

8th Grade Parent Night

High School Options

Where can my child go to high school?

- Your child's **zoned public high school- Students in Polk County are zoned only to other Polk County Public Schools.** (not to private or charter schools- Lake Wales Charter High School entrance is by application only)
- **Lake Region High School (Eagle Lake)** with CTE and other Majors in the Fine Arts- if out of zone, a transfer request must be done.
- **Harrison School for the Arts(Lakeland)**- by application and audition
- **Ridge Technical College**(Winter Haven-must be at least 16 years old)
- The **Cambridge Academy at Winter Haven High School**- by application only
- If you receive an **IB, International Baccalaureate**, letter from a **high school**, then, it is by application(you must attend the meeting)
- **Summerlin Academy**- located right behind Bartow High School- by application
- **Polk State College Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School**- 863-297-1000 (for 11th and 12th graders only and by application only)
- For overaged students(has been retained twice)- Alternative schools:
New Beginnings High School- ages 15-24- Contact number 863-268-2554
The REAL Academy- application-In Davenport- McLaughlin School Counselors enter the application for you. (Transportation is provided)
Gause Academy- Bartow Middle School- contact number 863-534-7425(Transportation is provided)

Information

-Visit polkedoptions.com

-Academies in high school- You will be able to go online, www.polkacademies.com, to apply to an academy in Polk County, but if your child is not zoned for that high school, transportation **will not be** provided. Last year, applications opened November 8th to **January 9th** and acceptance letters start going out March 10th. I do not know the time line this year.

-Talk to your High School Counselor about Honors classes, AP classes, Dual Enrollment, Collegiate high school.

-Volunteer hours for high school starts the summer of 2018. Volunteer hours before the summer of 2018 do not count.

-Any high school class that you take in middle school or virtual school effects your high school transcript, participation in sports, and high school GPA.

-We will be introducing MyCareerShines.org to your child soon. You can view the website as a parent.

Go to mycareershines.org

Then, click on Find a Career on the top right

Next, scroll down and register

This site is very informative about college, careers, scholarships and etc. It is never too early to get informed. There is information for parents as well.