Expanding BCPS Debate Initiative

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Debate Initiative is expanding to include an additional 32 schools, with programs launching at 12 elementary schools, 14 middle schools, three technical colleges, and three alternative education centers. This brings the total number of District schools offering debate programs to 90, with approximately 12,000 students expected to participate. Debate is also now offered at 100 percent of the District’s middle and high schools.

Students have access to over 25 tournaments in Broward County and resources through the District’s partnership with the National Speech and Debate Association. For more information about the District’s debate initiative, visit browardschools.com/debate.

Increasing Dual Language Programs

BCPS is expanding its Dual Language Programs to include at least 35 elementary schools, an increase from 26 schools in 2015/16 and 15 schools in 2014/15.

Dual Language Programs are an educational approach where students learn two languages in an instructional setting. The team or co-teaching model involves two teachers. One teacher instructs all subjects in English and the other teacher teaches Language Arts and Social Studies in the target language. The Dual Language Programs promote bilingualism, biliteracy, cross-cultural awareness and high academic achievement. Visit browardschools.com/esol/duallanguages to learn more.

What’s New on the Menu

The Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Department is dedicated to providing students with healthy, nutritious meals and snack items that meet or exceed all USDA requirements.

In 2016/17, students can enjoy a variety of new items on the menu. Celebrity Chef Rudy Poindexter worked with FNS staff to develop and test many of the entrees. Students participating in the FNS Annual Food Show in February 2016 also helped to select the new, tasty choices. The new menu items this year include:

**LUNCH**
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Chicken “snack-atizers” and Boneless Chicken Wings
- Yogurt Parfait***
- Mandarin Chicken Salad**
- Mozzarella Cheese Sticks*
- Mango Swirl Juice*
- Mini Egg Rolls*

**BREAKFAST**
- Chicken and Waffle Bites*
- Turkey Ham & Cheese on a Hawaiian Bun*
- Southwest Breakfast Sliders*

**SNACKS**
- Annie’s Organic Snack Crackers*
- Turkey Snack Stick*

**HIGH SCHOOL**
- Jambalaya**
- Sesame Chicken Salad**
- Kale Asian Salad**
- Cilantro Lemon Rice**
- Roasted Vegetable Hummus Wrap**

* Student selections from Annual Food Show
**Developed with Chef Rudy Poindexter (watch the chef in action)
***Previously offered on Breakfast Menus, now added to Lunch Menus

To check out school menus, apply for Free/Reduced Meals or learn about online payments, visit broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice.
Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE)

BCPS proudly offers more than 60 programs of study among middle and high schools, with opportunities for students to earn industry certifications – the same certifications used by industry professionals. In 2016, more than 6,600 industry certifications were earned by students. **In 2016/17, BCPS is excited to launch CTACE programs at the following schools:**

### New LEEO Programs:
The Linking Educational and Employment Outcomes (LEEO) program is an industry partnership, project-based program that gives students real-world career exposure and experience with emphasis on employability and workplace skills. Students can earn numerous career certifications. **The following schools are launching new LEEO programs:**
- Cooper City High School
- Pioneer Middle School
- Piper High School

To learn more about LEEO, visit [academics.browardschools.com/ctace/LEEO](http://academics.browardschools.com/ctace/LEEO).

### New Advanced Placement Digital Edge Programs:
Advanced Placement (AP) Digital Edge courses give students the opportunity to earn industry certifications while working on their AP content. **This year, 9 new AP Digital Edge programs are launching at six schools, and programs are expanding at two schools, for a total of 22 AP Digital Edge programs offered at 13 schools.**

#### Launching New AP Digital Edge programs:
- Boyd Anderson High School – AP Computer Science/Javascript
- Dillard High School – AP 2D Art/Photoshop; AP Computer Science/Javascript; AP English Language & Composition/Microsoft Word
- Everglades High School – AP English Language & Composition/Microsoft Word
- McArthur High School – AP Computer Science/Javascript
- Monarch High School – AP 2D Art/Photoshop; AP English Language & Composition/Microsoft Word
- Stranahan High School – AP Microeconomics/Excel 2013

#### Expanding existing AP Digital Edge programs:
- Piper High School – AP English Language & Composition/Microsoft Word
- Pompano High School – AP English Language & Composition/Microsoft Word

### New Virtual Enterprises International Programs:
Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) is an in-school, global business simulation that offers students a competitive edge through project-based, collaborative learning and the development of 21st-century skills in entrepreneurship, global business, problem solving, communication, personal finance and technology. The program transforms high school students into independent-thinking business professionals and their classrooms into offices. Through developing and managing businesses, students gain expertise in problem-solving, decision-making, communication, collaboration, technology, and accessing, using and analyzing information - 21st-century skills that are key to success in both college and careers. **Schools opening VEI programs in 2016/17:**

#### High Schools
- Cooper City High School
- Coral Springs High School
- Cypress Bay High School
- Hollywood Hills High School
- Stranahan High School

#### Middle Schools (Seventh Grade Pilot)
- Apollo Middle School
- Millennium Middle School

To learn more about BCPS CTACE programs, visit [academics.browardschools.com/ctace](http://academics.browardschools.com/ctace).