

# CHARTER SCHOOLS

A charter school is a public school that operates on a contract with the Duval County School Board. Charter schools are designed to:

- *Improve student learning and academic achievement*
- *Increase learning opportunities for all students with special emphasis on low-performing students and reading*
- *Encourage the use of innovative learning methods*

Each charter school has its own transportation plan. The District does not provide transportation to charter schools.



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# It's NEVER TOO LATE TO FINISH YOUR Education

**Pathways Academy** is a unique opportunity for students, ages 16 to 20, who have stopped going to high school or who are at high risk of dropping out. At Pathways, these students are able to reconnect academically and socially in a collegiate environment where they may earn their high school diploma or GED Exit Option. They may also gain postsecondary credit and/or certification in a high-wage, high-demand career area.



## Our Approach

The Pathways program emphasizes academic, college and career preparation, workplace readiness skills, personal growth and development activities, and opportunities for mentoring, job shadowing and internship experiences. Because we tailor our efforts to the unique way each student learns, our approach is completely different from traditional high school, which normally reaches all students with the same method.

Pathways is now starting an afternoon and evening program for working young adults.

Pathways Academy, which includes no cost for students, is closely affiliated with Florida State College at Jacksonville and is housed on the college's Downtown Campus.

It's not too late to complete your education. If you or someone you know could benefit from the Pathways program, please contact us today.

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**The mission of Pathways**, a Florida State College at Jacksonville charter career academy, is to provide academic, career and character development instruction for high school dropouts and students at high risk of dropping out who have been referred to Pathways by the Duval County Public Schools district. Through intensive, innovative and focused secondary and postsecondary instruction as well as comprehensive case management services, Pathways seeks to attract, motivate and engage students in a challenging and exciting whole-life educational environment.

