

Seminole High School 9th Grade Center to Open in Fall 2018

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We're very excited to share with our community that Seminole High School's new 9th Grade Center is set to open for fall of 2018. The 9th Grade Center will be located at the current site of Millennium Middle School, across from Seminole High's main campus. Millennium Middle School, will be opening its brand-new campus location (also in the fall of 2018), which will be located directly next to Midway Elementary, off State Road 46 and East 25th Street.

As many of our residents are already aware, Seminole High School offers traditional comprehensive high-school programming in addition to two magnet programs, which are the International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) and Academy of Health Careers.

Part of the newly-renovated 9th Grade Center will include a culinary lab and new media center. It will also be one of our first campuses to implement Restorative Practices school-wide. For those of you not

familiar with Restorative Practices, it's basically a different approach to standard discipline procedures, where the goal is to proactively build relationships and a sense of community in an effort to prevent conflict and wrongdoing. SEL (Social Emotional Learning) lessons will be implemented throughout the school via an advisement period.

Also housed at the 9th Grade Center will be one of our newest Programs of Emphasis, PSI High. The letters PSI stand for Problem Solving Incubator, and it was recognized by the XQ Institute in 2016 with a \$1 million grant award.

SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS PSI HIGH?

PSI High is an immersive, full-time program where students work in an environment that looks like a high-tech office instead of a basic standard classroom. Rather than learning through traditional instruction, our students join teams with

their peers and teachers in order to solve real community, business, and social problems.

The ideal student for PSI High is passionate and wants to take control of his or her own learning. These learners will then use their interests, knowledge, and skills to earn high-school credit through real-world, project-based work as our leaders and innovators of tomorrow.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR PSI HIGH?

As a Program of Emphasis, PSI High is open to the following:

- Students zoned for Seminole High School
- Out-of-zone students on an approved Program of Emphasis transfer –

limited to incoming ninth-grade students

IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Transportation is provided to eligible in-zone students living more than two miles from the school. Out-of-zone transfer students can apply for transportation through the Ticket to Ride program at Bit.ly/SCPSTicketToRide.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications for PSI High are being accepted until April 1 for priority admission consideration.

To learn more about PSI High, please visit PSIHigh.Scps.K12.fl.us.



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