



# One Mill Oversight Committee

Annual Update  
June 4, 2019

# Oversight Committee

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# About the One Mill

- First approved by Alachua County voters in 2008, renewed in 2012 with 68%+ and in 2016 with 77% approval; runs through June of 2021
- One mill equals one dollar for every \$1000 of the taxable value of a property
- Has raised between \$11 and \$15.5 million annually, depending on property values

# Ballot Language for 2016

## RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall the Alachua County School District's existing one mill ad valorem tax be renewed, beginning July 1, 2017, and ending four years later on June 30, 2021, for necessary operating expenses to fund school nurses, elementary music and art programs, K-12 school library programs, K-12 guidance programs, middle and high school band and chorus programs, academic/career technical magnet programs and to update classroom technology; **with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

# Oversight Committee Responsibilities

- Review the expenditures of revenues from the one mill
- Seek additional information on expenditures if needed
- Present an annual report to the school board on the expenditure of one mill revenues

# Oversight Committee Responsibilities

- Report to the Superintendent and the School Board chairman any inconsistencies between ballot language and actual expenditure of One Mill revenues
- Develop a final report following the sunset of the One Mill
- Term: November 19, 2008 - September 30, 2021 (three months after the sunset)



# One Mill Expenditures

Total one mill expenditures  
from July 2009 through  
February of 2019

**\$128.4 MILLION**

# One Mill Appropriations 2017-18

## Ballot Categories

Academic/Career  
Tech Magnets

School Nurses

Elementary Music/Art

Middle & High  
Band And Chorus

## Appropriations

57 teacher units

Funded through  
Medicaid

57 teacher units

14 teacher units



# One Mill Appropriations 2017-18

## Ballot Categories

School Libraries

K-12 Guidance

Classroom Technology

## Appropriations

21 media specialist units

29 counselor units

7 technicians + equipment

**Total: 185 teacher and technician units funded through the One Mill, representing 293 employees**

# Student Impact



**All** of Alachua County Public Schools' nearly 29,000 students benefit from the One Mill.



# Academic Magnet Programs

Gifted And Talented Magnet: Archer Elementary School

Fine Arts Magnet: Rawlings Elementary School

Math, Science and Technology Magnet: Stephen Foster  
Elementary School

Gifted Magnet: Williams Elementary School

Academy Of Technology and Gifted Studies: Howard Bishop  
Middle School

Lyceum: Lincoln Middle School

Center for Advanced Academics and Technology: Oak View  
Middle School

International Baccalaureate: Eastside High School

Cambridge: Gainesville High School





# Career Academies



Newberry

Archer

Hawthorne

Putnam

Levy

Marion

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# Career Academies



Buchholz High School:

Academy of Entrepreneurship  
Academy of Finance

Eastside High School:

Institute of Culinary Arts

Gainesville High School:

Academy of Health Professions  
Academy of Future Teachers

Professional Academies Magnet@  
Loften High School

Academy of Automotive Technology  
Academy of Gaming and Mobile Apps  
Academy of Graphic Art and Design  
Academy of Fire And Emergency Medical Services  
Academy of Robotics and Engineering

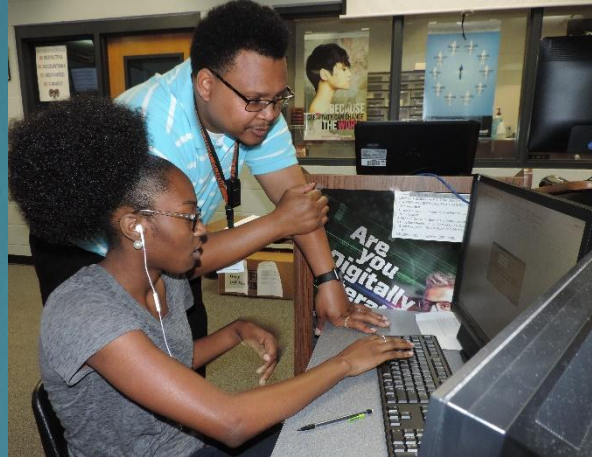
Newberry High School:

Academy of Criminal Justice

Santa Fe High School:

Academy of Agriscience  
Institute of Biotechnology

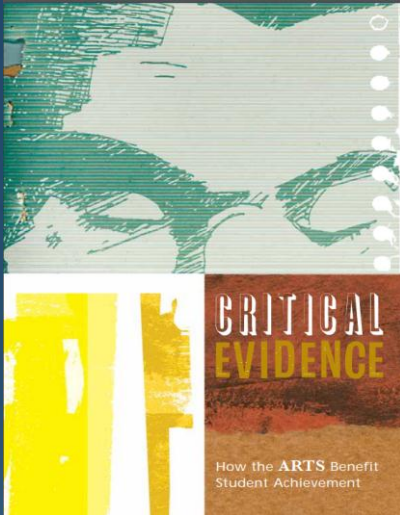
# Career Tech Programs



Alachua County Public School middle  
and high school students earned  
**2085** career certifications in 2017-18

