



# South Seminole Middle School (SSMS)

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## A Word From Our Principal

South Seminole Academy provides unique opportunities and experiences to spark initiative and build leadership skills. Our leadership model inspires & empowers students to become future leaders. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes South Seminole Academy unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

*Dr Mia Coleman-Baker*

## What Makes Us Special

- Implementation of Franklin Covey's LEAD program and The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens empowers students to find their voice, chart their course, and prepare for success in high school and beyond.
- Advanced Studies include the Seminole County Public Schools Pre-IB Prep Program, world language immersion, legal studies, gifted instruction, and high school credit opportunities.
- We offer over 35 Leadership Academies where students have voice and choice in which talents they choose to explore. Each academy has a Pay It Forward project to provide service to the community.

## Advanced Academics 2019-2020 Data

**55%** of South Seminole Academy students have participated in high school math courses for credit.

South Seminole Academy offers the following high school courses for high school credit: Spanish 1, Spanish 1 IB, Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, Environmental Science Honors, iConnect

## Technology and the Future



All middle school students are provided opportunities to earn either a digital tool or industry certification through the completion of the following courses:

- **iJourney:** Students discover educational pathways offered in SCPS and develop a personalized career plan.
- **iChallenge:** This coding and game-based course prepares students to take AP Computer Science Principles in high school. (Semester or year-long options vary by school)
- **iConnect:** Students discover new possibilities and learn about technology applications and communication techniques.

## Student Achievement 2019-2020 Data

- All students in 8th grade at South Seminole Academy Middle School have an opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 at no cost.
- Last year, South Seminole Academy 8th graders had an average score of 794 out of 1440.

**B**  
South Seminole Middle School earned a B grade from the Florida DOE in 2019.

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- Magnet Schools of America recognized South Seminole Academy as a National Certified Magnet School.
- Magnet Schools of America recognized South Seminole Academy as a 2020 School of Distinction.
- Our JROTC battalion has been named district champions for 2017 and 2018. The only full time middle school model in SCPS.
- We are a PBIS Gold-Level model school. This recognition highlights exemplar behavioral support at all tiered levels.
- SSA received the Florida’s 5 Star School recognition for showing evidence of exemplary community involvement.
- SSA was recognized as a Silver Star School. Students volunteered more than 1000 community service hours.

**Future High School Pathways for Our Students**



**Lake Howell:** 52%

**Winter Springs:** 30%

For additional pathways see [Student Assignment and Program Access](#)

**School Health and Safety**

The health, safety and security of staff and students is our top priority. We follow CDC COVID mitigation strategies and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a sanitized and safe environment for your child's learning. Our School Resource Officer is Ramon Bosa with the Casselberry Police Department.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. [www.speakouthotline.org](http://www.speakouthotline.org)

**34% of student respondents would recommend SSMS**



**63% of parent respondents would recommend SSMS**



**Here's what students and parents say they like about South Seminole Academy:**

" The teachers are beyond amazing. I can talk to them about anything and they always help me whenever I need it! "

8th Grade Student

" They are pro-students and keep you informed of everything "

7th Grade Parent

" The social interactions and the amount of time we spend at each class. "

7th Grade Student

" All of staff have been communicative and accommodating. "

6th Grade Parent

" The athletic programs and the leadership opportunities. "

7th Grade Student

" The administration and staff. The legal studies magnet and the leadership focus. "

6th Grade Parent

" I like how the school leads you to success and gives you opportunities to have a good education. "

6th Grade Student

" I like the leadership program at the school and the magnet program option. "

8th Grade Parent