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DATE: January 9, 2020
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SUBJECT: **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES, 2018-19**

On January 9, 2020, 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/GradRates1819.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 **86.2% in 2018-19**, which is an increase of 1.9 percentage points from 84.3% in 2017-18.
- BCPS Strategic Plan graduation rate which includes traditional District high schools and center schools but excludes charter schools is 88.2 in 2018-19, which represents a seven percentage point increase from the baseline of 81.2 in 2014-15.
- BCPS traditional District high schools maintained the graduation rate of **95.1% in 2018-19** for the second straight year.
- Black (81.6%, 2.2 percentage point increase from 2017-18), Hispanic (86.9%, 1.4 percentage point increase from 2017-18), and White (91.6%, 1.5 percentage point increase from 2017-18) students improved their graduation rates. **Black students registered a greater improvement in graduation rate, closing the gap with White students by almost one percentage point.**
- The graduation rate gap between Free/reduced Price Lunch (FRL) and Non-FRL students narrowed to 8.7 percentage points and the gap for students with disabilities (SWD) and Non-SWD students narrowed to 4.2 percentage points.
- 33 of 35 traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of 90% or higher and 17 of these schools reached a graduation rate at or above 95%.
- South Broward High School increased its graduation rate by five percentage points.
- Sheridan Technical High achieved a graduation rate of 100% in 2018-19 and Atlantic Technical High and College Academy at Broward College achieved graduation rates of 100% for the third consecutive year.
- Florida's Federal graduation rate is 86.9% in 2018-19, which is an increase of 0.8 percentage points from 86.1% in 2017-18.

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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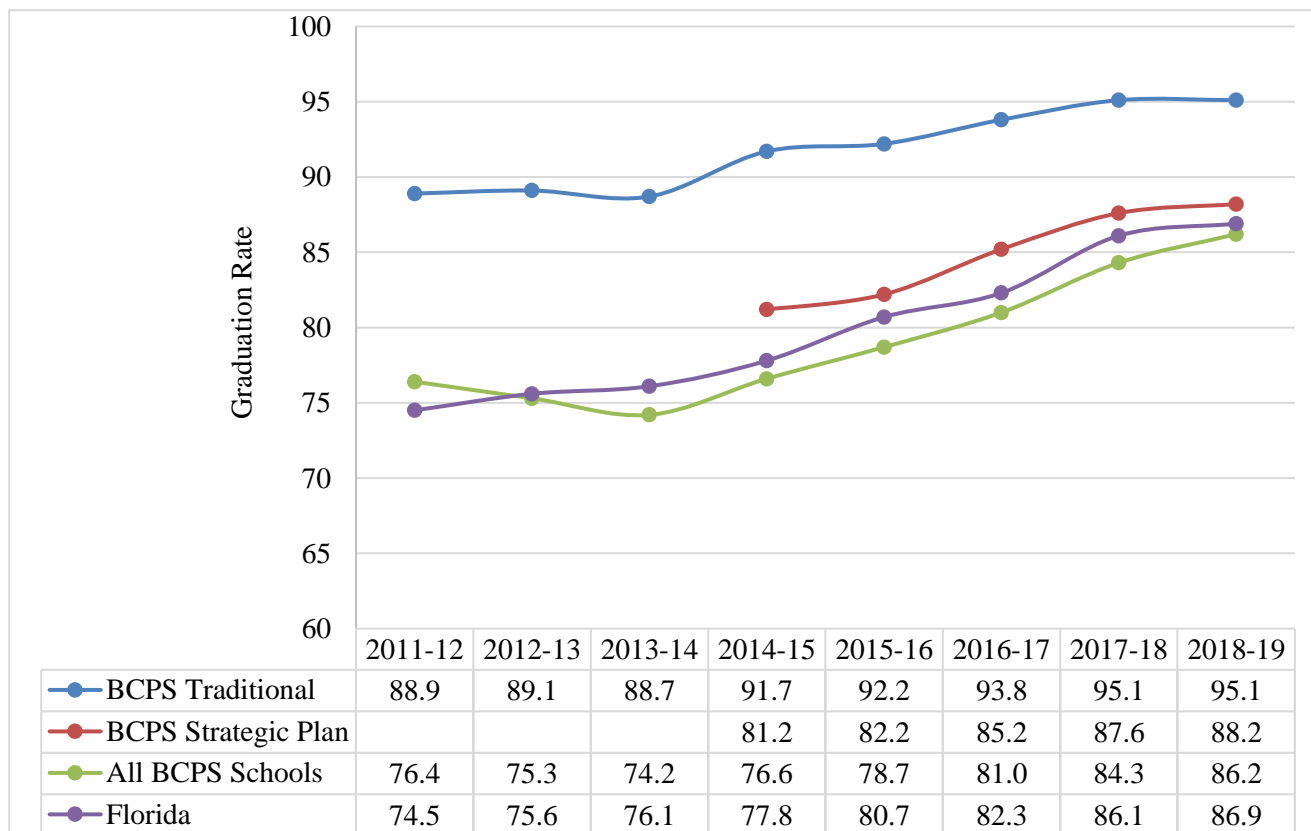
Table 1 displays the historical graduation rates for Florida’s five largest districts and the State overall. In 2018-19, Broward had a graduation rate of 86.2. Broward was the only district of the big five districts to increase their graduation rate by one or more percentage points. For the past five years Broward’s graduation rate has increased (from 74.2 in 2013-14 to 86.2 in 2018-19) representing a 12 percentage point increase.

