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Over 500 Students from 16 Middle & High Schools in Pasco & Hernando Counties to Tour 19 High-Tech Industry Sites for National MFG Day/Month in October

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) in Florida, approximately 530 students from 16 middle and high schools will participate in “*Made in Florida*” industry tours to 19 high-tech manufacturing sites in Pasco & Hernando counties. Outlined below are the full listing of tours, dates and number of students participating in the “*Made in Florida*” industry tours for manufacturing day/month.

County	Tour Date	Industry Tour Host	Participating Schools	Number of Students
Pasco	Oct. 1	Artix	Gulf High School	98
	Oct. 2	AMSkills @MTC	Ridgewood High Schools	50
	Oct. 2	Bay-Tech Industries	Sunlake High School	25
	Oct. 2	PharmaWorks (Odessa)		25
	Oct. 2	Sea Way Plastics	Anclote High School	25
	Oct. 2	Oldcaste Coastal	Pasco High	25
	Oct. 2	Sun West Mine	Bayonet Point Middle School	25
			Fivay High School	25
	Oct. 2	American Aviation	River Ridge High School	40
Oct. 2	Nestle Waters, North America	Zephyrhills High School	25	
Hernando	Oct. 2	Accuform	Central High School	20
		Alumi-Guard		
	Oct. 2	Alumi-Guard	West Hernando High School	25
		Accuform		
	Oct. 2	Qorvo	Hernando High School	27
		Flagstone Pavers		
	Oct. 2	Cemex	Nature Coast High School	20
		AMSkills		20
	Oct. 2	Micro Matic	Springstead High School	20
	Oct. 2	Surge Suppression		
Oct. 2	Seaway Plastics Intrepid	Weeki Wachee High School	18	
		Winding Waters Middle School	9	

Pasco and Hernando counties issued countywide proclamations for Manufacturing Day on:

- Sep. 22: Hernando County Board of Commissioners MFG Day County Proclamation
 Pasco County Board of Commissioners MFG Day County Proclamation
- Sep. 23: Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce MFG Day County Proclamation

Hernando County School District and Pasco County School District already read their proclamations into record, with Pasco Economic Development and Career Source Pasco Hernando set to issue a proclamation as well. To continue the celebration of Manufacturing Month, and for the next Manufacturing Career Fair, there will be library events with showings of the "["Made in Florida" video](#)". After the movie showing, Jennifer Ball, recruiter/promoter for the TRADE grant will do a presentation on "Preparing for the Manufacturing Career Fair." The fair will be held on:

- October 6 at 2:00 pm: Pasco County Library - Regency Park Branch
- October 14 at 4:00 pm: Hernando County Library - West Branch (Spring Hill)
- October 15 at 5:00 pm: Hernando County Library - Main Branch (Brooksville)

The [Made in Florida](#) industry tours in Pasco & Hernando counties represent a cohesive partnership between [Florida TRADE](#) at Pasco Hernando State College, [Career Source Pasco Hernando](#), Pasco & Hernando County School Districts, the [Manufacturers Association of Florida](#), and [FLATE](#), the Florida-based National Science Foundation Regional Center of Excellence. 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 Pasco and Hernando counties & across Florida.

For information on these tours please contact Margie Burnham (burnham@phsc.edu) and Jennifer Ball (ballj@phsc.edu). For information on statewide Manufacturing Day events contact Dr. Marilyn Barger, executive director of FLATE at barger@fl-ate.org/813.259.6578, or visit www.mfgday-fl.com and www.MfgDay.com.