


# Preparing for Life After Graduation



**College Readiness**

# Workshop Objectives

- Increase knowledge regarding college readiness
  - Increase understanding of college cost
  - Understand requirements for applying to college
  - Learning what are key factors to look for when selecting a college
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  - Understanding what students should know
  - Knowing where to find funds
  - How to use the Interactive Academic Planner
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# Pinellas County Schools / Florida

Pinellas County School Board  
Michael A. Grego, Ed.D. / Superintendent

## District Enrollment

# 102,415

# 8TH

Largest District in Florida

# Data Profile

<b>White</b>	<b>56.6%</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>18.6%</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
<b>Asian</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

# 27th

Largest District in the Nation



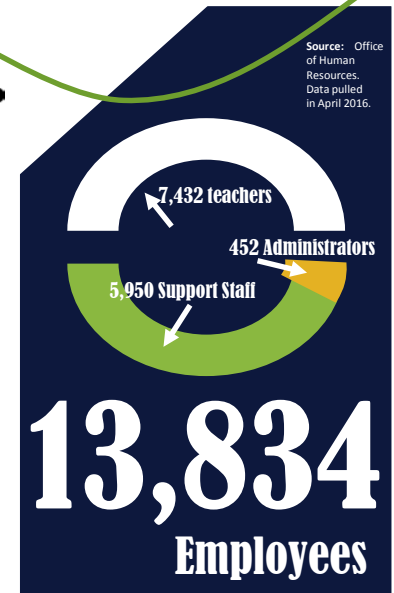
# 80.1%

## Graduation Rate

14.9% increase since 2011



\*2015-16. Graduation Rate. The 206-17 rate will be released by the state in December of 2017.



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Credits Required

- Standard 24 credits
- 18 credits (early graduation option)

Both options can be finished in 4 years or earlier (for early graduation)

Both options require students to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0



# CORE ACADEMICS REQUIRED

**4 Credits in English Language Arts**

**4 Credits in Mathematics**

- algebra 1 and geometry are required

**3 Credits in Science**

- biology and 2 other equally rigorous science courses are required

**3 Credits in Social Studies**

- world history, US History, economics, and government



# STATE ASSESSMENTS REQUIRING A PASSING SCORE FOR GRADUATION

10<sup>th</sup> grade Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in English Language Arts

- measures literacy- reading, writing, speaking and listening

Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment



# Are You Prepared For College?



- Explore Careers
- Internships
- Checklist to Get Ready
- Choosing a School
- Understanding College Cost
- Applying to Schools
- Finding Help

# Student Outline

**Short and Long-Term Goal**

**Goals Matter**

**Curriculum Counts**

**Challenges Prepare: Assignments & High Expectations Matter**

**List all achievements from 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Honors & Awards**
- **Leadership**

**Extracurricular Activities**

**Education**

**Community Service**

**Employment**



# Volunteer Community Service Log

- **Diversity and Flexibility**
- **Consistency and Long-Term Commitment**
- **Skills required**
- **Certificates of participation**
- **Evidence of increased responsibility and maturity**

# Personal Profile

- **Lists activities by high school year**
- **States words that describe the student**
- **Summarizes the academic record**
- **Summarizes extra curricular participation**
- **Facilitates letters of recommendation**
- **Provides content of College Application Essays**
- **Other significant college prep activities--financial aid**

# Essay Preparation

- After high school I want to...
- After college I want to...
- Going to college will be a challenge because...
- I have always wanted to...
- I have \_\_\_\_\_ since I was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- I want to attend \_\_\_\_\_ University because..
- My parents are an inspiration because...
- When \_\_\_\_\_ happened, it changed my life

# Where is the Money?

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Loans
- Work-Study Jobs
- Aids for Military Families
- FASA: Apply for Aid

