



**Our Deepest Sympathy Goes Out To
The Families of John Passidomo, Bill Gunter, and Bob Graham Family**

The Briefing for April 24, 2024

The Last Briefing was April 23, 2024

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[U.S. News Best High Schools Rankings](#)

The U.S. News has issued its annual [2024 Best High Schools](#) rankings. Here's a look at the rankings released yesterday – which ranked nearly 17,660 out of more than 24,000 reviewed public high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia – shows notable movement among schools, especially at the top. The report includes data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 17,660 schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

The rankings are based on the following six factors:

- College readiness, based on the proportion of 12th-grade students who took and earned a qualifying score on at least one [Advanced Placement](#) or [International Baccalaureate](#) exam (30% of ranking).
- State assessment proficiency, based on aggregated scores on state assessments that students may be required to pass for graduation (20%).
- State assessment performance, based on whether performance on state assessments exceeded expectations given the school's proportion of underserved students (20%).
- Underserved student performance, based on how Black, Hispanic and low-income students performed on state assessments compared with those who are not underserved in the state (10%).
- College curriculum breadth, based on proportions of 12th-grade students who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and/or IB exams in multiple content areas (10%).
- Graduation rate, based on the proportion of students who entered ninth grade in 2018-2019 and graduated four years later (10%).

All of the data is collected from third-party sources. U.S. News receives AP and IB data directly from the College Board and International Baccalaureate, when applicable.

Upcoming Meetings

We are focused now on preparing for the Summer Meetings of the SSDCC and the Small County Coalition. Agenda materials are being developed and will be emailed well before the scheduled meeting. Both meetings will include the election of officers and other business. Here's the calendar for both meetings -

Small District Annual Joint meeting

FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium
JUNE 6, 2024 - 7:30-8:30am - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - Skylark Room – 14th Floor

Florida School Boards Association/FADSS Summer Meeting

June 5 – 7 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
[Tentative Conference Agenda](#)

Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting

Wednesday – June 26th - 7:00am-8:30am
Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

Florida Association of Counties Summer Business Meeting

June 25 – 28 – Bonnet Creek Orlando

<https://www.fl-counties.com/event-directory/2024-annual-conference-exhibition/>

	<p><u>Commissioner John Meeks – Levy County</u> <u>Running for FAC 2nd VP</u></p> <p>John Meeks, former Chair of the Small County Coalition, is running for the FAC 2nd Vice President. That election will be held during the Florida Association of Counties Friday morning session, June 28. Commissioners must be present at the Friday General Session to vote! Plan to stay through the Friday morning session to support Commissioner Meeks!</p>
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Headlines Around the State

[Democrat: Can Biden put right-leaning Florida in play? President sees an opening on abortion](#)

[WUSF: Biden blames Trump for Florida's 6-week abortion ban, says women nationwide face health crisis](#)

[News4Jax: Biden assails Florida's 6-week abortion ban as he tries to boost his reelection odds](#)

[Times: Here's what Biden said in Tampa — and how his critics responded](#)

[Herald: Biden predicts Floridians will pass ballot initiative to protect abortion access](#)

[FlaPol: Florida tabloid publisher will testify how he helped kill negative stories about Donald Trump](#)

[FlaPol: Rick Scott threatens federal defunding of Columbia University](#)

[FlaPol: Rick Scott rips Joe Biden for catering to 'antisemitic base'](#)

[The Floridian: Moskowitz Warns of Spread of Antisemitism From Recent Protests](#)

[FlaPol: Marco Rubio glad America is 'waking up' to TikTok threat](#)

[WUSF: Title IX protections now extend to gender identity and sexuality. Here's what that means in Florida](#)

[The Floridian: 'Sends a Terrible Message': U.S. Senate Candidate Accuses Democratic Party of Racial Insensitivity](#)

[Post: Man setting himself on fire is shocking. But that Floridians believe conspiracies is unsurprising](#)

[WLRN: Low- and moderate-income Florida homes could get solar from federal funding](#)

[FlaPol: Florida's women college graduates among most economically challenged in U.S.](#)

[Axios: Anthony Fauci among star speakers coming to Sarasota](#)

[WUSF: Seven reasons why the FAA blocked Sarasota airport's land sale to New College](#)

[Herald Tribune: Pine View School rated No. 1 high school in Florida, new rankings show](#)

[Sentinel: Rollins College president Cornwell to step down next year](#)

[WUSF: A hunk of space junk crashed through a Florida man's roof. Who should pay to fix it?](#)

[FlaPol: S&P Global upgrades Miami-Dade Water and Sewer bond ratings](#)

[Times: DeSantis blames GOP members of Congress for losing leverage in border talks](#)

[FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rips Joe Biden, Congress on abortion, Mexican border security](#)

[Times: DeSantis said public schools were religious when U.S. began. Is he right?](#)

