



## Walton 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 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>County Average</b>       | n/a           | n/a        | 61                    | 73                 | 17                  |
| FREEPORT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 1,722         | 93         | 59                    | 82                 | 34                  |
| SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL    | 1,770         | 96         | 65                    | 75                 | 41                  |
| WALTON HIGH SCHOOL          | 7,255         | 307        | 47                    | 51                 | 12                  |

### Top High Schools as of 2019

| <b>Florida</b>                                   |     |    |     |     |     |
|--|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 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  |
| <b>Best State (Massachusetts)</b>                |     |    |     |     |     |
| 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 |
|------|------|------|------|
| A    | A    | B    | B    |
| A    | A    | A    | A    |
| A    | A    | A    | A    |
| A    | B    | C    | C    |
|      |      |      |      |
| A    | A    | A    | A    |
| A    | A    | A    | A    |
| A    | A    | A    | A    |
| 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

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| Overall data source                                    | <a href="http://tinyurl.com/usn-education">http://tinyurl.com/usn-education</a>                                      |
| Ranking Algorithm & Criteria for a School to Be Ranked | <a href="http://tinyurl.com/usn-algorithm">http://tinyurl.com/usn-algorithm</a>                                      |
| Nationally-Ranked Schools                              | <a href="http://tinyurl.com/usn-national-ranking">http://tinyurl.com/usn-national-ranking</a>                        |
| Florida Ranked Schools                                 | <a href="http://tinyurl.com/usn-florida-ranking">http://tinyurl.com/usn-florida-ranking</a>                          |
| 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

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| School and County Letter Grades as calculated by the Florida DOE | <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/">http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/</a><br>(see "School Grades" Excel file for individual school grades)<br>(see "District Grades" Excel file for county grades) |
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## 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.