

Osceola School District's

Superintendent's Progress Report To The Community



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Osceola's Graduation And Dropout Rates Show Dramatic Improvement

A new report recently released from the Florida Department of Education shows substantially more Osceola County students are staying in school and graduating than ever before. The district posted impressive improvements in both its graduation and dropout rates from the 2007/2008 to the 2008/2009 school year.

Osceola School District's graduation rate improved from 67.5% in 2007/2008 to 79.2% for the 2008/2009 school year. This calculation includes all diploma recipients such as standard and special diplomas, as well as regular and adult GEDs. Osceola County now has a higher graduation rate than the state average of 78.6%. The state's graduation rate increased 3.2%, while Osceola School District's rate increased by 11.7% which is a tremendous accomplishment for the district.

The district also made dramatic improvements in its dropout rate from 2007/2008 where it was 2.7% to an all-time low of 1.0% in 2008/2009. Osceola County now has a lower dropout rate than the state average of 2.3%.

In 2008/2009, the Osceola School District launched an intensive campaign to encourage greater numbers of students to successfully graduate. Successful initiatives include computer-based credit recovery labs at every comprehensive high school, ACT/SAT preparation programs to assist students striving to overcome assessment hurdles, extended learning opportunities after school and/or Saturdays for remediation, and expansion of career and technical programs to increase student engagement in the learning process. In addition, principals and guidance counselors met individually with students in need of encouragement to set individual goals to improve test scores, attendance, and academic performance.

"I am extremely proud of these achievements as every day we are holding all of our students to higher standards and expectations," said Superintendent Dr. Michael A. Grego. "Our expectation is that every student in the Osceola School District will graduate college- and career-ready."

Student Achievement Is Our Number One Priority!