



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

2021-2022 Data

16% 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

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

2021-2022 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 816 out of 1440, higher than the Florida average of 810.

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South Seminole Middle School earned a B grade from the Florida DOE in 2022.

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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 Excellence.
- Our JROTC battalion has been named district champions for 2017 and 2018. The only full time middle school model in SCPS.
- SSA is a 2021 PBIS Resilience Award recipient. This recognition highlights exemplar behavioral support at tiered levels.
- SSA is recognized as a National BETA School of Merit, which honors our school's commitment to academic excellence.

Future High School Pathways for Our Students



Lake Howell: 50%



Winter Springs: 27%



Lyman: 14%



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

41% of student respondents would recommend SSMS



61% of parent respondents would recommend SSMS



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

" I like the teachers and their learning styles especially when they create fun activities that are interactive and give you the best education out of it. "

8th Grade Student

" I enjoy the diversity of students, and activities within the school. "

6th Grade Student

" I like the leadership and law program. I like how kind teachers are, and there is a greater opportunity to succeed. "

7th Grade Student

" I like that all the teachers are very kind and clear about the subject that they are teaching. My favorite classes are science, math, and social studies/history. "

7th Grade Student

" I really appreciate the transparency and the constant information. I like the inclusiveness and diversity in the school. "

7th Grade Parent

" Great teachers who care and provide the teaching tools for students. "

6th Grade Parent

" My son enjoys school and the extracurriculars he participates in. I love that they offer so many extracurriculars, it keeps the kids busy and they also have fun. "

7th Grade Parent

" The pre-IB program/teachers are great. My daughter has excelled and is more than ready for high school. BETA club has also been a highlight from the last 2 years. Her band teacher not only taught them band but also about mental health. It has really helped my child see that talking about mental health is okay and help is available. "

8th Grade Parent