"USING THE TOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY FOR TODAY’S WORK IN SCHOOLS"
Our Vision

The faculty is dedicated to promoting the highest level of academic standards that are measured by classroom performance, as well as state and national assessments. This is demonstrated by the faculty's multi-level approach to curriculum, quest for professional development, and support of students beyond the regular school day.

"Learn Digitally. Work Collaboratively. Compete Globally."

CURRICULUM

The coursework at Don Estridge High Tech Middle school includes traditional, gifted, and accelerated curriculum offerings. The core academic studies include mathematics, sciences, language and the studies of our world. An extensive selection of electives are available which include visual arts, music, drama, physical education, business, technology and robotics.

Curriculum is linked to the state standards. Lessons are designed with a student-focused approach. Smart-boards and other classroom technology is utilized to enhance the learning experience.

A Single School Culture has been developed to enhance the learning and social environment at the school. Our students produce examples of positive peer relationships and social skills that follow the established models at the school. The student developed models are delivered by utilizing multiple forms of media.

School-to-home communication is enhanced through the student information system which can be used to access student assignment calendars, grades, and emails. Families receive a weekly bulletin to communicate general information, sports activities, club news, and upcoming events.
One to One Initiative

DON ESTRIDGE HIGH TECH MIDDLE SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO:

- Providing a rigorous, world-class education
- Collaborating in the learning environment
- Preparing our students to compete globally

Don Estridge High Tech Middle School has an exciting initiative underway. It is our goal to provide each student and teacher with a device to use in the classroom. This device will allow us to provide a rigorous, world-class education by offering a digital learning environment where students work collaboratively and compete globally. In partnership with our District Technology departments, we have been fortunate enough to begin this technological journey. We hope you will join us on this exciting adventure. Don Estridge High Tech Middle School - the PREMIER technology school in Palm Beach County.
Student Application

THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE: HOW TO APPLY

Don Estridge High Tech Middle School will have approximately 435 student openings for 6th grade through our Choice Program. Interested students and parents must complete the choice application and submit it to the Department of Choice Programs and School Choice on or before January 24, 2020. A lottery will be established and used to select who will to attend. Applications will be available in November on the school's website.

Partnerships

Existing grants and partnerships provide consulting services, technology support and training for students, research, and equipment. Potential sponsors of Don Estridge High Tech Middle School should contact Jamie Thyng, Choice Coordinator, for more information at (561) 989-7800.
The Emerging Technology in Business course is designed around their Internet Business Associate (IBA) certification. IBA teaches students to work effectively in today's business environment. Furthermore, IBA prepares students to get involved with and understanding Web Technology job roles, as well as the skills and technologies to perform them. This is a high school level course and students will receive high school credit. Course grades appear on their official high school transcript and are calculated into their high school grade point average. The State of Florida has decided that certain Industry Certification Exams can count towards a student’s online graduation requirement.

Fundamentals of Web and Software Development teaches students to work effectively in today’s web development field while learning the essential techniques and skills. Using both HTML5 and CSS3, students learn to write code manually, as well as using various graphical user interface (GUI) authoring tools.

Once certified, you have proven that you have foundational knowledge to develop basic web sites. Lesson topics include: Markup Language & Coding Essentials, Graphical Elements, Hyperlinks, Tables & Forms, Video, Audio Techniques, Extending HTML Through GUI Editors, and Mobile Sites Creation. Students will be prepared to complete the Certified Internet Web Site Development Associate exam, which, if passed, earns the student the CIW Site Development Associate certification.

Business Technology

Technology meets practical application in the Business program. Using project-based learning, students apply the technological knowledge they've acquired in real life business situations. This program allows students to experience everything from business operations to job creation and entrepreneurship.
Some students will never be interested in athletics, however they still love to compete. Many who find this to be true have given robotics a try and found their "happy place" in programming, building, and competing. At Don Estridge, robotics can be taken during school (VEX) or afterschool (First Lego League). Both pathways allow students to compete locally, and sometimes nationally, in tournaments scheduled throughout the school year. With a focus on teamwork and strong core values, our teams succeed even when they don't bring home a trophy!
THE MIGHTY DRAGONS
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

COMPETE AND WIN

PARTICIPATION IN CLUBS, SPORTS AND OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HELPS STUDENTS:

- Learn to work together as a team
- Instill a growth mindset
- Connect classroom knowledge to real world experiences

Intramural Sports
Volleyball, soccer, basketball, cross country, tennis, flag football, track and field, and golf.

Athletic Teams
Baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, track and field, volleyball, swimming, cheerleading.

Clubs and Activities

SCHOOL TOUR DATES:
October 10, 17, 24 and 29
November 5, 7, 12 and 14
December 3, 5, 10 and 12

Please check our website as tour dates are subject to change. Tours begin at 10 am Report to the main office and bring a photo-id.

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