



# HIGH SCHOOL CONNECT

Explore your options, Discover your path.

Rising 9th & 10th Grade Applicants | 2027-2028

## SEPTEMBER | START WITH THE STUDENT TOOLKIT

- ☐ Visit [cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us](https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us) and click Student Toolkit.
- ☐ Watch the Student Toolkit Video.
- ☐ Preview the Registration Timeline.
- ☐ Confirm Access to Xello through Clever.

## OCTOBER | MATCH YOUR INTERESTS

- ☐ Complete Xello Matchmaker and record your top Career Clusters. *\*8th Grade After Counselor Presentations\**
- ☐ Use the Career Academy Matcher.
- ☐ Identify two or three academy choices.
- ☐ Explore the Programs of Interest Map by school and Career Cluster.

## NOVEMBER | EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE

- ☐ Explore Northeast Florida careers, industries, skills, and pathways.
- ☐ Speak with a High School Career Specialist when they visit your school. This may be at lunchtime.
- ☐ Talk with your counselor and family.
- ☐ Plan transportation if considering an out-of-zone school.

## DECEMBER | EXPERIENCE THE PROGRAMS

- ☐ Attend the High School Showcase: Wednesday, December 9, 2026, 3:30-7:00 p.m.
- ☐ Meet student ambassadors and explore academy exhibits.
- ☐ Ask questions and prepare to rank up to three programs.

## JANUARY | VISIT AND APPLY

- ☐ Confirm access to the student's HAC account.
- ☐ Consider an out-of-zone transportation plan with your family.
- ☐ Application opens January 5, 2027, at 8:00 a.m.
- ☐ Attend Academy Nights January 7-20. (See Schedule)
- ☐ Submit "Application" by January 25th.
- ☐ Check for a confirmation email and correct any errors.

## FEBRUARY | MONITOR YOUR APPLICATION

- ☐ Late applications close February 1 but are not included in the lottery.
- ☐ Monitor student and parent email, including spam folders.
- ☐ Check for final application results through the Home Access Center.
- ☐ Accepted students are assigned automatically. (You may be placed on a waitlist.)

## SPRING & SUMMER | PREPARE

- ☐ Work with the assigned high school during course registration.
- ☐ If waitlisted, monitor email and phone messages.
- ☐ Finalize out-of-zone transportation.
- ☐ Out-of-zone placement decisions are finalized by July 1.
- ☐ Confirm the academy course appears on the student's schedule.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Use the student's HAC account • Rank up to three choices • Families provide out-of-zone transportation • Application does not guarantee placement • A weighted lottery system is used. • Read our FAQs in the Student Toolkit.

