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**CITY OF
DELRAY BEACH**

**Status of Public Schools and
Student Enrollment and
Performance Data**

-2022 Report-



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INTRODUCTION

The City of Delray Beach (DRB), with assistance from the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), is pleased to present this report showing key data related to public schools located within the City limits. The report is designed to inform DRB City Commissioners and key stakeholders as to the high priority education needs in the city, and to serve as the basis for exploration and discussion of a plan, in partnership with SDPBC, to achieve excellence in Delray public schools and improve Delray student achievement and success. The data noted herein is from SDPBC and Florida Department of Education.

Typically, the compilation of this report would be the responsibility of the City's Education Coordinator, however, with the retirement of the individual holding the position since its inception and position's current status as vacant, the City administration worked with staff of the PBCSB to gather and compile the relevant information.

It should be noted that filling the Education Coordinator vacancy is a priority for the City administration as the position is the point-person in the City's administration who is responsible for ensuring that DRB leadership, community stakeholders, parents, and students have access to up-to-date information about the state of education in the city, having a voice in driving school excellence and ensuring high levels of student achievement and success, and also working closely with the City's economic development office and partner agencies to ensure development of a trained and ready workforce.

DELRAY BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS & STUDENT ENROLLMENT/PERFORMANCE DATA

While the primary focus of DRB's education programs and resources are to support the public school system, the city does engage, on occasion, with the following six (6) private schools in Delray:

- American Heritage (Non-sectarian / PK3-12 / 1700 students)
- Daughter of Zion Junior Academy (Religious / PK-8 / 150 students)
- Space of Mind Schoolhouse (Home School + Tutorial Support / 50 students)
- St. Vincent Ferrer School (Religious / PK-8 / 350 students)
- Trinity Delray Lutheran School (Religious / PK-8 / 280 students)
- Unity School (Religious / PK-8 / 300 students)

Listed below are the eight (8) PK-12 public schools owned and operated by SDPBC located within the municipal boundaries of DRB, noting the percentage of Free/Reduced Lunch (Title 1) eligible students for 2021, 2022, 2023:

SCHOOL	2021	2022	2023
Atlantic High School	60.7%	65.7%	60.7%
Banyan Creek Elementary School	62.0%	52.8%	52.7%
Carver Middle School	88.0%	77.7%	74.6%
Orchard View Elementary School	92.0%	87.1%	76.2%
Pine Grove Elementary School	97.0%	96.6%	79.8%
Plumosa School of the Arts (PK-5)	80.0%	72.2%	69.2%
SD Spady Elementary School	64.0%	57.2%	55.1%
Village Academy (PK-12)	97.0%	92.5%	88.8%

Note: Table reflects *Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible [Title 1]* – Reflects all students, not just Delray resident students)

SDPBC has a process called “Choice” enabling PK-12 students, with the support of their parents, to enter a lottery to apply for enrollment at a school outside their regular attendance zone and choose a program of study. In Delray, there are approximately 2,640+/- students attending Delray public schools through the Choice lottery who are not residents of the City of Delray Beach. The following are the schools these non-resident students can attend, with the eligible options identified for upcoming SY 2023-2024:

Atlantic High School	(International Baccalaureate [IB]; IB Career Programme-Medical Science)
Banyan Creek Elementary School	(Technology)
Carver Middle School	(IB Middle Years Program; Pre-Information Technology)
Plumosa School of the Arts	(Arts; Spanish Dual Language)
Plumosa School of the Arts (Grades 6-8)	(Arts; Dance; Music – Band, Keyboard/Piano, Orchestral Strings, Vocal; Theatre; Visual Arts)
SD Spady Elementary School	(Montessori)
Village Academy Elementary School	(Digital Citizenship; Small School Continuum)
Village Academy Middle School	(Pre-Information Technology; Small School Continuum)
Village Academy High School	(Information Technology; Small School Continuum)

In addition to the above, schools can have programs that are designated as “In-House” and are available only to students who are zoned to attend the school for that program. Atlantic High School has six (6) In-House Programs: Army JROTC, Construction, Criminal Justice, Drafting and Design, Early Childhood/Teacher Education, and Finance.

The following chart reflects Delray’s public school student population by area of residence:

STUDENT GEOGRAPHIC DATA - August 2020

	Total Students	Percentage
Total Student Enrollment in Delray Beach Public Schools**	6,682	
Total Delray Students Residing in the Municipal Boundaries	4,091	
Percentage of Municipal Delray Students on Free/Reduced Lunch	3,725	61.2%
Total Delray Students Residing in the CRA District	2,322	38.1%
Percentage CRA Delray Students on Free/Reduced Lunch	1,753	75.5%

***Delray public schools have approximately 2,640+/- students from outside of the municipal boundaries who are admitted to Delray schools through to the SDPBC Choice lottery.*

ENROLLMENT:

- Since 2015, Delray has had a 21% reduction in student enrollment.
- All Delray public schools have a greater than fifty-two (52%) percent enrollment of students who are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch (Title 1).
- Delray has one A-rated School, three B-rated school, and six C-rated schools. School ratings are one of the most important statistics businesses and families consider when exploring relocation to Delray.

