Community Partnership School Sites in Florida

- Howard Bishop Middle School, Gainesville (Alachua)
- Endeavour Elementary School, Cocoa (Brevard)
- Wilkinson Jr. High School, Middleburg (Clay)
- Edward H. White Military Academy of Leadership (EWMAL), Jacksonville (Duval)
- C. A. Weis Elementary School, Pensacola (Escambia)
- Mort Elementary School, Tampa (Hillsborough)
- Sulphur Springs K-8, Tampa (Hillsborough)
- Pelican Island Elementary School, Sebastian (Indian River)
- Leesburg Elementary School, Leesburg (Lake)
- Sabal Palm Elementary, Tallahassee (Leon)
- Evans High School, Orlando (Orange)
- OCPS Academic Center for Excellence (OCPS ACE), Orlando (Orange)
- Gulfside Elementary School, Holiday (Pasco)
- Crystal Lake Elementary School, Lakeland (Polk)
- South Woods Elementary School, Elton (St. Johns)
- Webster Elementary School, St. Augustine (St. Johns)

Impact!

With the $1 million legislative appropriation in 2017-18 for nine Community Partnership Schools, together with UCF, the CPS sites matched this year’s funding with $1,572,414 to date, far exceeding their 25 percent match funding commitment.

The number of students who have access to community school resources and programs has reached 12,054 statewide.

ESCAMBIA – Last semester, 115 C. A. Weis students received dental care via Escambia Community Clinic’s mobile dental van.

ORANGE COUNTY

Mutual of America Honors Partnership Supporting Evans High School

Mutual of America selected Children’s Home Society of Florida’s partnership with UCF, Orange County Public Schools and Orange Blossom Family Health in support of Evans High School • A Community Partnership School for its national Community Partnership Award for 2017. The partner organizations were recognized at an awards event Nov. 15 in New York City and at a Hometown Hero luncheon in Orlando.

This award annually honors the outstanding contributions that nonprofit organizations, in partnership with public, private and other social sector organizations, make to society.

Learn more about Evans and the partnership in a compelling 15-minute video produced by MOA: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih9uK5i-56s&feature=youtu.be

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Did You Know?

♦ In its first semester, 631 OCPS ACE students in Orange County participated in after-school enrichment programs, including 428 in partnership with Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida.

♦ South Woods Elementary in St. Johns County has started an after-school “Hero Me” counseling group that will run twice a week for 17 weeks.

♦ The Leadership Cabinet at Sulphur Springs K-8 in Hillsborough County participated in its first Leadership Cabinet Retreat in December.

♦ Sabal Palm Elementary in Tallahassee is the first Community Partnership School in Leon County.

♦ Webster Elementary in St. Johns County received $2,000 in January from the Junior Service League for its clothing closet, The Giving Closet Project.

♦ Welcome to Garry Bevel, Children’s Home Society’s Northeast Regional Director for Community Partnership Schools; to Summer Burrell, who joined Wilkinson Junior High in Clay County as its Community Partnership School Director; to Kaya Gringas, who joined Mort Elementary in Hillsborough County as its After School Programs Coordinator; and to Patricia Rock in Escambia County as C. A. Weis Elementary’s Healthcare Navigator.

♦ At Leesburg Elementary in Lake County, a representative from the Orlando Science Center visits every Wednesday, modeling STEM lessons for teachers.

♦ Crystal Lake Elementary was chosen as Polk County’s Community Partnership School.

♦ Student Council members at Gulfside Elementary in Pasco County participated in the preparation and distribution of 72 bags of groceries and 50 Thanksgiving dinners to 50 families.

♦ Edward White Military Academy of Leadership in Duval County was selected as a project site by United Way and Wells Fargo for campus renovations, held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

♦ Endeavour Elementary’s 6th grade received an impromptu visit from West Point Cadet Carmesha Jackson, an Endeavour alumna.

♦ Florida Hospital hosted a toy drive at Mort Elementary in Hillsborough County, where teachers shopped for presents for their students.

♦ Pelican Island Elementary in Indian River County received $25,000 from United Way to continue its growth and development.

ALACHUA COUNTY
Florida Rep. Clovis Watson, Jr., Visits Howard Bishop Middle School

Rep. Clovis Watson, Jr., called on Howard Bishop Middle School • A Community Partnership School in December.

Watson is a strong supporter of public education and of community partnership schools. After touring the school, he took to Facebook to give his public support for community partnership schools, stating that he “will work with his colleagues to ensure funding for this much-needed resource for students and families.”

Forty students are receiving extended academic help and recreational opportunities through Howard Bishop’s after-school program. The program is a hybrid of face-to-face instruction and online instruction. University of Florida student volunteers meet with the students weekly to motivate and support them.

INTERNATIONAL
UCF Named First International Hub for Community Schools

The International Center for Excellence in Community Schools (ICECS) in Coventry, England, announced that its first International Hub for Community Schools is the UCF Center for Community Schools.

ICECS has strong ties to community school development throughout Europe, Central Asia, Africa and North America, working on strategic planning to advance community school development through demonstration projects, research, consultation, networking and conferencing.

UCF’s Center for Community Schools serves as a comprehensive resource by providing technical assistance, consultation, training, assessment and evaluation for the development of high-quality community schools. Becoming the first International Hub, the center will deepen its already strong working relationship with ICECS and become a primary U.S. contact for:

• Florida community school site visits for international practitioners, head teachers and others

• Global community school strategy planning and advancement

• Joint education consultancy work and international community school conference development

• International community school research opportunities

• Exploring connection of global community school classrooms through technology