



# South Seminole Middle School (SSMS)

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An "A" Rated School District

## 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

2020-2021 Data

73% 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

2020-2021 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 813 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 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 Bronze-Level model school. This recognition highlights exemplar behavioral support at all tiered levels.
- SSA is recognized as a National BETA School of Merit, which honors our school's commitment to academic excellence.
- SSA Varsity Boys were recognized as District Basketball Champions for the 20-21 School Year.

**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)

**51% of student respondents would recommend SSMS**



**75% of parent respondents would recommend SSMS**



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

" Most teachers at this school make learning more enjoyable and interactive. "

8th Grade Student

" I like the diversity of options in our electives and classes that we can choose to take, and the time management. "

6th Grade Student

" A lot of subjects that can be challenging for certain students, are easier because of the style of teaching that most of these teachers have. "

7th Grade Student

" South Seminole Middle School has amazing programs and a wide range of electives that you can apply for. "

7th Grade Student

" We love the pre-IB program. I like the magnet offerings. We have had good results with the guidance department and the principal. "

6th Grade Parent

" The teachers, guidance counselors, staff, and the administration are wonderful! They did such an amazing job this school year navigating the pandemic and keeping everyone safe. "

8th Grade Parent

" They really care about my child's well-being. "

7th Grade Parent

" The administration is very responsive to parents and treat students with respect and support. "

7th Grade Parent