

Educational Choices and INNOVATION



Osceola County
SCHOOL DISTRICT



NEW THIS MONTH:

Global Diversity

**School Spotlight-
Liberty High School**

**Career & Technical Education
- Pharmacy Tech Program**

Social Emotional Learning

Important Dates

GLOBAL DIVERSITY

During the month of October, people around the world celebrate Global Diversity Awareness Month. As a society, it is important to acknowledge that regardless of nationality, color, race, sex, gender, country of origin or language spoken we are all better because of diversity as diversity increases knowledge, enhances social development, self-awareness, and prepares each of us to be accepting of people of all origins and ethnicities in today's global society.

The Osceola School District is fortunate to represent students from over 140 different countries that speak over 98 languages. This melting pot of countries and languages provides students the opportunity to open their minds to new views, ideas, and cultural differences that will help them become global citizens. Learning and exploring about the different cultures that make the world around us and the people in it interesting and exciting is just as important as the rigorous curriculum, project-based learning, critical thinking, and leadership tools provided to students. The opportunities to explore the multicultural society they live in is necessary as we develop students for the workforce of the 21st Century.

Diversity is Just a Click Away

While traveling today can be a challenge, our fast-paced, ever-evolving world offers us virtual experiences. Visit a different region of the world with your child and learn about another culture from the comfort of your own home. Go to <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com> to explore countries, famous landmarks, continent facts, world food facts and much more. You can also take a virtual field trip online or visit your local library and dive into a book.

**"We are all different, which is great because we are all unique.
Without diversity, life would be very boring." - Catherine Pulsifer**

East Lake Elementary...Creating a Multicultural Magnet School

William Hennessy, Principal at East Lake Elementary believes that "educating kids on the importance of accepting other cultures and embracing diversity are just as important as learning core academics." East Lake Elementary wants students to be PROUD of their heritage or the fact that they speak multiple languages. This is evident as you walk through the hallways and look at the artwork that is used to create an environment of diversity.



Books on Diversity

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Whoever You Are by Mem Fox

It's Ok to be Different by Sharon Purtill

If the World Were 100 People by Jackie McCann

Culture and Diversity (Together in Our World) by Marie Murray

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Chargers



Liberty High School is a diverse community that cultivates and nurtures an innovative education by encouraging students to expand academically, socially, and individually. The highly qualified staff excel in encouraging students to strive and achieve towards their goals. The school prides itself in offering a variety of courses to expand a student's vision as they become our country's future leader.

Innovative Programs:

- **Pharmacy Technician**
- Early Childhood Education
- Game & Simulation Design
- Promotional Enterprise
- Electrocardiograph Technician
- Junior Reserve Office Training Corps (JROTC)
- Agritechology/Horticultural Science
- Athletic Trainers
- Engineering

For more information, visit our website at www.osceolaschools.net/LBHS

Pharmacy Tech Program

The Pharmacy Technician Program at Liberty High School is one of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that The School District of Osceola offers to prepare students for employment as pharmacy technicians.



This CTE program allows students to take a series of classes during their high school career and provides them with the opportunity to earn certifications that can open opportunities in post-secondary education or jobs. The program gives students the tools to enter the health care world as a professional in a retail pharmacy, hospital, home health care setting, mail order or pharmaceutical wholesalers industry. Pharmacy technicians are licensed health care providers who perform pharmacy-related functions and work with a licensed pharmacist to dispense prescription medication. Some of these functions are packaging of prescription or medication order in a licensed pharmacy, accepting prescription refill authorizations communicated to a pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber's office, contact prescribers to obtain prescription refill authorizations, collecting pertinent patient information, inventory of drug supplies provided and controlled by a licensed pharmacy, and maintaining confidentiality of patient's medical and medication records.

Want to learn more about the Pharmacy Tech Program at Liberty High School? Visit www.osceolaschools.net/Page/3414

On a scale of emojis, how are you feeling?



Social Emotional Learning

How Are You Feeling Today?

How are you today is a question that students are hearing more and more as they walk through their school campuses. Why? Simply because students need to know that they are valued, loved, and cared for by their families, communities and schools. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is an educational approach that helps students acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, and maintain supporting relationships. There are five core social and emotional competencies that are the key components to SEL.

Self-Awareness - being able to understand who we are, our culture, our thoughts, our feelings, and our potential.

Self-Management - being able to manage stress, emotions, thoughts, actions and beliefs so that we can achieve personal and collective goals.

Social Awareness - being able to understand the views of others, different perspectives, and understand and empathize with others that are different from us to create a sense of belonging.

Relationship Skills - being able to work together to connect and engage to build relationships with others by communicating, solving problems, managing conflict, and standing up for ourselves and the rights of others.

Responsible Decision-Making - being able to care and make constructive choices by thinking about consequences, analyzing the impact of our actions, and identifying solutions to support collective well-being.

This collaborative effort between families, communities and schools to connect, engage and support students reinforces that they are valued, cared for, and loved. School counselors at each school are available to speak with your child. SEL is part of caring for Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day to help them achieve their fullest potential in their education, career and in life.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- October** - Global Diversity Month
- October 13th** - National Stop Bullying Day
- October 14th** - End of 1st Grading Period
- October 15h** - Student Holiday - No School

- October 19th** - National Pharmacy Tech Day
- October 29th** - Reports Cards
- November 18, 2021** - 2021 CHOICE FAIR - Osceola Heritage Park 4-8 pm