



ST. LUCIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"A" 2024-2025
**YEAR IN
REVIEW**

St. Lucie
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AN "A" RATED
DESTINATION DISTRICT



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Mission

The mission of St. Lucie Public Schools is to ensure all students graduate from safe and caring schools, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and desire to succeed.

Vision

St. Lucie Public Schools, in partnership with parents and community, will become premier centers of knowledge that are organized around students and the work provided to them. Our name will be synonymous with the continuous improvement of student achievement and the success of each individual. Our promise is to move from good to great focusing on our core business, the creation of challenging, engaging and satisfying work for each child, every day. ***This is the St. Lucie Way!***



St. Lucie
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

a destination
DISTRICT



superintendent's GOALS

1

**Voter Approval for Renewal of
½ Penny Surtax**

2

**Continue Improvement in Reading
and Math Across All Grade Levels**

3

**Increase Acceleration
Opportunities for All Students**

4

**Board Approval and
Implementation of Phase I of
School Boundary Initiative with the
Opening of Legacy High
in August 2025**

guiding PILLARS



**Teaching &
Learning**



**Safe & Caring
Schools**



**Talent Development
& Growth**



**Communication/
Community
Engagement/
Customer Service**



“A” letter from the SUPERINTENDENT

As we close the chapter on what has been a truly historic year for St. Lucie Public Schools, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. This year, we witnessed the most significant growth ever recorded in our District’s history in all core subjects of reading, math, science and social studies—a testament to the unwavering dedication, and passion of every employee of St. Lucie Public Schools. Your commitment to excellence has not only elevated student achievement but has also set a new standard for what is possible in public education. I believe that public education is the genius of our democracy.

This remarkable academic momentum is matched by the growth of our community. With St. Lucie County among the fastest-growing regions in Florida, we are rising to meet the needs of our expanding student population. I am thrilled to share that we are currently building three new schools: Legacy High School in Tradition, opening August 2026; the new Fort Pierce Westwood Academy, opening January 2026; and Western Grove K-8, also in Tradition, opening August 2025. These state-of-the-art facilities will serve as beacons of opportunity and innovation for generations to come. Although we continue to keep up with growth, we have plans to reimagine and renew our oldest campuses across our district because every student in St. Lucie Public Schools deserves a first-class educational experience.

Our success is no accident. It is the result of intentional investment in our educators through targeted and purposeful professional development, and the implementation of high-quality resources and curriculum. We have built capacity from within, empowering our teachers to

lead with confidence and creativity. This year’s academic gains across all core subjects are a direct reflection of that strategic focus.

We also know that student success extends beyond the classroom. That’s why we’ve doubled down on improving attendance and strengthening community partnerships. The launch of our Classroom2Careers (C2C) initiative exemplifies this commitment—bridging education and workforce development to ensure our students graduate not only with diplomas, but with direction. This year, we’ve extended our graduation success. For eight consecutive years SLPS has a graduation rate of over 90%. Only three districts in the State can claim that. More students than ever before completed high school with industry certifications and were immediately able to enter the workforce in high paying jobs. More students graduated with full Bright Futures Scholarships, where their college education was fully paid in the great State of Florida. More students graduated high school with AA College Degrees.

To every teacher, administrator, support staff member, parent, and community partner: thank you. You are the heart of this district. Together, we are not just educating students—we are shaping futures and building a Destination District.

SLPS earned an “A” grade from their Superintendent, and for the first time in our District’s history, SLPS earned an A-Rating from the State when school and District grades are released.

With gratitude and pride,

Dr. Jon R. Prince
St. Lucie Public Schools Superintendent



meet the SCHOOL BOARD

DISTRICT 1



Debbie Hawley

DISTRICT 2



Terissa Aronson

DISTRICT 3



Dr. Donna Mills
CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT 4



Jennifer Richardson

DISTRICT 5



Troy Ingersoll
VICE CHAIRMAN



“A” letter from the BOARD CHAIRMAN

I am very proud of the incredible accomplishments the District made in the 2024 -2025 school year.

Our mission is that every student will graduate from safe and caring schools, equipped with the knowledge, skills and desire to succeed. This year our mission has been accomplished!

St. Lucie County is a great place to live and raise a family; as well as a great place to work and play. Here, we look for the treasure that lies in every child. We believe and practice the philosophy that all children are capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Despite the challenges our community and country faced due to the COVID pandemic, we continue to provide rigorous instruction, and have maintained a high ranking “B” State status with no failing schools. We rank among the top one-third of Florida’s 67 Districts for student achievement.

St. Lucie Public Schools is one of only three Districts in the State of Florida to consistently maintain a 90% and above graduation rate for 9 consecutive years.

Last year, we saw notable improvements in student performance with 9 schools achieving “A” State grades. We focus on retaining learning and addressing challenges like attendance and social economic factors.

Among our many accomplishments, we rank #1 on the Treasure Coast for college and career readiness. We rank 5th in the State for industry certifications. We rank 9th in the State for graduation rates. And we rank 12th for middle school acceleration. There are many other accomplishments too numerous to list.

We are a Destination District. In partnership with parents and community we are determined to become premier centers of knowledge that are organized around students. To address the ever growing needs of our student population; we are building three new schools this year: two high schools and one K8. Legacy High School located in Tradition will open this August 2025. Fort Pierce Westwood Academy High School is scheduled to open in January 2026. Our K8 School will open soon after in the Tradition area.

Of course, we did not do this alone. It takes a village to raise a child. It took an entire community to produce these amazing goals. It took the diligent work of our SLPS Superintendent, Board Members, Administrators, Principals, Educators, Support Staff, parents, volunteers, community liaisons, and most of all the diligent work of our students! It is the entire village laboring together to make this success happen.

We still have a way to go, but I am darn proud of where we’ve come from. My hat goes off to each of you who have helped to make this achievement possible. Thank you and let us continue on our journey to make SLPS a Destination District and let’s all remember that all children are capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Dr. Donna Mills
St. Lucie Public Schools Board Chairman



“A”
RATED DESTINATION
DISTRICT



58
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED
IN SCHOOLS



2,250
“A” RATED STAFF
2,950
“A” RATED TEACHERS



58
“A” RATED CAREER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS





49,500
STUDENT ENROLLMENT

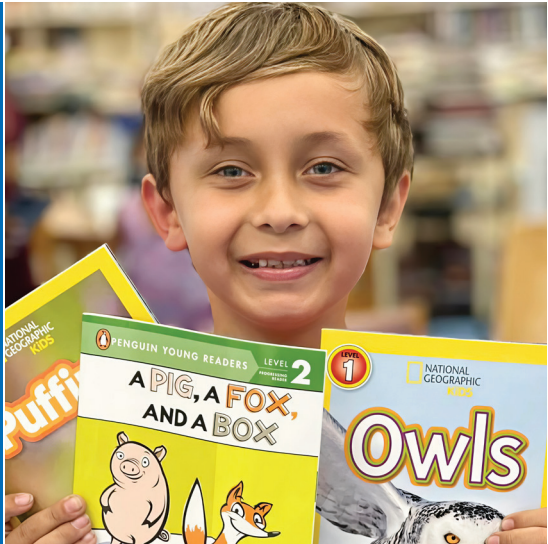


304
ROUTED BUSES, TRAVELING
OVER SIX MILLION MILES
PER YEAR



40
"A" RATED
SCHOOLS

- 16 Elementary Schools
- 10 K-8 Schools
- 4 Middle Schools
- 1 6-12 School
- 6 High Schools
- 2 Alternative Schools
- 2 Combination Schools



35,000
"A" RATED
MEALS SERVED DAILY



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SLPS Is An "A" Rated Destination District

St. Lucie Public Schools is proud to announce that for the first time since the state began issuing school district grades, the District has earned a coveted "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education. This historic achievement reflects across-the-board improvements for the second consecutive year, solidifying SLPS as an A-Rated Destination District.

Since 2016, SLPS has demonstrated a steady and strategic climb in academic performance, moving from consistent "B" and "C" ratings to this year's top-tier designation. The District's unwavering focus on high expectations, student achievement, and instructional excellence has propelled this success.

"This 'A' rating is a direct result of the hard work, dedication, and laser focus of our students, teachers, support staff, and school and district leaders," said Superintendent Dr. Jon R. Prince. "Our team has remained steadfast in meeting the needs of every student and ensuring our schools are safe and caring learning environments for our children. This recognition belongs to every member of our SLPS family. I am so proud of the dedication and commitment of our employees for this historic accomplishment and this first A-rating of SLPS by the State. Through innovative instructional strategies, data-driven decision-making, and a culture of continuous improvement, SLPS has emerged as a model of academic excellence."

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DESTINATION DISTRICT



1/2 Penny Sales Surtax Passes with Overwhelming Support

This past year, St. Lucie Public Schools achieved a significant milestone, namely the successful renewal of the half-cent sales surtax with 67% community support.

This renewal will enable the School District to fund critical projects such as building new schools, renovating classrooms, enhancing school safety, refreshing classroom technology, acquiring land, and maintaining school buses. Notable projects funded by previous surtax funds include the new Ft. Pierce Westwood Academy, Legacy High School in Tradition, various renovations and HVAC updates across the district. This support ensures that St. Lucie Public Schools can continue providing world-class facilities and keep up with the county's rapid growth.



