



District Advisory Committee

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This presentation aligns to the following goals as part of the Volusia County Schools 2024 - 2027 Strategic Plan:

- ▶ Goal: High-Quality Instruction
- ▶ Guardrail 1: High-Quality Staff
- ▶ Guardrail 2: Safe & Supportive Environment
- ▶ Guardrail 3: Resources & Operational Processes
- ▶ Guardrail 4: Communication & Community Engagement



School & District Grades Overview

School/District grading scales were set at the July 24th State Board of Education meeting.

- Preliminary grades were released on 07/24.
- The appeals window started on 07/24 and ends on 08/23.
- 2023-24 school grades included the return of the learning gains components and a new Grade 3 English Language Arts (ELA) achievement component.
- School Improvement Ratings calculations resumed.
- The Escalator Clause remains in place



School Grading Scales

School Grade	Scale Range (Elementary)	Scale Range (Middle, High, and Combination)
A	62%-100%	64%-100%
B	54%-61%	57%-63%
C	41%-53%	44%-56%
D	32%-40%	34%-43%
F	0%-31%	0%-33%

*District Grading Scale mirrors the grading scale for combination schools.



School Grades Escalator Clause

Pursuant to section (s.) 1008.34(3)(c)1., Florida Statutes (F.S.), beginning with the 2023-24 school year, the State Board of Education must adjust the school grading scale if the percentage of schools earning a grade of “A” or “B” in the current year represents 75% or more of all graded schools within a particular school type.

- The adjustment must reset the minimum required percentage of points for each grade of “A,” “B,” “C” or “D” at the next highest percentage ending in the numeral 5 or 0, whichever is closest to the current percentage.
- If the clause is triggered, adjustments will made by school type.



2023-24 Preliminary School Grades Results

Grade	All Schools	Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools	Combination Schools
A	38%	36%	33%	39%	44%
B	27%	27%	25%	32%	22%
C	32%	33%	39%	27%	28%
D	3%	3%	3%	1%	4%
F	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	1%
A & B	64%	63%	58%	72%	67%

*Preliminary only because appeals window is open through August 23



Subject-Area Proficiency Increases Led To Historic Accountability Performance

	Grade 3 ELA Achievement	English Language Arts Achievement	English Language Arts Learning Gains	English Language Arts Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%	Mathematics Achievement	Mathematics Learning Gains	Mathematics Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%	Science Achievement	Social Studies Achievement	Middle School Acceleration	Graduation Rate	College and Career Acceleration	Total Points Earned	Total Components	Percent of Total Possible Points	Percent Tested	Grade
2023-24	56	52	54	50	54	58	53	62	68	69	92	66	733	12	61	97	B
2022-23		47			46			60	63	61	89	64	430	7	61	97	B
2021-22		48	48	35	46	50	44	58	64	69	92	69	623	11	57	96	B

ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies increases in proficiency led to historic increases in all FLDOE accountability components.

Grade 3 ELA achievement

ELA Achievement: **+5** percentage points from 2022-23

ELA LGs: **+6** percentage points from 2021-22

ELA LGs of the Lowest 25%: **+15** percentage points from 2021-22

Math Achievement: **+8** percentage points from 2022-2023

Math LGs: **+8** percentage points from 2021-22

Math LGs of the Lowest 25%: **+9** percentage points

Science Achievement: **+4** percentage points from 2022-23

Social Studies Achievement: **+4** percentage points from 2022-23

Middle School Acceleration: **+8** percentage points from 2022-23

Graduation Rate: **+3** percentage points from 2022-23

Colle & Career Acceleration: **+2** percentage points



2024 FLDOE Districts Improving in all Components

2024 FLDOE Districts Improving In Every District School Grade Accountability Component																			
District	Grade 3 ELA Achievement	ELA Achievement	ELA Learning Gains	ELA Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%	Math Achievement	Math Learning Gains	Math Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%	Science Achievement	Social Studies Achievement	Middle School Acceleration	Graduation Rate	College and Career Acceleration	Total Points	Percent	Grade	Student Count	Economically Disadvantaged (%)	ELL (%)	SWD (%)
Columbia	58	53	51	54	60	57	49	56	66	69	92	53	718	60	B	9,785	92.20%	1.40%	16.90%
Lake	54	51	54	55	56	56	52	56	68	76	90	69	737	61	B	48,285	61.90%	5.20%	16.90%
Manatee	54	53	53	57	59	58	51	56	71	79	82	66	739	62	B	52,895	61.60%	12.80%	15.30%
Sarasota	71	64	54	60	68	65	56	68	81	76	90	74	827	69	A	45,314	48.00%	8.50%	16.70%
Sumter	68	65	58	62	69	65	59	64	73	70	94	77	824	69	A	9,589	64.50%	3.80%	18.30%
Volusia	56	51	50	54	54	58	53	62	68	69	92	66	733	61	B	62,742	87.20%	5.00%	19.80%

