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SUBJECT: 2020 – 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

On January 4, 2022, 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:

<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/GradRates2021.pdf>

The Chancellor of Public Schools, Jacob Oliva provided the following narrative related to the 2020-21 graduation rate, “Florida’s high school graduation rate increased by 0.1 percentage points over the last year and has increased significantly during the past eighteen years. The rate rose from 59.2 percent in 2003-04 to 90.1 percent in 2020-21, which is a 30.9 percentage-point increase. When comparing the 2019-20 and 2020-21 graduation rate to prior years, it is important to note that pursuant to Florida Department of Education Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-1 and Florida Department of Education Emergency Order No. 2021-EO-02, students in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 graduating classes were exempt from statewide, standardized assessment requirements stipulated in s. 1003.4282, F.S. Approximately 8.5% of the 2020-21 graduating class graduated with this exemption, and 7.1% of the 2019-20 graduating class graduated with this exemption.” In Broward, 9.9% (1,864 out of 18,909) of the 2020-21 graduating class received a standard diploma as a result of this exemption, and 8.5% (1,672 out of 19,780) of the 2019-20 graduating class.

Highlights from this data include:

- Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) maintained a graduation rate greater than 89% for the second consecutive year.
- BCPS Federal graduation rate is **89.1% in 2020-21**, which is a slight decrease of 0.3 percentage points from 89.4% in 2020-21.
- Black (86.6%, 0.1 percentage point increase from 2019-20) and White (92.7%, 0.3 percentage point increase from 2019-20) students improved their graduation rates. Hispanic rate decreased by 0.9 percentage points to 89.1% from 90.0% in 2019-20.
- The graduation rate gap between **English Language Learner (ELL) and Non-ELL students narrowed by 0.3 percentage points to 2.5.**

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- 35 of 36 traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of 90% or higher and 27 of these schools reached a graduation rate at or above 95%.
- Eight District high schools earned 100% graduation rates: Atlantic Technical High School, Broward Virtual Franchise, College Academy at Broward College, Lauderhill 6-12, Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy, Pompano Beach High School, Sheridan Technical High School, and William T. McFatter Technical High School. College Academy at Broward College achieved a graduation rate of 100% for the tenth consecutive year.
- Hollywood Hills High School increased its graduation rate by 2.8 percentage points and South Broward High School increased its graduation rate by 2.6 percentage points.
- Florida's Federal graduation rate is 90.1% in 2020-21, which is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from 90.0% in 2019-20.

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.

Table 1 displays the historical graduation rates for Florida's five largest districts and the State overall. In 2020-21, Broward had a graduation rate of 89.1. For the second consecutive year Broward's graduation rate is above 89%.

Table 1. Comparison of BCPS Federal Graduation Rates with Other Large Florida School Districts and the State Overall, 2016-17 through 2020-21

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Change 2019-20 to 2020-21
Broward	81.0	84.3	86.2	89.4	89.1	-0.3
Hillsborough	82.9	85.8	86.2	88.8	89.2	0.4
Miami-Dade	80.7	85.4	85.6	89.6	90.1	0.5
Orange	84.7	88.9	88.4	90.4	90.4	0.0
Palm Beach	85.0	87.2	87.1	90.2	91.0	0.8
Florida	82.3	86.1	86.9	90.0	90.1	0.1

Figure 1 illustrates the ten-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 96.6% in 2020-21.

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Figure 1. Historical Graduation Rates