Comparison of BCPS Federal Graduation Rates with Other Large Florida School Districts and the State Overall, 2011-12 through 2018-19

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Change 2017-18 to 2018-19
Broward	76.4	75.3	74.2	76.6	78.7	81.0	84.3	86.2	1.9
Hillsborough	72.6	74.1	73.5	76.0	79.1	82.9	85.8	86.2	0.4
Miami-Dade	76.0	77.2	76.6	78.1	80.4	80.7	85.4	85.6	0.2
Orange	73.9	75.9	74.6	77.6	81.3	84.7	88.9	88.4	-0.5
Palm Beach	77.0	76.3	77.9	79.4	82.3	85.0	87.2	87.1	-0.1
Florida	74.5	75.6	76.1	77.8	80.7	82.3	86.1	86.9	0.8

Figure 1 illustrates the eight-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 2018-19.

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 2018-19, the gap between Black and White students narrowed by almost one percentage point (0.7) and the gap between Hispanic and White students showed a slight increase by 0.1 percentage point.

Graduation Rates and Gaps by Major Race/Ethnicity Groups, 2011-12 and 2018-19

	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	Rate	Gap	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	--	91.6	--
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	81.6	10.0
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	86.9	4.7

Table 3 shows the graduation rates by special category groups served in BCPS. The graduation rate increased by 2.4 percentage points for students who are eligible for FRL and increased 7.1 percentage points for students with disabilities SWD but decreased slightly for English Language Learner (ELL) students from 2017-18 to 2018-19. The graduation rate for SWD students increased by more than 30 percentage points from 2011-12 to 2018-19.

The graduation rate gap between FRL and Non-FRL students narrowed to 8.7 percentage points and the gap for SWD and Non-SWD students narrowed to 4.2 percentage points. The graduation rate gap between ELL and Non-ELL students widened by 2.5 percentage points to 13.6.

Graduation Rates and Gaps by Special Category Groups, 2011-12 and 2018-19

	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap
Non-FRL	82.4	--	81.9	--	81.6	--	83.1	--	84.2	--	86.7	--	90.2	--	91.2	--
FRL	68.0	14.4	68.2	13.7	66.8	14.8	70.7	12.4	73.6	10.6	76.6	10.1	80.1	10.1	82.5	8.7
Non-SWD	78.5	--	77.5	--	76.3	--	78.8	--	80.8	--	82.8	--	85.3	--	86.6	--
SWD	51.6	26.9	52.8	24.7	52.5	23.8	55.0	23.8	58.4	22.4	63.8	19.0	75.3	10.0	82.4	4.2
Non-ELL	77.9	--	76.6	--	75.9	--	78.2	--	80.2	--	82.4	--	85.4	--	87.6	--
ELL	63.9	14.0	63.1	13.5	57.7	18.2	59.7	18.5	63.6	16.6	68.2	14.2	74.3	11.1	74.0	13.6

Appendix A shows the graduation rates for BCPS schools from 2011-12 through 2018-19. Review of the appendix shows that **33 traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of 90% or higher.** South Broward High School increased its graduation rate by five percentage points. Atlantic Technical High School and College Academy at Broward College achieved graduation rates of 100% for the third consecutive year.

Appendix B shows the cohort size and graduation rates for the major race/ethnicity groups served in BCPS by school for the 2018-19 graduation cohort.