- Volusia County was **1 of only 6** districts out of 67 districts that improved in all accountability components.
- Volusia County Schools obtained 61% of total points possible and is 3 points from A.
- Volusia County Schools moved up 11 places in rank moving from 40th to 29th.



2023-24 Highlights

VCS had 16 traditional schools and Volusia Online Learning (VOL) obtain an “A.”

- PATHWAYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- PINE TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- CHISHOLM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ORMOND BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- CORONADO BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- EDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOL
- SPRUCE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- VOLUSIA PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- DEBARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- CYPRESS CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ORMOND BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL
- CREEKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
- **SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL**
- **SEABREEZE HIGH SCHOOL**
- **DELTONA HIGH SCHOOL**
- VOLUSIA ONLINE LEARNING-FLVS (FRANCHISE)

We had three (3) high schools obtain an “A,” when we had no high schools obtain an “A” since 2008

- SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
- SEABREEZE HIGH SCHOOL
- DELTONA HIGH SCHOOL



Labor Market Statistics

- ▶ High skill, high wage data
- ▶ Local, state & national occupational demand
- ▶ Bureau of Labor Statistics
 - ▶ *Fastest growing occupations*
 - ▶ *Most new jobs*
 - ▶ *Long term occupational outlook*



Fastest Growing Industries

Volusia County

- ▶ Construction & Trades
- ▶ Information Technology
- ▶ Engineering & Aerospace
- ▶ Health Science
- ▶ Manufacturing



Career Planning

- ▶ Xello is an interactive career planning tool.
- ▶ Key Features of Xello:
 - ▶ *Career Exploration*
 - ▶ *Personalized Learning Plans*
 - ▶ *Skills Development*
 - ▶ *Real-World Experiences*



Volusia CTE

15 CAREER CLUSTERS

55 CTE Programs
38 Career Academies
100 CTE Honors Courses

29 CAREER DUAL ENROLLMENT

Articulated Programs with
DSC & ERAU

1700+ *WORKBASED LEARNING

1,400+ On-the-Job Training
97+ Career Academy Internships
25+ Clinical Rotations
300+ Job Shadowing
100+ Pre-Apprenticeships

120 INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

99% of CTE Programs Offer at Least 1 Industry
Certification
**6,000+ industry Certifications Earned

64 MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL CAREER PATHWAYS

53 Courses in 12 Career Clusters

500+ COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

340+ Career Academy Advisory Board Members
300+ Business Partnerships
2 Exclusive Partnerships (*Tortugas & AdventHealth*)
3 LAUNCH Branch Credit Unions on High School
Campuses

**Totals are an estimate based on tentative student enrollment*

***TBD for 24-25; Final Count as of 7/30/24*



Volusia CTE

- ▶ CTE has shown impressive growth in the last 4 years, expanding opportunities for students in programs, honors courses, career academies, career pathways, and industry certifications.

CTE	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Programs	48	53	54	55
Honors Courses	74	83	98	100
Career Academies	19	21	27	37
Career Pathways	23	34	62	64
Industry Certifications	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
• Certifications Offered	32	70	118	120
• Students Tested	4784	7748	10476	TBA



Pathway Alignments

MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL CAREER PATHWAYS	
Middle School Courses	High School Programs & Academies
▶ Agriculture 12 middle schools	▶ Agriculture 9 high schools
▶ Engineering/Aerospace/Manufacturing 11 middle schools	▶ Engineering/Architecture/Trades 10 high schools
▶ Health Science Courses 4 middle schools	▶ Health Science 9 high schools
▶ Culinary Arts 12 middle schools	▶ Culinary Arts 9 high schools
▶ Information Technology & Multi-Media 11 middle schools	▶ Information Technology & Multi-Media 9 high schools
▶ Business/Finance/Entrepreneurship 11 middle schools	▶ Business/Finance/Entrepreneurship 10 high schools



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