



# **Helios Education Foundation**

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## **Teacher Quest Tampa Bay Pilot Program (\$314,000, 2008–2012)**

This pilot program, funded by the Helios Education Foundation, provided a vital link between school and work, where teachers serve as a conduit for middle school students, exposing them to career and academic pathways, as well as connecting the math and science learned in the classroom to the skills they will need in the workforce. Teacher Quest, a statewide professional development initiative, was first established by the Florida legislature in 1989 with the purpose of strengthening the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) teaching force.

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