

Sandra “Sam” Himmel has served as Superintendent of Citrus County Schools for the last 15 years. She started her professional career teaching at Crystal River Middle School in 1977 and expanded her studies, earning a Master’s in Business Administration. She managed a local business prior to her decision to become a Board Member for Citrus County Schools in 1996. After 8 years in this position, Sam was elected Superintendent of Schools.

As superintendent, she established expectations and processes that led to Citrus County Schools ranking in the top third of all Florida Districts in all subject areas for the past 12 years. Her data driven focus and positive spirit with students, staff, and community contributed to many accomplishments. Sandra was the recipient of the *Lavan Dukes District Data Leader Award* 2014-2015 which recognizes superintendents who lead the way using education data to drive student improvement.