



**St. Lucie County High Schools**  
*(see page 2 for sources and explanations of data components)*

	2021 U.S. News and World Report of Best High schools					
	National Rank	State Rank	% Reading Proficiency	% Math Proficiency	% Graduation Rate	College Ready Index
<b>County Average</b>	n/a	n/a	54	42	n/a	17
Acceleration Academy, Port St. Lucie					22	
Dale Cassens Education Complex, Fort Pierce					10	
Fort Pierce Central High School, Fort Pierce	7,784	367	52	34	98	16
Fort Pierce Westwood High School, Fort Pierce	11,354	470	39	25	96	12
Lincoln Park Academy, Fort Pierce	945	52	81	69	100	52
Mosaic Digital Academy (St. Lucie Virtual Franchise), Port St. Lucie	5,454	289	86		96	
Performance Based Preparatory Academy, Fort Pierce	13,383-17,843	512-	0	11	48	
Port St. Lucie High School, Port St. Lucie	8,716	392	51	45	97	10
Somerset College Preparatory Academy, Port Saint Lucie	4,148	229	73	67	98	18
St. Lucie West Centennial High School, Port St. Lucie	8,764	394	53	39	99	7
Treasure Coast High School, Port St. Lucie	10,629	454	52	49	100	2
<b>Top High Schools as of 2021</b>						
<b>Florida</b>						
School for Advanced Studies (SAS), Miami	4	1		100	100	99
Pine View School, Osprey	24	2	99	100	100	100
School For Advanced Studies Homestead, Homestead	39	3			99	100

FL Dept. of Education School Grades,			
2021	2019	2018	2017
A	B	B	B
	B	B	C
	C	C	C
	A	A	A
	A	A	A
	B	B	B
A	A	A	A
	B	B	B
	B	B	B
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A

FL Dept. of Education County			
2021	2019	2018	2017
95	90	92	90

*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.*

*NOTE: high schools that did not provide data for this report are not listed here.*



**Explanations of County High School Data Components**

<b>U.S. News and World Report Data</b>	
<b>Ranking Algorithm &amp; Criteria for a School to Be Ranked</b>	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/usn-algorithm">http://tinyurl.com/usn-algorithm</a>
<b>Nationally-Ranked Schools</b>	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/usn-national-ranking">http://tinyurl.com/usn-national-ranking</a>
<b>Florida Ranked Schools</b>	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/usn-florida-ranking">http://tinyurl.com/usn-florida-ranking</a>
<b>Reading Proficiency</b>	Assessment of students' ability to read at grade level.
<b>Math Proficiency</b>	Assessment of students' ability to perform math at grade level.
<b>College Readiness Index</b>	Index representing the proportion of a school's 12th graders that took and passed AP/IB exams. Maximim possible: 100
<b>County Average</b>	Average scores for the Florida schools listed
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	The proportion of entering ninth graders who graduated four academic years later
<b>FL Dept. of Education County Graudation Rates (%)</b>	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/Florida-High-School-Graduation-Rates-2020-21">Florida High School Graduation Rates, 2020-21 (fldoe.org)</a>
<b>Top High Schools - Florida</b>	Shows a sampling of highly-ranked Florida Schools
<b>FL Dept. of Education School Grades</b>	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/">http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/</a>
<b>School and County Letter Grades as calculated by the Florida DOE</b>	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/">http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/</a>
<b>School and County Letter Grades as calculated by the Florida DOE</b>	(see "School Grades" Excel file for individual school grades)
	(see "District Grades" Excel file for county grades)

**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.

