

# Education



**A**popka area schools are part of the Orange County school system. For the 2001-2002 school year, 13,044 students were served through 9 public elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and one high school in the Apopka area. In addition, 1,256 students were educated at area private schools.

## The Orange County School System

The Orange County Public School System is the 14th largest school district out of more than 16,000 in the nation. It is the fourth largest in Florida with more than 149,000 students and 19,000 employees. The district grows by more than 5,000 new students a year.

Orange County has 144 elementary, middle, high and alternative/exceptional education schools, as well as 19 workforce education tech centers and community schools. To keep up with growth, the district typically builds between four and seven new schools each year.

### Web Resources:

Orange County Public Schools  
[www.ocps.k12.fl.us](http://www.ocps.k12.fl.us)

University of Florida Institute of Food & Agriculture  
[www.mrec.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.mrec.ifas.ufl.edu)

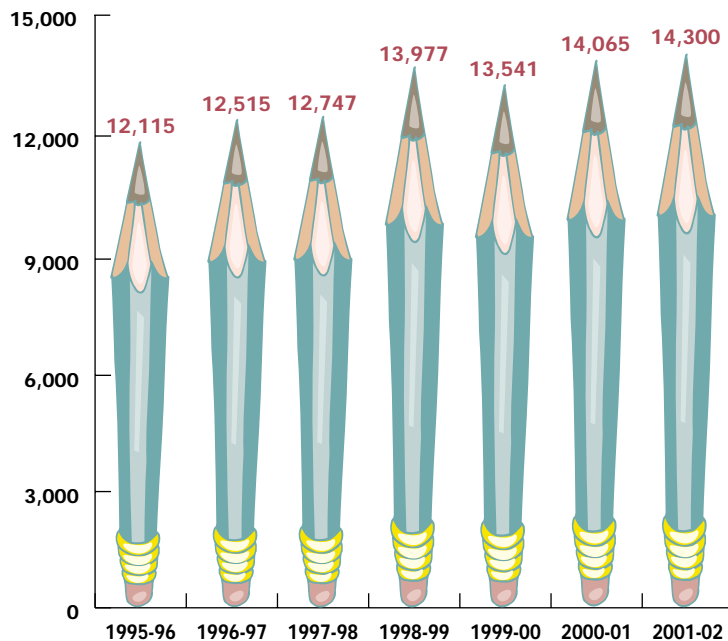
Rollins College  
[www.rollins.edu](http://www.rollins.edu)

University of Central Florida  
[www.ucf.edu](http://www.ucf.edu)

Valencia Community College  
[www.valencia.cc.fl.us](http://www.valencia.cc.fl.us)

Seminole Community College  
[www.scc-fl.com](http://www.scc-fl.com)

### Enrollment



To promote academic excellence, all high schools in the district offer advanced placement and honors courses as well.

Apopka Public schools, as part of the Orange County school system, are fully accredited by the Accreditation Department of the Florida State School Board. The middle and senior high schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges, Universities and Secondary Schools. As a result, Apopka area schools are required to comply with challenging standards that will help to successfully prepare the children for future college requirements.



## Schools in the Apopka area:

### Elementary Schools

#### **Apopka Elementary**

407-884-2200  
675 W. Dixie Highway  
Apopka, FL 32712  
**Enrollment: 653**

#### **Clarcona Elementary**

407-884-2220  
3607 Damon Road  
Apopka, FL 32703  
**Enrollment: 702**

#### **Clay Springs Elementary**

407-884-2275  
555 N. Wekiva Springs Rd.  
Apopka, FL 32712  
**Enrollment: 792**

#### **Dream Lake Elementary**

407-884-2227  
500 N. Park Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32712  
**Enrollment: 712**

#### **Lakeville Elementary**

407-814-6110  
2015 Lakeville Rd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
**Enrollment: 893**

#### **Lovell Elementary**

407-884-2235  
815 Roger Williams Rd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
**Enrollment: 672**

