



8 NEW PLANNING GRANT AWARDEES



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The Florida Legislature established the Community School Grant Program in 2019 to fund and support the planning and implementation of Community Partnership Schools. Community Partnership Schools provide comprehensive academic, social and healthcare services for students, staff, families and community members that result in improved outcomes for children. Coordination and alignment of services are based on identified student and family needs. Services are organized around results and outcomes are defined by the core partners at each site.

The UCF Center for Community Schools is proud to welcome eight new awardees of the Community School Grant Program to begin planning during the 2023-24 school year:

- Bellview Middle (Escambia)
- Campbell Middle (Volusia)

- East Marion Elementary (Marion)
- Hallandale High (Broward)
- Hamilton County High (Hamilton)
- Hudson High (Pasco)
- Long Branch Elementary (Duval)
- Rutherford High (Bay)

The Center will work closely with each new Community Partnership School to provide technical assistance, ongoing training, development, and assessment and evaluation.

Each of the eight awardees will receive \$80,000 in planning grant funds for the FY2023-24 school year. Awards will be used to establish a Community Partnership School and may support staff, supplies and/or other project needs outlined and approved for the Community Schools Grant Program.

Technical Assistance Team Visits

Community Partnership School sites are constantly working to address their community's most pressing needs. The UCF Center's Technical Assistance (TA) team learns more about each unique school and its community during site visits. At the start of this school year, the team made stops at the following sites, where they learned about collaborative solutions and offered additional support to each school and its core partners.



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As we kick off the New Year, my heart is full of gratitude as I extend my sincere appreciation to our invaluable partners and each member of our dedicated team.

Together, we've achieved remarkable accomplishments, fostering an environment of growth, learning, and successful support for more than **42,000 students** and families whom we serve. I am truly proud of what we have achieved together and it's because of your unwavering commitment to your communities.

As we start 2024, let us celebrate our collective efforts and excitement for the opportunities the new year holds. With eight newly awarded Community Partnership School sites, our impact will only grow as we help more students and families thrive. On January 10, I hope you will support our **Day at the Capitol** as we request an **additional \$10.6M** from the Florida Legislature.

These funds will help us provide extra resources to support our schools, opportunities for growth, a competitive and stable workforce and ensure access to behavioral health services for all students.

Thank you for your hard work, commitment, and the exceptional partnerships we continue to forge. Wishing you all a joyful 2024 filled with blessings, happiness, and anticipation for the bright future that lies ahead.

Dr. Amy Ellis, Director
UCF Center for Community Schools

ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION & CERTIFICATION

Becoming a UCF-Certified Community Partnership School

The Center developed its rigorous certification process to ensure that Community Partnership Schools consistently provide quality programming and employ strategies that align with the core components of the Community Partnership Schools model.

Certification is an important component of ensuring success for community schools and allows early identification of strengths and areas of opportunity. The Center shares the following advice for schools preparing for certification:

- ▶ **Internal Reflection:** Begin by carrying out an Internal Self-Review. This diagnostic tool supports thoughtful self-reflection, helping identify strengths and mapping out areas for improvement. Acknowledging potential improvements isn't a setback; instead, it's an opportunity to refocus efforts to help achieve overall goals.
- ▶ **Seek External Feedback:** Work with core partners and the community to understand multiple perspectives. This process may help validate strengths and challenges or uncover innovative solutions

for continuous improvement. While pursuing feedback might feel challenging at first, trust the process. Engaging with partners will better serve students and the community.

▶ **Enhance a Growth Mindset:** The potential to improve isn't a question of capacity; it's a testament to the commitment to support students, families and communities. The process of assessment, evaluation and certification challenges the status quo, requiring schools to persist in the face of setbacks. The UCF Center's Technical Assistance Team is available to provide guidance and evidence-based solutions to questions and site needs.

Assessment and evaluation also can be used to engage local policy makers, school district leadership, nonprofit agencies and other stakeholders in understanding the value of community schools. To learn more about the UCF-Certified Community Partnership Schools process, visit the Center's [UCF-CPS Certification Assessment and Evaluation webpage](#).

