HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Learn it. Love it. Live it.

Transitions Through the Years and How to Maximize Opportunities

Empowering Students for Life Beyond the Classroom

Elementary

🌱 Building a Strong Foundation for the Future

In the elementary years, students begin laying the groundwork for lifelong learning. During this important time, they build essential skills in reading, math, science, and social studies.

But it’s more than just academics – this is also when children start to discover their interests and explore what they enjoy. These early experiences help shape their confidence and curiosity, which will guide them as they grow and start thinking about their future paths.

Middle School

Middle school CTE courses give students an early chance to explore interests and develop real-world skills through hands-on learning.

Benefits include:

- Building confidence
- Discovering passions
- Gaining practical skills
- Making informed choices for high school and beyond

High school classes in middle school deepens their understanding, and prepare them for the transition to high school.

Benefits include:

- Strengthening reading, writing, and problem-solving skills
- Meeting graduation requirements
- Laying the groundwork for advanced courses and career pathways

Middle school programs offer students the chance to earn industry certifications. These certifications show that students are developing real, workforce ready skills even before high school.

Benefits include:

- Building a sense of achievement
- Gaining technical skills used in today's workforce
- Earning credentials that can be added to resumes or portfolios

High School College Credit Opportunities

📚 AP / DE / IB / AICE Courses

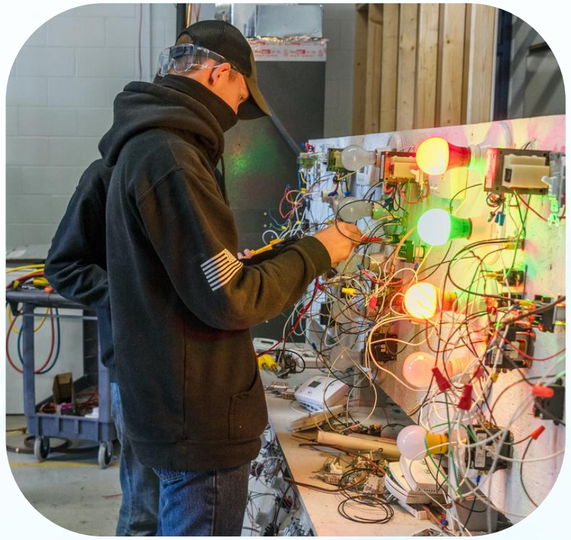
- Give students the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school for little to no cost.
- Help students build strong academic skills and stand out on college and scholarship applications.
- May offer tuition savings by completing college courses early.

Courses vary by school .
📌 talk to your school counselor about what's available.

High School Career and Technical Education

- Hands-on programs that connect learning to real-world careers.
- Students can earn industry certifications that are valued by employers.
- Gain skills to enter the workforce directly after graduation or continue education in a related field.
- Pathways may align with high-demand, high-wage careers in areas like healthcare, technology, engineering, and more.

HCSD Students in Action



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