

IT'S TIME TO START
THINKING HIGH SCHOOL.

HIGH SCHOOL CONNECT

Explore your options, Discover your path.

Career Academies and Programs of Interest Applications

Roadmap for Success 2026-2027

SEPTEMBER | START WITH THE STUDENT TOOLKIT

- ☐ Visit 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.
- ☐ Talk with your counselor and family.
- ☐ If you are unable to get transportation to the school with your program of interest, explore other pathways to the same career goal.

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.
- ☐ Confirm access to the student's Home Access Center (HAC) account.

JANUARY | VISIT AND APPLY

- ☐ Consider an out-of-zone transportation plan with your family.
- ☐ Application opens January 5, 2027, at 8:00 a.m.
- ☐ Attend Academy Nights January 7th - 20th. (See Schedule)
- ☐ Complete application through the Student HAC by selecting up to three programs. **Must be completed by January 25th**
- ☐ For detailed instructions click "Apply Now" on the CTE website.
- ☐ Check for a confirmation email and correct any errors.

FEBRUARY | MONITOR YOUR APPLICATION

- ☐ Lottery results are announced through Home Access Center at a date TBD.
- ☐ You may be placed on a waitlist.
- ☐ Space Available Applications will be available for select programs until July 1st.
- ☐ Monitor student and parent email, including spam folders.
- ☐ Accepted students are assigned automatically to the High School.

SPRING & SUMMER | PREPARE

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

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.