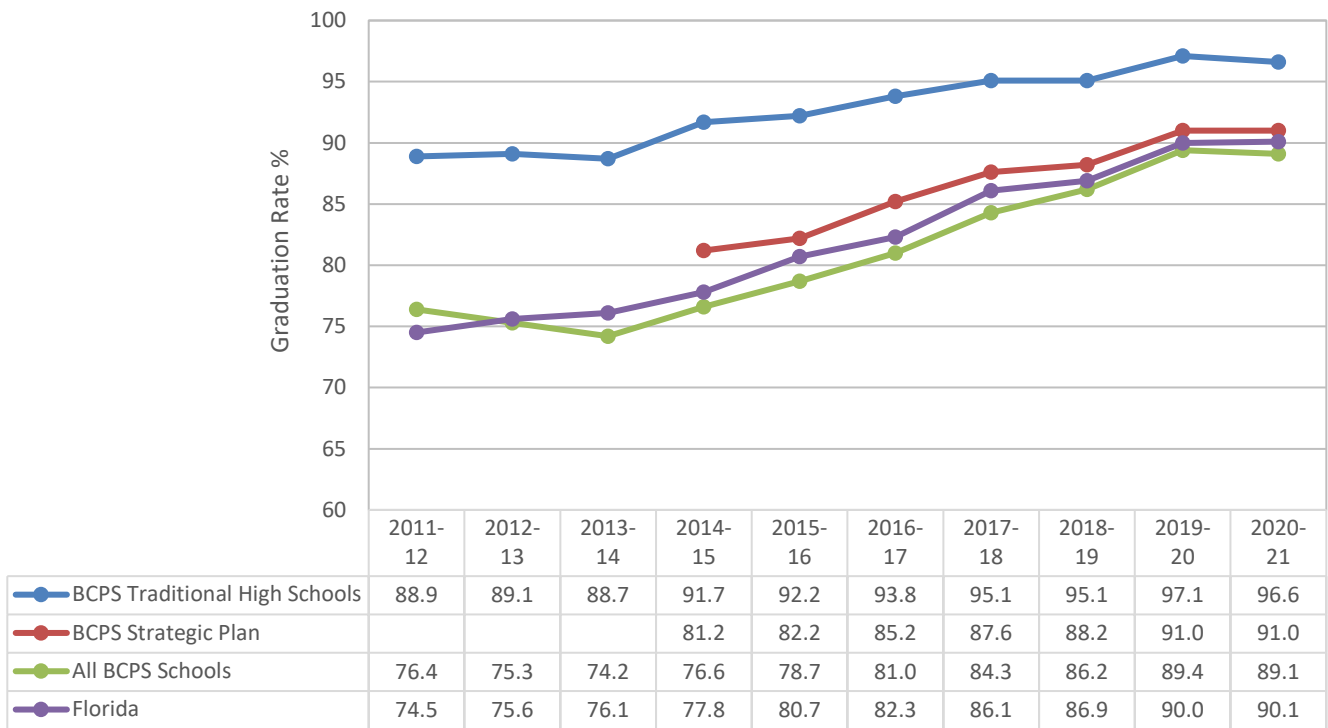


Table 2 shows the graduation rates for the major race/ethnicity groups served in BCPS. The graduation rate increased for Black students and White students. In 2020-21, the gap between Black and White students grew slightly by 0.2 percentage points and the gap between Hispanic and White students also increased by 1.2 percentage points compared to 2019-20.

Table 2. Graduation Rates and Gaps by Major Race/Ethnicity Groups, 2016-17 and 2020-21

	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap
White	87.3	--	90.1	--	91.6	--	92.4	--	92.7	--
Black	75.0	12.3	79.4	10.7	81.6	10.0	86.5	5.9	86.6	6.1
Hispanic	83.0	4.3	85.5	4.6	86.9	4.7	90.0	2.4	89.1	3.6

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Table 3 shows the graduation rates by special category groups served in BCPS. The graduation rate decreased in all three category groups FRL, SWD, and ELL. Students with Disabilities showed the largest decrease in graduation rate down 2.2 percentage points from 2019-20.

The graduation rate gap between FRL and Non-FRL students increased to 7.6 percentage points up 1.3 percentage points from 2019-20. The gap for SWD and Non-SWD students widened to 8.5 percentage points. The graduation rate gap between ELL and Non-ELL students decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 2.5.

Table 3. Graduation Rates and Gaps by Special Category Groups, 2016-17 and 2020-21

	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap
Non-FRL	86.7	--	90.2	--	91.2	--	93.1	--	94.1	--
FRL	76.6	10.1	80.1	10.1	82.5	8.7	86.8	6.3	86.5	7.6
Non-SWD	82.8	--	85.3	--	86.6	--	90.0	--	90.1	--
SWD	63.8	19.0	75.3	10.0	82.4	4.2	83.8	6.2	81.6	8.5
Non-ELL	82.4	--	85.4	--	87.6	--	89.7	--	88.0	--
ELL	68.2	14.2	74.3	11.1	74.0	13.6	86.9	2.8	85.5	2.5

Appendix A shows the graduation rates for BCPS schools from 2016-17 through 2020-21. Review of the appendix shows that **35 of 36 traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of 90% or higher.** Hollywood Hills High School increased its graduation rate by 2.8 percentage points and South Broward High School increased its graduation rate by 2.6 percentage points. College Academy at Broward College achieved graduation rate of 100% for the sixth consecutive year.

