

## DISNEY CELEBRATION SCHOOL | Orlando, Florida



The Disney Development Company developed the Celebration “city of the future” outside of Orlando, Florida. It was intended to reflect the complete integration of community development, future trends to include housing, parks, medical facilities and schools.

Dr. Franklin Hill was referred to by staff as the “Imagineer” for the development of the school of the future to compliment this forward thinking community. Uniquely designed as a K-12 facility, it reflected a complete restructuring of educational thinking throughout the spectrum of learning. It became the basis for what later became “small learning communities” as a method to make education more personalized and student centered.

Dr. Hill worked with numerous national experts including, but not limited to:



- Howard Gardner, Harvard University
- Robert Slavin, Johns Hopkins University
- Robert Johnson, University of Minnesota
- Bill Glasser, Author - Quality Schools
- State of Florida, League of Teachers (100 total)

The total planning process challenged traditional thinking on community development, educational delivery, and size and distribution of educational design. In the end, the Disney school of the future was smaller and less expensive than traditional Florida schools of the time.