Memorial Middle School

Memorial Middle School is in the heart of historic Seminole Heights near busy downtown Tampa. It was first built in 1925. It underwent a number of changes through the years, first as a junior high school, then as an adult education center, and finally as a middle school. It was renovated in 1999-2000, and rededicated on March 31, 2001 as Memorial Middle School. Memorial offers an outstanding education to a diverse student population. Academics is our first priority where we educate today’s children to become tomorrow’s great leaders and valuable citizens.

Hillsborough High School

Hillsborough High School, one of the south’s oldest high schools and the oldest high school in the county, is rampant with history, tradition, and pride. Hillsborough produced the first high school newspaper in Florida in 1889 and the first yearbook in 1911. In 1913 and 1914, Hillsborough’s basketball and baseball teams defeated teams from the University of Florida and Southern College. The mission of Hillsborough High School is to produce graduates who are responsible members of society, who possess excellent communication and problem-solving skills, and who care enough to make a difference in the world.
What is GEAR UP?
GEAR-UP is a federally funded U.S. Department of Education program, which is also supported locally by the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. The program helps students to prepare for high school success and post secondary education. This Academic, Social, and Cultural Enrichment program leads to early understanding and awareness of undergraduate programs and 21st Century Careers.

What are the Program Components?

Student Education & Development
- FCAT Skills
- Tutoring
- Homework Assistance
- College Tours
- Fieldtrips
- Summer Program
- Cultural Awareness
- High Education Awareness
- Mentoring
- Youth Leadership Program
- Career Training and Support
- MMS After School Activities (3:45—5:45 p.m. Tues/Wed)
- HHS After School Activities (3:00—5:00 p.m. Tues/Wed)

Family Support & Empowerment
Family Enrichment service provides students’ families with additional support during after school hours and weekend session. These services enhance the following:
- Saturday Academic/Cultural Program
  - 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
  - Dates: TBA
  - Parents and students must attend the Family Enrichment Program in order to qualify for certain incentives
- Family Support
- Technology Access & Training
- Academic Information and Guidance
- Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) Involvement
- School Advisory Committee (SAC) Involvement

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