



Pedro Menendez High School and VyStar Credit Union form a unique partnership and commitment to business and education. Our mission is to inspire and motivate students while providing them real-world preparation for both college and career. We welcome new students and their parents to participate in this unique high school experience. We welcome you to VyStar Academy of Business and Finance.

## Who Can Apply

Rising freshmen or sophomores

- With a completed application
- With strong teacher recommendations
- With an interest in business
- With an interest in being part of a select team
- With a commitment to setting and achieving educational and career goals

## How Do I Apply

- Visit [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies) and complete the online application.
- Complete a zone waiver if you are a student out of the Pedro Menendez High School zone.

## Benefits of an Academy

- Earn college credits while still in high school
- Develop a portfolio of work and accomplishments through time in the academy
- Participate in job shadowing and internships in chosen field of study
- Benefit from industry specific scholarship opportunities
- Development of leadership, communication and organizational skills
- Prepare for advanced studies
- Take advantage of community service opportunities
- Participate in a rigorous and meaningful program of study
- Great student family
- Great field trips

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# VyStar Academy of Business & Finance

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 PEDRO MENENDEZ  
 HIGH SCHOOL  
 ST. JOHNS COUNTY  
 FLORIDA



# Welcome to VyStar Academy of Business and Finance

Pedro Menendez High School

## Mission

Pedro Menendez High School Academies provide engaging and relevant learning in a supportive and nurturing environment. Through a focused curriculum, students build long lasting relationships, gain character and confidence and develop a sense of community.

## What is an Academy?

Our Academy is a small learning community that provides specialized instruction and an opportunity for special dual enrollment courses and scholarships. It is a place where students work closely in teams developing lasting bonds. The career focused curriculum meets college entrance requirements and offers internship during senior year for every Academy student.

## Curriculum

- 9th Grade: Computing for College and Careers
- 10th Grade: Administrative Office Technology  
Business Software Applications
- 11th Grade: Legal Aspects of Business (Honors)  
Business & Entrepreneurial Principles
- 12th Grade elective options:  
Business Supervision 1 or Accounting 1 or Intro to Business DE or Micro Computer Applications
- 12 Grade: Business or Legal internship  
Dual enrollment World & American History  
English (specialized for Academy students)

*Course selection in senior year will depend on field of interest for specialization and internship. Digital Design Students will take courses in the design track.*

## Applied Learning

Students in the Academy of Business and Finance participate in a number of in-class activities, field trips, and the actual operation of a commercial credit union. Out-of-school events might include participation in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competitions and internships which enhance the learning process, providing “real world” experience for Pedro Menendez business students.

## FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America allows students to affiliate with a national organization that reinforces classroom learning. FBLA provides students with the opportunity to compete in their area of interest on the local, state and national level.



## VyStar Pedro Menendez Branch

The goal of the high school branch is to help students learn responsible financial skills to build a successful financial future. The student-run branch features its own Pedro Menendez ATM Card and will provide fellow students VyStar Visa® Check Card applications, check cashing, savings accounts and other services.

VyStar Credit Union has grown to become one of the largest credit unions in the nation with over 405,000 members worldwide. As a not-for-profit financial cooperative that extends membership to all those who live and work in Northeast Florida, VyStar is committed to serving its communities. We are honored to partner with Pedro Menendez High School in establishing VyStar Academy of Business and Finance. The people of VyStar realize the importance and benefits of developing a solid financial and business foundation at an early age - it only makes sense that they broaden their commitment to represent this valued community activity and educational venture.

