



## **Top 6 Things to Know About Seacoast Collegiate High School Dual Enrollment & Workforce Center Expansion**

### **1. An Institutional History That Spans Over 25 Years**

Seaside School, Inc is the oldest operating charter school in the state of Florida. The school opened in 1996 shortly after charter school legislation was passed. The school has continued to grow over the past 27 years from a school of 36 students in grade 6-8 to serving 405 students in grades 5 - 12, and has been recognized as the #1 combination charter school in the state of Florida based on 21-22 school year state test results.

### **2. An Innovative Model with Core Values that Support the Community**

As a charter school, the educational model must adapt based on community needs and demands. Walton County is one of the fastest growing counties in Florida so therefore the school has continued to expand enrollment. Over the past ten years, Seaside School, Inc has continued to innovate by offering Seacoast Collegiate High School students the exclusive ability to be full-time dual enrolled students at Northwest Florida State College while still receiving the support a high school student requires. Seacoast Collegiate High School students have been able to earn an Associate of the Arts degree in tandem with their High School diploma. With the workforce center expansion, students will have the opportunity to earn an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration. The core values of independence, accountability, and exploration are imparted on students daily and the school's unique academic program allows them to live these values.

### **3. Robust Community Support**

The Walton County community is very philanthropic. The school is supported by The Seaside School Foundation whose sole purpose is to fund and support Seaside School, Inc. The Seaside School Foundation annually raises over \$1 million net through a slate of exclusive events that include the Seaside School Half Marathon and 5K, Tom Glavine's Field of Dreams Golf Outing, and Sand and Starlight Events.

### **4. A Commitment to a 100% Graduation Rate**

Since 2019 the school has had a 100% graduation rate. The school, as it expands, is committed to ensuring that all students earn their 24 Credit Standards Florida High School Diploma.

### **5. A Florida Charter School That Prepares Students for the Top Florida Universities**

Qualifying for the Bright Futures Scholarship is a top priority for Seacoast students and the staff that support them. The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement. Students can receive an award amount equal to 100% of tuition and applicable fees to Florida public state colleges and universities. 59% of the class of 2022 qualified for the Bright Futures Scholarship. The students and staff are committed to ensuring that students succeed in class, on standardized tests, and in the community.

### **6. Growth of the School Reflects Growth of Community**

Seacoast Collegiate High School graduated its first class of 16 students in 2016. The 2022 graduating class had 54 students. This is a 237% increase in graduation class size in 7 years. With an expanded high school plant the school will maintain a pattern of growth by expanding enrollment with the goal of having at least 100 students in each graduating class.