Appendix B shows the cohort size and graduation rates for the major race/ethnicity groups served in BCPS by school for the 2020-21 graduation cohort.

Appendix C shows the historical graduation rates for 2011-12 through 2020-21 for BCPS by schools.

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 Richard Baum, Director, 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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School Name	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Change from 2019-20 to 2020-21
District Overall	81	84.3	86.2	89.4	89.1	-0.3
Traditional District High Schools						
Atlantic Technical High School	100	100	100	99.3	100	0.7
Blanche Ely High School	90.3	93.8	93.5	92.7	91.3	-1.4
Boyd H. Anderson High School	91.8	94.3	92.6	96.2	93.2	-3
Broward Virtual Franchise	100	98.6	98.3	97.7	100	2.3
Charles W Flanagan High School	97.2	98.3	95	98.6	98.3	-0.3
Coconut Creek High School	85.7	85.8	86.5	93.5	92.2	-1.3
College Academy at Broward College	100	100	100	100	100	0
Cooper City High School	95	95.8	98.2	98.3	96.8	-1.5
Coral Glades High School	93.2	94.7	93.9	93.4	92.9	-0.5
Coral Springs High School	94.4	97	97.2	98.5	97.2	-1.3
Cypress Bay High School	96.9	97.9	99	98.1	98.2	0.1
Deerfield Beach High School	90.5	93.5	92.9	98.6	97	-1.6
Dillard 6-12	91.7	94.1	94	97.1	94.7	-2.4
Everglades High School	96.2	96.3	96.7	98.6	97.9	-0.7
Fort Lauderdale High School	98.2	98.2	98.5	99.5	99.8	0.3
Hallandale High School	93	94.8	92.7	100	98.7	-1.3
Hollywood Hills High School	93.5	97.8	93.9	95.4	98.2	2.8
J. P. Taravella High School	91.3	91.5	92.2	95.1	93.2	-1.9
Lauderhill 6-12	100	100	97	100	100	0
Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS	97.2	98.2	97.9	99.1	99.6	0.5
McArthur High School	91.7	93.5	92.6	95.2	97.6	2.4
Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	NA
Miramar High School	92.3	94.3	92.9	94.7	94	-0.7
Monarch High School	92.2	96.2	91.8	97.1	94.2	-2.9
Northeast High School	83.3	85.4	83	87.6	88.7	1.1
Nova High School	96.7	96.3	98	98	95.6	-2.4
Piper High School	90.1	95.3	94.3	97.6	99.2	1.6
Plantation High School	92.8	93.9	93.2	96	95	-1
Pompano Beach Institute HS	98.9	99.3	99.6	99.6	100	0.4
Sheridan Technical High School	NA	100	100	100	100	0
South Broward High School	92.9	89.4	94.4	96.6	99.2	2.6
South Plantation High School	96.7	94.5	95.3	99.3	97.2	-2.1
Stranahan High School	86.8	88.5	92.6	97.4	95.2	-2.2
West Broward High School	95.5	97.3	98.2	97.7	97.5	-0.2
Western High School	94.2	94.7	94.9	98	96.5	-1.5
William T. McFatter Tech HS	98.5	99.3	99.3	100	100	0

