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## ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- 5,000 Role Models of Excellence mentoring program
- Band
- Builders Club
- Chorus
- DOORWAYS scholarship
- Girlfriends Club of Pinellas
- National Junior Honor Society
- Sports (volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading)
- Students Targeted for Educational Performance (STEP)
- Yearbook
- Student Council
- Special Olympics

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Raymond James & Associates
- Chick-fil-A
- Xtreme Fun Center
- McDonald's
- Domino's Pizza

## SCHOOL MISSION

The Azalea Middle School staff works with the total community to improve the learning environment for our students by implementing a program of continuous improvement.

# Azalea

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2009-2010



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# QUICK facts

**Principal:** Teresa Anderson

**Grade Levels:** 6-8

**Enrollment:** 1,180

**School Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

**Attractor/focus:** Health and Wellness

**Before/after-school care:** No

**Average Class Size:** District average class size complies with the class-size reduction amendment with “core” academic courses for middle school at 22:1.

**Teaching Staff:** Approximately 28 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

## **Exceptional Student Education:**

**Full time:** Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE), Supported Varying Exceptionalities (SVE)

**Part time:** Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:** Yes

**Academic Information:** Visit [www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools)

**Computers and Technology:** State-of-the-art technology lab with 16 iMac computers plus four portable laptop labs supported by a technology specialist

## **SCHOOL BACKGROUND**

Azalea Middle School is a 160,000-square-foot facility with room for approximately 1,400 students. The campus has a contemporary design that includes separate designated areas for 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students with common elective areas. The new facility includes state-of-the-art technology with one synergistic lab for simulated activities. All classrooms include computer stations; there are two computer labs that are connected to the Internet. Azalea Middle provides a variety of programs to meet the educational needs of all students.

## **SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Positive Behavior Support Model School
- Reading program includes Reading Counts!, Battle of the Books, Bookarama, REACH, Read 180, intensive language arts, reading on the spot, schoolwide vocabulary, and Stop Talking and Read (STAR)
- College Reach-Out Program (CROP)
- Certified CReating Independence through Student-owned Strategies (CRISS) trainers on staff
- State-of-the-art technology
- Only middle school in South Pinellas with a lighted, full-size track field
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

## **POINTS OF PRIDE**

- District second place for boys and girls track, 2005
- Educational Media Awards winner, 2004
- District Science Fair winner, 2004
- Girls basketball second place for South County, 2004-2005
- Third place district Bookarama, 2004
- Boys volleyball, south county district champs, 2006-07
- Boys track, south county district champs, 2006-07
- Boys basketball, south county district champs, 2006-07

## **CURRICULUM**

- Core courses: language arts, math, science and social studies
- Other required courses in various grades: reading, physical education, health
- Elective courses: band, chorus, foreign language, art, family and consumer sciences, yearbook, media production, etc.
- High school credit classes in math, science and Spanish
- Advanced science, math, language arts and social studies at all levels
- Gifted education elective for eligible students

## **SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

- Positive Behavior Support (PBS) provides “Azalea Bucks” incentives for students demonstrating positive behavior.
- Model School Achievement Program (MSAP)
- Gulf Coast Community Care Violence Prevention Program
- Enhanced Learning Program
- Peer mediation