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SUBJECT: **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES, 2019-20**

On January 7, 2021, 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://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/GradRates1920.pdf>

The Chancellor of Public Schools, Jacob Oliva provided the following narrative due to circumstances related to the current pandemic, “While Florida’s high school graduation rate increased by 3.1 percentage points over the last year to 90.0 percent in 2019-20, it is important to remember that pursuant to [Florida Department of Education Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-1](#), students in the 2019-20 graduating class were exempt from statewide, standardized assessment requirements as stipulated in s. 1003.4282, F.S. Approximately 7.1% of the 2019-20 graduating class graduated with this exemption. It is possible that even with the opportunities to test or earn concordant scores last Spring, some of these students may not have ended up meeting the assessment graduation requirements. Therefore, one cannot definitely conclude that all of these students would have graduated if not provided the exemption. This uncertainty highlights the challenges in interpreting these results.” In Broward, 9% (1,672 out of 17,757 graduates) of graduates received a standard diploma as a result of this exemption.

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 **89.4% in 2019-20**, which is an increase of 3.2 percentage points from 86.2% in 2018-19.
- BCPS traditional District high schools increased their graduation rate by 2.0% to **97.1% in 2019-20**.
- Black (86.5%, 4.9 percentage point increase from 2018-19), Hispanic (90.0%, 3.1 percentage point increase from 2018-19), and White (92.4%, 0.8 percentage point increase from 2018-19) students improved their graduation rates. **Black students registered a greater improvement in graduation rate, closing the gap with White students by 4.1 percentage points.**
- The graduation rate gap between Free/reduced Price Lunch (FRL) and Non-FRL students narrowed to 6.3 percentage points and **the gap for English Language Learner (ELL) and Non-ELL students narrowed by 10.8 percentage points to 2.8.**

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- The graduation rate gap between Free/reduced Price Lunch (FRL) and Non-FRL students narrowed to 6.3 percentage points and **the gap for English Language Learner (ELL) and Non-ELL students narrowed by 10.8 percentage points to 2.8.**
- 34 of 35 traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of 90% or higher and 30 of these schools reached a graduation rate at or above 95%.
- Five District high schools earned 100% graduation rates: Hallandale High School, Sheridan Technical High School, McFatter Technical High School, Lauderhill 6-12 and College Academy at Broward College. College Academy at Broward College achieved a graduation rate of 100% for the fifth consecutive year.
- Coconut Creek High School increased its graduation rate by 7.0 percentage points and Hallandale High School increased its graduation rate by 7.3 percentage points.
- Florida's Federal graduation rate is 90.0% in 2019-20, which is an increase of 3.1 percentage points from 86.9% in 2018-19.

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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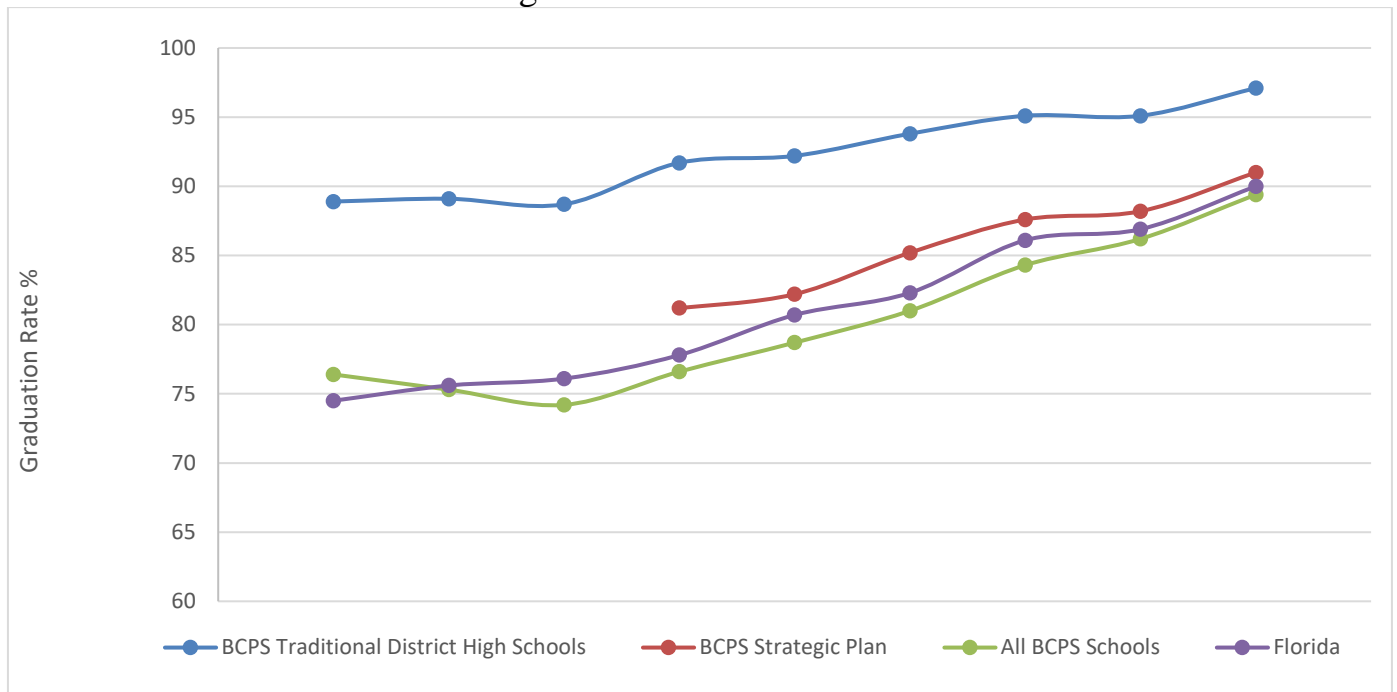
Table 1 displays the historical graduation rates for Florida’s five largest districts and the State overall. In 2019-20, Broward had a graduation rate of 89.4. For the past five years Broward’s graduation rate has increased (from 78.7 in 2015-16 to 89.4 in 2019-20) representing a 10.7 percentage point increase.

