



**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	66	71	n/a	34
Freeport Senior High School, Freeport	2,117	123	55	70	96	36
Paxton School, Paxton	4,109	226	50	63	94	33
Seaside Neighborhood School, Santa Rosa Beach	5,092	274	96	91	100	
South Walton High School, Santa Rosa Beach	1,855	108	73	71	97	44
Walton High School, Defuniak	5,950	305	55	59	95	21
<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	A	A	A
	A	A	A
	B	B	A
A	A	A	A
	A	A	A
	A	B	C
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A

FL Dept. of Education County			
2021	2019	2018	2017
91	89	87	82

*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/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/">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 proprietry 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.

