Florida Citizens Alliance

	2023-2024 U.S. News and World Report of Best High schools						FL Dept. of Education School			
	National Rank	State Rank	% Reading Proficiency	% Math Proficiency	% Graduation Rates	College Ready Index	2024	2023	2022	2021
County Average	n/a	n/a	51	47	n/a	n/a				
Anclote High School	10,417	461	40	35	81	15	C	C		
Classical Preparatory School	627	39	71	20	100	81	B	A	A	B
Cypress Creek High School	2,852	167	56	52	92	39	B	C	C	
Dayspring Academy	7,981	383	70	58	100		A	A	A	A
Fivay High School	12,680	520	26	29	79	18	C	C	C	
Gulf High School	9,929	449	29	32	91	23	C	C	C	
Hudson High School	10,326	459	38	41	87	11	C	C	C	
James W. Mitchell High School	1,597	107	62	62	95	49	A	A	A	
Land O' Lakes High School	1,637	111	63	57	94	50	B	A	A	
Pasco Eschool-Virtual Franchise	6,749	350	58	46	90	23		B		
Pasco High School	13,084	533	37	36	89	5	C	C	C	
River Ridge High School	4,910	265	45	52	93	30	B	B	B	
Sunlake High School	1,941	128	62	61	94	45	A	A	A	
Wendell Krinn Technical High School	2,626	157	64	69	98	29	A	A	A	
Wesley Chapel High School	3,754	212	54	49	92	31	B	B	B	
Wiregrass Ranch High School	1,389	90	67	64	95	48	A	A	A	
Zephyrhills High School	9,194	425	31	33	87	23	C	D	F	
Top High Schools as of 2023-2024 Florida										
Pine View School	18	1	99	100	100	100	A	A	A	
Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy	41	2	89	80	100	98	A	A	A	
Westshore Junior/Senior High School	43	3	98	96	100	95	A	A	A	

*NOTE: blank cells indicate data not available or (in the case of rankings) indicate that the school was not qiualified 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.*

FL Dept. of Education County			
2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
90	91	90	91

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.
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 Graudation 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)
Comparing Ranking Data (proficiencies & college-ready index) with Florida DOE school grades	(see "District Grades" Excel file for county 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 proprietray 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.