CERTIFICATION CORNER

Arthur and Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts Earns Certification



Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts provides a seamless fine arts college preparatory curriculum for students from 6th to 12th grade, preparing them for both college and careers in the visual, performing, and communicative arts.

The UCF Center for Community Schools is pleased to announce that Arthur and Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts (Miami-Dade), a Community Partnership School, has become a UCF-Certified Community

Partnership School. The UCF Center offers its congratulations to the school, along with its partners, administrators, faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders on a job very well done.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM VISITS



▶ **Lake Worth High (Palm Beach), JFK Middle (Palm Beach) and Gulfstream Academy K-8 (Broward):**

Taking special attention to ensure a productive year with integrated supports, these sites were thoughtful in developing and executing their preplanning activities and teacher onboarding plans. Gulfstream Academy K-8 is also preparing to expand student access to services by adding a second Community Partnership School service hub on the 25-acre campus.

▶ **Caribbean K-8 (Miami-Dade):** To assist in the onboarding process as a newly implemented site, the TA team facilitated strategic planning sessions, beginning with a CPS 101 presentation, followed by partner discussions on the school's focus for the year and identification of SMART goals. Out of these discussions, the school's college partner offered athletic tickets and access to their college campus facilities as motivators for consistent student attendance.

▶ **Manatee Elementary (Manatee) and Daughtrey Elementary (Manatee):**

While both schools share core partners, they differ in their developmental stages. Manatee Elementary, the county's newest addition, already offers resources including a food pantry, onsite healthcare and behavioral health services, and Daughtrey Elementary intends to do the same. The TA team encouraged directors to explore creative solutions for staffing and sustainability, including student volunteers, AmeriCorps VISTA or graduate students in coordinator roles. Directors from both schools are enthusiastic about collaborating further to advance their strategic goals of achieving higher math and reading scores.

▶ **Orange Park High (Clay):** The Principal shared the school leadership's vision and goals, and worked with TA to explore strategies for partner support to further strengthen professional relationships.

FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

2024 Legislative Budget Request: \$10.6M Increase

Community Partnership School champions will head to Tallahassee on January 10 for Community Partnership Schools Day at the Capitol. The UCF Center along with directors, students, parents, community members and partners, will come together to request an increase of Community

School Grant Program funds to \$21.6 million in FY2024-25.

The UCF Center hopes you will join us by reaching out to your local legislator and urging their support of Community Partnership Schools. Together, we can ensure continued progress and support

for Florida students and their families.

Community Partnership Schools are proven to improve student behavior, increase academic gains and graduation rates, and enhance parental involvement.

This collaborative approach leverages **44 schools** in **23 Florida counties** as central hubs toward improving child well-being by addressing key barriers to learning through counseling, medical and dental services, after-school enrichment, mentoring programs, and more.

The model helps create learning environments that provide more than **42,000 students** with access to opportunities, fostering accelerated success both in school and in life.

A \$10.6M funding increase will:

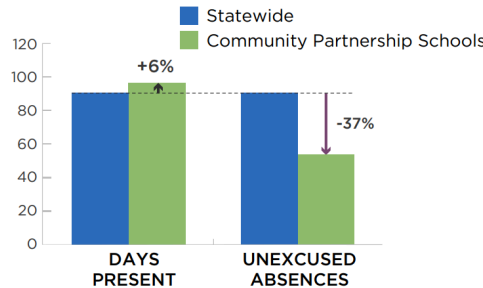
- ▶ Expand the CPS model to 8 new planning sites and secure funding for current planning sites
- ▶ Support workforce stability by increasing Community Partnership School coordinator salaries
- ▶ Increase additional support for students by funding an additional coordinator at elementary and middle school sites
- ▶ Ensure access to behavioral health services for students in every Community Partnership School site
- ▶ Support increased workload at the UCF Center for Community Schools through data, evaluation, and technical assistance

AMERICAN INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH® (AIR®) EVALUATION ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS (CPS) MODEL

Expanding on a June 2022 effectiveness evaluation, the American Institutes for Research® (AIR®) recently assessed the effect Community Partnership Schools (CPS) had on outcomes for students with a disability, students classified as English learners, and students who were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. Results from analyses on 11 CPS sites are outlined in the graphs to the right.

