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# Duke Energy grant supports math education

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USF St. Petersburg is pleased to announce it has received a \$127,230 contribution from [Duke Energy](#) to support [SunBay Digital Mathematics](#), a collaboration with [SRI International](#) and [Pinellas County Schools](#) researching new ways of teaching middle school math. The gift is a part of the USF System's ongoing \$600 million [USF: Unstoppable Campaign](#).

The gift will support middle school teachers seeking graduate certification in digitally enhanced mathematics education. The certification is a five-course graduate program unique to USF St. Petersburg that increases a teacher's depth of knowledge in math concepts and the use of technology.

*"We are grateful for the continuing support Duke Energy has provided for USF St. Petersburg's effort to improve math education for middle school students and their teachers," said Vivian Fueyo, Ph.D., professor of Childhood Education and principal investigator for SunBay Digital Mathematics.*

"Duke Energy is proud to partner with USF St. Petersburg on this important project," said Alex Glenn, Duke Energy, state president – Florida. "The research underway on middle school math holds great promise for the future of STEM education."

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Duke Energy Florida, a subsidiary of Duke Energy (NYSE: [DUK](#)), provides electricity and related services to approximately 1.7 million customers in Florida. The company is headquartered in St. Petersburg, Fla., and serves a territory encompassing more than 20,000 square miles including the cities St. Petersburg and Clearwater as well as the Central Florida area surrounding Orlando. Duke Energy Florida is pursuing a balanced approach to meeting the future energy needs of the region. That balance includes increased energy-efficiency programs, investments in renewable energy technologies and a state-of-the-art electricity system.

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