

**Volusia County Schools covers 16 municipalities and employs 7,800+ staff to serve a diverse population of about 63,000 students attending 85 schools. VCS is the 13th largest school district in Florida.**

The district's students have a diverse ethnic makeup, with large populations of White, Hispanic and Black/African-American students, and smaller populations of multi-racial and Asian students. According to Florida Department of Education data, almost 60% of VCS students are economically disadvantaged. Students with disabilities account for almost 18% of all learners, and English

Language Learners make up 6.4% of students.

Currently a "B" district on the state's 2018-19 district report card, VCS celebrates an 84.5% graduation rate. Over the past three years, the district has achieved a nearly eight-point increase in this metric, while still not quite meeting the statewide average of 86.9% in 2018-19. Part of this success is due to numerous opportunities for students to engage in deeper learning, including enrollment in multiple Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and career academies, Advanced Placement (AP) classes, International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, dual enrollment with local colleges and universities, and industry certifications.

With this new Strategic Plan, there is a strong focus and desire to address persistent and substantial achievement gaps that exist between key subgroups, most notably between White and Black/African-American students and between Non-English Language Learners and English Language Learners. In addition, the district is focused on improving meaningful learning gains for students in the lowest 25% of learners. In addition to academic achievement and life-readiness for all students, the district has a renewed focus on reducing chronic absenteeism and suspension rates. The district has already tested several campaigns targeting specific populations such as students who are homeless.

While progress has been made, leadership has made attendance, suspensions and behavior a significant focus for the new Strategic Plan.

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