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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 2018-19

School Name	Graduation Cohort								Change from 2017-18 to 2018-19
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
District Overall	76.4	75.3	74.2	76.6	78.7	81	84.3	86.2	1.9
Traditional District High Schools									
Atlantic Technical High School	96.8	98.4	99.2	100	98.4	100	100	100	0.0
Blanche Ely High School	87.3	84.4	90.3	90.9	88.6	90.3	93.8	93.5	-0.3
Boyd H. Anderson High School	78.3	84.3	79.5	91.3	92.0	91.8	94.3	92.6	-1.7
Broward Virtual Franchise	84.7	91.5	92.4	95.3	96.9	100	98.6	98.3	-0.3
Charles W Flanagan High School	93.9	92.3	90.8	93.4	93.8	97.2	98.3	95.0	-3.3
Coconut Creek High School	76.5	69.4	63.3	82.4	78.9	85.7	85.8	86.5	0.7
College Academy at Broward College	100	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	98.2	2.4
Coral Glades High School	83.8	85.2	87.1	91.0	90.1	93.2	94.7	93.9	-0.8
Coral Springs High School	87.3	89.5	88.4	89.6	86.8	94.4	97.0	97.2	0.2
Cypress Bay High School	96.8	94.7	94.9	97.0	97.7	96.9	97.9	99.0	1.1
Deerfield Beach High School	78.9	85.7	82.9	85.1	89.7	90.5	93.5	92.9	-0.6
Dillard 6-12	91.0	90.6	85.9	93.7	88.6	91.7	94.1	94.0	-0.1
Everglades High School	86.9	88.4	85.6	89.9	92.6	96.2	96.3	96.7	0.4
Fort Lauderdale High School	85.2	91.6	91.4	93.8	96.0	98.2	98.2	98.5	0.3
Hallandale High School	89.9	89.1	85.6	90.7	92.0	93.0	94.8	92.7	-2.1
Hollywood Hills High School	78.0	76.4	88.1	90.4	92.5	93.5	97.8	93.9	-3.9
J. P. Taravella High School	87.9	88.3	90.1	89.3	92.5	91.3	91.5	92.2	0.7
Lauderhill 6-12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	100	97.0	-3.0
Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS	95.3	94.4	94.3	94.3	95.9	97.2	98.2	97.9	-0.3
McArthur High School	89.8	89.4	87.6	89.9	88.3	91.7	93.5	92.6	-0.9
Miramar High School	90.4	90.1	86.5	91.8	91.0	92.3	94.3	92.9	-1.4
Monarch High School	88.3	88.1	86.7	91.1	88.3	92.2	96.2	91.8	-4.4
Northeast High School	92.9	92.4	85.1	85.1	82.3	83.3	85.4	83.0	-2.4
Nova High School	94.9	94.5	94.3	95.1	98.2	96.7	96.3	98.0	1.7
Piper High School	82.2	84.9	81.9	84.0	85.1	90.1	95.3	94.3	-1.0
Plantation High School	88.9	84.7	88.7	90.3	92.3	92.8	93.9	93.2	-0.7
Pompano Beach Institute HS	99.7	99.3	100	100	100	98.9	99.3	99.6	0.3
Sheridan Technical High School	*	0	*	*	*	NA	100	100	0.0
South Broward High School	84.1	80.8	79.6	86.5	92.2	92.9	89.4	94.4	5.0
South Plantation High School	77.9	86.8	87.5	90.3	93.8	96.7	94.5	95.3	0.8
Stranahan High School	84.2	86.6	89.5	85.7	89.7	86.8	88.5	92.6	4.1
West Broward High School	96.1	96.4	92.4	97.0	97.5	95.5	97.3	98.2	0.9
Western High School	89.8	89.3	89.7	94.7	91.7	94.2	94.7	94.9	0.2
William T. McFatter Tech HS	97.7	94.6	99.3	99.3	100	98.5	99.3	99.3	0.0

