



# SUMTER EXCELS

## Sumter County School District

## Recent Accomplishments

04/2022

### Sumter Out Paces the State

- ⇒ **Sumter** is academically ranked **13<sup>th</sup>** of 67 school districts in Florida!
- ⇒ **Sumter** is most recently an **'A'** district - one of only twenty-four 'A' Districts Statewide!
- ⇒ **Sumter** is above the state average on required Florida assessments in **100%** of grade levels.
- ⇒ **Sumter** is rated an **'A'** by Standard and Poor's for fiscal soundness.
- ⇒ **Sumter** has the fifth **lowest** tax rate in Florida!
- ⇒ **Sumter** has a beginning teacher salary of \$50,397!
- ⇒ **Sumter** is one of only 130 districts in the nation to be recognized by College Board for increased opportunities for underserved youth.

### Great Things Are Happening!

- **Sumter** has armed School Resource Officers (SROs) on every school campus for safety.
- **Sumter** has over 5,300 laptops assigned to students in grades K-12 and classrooms equipped with audio enhancement systems.
- **Sumter's** own South Sumter Middle is an Exceeding Expectations (E2) Award School and AVID National Demonstration site.
- **Sumter's** own Villages Charter is one of the most successful charter schools in the nation and is designated as a Florida School of Excellence by FLDOE.
- **Sumter's** South Sumter High, South Sumter Middle, Wildwood Middle High, and The Village Charter students earned 920 Industry Certifications and 946 Digital Tool Certificates in the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Sumter's** own Lake Panasoffkee Elementary is a National Title I School of Distinction and FLDOE School of Excellence.
- **Sumter's** Wildwood Middle High now offers the Cambridge AICE Diploma option. It's also home to the 2018 & 2019 Girls Basketball State Champions and 2018 & 2021 Boys Basketball State Champions.
- **Sumter's** Webster Elementary received a 21st CCLC grant for \$150,000 to implement the MasterMinds program.
- **Sumter's** Wildwood Elementary received a 21st CCLC grant for \$246,184 for after-school and summer programs.
- **Sumter's** Bushnell Elementary, Lake Panasoffkee Elementary and The Villages Charter are designated as 'A' schools.
- **Sumter's** Bushnell Elementary is an Exceeding Expectations (E2) Award School.

2021 Count of Districts by District Grade\*

A	B	C	D	F
24	30	13	0	0

2021 Count of Schools by School Grade\*

A	B	C	D	F
1192	923	1080	94	4

\*District and School Grade are based upon the most recent Grade Earned

**Superintendent** Richard Shirley

#### Sumter School Board

Sally Moss	District 1
Brett Sherman	District 2
David Williams	District 3
Russell Hogan	District 4
Kathie Joiner	District 5

*"We have many successes to be proud of due to the hard work of our teachers, administrators and staff, volunteers, supportive parents and willing students. Thanks to our outstanding school board we continue to implement initiatives at all schools to support student achievement and safety."*

*- Rick Shirley, Superintendent*

# Sumter Success

- ✓ Academically **High Performing** for 2021 and have been for 9 out of the last 12 years
- ✓ Graded **A** by Dept. Of Education for 11 out of the last 16 years, never falling below a B
- ✓ Financially **A** Rated District for fiscal responsibility by STANDARD & POOR'S
- ✓ General Obligation Rating of **A+** by Moody's
- ✓ Fifth **LOWEST** tax rate in Florida!
- ✓ **One of only 130** districts in the **Nation** to be recognized by College Board for increased opportunities for underserved youth
- ✓ Cognia Accredited School District 2022-2027
- ✓ Sumter Ranked **13<sup>th</sup>** State-Wide and **1<sup>st</sup>** in Central Florida on state-wide assessments
- ✓ Energy Star Leader – Good for the environment and for the **financial** bottom line
- ✓ School Resource Officers on **every** school campus

