

## **The School Tour at Convo**

Plan now to attend the School Tour at Convo on Thursday, November 3 from 8 a.m.–12 noon. For just \$20, you can visit three innovative schools, all of which have been successful as a result of creative approaches to working with students. An elementary school, a middle school, and a high school are all stops on this half-day tour that is sure to give you some great teaching ideas and inspiration.

### **Tangelo Park Elementary School**

Learn how Tangelo Park Elementary School, in just three years, improved its rating from a D to an A, based on FCAT (Florida’s Comprehensive Assessment Test) results. Located in a predominantly black residential community, the school emphasizes the basics (writing, math, and science) and a comprehensive education. Plus, it encourages parents to play an active and significant role in their children’s education.

Tangelo Park’s students are largely from minority groups, with 75 percent of its students African American and 12 percent Hispanic. The school offers a variety of programs to meet the diverse and special needs of its students, including vocational education, speech, and ESOL units and a Title 1 school-wide program. It also provides family counseling and parenting workshops through its affiliation with the Neighborhood Center for Families.

For more information about Tangelo Park Elementary, visit [www.tangelo.ocps.net](http://www.tangelo.ocps.net).

### **Celebration School**

Celebration School is located in Celebration, a community founded by Walt Disney Company as a place for its employees to live and their children to be educated. The school, which opened in 1997, is a K–8 public school operated by the Osceola County School District in partnership with Stetson University and the Walt Disney Company. Celebration School is designed to be a showcase for new and innovative teaching techniques, with a particular emphasis on computer technology. The school features flexible, collaborative learning “neighborhood” classrooms that can be arranged by a team of teachers according to curricular and student needs; a computer network that handles voice, video, and data to permit local and worldwide access to data and distance learning; and interior wet areas for science, art, and other projects integrated into the classroom space.

The curriculum, which was developed by the Osceola County School District with assistance from leading advisors and a consortium of universities and colleges, includes some of the best practices in education today.

For more information about Celebration School, visit <http://cs.osceola.k12.fl.us>.

### **Dr. Phillips High School**

Dr. Phillips High School is a highly effective high school that represents, honors, and celebrates cultural diversity. More than 50 native languages are spoken in the school. Dr. Phillips offers its students a variety of instructional programs including:

- Alternative education
- Career academies
- ESOL/LEP programs
- Dual enrollment courses in conjunction with Valencia Community College.
- Center for International Studies Magnet Program to provide awareness of global issues, an understanding of other cultures, and attainment of the multilingual abilities needed for international business and diplomacy.
- Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Program offers students advanced course work in the creative arts, while emphasizing the academic courses needed for college entry.

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