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SUBJECT: **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES, 2017-18**

On December 19, 2018, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released Federal graduation rates for Florida and the 67 Florida school districts. State and district data are located online at the FDOE Education Information & Accountability Services Website:

<http://fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/GradRates1718.pdf>

Highlights from this data include:

- Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) achieved its highest graduation rate since Florida adopted the Federal Uniform Graduation Rate method in 2010-11.
- BCPS Federal graduation rate is **84.3% in 2017-18**, which is an increase of 3.3 percentage points from 81.0% in 2016-17.
- BCPS Strategic Plan graduation rate which includes traditional District high schools and center schools but excludes charter schools is 87.6 in 2017-18, which represents a more than six-percentage point increase from the baseline of 81.2 in 2014-15.
- BCPS traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of **95.1% in 2017-18**, which exceeded the 93.8% achieved in 2016-17.
- Black (79.4%, 4.4 percentage point increase from 2016-17), Hispanic (85.5%, 2.5 percentage point increase from 2016-17), and White (90.1%, 2.8 percentage point increase from 2016-17) students improved their graduation rates. **Black students registered a greater improvement in graduation rate, closing the gap with White students by 1.6 percentage points.**
- 31 of 35 traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of 90% or higher and 19 of these schools reached a graduation rate above 95%.
- **30 of 34 traditional District high schools improved or maintained their graduation rate** (Sheridan Technical High School did not have a graduation rate from the prior year).
- Piper High School increased its graduation rate by more than five percentage points for the second consecutive year. Atlantic Technical High, College Academy at Broward College, and Lauderhill 6-12 achieved graduation rates of 100% for the second consecutive year.
- Florida's Federal graduation rate is 86.1% in 2017-18, which is an increase of 3.8 percentage points from 82.3% in 2016-17.

Subsequent pages provide further detail and analysis including comparison of graduation rates for Florida's five largest districts, graduation rates for the major race/ethnicity groups served in BCPS, and graduation rates by school.

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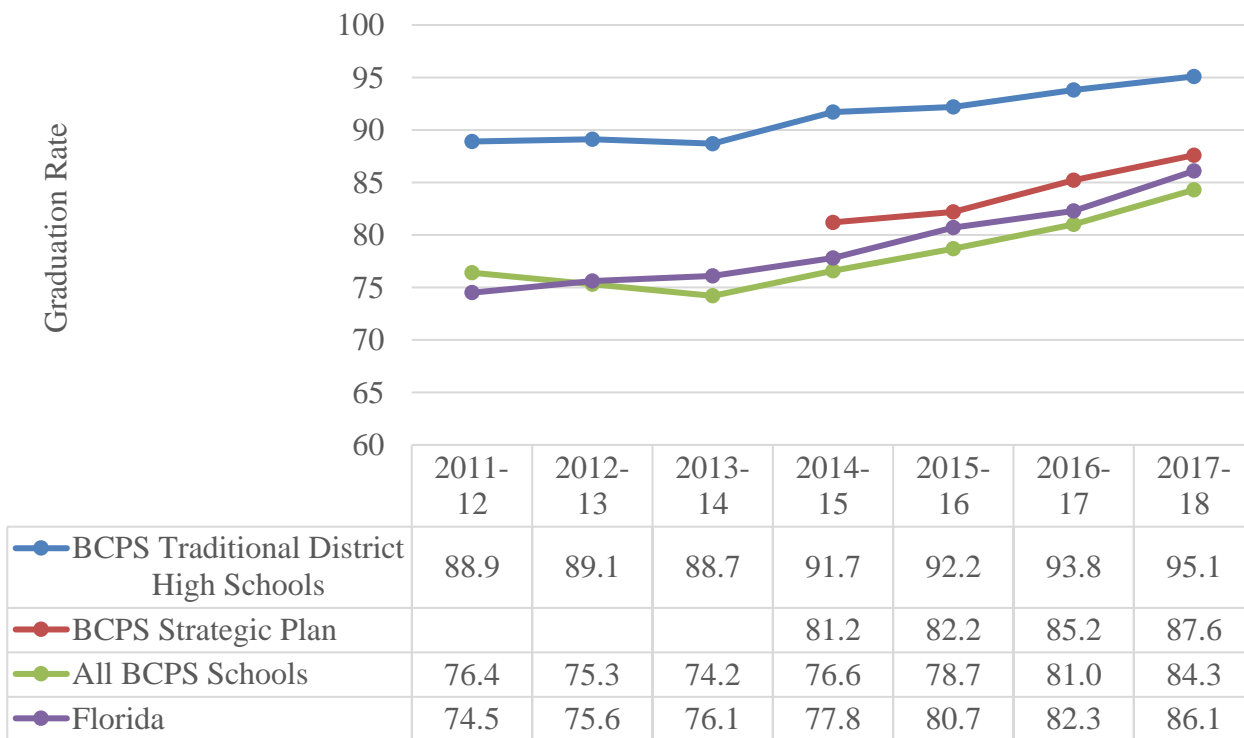
Table 1 displays the historical graduation rates for Florida’s five largest districts and the State overall. In 2017-18, Broward had a graduation rate of 84.3. All big five districts increased their graduation rates by over two percentage points including Broward which increased by 3.3 percentage points. Broward’s graduation rate has increased for the past five years from 74.2 in 2013-14 to 84.3 in 2017-18 representing a 10-percentage point increase.