Table 1. Comparison of BCPS Federal Graduation Rates with Other Large Florida School Districts and the State Overall, 2015-16 through 2019-20

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Change 2018-19 to 2019-20
Broward	78.7	81.0	84.3	86.2	89.4	3.2
Hillsborough	79.1	82.9	85.8	86.2	88.8	2.6
Miami-Dade	80.4	80.7	85.4	85.6	89.6	4.0
Orange	81.3	84.7	88.9	88.4	90.4	2.0
Palm Beach	82.3	85.0	87.2	87.1	90.2	3.1
Florida	80.7	82.3	86.1	86.9	90.0	3.1

Figure 1 illustrates the nine-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 97.1% in 2019-20.

Figure 1. Historical Graduation Rates



	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
BCPS Traditional District High Schools	88.9	89.1	88.7	91.7	92.2	93.8	95.1	95.1	97.1
BCPS Strategic Plan				81.2	82.2	85.2	87.6	88.2	91.0
All BCPS Schools	76.4	75.3	74.2	76.6	78.7	81.0	84.3	86.2	89.4
Florida	74.5	75.6	76.1	77.8	80.7	82.3	86.1	86.9	90.0

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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; with Black students showing a greater increase than their peers. In 2019-20, the gap between Black and White students narrowed by over four percentage points (4.1) and the gap between Hispanic and White students also showed a decrease by 2.3 percentage points compared to 2018-19.

Table 2. Graduation Rates and Gaps by Major Race/Ethnicity Groups, 2015-16 and 2019-20

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap
White	86.1	--	87.3	--	90.1	--	91.6	--	92.4	--
Black	70.6	15.5	75.0	12.3	79.4	10.7	81.6	10.0	86.5	5.9
Hispanic	81.3	4.8	83.0	4.3	85.5	4.6	86.9	4.7	90.0	2.4

Table 3 shows the graduation rates by special category groups served in BCPS. The graduation rate increased by 4.3 percentage points for students who are eligible for FRL, increased 1.4 percentage points for students with disabilities (SWD), and increased 12.9 percentage points for English Language Learner (ELL) students from 2018-19 to 2019-20.

The graduation rate gap between FRL and Non-FRL students narrowed to 6.3 percentage points and the gap for SWD and Non-SWD students widened to 6.2 percentage points. The graduation rate gap between ELL and Non-ELL students decreased by 10.8 percentage points to 2.8.

