Choice Programs

Educational choice is the practice of allowing all families to make meaningful decisions about how and where their children will receive a primary and secondary education from a variety of schools and programs. In Volusia County, options may include, but not be limited to, controlled open enrollment, charter schools, advanced programs, dual enrollment, home school, virtual school and career academies.

Choice for Capacity

Each Volusia County school is considered a school of choice and will be designated with one of the following classifications: substantial capacity, limited capacity, or waitlisted. Available school capacity is the primary determining factor for approvals of choice applications. The classification of each school is based on projected student enrollments.

Charter Schools

A list of Volusia County charter schools can be found at <u>www.vcsedu.org/chart-schools/current-charter-school-information</u>. Contact individual charter schools for information on their application process.

Teenage Parent Program is provided for male and female, pregnant and parenting students and their children. The district-facilitated program provides services for eligible students who wish to remain in school with aspirations for graduation. Eligible students take an online parenting course and receive free childcare at any licensed daycare of their choice.

Career Academies

A Career Academy is a small learning community that combines a college-preparatory curriculum with a career focus. Academies provide unique learning opportunities through extensive business partnerships, integrated instruction, hands-on learning, field studies, service learning, career shadowing, Career & Technical Student Organizations, and internships. Teacher teams, in conjunction with business partners, provide the real-world skills necessary for students to be successful in today's work environment. Many academies offer post-secondary dual enrollment and industry certification options. There are 21 academies offered in Volusia's 10 high schools.

Career Clusters Agriculture, Food & Natural • Education & Training Information Technology • Engineering & Technology Law, Public Safety & Security Resources • Architecture & Construction Education Manufacturing Arts, A/V Technology & • Finance Marketing, Sales & Service • **Health Science** Communication Transportation, Distribution Business, Management & Hospitality & Tourism and Logistics Administration Human Services