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Stellar Graduation Rate

St. Lucie Public Schools has maintained a remarkable 90%+ graduation rate for **the last nine years**. This prestigious achievement is held only by three school districts across the state of Florida, one of which is St. Lucie Public Schools. This is due to the diligence and dedication by our students, along with staff who are committed to ensuring all students meet the rigorous graduation requirements in four years.

Classrooms2Careers Launch

Classroom2Careers is a bold workforce development initiative by St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) in collaboration with the EDC of St. Lucie County. Its mission is to bridge the gap between education and employment by preparing students for high-skill, high-wage careers in the local economy.

The Key Components of the initiative are:

- **Career Pathways:** Students engage in rigorous, career-aligned programs in high school, preparing them for immediate employment or further education.
- **Pre-Apprenticeships:** Programs in medical assisting, pharmacy tech, and industrial manufacturing offer hands-on experience and direct entry into registered apprenticeships.

- **8th Grade Experience:** A new initiative is being introduced to help middle schoolers explore career options before entering high school.



Improved Student Outcomes Across the Board

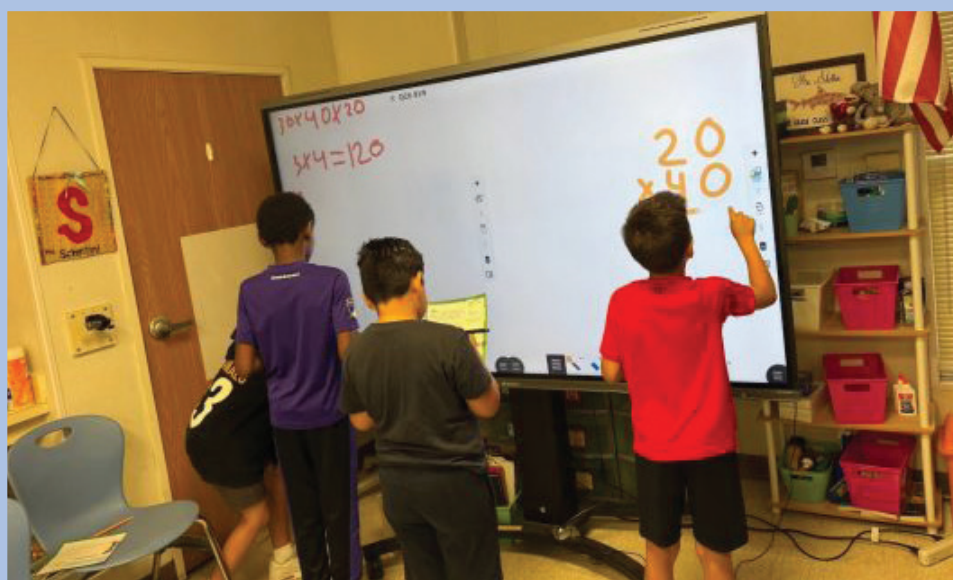
This past year has been a remarkable one for St. Lucie Public Schools, marked by significant improvements in student achievement across all subject areas. Our students have shown impressive growth in Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies, as well as in specific End-of-Course (EOC) assessments. This success is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our teachers, students, school, and district staff, all working collaboratively under the visionary leadership of our Superintendent, Dr. Jon Prince.

Dr. Prince expressed his pride in the District's achievements, stating, "Our collective efforts have led to outstanding academic growth. This progress is a reflection of our commitment to providing high-quality education and fostering an environment where every student can succeed."

The improvements in student outcomes are not just numbers; they represent the culmination of strategic planning, innovative teaching methods, and a supportive learning environment. Our educators have embraced new instructional strategies and technologies, ensuring that our students are well-prepared for the challenges of the future.

Moreover, the District's focus on professional development has empowered our teachers to continuously improve their skills and adapt to the evolving educational landscape. The collaborative spirit among our staff has been instrumental in driving these positive changes.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we remain committed to sustaining this momentum and continuing to strive for excellence in all areas of education. The future looks bright for St. Lucie Public Schools, and we are excited to build on this foundation of success.





Construction Completed on Legacy High School

The construction of Legacy High School marks the culmination of a multi-year project that involved meticulous planning, numerous meetings, procurement processes, and extensive construction efforts. This project stands as a testament to the dedication and hard work of everyone involved, from district officials to construction crews, and is poised to become a cornerstone of our community.

Legacy High School is the newest high school on the Treasure Coast and is designed to be a source of pride for the entire community. The school boasts a modern architectural design, featuring spacious classrooms equipped with the latest educational technology to enhance learning experiences. The campus includes advanced science labs, a comprehensive library media center, and collaborative spaces that encourage student interaction and innovation.

In addition to its academic facilities, Legacy High School offers a range of amenities that cater to the holistic development of students. The school features a state-of-the-art auditorium for performing arts, a fully equipped gymnasium, and athletic fields to support a variety of sports and physical activities. These facilities are designed to foster a well-rounded education, promoting both academic excellence and extracurricular engagement.

As we look forward to welcoming the first cohort of students to Legacy High School, we are confident that this new institution will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of education in our District. It is a symbol of progress and a beacon of opportunity for generations to come. Let the Legacy Begin!

Western Grove K-8 Groundbreaking

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, SLPS broke ground on the new K8 school site located in Tradition. This marks a significant milestone for the community. This state-of-the-art K8 facility, opening in August 2026, will provide top-notch education and opportunities for SLPS students.

The ceremony was attended by SLPS Board Members, Superintendent Dr. Jon R. Prince, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Helen Wild, Chief Operations Officer Terence O'Leary, Warton-Smith Inc., and Spiezle Architectural Group Representatives. The event provided an opportunity to acknowledge and express gratitude to all the individuals who have worked tirelessly to make this vision a reality.

The event concluded with a ceremonial groundbreaking signifying the official start of the construction phase of the multi-year project.





Night of the Stars

This year, the annual Night of the Stars Gala was held at Lincoln Park Academy. There were 155 educational professionals recognized in six categories with the winners being announced by Superintendent Dr. Jon R. Prince and award sponsors. This celebration is an opportunity for the School District to recognize the best of the best and is an event the entire District looks forward to.

Through a rigorous nomination and selection process, the District names a winner in each of the six categories: Teacher of the Year, Outstanding First Year Teacher, Distinguished Minority Educator, School Related Employee of the Year, Principal of the Year, and Assistant Principal of the Year. All of the nominees exemplify excellence in teaching and provide superior support to our students. They represent what is best about SLPS and why we continue to see consistent gains across the board in student achievement and success.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

JENNA BLANKENBAKER

FORT PIERCE WESTWOOD ACADEMY



SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

CATHERINE MILLS

C.A. MOORE ELEMENTARY



DISTINGUISHED MINORITY EDUCATOR

LATISHA FULLER-MUSTAFA

C.A. MOORE ELEMENTARY



OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR TEACHER

RYLAN JAY

CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY OF ST. LUCIE



PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

LATANYA GREENE

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

JOHN DAVINO

WEATHERBEE ELEMENTARY

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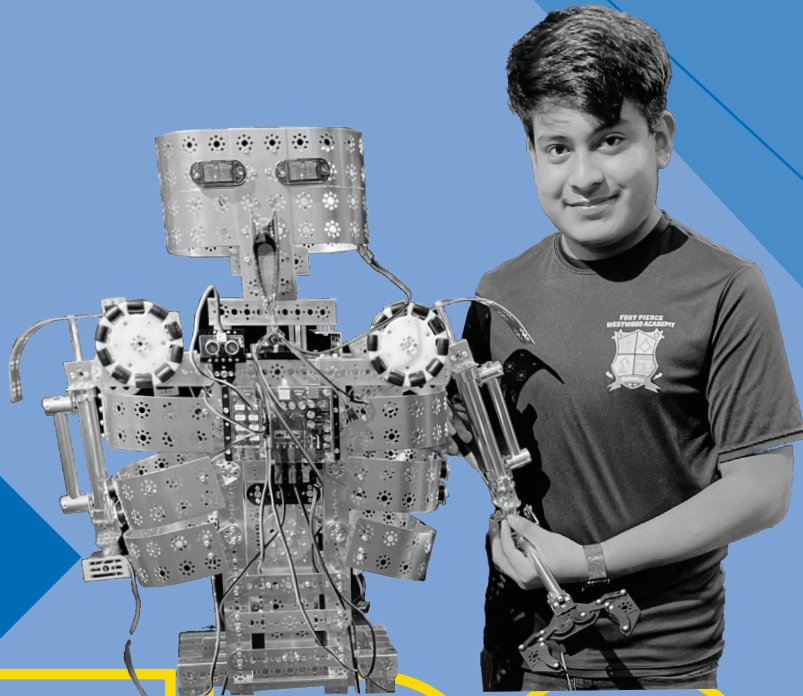
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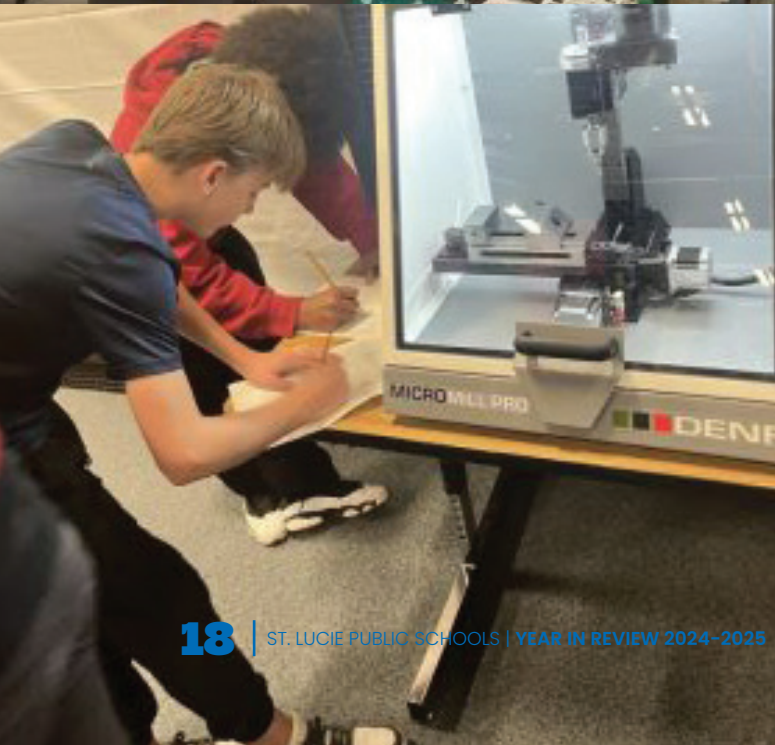
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2 CAREERS