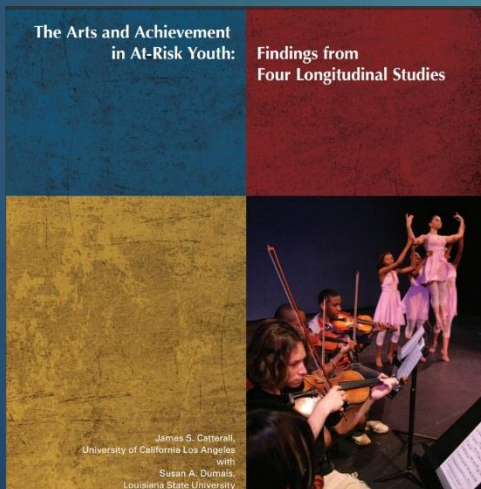


# One Mill and the Arts



“Research has shown that what students learn in the arts may help them to master other subjects, such as reading, math or social studies. Students who participate in arts learning experiences often improve their achievement in other realms of learning and life.”

*Critical Evidence: How the Arts Benefit Student Achievement, 2006*



“Socially and economically disadvantaged students outperformed their peers when engaged in arts-rich experiences. This extended to higher test scores, better grades, higher graduation rates, and increased college enrollment. ”

*The Arts and Achievement in At-Risk Youth, 2012*

# One Mill and the Arts

Alachua County students have access to a robust arts program, including music, visual and performing arts



The background of the slide is a collage of various images showing students performing in different art forms. At the top left, there's a photo of a large crowd at an outdoor event. Next to it is a photo of a group of students in costumes performing on a stage. To the right, there's a photo of a stage with a banner that says "MOTO MEMPHIS". Below these, on the left, is a photo of a student in a white shirt. In the center, there's a photo of a group of students in black dresses performing. To the right, there's a photo of a student in a black dress. Below the central photo, there's a photo of a student in a red shirt. At the bottom left, there's a photo of a student in a blue shirt. At the bottom center, there's a photo of a student in a blue shirt. At the bottom right, there's a photo of a student in a red dress. The text "The arts are thriving in Alachua County Public Schools, thanks to the One Mill!" is overlaid on a blue rectangular background in the center of the slide.

**The arts are thriving  
in Alachua County  
Public Schools,  
thanks to the  
One Mill!**

*Regiment*

*Newberry HS Band of Pride*



# One Mill for Technology



- Purchased more than 12,000 computers for classrooms
- Purchased more than 1300 interactive projectors for classrooms
- Districtwide wi-fi, with 2674 licenses or devices updated
- Instructional software
- Modern, multi-use computer labs in every school added/refreshed within the last two years, including 1605 new computers

# Computer Labs



Multi-use computer labs support a wide variety of district programs/services, including:

- Classroom instruction
- Career-tech programs
- Computer-based testing
- During- and after-school credit retrieval
- Dual enrollment
- eSchool access
- Social/emotional learning

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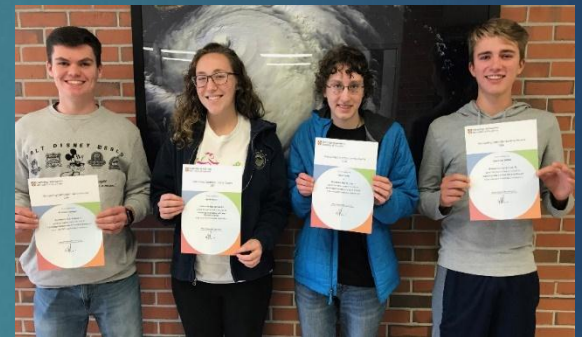
The one mill is currently the primary funding source for technology purchases and is therefore absolutely crucial to local schools.





# The One Mill in Action

- ACPS wins national Cambridge USA District of the Year award for GHS Cambridge program; seven students earn top scores in nation, world
- Cambridge student named one of 30 finalists in national Broadcom MASTERS science competition



# The One Mill in Action

- BHS band member named to All-National Honors Ensemble
- PAM @Loften wins Bronze Medal from US News and World Report for test scores, grad rate and performance of minority students; principal named one of state's top three high school principals by Florida Taxwatch





- SFHS Agriscience student wins state FFA award



- NHS Criminal Justice students win 4th state title



- BHS Academy of Entrepreneurship wins Gold Chapter Award from DECA



- BHS Chorus performs at Carnegie Hall



- Lincoln Science Bowl team wins 4<sup>th</sup> straight Florida Science Bowl Competition



- EHS Culinary Arts students win gold and silver medals in state competition



**...and many more!**

# One Mill Oversight Committee

For more information (including meeting agendas, minutes and reports), visit:

**[www.sbac.edu/~wpops/onemill](http://www.sbac.edu/~wpops/onemill)**