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School Name	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Change from 2019-20 to 2020-21
Center Schools						
Bright Horizons	*	100	100	93.3	90	-3.3
Cross Creek School	40	36.8	55.6	77.8	66.7	-11.1
Cypress Run Alternative/ESE	*	*	*	25	*	NA
Dave Thomas Education Center West	27.8	33.3	42.3	55.6	61.2	5.6
Lanier-James Education Center	*	0	6.7	11.8	*	NA
Henry D Perry Educational Center	3.9	9.8	13.7	25.2	25.9	0.7
Seagull School	15.6	16.9	23.2	36.1	32.7	-3.4
The Quest Center	0	*	80	*	72.7	NA
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	13.5	17.1	23.8	33.1	28.2	-4.9
Whispering Pines Exceptional Ed Center	26.1	20	54.5	47.8	38.9	-8.9
Charter Schools						
Academic Solutions Academy A	16.7	32.6	16.2	17.2	5.3	-11.9
Academic Solutions High School	19.7	35.6	30.8	30.2	13.6	-16.6
Andrews High School	31.3	32.5	29.8	35.4	61.4	26
Ascend Career Academy	25	37.1	34.2	56.3	55.6	-0.7
Avant Garde Academy				98.1	91.1	-7
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter HS	82.6	86.7	91.1	93.9	88.4	-5.5
Championship Academy of Distinction				100	76.9	-23.1
Davie High School						
City/Pembroke Pines Charter HS	97.8	99.3	99.8	100	100	0
City Of Coral Springs Charter	99.1	100	99.5	99.1	98.1	-1
Dolphin Park High	2.8	13.4	11.1	0	*	NA
Flagler High	9.2	8.6	*	*	NA	NA
Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines HS	NA	NA	84.5	97.5	95.6	-1.9
International School of Broward	46.9	54.2	68	64.7	50	-14.7
Lauderhill High	9	19.4	5.6	*	NA	NA
Melrose High	11.4	8.4	4.2	0	*	NA
North University High	8.7	22.4	5.6	*	NA	NA
Somerset Arts Conservatory	100	100	100	100	100	0
Somerset Academy Charter HS Miramar	96.6	100	100	100	100	0
Somerset Academy Charter High	100	99.6	99.1	99	100	1
Somerset Academy Key Charter HS	*	92.3	83.9	95.9	98.1	2.2
Somerset Prep Academy at North Lauderdale	97.2	98.3	100	98.1	83.7	-14.4
Suned High School of South Broward				17.5	10.1	-7.4
Suned High School of North Broward	7.5	10.9	14	17.2	22	4.8
Sunfire High School (formerly Suned HS)	6.3	7.5	12.8	37.8	34.7	-3.1
Sunrise High School	13.1	30	39.3	52.8	69.9	17.1

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Appendix B Graduation Cohort Counts and Rates for White, Black, and Hispanic Students by School, 2020-21

School Name	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
District	18,909	16,856	89.1	3,906	3,619	92.7	7,327	6,344	86.6	6,334	5,641	89.1
Traditional District High Schools												
Atlantic Technical High School	134	134	100	21	21	100	67	67	100	31	31	100
Blanche Ely High School	366	334	91.3	*	*	*	305	283	92.8	47	38	80.9
Boyd H. Anderson High School	355	331	93.2	*	*	*	323	304	94.1	20	17	85
Broward Virtual Franchise	128	128	100	64	64	100	11	11	100	48	48	100
Charles W Flanagan High School	525	516	98.3	53	52	98.1	192	189	98.4	238	234	98.3
Coconut Creek High School	295	272	92.2	12	11	91.7	210	200	95.2	65	54	83.1
College Academy at Broward College	222	222	100	67	67	100	52	52	100	78	78	100
Cooper City High School	569	551	96.8	249	241	96.8	57	57	100	205	197	96.1
Coral Glades High School	551	512	92.9	152	145	95.4	167	155	92.8	187	167	89.3
Coral Springs High School	572	556	97.2	95	93	97.9	259	251	96.9	174	169	97.1
Cypress Bay High School	1148	1127	98.2	306	302	98.7	36	35	97.2	687	671	97.7
Deerfield Beach High School	500	485	97	82	81	98.8	252	244	96.8	131	127	96.9
Dillard 6-12	398	377	94.7	10	8	80	349	332	95.1	32	31	96.9
Everglades High School	570	558	97.9	56	55	98.2	218	216	99.1	210	205	97.6
Fort Lauderdale High School	415	414	99.8	111	111	100	196	195	99.5	78	78	100
Hallandale High School	228	225	98.7	*	*	*	149	147	98.7	62	61	98.4
Hollywood Hills High School	388	381	98.2	76	74	97.4	94	93	98.9	190	187	98.4
J. P. Taravella High School	650	606	93.2	141	133	94.3	227	214	94.3	234	211	90.2
Lauderhill 6-12	27	27	100				21	21	100	*	*	*
Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS	785	782	99.6	415	413	99.5	81	80	98.8	198	198	100
McArthur High School	494	482	97.6	46	43	93.5	165	162	98.2	253	247	97.6
Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy	62	62	100	*	*	*	31	31	100	14	14	100
Miramar High School	482	453	94	21	16	76.2	361	343	95	70	66	94.3
Monarch High School	532	501	94.2	209	202	96.7	96	88	91.7	184	172	93.5
Northeast High School	311	276	88.7	62	52	83.9	125	110	88	113	103	91.2
Nova High School	499	477	95.6	75	72	96	257	245	95.3	109	104	95.4
Piper High School	511	507	99.2	51	51	100	367	363	98.9	70	70	100
Plantation High School	421	400	95	26	23	88.5	307	292	95.1	72	69	95.8
Pompano Beach Institute HS	279	279	100	138	138	100	51	51	100	61	61	100
Sheridan Technical High School	121	121	100	25	25	100	51	51	100	40	40	100
South Broward High School	472	468	99.2	152	151	99.3	110	110	100	181	179	98.9
South Plantation High School	471	458	97.2	103	99	96.1	195	189	96.9	149	146	98
Stranahan High School	229	218	95.2	11	11	100	154	147	95.5	50	46	92
West Broward High School	603	588	97.5	151	144	95.4	85	82	96.5	319	315	98.7
Western High School	761	734	96.5	285	279	97.9	54	52	96.3	377	360	95.5
William T. McFatter Tech HS	142	142	100	39	39	100	30	30	100	52	52	100

