse student population, and embraces inclusion at the school. Each day, the staff and faculty works to live up to the school's motto "We are ALL Stars!"

Specialized Magnet Schools

Performing and Fine Arts
for the Gifted & Talented

Enrichment Offerings

Battle of the Books Robotics Musical Theatre
Odyssey of the Mind Strings House of Science

Summer Feeding Sites

May 26, 2022, is the last day of school for students in Osceola County. Starting, Tuesday, May 31st, The School District will provide free breakfast and lunch.

The following prep kitchens will have food onsite and will be able to serve anyone that walks in:

- Denn John Middle School
- Celebration High School
- St. Cloud Middle School
- Poinciana High School
- Tohopekaliga High School
- Liberty High School
- Kissimmee Middle School

For more information on school sites or a local near you, visit SummerBreakSpot.org or contact School Nutrition Services at 407-518-2927.

You must be 18 years and under to be served and meals must be consumed on premises as the grab and go option is no longer available.

Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental health conditions are more common than many people realize. For far too long, stigma and discrimination have silenced people living with mental health conditions. 1 in 5 Americans experience mental illness each year, and approximately 1 in 6 American youth ages 6-17 experience a mental disorder each year. Mental health is important to our overall health and people that suffer from mental health conditions do not need to suffer in silence or alone. The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act was passed by Congress in the fall of 2020 and establishes 988 as the nationwide three-digit mental health and suicidal crisis number to be available in communities by July 2022. If you or someone you know needs help, call 988 or 1-877-273-TALK (8255) or visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

"Just because no one else can heal or do your inner work for you doesn't mean you can, should, or need to do it alone." - Lisa Olivera

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 6th - National Nurses Day
May 26th - Last Day of School
May 30th - Memorial Day

Save-The-Date - Saturday, June 4th for the
Kissimmee Education Expo - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Osceola Heritage Park - **FREE EVENT**