



## CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS

900 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

P (904) 336-6500 F (904) 336-6536 W [oneclay.net](http://oneclay.net)

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

David S. Broskie

### BOARD MEMBERS:

Janice Kerekes, District 1  
Beth Clark, District 2  
Tina Bullock, District 3  
Mary Bolla, District 4  
Ashley Gilhousen, District 5

**For Immediate Release**

Media Contact: Nicole Young, (904) 336-6511  
[nicole.young@myoneclay.net](mailto:nicole.young@myoneclay.net)

### CLAY COUNTY CLIMBS TO SIXTH IN THE STATE FOR HIGHEST GRADUATION RATE

*Clay County reaches an all-time high graduation rate of 93.4 percent!*

**CLAY COUNTY, Fla. January 15, 2021** --- The Florida Department of Education's release of the 2019-2020 graduation rates shows that Clay County District Schools has achieved the highest graduation rate in its history!

Clay County District Schools demonstrated an increase of 1.5 percentage points from the previous year, progressing from 91.9 percent in 2018-2019 to 93.4 percent in 2019-2020. Since 2003, Clay County District Schools has improved its graduation rate 34.5 percentage points, reaffirming that students are better prepared to successfully transition to the workforce, military, or college. This latest release from the Florida Department of Education also revealed that six of the nine targeted subgroups of learners have reached a record high, and all subgroups performed higher than the state average. It is important to note that while the state average in graduation has consistently trended upward in recent years, Clay County District Schools has continued to remain above the state average and is currently tied for **6th place among Florida's 67 school districts**. Collectively, these results illustrate that Clay County District Schools is focused on improving the academic well-being of every learner.

"As an educator who has served Clay County District Schools for three decades, I am extremely proud of what our students and educators have been able to accomplish together as shown in our new graduation rate. There are innumerable benefits that accompany the attainment of a high school diploma, and the fact that our community's students continue to graduate in record numbers can only speak to a better and brighter future for Clay County," said Superintendent David Broskie.

#### Graduation Rates by Year

All Clay County High Schools boasted graduation rates of well over 90 percent. The county improved the graduation rate by 1.5 percent from 2019 (see Chart 1A.) The continued increase in graduation rate has been supported by sophisticated tracking protocols facilitated by dedicated teams of educators led by principals, assistant principals, college and career coaches, school counselors and others who continually monitor each student. This process involves an extraordinary investment of time and relationship building, which continues to be rewarded. Chart 1B illustrates Clay County District Schools' continued commitment to improving the rate, making graduation an attainable goal for all students.

(Chart 1A on page 2)

