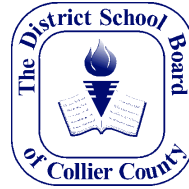


The Program at a Glance



- Academic courses that meet college admissions and scholarship requirements
- Opportunities to earn college credit
- Focused program of study in a selected career field
- Internships, senior projects, and digital portfolios
- Technology throughout the curriculum, including individual student laptops
- Personalized instruction



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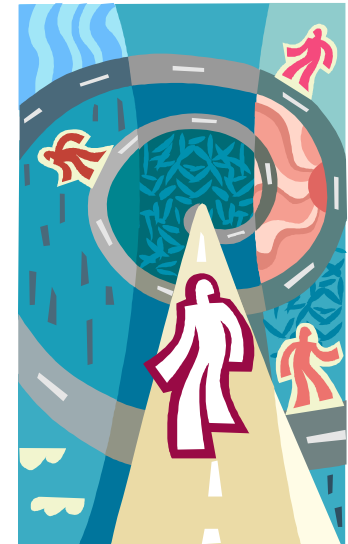
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Making the Right Choice

A Parent's Guide to the Lorenzo Walker Technical High School



***Rigor and Relevance
for All Students***

As you consider Walker Tech...



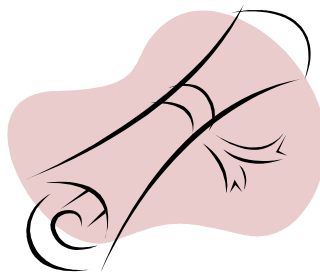
For some parents this decision is an easy one. They know what a career and technical high school can offer as a stepping stone to college or employment after high school.

For other parents, the decision can be a difficult one. A negative perception of “technical” education – “that’s for kids not going to college” – is common. Others hear of the rigor required at a school such as Lorenzo Walker’s tech high school, and fear their child may not be successful. It’s not surprising that a parent might have reservations.

This pamphlet is designed to provide additional information for parents as they decide what high school is right for their son or daughter. Parents seeking more information are invited to call us at 239-377-3300.

What About College?

Many parents often fear that their children will not be prepared for college if they attend a technical high school. While this concern is understandable, it’s unnecessary. Graduates from technical high schools have gone on to a range of colleges, from local community colleges to Ivy League institutions, and graduates of Lorenzo Walker’s technical high school will be no exception. In fact, *every one* of our students will take a full set of college-preparatory classes, and will have multiple opportunities to earn honors, Advanced Placement, or dual enrollment credits. The curriculum at Walker meets the course requirements for admission into two-and four-year colleges, and also those of Florida’s Bright Futures



Scholarship Program. Students will be well-prepared to continue their academic studies.

Why a Career Component?

Career education at Lorenzo Walker’s high school provides students with distinct advantages. Unlike exploratory or introductory classes, our courses are certificate-earning programs, so students graduate with industry-recognized technical endorsements. Students going on to college will have advanced skills and knowledge in areas of interest, and may find they can earn substantial money through part-time employment. Students going straight into the workforce will do so at higher levels than most high school graduates. And *The Lorenzo Walker Technical High School is both “college prep” and “career prep” for all students. Rigorous, relevant work; a personalized environment; internships and clinical experiences; and extensive use of industry-standard technology across the curriculum are hallmarks of the school. Support services are in place for students needing assistance with the coursework, and acceleration opportunities are available for high-performing students...so that all students can “do more.”*