

PARALLEL PATH PROGRAM

Improving Student Outcomes & Prospects with Smart Horizons Career Online Education (SHCOE)

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

OVERVIEW:

- Online career high school
- District retains FTE state funding
- Dual enrollment provides safety net for at-risk students
- Teaches a trade, plus academic, job, and life skills

STUDENTS CAN:

- Stay enrolled in their home district
- Still earn diploma from local school
- Continue to participate in sports, band, and school activities
- Graduate/walk with their class

PATH TO FLORIDA POST-SECONDARY SYSTEM

- Offers a route to higher education and vocational training for poor test takers and at-risk students.
- Provides an accredited high school diploma and workforce certificate instead of a certificate of completion. Students have more career paths such as military service or post-secondary education.

• Graduates attend FL schools:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broward College • College of Central FL • Daytona State College • Eastern FL State College • FL Agricultural & Mechanical University • FL Atlantic University • FL Gateway College • FL Gulf Coast University • FL International University • FL Memorial University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FL State College at Jacksonville • FL SouthWestern State College • Hillsborough Community College • Indian River State College • Miami Dade College • North FL Community College • Palm Beach State College • Seminole State College • State College of FL • University of FL |
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81%
OF
Graduates Are
College-Bound



ALTERNATIVE TO DROPPING OUT

- Breaks the cycle: some of these students are first-generation high school graduates.
- Offers a path for at-risk youth who are not successful in the traditional learning model.

"Everybody deserves a second chance! I dedicated my whole life to studying, but didn't pass the exam required to graduate. Now, I plan to go to college to become a journalist."

—Anarella R.
Saint Lucie Public Schools



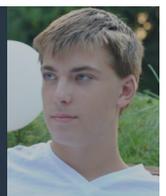
"I am the first out of eight grandkids to earn a high school diploma. Now I'm starting college classes to earn a degree in criminal justice."

—Quantez S.
Marion County School District



"For me, studying on a computer worked better than in person. I only wish I found this program sooner."

—Austin K.
Manatee County Public Schools



BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMY

Not only does this program help students, it helps the economic health of the community.

High School Dropouts Are More Likely To²

-  Live in Poverty
-  Be Unemployed
-  Go to Prison
-  Be a Burden on Taxpayers

PER 1,000 GRADUATES



\$200+ MILLION

HIGHER TAX REVENUE; LESS GOVERNMENT SPENDING³

800+

NEW POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS¹

ACCREDITED SCHOOL DISTRICT



- PROGRAM USED IN:**
- State of FL Public Library System
 - FL Department of Corrections
 - WIOA Funded Programs

"By providing an alternative graduation option, Smart Horizons gives students hope and a path to a better future."

—Shirley Hurley
Coordinator of Guidance Services & AVID District Director
Manatee County Public Schools



"I really wanted to attend college and without a high school diploma they won't accept you. Next, I plan to complete a one-year medical assistant program, get a job in the field, and then go back and study as a medical administrative specialist."

—Ruschell S.
Saint Lucie Public Schools

"I wanted to make my daughter and family proud of me. With my high school diploma I can have a better future and better job. I am continuing to college to become a dental assistant."

—Nilka N.
Manatee County Public Schools



¹Smart Horizons Career Online Education, graduate exit surveys, 2009–2016 ²World Education Organization, www.worlded.org/WEIInternet/us/adult-ed-facts.cfm ³The Alliance for Excellent Education