

VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS
Career, Technical & Community Education
Accomplishments 2008-2009

- 53 schools received the Five Star School Award for exemplary community involvement.
- School reported 21,741 active volunteer.
- School volunteers provided 752,530 volunteer hours, the equivalent of over \$13.3 million dollars worth of service.
- Completed first five-year rotation cycle of Peer Reviews as part of our district accreditation process for all schools in the district
- Built a website for District Accreditation, posting all Peer Review Reports, Follow-up Inquiries, and process documents.
- Built a website for Dropout Prevention, posting all documents pertinent to the Dropout Prevention and Academic intervention Program.
- Built a website for the District's Teenage Parent Program, an educational program designed to provide a specialized curriculum to meet the needs of pregnant and/or parenting students and the children of those students.
- Developed an online curriculum in BlackBoard for students in the District's Teenage Parent Program.
- Maintained #1 ranking for Quality Assurance Review ratings for DJJ educational programs when compared to other districts with same number of programs.
- Piloted ProCare accounting and attendance software at three EDEP sites for better record tracking and keeping. Provided training and implemented the new ProCare system (accounting portion) at all 38 EDEP sites up from 35 sites.
- Designed and electronically dispersed quarterly newsletter about the EDEP.
- Developed a new Site Monitoring checklist to assure quality and record keeping of EDEP programs.
- EDEP programs collected \$4 413,000 receipted sales for EDEP services.
- Provided designated homework time and assistance for over 3300 students at least 4 days per week.
- CTE district staff present Volusia programs at the ACTE Regional Conference in Daytona Beach and the NCAC Conference in Jacksonville.
- Held the High School Showcase in December to promote career academies to 3500 middle school students and their parents.
- Issued 1,099 Ready -to- Work credentials, a 354% increase in number of credentials from 07-08. Volusia County Schools ranked 9th in the state in number of credentials earned.
- Industry Certification Assessments are given to CTE students in the third course of their CTE program. Five-hundred eighty-three (583) Career and Technical Education (CTE) students earned Technical Skills Attainment; of those, sixty-one (61) students earned a nationally recognized Industry Certification.
- Curriculum Mapping workshop were held for CTE middle and high school teachers
- Career Academy Curriculum Integration Workshop were held this summer.
- Held the joint DSC/VCS Techno Camp for 250 middle school students.
- Adobe Photoshop Institute for Digital Design teachers was held to support teachers to earn industry certification.
- Adobe Dreamweaver Institute for Web Design teachers was held to support teachers to earn industry certification.

- Farrah Johnson (Deltona High agriscience teacher) served as the Vice President of Region V (which covers seven southern states) for the National Association of Agriculture Educators.
- Brett Brandner (DeLand High agriscience teacher) was recognized as Florida's Outstanding Agriscience Education teacher by the Florida Association of Agriculture Educators.
- Three Volusia FFA chapters (out of twenty chapters statewide) were recognized as Florida's 2009 Premier FFA Chapters.
- Seven Volusia FFA chapters (out of twenty-nine chapters statewide) were recognized as Florida's 2009 Finest Chapters.
- David C. Hinson Middle School is being recognized by the National FFA Organization as the Outstanding Middle School in the Nation.
- Deltona High School has been named a National FFA finalist in the Models of Innovation Student Development category.
- Career Connection CADRE of Volusia County Business representative attended national FORD FUND conference in Orlando on developing career academies and quality community relationship. Volusia representatives were key presenters during the conference.
- Peter Policke (DeLand High engineering teacher) was recognized by the Florida Association of Career and Technical Educators as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year.
- Kathi Weaver (Hinson Middle agriscience teacher) was recognized by the Florida Association of Agriculture Educators as the state winner of the Ideas Unlimited award.
- Five CTE teachers were chosen by their peers to represent their schools as Teachers of the Year.
- June Bigham was named to the Advisory Board at Johnson and Wales University.
- The BRIDGES program had 480 referrals in 2008-2009. The participants benefited from the program, Youth that participated for 10 weeks reported substantial improvements in their in their own behaviors. Parent who attended for 10 weeks reported similar improvements.