

# Know the Numbers



# GRADUATION RATE

## What is graduation rate?

A school or district's graduation rate is the percentage of students who earn a standard diploma by completing 1 of 22 diploma pathways within 4 years of their initial enrollment in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## What are the requirements for graduation?

FLDOE requires students obtain the following to earn a diploma:

- 2.0 GPA
- 18–24 credits
- State-mandated testing or a concordant score on the SAT, ACT, or CLT

## Who is Counted in the District's Graduation Rate?



### Traditional Schools

Volusia County Schools has ten traditional high schools that count toward graduation rate.



### Online School

Full-time Volusia Online Learning students count towards VCS's graduation rate. Students in part-time online programs do not.



### Charter Schools

Students at VCS charter schools, including Burns Science & Technology Charter School and Richard Milburn Academy, count toward VCS's graduation rate.

## VCS Trajectory

VCS's graduation rate has increased for 3 years and has improved 9.2 percentage points in the past 5 years through support systems, personalized diploma pathways, and access to in-school ACT, SAT, and Classic Learning Test testing. VCS's graduation rate is 4 percentage points higher than the state of Florida's average rate!

## Why it Matters

Graduation represents completion of a student's K–12 journey. Graduation ensures access to future opportunities, as students earn a diploma and meet state academic requirements that help prepare them for what's next.

## VCS Grad Rates over Time