[FlaPol: Ashley Moody wants Joe Biden to explain high number of migrant flights to Florida](#)

[Daily News: Gov. DeSantis signs bill in Naples to continue tech initiative to fight red tide](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis announces investments in Wildlife Corridor, red tide mitigation](#)

[The Capitolist: My Safe Florida Home bills reach DeSantis](#)

[The Capitolist: Florida bolsters cybersecurity under new legislation](#)

[FlaPol: Senate candidate Randy Fine wants college students to start carrying guns](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Mixed results so far for felons accused of illegally voting in 2020](#)

[WLRN: Lights, camera action? The decline of Florida's film industry and the effect on job market](#)

[Democrat: Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody weighs in on 'backing the blue' in Tallahassee](#)

[Democrat: From battlefield to capital: Former FSU President reflects on his days in the Vietnam War](#)

[Times: Should Florida Attorney General get involved in FSU vs. ACC lawsuits?](#)

[Sentinel: Democrat lawmaker Antone doesn't always report living in required district, records show](#)

[WLRN: A new runway is back on PBIA's flight plan, to the chagrin of locals like Donald Trump](#)

[FlaPol: Group backing recreational pot amendment touts support from veterans coalition](#)

[Times: In St. Petersburg, homeless people get an apartment, support – and a fresh start](#)

[WLRN: State investigators seek suspension of Broward Sheriff's certification over 'broken' public trust](#)

[WUSF: Misinformation is causing Floridians to harm, not help, monarch butterflies](#)

[The Capitolist: Safety Net Hospital Alliance announces expansion of medical residency programs in Florida](#)

On The Docket

- PAROLE CASES

- Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
- Description: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet.
- Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- **MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES**
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet.
 - Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Tallahassee, 1690 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee.
- **OPTOMETRY BOARD**
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Optometry will meet.
 - Location: Information at <https://floridasoptometry.gov/meeting-information/>
- **MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ISSUES**
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Tallahassee, 101 South Adams St. Tallahassee.
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES**
 - Time: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
 - Description: The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet.
 - Location: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- **CITRUS ISSUES**
 - Time: Wednesday, 2 p.m.
 - Description: The Florida Citrus Commission will meet.
 - Location: Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 258577262
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD**
 - Time: Wednesday, 3 p.m.
 - Description: The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: College of Central Florida, Wilton Simpson Citrus Campus, Charles S. Dean Sr. Educational Center, 3800 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.
- **HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD**
 - Time: Wednesday, 4 p.m.
 - Description: The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Building, 4115 North Lois Ave., Tampa.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

- **UNF TRUSTEES MEET**
 - Time: Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
 - Description: The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: UNF Arena, Bank of England Suite, Jacksonville.
- **MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES**
 - Time: Thursday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Tallahassee, 1690 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee.
- **FIU TRUSTEES**
 - Time: Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida International University Board of Trustees will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting at 1:30 p.m.
 - Location: Florida International University, Wolfe University Center, 3000 N.E. 151st St., North Miami Beach.
- **PROPERTY INSURANCE FORUM**
 - Time: 10 a.m.

- Description: U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., will hold a discussion about property insurance rates. Other officials planning to attend include U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Fla., and state Sens. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, and Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers.
- Location: Lee County Public Education Center School District Board Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS
 - Time: Thursday, 11 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES
 - Time: Thursday, 3 p.m.
 - Description: The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will hold committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. The trustees could consider a contract for Devin Stephenson, who has been selected to become the university's new president.
 - Location: Information at <https://floridapoly.edu/board-of-trustees/public-meetings.php>
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL
 - Time: Thursday, 7 p.m.
 - Description: The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 S.W. Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <https://meet.goto.com/456104853>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 456104853

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

- PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
 - Time: Friday, 8 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Psychology will meet.
 - Location: Embassy Suites Tampa Airport, 555 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.
- WATER QUALITY
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force will meet.
 - Location: Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Ave. S.E., St. Petersburg. <https://www.youtube.com/fwcresearch>
- MESSAGE THERAPY
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Tallahassee, 1690 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee.
- PRISON HEALTH CARE
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The state Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: Florida Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee.
- HEARING AID BOARD
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The state Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet.
 - Location: Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 982688175
- PASSIDOMO CELEBRATION OF LIFE
 - Time: Friday, 4 p.m.
 - Description: A celebration of life will be held for Senate President Kathleen Passidomo's husband, John, who died April 3 from injuries suffered in a fall.
 - Location: Baker Park, 50 Riverside Circle, Naples.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

- PASSIDOMO FUNERAL
 - Time: Saturday, 11 a.m.
 - Description: A funeral Mass will be held for Senate President Kathleen Passidomo's husband, John, who died April 3 from injuries suffered in a fall.
 - Location: Saint Ann Catholic Church, 475 Ninth Ave. South, Naples.

About the Briefing!

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