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370 Students from 10 Middle & High Schools in Sarasota County to Tour High-Tech Industry Sites for National MFG Day/Month in Florida

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) in Florida, approximately 370 students from approximately 10 middle & high schools will participate in approximately 15 *Made in Florida* industry tours to six high-tech manufacturing sites in Sarasota & Manatee counties, with an Open House/Career Fair scheduled at Suncoast Technical College on Oct. 8. Sarasota County is set to issue countywide proclamations for Manufacturing Day on Oct. 21. Outlined below are the details for the upcoming tours for Manufacturing Day/Month.

Tour Dates	Participating Schools	Number of Students	Manufacturer/Industry Tour Host
Oct 2.	Brookside Middle School	30	ASO/OCTEX
Oct 2.	Sarasota Middle School	30	ASO/ OCTEX
Oct 2.	Booker Middle School	30	ASO/ OCTEX
Oct 2.	Booker High School	30	ASO/ OCTEX
Oct 2.	Sarasota High School	100	ASO/ OCTEX
Oct 2.	Riverview High School	30	PGT Industries
Oct 2.	Suncoast Polytech High School	30	PGT Industries
Oct 2.	Heron Creek Middle School	30	PGT Industries
Oct 2.	North Port High School	30	PGT Industries
Oct. 23	Woodland Middle School	30	PGT Industries
Miscellaneous Events			
Oct. 8	Career Fair/Open House at Suncoast Technical College		
Oct. 21	Sarasota County Manufacturing Day 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 SAMA & the School District of Sarasota & Manatee counties. The tours celebrate high-tech manufacturers across Florida, and are geared to educate/expand students', educators', parents' and the community's knowledge about STEM-based, high-tech careers & educational pathways in manufacturing in Sarasota and Manatee counties, and across Florida.

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