



Notebook

July 2022



KEY DATES

Special Board Meeting

July 21, 2 p.m.

Board Meeting Room

Family Workshops for Incoming 6th & 9th-graders

July 21

5-6 p.m. – 6th grade

6:30-8 p.m. – 9th grade

Gainesville High Auditorium

Stop the Violence/ Back to School Rally

July 30, 9-noon

Santa Fe College Gym

Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Budget and Millage

August 2, 5:30-6 p.m.

Board Meeting Room

School Board Meeting

August 2, 6 p.m.

Board Meeting Room

Board Workshop

August 3, 2 p.m.

Board Meeting Room

Family Empowerment Summit

August 8

Resource Fair: 5-6 p.m.

Program: 6-8 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

**First Day of School
August 10**

District hosting family events

With the start of the school year less than a month away, the district is hosting multiple events aimed at helping students and their families enjoy a smooth start.

The families of incoming 6th- and 9th-graders will learn what to expect in middle/high school during special workshops scheduled for Thursday, July 21 in the Gainesville High School auditorium. The middle school session will run from 5 to 6 p.m. and the high school session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. School administrators and counselors will present information and answer questions about earning credits, behavioral expectations and other topics. Students are encouraged to attend with their families.

Families of all students are also invited to attend the district's 2022 Empowerment Session, which is being sponsored by Florida Credit Union. The summit will be held on Monday, August 8 at Trinity United Methodist Church (4000 NW 53rd Avenue). From 5 to 6 p.m., attendees will learn about many community and district resources available during the Family Resource Fair. From 6 to 8 p.m., experts will be sharing information on hot topics like mental health, student behavior and the impact of attendance on student success.

The first 250 people in attendance will receive free meals, and activities will be provided for children.

**2022 FAMILY
EMPOWERMENT
SUMMIT**
Every Student • Every Day
Trinity United Methodist Church
Monday, August 8
Family Resource Fair 5 - 6 pm • Program 6 - 8 pm

Alachua County Public Schools logo and Florida Credit Union logo are also present.

BY THE NUMBERS

3523

That's the number of national industry certifications earned by Alachua County Public School students during the 2021-22 school year.

14

That's the number of national championships the Buchholz High School math team has won out of the last 15 competitions. The most recent win came last week.

Families at 17 schools will need to submit applications for free/reduced price meals

Fewer students will be eligible for free meals at some local schools during the 2022-23 school year as a result of changes in federal school meal guidelines.

During the pandemic, the district was able to offer free meals to all students at all public schools, regardless of family income. But under the revised guidelines, students at 17 schools will have to meet federal eligibility guidelines to receive free or reduced-price meals. Their families will also need to submit an application for each child.

The affected schools are: Buchholz High, Chiles Elementary, Ft. Clarke Middle, Gainesville High, Hidden Oak Elementary, High Springs Community, Kanapaha Middle, Meadowbrook Elementary, Newberry High, Oak View Middle, PAM@Loften High, Santa Fe High, Talbot Elementary, Wiles Elementary, Expressions Charter, PK Yonge and Healthy Learning Center.

More information and an online application are available on the district's Food and Nutrition website at www.yourchoicefresh.com.

Back to School info page now on district website

Families can find important back to school information on the district's Back to School page, located at www.sbac.edu/backtoschool.

The page includes enrollment requirements, links to school supply lists, this year's meet your teacher/orientation schedule and other resources for parents. There is also a link to information about Florida's school supplies/clothing sales tax holiday from July 25 through August 7.

Information about bus routes is expected to be posted on the site about a week before school begins.

