Another record-setting year for Hillsborough’s students

District set all-time graduation rate record

Hillsborough ranks at the top of 27 large districts across America

Achievement gaps continue to close

Increased grad rate equals a $1 billion economic impact since 2015

Grad rates for minority, exceptional and English learner students are rising faster than the overall rate

4th and 8th graders tied for 1st place in reading and 2nd place in math

State, National and International Awards

Florida Teacher of the Year Winner
Dr. Dakeyan Graham, Director of Instrumental Studies at King High School

International Science and Engineering Fair Worldwide Top 3 Finisher
Rajat Doshi, Plant High School

Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Winner
Tiffany Oliver, Robinson High School

3 Nationally Certified Magnet Schools in Hillsborough County
Out of only 116 in the country

#1 Elementary Magnet School in the USA
MacFarlane Park

CUBE Award for Urban School Board Excellence
Honoring our School Board for supporting diversity and student equity

Nationwide leader in STEM learning
Science, Technology, Engineering & Math education

State and national leader in workforce and career training

- Students earned a district record 7,000+ industry certifications in IT, welding & more
- 1,200+ apprenticeships put students in real-world jobs, building Tampa Bay's skylines
- USF Health, AdventHealth & Moffitt Cancer Center partner with medical magnet schools
- Home to 4 technical colleges, 65 Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs & 206 middle and high school Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Academies

230+ Schools, 24,000+ Educators, 219,000+ Students
One Vision: Preparing Students for Life
Did you know?

LITERACY
• 5+ winners of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, recognized at Carnegie Hall
• 75% of 1st graders who complete a full series of lessons in the Reading Recovery program reach grade-level proficiency in 12 to 20 weeks, with first year Reading Recovery students growing an average of 11.5 text levels
• More than a dozen of our schools are “Leader in Me” schools—based on Stephen Covey’s Seven Habits of Highly Effective People
• Out of our 50 high-needs Achievement Schools, 18 improved a letter grade and another 12 maintained a “C” grade or higher

STEM
• 120 elementary schools competed to solve the most challenging math problems in the Math Bowl
• 450 students competed in the middle school Math League competition
• 600 students competed in the high school Math Bowl and regional competitions
• 1,700 students participated in Hillsborough Robotics grades 4-5 with LEGO, WeDo and Mindstorms
• More than 100 elementary schools trained in Computer Science fundamentals
• 1,500 K-8 students participated in NASA's Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) and Mission Patch

SOCIAL STUDIES
• 13,000 4th and 5th grade students participated in the annual 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking program
• 4,000+ high school students participated in the personal financial literacy program
• 30 middle school students competed in the National History Day competition
• 96 students from 16 schools competed in the 5th grade Economics Quiz Bowl

ADVANCED ACADEMICS
• In 2019, our 3 collegiate academies graduated 166 students with Associate of Arts degrees; Hillsborough is adding a 4th collegiate academy in 2019-2020
• 27 high schools offer AP classes and free SAT for all students
• Recently, at Strawberry Crest High School, 100% of its IB seniors passed the challenging IB exam
• All our IB high schools had a passing rate of 82% or higher; the national average is 66%

ART AND MUSIC
• 2019 Best Communities for Music Education Recipient
• Since 2014, more than 50 students have received American Ballet Theater certifications for Level 4 of the National Training Curriculum
• 175+ students showcased at Tampa Riverfest
• 2,500+ student artists showcased in local and national exhibitions

WORLD LANGUAGE
• 500+ students enrolled in elementary and middle school dual language programs
• 1,832 seniors received the gold Florida Seal of Biliteracy
• 2,501 seniors received the silver Florida Seal of Biliteracy
• Offerings in seven languages: American Sign Language, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Latin and Spanish

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH AND DANCE
• Jr. Bucs Fitness Challenge infuses football skills and drills in current physical education curriculum throughout Hillsborough and Pinellas County Public Schools
• The First Tee Golf Programs Core Values training with golf skills infused at elementary and middle schools
• Student dancers received scholarships and awards from Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture & the Arts
• BayCare St. Joseph's Children's Wellness and Safety Center Bike and Pedestrian programs for elementary and middle schools

MILITARY PARTNERSHIPS
• Nationwide Pete Taylor Award for the strongest school district / military partnership in America
• Eve Glenn of Robinson High School honored with National Military Child of the Year Award
• Project SALUTE partnership with Department of Defense focuses support at on-base Tinker K-8 School
• 27 JROTC units in high schools and career centers place us among Florida’s leaders

2018 EDUCATION REFERENDUM
• Hillsborough County residents voted and approved a half-penny sales tax, which will create more than $1.3 billion in construction and renovation spending, boosting our local economy—addressing essential district needs including air conditioning, aging roofs, classroom technology and safety & security improvements
• As of August 2019, payments and commitments to vendors working on referendum projects have generated an economic impact of $108 million
• 7 out of every 8 dollars spent on referendum projects have gone to Tampa Bay area companies

SAFETY
• Hillsborough was the first large district to be fully compliant with every part of Florida’s new School Safety law
• Hillsborough is adding a new cutting-edge security system that empowers employees at all district-operated schools; using an ID badge, any employee will be able to call for help or initiate a school-wide lockdown if needed