



Educational Opportunities

Kindergarten - Third Grade

- Spanish
- Leadership
- Music
- Technology Lab
- Journalism
- Physical Education
- Art
- Television Production
- Media

Third Grade - Eighth Grade

- Spanish
- Leadership
- Band
- Chorus
- Music
- Technology Lab
- Journalism
- Physical Education
- Art
- Television Production
- Media

Eighth Grade - High School Credit Courses

- Honors Spanish
- Algebra I Honors

Technology Opportunities

- Technology
- GPS
- Digital Editing
- Hydroponics
- Aquaponics
- Web Design
- Programming
- Robotics
- Mill Work
- Vinyl Sign-making
- T-Shirt Screening
- K'NEX
- Graphic Design
- Technology Student Association
- Square-foot Gardening



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R.W. Blake Academy
is a **ZONE A** School



The Mission of Polk County Public Schools is to ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences that result in high achievement for our students.

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Building Strong Relationships

R.W. Blake Academy helps all stakeholders build strong relationships by teaching and modeling the

Seven Caring Habits:

- Listening
- Encouraging
- Negotiating Differences
- Respecting
- Trusting
- Supporting
- Accepting

Kindergarten through 8th Grade has a Continuous Progress (Family) structure, and is grounded in the belief that all stakeholders will:



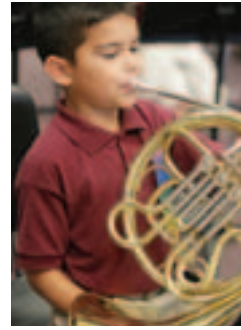
- Build strong relationships
- Create warm, caring environments
- Do competent, quality work

Children learn

at different rates and in different ways. Blake Academy's Continuous Progress (Family) structure accommodates these differences and provides an environment where all children can be successful.

Teams of teachers and groups of students work together with no obvious grade level designations except for those imposed by external forces. Flexible grouping within each classroom include:

- Children of different developmental levels and/or age groups
- Children of the same developmental level and/or age groups
- Children who have the same interests
- Children who have different interests
- Children with and without specific needs



Elementary Grades

Each K-5 Family includes a blend of the following grade levels:

- Kindergarten & 1st grade
- 2nd & 3rd grades
- 4th & 5th grades

The content and instructional strategies are based on student needs. Teachers at Blake Academy focus on incorporating hands-on activities into all subject areas.

Middle School

The middle school has a family of five teachers: math, science, language arts, reading and social studies who start with the students when they enter the sixth grade and remain with the students through the end of eighth grade. This structure:

- Encourages strong teacher/student relationships
- Maximizes instructional time
- Allows for increased academic growth

Technology Literacy

A person who is technologically literate understands what technology is, how it is created and how it shapes society. The National Standards for Technological Literacy provide the structure for Blake Academy's technology integration into the academic curriculum.



Science Success

The eight strands of science identified in the Sunshine State Standards are the foundation for the middle school curriculum:

- The Nature of Matter
- Force and Motion
- Processes that Shape the Earth
- Earth and Space
- The Nature of Science
- Processes of Life
- Energy
- How Living Things Interact with Their Environment