St. Lucie Public Schools is proud to announce the launch of Classroom2Careers, a groundbreaking initiative designed to bridge the gap between education and the workforce. This initiative, in partnership with the St. Lucie Economic Development Council (EDC), aims to ensure that students are well-prepared for high-skilled, high-paying jobs meeting the demands of the local community.



St. Lucie PUBLIC SCHOOLS  St. Lucie EDC 

Classrooms Careers

The idea for Classrooms2Careers was inspired by a visit to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where a joint team from St. Lucie Public Schools and the Economic Development Council (EDC) observed how local schools partnered with the business community.

This collaboration provided students with internships, job experiences, guest speakers, and industry experts mentoring students in the schools with the goal of providing a steady pipeline of qualified and trained employees for local businesses.

Recognizing the potential for such a program in St. Lucie County, Superintendent Dr. Jon R. Prince and his executive staff, along

with Pete Tesch, CEO of the EDC, laid out plans to formalize and strengthen existing partnerships with local industries. The area is experiencing significant growth with big-box store suppliers like Amazon distribution center, Costco warehouse, and Cheney Brothers food distributor, along with a burgeoning healthcare field in need of nurses and other medical professionals.



The Classrooms2Careers Initiative

Classrooms2Careers is a comprehensive K-12 workforce development initiative designed to create a seamless school-to-work pathway for students.

▼ Elementary School Awareness

Starting in Kindergarten, the initiative creates awareness of local industries and job opportunities for elementary children through Play with a Purpose. In this program, students learn about different types of jobs while strengthening their reading skills are taught teamwork, cooperation, and the soft skills necessary to succeed in the world of work.



▼ High School Experience

Classrooms2Careers culminates in experience for high school students. They have opportunities to participate in Pre-Apprenticeships in local businesses, concluding in a high school career fair where students bring resumes, interview with employers, and receive job offers on the spot. This true school-to-work pathway allows local industry partners to meet community needs while providing important, high-paying careers to graduates.

▲ Middle School Exploration

In middle school, the focus shifts to exploration. Teenagers are exposed to interest inventories and participate in local career fairs sponsored by local industries. These experiences are designed to create excitement about the jobs St. Lucie businesses have to offer future graduates.



Learning Leadership

Intertwined throughout the initiative will be a comprehensive leadership program. Currently, that program is being developed by content and curriculum specialists from St. Lucie Public Schools to ensure that the leadership components and soft skills needed for success in the business world are taught, embraced, and practiced by every student before they graduate.

xello

Hello Xello

These components of C2C are strengthened by Xello. Xello is an online platform designed to help K-12 students prepare for future success. It focuses on building self-knowledge, personalizing plans, and critical life skills. The platform allows students to explore career pathways, discover strengths and interests and create achievable plans for academic and future success.

The commitment is to ensure that every student in St. Lucie Public Schools has the opportunity to explore, experience, and excel in their chosen career path.

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Classrooms2Careers is not just about preparing students for the future; it is about ensuring that St. Lucie County remains a vibrant and thriving community. The initiative is a testament to the power of collaboration between education and industry, demonstrating that together, they can build a brighter future for all.

The initiative aligns with the district's relentless focus on accountability and continuous improvement. St. Lucie Public Schools has consistently made gains in student proficiencies across core subjects, including reading, mathematics, science, and social studies

The district's success in these areas is a strong foundation for the Classrooms2Careers initiative, ensuring that students are academically prepared for the workforce. Moreover, St. Lucie Public Schools has a proven track record of success in middle school acceleration, college and career acceleration, and graduation rates.

The district's commitment to providing high-quality education and career readiness programs is evident in the significant gains made in these areas.

Classrooms2Careers is a visionary initiative that promises to transform the educational landscape of St. Lucie County. By fostering strong partnerships between schools and local industries, the initiative ensures that students are equipped with the skills and experiences needed to succeed in high-paying careers. As the initiative expands, it will continue to build a stronger, more prosperous community, demonstrating that, together, St. Lucie Public Schools and the EDC can achieve great things.

Through Classrooms2Careers, St. Lucie Public Schools is not only preparing students for the future but also ensuring that the community remains a destination for high-quality education and career opportunities. The initiative is a shining example of what can be achieved when education and industry work hand in hand to build a brighter future for all.





The Community Weighs In

Classrooms2Careers has become a valuable initiative to help fast track students to job opportunities in the community, as well as to quickly fill gaps in local businesses. Here's what SLPS leaders and local business members have to say about the program.



Dr. Jon R Prince
Superintendent, St. Lucie Public Schools

"We have about 58 local industry partners that are here to meet our students and in some cases interview them for jobs.

And what we want to do is create a pipeline for our students that if they're not going to go to college, that they've got immediate entry point into the workforce and our local workforce to make money from day one."



Kayleigh Nemo
College & Career Advisor, St. Lucie Public Schools

"Career fairs are very valuable for students. First is that it's letting them connect with local companies, industries, so then that way they can potentially walk away with a job opportunity and interview opportunity and internship opportunity.

But the second reason why career fairs are good for students is the ability for them to practice their soft skills.

So introducing themselves, asking questions, listening, asking about resources, providing their resume, giving an elevator speech, etc."



Anita Fischer
Economic Development Council

"We absolutely love the Classrooms2Careers initiative and that we get to work with St. Lucie Public Schools and the business partners. So we get to bridge the gap together.

That's really what we're focused on so that we can put our students to work with our business partners and then together we're working and it's an amazing partnership."



Classrooms Careers

CAREER PATHWAYS

Classrooms 2 Careers is a workforce development initiative between St. Lucie Public Schools and the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Inc. (EDC). This partnership aims to meet the demand of a growing St. Lucie County by preparing students through rigorous and relevant career and technical education programs aligned with the needs of the business community.

COLLEGE & CAREER

SLPS students are prepared to enter their chosen field with the specific preparation required to meet the needs of the local economy.

EXPERIENCE

High School

In high school, students immerse themselves in career pathways leading to fulfilling careers and becoming productive citizens. Students combine Career Technical Education, character education and academic preparation to refine their future goals before graduation.

AWARENESS

Elementary School

Elementary students become aware of the world of work and their own talents, interests and skills. Through instruction, play, and collaboration, they develop soft skills and a work ethic.

6 THRIVING ST. LUCIE COMMUNITY

Together, through partnership, our graduates and businesses rise to new levels of success.

4 GRADUATION

Students meet rigorous graduation requirements while earning national industry certifications and college credits ensuring readiness to enter their chosen career field or next step in their education journey.

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EXPLORATION

Middle School

In middle school, students dive deeper into learning about specific careers and further develop their self-interests and work habits.

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PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HIGH-SKILLED, HIGH-DEMAND CAREERS



**GLOBAL
LOGISTICS**



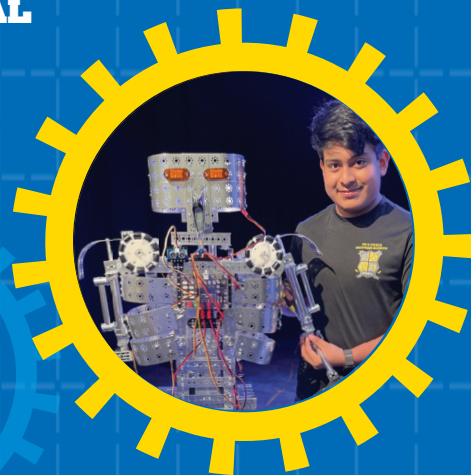
MEDICAL



**BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION**



**AEROSPACE
TECHNOLOGIES**



ROBOTICS

readers on the RISE

**The core business of
St. Lucie Public Schools
is Teaching and
Learning.**



ONCE AGAIN, SLPS HAS MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN READING THIS YEAR,

thanks to 2 strategic initiatives that the School District implemented this year.

