

Executive Summary of Career Academies of Seminole School Improvement Plan 2015-16

Career Academies of Seminole School has 300 students in grades 9 - 12, one administrator, six teachers, and nine staff members. We offer exclusively career and technical programs only on our campus. We serve students from three high schools: Largo High, Osceola Fundamental High, and Seminole High. We also welcome and serve any home-schooled students to dual enroll in classes on our campus. The mission of **Career Academies of Seminole** is to make a positive difference in our students' lives by preparing them for careers, postsecondary education and training programs, and for life. To accomplish this mission, Career Academies of Seminole has six goals:

- 1.) All students will complete one or more career and technical courses and/or program by earning one or more occupational completion points.
- 2.) All students will earn one or more industry certifications.
- 3.) Each teacher will personalize learning for students through project based learning, problem-based learning, and competency-based learning.
- 4.) Increase achievement of African American students by offering a hands-on rich learning environment and providing support to ensure a successful completion of a career and technical course or program.
- 5.) Improve attendance rate of our students by 10%.
- 6.) Increase parental involvement by implementing a formal advisement program to inform parents of career/college pathways and of scholarship opportunities for their students.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are the inclusion of peer-to-peer learning and tutoring, one-on-one tutoring with instructor, project-based learning, problem-based learning, and competency-based learning.

The professional development efforts will be focused personalized learning, project-based learning and problem-based learning.

Teachers and guidance will work together to increase the number of parent and student contacts and conferences to help reduce the number of absences on our campus.

For more information about Career Academies of Seminole's School Improvement Plan, please visit our website at <http://www.pcsb.org/cas>