



Polk County High Schools

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	2019 U.S. News and World Report of Best High schools				
	National Rank	State Rank	% Reading Proficiency	% Math Proficiency	College Ready Index
County Average	n/a	n/a	40	33	19
AUBURNDALE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	11,975	447	37	28	26
BARTOW SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	11,002	426	45	35	18
CHAIN OF LAKES COLLEGIATE HIGH				43	
DISCOVERY HIGH SCHOOL					
GEORGE W. JENKINS SENIOR HIGH	8,141	340	50	41	27
HAINES CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	11,412	434	35	28	34
KATHLEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL			31	23	16
LAKE GIBSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL			39	23	21
LAKE REGION HIGH SCHOOL			31	32	22
LAKE WALES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (MAG)	10,254	403	49	39	16
LAKELAND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	6,828	297	54	39	32
MULBERRY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	12,093	450	35	32	22
POLK PRE-COLLEGIATE ACADEMY					
POLK STATE COLLEGE COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL	11,201	429		46	23
RIDGE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL	12,218	454	38	26	27
TENOROC HIGH SCHOOL			30	24	18
TRANSITION SCHOOL					
WINTER HAVEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL			38	23	19

Top High Schools as of 2019

Florida					
Pine View School, Osprey (STEM/MAG)	15	1	100	100	100
School For Advanced Studies Homestead, Homestead	26	2	N/A	100	100
Suncoast Community High School, Riviera Beach	88	11	90	85	91
Coral Reef Senior High School, Miami (MAG)	193	19	88	81	76
Best State (Massachusetts)					
Boston Latin School, Boston	33	1	100	100	95
Medfield Senior High, Medfield	610	20	98	96	69

FL Dept. of Education School Grades, School Year ending:			
2019	2018	2017	2016
B	B	C	C
C	C	C	C
B	C	C	C
A	A	A	A
C	C	D	
B	B	C	C
C	C	C	C
C	C	D	D
C	C	C	C
I	C	C	C
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A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
C	C	C	C
D	C	D	C
I			
C	C	C	D
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A	A	A	A

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



Explanations of County High School Data Components

U.S. News and World Report Data	
Overall data source	http://tinyurl.com/usn-education
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. Maximim possible: 100
County Average	Average scores for the Florida schools listed
Top High Schools - Florida	Shows a sampling of highly-ranked Florida Schools
Top High Schools - Best State	Shows a sampling of highly-ranked schools from the #1 nationally-ranked state

FL Dept. of Education School Grades	
School and County Letter Grades as calculated by the Florida DOE	http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/ (see "School Grades" Excel file for individual school grades) (see "District Grades" Excel file for county grades)

Comparing Ranking Data (proficiencies & college-ready index) with Florida DOE school 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 proprietry 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.