One of the most impactful initiatives this year has been the unique partnership with the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning and their UFLI Phonics Reading Program.

Last year, the program was piloted at three elementary schools: Lakewood Park, Savanna Ridge Elementary, and Weatherbee Elementary. The success at these schools led to a district-wide rollout. The program serves as the core phonics curriculum for grades K-2 and as an intervention tool for grades 3-5.

The customization of the program's scope and sequence to align with the existing curriculum was a key factor in its success. Through a robust professional learning plan, teachers felt supported and confident in implementing the program in their classrooms. Both new and veteran teachers have embraced the program wholeheartedly.



WATCH

◀ Scan the QR code to learn more about the UFLI program!



AN IMPACTFUL PROGRAM

University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning UFLI Phonics Reading Program

UFLI Phonics Reading Program is an explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. It follows a carefully developed scope and sequence designed to ensure that students systematically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automatically and confidence. The program is designed to be used for core instruction in the primary grades or for intervention with struggling students in any grade.

RENOWN AUTHOR VISITS SLPS SCHOOLS

Author James Patterson Visits Morningside Elementary

Morningside Elementary was thrilled to be given the opportunity to represent the amazing work that St. Lucie Public Schools is doing with the UFLI Foundation and the University of Florida to improve phonics instruction and core reading skills.

James Patterson visited with 1st grade students in Mrs. Madonia's room to discuss how the implementation of UFLI is helping her students soar in the classroom. The combined efforts of these organizations are making a significant impact on the quality of education, ensuring that students receive the best possible support in their reading development.



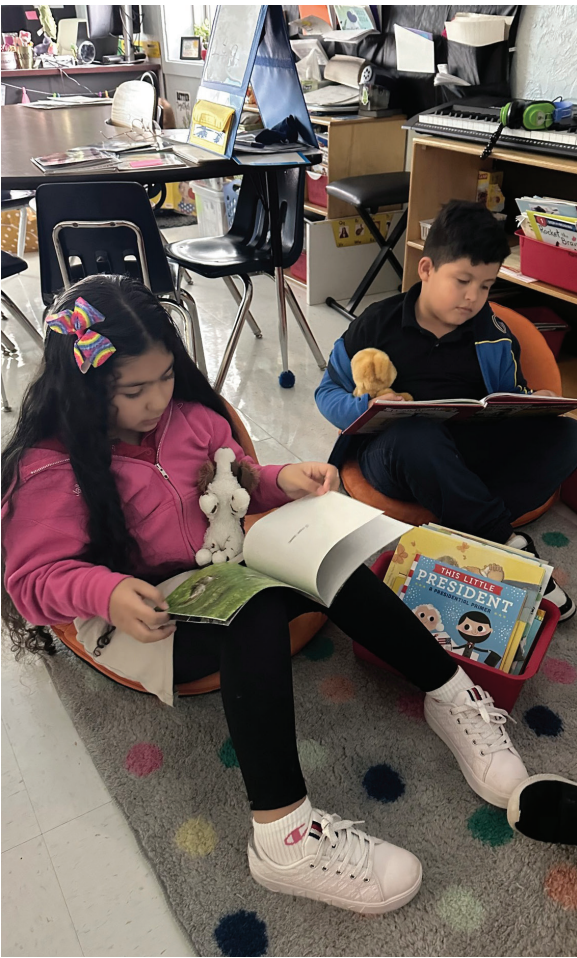


“I’ve seen a significant improvement in my child’s reading skills since the program was implemented. They are more confident and eager to read at home.”

A POSITIVE RECEPTION

The program's comprehensive nature, including all necessary supplies and interactive elements, has been particularly beneficial for students. It incorporates hands-on learning, repetition, and explanations that help students understand that some words cannot be spelled out and must be learned by heart, thus becoming "heart words."

A full effort was put into supporting teacher implementation of the program, including training for teachers, district staff support, training for school administrators to conduct thorough walkthroughs, and training for reading coaches. The results have been outstanding: students are eager and excited to read, feeling successful and gaining confidence. Parents are noticing improvements, and students are applying the new skills they are learning in UFLI across various subject areas.



Teachers have shared their positive experiences with the program. One teacher remarked, "The professional learning provided through the partnership has been invaluable. It has given me the tools and confidence to effectively teach phonics and support my students' reading development." Another teacher noted, "The interactive elements of the program keep my students engaged and excited about learning to read."

Parents have also expressed their satisfaction with the program. One parent shared, "I've seen a significant improvement in my child's reading skills since the program was implemented. They are more confident and eager to read at home." Another parent added, "The support provided to teachers has made a noticeable difference in the quality of reading instruction my child receives."

Students themselves have voiced their enthusiasm for the program. One student said, "I love the hands-on activities and learning new words. Reading is fun now!" Another student mentioned, "I feel proud when I can read a new book by myself. The program has helped me a lot."

This initiative has played a crucial role in the success in reading this year. The partnership with the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning has provided students with the tools and support they need to become confident and proficient readers. As St. Lucie Public Schools continues to prioritize teaching and learning, the district looks forward to building on these successes and achieving even greater outcomes for students.



HOW DOES THE UF PROGRAM WORK?

UFLI Foundations provides teachers with detailed but easy to follow lesson plans that all follow this eight-step routine:

1. Phonemic Awareness
2. Visual Drill
3. Auditory Drill
4. Blending Drill
5. New Concept
6. Word Work
7. Irregular Words
8. Connected Text

Steps 1 through 4 serve as a warm-up and review of previously taught concepts. Step 5 is an explicit introduction to a new concept including guided practice reading and spelling words. Steps 6 through 8 are opportunities to apply concepts through reading and writing activities at the word and text level.



STACKING UP!

5%

SLPS reading proficiency increase from 2023-24 to 24-25.



"I feel proud when I can read a new book by myself. The program has helped me a lot."

AN AICE UP THE SLEEVE

In the secondary grades, several initiatives have contributed to this success, including increased enrollment in Cambridge AICE literature courses, a focus on academic vocabulary across content areas, and the implementation of morphology instruction.

The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program is an international curriculum framework that combines Cambridge International AS and A Level exams in various subjects, including literature, languages, and arts.

The program is recognized by leading universities around the world and offers flexibility and balance for learners.

This year, there was a marked increase in students enrolling in AICE literature courses such as AICE General Paper, AICE Language, and AICE Literacy courses.

These courses provide students with rigorous academic challenges and prepare them for higher education.

Academic vocabulary is crucial for student success in upper grades. Research has shown that a strong academic vocabulary helps students understand and engage with complex texts across different subjects.

Academic vocabulary includes high-utility words that transcend subject disciplines and articulate academic thinking and learning processes.





Teachers have expressed their enthusiasm for these initiatives. One reading coach remarked, “The AICE program has provided our students with a challenging curriculum that prepares them for college-level work. The focus

on academic vocabulary and morphology has significantly improved their reading comprehension and writing skills.” Another teacher noted, “Integrating academic vocabulary across content

areas has helped students engage more deeply with the material and develop critical thinking skills.”

Parents have also noticed positive changes. One parent shared, “My child has become more confident in their reading and writing abilities since enrolling in the AICE literature courses. The emphasis on academic vocabulary and morphology has made a noticeable difference in their performance across subjects.”

Another parent added, “The support provided to teachers has ensured that my child receives high-quality instruction that is both challenging and engaging.”

Students themselves have voiced their appreciation for the initiatives. One student said, “The AICE courses are tough, but they have prepared me for college. Learning about morphology has helped me understand words better and improve my writing.” Another student mentioned, “I feel more confident in

“Integrating academic vocabulary across content areas has helped students engage more deeply with the material and develop critical thinking skills.”

my reading and writing skills. The focus on academic vocabulary has made it easier for me to understand complex texts and express my ideas clearly.”

UFLI, increased opportunities for acceleration, a focus on academic vocabulary, and direct morphological instruction are all contributing factors to the success in Reading over the last year.

EXPLORING MORPHOLOGY

St. Lucie Public Schools has implemented strategies to enhance academic vocabulary instruction, integrating it into daily lessons and across content areas.

Morphology is the study of the smallest meaningful parts of words, known as morphemes.

It involves understanding how these parts come together to form words and how they relate to each other within the language. Morphology instruction helps students become “word detectives,” enabling them to look inside words for clues to their meanings.

This approach strengthens students’ skills in building words and better communicating their ideas.

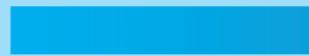
For example, understanding the suffix “-ology” means the study of something, which can help students infer the meanings of words like biology, mythology, and criminology.





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ALLENGE

It is clear that St. Lucie Public Schools has made significant strides in enhancing mathematics education across all grade levels. Our commitment to increasing accelerated learning opportunities and boosting student achievement has been unwavering.

This year, we have focused on implementing innovative teaching methods, building teacher capacity, and providing advanced programs for our students.





