



# Red Bug Elementary School (RBES)

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An "A" Rated School District

## A Word From Our Principal

We are a community school serving a diverse population of approximately 800 students with an emphasis on rigorous academics, extra-curricular activities and family involvement. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Red Bug unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

*Dr. Teresa Thacker*

### What Makes Us Special

- Red Bug earned the state of Florida Positive Behavior Intervention Support Gold Model School Status designation in 2021 through the use of school-wide common language and incentive system.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in the Dual Language program in which classes are taught in both English and Spanish languages. Students also learn about Hispanic countries and culture.
- Through weekly class meetings, integrated learning, and differentiated instruction, our highly qualified teachers and staff meet the varying needs of our students academics and social-emotional needs.

### Advanced Academics

Rigorous Accelerated Math Pathways for Elementary Students (RAMP) is available for mathematically talented students in grades 4 through 5.

### Family Engagement

2021-2022 Data



Dividends is the volunteer program for SCPS. Our incredible Red Bug volunteers gave **4,807** hours of their time to support students.

### Technology and the Future



- Students are introduced to new technologies and activities designed to build their problem solving, logical thinking, and collaboration skills.
- In the 2021-22 school year, 22 Fifth Grade students graduated from the Computer Science certification program..
- Computer Science 2020 - Our students participate in at least 10 hours of computer science learning each school year.

### Student Achievement

2021-2022 Data

- All students in grades K-5 participate in English and Language Arts (ELA) and Math iReady progress monitoring. **75%** of K-5 students were on or above grade level in ELA and **72%** of K-5 students were on or above grade level in Math.
- The Star Early Literacy Assessment is administered to kindergarten students at the beginning of each school year. **58%** of students demonstrated kindergarten readiness compared to the state average of 57%.

**B**  
Red Bug Elementary School earned a B grade from the Florida DOE in 2022

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- Red Bug students have the opportunity to perform in an orchestra, complete with violins, cello, flute, and percussion.
- Red Bug's Odyssey of the Mind teams compete at the regional and state levels. The team placed first in the 2021 regional competition.
- In partnership with families, Red Bug Elementary supports students through collaboration with PTA, SAC, and our Dividends program.
- Running Club is offered to all students K-5. Red Bug is proud to have many top performing runners in the district races.
- Our students demonstrate B.U.G.S. behavior which focuses on positivity along with responsibility, growth, and safe choices.
- We have a highly qualified staff of teachers who have advanced degrees, Reading, Gifted, and ELL Endorsement.

**Future Middle School Pathways for Our Students**



**Tuskwilla: 76%**

**South Seminole: 16%**

For additional pathways see [Student Assignment and Program Access](#)

**School Health and Safety**

The health, safety and security of staff and students is our top priority. We follow CDC COVID mitigation strategies and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a sanitized and safe environment for your child's learning. Our School Resource Officer is B. McCaffrey with the SCSO.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. [www.speakouthotline.org](http://www.speakouthotline.org)

**78% of student respondents would recommend RBES**



**93% of parent respondents would recommend RBES**



**Here's what students and parents say they like about Red Bug:**

" I like that the teachers are nice and you can do any sports you like. You don't have to know sports because the P.E. teachers will teach you how to play them. The staff or teachers will keep you safe. "

4th Grade Student

" I like the teachers because they are kind and like to listen to the students thoughts. Also, I like how they award kids for their behavior like lightning bugs. "

5th Grade Student

" They have good after school programs and have amazing teachers and have safety patrol and news crew which are amazing. "

5th Grade Student

" I like how much the teachers care about our education and how we are taught. Also everybody is very nice. Overall I think it is a great school. "

4th Grade Student

" The teachers my daughter has this year are amazing! My daughter loves going to school and wanting to be involved in after school and before school things! She feels as if the teachers and her classmates are a family and I love that my child has a home away from home. "

5th Grade Parent

" Red Bug team communicates well with parents and families. There is a good sense of community within the school through events and opportunities for families to get involved. "

2nd Grade Parent

" The teachers are great! The school itself is a great school. My child is currently enrolled in the dual language program and she has learned so much in this program. The Seminole County school system is an all around great school system! "

3rd Grade Parent

" I like that they offer the dual language program as I believe it's very important to develop kids to be bilingual. I also appreciate all the friendly and professional staff the school has. "

2nd Grade Parent