

Ruckel students excel. We have a TRADITION of being county champions in athletics, first in the state in academics, and receiving superior rankings at the national level in the arts. We know our success in academics, athletics, and the arts is a result of the teamwork between students, teachers, coaches, parents and community.

Academics

- earned its 10th consecutive A+ from the state of Florida
- is known throughout the state for its rigorous academics and commitment to excellence
- more students in advanced courses than any school in the district to include five that are eligible for high school credit
- now a CHOICE Technology Institute, the first middle school to achieve this status
 - 49% of our students take a course in technology
 - Two technology courses are eligible for high school credit and industrial certifications
- more students recognized by Duke University than any other middle school in our district
- highest scores in the district for FCAT Reading and FCAT Writing
- met all criteria for high achievement for the Federal Race to the Top
- won the Technology Bowl four years straight
- Academic Teams and Knowledge Master Teams frequently place first in the state of Florida
- 2010 school year the 6th Grade Knowledge Masters Team earned the state championship and the Varsity Team placed second in the state
- 2011 6th Grade Knowledge Masters state championship
- won the 2011 Emerald Coast Chapter MathCounts Competition and our team will proceed to state competition

Arts

- Our band had more students eligible for all-state band than any school in the state of Florida and recently won a first place in a *national* competition!
- Our chorus had more students qualify for All-State Choir than any other school in our district and earned all superior ratings in every competition
- Our successful art department created and painted over 50 patriotic “We Care” chairs that honored our military and their contributions to the United States of America. One chair was presented to Florida Congressman Jeff Miller.
- Students also painted panels that read “LET FREEDOM RING,” which are displayed on the fence that runs along Palm Boulevard

Athletics

- 2009-2010, our sports teams captured 11 of 18 possible championships and finished runner-up in 4 others. Last school year we did not have an athletic team with a losing record! This is the best performance at Ruckel since we switched from Junior High School to Middle School in 1989.
- 2010-2011, our athletic season is still going strong. Currently, we are district champions in Boys Cross Country, Girls Soccer and Boys Swimming. We anticipate many more championships before the year ends.

RAM (Real-World and Academics Meet)

Our RAM program - Real-World and Academics Meet is in its third year. Ruckel students learned how science and social studies content connected to the “real world.” We know that your child needs more than success on the FCAT in order to compete in a global world. The high-wage, high demand jobs in your child’s future are in fields that require high levels of education in science and math. Being highly literate with these skills are absolutely vital for success. During the 2010-11 school year, students are participating in many RAM activities such as programming robots in 7th grade physical science. The RAM program includes grade-wide activities such as 6th graders doing coastal water analysis and 8th graders participating in a simulated Challenger Mission to Mars at FSU. Our social studies classes will use census data to understand how government develops budgets. We intend to improve and will continue to intensify our efforts with the RAM program because America depends on our students’ technological progress and ability to apply knowledge to new situations.

The caliber of Ruckel Middle School students far exceeds expectations.