



Hillsborough County High Schools

(see page 2 for sources and explanations of data components)

	2019 U.S. News and World Report of Best High schools				
	National Rank	State Rank	% Reading Proficiency	% Math Proficiency	College Ready Index
County Average	n/a	n/a	51	50	38
ALONSO HIGH SCHOOL	2,442	133	51	58	43
ARMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	7,822	324	35	36	26
BELL CREEK ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL	9,642	388	83	59	
BLAKE HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	4,453	210	44	40	40
BLOOMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL	2,268	127	56	52	49
BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL	5,686	260	39	44	32
BROOKS DEBARTOLO COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL	1,044	59	77	70	52
CHAMBERLAIN HIGH SCHOOL	11,722	441	27	23	26
DURANT HIGH SCHOOL	4,800	221	49	43	38
EAST BAY HIGH SCHOOL	9,673	390	38	34	25
FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL	6,997	301	36	33	37
GAITHER HIGH SCHOOL	4,428	209	52	43	36
HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	4,206	201	38	39	46
JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	5,112	238	44	38	35
KIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL					
KING HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	2,409	131	48	38	52
LENNARD HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	6,634	290	39	62	21
LETO HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	7,969	329	31	38	33
MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	2,173	119	57	55	37
NEWSOME HIGH SCHOOL	874	46	75	70	59
PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL	5,280	244	35	51	35
PLANT HIGH SCHOOL	582	36	73	72	67
RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	3,006	155	52	58	43
ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	1,230	68	58	53	60
SICKLES HIGH SCHOOL	1,022	53	66	70	52
SPOTO HIGH SCHOOL	9,408	376	30	35	25
STEINBRENNER HIGH SCHOOL	832	43	73	72	56
STRAWBERRY CREST HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	1,912	102	51	52	52
TAMPA BAY TECH HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	1,768	95	57	50	41
WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL	4,925	226	48	46	34

FL Dept. of Education School Grades, School Year ending:			
2019	2018	2017	2016
B	B	B	B
B	B	B	C
C	C	C	D
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Top High Schools as of 2019

Florida					
Pine View School, Osprey (STEM/MAG)	15	1	100	100	100
School For Advanced Studies Homestead, Homestead	26	2	N/A	100	100
Suncoast Community High School, Riviera Beach	88	11	90	85	91
Coral Reef Senior High School, Miami (MAG)	193	19	88	81	76
Best State (Massachusetts)					
Boston Latin School, Boston	33	1	100	100	95
Medfield Senior High, Medfield	610	20	98	96	69

NOTE: blank cells indicate data not available or (in the case of rankings) indicate that the school was not qualified to be ranked by U.S. News and World Report. For example, schools below the 25th percentile have their scores concealed by US News & World Report who simply report the entire bottom quartile's ranking range. We elected not to show that range here because it's not specific enough to be meaningful in our data. Schools without a grade 12 or with very small enrollment are simply displayed as Unranked by US News & World Report and not shown here.



Explanations of County High School Data Components

U.S. News and World Report Data

Overall data source	http://tinyurl.com/usn-education
Ranking Algorithm & Criteria for a School to Be Ranked	http://tinyurl.com/usn-algorithm
Nationally-Ranked Schools	http://tinyurl.com/usn-national-ranking
Florida Ranked Schools	http://tinyurl.com/usn-florida-ranking
Reading Proficiency	Assessment of students' ability to read at grade level.
Math Proficiency	Assessment of students' ability to perform math at grade level.
College Readiness Index	Index representing the proportion of a school's 12th graders that took and passed AP/IB exams. Maximim possible: 100
County Average	Average scores for the Florida schools listed
Top High Schools - Florida	Shows a sampling of highly-ranked Florida Schools
Top High Schools - Best State	Shows a sampling of highly-ranked schools from the #1 nationally-ranked state

FL Dept. of Education School Grades

School and County Letter Grades as calculated by the Florida DOE	http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/ (see "School Grades" Excel file for individual school grades) (see "District Grades" Excel file for county grades)
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Comparing Ranking Data (proficiencies & college-ready index) with Florida DOE school grades

The main purpose for sharing this data is to point out the obvious disconnect when you compare nationally-normed high school ranking data (reading proficiency, math proficiency and college-ready index) with the Florida DOE "report card" grades which are calculated using a FL DOE proprietary formula. This proprietary grading formula was created by and can be manipulated by the FL DOE. By grading on the low "curve", the school grades can be made to look much better than is actually the case. So don't take it at face value when your school claims to be an "A" school (for example). Look at the U.S. News and World Report data and see if it supports the claim. We need visibility into the TRUE academic performance of Florida schools. Moving away from the highly manipulated FL DOE proprietary grading system is a MUST if we're to effectively judge the efficiency of Florida Schools.