THE CRA METHOD: A DEEP DIVE

At the heart of our mathematics instruction is the Concrete-Representational-Abstract (CRA) method. This instructional approach is designed to help students develop a deep conceptual understanding of mathematical concepts, which is essential for mastering the subject.

Students have expressed their appreciation for the CRA method. One student remarked, "Using blocks and drawings makes math so much easier to understand. I can see how the numbers work together, and it helps me remember the steps." Another student shared, "I used to struggle with math, but now I feel more confident because I can visualize the problems before solving them."



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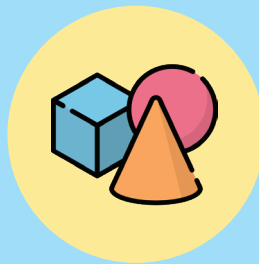
SLPS Math proficiency increase from 2023-24 to 24-25.

THE CRA METHOD INVOLVES THREE STAGES OF LEARNING



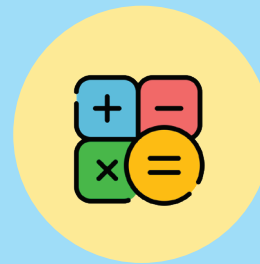
Concrete Stage

This is the "doing" stage, where students use physical objects to model mathematical problems. For example, they might use base ten blocks, fraction bars, or geometric figures to understand concepts like place value or fractions.



Representational Stage

In this "seeing" stage, students transition from concrete objects to pictorial representations. They might draw pictures, use circles and dots, or employ other visual aids to represent the mathematical concepts they learned in the concrete stage.



Abstract Stage

Finally, in the "symbolic" stage, students use abstract symbols, such as numbers and mathematical notation, to solve problems. This stage involves using operation symbols like $+$, $-$, \times , and \div to perform calculations.

“I used to struggle with math, but now I feel more confident because I can visualize the problems before solving them.”

BUILDING TEACHER CAPACITY

To ensure the success of our students, we have made a concerted effort to build the capacity of our teachers, especially those new to teaching mathematics. This has been achieved through several initiatives:

Side-by-Side Coaching

This involves experienced math coaches working directly with teachers in the classroom. Coaches model effective teaching strategies, provide feedback, and support teachers as they implement new methods. This hands-on approach helps teachers gain confidence and improve their instructional practices.

Teacher Boot Camps and Professional Learning

We have organized intensive training sessions and ongoing professional development opportunities to familiarize teachers with district-approved math resources and best practices. These sessions cover a range of topics, from instructional strategies to classroom management techniques.

Mathematics Vocabulary Across Content Areas

In our secondary schools, we have placed a strong emphasis on mathematics vocabulary across content areas. This approach involves integrating math-specific terminology into various subjects, helping students develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts and their applications. By reinforcing math vocabulary in different contexts, students become more proficient in using and understanding these terms, which enhances their overall mathematical literacy.

Accelerated Math Program (AMP)

In our elementary schools, we have introduced the Accelerated Math Program (AMP) for students starting in grade three. This program provides advanced learning opportunities, allowing students to take the 6th-grade math test by the end of 5th grade. This early exposure to higher-level math prepares them for pre-algebra in grade 6 and sets a strong foundation for future success.

The past year has been a transformative one for mathematics education in St. Lucie Public Schools. Through the implementation of the CRA method, targeted teacher support, and advanced programs like AMP, we have created an environment

where students can thrive and excel in mathematics. As we look ahead, we remain committed to providing innovative and effective math instruction that prepares our students for success in school and beyond.

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FUTURE

With a population of over 300,000, St. Lucie County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Florida.

St. Lucie Public Schools has risen to meet the challenge of an ever-growing community through several building and upgrading initiatives which include the construction of a brand-new high school and K-8 school in addition to a new building for Fort Pierce Westwood Academy. Along with new construction, SLPS continues to enhance and refurbish existing school buildings as well as maintain school facilities.



Legacy High School

GROUNDBREAKING | JUNE 13, 2023

OPENING | AUGUST, 2025

Located in Tradition, this new 251,695 sq. ft. high school campus will hold 1,957 student stations (2,000 student capacity). The building will include 72 total classrooms with 8 classrooms dedicated for labs, and 16 classrooms designated for electives/CTE. The cutting edge auditorium will have 772 seats, while the gym will contain 1,332 bleacher seats. As St. Lucie Public Schools' first comprehensive high school in Tradition, this new school will be the pride of the community. Let the Legacy begin!

PRINCIPAL | Todd Smith

COLORS | Blue, light blue, and gray

MASCOT | Lion





let the LEGACY BEGIN!

Legacy High School offers several academic and athletic opportunities for students, as well as robust career and technical education programs. Academic opportunities include AP, AICE, and DE classes to challenge and inspire students.

CTE PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Allied Health Assisting
- Biomedical Sciences
- Dental Aide/Assistant
- Exercise Science/PT/OT
- Global Logistics
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Nursing Assistant

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NEW Fort Pierce Westwood Academy Building

GROUNDBREAKING | JANUARY 19, 2023

OPENING | JANUARY, 2026

Located in Fort Pierce, this new 251,695 sq. ft. high school campus will hold 1,957 student stations (2,000 student capacity). The building will include 72 total classrooms with 8 classrooms dedicated for labs, and 16 classrooms designated for electives/CTE. The state-of-the-art auditorium will have 772 seats, while the gym will contain 1,332 bleacher seats. Fort Pierce Westwood has a long history of providing top-tier educational opportunities for students. This tradition will continue for generations to come in the new Fort Pierce Westwood Academy building. Once a Panther, always a Panther!





NEW Western Grove K-8 School

GROUNDBREAKING | March 25, 2025
OPENING | AUGUST 2026

Located in Tradition, this new 204,993 sq. ft. K-8 school site will hold 2,052 student stations (1,710 student capacity). The building will include 95 total classrooms with 9 classrooms designated for ESE, and 16 classrooms designated for electives/labs. There will be an auditorium seating capacity of 1,274 and a seating capacity of 595 in the state-of-the-art cafeteria.



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY COMMEMORATES THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE NEW K8 SCHOOL

On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, SLPS broke ground on the new K8 school site located in Tradition! This marks a significant milestone for our community. This state-of-the-art K8 facility, opening in August 2026, will provide top-notch education and opportunities for our students.

The ceremony was attended by SLPS Board Members, Superintendent Dr. Jon R. Prince, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Helen Wild, Chief Operations Officer Terence O'Leary, Warton-Smith Inc., and Spiezle Architectural Group Representatives. The event provided an opportunity to acknowledge and express gratitude to all the individuals who have worked tirelessly to make this vision a reality.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



▲ BACK TO SCHOOL EXPO



▲ CITIZEN SUMMIT



▲ SAFETY FEST



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EVERY CHILD

**Community involvement with St. Lucie
Public Schools is vital for fostering
student success, strengthening
partnerships, and building a supportive
educational environment.**

SLPS IN THE NEWS



WPTV'S 'IF YOU GIVE A CHILD A BOOK' CAMPAIGN

Each year, WPTV partners with the Scripps Howard Fund for the “If You Give a Child a Book” campaign, which aims to provide free books to students at low-income schools. For the past three years, every student at Weatherbee Elementary has been able to receive free books through the school’s Scholastic Book Fair, thanks to this initiative. In 2024, WPTV raised over \$20,000—with additional contributions from the community totaling \$7,436—enabling each student to receive six books. Altogether, 4,690 books were distributed, with an additional 250 reserved for the school’s library.

SOURCE: Christy Waite, WPTV



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TEACHER FEATURE: PORT ST. LUCIE TEACHER BUILDING UP STUDENTS SKILLS FOR BRIGHTER FUTURE

Dave Slover teaches building construction technology workshop at Port St. Lucie High School. Slover has been a teacher for 18 years and already won “Teacher of the Year” in his three years at Port St. Lucie High.

Through Slover’s construction workshop, students can learn many qualities and traits to take into the real world.

Slover wants students to leave his class not being afraid to try anything they set their mind to.

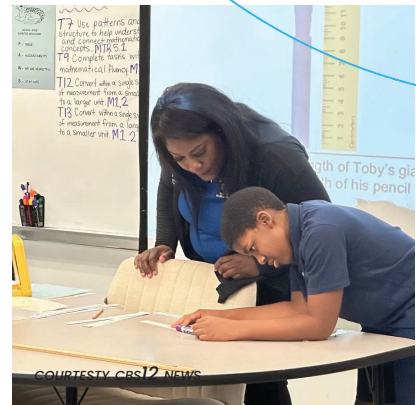
“Never stop learning. Yes, you’re going to learn a lot of very good skills here, but I want my students to be lifelong learners. Never stop so whether they go into the electrical field or any of the transfer for that matter be a student of your craft so whatever your craft is, you should be a student of that at all times and never stop learning,” said Slover.

SOURCE: Dani Travis, CBS12 News



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TEACHER FEATURE: LAWNWOOD ELEMENTARY MATH COACH ADDING UP STUDENT SUCCESS

Talea Owens has been the K-5 math coach at Lawnwood Elementary School in Fort Pierce for the past five years. Owens collaborates with teachers to develop innovative strategies tailored to students’ unique needs.