Table 3. Graduation Rates and Gaps by Special Category Groups, 2015-16 and 2019-20

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap	Rate	Gap
Non-FRL	84.2	--	86.7	--	90.2	--	91.2	--	93.1	--
FRL	73.6	10.6	76.6	10.1	80.1	10.1	82.5	8.7	86.8	6.3
Non-SWD	80.8	--	82.8	--	85.3	--	86.6	--	90.0	--
SWD	58.4	22.4	63.8	19.0	75.3	10.0	82.4	4.2	83.8	6.2
Non-ELL	80.2	--	82.4	--	85.4	--	87.6	--	89.7	--
ELL	63.6	16.6	68.2	14.2	74.3	11.1	74.0	13.6	86.9	2.8

Appendix A shows the graduation rates for BCPS schools from 2015-16 through 2019-20. Review of the appendix shows that **34 of 35 traditional District high schools achieved a graduation rate of 90% or higher**. Coconut Creek High School increased its graduation rate by 7.0 percentage points and Hallandale High School increased its graduation rate by 7.3 percentage points. College Academy at Broward College achieved graduation rate of 100% for the fifth consecutive year.

Appendix B shows the cohort size and graduation rates for the major race/ethnicity groups served in BCPS by school for the 2019-20 graduation cohort.

Appendix C shows the historical graduation rates for 2011-12 through 2019-20 for BCPS by schools.

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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, 2015-16 through 2019-20

School Name	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Change from 2018-19 to 2019-20
District Overall	78.7	81	84.3	86.2	89.4	3.2
Traditional District High Schools						
Atlantic Technical High School	98.4	100	100	100	99.3	-0.7
Blanche Ely High School	88.6	90.3	93.8	93.5	92.7	-0.8
Boyd H. Anderson High School	92	91.8	94.3	92.6	96.2	3.6
Broward Virtual Franchise	96.9	100	98.6	98.3	97.7	-0.6
Charles W Flanagan High School	93.8	97.2	98.3	95	98.6	3.6
Coconut Creek High School	78.9	85.7	85.8	86.5	93.5	7.0
College Academy at Broward College	100	100	100	100	100	0.0
Cooper City High School	95.8	95	95.8	98.2	98.3	0.1
Coral Glades High School	90.1	93.2	94.7	93.9	93.4	-0.5
Coral Springs High School	86.8	94.4	97	97.2	98.5	1.3
Cypress Bay High School	97.7	96.9	97.9	99	98.1	-0.9
Deerfield Beach High School	89.7	90.5	93.5	92.9	98.6	5.7
Dillard 6-12	88.6	91.7	94.1	94	97.1	3.1
Everglades High School	92.6	96.2	96.3	96.7	98.6	1.9
Fort Lauderdale High School	96	98.2	98.2	98.5	99.5	1.0
Hallandale High School	92	93	94.8	92.7	100	7.3
Hollywood Hills High School	92.5	93.5	97.8	93.9	95.4	1.5
J. P. Taravella High School	92.5	91.3	91.5	92.2	95.1	2.9
Lauderhill 6-12	NA	100	100	97	100	3.0
Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS	95.9	97.2	98.2	97.9	99.1	1.2
McArthur High School	88.3	91.7	93.5	92.6	95.2	2.6
Miramar High School	91	92.3	94.3	92.9	94.7	1.8
Monarch High School	88.3	92.2	96.2	91.8	97.1	5.3
Northeast High School	82.3	83.3	85.4	83	87.6	4.6
Nova High School	98.2	96.7	96.3	98	98	0.0
Piper High School	85.1	90.1	95.3	94.3	97.6	3.3
Plantation High School	92.3	92.8	93.9	93.2	96	2.8
Pompano Beach Institute HS	100	98.9	99.3	99.6	99.6	0.0
Sheridan Technical High School	*	NA	100	100	100	0.0
South Broward High School	92.2	92.9	89.4	94.4	96.6	2.2
South Plantation High School	93.8	96.7	94.5	95.3	99.3	4.0
Stranahan High School	89.7	86.8	88.5	92.6	97.4	4.8
West Broward High School	97.5	95.5	97.3	98.2	97.7	-0.5
Western High School	91.7	94.2	94.7	94.9	98	3.1
William T. McFatter Tech HS	100	98.5	99.3	99.3	100	0.7