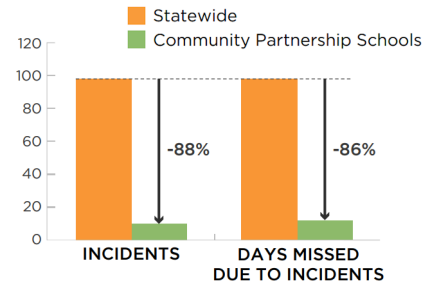
Like the results highlighted in the initial 2022 evaluation report, the most consistent significant positive effects associated with enrollment in a CPS school were related to improvement in school-day attendance and discipline-related outcomes. However, for the three subpopulations highlighted in the most recent assessment (students with a disability or classified as an exceptional learner, English learners, and those eligible for free or reduced-price lunches), the effects in these areas were larger and more consistent across the first two years of CPS implementation than what was found in the initial report.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



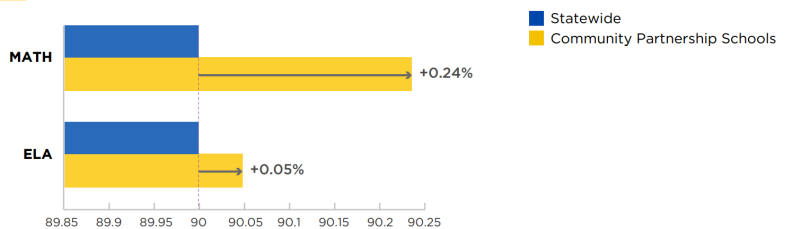
CPS students who are English-language learners showed higher attendance compared to statewide schools by +6%. The students also had 37% less unexcused absences compared to students statewide.

DISCIPLINARY INCIDENTS



CPS students who are English-language learners experienced 88% less disciplinary incidents than students statewide. The students also missed 86% less school days due to disciplinary incidents compared to students statewide.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



CPS students with a disability or who qualify as exceptional learners performed better than statewide students by +0.05%. CPS students who are English-language learners earned +0.24% higher scores in Standardized Math Assessments than students statewide.

REGISTERED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL SITES AND CORE PARTNERS (*UCF-Certified)

***Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts** *Miami, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida International University

Bellview Middle *Pensacola, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Community Health Northwest Florida, Escambia County Public Schools, University of West Florida

Blanche H. Daughtrey Elementary *Bradenton, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, MCR Health, Inc., School District of Manatee County, Boys and Girls Clubs of Manatee County, University of South Florida

Campbell Middle *Daytona Beach, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Halifax Health, Volusia County School District, Daytona State College

Caribbean K-8 *Miami, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami Dade County Public Schools, Miami Dade College

***C. A. Weis Elementary** *Pensacola, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Community Health of Northwest Florida, Escambia County School District, University of West Florida

College Park Elementary *Ocala, FL:* United Way of Marion County, Ocala Health, Marion County Public Schools, Public Education Foundation of Marion County, College of Central Florida

Colonial Elementary *Ft. Myers, FL:* United Way of Lee, Hendy & Glades, Lee Health, School District of Lee County, Florida Gulf Coast University

***Crystal Lake Elementary** *Lakeland, FL:* Heartland for Children, Central Florida Health Care, Polk County Public Schools, United Way of Central Florida, Southeastern University

Dodgertown Elementary *Vero Beach, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Treasure Coast Community Health, School District of Indian River County, Indian River State College

East Marion Elementary *Silver Springs, FL:* United Way Marion, Heart of Florida Health Center, Marion County Public Schools, HCA Florida Ocala Hospital, HCA Florida West Marion Hospital, Public Education Foundation of Marion County, College of Central Florida

Eccleston Elementary *Orlando, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Orange Blossom Family Health, Orange County Public Schools, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, University of Central Florida

***Edward H. White Academy of Leadership** *Jacksonville, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Agape Community Health Center, Duval County School District, Boys & Girls Club Northeast Florida, University of North Florida, Florida State College of Jacksonville

***Endeavour Elementary** *Cocoa, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Brevard Health Alliance, Brevard County Public Schools, City of Cocoa, Eastern Florida State College, University of Central Florida