Comparison of BCPS Federal Graduation Rates with Other Large Florida School Districts, 2011-12 through 2017-18

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Change 2016-17 to 2017-18
Broward	76.4	75.3	74.2	76.6	78.7	81.0	84.3	3.3
Hillsborough	72.6	74.1	73.5	76.0	79.1	82.9	85.8	2.9
Miami-Dade	76.0	77.2	76.6	78.1	80.4	80.7	85.4	4.7
Orange	73.9	75.9	74.6	77.6	81.3	84.7	88.9	4.2
Palm Beach	77.0	76.3	77.9	79.4	82.3	85.0	87.2	2.2
Florida	74.5	75.6	76.1	77.8	80.7	82.3	86.1	3.8

Figure 1 illustrates the seven-year historical graduation rates for BCPS traditional District high schools, BCPS Strategic Plan (including high schools and centers), BCPS overall (including high schools, centers and charter schools), and Florida. BCPS traditional District high schools achieved graduation rates that were consistently higher than the state, reaching 95.1% in 2017-18.

Figure 1. Historical Graduation Rates



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Table 2 shows the graduation rates for the major race/ethnicity groups served in BCPS. The graduation rate increased for all three groups; however, Black students showed a greater increase than did their peers. In 2017-18, the gap between Black and White students decreased by 1.6 percentage points and the gap between Hispanic and White students was stable.

Graduation Rates and Gaps by Major Race/Ethnicity Groups, 2011-12 and 2017-18

	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap
White	83.6	--	83.0	--	83.4	--	85.2	--	86.1	--	87.3	--	90.1	--
Black	68.2	15.4	66.2	16.8	63.9	19.5	67.3	17.9	70.6	15.5	75.0	12.3	79.4	10.7
Hispanic	78.4	5.2	78.3	4.7	77.9	5.5	80.0	5.2	81.3	4.8	83.0	4.3	85.5	4.6

Appendix A shows the graduation rates for BCPS schools from 2011-12 through 2017-18. Review of the appendix shows that **31 traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of 90% or higher.** Thirty of BCPS' traditional District high schools improved or maintained their graduation rate. For the second consecutive year, Piper High School increased its graduation rate by five percentage points, while Atlantic Technical High School, College Academy at Broward College, and Lauderhill 6-12 achieved graduation rates of 100%.

Appendix B shows the cohort size and graduation rates for the major race/ethnicity groups served in BCPS by school for the 2017-18 graduation cohort.

The Florida Department of Education issued data for each district and school through the PK-12 Education Information Portal at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/interactive-reporting/>.

BCPS District staff can view and interact with graduation data for the past six years through the Student Assessment and Research department's graduation dashboard available on the SharePoint link below. <https://browardcountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/Academics/TSD/SAR/Pages/dash-gradrate.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Director Richard Baum, Student Assessment & Research at (754) 321-2500. This memorandum and a school-by-school report can be accessed on the Student Assessment & Research Website at <https://www.browardschools.com/sar>.

