

## Riverdale's Philosophy for the Teacher Career Academy

### Our story

The Lee County School District is facing the impacts and challenges of a national teacher shortage. The Teacher Career Academy at Riverdale High School aims to encourage today's high school students to become tomorrow's teachers and leaders in education. This journey is guided by our three main principles:

- ⇒ It is critical that we encourage and inspire our youth to see the positive attributes and values of this noble profession.
- ⇒ The leader of the Riverdale Teaching Academy will be an individual who has a passion for teaching and learning.
- ⇒ The power to elevate the public's opinion on teaching begins with our youth!



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## Teacher Career Academy

✦ *An innovative approach by Riverdale High School* ✦  
*Beginning in 2016*



**Dream.**  
**Inspire.**  
**Connect.**  
**Teach!**

**Success is a Choice**

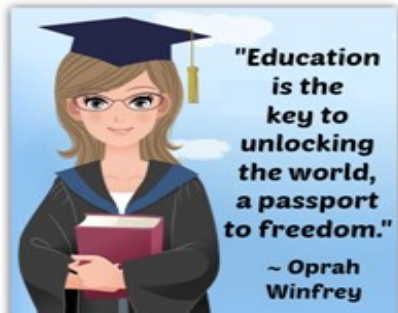


Who?

Riverdale High School students thinking about a rewarding career in teaching!

Why?

This is an exciting new way to learn about teaching and to make a positive impact upon the lives of students. Take your first steps in a career as a Lee County Educator!



The Teaching Career Academy is a dedicated community of learners who participate in an interdisciplinary project-based curriculum through creative and rigorous strategies.

Our goal is to empower all students, including underachievers, to become achievers, thereby creating a more humane society through life-long teaching and learning.

All of our students work with grade-level standards, meet high school graduation requirements, complete college entrance requirements, and prepare for college, a teaching career, and/or other fulfilling career choices magnifying students' unique strengths.

## Benefits to our students:

Our students will have the opportunity to earn dual enrollment credits for coursework taken in the advanced stages of this program while working closely with Lee County schools and teachers to foster a love of teaching.

Additionally, our students are given:

- 🍏 An opportunity to explore the field of education through classroom and real-world experiences.
- 🍏 A college preparation program designed to lead to a viable career.
- 🍏 A contingent teaching contract in the Lee County School District will be granted to top-performing students in our academy.



## Vision and Mission

- 🍏 To prepare Riverdale students for a future in the field of education through encouragement and rigorous curriculum.
- 🍏 Students will explore educational methodologies in preparation for post-secondary education programs and return to Lee County as certified teachers.

## Why You Should Choose the Teaching Career Academy:

- ⇒ TUTORING EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- ⇒ FIELD TRIPS
- ⇒ ON CAMPUS COLLEGE CLASSES
- ⇒ HONORS CLASSES
- ⇒ LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ⇒ ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
- ⇒ PEER SUPPORT
- ⇒ SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## WHAT OUR TEACHERS and STUDENTS SAY:

### Why Are We Unique?

The Teaching Career Academy offers an off-campus tutoring program that allows our students to leave campus one afternoon per week to assist local elementary students with Reading, English, and Math. Participation in our tutoring and teacher assistance program will fulfill the Service Learning requirement for high school graduation.

Our students will become members of our Florida Future Educators of America Chapter (FFEA Club). This is the only club sponsored by the Departments of Education of Florida to promote the teaching profession.

***Ms. Judith Cintron, Advisor/Sponsor FFEA Club***

"I received so much support and information on how to apply for college scholarships to become a successful leader in the community. I'm so excited about my future!"

***Edwin Velasquez, Senior 2016 FFEA Club***