“Just by being in there, seeing what works. You need to know the children, surveying them, seeing what their different learning styles are. I’m a lover of math. I grew up here in St. Lucie County schools. I’ve had phenomenal math teachers that instilled that love in me. So, I try to share that with the kids as well,” said Owens.

As Summer nears, Owens hopes to keep making a positive impact on kids now and in the future, and hopefully inspires them to be school leaders such as herself.

SOURCE: Dani Travis, CBS12 News



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THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Over the course of the year, the Foundation has raised over \$700,000 that was used to fund several new initiatives that elevated the academic programs within St. Lucie Public Schools and was instrumental in the ascent of the District. These included the adoption of an island on the Indian River Lagoon, an afterschool program called Project 001 that is teaching students to program in AI to help solve community issues, 'Internet Essentials' providing free and reduced cost internet access to families in need, and grants to teachers that enhanced their classrooms' curriculum.

During the 24-25 school year the Foundation impacted over 18,000 students and 1200 teachers through teacher grants.

The Education Foundation supports multiple district wide initiatives including Play with Purpose and the Regional STEM Fair.

Our mission is connecting community to classrooms, innovate learning, power potential and celebrate success. The Education Foundation of St. Lucie County is very proud of the District's "A" rating.

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY 2024-2025

- 1st Year Teachers Celebration
- Academic A Team Challenge
- Children's Day Celebration Event
- College Tours for Graduating Seniors
- CTE Entrepreneurship Showcase
- HBCU College Fair
- History Day - Project Citizen District Showcase
- Legislative Luncheon
- MathCounts Competition
- McKinney Vento Homeless Students
- Migrant Fall Festival
- Music In Our Schools
- New Teacher Symposium
- Night of the Stars
- Out-of-State Teacher Relocation Grants
- Play with Purpose
- Prize giveaways to support SLPS teachers and Staff
- Regional STEM Fair
- RISE Professional Learning
- SLPS Leadership Summit
- SLPS Teacher Leader Group
- SLPS Technology Conference
- St. Lucie County Chamber Leadership Day
- St. Lucie Mets Education Day
- STEM Leadership Conference
- Summer Summit Professional Learning
- Superintendent Conference
- Young Authors Celebration
- Adopt-A-Class
- Project 001 after school club
- Teacher Grants - \$226,000 awarded
- Hosted eight New Worlds Reading Literacy Events.
- Funded Play with Purpose maintenance.
- Provided free or reduced cost internet to over 700 households of SLPS students. Donated laptops to students in need.
- Hosted annual scholarship ceremony - Awarded 48 students totaling over \$52,000.00 in scholarships.
- Hosted annual Hall of Champions celebration recognizing distinguished alumni and outstanding community leaders that support SLPS.
- Hosted annual Color Fun Run to raise funds for teacher grants.
- Provided all SLPS Pre-K classrooms with a field trip to Oxbow Eco-Center and Read for the Record. Through Read for the Record every pre-k student receives a free book, and a volunteer reader reads to the classroom and donates the book to the class library.



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SLPS BUSINESS ALLIANCE

SLPS recognizes that building strong partnerships with businesses and organizations is essential to supporting student success and preparing them for their future careers. To this end, the District has established the St. Lucie Public Schools Business/Organization Alliance, a program that encourages collaboration between the District and the business community to help support innovative programs,

projects, and activities that benefit students, teachers, and the community as a whole.

Business/Organization Alliance members can support SLPS through a variety of ways including donating supplies or equipment, sponsoring a scholarship to be managed through the Education Foundation, job shadowing internships, career fairs and career materials, or being a member of a CTE Advisory Council Board.

ST. LUCIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEMBERS



BIG APPLE BIG HEART

By working together, St. Lucie Public Schools, Big Apple Pizza, and Scott VanDuzer are making a difference in the lives of students and fostering a love for reading that will last a lifetime.

READ TO SUCCEED INITIATIVE: A PARTNERSHIP FOR LITERACY

St. Lucie Public Schools joined forces last year with Big Apple Pizza and Scott VanDuzer to launch the Read to Succeed Initiative, a program designed to foster a love for reading among students. This collaboration aims to provide students with the resources and support they need to improve their literacy skills and succeed academically.

The Read to Succeed Initiative is a testament to the commitment of St. Lucie Public Schools and its partners to the educational success of their students. The program includes various activities and events that encourage reading and literacy, such as book giveaways, reading challenges, and community reading events. These efforts are designed to make reading fun and engaging for students, helping them develop a lifelong love for books.

Scott VanDuzer and Big Apple Pizza have been instrumental in the success of this initiative. Their dedication to the community and support for educational programs have made a significant impact on the lives of many students. In recognition of their outstanding contributions, Scott VanDuzer and Big Apple Pizza were honored by the Florida Commissioner of Education as one of three businesses recognized as a Business Partner of the Year. This prestigious award highlights their exceptional support for national initiatives in St. Lucie County.

The Read to Succeed Initiative is more than just a program; it is a movement that brings together educators, businesses, and the community to support the academic growth and success of students. With the continued support of partners like Big Apple Pizza and Scott VanDuzer, St. Lucie Public Schools is confident that the Read to Succeed Initiative will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of students and help them achieve their full potential.



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From STEM to the arts,
excellence is nurtured
in every classroom.



Young Floridian

The Young Floridian Award was established in 1985 by General Development Corporation to recognize outstanding seniors for achievement and service to their school and community. Young Floridian awards honor one St. Lucie County high school senior in 15 academic or extracurricular disciplines.

Winners were announced at the award ceremony on Saturday, April 13, at the Sunrise Theatre. Each winner received a \$1,000 scholarship to the college or university of their choice and/or a two-year full scholarship to IRSC.

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Academic Excellence

Zara Chowdhury
Fort Pierce Central High School

Art/Music

Derek Boyer
St. Lucie West Centennial High School

Athletics

Abelina Wakeland
Treasure Coast High School

Certifications/ Manufacturing

Darly Larose
Fort Pierce Central High School

Drama

Noah Lehman
Port St. Lucie High School

History/ Social Studies

Dylan Knaggs
Fort Pierce Central High School

Human Services

Lorilai Coto
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Journalism Communications/ Language Arts

Anna Cruse
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Mathematics/ Technology

Jorge Rodriguez
Treasure Coast High School

Science/ Engineering

Tyler Baptiste
Fort Pierce Central High School

History Day

February 21, 2025 was the 32nd annual History Day Fair in which 93 middle and high school students were invited to the District office to showcase a historical research project. Their topics aligned with this year's national theme of Turning Points in History and were displayed in either an exhibit, website, documentary, performance, or research paper format.

*=State Qualifiers

Senior Individual Exhibit

First: Aaron Hines
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Second: Amy Aboytes
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Third: Morgan Vaughn
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Senior Group Exhibit

First: Maria Pilar Rodriguez, Madison Nazario*
Port St. Lucie High School

Second: Sophia Spsychalla, Mya Stewart*
St. Lucie West Centennial High School

Junior Individual Exhibit

First: Micah Prakash*
Oak Hammock K-8

Second: Ken Watanabe*
Lincoln Park Academy

Third: Lynne Watanabe
Lincoln Park Academy

Junior Group Exhibit

First: Benjamin Shortridge, Lucas Furtado, Jotaylor Estivene*
Manatee K-8

Second: Skylar Aronoff, Shelby Blickenstaff*
Palm Pointe K-8

Third: Nahalia King, Milani Jones, Savannah Mckenney
St. Lucie West K-8

Senior Individual Website

First: Roslyn Tran*
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Senior Group Website

First: Kaiden Seebarith, Caroline Kinsora, Ava McDaniel, Cole Horn*
Treasure Coast High School

Junior Individual Website

First: Tenley Smith*
West Gate K-8

Second: Kevin Laguerre
Manatee K-8

Third: Peyton Frasier
Northport K-8

Junior Group Website

First: Samira Moss, Zanikia Smith*
Northport K-8

First: Sebastian White, Skyler Corey, Nickoy Morris
Northport K-8

Senior Group Documentary

First: Chase Koehler, Ava Mendoza*
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Second: Breequel Payen, Rebecca Sanon
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Junior Individual Documentary

First: Carmelle Wallace
Lincoln Park Academy

Second: Tristin Skorude
West Gate K-8

Third: Brianna Hudson
Palm Pointe

Junior Group Documentary

First: Emma Brown, William Li, Abraham Ramirez-Meza
Lincoln Park Academy

Second: Sophia Harris, Alayah Ivory, Kadasha Simeus
Southport Middle School

Junior Group Performance

First: Janiyah Talabert, Brielle Charles, Mckenzie Vickers, Sarai Pascal*
Palm Pointe

Second: Alexandra Hernandez, Daniela Colon, Anna Micheal, Lucy Bass*
Allapattah Flats

Senior Research Paper

First: Julia Mesic*
Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Second: Stephany Roberts
Port St. Lucie High School

Junior Research Paper

First: Ariana Nevarez
St. Lucie West K-8

Second: Aarav Gowda
Palm Pointe

Third: Madeline Torres
Southport Middle School



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Project Citizen

Project Citizen is a class-wide project completed in the 7th grade Civics classroom. Students identify a problem within their community, research public policy solutions, propose a public policy, create an action plan, and reflect on their learning.