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Appendix A Graduation Rates by School, 2011-12 through 2017-18

School Name	Graduation Cohort							Change from 2016-17 to 2017-18
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
District Overall	76.4	75.3	74.2	76.6	78.7	81.0	84.3	3.3
Traditional District High Schools								
Atlantic Technical High School	96.8	98.4	99.2	100	98.4	100	100	0.0
Blanche Ely High School	87.3	84.4	90.3	90.9	88.6	90.3	93.8	3.5
Boyd H. Anderson High School	78.3	84.3	79.5	91.3	92.0	91.8	94.3	2.5
Broward Virtual Franchise	84.7	91.5	92.4	95.3	96.9	100	98.6	-1.4
Charles W Flanagan High School	93.9	92.3	90.8	93.4	93.8	97.2	98.3	1.1
Coconut Creek High School	76.5	69.4	63.3	82.4	78.9	85.7	85.8	0.1
College Academy at Broward College	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0.0
Cooper City High School	95.2	94.7	91.2	93.8	95.8	95.0	95.8	0.8
Coral Glades High School	83.8	85.2	87.1	91.0	90.1	93.2	94.7	1.5
Coral Springs High School	87.3	89.5	88.4	89.6	86.8	94.4	97.0	2.6
Cypress Bay High School	96.8	94.7	94.9	97.0	97.7	96.9	97.9	1.0
Deerfield Beach High School	78.9	85.7	82.9	85.1	89.7	90.5	93.5	3.0
Dillard 6-12	91.0	90.6	85.9	93.7	88.6	91.7	94.1	2.4
Everglades High School	86.9	88.4	85.6	89.9	92.6	96.2	96.3	0.1
Fort Lauderdale High School	85.2	91.6	91.4	93.8	96.0	98.2	98.2	0.0
Hallandale High School	89.9	89.1	85.6	90.7	92.0	93.0	94.8	1.8
Hollywood Hills High School	78.0	76.4	88.1	90.4	92.5	93.5	97.8	4.3
J. P. Taravella High School	87.9	88.3	90.1	89.3	92.5	91.3	91.5	0.2
Lauderhill 6-12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	100	0.0
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School	95.3	94.4	94.3	94.3	95.9	97.2	98.2	1.0
McArthur High School	89.8	89.4	87.6	89.9	88.3	91.7	93.5	1.8
Miramar High School	90.4	90.1	86.5	91.8	91.0	92.3	94.3	2.0
Monarch High School	88.3	88.1	86.7	91.1	88.3	92.2	96.2	4.0
Northeast High School	92.9	92.4	85.1	85.1	82.3	83.3	85.4	2.1
Nova High School	94.9	94.5	94.3	95.1	98.2	96.7	96.3	-0.4
Piper High School	82.2	84.9	81.9	84.0	85.1	90.1	95.3	5.2
Plantation High School	88.9	84.7	88.7	90.3	92.3	92.8	93.9	1.1
Pompano Beach Institute of International Studies	99.7	99.3	100	100	100	98.9	99.3	0.4
Sheridan Technical High School	*	0.0	*	*	*	NA	100	
South Broward High School	84.1	80.8	79.6	86.5	92.2	92.9	89.4	-3.5
South Plantation High School	77.9	86.8	87.5	90.3	93.8	96.7	94.5	-2.2
Stranahan High School	84.2	86.6	89.5	85.7	89.7	86.8	88.5	1.7
West Broward High School	96.1	96.4	92.4	97.0	97.5	95.5	97.3	1.8
Western High School	89.8	89.3	89.7	94.7	91.7	94.2	94.7	0.5
William T. McFatter Technical High School	97.7	94.6	99.3	99.3	100	98.5	99.3	0.8

