



Osceola County
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educational Choices and INNOVATION

CLASS
OF 2024!

OSCEOLA
PROSPER

NEW THIS MONTH

National College Application
Month

Spotlight - 2023 CHOICE FAIR
Your Choice Now Determines
Your Future

Important Dates

You are eligible for:

- FREE COLLEGE
- FREE TECHNICAL EDUCATION

With No Out-Of-Pocket
Tuition Cost!



National College Application Month

On October 29, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. proclaimed the month of November as National College Application Month as part of getting our great nation back on track to lead in the jobs of the 21st century. Students nationwide are encouraged to dream about a high-quality, affordable education. Unfortunately, for many students, a post-secondary education remains a dream as the rising cost of post-secondary education continues to rise.

In Osceola County though, for the third year in a row, the Class of 2024 received the great news that their dreams of a post-secondary education were attainable due to the Osceola Prosper Program. This program is an initiative of the Osceola County Commissioners and has been an absolute success with approximately 5,000 students taking advantage of this opportunity. This forward-thinking investment in our youth "is a wise investment toward the future economic prosperity of the county" said Dr. Kathleen Plinske, President of Valencia College.

The Osceola Prosper Program offers students the opportunity to attend Valencia College to earn an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree or complete one Valencia College Accelerated Skills Training or Technical Certificate program. Students can also choose to enroll in a program at Osceola Technical College (oTECH). This opportunity, along with the state free tuition program, the Bright Futures Scholar program, has enabled thousands of students to make their dreams of enrolling and pursuing a higher education possible. To learn more about these programs visit www.OsceolaProsper.com and www.floridabrightfutures.gov.

"Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!"



The Educational Choices and Innovation Department provides information and assistance to families seeking school choice options for students in Kindergarten-12th grade. Families have the opportunity to apply to schools with a variety of school-specific theme-based offerings or seats at any school with available capacity.

The Educational Choices and Innovation Department hosts the largest community outreach event for the benefit of student education in Osceola. The CHOICE FAIR is held yearly on the second Thursday in November. It provides the community the opportunity to learn all about the awe-inspiring programs available at our district-managed schools. To learn more about our awe-inspiring schools, visit www.myosceolachoice.school

This year's **2023 CHOICE FAIR** will take place on **Thursday, November 16, 2023**, at **Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Lane** from **5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** All district schools will be present to answer questions regarding the programs they offer and, if applicable, admission requirements for specialized schools.

We invite you to join us for an evening of valuable information, student performances, giveaways, completing the choice application for the 2024-2025 school year. ***STUDENTS THAT ARE ENROLLED IN ONE OF THE DISTRICT'S VPK PROGRAMS AND ARE NOT ZONED FOR THE SCHOOL THEY CURRENTLY ATTEND NEED TO COMPLETE A CHOICE APPLICATION AS THEY DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY ROLL OVER TO KINDERGARTEN.**

Come and learn about all the programs, pathways, and opportunities that await your child at one of our schools where they will be prepared today for the jobs of tomorrow. Remember, ***"Your Choice Now Determines Your Future"***.

To learn more about our department, visit www.osceolaschools.net/choice.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

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| November 10th - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL | November 16th - CHOICE FAIR |
| November 13th - World Kindness Day | November 17th - 2nd 9 Weeks Progress Reports |
| November 20th -24th - Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL | |