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News from Orange County Public Schools

District graduation rate hits new record high while 17 high schools earn a graduation rate over 90 percent for the first time

Jan. 10, 2018 – Today the Florida Department of Education released the 2016-17 graduation rates for the state, school districts, and high schools. Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) reached a new district record high and has 17 traditional high schools with graduation rates above 90 percent. OCPS now outperforms the state by 2.4 percentage points, expanding this advantage by almost two percentage points in the 2016-17 school year.

The graduation rates of OCPS traditional high schools and the overall district increased by 1.6 and 3.4 percentage points, for a 93.8 and 84.7 respectively.

School Board Chair Bill Sublette said, “This is truly a tribute to the dedication of our students, teachers, guidance counselors, and principals who are to be commended for their commitment to excellence. The fact that 17 of our traditional high schools have now reached over 90 percent graduation rate is true testament of the effort that they have put forth every day.”

The graduation rate outpaces the national graduation rate and a majority of the large, urban school districts.

Superintendent Barbara Jenkins said, “Our graduation rates are a result of the hard work of our teachers, students, parents and principals. The increase reflects the vision of Orange County Public Schools, to be the top producer of successful students in the nation. We will always strive to improve our graduation rates as we prepare our more than 207,000 brilliant students for college and career.”

Seventeen of our high schools attained a graduation rate greater than 90 percent. None of our traditional high schools report a rate below 83.9 percent and all of our traditional high schools earned a graduation rate above the state’s graduation rate of 82.3 percent.

In addition, 16 schools increased their graduation rates in 2016-17, led by Colonial and Ocoee high schools. They increased their graduation rate by 4.1 and 4.0 percentage points respectively. The top three highest graduation rates for traditional high schools in the district are:

School	2015-16 Grad Rate	2016-17 Grad Rate	Change
Timber Creek	97.7	98.0	0.3%
University	95.4	96.8	1.4%
Cypress Creek	94.6	96.4	1.8%

The document below contains historical graduation rates for all 19 OCPS traditional high schools

High School	Federal Uniform Graduation Rate						
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Change
Apopka	76.0%	89.1%	85.8%	90.7%	88.4%	92.3%	3.9%
Boone	88.5%	91.7%	90.9%	91.9%	94.8%	95.9%	1.1%
Colonial	74.4%	79.8%	83.8%	89.9%	88.7%	92.8%	4.1%
Cypress Creek	83.0%	85.5%	84.1%	84.3%	94.6%	96.4%	1.8%
Dr. Phillips	87.5%	86.9%	88.8%	91.2%	91.3%	93.9%	2.6%
East River	86.0%	82.6%	85.7%	85.6%	90.9%	92.5%	1.6%
Edgewater	84.1%	85.8%	85.6%	83.9%	87.5%	91.0%	3.5%
Evans	79.8%	77.3%	77.7%	83.5%	87.6%	83.9%	-3.7%
Freedom	90.1%	90.6%	90.7%	92.9%	93.6%	95.8%	2.2%
Jones	92.3%	87.8%	93.4%	76.7%	91.2%	89.4%	-1.8%
Lake Nona	95.7%	93.2%	93.5%	94.3%	95.7%	95.7%	0.0%
Oak Ridge	69.1%	73.8%	74.2%	86.9%	89.3%	91.0%	1.7%
Ocoee	88.5%	85.0%	87.3%	89.3%	88.7%	92.7%	4.0%
Olympia	92.6%	91.7%	93.6%	92.9%	93.2%	96.1%	2.9%
Timber Creek	92.5%	93.9%	95.6%	98.4%	97.7%	98.0%	0.3%
University	84.8%	85.7%	89.0%	84.4%	95.4%	96.8%	1.4%
Wekiva	85.0%	85.8%	84.6%	83.4%	87.9%	91.0%	3.1%
West Orange	82.4%	81.9%	91.1%	92.4%	92.9%	93.4%	0.5%
Winter Park	93.8%	92.8%	90.9%	91.9%	95.0%	94.1%	-0.9%
OCPS (Traditional)	85.6%	86.8%	88.1%	89.6%	92.2%	93.8%	1.6%
OCPS (All)	73.9%	75.9%	74.6%	77.6%	81.3%	84.7%	3.4%
STATE	74.5%	75.6%	76.1%	77.8%	80.7%	82.3%	1.6%

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