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School Name	Graduation Cohort							Change from 2016-17 to 2017-18
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Center Schools								
Bright Horizons	*	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	100	
Cross Creek School	16.7	26.7	38.9	36.4	50.0	40.0	36.8	-3.2
Cypress Run Alternative/ESE	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Dave Thomas Education Center West	8.2	12.3	10.2	17.6	20.3	27.8	33.3	5.5
Lanier-James Education Center	14.3	11.1	0.0	*	10.0	*	0	
Henry D Perry Educational Center	1.2	1.6	2.3	9.2	4.2	3.9	9.8	5.9
Seagull School	11.3	13.9	14.3	13.0	10.6	15.6	16.9	1.3
The Quest Center	0.0	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	*	
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	12.7	16.3	15.1	9.2	8.6	13.5	17.1	3.6
Whispering Pines Exceptional Education Center	4.2	16.0	18.4	10.5	14.3	26.1	20	-6.1
Wingate Oaks Center	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Charter Schools								
Academic Solutions Academy A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16.7	32.6	15.9
Academic Solutions High School	NA	NA	8.3	6.1	12.7	19.7	35.6	15.9
Ascend Career Academy	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25.0	37.1	12.1
Ben Gamla Charter High School	NA	NA	87.5	81.3	57.6	*	*	
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter High School	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	82.6	86.7	4.1
City Of Coral Springs Charter	97.5	98.4	98.9	99.5	99.1	99.1	100	0.9
City/Pembroke Pines Charter High School	96.4	99.3	92.9	99.3	99.8	97.8	99.3	1.5
Dolphin Park High	8.0	9.2	8.9	11.4	6.6	2.8	13.4	10.6
Flagler High	NA	NA	6.7	9.4	14.7	9.2	8.6	-0.6
IGeneration Empowerment Academy of Broward	NA	NA	*	61.5	NA	*	*	
International School of Broward	45.9	62.5	93.9	63.0	75.0	46.9	54.2	7.3
Lauderhill High	11.3	11.2	4.3	15.0	9.2	9.0	19.4	10.4
Sunrise High School	11.3	6.7	9.2	16.0	17.6	13.1	30	16.9
Andrews High School	9.2	11.3	5.2	4.9	5.0	31.3	32.5	1.2
Melrose High	NA	NA	4.3	9.7	9.4	11.4	8.4	-3.0
New Generation Preparatory High School of Performing Arts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*	*	
North University High	20.3	8.9	6.6	8.5	9.2	8.7	22.4	13.7
Pivot Charter School	NA	NA	42.4	41.7	79.2	46.7	*	
Somerset Academy Charter High School Miramar	92.3	76.2	79.2	85.1	98.4	96.6	100	3.4
Somerset Academy Charter High	94.5	96.4	95.0	98.7	98.9	100	99.6	-0.4
Somerset Academy Key Charter High School	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*	92.3	
Somerset Arts Conservatory	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0.0
Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High at North Lauderdale	NA	*	75.5	78.0	96.4	97.2	98.3	1.1
Suned High School	NA	0.6	7.9	5.9	5.6	6.3	7.5	1.2
Suned High School of North Broward	NA	NA	NA	7.2	11.5	7.5	10.9	3.4

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Graduation Cohort Counts and Rates for White, Black, and Hispanic Students by School, 2017-18

School Name	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
Atlantic Technical High	126	126	100	14	14	100	55	55	100	40	40	100
Blanche Ely High School	416	390	93.8	13	12	92.3	354	337	95.2	37	31	83.8
Boyd H. Anderson High School	369	348	94.3	*	*	*	340	321	94.4	17	16	94.1
Broward Virtual Franchise	69	68	98.6	39	38	97.4	*	*	*	19	19	100
Charles W Flanagan High School	715	703	98.3	112	112	100	218	215	98.6	340	332	97.6
Coconut Creek High School	365	313	85.8	16	12	75	284	246	86.6	55	47	85.5
College Academy at Broward College	169	169	100	49	49	100	45	45	100	50	50	100
Cooper City High School	572	548	95.8	303	294	97	34	31	91.2	171	160	93.6
Coral Glades High School	605	573	94.7	190	185	97.4	205	190	92.7	172	160	93
Coral Springs High School	632	613	97	157	155	98.7	266	258	97	151	145	96
Cypress Bay High School	1,171	1,146	97.9	381	373	97.9	47	47	100	662	649	98
Deerfield Beach High School	553	517	93.5	93	88	94.6	287	269	93.7	144	134	93.1
Dillard 6-12	392	369	94.1	11	11	100	354	332	93.8	20	19	95
Everglades High School	654	630	96.3	46	44	95.7	251	237	94.4	286	279	97.6
Fort Lauderdale High School	454	446	98.2	140	138	98.6	224	222	99.1	64	60	93.8
Hallandale High School	307	291	94.8	22	20	90.9	216	205	94.9	64	61	95.3
Hollywood Hills High School	459	449	97.8	113	111	98.2	111	106	95.5	207	205	99
J. P. Taravella High School	670	613	91.5	186	175	94.1	210	191	91	218	194	89
Lauderhill 6-12	15	15	100	*	*	*	12	12	100	*	*	*
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School	786	772	98.2	471	462	98.1	93	90	96.8	152	150	98.7
McArthur High School	536	501	93.5	65	58	89.2	150	143	95.3	285	265	93
Miramar High School	579	546	94.3	12	12	100	460	431	93.7	70	68	97.1
Monarch High School	524	504	96.2	196	195	99.5	107	97	90.7	180	173	96.1
Northeast High School	377	322	85.4	79	62	78.5	164	143	87.2	114	98	86
Nova High School	513	494	96.3	83	80	96.4	287	276	96.2	99	94	94.9
Piper High School	559	533	95.3	71	68	95.8	368	350	95.1	85	80	94.1
Plantation High School	557	523	93.9	61	57	93.4	378	357	94.4	79	71	89.9
Pompano Beach Institute of International Studies	288	286	99.3	134	133	99.3	60	60	100	68	67	98.5
Sheridan Technical High	89	89	100	27	27	100	36	36	100	19	19	100
South Broward High School	481	430	89.4	132	121	91.7	156	138	88.5	170	149	87.6
South Plantation High School	469	443	94.5	123	120	97.6	176	167	94.9	139	126	90.6
Stranahan High School	269	238	88.5	23	18	78.3	181	167	92.3	51	41	80.4
West Broward High School	637	620	97.3	175	171	97.7	85	83	97.6	329	318	96.7
Western High School	673	637	94.7	277	265	95.7	63	60	95.2	292	273	93.5
William T. McFatter Technical High	140	139	99.3	40	39	97.5	25	25	100	69	69	100

