

# **Thomasville High School** *Experiential Learning Proposal*

#### School Year 2021-2022





## What's Our Why?

- Collectively, we have identified the need to provide additional supports to help students as we work toward our vision of Graduate Thomasville! Our mission is to have ALL THS students graduate equipped to succeed in college, career and life. In order to fulfill our vision and mission it is imperative we provide experiential learning opportunities with pathways for success for ALL students.
- We recognize ALL students are not afforded the same opportunities to excel in school and discover and pursue passions aligned with their skills and unique life goals. COVID-19 allowed us to be flexible and nimble in terms of providing instruction, but our traditional calendar still presents difficulties with allowing students to pursue their unique life goals.



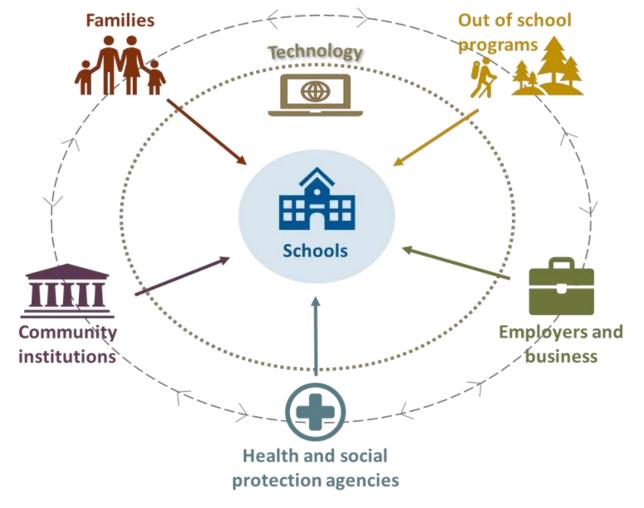
### What's Our What?

- We propose the use of an alternate calendar with eLearning Days to provide students (Seniors 2022) with experiential learning days focused on unique life goals and interpersonal skills.
- Students will be given the opportunities to explore future and present career aspirations and personal passions.
- A hybrid model of eLearning and Face to Face will be provided on the designated days.
- This will provide extended hours of community experiences to include job shadowing, internships, service learning projects, team building, college trips, etc.



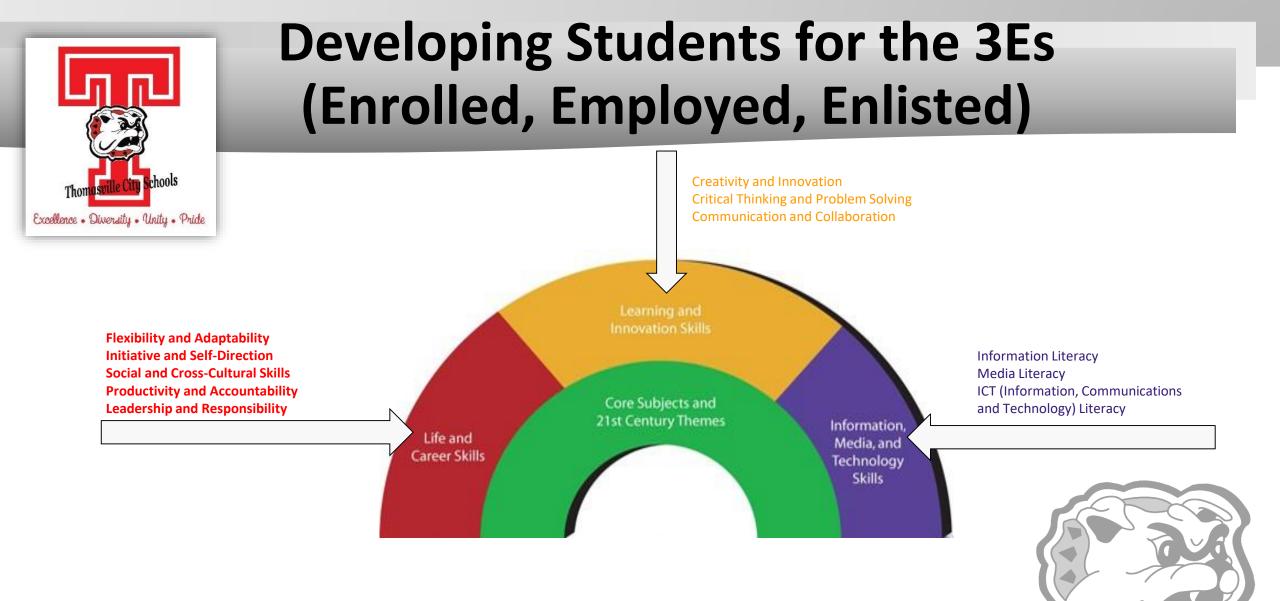


#### **How Education Can Emerge Stronger**





from <u>Brookings Report</u>, Vegas and Winthrop, September 2020





### **Intended Outcomes**

- Offering of Authentic Learning Experiences
- Increased Student Engagement
- Increased enrollment in semester and year long internships
- Increased numbers of students enrolled, enlisted and employed
- Greater exposure and preparation for future career pathways
- Improvement of interpersonal skills of students required for 21st Century context.





#### Alternate Calendar for 2021-2022

Addition of 9 eLearning/Experiential Learning Days on Wednesdays

- September 1, 2021
- October 6, 2021
- November 3, 2021
- December 1, 2021
- January 19, 2022
- February 2, 2022
- March 2, 2022
- April 6, 2022
- May 4, 2022





### Next Steps

- Approval by TCS Board
- Ensure staff members have been assigned to the planning committee for this program.
- Coordinate with CDC and TCS CTE Director to align opportunities.
- On-going Planning for implementation





#### **Questions**

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