## City of Palms Charter High School, Inc.

CPCHS, Inc. is a network of 3 high schools located within Lee County Florida:

City of Palms Charter High School – Fort Myers

Palm Acres Charter High School – Lehigh Acres

Northern Palms Charter High School – North Fort Myers

ALL schools are TUITION-FREE PUBLIC schools contracted by the LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Our schools are designed for high school students **through the age of 21**. We offer an alternative innovative non-traditional path leading to **a state-recognized diploma** – not a GED. Our program is designed for those who have dropped out of high school, who are at risk of dropping out of high school or who need a different kind of environment than traditional high school settings.

Following are the core, compelling beliefs that provide the basis for the philosophical foundation of our program. We believe:

- All students can learn;
- All students deserve another chance to receive an education and be successful in life;
- All students deserve a chance to become all they can be;
- No one education organization or philosophy is right for everyone;
- All students learn at different rates and students should have educational choices that meet their individual needs and learning pace;
- Some students require assistance in preparing to join the work force, applying and interviewing for a job and obtaining employment;
- Flexible scheduling of school hours is an advantage for students facing special life challenges and circumstances that prevent them from attending a traditional eighthour school day or attending during a specific timeframe.

We will provide all students with a standards-based individualized educational experience. We believe that offering flexible attendance sessions (5-Hr sessions), coupled with a self-paced customized on-line educational program is a significant boost to success. We can help individuals move at a faster or slower pace enabling them to achieve their educational goals in a timely manner. Most schoolwork will be completed on-site at a supervised brick-and-mortar location staffed with highly qualified subject-area teachers and administrators.

Innovative aspects of the educational program include:

- Curriculum choices are state-of-the-art on-line research-based courses.
- Classrooms provide one computer for each student.
- Lessons are delivered at an individualized pace to ensure mastery at every level.
- Core academic subjects Rdg, English, Math, Sci, Soc Studies are emphasized.
- Character development, living skills and employment skills are a significant focus.
- The ESE teachers are available to serve students with special needs.
- A Vocational Specialist/Teacher teaches job skills, interviewing techniques, tracks employment hours and expands the students' exposure to various job opportunities available.
- Learning opportunities are flexibly scheduled.
- ELL (English Language Learners) students are supported by bi-lingual teachers & staff.

## It's NOT too late to GRADUATE!