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	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
Bright Horizons	12	12	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cross Creek School	19	7	36.8	10	2	20	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cypress Run Alternative/Ese Dave Thomas Education Center West	297	99	33.3	23	7	30.4	203	68	33.5	63	20	31.7
Lanier-James Education Center	12	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Henry D Perry Educational Center	907	89	9.8	146	14	9.6	404	43	10.6	325	29	8.9
Seagull School	118	20	16.9	*	*	*	95	20	21.1	15	0	0
The Quest Center	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	315	54	17.1	24	4	16.7	237	40	16.9	44	10	22.7
Whispering Pines Exceptional Education Center	25	5	20	*	*	*	10	1	10	11	3	27.3
Wingate Oaks Center Academic Solutions Academy A	46	15	32.6	*	*	*	28	9	32.1	12	5	41.7
Academic Solutions High School	87	31	35.6	14	6	42.9	47	13	27.7	20	9	45
Ascend Career Academy	62	23	37.1	13	7	53.8	29	6	20.7	18	9	50
Ben Gamla Charter High School	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter High School	45	39	86.7	31	28	90.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
City Of Coral Springs Charter City/Pembroke Pines Charter High School	237	237	100	102	102	100	34	34	100	88	88	100
Dolphin Park High	404	401	99.3	97	97	100	105	104	99	171	170	99.4
Flagler High	112	15	13.4	14	2	14.3	65	8	12.3	29	2	6.9
Flagler High	70	6	8.6	14	1	7.1	26	4	15.4	24	0	0
IGeneration Empowerment Academy of Broward International School of Broward	24	13	54.2	*	*	*	13	7	53.8	*	*	*
Lauderhill High	72	14	19.4	*	*	*	64	12	18.8	*	*	*
Sunrise High School	130	39	30	*	*	*	115	33	28.7	*	*	*
Andrews High School	77	25	32.5	13	6	46.2	38	10	26.3	25	9	36
Melrose High	83	7	8.4	11	3	27.3	29	2	6.9	40	2	5
New Generation Preparatory High School of Performing Arts	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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School Name	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
North University High	107	24	22.4	*	*	*	70	15	21.4	26	8	30.8
Pivot Charter School	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Somerset Academy Charter High School Miramar	52	52	100	*	*	*	43	43	100	*	*	*
Somerset Academy Charter High	231	230	99.6	25	25	100	38	38	100	157	156	99.4
Somerset Academy Key Charter High School	13	12	92.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Somerset Arts Conservatory	22	22	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	11	100
Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High at North Lauderdale	59	58	98.3	*	*	*	37	36	97.3	15	15	100
Suned High School	120	9	7.5	*	*	*	84	6	7.1	21	2	9.5
Suned High School of North Broward	147	16	10.9	36	3	8.3	58	10	17.2	44	3	6.8

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