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School Name	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Change from 2018-19 to 2019-20
Appendix A (continued)						
Center Schools						
Bright Horizons	0	*	100	100	93.3	-6.7
Cross Creek School	50	40	36.8	55.6	77.8	22.2
Cypress Run Alternative/ESE	*	*	*	*	25	
Dave Thomas Education Center West	20.3	27.8	33.3	42.3	55.6	13.3
Lanier-James Education Center	10	*	0	6.7	11.8	5.1
Henry D Perry Educational Center	4.2	3.9	9.8	13.7	25.2	11.5
Seagull School	10.6	15.6	16.9	23.2	36.1	12.9
The Quest Center	0	0	*	80	*	
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	8.6	13.5	17.1	23.8	33.1	9.3
Whispering Pines Exceptional Ed Center	14.3	26.1	20	54.5	47.8	-6.7
Wingate Oaks Center	*	*	*	*	*	
Charter Schools						
Academic Solutions Academy A	NA	16.7	32.6	16.2	17.2	1.0
Academic Solutions High School	12.7	19.7	35.6	30.8	30.2	-0.6
Andrews High School	5	31.3	32.5	29.8	35.4	5.6
Ascend Career Academy	NA	25	37.1	34.2	56.3	22.1
Avant Garde Academy					98.1	
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter HS	NA	82.6	86.7	91.1	93.9	2.8
Championship Academy of Distinction					100	
Davie High School					100	
City/Pembroke Pines Charter HS	99.8	97.8	99.3	99.8	100	0.2
City Of Coral Springs Charter	99.1	99.1	100	99.5	99.1	-0.4
Dolphin Park High	6.6	2.8	13.4	11.1	0	-11.1
Flagler High	14.7	9.2	8.6	*	*	
Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines HS	NA	NA	NA	84.5	97.5	13.0
International School of Broward	75	46.9	54.2	68	64.7	-3.3
Lauderhill High	9.2	9	19.4	5.6	*	
Melrose High	9.4	11.4	8.4	4.2	0	-4.2
North University High	9.2	8.7	22.4	5.6	*	
Somerset Arts Conservatory	100	100	100	100	100	0
Somerset Academy Charter HS Miramar	98.4	96.6	100	100	100	0
Somerset Academy Charter High	98.9	100	99.6	99.1	99	-0.1
Somerset Academy Key Charter HS	NA	*	92.3	83.9	95.9	12
Somerset Prep Academy at North Lauderdale	96.4	97.2	98.3	100	98.1	-1.9
Suned High School of South Broward					17.5	
Suned High School of North Broward	11.5	7.5	10.9	14	17.2	3.2
Sunfire High School (formerly Suned HS)	5.6	6.3	7.5	12.8	37.8	25.0
Sunrise High School	17.6	13.1	30	39.3	52.8	13.5

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Appendix B Graduation Cohort Counts and Rates for White, Black, and Hispanic Students by School, 2019-20

School Name	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
District	19,780	17,757	89.4	3,829	4,142	92.4	6,903	7,982	86.5	5,714	6,350	90
Traditional District High Schools												
Atlantic Technical High School	139	138	99.3	15	15	100	71	70	98.6	39	39	100
Blanche Ely High School	479	444	92.7	*	*	*	404	386	95.5	57	42	73.7
Boyd H. Anderson High School	340	327	96.2	*	*	*	303	293	96.7	27	24	88.9
Broward Virtual Franchise	132	129	97.7	72	69	95.8	17	17	100	36	36	100
Charles W Flanagan High School	583	575	98.6	71	70	98.6	196	191	97.4	265	263	99.2
Coconut Creek High School	341	319	93.5	15	13	86.7	251	237	94.4	61	55	90.2
College Academy at Broward College	215	215	100	72	72	100	36	36	100	68	68	100
Cooper City High School	544	535	98.3	264	261	98.9	34	33	97.1	196	193	98.5
Coral Glades High School	561	524	93.4	165	153	92.7	164	154	93.9	193	179	92.7
Coral Springs High School	672	662	98.5	138	134	97.1	248	246	99.2	214	212	99.1
Cypress Bay High School	1242	1218	98.1	380	372	97.9	55	54	98.2	710	695	97.9
Deerfield Beach High School	557	549	98.6	89	89	100	306	300	98	139	137	98.6
Dillard 6-12	415	403	97.1	*	*	*	379	369	97.4	20	19	95
Everglades High School	584	576	98.6	57	55	96.5	243	240	98.8	224	221	98.7
Fort Lauderdale High School	427	425	99.5	113	113	100	209	207	99	81	81	100
Hallandale High School	257	257	100	12	12	100	186	186	100	49	49	100
Hollywood Hills High School	370	353	95.4	72	68	94.4	107	104	97.2	165	157	95.2
J. P. Taravella High School	729	693	95.1	170	164	96.5	280	270	96.4	218	199	91.3
Lauderhill 6-12	27	27	100				24	24	100	*	*	*
Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS	754	747	99.1	433	428	98.8	90	88	97.8	163	163	100
McArthur High School	481	458	95.2	58	55	94.8	168	167	99.4	214	197	92.1
Miramar High School	564	534	94.7	14	13	92.9	457	437	95.6	66	58	87.9
Monarch High School	557	541	97.1	202	197	97.5	92	90	97.8	214	206	96.3
Northeast High School	364	319	87.6	63	51	81	146	130	89	130	115	88.5
Nova High School	499	489	98	84	82	97.6	254	248	97.6	114	112	98.2
Piper High School	575	561	97.6	46	41	89.1	400	393	98.3	96	95	99
Plantation High School	470	451	96	30	28	93.3	339	329	97.1	65	58	89.2
Pompano Beach Institute HS	257	256	99.6	110	109	99.1	46	46	100	74	74	100
Sheridan Technical High School	109	109	100	18	18	100	45	45	100	39	39	100
South Broward High School	560	541	96.6	158	155	98.1	139	133	95.7	229	221	96.5
South Plantation High School	456	453	99.3	91	90	98.9	181	180	99.4	150	149	99.3
Stranahan High School	267	260	97.4	18	15	83.3	185	184	99.5	51	48	94.1
West Broward High School	640	625	97.7	149	146	98	81	79	97.5	350	342	97.7
Western High School	760	745	98	309	306	99	54	53	98.1	347	339	97.7
William T. McFatter Tech HS	143	143	100	31	31	100	29	29	100	64	64	100