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School Name	Graduation Cohort								Change from 2017-18 to 2018-19
	2011 -12	2012 -13	2013 -14	2014 -15	2015 -16	2016 -17	2017 -18	2018 -19	
Center Schools									
Bright Horizons	*	0	0	*	0	*	100	100	0
Cross Creek School	16.7	26.7	38.9	36.4	50.0	40.0	36.8	55.6	18.8
Cypress Run Alternative/ESE	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Dave Thomas Education Center West	8.2	12.3	10.2	17.6	20.3	27.8	33.3	42.3	9.0
Lanier-James Education Center	14.3	11.1	0	*	10.0	*	0	6.7	6.7
Henry D Perry Educational Center	1.2	1.6	2.3	9.2	4.2	3.9	9.8	13.7	3.9
Seagull School	11.3	13.9	14.3	13.0	10.6	15.6	16.9	23.2	6.3
The Quest Center	0	*	0	*	0	0	*	80.0	
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	12.7	16.3	15.1	9.2	8.6	13.5	17.1	23.8	6.7
Whispering Pines Exceptional Ed Center	4.2	16.0	18.4	10.5	14.3	26.1	20.0	54.5	34.5
Wingate Oaks Center	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Charter Schools									
Academic Solutions Academy A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16.7	32.6	16.2	-16.4
Academic Solutions High School	NA	NA	8.3	6.1	12.7	19.7	35.6	30.8	-4.8
Ascend Career Academy	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25.0	37.1	34.2	-2.9
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter HS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	82.6	86.7	91.1	4.4
City Of Coral Springs Charter	97.5	98.4	98.9	99.5	99.1	99.1	100	99.5	-0.5
City/Pembroke Pines Charter HS	96.4	99.3	92.9	99.3	99.8	97.8	99.3	99.8	0.5
Dolphin Park High	8.0	9.2	8.9	11.4	6.6	2.8	13.4	11.1	-2.3
Flagler High	NA	NA	6.7	9.4	14.7	9.2	8.6	*	
Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines HS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	84.5	
International School of Broward	45.9	62.5	93.9	63.0	75.0	46.9	54.2	68.0	13.8
Lauderhill High	11.3	11.2	4.3	15.0	9.2	9.0	19.4	5.6	-13.8
Sunrise High School	11.3	6.7	9.2	16.0	17.6	13.1	30.0	39.3	9.3
Andrews High School	9.2	11.3	5.2	4.9	5.0	31.3	32.5	29.8	-2.7
Melrose High	NA	NA	4.3	9.7	9.4	11.4	8.4	4.2	-4.2
North University High	20.3	8.9	6.6	8.5	9.2	8.7	22.4	5.6	-16.8
Somerset Academy Charter HS Miramar	92.3	76.2	79.2	85.1	98.4	96.6	100	100	0
Somerset Academy Charter High	94.5	96.4	95	98.7	98.9	100	99.6	99.1	-0.5
Somerset Academy Key Charter HS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*	92.3	83.9	-8.4
Somerset Arts Conservatory	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0
Somerset Prep Academy at North Lauderdale	NA	*	75.5	78.0	96.4	97.2	98.3	100	1.7
Suned High School of North Broward	NA	NA	NA	7.2	11.5	7.5	10.9	14.0	3.1
Sunfire High School (formerly Suned HS)	NA	0.6	7.9	5.9	5.6	6.3	7.5	12.8	5.3

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Appendix B Graduation Cohort Counts and Rates for White, Black, and Hispanic Students by School, 2018-19

School Name	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
Atlantic Technical High School	130	130	100	21	21	100	62	62	100	33	33	100
Blanche Ely High School	414	387	93.5	14	12	85.7	345	329	95.4	51	43	84.3
Boyd H. Anderson High School	340	315	92.6	*	*	*	313	290	92.7	20	19	95.0
Broward Virtual Franchise	117	115	98.3	67	66	98.5	*	*	*	32	31	96.9
Charles W Flanagan High School	620	589	95.0	82	81	98.8	212	203	95.8	288	268	93.1
Coconut Creek High School	288	249	86.5	14	11	78.6	216	189	87.5	41	34	82.9
College Academy at Broward College	225	225	100	72	72	100	45	45	100	76	76	100
Cooper City High School	551	541	98.2	277	272	98.2	47	47	100	169	166	98.2
Coral Glades High School	558	524	93.9	139	135	97.1	173	162	93.6	204	186	91.2
Coral Springs High School	676	657	97.2	124	123	99.2	293	282	96.2	200	194	97.0
Cypress Bay High School	1150	1138	99.0	338	337	99.7	51	50	98.0	689	679	98.5
Deerfield Beach High School	577	536	92.9	110	103	93.6	310	287	92.6	122	111	91.0
Dillard 6-12	364	342	94.0	*	*	*	324	303	93.5	24	23	95.8
Everglades High School	574	555	96.7	57	56	98.2	217	207	95.4	240	233	97.1
Fort Lauderdale High School	476	469	98.5	133	131	98.5	233	229	98.3	78	77	98.7
Hallandale High School	259	240	92.7	22	21	95.5	170	157	92.4	61	56	91.8
Hollywood Hills High School	396	372	93.9	73	68	93.2	99	91	91.9	199	189	95.0
J. P. Taravella High School	728	671	92.2	171	156	91.2	265	249	94.0	220	197	89.5
Lauderhill 6-12	33	32	97.0				33	32	97.0			
Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS	846	828	97.9	447	441	98.7	81	80	98.8	229	218	95.2
McArthur High School	486	450	92.6	51	47	92.2	161	155	96.3	240	219	91.3
Miramar High School	632	587	92.9	18	18	100	485	447	92.2	86	79	91.9
Monarch High School	512	470	91.8	174	162	93.1	98	90	91.8	199	178	89.4
Northeast High School	383	318	83.0	56	50	89.3	136	117	86.0	176	140	79.5
Nova High School	501	491	98.0	92	91	98.9	240	235	97.9	123	119	96.7
Piper High School	565	533	94.3	59	58	98.3	402	375	93.3	70	67	95.7
Plantation High School	484	451	93.2	36	33	91.7	345	321	93.0	72	66	91.7
Pompano Beach Institute HS	281	280	99.6	138	137	99.3	60	60	100	56	56	100
Sheridan Technical High School	116	116	100	24	24	100	46	46	100	41	41	100
South Broward High School	482	455	94.4	117	110	94.0	116	110	94.8	211	198	93.8
South Plantation High School	507	483	95.3	135	133	98.5	184	172	93.5	156	146	93.6
Stranahan High School	310	287	92.6	11	10	90.9	220	206	93.6	58	51	87.9
West Broward High School	705	692	98.2	172	170	98.8	87	87	100	366	356	97.3
Western High School	779	739	94.9	319	308	96.6	48	45	93.8	367	342	93.2
William T. McFatter Tech HS	140	139	99.3	33	33	100	21	21	100	71	71	100