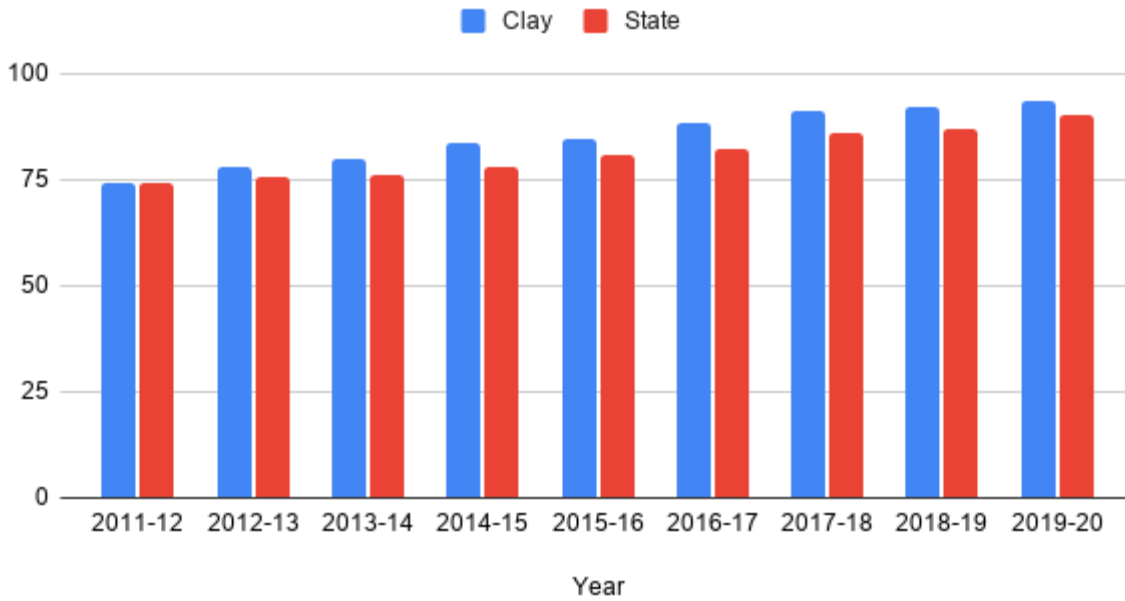
**Chart 1A: 1-Year Comparison**

High School	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	1 Yr. Comparison
Clay High	91%	90.2%	94.2%	93.9%	93.7%	-0.2%
Fleming Island High	97.4%	98.4%	97.3%	98.2%	99.1%	+1.1%
Keystone Heights	82.0%	86.0%	91.5%	91.9%	92.8%	+0.9%
Middleburg High	81.3%	81.7%	88.1%	90.0%	93.5%	+3.5%
Oakleaf High	94.7%	93.8%	95.8%	97.0%	98.2%	+1.2%
Orange Park High	82.2%	85.9%	91.1%	94.0%	96.3%	+2.3%
Ridgeview High	85.5%	89.5%	95.6%	96.8%	96.6%	-0.2%
Clay Virtual	56.3%	70.8%	81.6%	93.2%	93.7%	+0.5%
<b>CLAY COUNTY</b>	<b>84.7%</b>	<b>88.4%</b>	<b>91.1%</b>	<b>91.9%</b>	<b>93.4%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

**Chart 1B: 5-Year Comparison**

High School	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 Yr. Comparison
Clay High	91%	90.2%	94.2%	93.9%	93.7%	+2.7%
Fleming Island High	97.4%	98.4%	97.3%	98.2%	99.1%	+2.3%
Keystone Heights	82.0%	86.0%	91.5%	91.9%	92.8%	+10.8%
Middleburg High	81.3%	81.7%	88.1%	90.0%	93.5%	+12.2%
Oakleaf High	94.7%	93.8%	95.8%	97.0%	98.2%	+3.5%
Orange Park High	82.2%	85.9%	91.1%	94.0%	96.3%	+14.1%
Ridgeview High	85.5%	89.5%	95.6%	96.8%	96.6%	+11.1%
Clay Virtual	56.3%	70.8%	81.6%	93.2%	93.7%	+37.4%
<b>CLAY COUNTY</b>	<b>84.7%</b>	<b>88.4%</b>	<b>91.1%</b>	<b>91.9%</b>	<b>93.4%</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>

## Clay vs. State Graduation Rates



### Graduation Rates by Subgroup

Once again, Clay County District Schools set record high subgroup data points as African-American, White, Asian, At-Risk, ELL (English Language Learners), and Economically Disadvantaged students climbed to an all-time high. Also, Clay County District Schools continues to excel above the state average in all nine subgroups. These accomplishments are a direct reflection of focus on eliminating the achievement gap in order to create access and opportunity for all learners. This information provides evidence that Clay County educators are continuing to differentiate instruction for all students with the goal of preparing students to meet grade-level expectations.

Subgroup Grad Rates	2019-20 Clay % Rate	2019-2020 State % Rate	Clay vs. State Comparison
White	92.5%	91.7%	+0.8%
Hispanic	94.6%	89.6%	+5.0%
Black	94.7%	86.6%	+8.1%
Two/Three Races	95.0	90.5%	+4.5%
Asian	98.9%	98.0%	+0.9%
At-Risk Students	87.0%	79.6%	+7.4%
Students with Disabilities	87.4%	82.6%	+4.8%
English Lang. Learners	91.5%	86.9%	+4.6%
Econ. Disadvantaged	89.4%	86.9%	+2.5%

Subgroup Grad Rates	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	18-19 vs. 19-20
White	84.8%	87.8%	90.0%	90.6%	92.5%	+1.9%
Hispanic	84.4%	88.4%	91.0%	96.1%	94.6%	-1.5%
Black	82.2%	88.7%	91.1%	92.9%	94.7%	+1.8%
Two/Three Races	86.1%	89.9%	94.5%	95.6%	95.0	-0.6%
Asian	98.6%	97.7%	98.6%	97.6%	98.9%	+1.2%
At-Risk Students	71.7%	77.4%	78.3%	81.2%	87.0%	+5.8%
Students with Disabilities	66.4%	74.3%	82.3%	87.7%	87.4%	-0.3%
English Lang. Learners	72.0%	79.3%	77.5%	87.0%	91.5%	+4.5%
Econ. Disadvantaged	77.8%	81.8%	85.5%	86.9%	89.4%	+3.5%

To view the state graduation rates, [visit the PK-12 Public School Data Publications and Reports on the Florida Department of Education's website.](#)

###