

# **Tuskawilla Middle School (TWMS)**

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An "A" Rated School District

# A Word From Our Principal

ECI (Explore, Create, Innovate) is Tuskawilla Middle School's Career Exploration and Entrepreneurship Program with a foundation in design thinking and problem-based learning. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Tuskawilla unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

Randy Shuler

## What Makes Us Special

- Our mission is to cultivate an environment, built on relationships, where students strive to explore career opportunities, create new possibilities, and innovate the world around them.
- The vision of TWMS is for all students to be engaged in their learning through individualized and innovative educational experiences to prepare them for success in the ever-changing world.
- The Values of Tuskawilla Middle School are: Collaboration, Perseverance, Self-Advocacy, Problem-Solving, Critical Thinking.

Advanced Academics 2021-2022 Data

**26%** of Tuskawilla students have participated in high school math courses for credit.

Tuskawilla offers the following high school courses for high school credit: Spanish 1, Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, Ecology, Digital Information Technology (Microsoft Office Specialist)

## Technology and the Future

All middle school students are provided opportunities to earn either a digital tool or industry certification through the completion of the following courses:





- iChallenge: This coding and game-based course prepares students to take AP Computer Science Principles in high school. (Semester or year-long options vary by school)
- iConnect: Students discover new possibilities and learn about technology applications and communication techniques.

Student Achievement 2021-2022 Data

- All students in 8th grade at Tuskawilla Middle School have an opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 at no cost.
- Last year, Tuskawilla 8th graders had an average score of 837 out of 1440, higher than the Florida average of 810.

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Tuskawilla Middle School earned a B grade from the Florida DOE in 2022.

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- Four Time National Cheer Champions and 2020 State Dance Champions for all Middle Schools - Go Falcons!
- One of two middle school orchestras in all of Seminole County Middle Schools.
- Club offerings: National Junior Honor Society, SECME, Odyssey of the Mind, Dance, Anime, Games & Strategies, and Good Vibes
- Active Business Advisory Board with over 30 members from the Central Florida community.
- Home of the Paws and Pages Literacy Dog Program that was featured on Channel 6.
- Host bi-annual career expo event with Full Sail University, LHHS and Seminole State College Entrepreneurship program.

# Future High School Pathways for Our Students



Lake Howell: 97%



For additional pathways see <u>Student Assignment</u> <u>and Program Access</u>

## School Health and Safety

The health, safety and security of staff and students is our top priority. We follow CDC COVID mitigation strategies and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a sanitized and safe environment for your child's learning. Our School Resource Officer is E. Watson with the SCSO.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. <a href="www.speakouthotline.org">www.speakouthotline.org</a>

#### 63% of student respondents would recommend TWMS



### 79% of parent respondents would recommend TWMS



# Here's what students and parents say they like about Tuskawilla:

"I like that when we are doing really good in a class, we get rewarded, I like that we have weeks were we can have school spirit, like wearing an ugly sweater, and I like that the staff and teachers and students are respectful, kind, understanding and caring."

7th Grade Student

"You learn and make new friends. "

6th Grade Student

"The teachers and staff and all the fun programs there are, and how there is so much to explore. "

8th Grade Student

" I like the ECI program. "

6th Grade Student

"I love that the teachers really work with the students to set them up for success. The line of communication when things need to be shared with the parents is great. The academic opportunities my 6th grader has had I think will help her in her upcoming future and career. "

6th Grade Parent

 $^{\prime\prime}$  The teachers are informative and try to engage the students.  $^{\prime\prime}$ 

6th Grade Parent

"The pleasant and friendliness of the staff. The teachers take their time to communicate with me about my child progress, they show that they really care."

8th Grade Parent

"The administration is phenomenal. They are on top of it with communication. Mr. Shuler, Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Woods are fabulous."

7th Grade Parent