

What's Your Plan?



Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) prepares students for life after graduation through the **4Es**:

Enroll in college or technical school,

Enlist in military service,

Employ in the workforce, or

Explore through gap year programs and other growth opportunities. OCPS supports every student in finding their path and building a successful future.

Four-Year Universities/Colleges

- ▶ Students have the opportunity to pursue a four-year Bachelor's degree in a wide range of academic disciplines, depending on their interests and career goals. Upon completion, graduates typically earn either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree.
- ▶ Bachelor's degree programs are offered at both public and private colleges and universities:
 - Public Institutions: Funded primarily by state governments, these schools often offer lower tuition rates for in-state residents. [2024-2025 Matrix](#)
 - Private Institutions: Privately funded through tuition, donations, and endowments, these schools generally have higher tuition costs and charge the same rate regardless of residency. [2024-2025 PCUF](#)

State Colleges - [Florida State Colleges](#)

- ▶ Students may pursue an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree through two-year colleges. These programs are designed to support both academic advancement and career readiness.
 - The Associate of Arts (AA) degree provides a broad foundation in general education and is typically intended for students planning to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a Bachelor's degree.
 - The Associate of Science (AS) degree offers a more specialized curriculum, often aligned with specific career fields such as healthcare, information technology, or business. While some AS programs are transferable, many are designed to prepare students for direct entry into the workforce.





Technical/Vocational Schools - [Orange Technical College](#)

- ▶ Students seeking direct entry into the workforce can pursue technical or vocational training aligned with specific career paths. Programs typically range from a few months to just over a year and offer the following benefits:
 - Hands-on experience through apprenticeships and internships
 - Faster entry into the workforce with competitive earning potential
 - Lower overall cost compared to traditional degree programs
 - Focused, career-specific instruction
 - Smaller class sizes for personalized learning
 - Industry-recognized certifications upon completion

Military - [Military.com](#)

- ▶ For students who are motivated by a sense of duty and a desire to serve their country, joining the military can be a meaningful and strategic career choice. In addition to the opportunity to contribute to national defense, military service offers a range of long-term personal and professional benefits.

Workforce

- ▶ Some students may choose to enter the workforce immediately after graduation. There are a wide range of employment opportunities available, and numerous resources exist to support students in preparing for and securing meaningful work. One such resource is **Career Source Central Florida**, which offers comprehensive services to help individuals become job-ready. [Career Source](#)

Xello is a great resource to support students in exploring any postsecondary plan they may pursue. <https://help.xello.world/en-us/content/Get-Started/Educator/Teaching-Resources/Plans-6-12.htm#PreparestudentsforthefuturewithPlans>