#### **Rock Springs Elementary**

407-884-2242  
2400 Rock Springs Rd.  
Apopka, FL 32712  
**Enrollment: 888**

#### **Wheatley Elementary**

407-884-2250  
2 West 18th Street  
Apopka, FL 32703  
**Enrollment: 436**

#### **Zellwood Elementary**

407-884-2258  
3551 Washington Ave.  
Zellwood, FL 32798  
**Enrollment: 648**

### Middle Schools

#### **Apopka Memorial Middle**

407-884-2208  
425 N. Park Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32712  
**Enrollment: 1,539**

#### **Piedmont Lakes Middle**

407-884-2265  
2601 Lakeville Road  
Apopka, FL 32712  
**Enrollment: 1,699**

### High School

#### **Apopka High School**

407-905-5500  
(9th – 12th Grade)  
555 W. Martin Street  
Apopka, FL 32712  
**Enrollment: 3,410**

### Private Schools

#### **Forest Lake Academy**

407-862-8411  
(9th – 12th Grade)  
3909 E. Semoran Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
**Enrollment: 525**

#### **Trinity Christian School**

407-886-0212  
(Nursery – 8th Grade)  
1022 S. Orange Blossom Trail  
Apopka, FL 32703  
**Enrollment: 731**

**A**popka area schools are recognized for their emphasis on **quality education, student involvement and athletic excellence.**



## Profile of the Apopka High School Class of 2001

- 597 graduates
- 84% of graduates were college bound (2 year or 4 year)
- 11% of graduates went to Technical schools
- 2% of graduates went into the military

Apopka students are highly involved in school activities. Over fifty percent of the student body participates in at least one of the forty clubs or organizations which are available. There is also an extremely rich tradition in Apopka area athletics with seventeen different sports available to men and women.

Apopka area schools also offer **Magnet Programs**, allowing students the opportunity for intensive study in specific, targeted areas. In Apopka, the following magnet programs are currently available:



Apopka residents are very proud that the Apopka High Blue Darters won the state football championship in 2001 (Class 6A).

**Elementary Magnet Program, Rock Springs:**  
Economics Micro-society

**High School Magnet Program, Apopka High:**  
Engineering, Science and Technology Academy as well as Medical Careers Program

These programs are administered individually by each area school. Please contact the school for further information about program structure, eligibility, requirements and application procedures.

## Area Colleges & Universities

Rollins College, University of Central Florida, Florida Metropolitan University, University of Florida IFAS, Valencia Community College, Seminole Community

College, Lake-Sumter Community College, Jones Business College, Mid-Florida Technical Institute, plus branches of several others are in the Orlando and Apopka areas. Orange County and the Central Florida region offer a wide range of educational opportunities for students. Innovative programs help meet the needs of area students as well as businesses which relocate to the region seeking well-trained employees.

## Selected area colleges and universities:

**The University of Florida Apopka Campus** Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) is an institution of higher learning and research that focuses on the agrisciences. The Mid-Florida Research and Educational Center conducts research on environmental horticulture crops in the areas of nutrition, water usage, breeding, plant pathology, entomology, economics, pharmaceuticals and general plant culture.

At the Apopka location, students may now earn a B.S. degree in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Florida without having to relocate to Gainesville. Courses are taught by University of Florida instructors both on-site in Apopka and through a variety of distance learning means. Individuals who wish to take courses for personal or professional development can enroll as non-degree seeking students. For further information about current offerings, please call (407) 884-2034 or visit the website at [www.mrec.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.mrec.ifas.ufl.edu).

**Rollins College**, located in historic Winter Park, offers 28 degrees at its first-class facilities, ranging from liberal arts to business management courses at the undergraduate and master's level. Nearly 3,000 students currently attend the school.

**The University of Central Florida**, located in eastern Orange County, has grown considerably in recent years as the region's population growth continues to be one of the fastest in the country. With a broad selection of courses and disciplines, the school now serves over 30,000 Central Florida students.

**The region's community colleges also offer students educational opportunities.**

**Valencia Community College** is the fourth largest in Florida, with more than 60,000 students currently enrolled and attending six campuses and centers across Orange and Osceola counties.

**Seminole Community College** offers 29 A.S. degrees, 27 A.A. degrees and 31 technical certificates and has more than 31,000 students currently enrolled in the region.

**Lake-Sumter Community College** has its main campus northwest of the Apopka area in Leesburg. It currently serves more than 7,000 students.

