

Alachua County, Florida, seeks applications for Superintendent of Schools

The Alachua County School District (Gainesville), is searching for its next Superintendent to continue its legacy of strong success. Charming small towns, world-class natural attractions, nationally recognized higher education institutions, and a new urban environment—all found within Alachua County's borders—allow access to a wide array of cultural and natural resources.

The five member School Board of Alachua County is seeking a talented, experienced, and dynamic leader to serve as the District's Superintendent of Schools. The successful candidate must be eager to lead a consistently high-achieving school district, be familiar with the latest research on educational leadership, student achievement and school effectiveness, and have the vision, energy, and financial background to manage a complex and growing organization.

With about 27,000 students in 42 schools and centers, Alachua County School District is among the top performing districts in Florida based on a wide variety of indicators. Five of six traditional high schools are consistently ranked among the nation's best by *The Washington Post*. Each year district schools, students and staff bring home many regional, state, national and international honors in academics, the arts, athletics and other fields. Students can choose from among several accelerated academic programs. Thanks to robust career-tech magnet programs in fields ranging from biotechnology to criminal justice, Alachua County students are graduating with college credits, industry certifications, scholarships and extensive real-world experience.

Alachua County is home to the University of Florida, Florida's flagship university, and Santa Fe College, which was recently named the best community college in the nation. Numerous partnerships with these outstanding institutions, and an innovative business community provide countless educational and employment opportunities to the students of Alachua County. Strengthened by overwhelming community support, local citizens have consistently approved a property surtax for schools since 2008, supporting vibrant arts programs, academic and career-tech magnets, classroom technology and other vital programs.

For more information on the Alachua County School District, visit www.sbac.edu

Minimum qualifications for the position include the following:

- Master's Degree (earned Doctorate preferred) from an accredited educational institution
- A minimum of ten years of educational experience, with at least three years in a senior level leadership position
- Teaching and Principal experience (strongly preferred)
- Leadership experience in a district of 15,000 or more (preferred)
- Florida experience (preferred)

Contract Terms and Salary - The School Board is prepared to offer, at minimum, a three-year contract with a salary range of \$160,000 - \$185,000, plus competitive benefits. Candidates selected as finalists must be available to participate in the on-site interview process during the week of May 8, 2017. Position start date is July 1, 2017.

Application Process and Deadline - To apply, candidates must complete and submit the following:

- A completed Superintendent Application which can be found at <u>www.sbac.edu</u>
- A signed cover letter with curriculum vita (scan and upload to application)
- Three letters of reference (scan and upload to application)
- Documents verifying credentials including college transcripts (scan and upload to application)

The completed on-line application form and all supporting information referenced above must be received no later than the deadline of midnight on <u>March 10, 2017</u>.

For additional information related to Alachua County Public Schools or the application process contact:

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