***Evans High** *Orlando, FL* **Flagship school: Children's Home Society of Florida, Orange Blossom Family Health, Orange County Public Schools, University of Central Florida

Fort Myers Middle Academy *Ft. Myers, FL:* United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, & Okeechobee, Lee Health, School District of Lee County, Florida Gulf Coast University

Franklin Park Elementary *Ft. Myers, FL:* United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, & Okeechobee, Lee Health, School District of Lee County, Florida Gulf Coast University

***Gulfside Elementary** *Holiday, FL:* Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc., Premier Community HealthCare, Florida Department of Health in Pasco County, BayCare, Pasco County Schools, YMCA of the Suncoast and Metropolitan Ministries

Gulfstream Academy and Early Learning Center *Hallandale Beach, FL:* United Way of Broward County, Memorial Healthcare System, Broward County Public Schools, Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Hispanic Unity of Florida, Broward College

Hallandale High *Hallandale Beach, FL:* United Way Broward, Broward Community and Family Health Centers, Broward County Public Schools, Broward College

Hamilton County High *Jasper, FL:* Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coalition, Lake City Medical, Nutrien Phosphate, Hamilton County School District, Riveroak Technical College

Homestead Middle *Homestead, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Community Health of South Florida, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida International University

***Howard Bishop Middle** *Gainesville, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Alachua County Health Department, Alachua County School District, Santa Fe College, University of Florida

Hudson High *Hudson, FL:* Feeding Tampa Bay, Premier Community Healthcare Group, Inc., Metropolitan Ministries, District School Board of Pasco County, Saint Leo University

Jefferson K-12 *Monticello, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Jefferson County Department of Health, Jefferson County Schools, Florida A&M University, Florida State University, North Florida College

JFK Middle *Riviera Beach, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Healthcare District of Palm Beach County, School District of Palm Beach County, Florida Atlantic University

Jones High *Orlando, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Orange Blossom Family Health, Orange County Public Schools, University of Central Florida

***Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High** *Keystone Heights, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Aza Health, Clay County School District, Santa Fe College

Lake Worth High *Lake Worth, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Healthcare District of Palm Beach County, School District of Palm Beach County, Florida Atlantic University

Long Branch Elementary *Jacksonville, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, AGAPE Medical, Duval County Public Schools, University of North Florida, Florida State College at Jacksonville

Manatee Elementary *Bradenton, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, MCR Health, School District of Manatee County, University of South Florida

Miami Southridge Senior High *Miami, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida International University

***Mort Elementary School** *Tampa, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Tampa Family Health Centers, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa Innovation Place, University Area Community Development Corporation, University of South Florida

***OCPs Academic Center for Excellence** *Orlando, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Orange Blossom Family Health, Orange County Public Schools, Boys & Girls Club, Harris Rosen Foundation, University of Central Florida, Valencia College

Orange Park High *Orange Park, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Orange Park Medical Center, Palms Medical Group, Clay County District Schools, St. John's River College

Parker Elementary *Panama City, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, PanCare Health, Bay County Public Schools, Gulf Coast State College

Pine Forest High *Pensacola, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Community Health Northwest Florida, Escambia County School District, University of West Florida

Rutherford High *Panama City, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, PanCare Florida, Bay District Schools, Gulf Coast State College

***Sabal Palm Elementary** *Tallahassee, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Florida State University Primary Health, Leon County School District, Florida A&M University

***South Woods Elementary** *Elkton, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Flagler Health+, St. Johns County School District, St. John's River College

***Sulphur Springs K-8** *Tampa, FL:* Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, Tampa Family Health Centers, Hillsborough County School District, Sulphur Springs Neighborhood of Promise, University of South Florida

Webster Elementary *St. Augustine, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Flagler Health+, St. Johns County School District, St. John's River State College

***The Webster School** *St. Augustine, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Flagler Health+, St. Johns County School District, St. John's River State College

White City Elementary *Ft. Pierce, FL:* United Way of St. Lucie & Okeechobee, Cleveland Clinic Martin Health, St. Lucie Public Schools, Indian River State College

***Wilkinson Junior High (7-8)** *Middleburg, FL:* Children's Home Society of Florida, Baptist Health/ Wolfson Children's Hospital, Clay County School District, St. John's River State College

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