The following schools will advance their students' projects to the virtual state competition.

1st Place

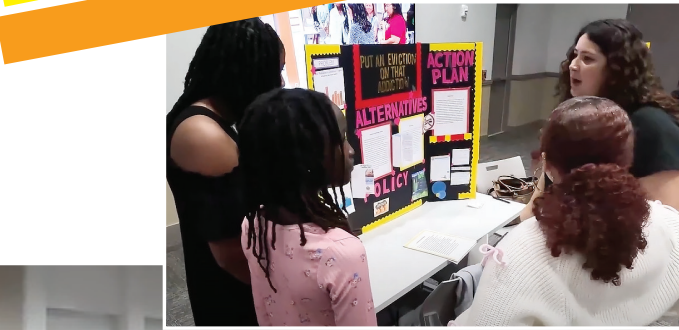
St. Lucie West K-8

Student Presenters: Finnian Emery, Sebastian Fernandez, Riley Sapp-Favale, Madisyn Desert Mathurin
Teacher: Tucker Young

3rd Place

Samuel S. Gaines Academy

Student Presenters: Iker Mercado, Joshua Lalanne
Teacher: Chase Whitaker



2nd Place

Manatee Academy K-8

Student Presenters: Liam Allen, Isabella Mourao, Riley Ortega, Natalia Ruiz
Teacher: Lindsey Harris



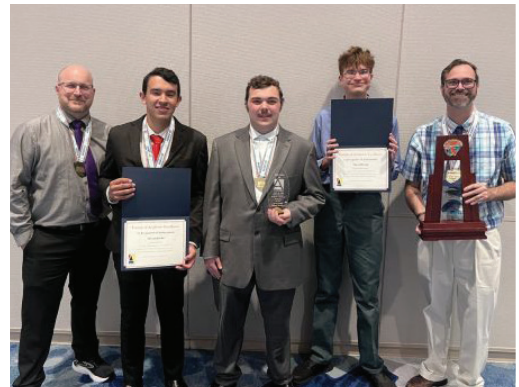
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37th Commissioners Academic Challenge

Treasure Coast High School won the District competition on January 17, led by Coach Stephen Maxwell, then the state team, made up of the top scoring students from all the high schools, won the state competition on April 26, the last win for SLPS was back in 2004.

Corey Pope was recognized as one of the top 6 students who competed by being named to the All-Florida Team. All students received medals, Herff-jones rings, a trophy, and a \$500 scholarship. Corey received an additional \$1000 scholarship for making the All-Florida team.



State-level Competition Team

Team Coaches

Stephen Maxwell
Treasure Coast High School

Peter Miserrochi
Fort Pierce Central High School

Fort Pierce Central High School

Jayden McGregor

Treasure Coast High School

Corey Pope, Sebastian Rebelo,
Gabriel Gobi, Aidan Ortado



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37th Annual St. Lucie County Regional STEM Fair

The St. Lucie County Regional STEM Fair was held on February 7, 2025 at Indian River State College. We had 135 students from 18 district schools participate in the fair and 71 of these students receive award recognition. 11 students were nominated for the state science and engineering fair and 1 student was nominated for the international science and engineering fair.

David Carvalho
Lincoln Park Academy

- ◆ St. Jons Regional Science and Engineering Fair Special Award \$50

Enoch Hong
Palm Pointe K-8

- ◆ Honorable Mention (4th Place) Earth and Environmental Science

Aarav Gowda
Palm Pointe K-8

- ◆ 2nd Place Biomedical and Health Sciences
- ◆ Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators' Challenge Nominee

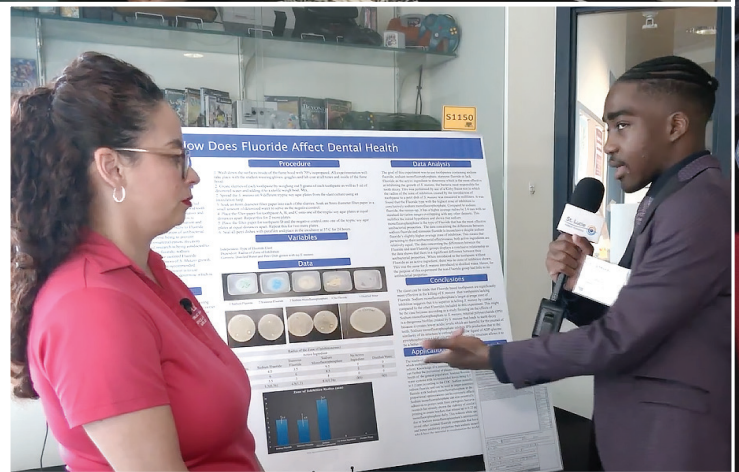
Leonardo Garcia
Treasure Coast High School

- ◆ Pinella Regional Science and Engineering Fair Special Award \$50



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2025 Graduates


Superintendent Dr. Jon R. Prince, joined by Board Chairman Dr. Donnie Mills, Board Vice Chairman Troy Ingersoll, Board Member Debbie Hawley, Board Member Jennifer Richardson, Board Member Terissa Aronson, and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Helen Wild, celebrated the graduating classes of 2025 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds this year with over 3,000 students walking across the stage to receive their diplomas.


Graduation is the culminating event that celebrates and recognizes the achievement of each graduate. St. Lucie Public Schools proudly boasts a graduation rate of 96% at the six comprehensive high schools.

Student Achievements

 **2,925**
total graduates

 **4,773**
industry certifications earned through one of the school's Career and Technical Academies

 **4,387**
accelerated courses (AICE, IB, DE or CTE) completed

 **53**
have enlisted to serve our country in the armed forces

 **200**
earned A.A. degrees from Indian River State College

 **20.7**
million in scholarships earned

 **103**
Seniors have signed the Promise is a Promise pledge and are guaranteed a teaching job in St. Lucie Public Schools once they complete their teaching credentials



▲ Scan the QR code for the SLPS 2025 Graduation Playlist!



TOP OF THEIR GAME

**St. Lucie Public Schools
Celebrates "A" Year of
Athletic Triumphs and
Team Spirit.**



STATE CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL

Treasure Coast High School
Tyon Reed
Track & Field

STATE QUALIFIERS INDIVIDUAL

Fort Pierce Central High School

MacKenzie Allcroft
Girls Wrestling

Mia Johnson
Girls Wrestling

Tyler Mondo
Bowling

Regina Martinez Barrios
Girls Swimming

Fort Pierce Westwood Academy
Julia Mesic
Girls Swimming

Lincoln Park Academy
Jaden Peterson
Boys Golf

Jacey Lane
Girls Cross Country

Galven Derilus
Boys Wrestling

Trenton Hogan
Boys Wrestling

Joseph Richardson III
Boys Wrestling

Quisiera Wilson
Girls Wrestling

Port St. Lucie High School
Gracelynn Selinsky
Girls Weightlifting

Torrie Atkins
Girls Weightlifting

St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Eddie Keyes
Boys Weightlifting

REGIONAL CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL

Fort Pierce Central High School
Liyah Delva
Girls Wrestling

Sophie Bergie
Girls Weightlifting

Quisiera Wilson
Girls Wrestling

Treasure Coast High School
Tyon Reed
Track & Field

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS TEAMS

Fort Pierce Central High School
Boys Soccer
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Football
Volleyball
Beach Volleyball

Lincoln Park Academy
Girls Basketball

St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Boys Soccer
Girls Softball

Treasure Coast High School
Varsity Girls Soccer Team
Varsity Football Team

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS INDIVIDUAL

Fort Pierce Central High School

Kqamrynn McKnight
Girls Weightlifting

Gabrielle Oddo
Girls Weightlifting

Chayanna Thompson
Girls Weightlifting

Alaina White
Girls Weightlifting

Alexandria Akerley
Girls Weightlifting

Camila Scaledo
Girls Weightlifting

Orlandra Young
Girls Weightlifting

Lilyan Tindall
Girls Weightlifting

Nielani Medina
Girls Weightlifting

Lorelai Ball
Girls Weightlifting

Enrique Avianeda
Boys Wrestling

Leonard Wilder
Boys Wrestling

Nevaeh Contreras
Girls Wrestling

Lizzy Chavez
Girls Wrestling

MacKenzie Allcroft
Girls Wrestling

Alex Smith
Girls Wrestling

Liyah Delva
Girls Wrestling

Mia Johnson
Girls Wrestling

Matthew Oldakowski
Boys Golf

Noah Kaegi
Cross Country

Regina Martinez Barrio
Girls Swimming

Victoria Sabarre
Girls Swimming

Natalie Ruela
Girls Swimming

Isabelle Apicela
Girls Swimming

Leonard Wilder
Boys Wrestling

Duran Tucker
Boys Wrestling

Skyler West
Boys Wrestling

Chris Whitehead
Boys Wrestling

Derrick Navarro
Boys Wrestling

Jordan Sierra
Boys Wrestling

JT Thomas Devarious
Boys Wrestling

Caleb Chaux
Boys Wrestling

Colin Madden
Boys Wrestling

Ronnie Beauford
Track & Field

Raythez Flowers
Track & Field

Elie Cineus
Track & Field

Broderick Reynolds
Track & Field

Trevor Ransfer
Track & Field

Sen Saint-Jean
Track & Field

Dylon Hughes
Track & Field

Corey Burley
Track & Field

Chris Jean
Track & Field

Josiah O'Dwyer
Track & Field





REGIONAL QUALIFIERS INDIVIDUAL CONT.

