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**260 Students from 11 Middle & High School in Polk County to Tour 10 High-Tech Manufacturing Sites for National Manufacturing Day/Month in Florida**

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) in Florida, 260 students from 11 middle & high schools in Polk County will tour 10 high-tech manufacturing sites. Polk County is set to issue countywide proclamation for Manufacturing Day on Oct. 2. Outlined below are the industry tours that have been scheduled for Polk County.

Tour Date	Manufacturer Industry Tour Host
Oct. 1	JC Machine
Oct. 1	ITW Professional Automotive Products
Oct. 1	Rockford-Ettco Procunier
Oct. 1	Sofidel America
Oct. 1	Packaging Corp.of America
Oct. 2	Pepperidge Farm
Oct. 2	MaxPak
Oct. 2	Publix-Dairy Manufacturing
Oct. 2	Rockford-Ettco Procunier
Oct. 2	Sofidel America (2 Tours)
<b>Miscellaneous Events</b>	
Oct. 2	County Proclamation

The [Made in Florida](#) industry tours are made possible by [FLATE](#) (Florida Advanced Technological Education), the Florida-based National Science Foundation Center of Excellence in partnership with the [Manufacturers Association of Florida](#), [Florida TRADE](#), and Regional Manufacturing Associations across the state which includes Career Pathways at Polk State College. The tours celebrate high-tech manufacturers across Florida, and are geared to educate and expand students’, educators’, parents’ and the community’s knowledge about STEM-based, high-tech careers & educational pathways in manufacturing in Polk County & across Florida.

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