## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY IS







## **District at a Glance**

## Founded in 1909

- "A" rated
- 10th largest in the nation
- \$5.3 billion budget

#### **182 District-Operated Schools**

- 170,000 students enrolled
- 13,000 classroom teachers
- Largest employer in County with 23,000 employees
- 33 million meals served annually
- Second-largest police force in County with 265 School Police officers





## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the School District of Palm Beach County is to **educate**, **affirm**, and **inspire** each student in an equity-embedded school system.



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- Well-rounded and rigorous academic experience for every student
- 330+ Choice and Career programs, including language immersion programs
- Well-credentialed teachers with 13 years on average of experience and significant professional development opportunities
- Top-notch technology with SMART panels in every classroom and every student assigned a laptop
- **Every competitive sport** recognized by the state available to students
- **Behavioral health professional** in every school
- Police officer and extensive security in every school







## **District Awards and**

- Accomplishments
  Highest graduation rate of Florida's Largest Seven School Districts
  - 113 traditional District-operated schools rated "A" or "B"
  - **Model for Equity and Excellence in Cambridge Implementation**
  - **Best Communities for Music Education** by the National Association of Music Merchants for 8 straight years
  - **2023 District Accreditation** by Cognia
    - State-level 2023 Circle of Excellence Award
  - All 28 **Dwyer Awards** finalists from District schools
    - "Clean sweep" two years in a row!
  - 56 schools designated as Schools of Excellence
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the state





# **Academic Accomplishments**

- 70% of seniors took at least one Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certification of Education (AICE) course
  - 52,000 passing scores in AP/IB/AICE (highest in the state)
  - 1,800 AICE, 300 IB, and 200 AP diplomas awarded
  - 30,000 students enrolled in at least one AICE course
  - Over **53,000 AICE courses** completed
- 10,000 industry certifications earned
- \$150 million in scholarships earned
- Acceleration starts as early as elementary school with Accelerated Mathematics Plan (AMP) and high-school level math courses in middle school





#### **State Champions**

- Boys Soccer (Boca Raton High School)
- Baseball (William T. Dwyer High School)
- Individual Girls Bowler (West Boca Raton High School)
- Individual Boys Bowler (Dr. Joaquín García High School)
- Individual Girls Weightlifter (Suncoast High School)
- Individual Track and Field (2) (Atlantic High School)

#### **State Runner-Up**

- Girls Soccer (Boca Raton High School)
- Girls Competition Cheer Team (Jupiter High School)
- Co-Ed Competition Cheer Team (Seminole Ridge High)
- Individual Girls Tennis (Spanish River High School)
- Girls Competition Cheer Team (Wellington High School)





- Career and Choice Programs
- Adult and Community Education
- Community Experiences
- Khanmigo
- Hudl
- Modernized Schools
- Referendum





# Innovative Choice and Career Programs

## **Starting in Elementary School**

- Arts (Visual, Performing, and Communication)
- International Baccalaureate
- Dual Language, including International Spanish Academies
- Cambridge Academy

#### **Starting in Middle School**

- Law
- Medical Sciences
- Business
- Culinary
- Engineering

## **Starting in High School**

- Construction
- Cybersecurity
- Marketing
- Criminal Justice
- Aerospace Science



## **Career and Technical Education**

## **Examples** of certifications available

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## **MEDICAL** National Licensed Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN) Pharmacy Tech Certification (PTCB) Registered Medical Assistant (RMA)

Technician (CPCT)

Linux Essentials 010 **CIW Web Security** Associate Certified Patient Care **EC-Council Cyber** Forensics Associate

Microsoft: (MTA)

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Security Fund

Networking Fund

# **Emergency Medical** Responder **Emergency Medical** Technician (EMT) Firefighter I

**PUBLIC SAFETY** 

ASE Entry Level Auto: Engine Repair (ER)

**AUTOMOTIVE** 

ASE Entry Level Collision: Structural Analysis and Damage Repair (SR)

ASE Entry Level Truck: Steering & Suspension (TS)



# Thank You to Our Community Partners

## Programs include:

- Agritechnology
- Aviation and Aerospace
- Construction and Trades
- Culinary
- Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity

- Education
- Finance
- Fire Academy
- HVAC
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Medical and Veterinary Sciences



























# **Adult and Community Education**

- 20,000+ students annually
- Job Training Programs
  - Pre-Apprenticeships carpentry, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and welding
  - Apprenticeships Electrical Level 1, 2, and 3, HVAC Level 1, 2 and 3, Low Voltage Level 1, and Plumbing Level 1
- Industry Certifications
  - Home Health Aide, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, and EKG Technician
  - Forklift and Commercial Vehicle Driving (CDL Class A)
- High school students participate in Preparation Program for Pre-Apprenticeships (Pre-Electrician)





# **Community Experiences**

2024-2025

**NEW** Grade 3 - Mounts Botanical Garden (choice of 4 seasons)

• **Grade 5 - Kravis** (choice of seven performances)

NEW Grade 6 - Arts & Culture (choice of 11 locations, including:

Norton Museum of Art, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Florida

Atlantic University Galleries, and others.)

• Grade 7 - Science & Nature (choice of 14 locations, including: Lion Country Safari, Loggerhead Marinelife, Manatee Lagoon, Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens, and more.)

**NEW** Grade 11 & 12 - Career Fair with Junior Achievement and Palm Beach State College (at regional campuses)





# Khanmigo

- Available to all K-12 teachers
- Uses safe, reviewed "garden" of information
- Partnership with the Stiles-Nicholson Foundation
- Available to all middle and high school students







## Hudi

Launching at ALL 26 high schools

- Hudl Focus Camera installed on football fields and gymnasiums
- Live streaming of games, scores, highlights, stats, etc.
- Game breakdown and reports linked to recordings
- Individual athlete highlight reels for college recruitment





## **District Construction & Growth**

#### Recently Built or Modernized:

- Grove Park Elementary School
- Pine Grove Elementary School
- Melaleuca Elementary School
- Dr. Joaquín García High School
- West Boynton Middle School
- Delray Full Service Adult Education Center

#### **Under Construction:**

- West Acreage Area 15E (Arden) New School
- Historic Roosevelt Full Service Center Modernization
- West Riviera Elementary School Modernization
- Wynnebrook Elementary School Modernization

2024 2025





# 1/2 Penny to Support Our

# **Schools**Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024

# PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOLS SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY, FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ONE-HALF CENT SALES SURTAX

To support educational opportunities for students by upgrading and enhancing safety and security of schools; classroom technology and equipment, school buildings and facilities, and school buses, for Palm Beach County traditional public and charter public schools; shall the School Board levy a one-half cent sales surtax beginning January 1, 2026 and, by law, automatically ending December 31, 2035, with oversight of all funds by an independent committee of citizens and experts?

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE ONE-HALF CENT TAX
\_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST THE ONE-HALF CENT TAX





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## **Social Media**