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School Name	Total			White			Black			Hispanic		
	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%	N	n	%
Center Schools												
Bright Horizons	15	14	93	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cross Creek School	18	14	78	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cypress Run Alternative/ESE	12	3	25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dave Thomas Education Center West	259	144	56	22	9	40.9	177	107	60.5	52	22	42.3
Lanier-James Education Center	17	2	12	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Henry D Perry Educational Center	923	233	25	125	25	20	453	117	25.8	296	74	25
Seagull School	108	39	36	*	*	*	83	33	39.8	16	6	37.5
The Quest Center	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Whiddon Rodgers Education Center	293	97	33	20	4	20	234	87	37.2	36	5	13.9
Whispering Pines Exceptional Ed Center	23	11	48	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wingate Oaks Center	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Charter Schools												
Academic Solutions Academy A	58	10	17	*	*	*	29	8	27.6	16	0	0
Academic Solutions High School	53	16	30	*	*	*	30	8	26.7	13	3	23.1
Andrews High School	96	34	35	*	*	*	50	21	42	35	9	25.7
Ascend Career Academy	71	40	56	13	9	69.2	37	17	45.9	14	9	64.3
Avant Garde Academy	53	52	98	12	12	100	*	*	*	31	30	96.8
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter HS	49	46	94	23	20	87	*	*	*	20	20	100
Championship Academy of Distinction Davie High School	13	13	100				*	*	*	*	*	*
City/Pembroke Pines Charter HS	428	428	100	93	93	100	98	98	100	191	191	100
City Of Coral Springs Charter	216	214	99	100	99	99	27	26	96.3	67	67	100
Dolphin Park High	16	0	0	*	*	*	11	0	0	*	*	*
Flagler High	*	*	*				*	*	*	*	*	*
Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines HS	163	159	98	23	23	100	42	40	95.2	87	85	97.7
International School of Broward	17	11	65	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lauderhill High	*	*	*				*	*	*			
Melrose High	10	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North University High	*	*	*				*	*	*	*	*	*
Somerset Arts Conservatory	48	48	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	32	32	100
Somerset Academy Charter High	207	205	99	31	31	100	37	37	100	122	120	98.4
Somerset Academy Key Charter HS	49	47	96	17	15	88.2	16	16	100	13	13	100
Somerset Prep Academy at North Lauderdale	54	53	98	*	*	*	35	35	100	15	14	93.3
Somerset Academy Charter HS Miramar	65	65	100				48	48	100	15	15	100
Suned High School of South Broward	63	11	18	13	2	15.4	26	6	23.1	22	1	4.5
Suned High School of North Broward	128	22	17	17	5	29.4	62	13	21	41	3	7.3
Sunfire High School (formerly Suned HS)	82	31	38	*	*	*	51	21	41.2	22	8	36.4
Sunrise High School	142	75	53	*	*	*	123	62	50.4	10	9	90

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