

ALACHUA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENTS

Alachua County Public Schools students, staff and schools can boast of many outstanding achievements in academics, the arts, athletics and other areas. Here is just a sampling!



- ★ ACPS named an 'A-Rated' district by the Florida Department of Education based on the academic achievement of its students, one of just 24 in the state
- ★ An average combined SAT score of 1187, far above both state and national averages
- ★ An Advanced Placement (AP) passing rate of 65% in 2018, higher than state, national and global passing rates on the rigorous exams
- ★ An ACT composite score of 21.3 in 2018, topping Florida's averages in all categories (English, math, reading and science)
- ★ Eleven students earn perfect scores on the SAT or ACT for 2018-19
- ★ A Buchholz High School (BHS) student wins the 1st place Grand Award in Chemistry and is one of just 22 students out of 1800 competitors named a Best in Category Winner at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair
- ★ A Westwood Middle School team wins a 3rd place in the world award at the VEX IQ Robotics Challenge
- ★ Thirty 2020 National Merit semifinalists
- ★ A graduation rate of more than 95% in 2018 for the district's seven high schools
- ★ ACPS named District of the Year (small district category) by Cambridge International for the quality and diversity of its Cambridge program, located at Gainesville High School (GHS)
- ★ A Bronze Medal from *U.S. News and World Report* for the Professional Academies Magnet @ Loften High School, the district's school of choice for students interested in focusing on a career cluster
- ★ More than 2000 career certifications earned by high school and even middle school students in 2018-19. A Newberry High School student earns seven
- ★ The BHS math team wins its 12th national title in 13 years
- ★ A BHS student wins the 2019 Championship in the International Geography Olympiad and leads the U.S. team to 2nd place overall, its highest finish ever
- ★ Three students are among just 300 semifinalists nationwide in the prestigious Broadcom MASTERS science competition
- ★ A chess team from Williams Elementary School wins 1st place in the 2019 National Elementary (K-6) Championship
- ★ Fifty-three 7th-graders recognized in the 2019 Duke University Talent Identification Program for earning high scores on college entrance exams, including 18 who were among the top performers in the nation



... and many more!