Fort Pierce Central High School

Zade Mc Miller
Track & Field

Omarion Lexine
Track & Field

Amari Major
Track & Field

La'Neal Wilder
Track & Field

Stori Walker
Track & Field

Makalia Aristid
Track & Field

Bherdjeen Fortin
Track & Field

Eva Daugherty
Track & Field

Fort Pierce Westwood Academy

Collin Barnhart
Boys Swimming

Vincent Cugini
Boys Swimming

Janiel Figueroa
Boys Swimming

Jayden Howard
Boys Swimming

Jacob Ruel
Boys Swimming

Owen Santana
Boys Swimming

Aiden Triana
Boys Swimming

Logan Trudell
Boys Swimming

Carolina Garcia
Girls Swimming

Julia Mesic
Girls Swimming

Isabella Smidtsrod
Girls Cross Country

Tayklay Jackson
Girls Wrestling

Tanodja Williams
Girls Wrestling

Maykla Noble
Girls Wrestling

Keondra Ward
Boys Wrestling

Jean Frantzer
Boys Wrestling

Lorenzo Edmond
Boys Wrestling

Demetrius Young
Boys Wrestling

Nicholas Owens
Boys Wrestling

Tyres Wilford
Boys Wrestling

Greg Merricks
Track & Field

Tania Angervil
Track & Field

Zion Brown
Track & Field

Angelica Figaro
Track & Field

Shacara Villegas
Track & Field

Ziona Smith
Track & Field

Lincoln Park Academy

Nittiya Boyce
Girls Swimming

Pailynn Boyce
Girls Swimming

Alexis Maitland
Girls Swimming

Braelyn McCall
Girls Swimming

Makihya McCall
Girls Cross Country

Sienna Mills
Girls Swimming

Natalie Stefani
Girls Swimming

Myles Armstrong
Boys Swimming

Junxi Chen
Boys Swimming

David Geraghty
Boys Swimming

Alexander López
Boys Swimming

Justin Maitland
Boys Swimming

Ryker Mules
Boys Swimming

Aidan Richards
Boys Swimming

Luca Russell
Boys Swimming

Alec Sonne
Boys Swimming

Dillon Spooner
Boys Swimming

Dominic Stefani
Boys Swimming

Autumn Avilla
Girls Cross Country

Jessa Barela
Girls Cross Country

Jacey Lane
Girls Cross Country

Joey Lane
Girls Cross Country

Rylie Rigual
Girls Cross Country

Tatiana Sanchez-Appell
Girls Cross Country

Madison Voelker
Girls Cross Country

Finn Allcroft
Boys Wrestling

Landon Calzadilla
Boys Wrestling

Kobe DeJean
Boys Wrestling

Galven Derilus
Boys Wrestling

Jeremiah Hill
Boys Wrestling

Jeremiah Johnson
Boys Wrestling

Trenton Hogan
Boys Wrestling

Samuel McKoy
Boys Wrestling

Joseph Richardson III
Boys Wrestling

Kelis Guy
Girls Wrestling

Loraina Hill
Girls Wrestling

Gia Jones
Girls Wrestling

Chaniya Saintil
Girls Wrestling

Rickyunna Wilson
Girls Wrestling

Quisiera Wilson
Girls Wrestling

Port St. Lucie High School

Natasha Thomas
Girls Wrestling

Serenitee Rodriguez
Girls Wrestling

Omar Hills
Boys Wrestling

Dilon Ruhlander
Boys Wrestling

Elijah England
Boys Wrestling

Jesse Hutchinson
Boys Wrestling

Octavious Masley
Boys Wrestling

Jomari Clervil
Boys Wrestling

Alexander Smidstrod
Boys Wrestling

David Cambell
Boys Wrestling

Hunter Suarez
Boys Wrestling

St. Lucie West Centennial High School

Eddie Keys
Boys Wrestling

Anthony Saget
Boys Wrestling

Julian Fernandez
Boys Wrestling

Caitlin Bohrer
Girls Wrestling

Chloe Lynn Caldwell
Girls Wrestling

Natalie Reed
Girls Wrestling

Halley Brumante
Girls Weightlifting

Rayne Cohen
Girls Weightlifting

Lauralei Wetherall
Girls Weightlifting

Sarah Brown
Girls Weightlifting

Juana Alexis
Girls Weightlifting

Gracie Wester
Girls Weightlifting

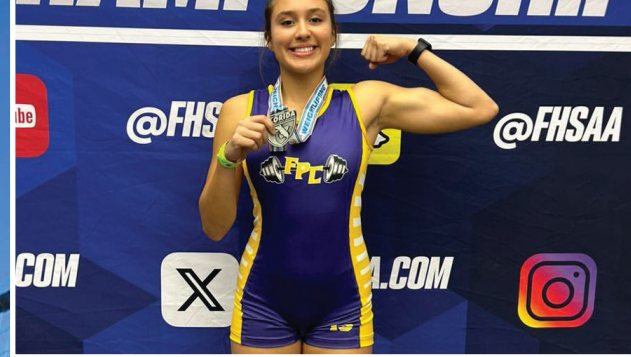
Brittany Mendoza
Girls Weightlifting

Isabella Brians
Girls Weightlifting

Tahisha Aristene
Girls Weightlifting

Dominic Dimarco
Boys Cross Country

Adam Kirkwood
Boys Cross Country



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St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Christopher Hernandez
Boys Cross Country

Dylan Stacy
Boys Cross Country

Joshua Matthew
Boys Cross Country

Hector Garcia Guevara
Boys Cross Country
Hector Ortiz
Boys Cross Country

Tyler Maypole
Boys Cross Country

Treasure Coast High School
Ana Vilorio
Girls Swimming

David Alvarez
Boys Golf

Jenna Missett
Girls Golf

Andriana Lopez
Girls Weightlifting

Jenna Missett
Girls Weightlifting

Juliana Vargas
Girls Weightlifting

Scarlett Seegar
Girls Weightlifting

Madison Brewer
Girls Weightlifting

Fiorella Giallongo
Girls Weightlifting

Callie Smith
Girls Weightlifting

Keyla St Vil
Girls Weightlifting

Danielle Jacques
Girls Weightlifting

Katie Worley
Girls Weightlifting

Hannah Stearns
Girls Weightlifting

Cassandra Canales
Girls Weightlifting

Layla Lopez
Girls Weightlifting

Shazia Johnson
Girls Weightlifting

Rowan Deis
Girls Weightlifting

Alina Jean
Track & Field

Kailey Moore
Track & Field

Gabrielle Hatch
Track & Field

Alisa Irizarry
Track & Field

Arianna Sama
Track & Field

Kaviya Brown
Track & Field

Jimmeana Labbe
Track & Field

Hermica Deleverly
Track & Field

Abaina Smith
Track & Field

Nalani Smith
Track & Field

Shazia Johnson
Track & Field

Olivia Highsmith
Track & Field

Brynn Braziel
Track & Field

Mackenzie Charles
Track & Field

Danielle Majkut
Track & Field

Leland Beckford
Track & Field

Yaiden Beausejour-Joseph
Track & Field

Nathan Lynch
Track & Field

Jayden Carroll
Track & Field

Nyktario Burrows
Track & Field

Tyon Reed
Track & Field

Andrew Harper
Track & Field

Bryan Jones
Track & Field

Evan Richardson
Track & Field

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS TEAMS

Fort Pierce Central High School
Boys Flag Football

Lincoln Park Academy
Girls Basketball

St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Boys Basketball

St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Boys Soccer

St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Girls Basketball

St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Girls Softball

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS INDIVIDUAL

Fort Pierce Central High School

Sophie Bergie
Girls Weightlifting

Skyler West
Boys Wrestling

Jordan Sierra
Boys Wrestling

Isaac Scalabrin
Boys Wrestling

Liyah Delva
Girls Wrestling

Mia Johnson
Girls Wrestling

Omarion Lexine
Track & Field

Fort Pierce Westwood Academy
Julia Mesic
Girls Swimming

Tayklay Jackson
Girls Wrestling

Tanodja Williams
Girls Wrestling

Maykla Noble
Girls Wrestling

Lincoln Park Academy
Dillon Spooner
Boys Swimming

Finn Allcroft
Boys Wrestling

Galven Derilus
Boys Wrestling

Trenton Hogan
Boys Wrestling

Joseph Richardson III
Boys Wrestling

St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Eddie Keyes
Boys Wrestling

Anthony Saget
Boys Wrestling

Caitlin Bohrer
Girls Wrestling

Noah Kaegi
Track & Field

Chloe Lynn Caldwell
Girls Wrestling

Treasure Coast High School
Anna Vilorio
Girls Swimming

Tyon Reed
Track & Field
Brynn Braziel
Track & Field



Debbie Hawley



Terissa Aronson



Dr. Donna Mills
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