

DIXIE DISTRICT SCHOOLS

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"CHILDREN FIRST"

Dear Dixie Family,

I am excited about leading our school district! I believe that we can make a huge impact on the lives of the young people of our community. My goals for our school system are simple: Maintain a safe and secure environment for our children and faculty, engage and educate our children every day, treat every person with respect and dignity, and serve with a good attitude, as to the Lord and not to men. Ephesians 6:7



We are excited to open the new Dixie County High School on August 10, 2018. We will be serving over 550 students in grades 9-12. This is one of the nicest facilities ever constructed in Dixie County history.

The Dixie District School System is located in Cross City, Florida, and connected to the outlying communities of Suwannee, Jena, Old Town, and Horseshoe Beach. We are a largely rural Gulf coast county with a wealth of natural resources. Dixie County is nestled between two beautiful rivers, the Suwannee and Steinhatchee. Our schools are the heartbeat of the community. There are four schools within the Dixie District School System in grades PreK-12. There are two elementary schools in our county, Anderson Elementary located in Cross City and Old Town Elementary located in the eastern boundary of our county in Old Town. Ruth Rains Middle School is located in Cross City along with Dixie County High School, which is our one comprehensive high school. Our vocational technical school lies adjacent to and is part of the high school campus, which serves grades 9-12.

The Dixie School District operates the Dixie Alternative Education Center, which provides adolescents and young adults the opportunity to successfully complete their educational goals. The center utilizes compass software for academic assessment, academic remediation course credit, pre-GED and GED preparation.

We have many programs that enrich the life of students and they include Accelerated Reader, Yearbook, FFA, High Q Teams, VICA, HOSA, and FBLA. **The AVID Program has been added at Dixie County High School and Anderson Elementary School to help prepare all students for college and/or workplace.** Athletic activities offered include football, baseball, softball, volleyball, and basketball. **We also added boys and girls soccer at Dixie County High School during the 2017-2018 school year.**

Dixie District Schools enjoy a close relationship with the community, businesses, families, and volunteers. Working together, we understand the importance of helping our students develop essential skills so that their full potential can be realized.

I will always maintain an open door policy. Please feel free to call me at (352)498-6131 or stop by my office at 16077 NE 19 Highway, Cross City.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Thomas, Superintendent
Dixie District Schools