



Palm Beach 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
County Average	n/a	n/a	52	47	n/a	37
Alexander W. Dreyfoos Junior School of the Arts	111	13	95	92	100	92
Atlantic High School	2,653	160	52	40	97	38
Boca Raton Community High School	979	55	69	79	98	55
Boynton Beach Community High School	13,383-17,843	512-596	30	22	88	n/a
Everglades Preparatory Academy	13,383-17,843	512-596	0	0	86	n/a
Forest Hill Community High School	9,765	430	40	42	90	24
Glades Central High School	12,173	486	21	24	94	11
G-Star School of the Arts	3,530	194	67	52	95	29
Inlet Grove Community High School	4,013	217	45	56	98	24
John I. Leonard High School	9,344	409	36	38	94	17
Jupiter High School	1,439	87	70	71	95	50
Lake Worth High School	13,383-17,843	512-596	27	28	91	n/a
Olympic Heights Community High School	2,395	145	66	61	100	39
Pahokee Middle-Senior High School	6,663	325	36	30	98	26
Palm Beach Central High School	4,129	228	61	58	98	27
Palm Beach Gardens High School	7,779	366	40	32	97	22
Palm Beach Lakes High School	13,383-17,843	512-596	25	23	88	n/a
Palm Beach Maritime Academy High School	4,207	231	40	23	100	40
Palm Beach Virtual Franchise	1,631	97	85	n/a	98	26
Park Vista Community High School	1,839	107	70	70	99	42
Quantum High School	13,383-17,843	512-596	12	0	23	n/a
Royal Palm Beach High School	6,627	323	45	46	94	24
Santaluces Community High School	6,452	321	46	43	96	19
Seminole Ridge Community High School	5,396	286	56	62	92	22
Somerset Academy Canyons High School	4,089	223	64	54	95	36
South Tech Academy	4,042	222	46	57	96	23
Spanish River Community High School	765	43	76	71	100	61

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

Suncoast Community High School	119	15	90	74	100	92
Village Academy On the Art and Sara Jo Kobacker Camp	4,206	230	42	23	100	37
Wellington High School	2,661	161	69	59	95	35
West Boca Raton High School	1,175	67	76	76	98	52
William T. Dwyer High School	2,973	169	58	58	92	38
Top High Schools as of 2021						
Florida						
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

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

A	A	A	A
C	C	C	C
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
FL Dept. of Education County Graduation Rates (%):			
2021	2019	2018	2017
91	87	87	85



Explanations of County High School Data Components

U.S. News and World Report Data	
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
County Average	Average scores for the Florida schools listed
Graduation Rate	The proportion of entering ninth graders who graduated four academic years later
FL Dept. of Education County Graduation Rates (%)	Florida High School Graduation Rates, 2020-21 (fldoe.org)
Top High Schools - Florida	Shows a sampling of highly-ranked Florida Schools
FL Dept. of Education School Grades	http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/
School and County Letter Grades as calculated by the Florida DOE	http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/
School and County Letter Grades as calculated by the Florida DOE	(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.