



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

2018-2019 Data

63% 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

2018-2019 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 790 out of 1440.

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

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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 2019 School of Excellence
- 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.
- SSMS received the Florida’s 5 Star School recognition for showing evidence of exemplary community involvement.
- SSMS 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 Security

The safety and security of staff and students is a top priority in Seminole County Public Schools. We work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a safe environment for your child's learning with a focus on preventative action. 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

12% of student respondents would recommend SSMS



78% of parent respondents would recommend SSMS



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

" I love the leadership program and how the staff and faculty are preparing our children for the world. "

6th Grade Parent

" I like all the opportunities that have come up for my son. His teachers seem to be engaged in their environment and interested in actually teaching the children so they can learn not just perform well on a test. "

7th Grade Parent

" The classes and elctives here "

6th Grade Student

" So many classes to choose from and GOOD FOOD "

6th Grade Student

" I like the fact that some of the teachers are into activities and the fact that we get dances, basketball games, and that we have clubs. "

8th Grade Student

" The atmosphere, the curriculum and teachers and staff! "

8th Grade Parent

" Very clean, teachers are attentive, and overall school staff cares "

8th Grade Parent

" The opportunities that they give you "

8th Grade Student