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School Name	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
Bright Horizons	11	11	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cross Creek School	18	10	55.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cypress Run Alternative/ESE	11	0	0				*	*	*	*	*	*
Dave Thomas Education Center West	279	118	42.3	27	14	51.9	177	71	40.1	65	27	41.5
Hallandale Adult & Community Center	16	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Henry D Perry Educational Center	930	127	13.7	145	24	16.6	423	61	14.4	320	35	10.9
Lanier-James Education Center	15	1	6.7	*	*	*	11	0	0	*	*	*
Seagull School	82	19	23.2	*	*	*	64	17	26.6	13	2	15.4
The Quest Center	10	8	80.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	281	67	23.8	16	3	18.8	217	57	26.3	45	7	15.6
Whispering Pines Exceptional Ed Center	33	18	54.5	12	9	75.0	14	6	42.9	*	*	*
Academic Solutions Academy A	68	11	16.2	*	*	*	44	7	15.9	16	2	12.5
Academic Solutions High School	65	20	30.8	11	4	36.4	31	7	22.6	17	6	35.3
Andrews High School	47	14	29.8	*	*	*	26	6	23.1	16	6	37.5
Ascend Career Academy	111	38	34.2	20	10	50.0	61	19	31.1	26	8	30.8
City/Pembroke Pines Charter HS	424	423	99.8	96	96	100	91	91	100	196	195	99.5
City Of Coral Springs Charter	203	202	99.5	87	87	100	31	31	100	69	68	98.6
Dolphin Park High	27	3	11.1	*	*	*	13	2	15.4	10	0	0
Flagler High	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines HS	84	71	84.5	*	*	*	10	9	90.0	64	54	84.4
International School of Broward	25	17	68.0	*	*	*	11	8	72.7	*	*	*
Lauderhill High	18	1	5.6				14	0	0	*	*	*
Melrose High	24	1	4.2	*	*	*	10	0	0	10	1	10.0
North University High	18	1	5.6	*	*	*	12	0	0	*	*	*
Somerset Arts Conservatory	33	33	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	19	19	100
Somerset Academy Charter HS Miramar	63	63	100				55	55	100	*	*	*
Somerset Academy Charter High	217	215	99.1	16	16	100	37	37	100	146	144	98.6
Somerset Academy Key Charter HS	31	26	83.9	12	10	83.3	*	*	*	12	11	91.7
Somerset Preparatory Academy at North Lauderdale	56	56	100	*	*	*	41	41	100	12	12	100
Suned High School of North Broward	150	21	14.0	25	2	8.0	71	9	12.7	40	8	20.0
Sunfire High School (formerly Suned HS)	109	14	12.8	16	0	0	73	12	16.4	18	2	11.1
Sunrise High School	122	48	39.3	*	*	*	110	44	40.0	*	*	*
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter High School	79	72	91.1	38	32	84.2	13	13	100	25	24	96.0

*too few students in cohort to report a graduation rate