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School Name	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
Center Schools												
Bright Horizons	10	9	90	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cross Creek School	15	10	66.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cypress Run Alternative/ESE	*	*	*				*	*	*			
Dave Thomas Education Center West	278	170	61.2	24	12	50	186	122	65.6	55	29	52.7
Lanier-James Education Center	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Henry D Perry Educational Center	842	218	25.9	117	21	17.9	359	120	33.4	329	67	20.4
Seagull School	101	33	32.7	12	4	33.3	63	23	36.5	25	5	20
The Quest Center	11	8	72.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	238	67	28.2	14	4	28.6	186	55	29.6	32	8	25
Whispering Pines Exceptional Ed Center	18	7	38.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Charter Schools												
Academic Solutions Academy A	76	4	5.3	*	*	*	42	2	4.8	25	1	4
Academic Solutions High School	59	8	13.6	*	*	*	27	1	3.7	19	4	21.1
Andrews High School	101	62	61.4	*	*	*						
Ascend Career Academy	99	55	55.6	12	8	66.7	47	34	72.3	41	20	48.8
Avant Garde Academy	45	41	91.1	17	10	58.8	59	31	52.5	23	14	60.9
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter HS	43	38	88.4	10	8	80	*	*	*	24	22	91.7
Championship Academy of Distinction Davie High School	13	10	76.9	21	18	85.7	*	*	*	14	12	85.7
City/Pembroke Pines Charter HS	427	427	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
City Of Coral Springs Charter	212	208	98.1	105	105	100	101	101	100	175	175	100
Dolphin Park High	*	*	*	86	84	97.7	32	32	100	70	68	97.1
Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines HS	182	174	95.6				*	*	*	*	*	*
International School of Broward	10	5	50	18	18	100	51	50	98	102	96	94.1
Melrose High	*	*	*							*	*	*
Somerset Arts Conservatory	109	109	100	11	11	100	22	22	100	69	69	100
Somerset Academy Charter High	173	173	100	25	25	100	26	26	100	112	112	100
Somerset Academy Key Charter HS	52	51	98.1	12	12	100	17	16	94.1	20	20	100
Somerset Prep Academy at North Lauderdale	49	41	83.7				28	23	82.1	20	17	85
Somerset Academy Charter HS Miramar	62	62	100	*	*	*	42	42	100	17	17	100
Suned High School of South Broward	109	11	10.1	20	2	10	44	3	6.8	40	5	12.5
Suned High School of North Broward	132	29	22	15	6	40	64	16	25	45	5	11.1
Sunfire High School (formerly Suned HS)	75	26	34.7	*	*	*	54	15	27.8	16	8	50
Sunrise High School	113	79	69.9	*	*	*	97	69	71.1	*	*	*

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