The following chart provides a snapshot of the data regarding Delray public schools in terms of school grades, student enrollment, and utilization percentages:

3 YEAR TREND - PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADE RATINGS AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT

(Enrollment includes PK [4 year olds], where applicable; Village Academy PK includes Early HeadStart students [3 year olds]):

School (Maximum Capacity / Utilization Percentage)	2022 School Grade	2020-21* Enrollment	2021-22 Enrollment	2022-23 Enrollment	Percent Difference (2020-21 to 2022-23)
Atlantic High School (2,444 / 82%)	B	2,029	2,015	1,996	-1.63%
Carver Middle School (1,534 / 52%)	C	906	858	793	-12.47%
Banyan Creek Elementary (1,200 / 75%)	A	963	831	900	-6.54%
Orchard View Elementary (800 / 80%)	C	550	532	642	16.73%
SD Spady Elementary (697 / 73%)	B	541	496	507	-6.28%
Plumosa School of the Arts: K-5 (1221 / 66%)	C	570	685	801	40.53%
Pine Grove Elementary (654 / 57%)	B	395	389	372	-5.82%
Village Academy: PK-12 (1083 / 62%)* **	C	723	672	671	-7.19%
▪ Village PK-5 th (444 / 98%)	C	N/A	429	436	N/A
▪ Village 6-8 th (325 / 48%)	C	N/A	188	156	N/A
▪ Village 9-12 (434 / 18%)	C	N/A	107	79	N/A
TOTAL:		6677	6478	6,682	0.07%

*FY 2020-21: Full year distance learning with some students returning to campuses for in-person learning in January 2021.

**Plumosa's addition of Grades 6 and 7 accounts for the increase in student enrollment.

*** For combination schools like Village Academy (PK-12), FDOE uses a formula to adjust the established enrollment data. This is the reason for the difference in capacity in the table, above, between Village Academy PK-12 maximum capacity (1083), and the total of the disaggregated Village Academy maximum capacity numbers (1203).

In 2012, the City of Delray Beach became a Charter Member of the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading (GLR). The Campaign for GLR promotes strategies to increase kindergarten readiness, reduce summer learning loss, and reduce chronic absenteeism for low-income children, that helps to increase 3rd grade reading scores. The importance of the 3rd grade reading level attainment is that a child who misses this milestone is at risk of can experiencing a domino effect of under-performance negatively impacting their long-term academic success, as well as graduation from high school and readiness for college and/or career.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS (K-Ready):

School	Number of Students Tested	Number of Students K-Ready	Percent of Students K-Ready
Plumosa School of the Arts	53	37	69.8%
SD Spady Elementary School	63	38	60.3%
Pine Grove Elementary School	38	13	34.2%
Banyan Creek Elementary School	122	94	77.0%
Orchard View Elementary School	81	35	43.2%
Village Academy Elementary School	58	28	48.3%
TOTAL:	415	245	59%

THIRD GRADE READING SCORES:

School	Number of Students SY2020-21	SY2020-21 % Reading @ Level 3 or above	Number of Students SY2021-22	SY2021-22 % Reading @ Level 3 or above
Plumosa School of the Arts	102	32%	83	41.0%
SD Spady Elementary School	71	41%	52	65.4%
Pine Grove Elementary School	38	39%	70	48.6%
Banyan Creek Elementary School	137	65%	145	58.6%
Orchard View Elementary School	73	49%	80	36.3%
Village Academy Elementary School	42	24%	55	25.5%
TOTAL:	463	42.8%	485	47.4%

Regarding the Third Grade Reading Scores data table (hereinabove), please note:

- +These data were derived from the Florida State Assessment (FSA) scores.
- There were 4.8% more students enrolled in 3rd grade in SY 2021-22 than in SY 2020-21.
- There was a 4.6% increase in Third Grade Reading Levels across all Delray elementary schools.
- The percentage of students reading at Level 3 or above for FY 2021-22 was 53% for the State of Florida and 54% for the SDPBC, while the percentage of Delray students reading at Level 3, for that same period, was 47.4%, or 10.5% lower than the State levels and 12.2% lower than the SDPBC levels.

CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL 8th GRADE READING AND MATH SCORES:

Carver Scores	SY 2020-21	SY 2021-22
Reading	35.4% (753 students)	35.2% (784 Students)
Math	22.5% (753 students)	24.1% (693 Students)

Regarding the Carver Middle School Reading and Math data table (hereinabove), please note:

- These data were derived from the Florida State Assessment (FSA).
- There were 9% less 8th grade students SY 2020-21 than SY 2018-19.
- The percentage of students reading at Level 3 or above for the State of Florida was 52.8%; and SDPBC was 54.2% for SY 2020-21, while the percentage of Delray students reading at Level 3 or above for that same period was 35.4% or 18.8% lower than SDPBC.
- The percentage of students Level 3 or above for math for the State of Florida was 47%; and SDPBC was 48.4% for SY 2020-21, while the percentage of Delray students at Level 3 or above for math for that same period was 22.5% or 25.9% lower than SDPBC.

- Carver is the feeder school to Atlantic High school. Reading scores are slightly lower at the middle school level but the math scores are equivalent which is a contributing factor to college and career readiness scores.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES*:

School	SY 2018-19	SY 2019-20	SY 2020-21
Atlantic High School	93.9% (602 students)	96.8% (538 students)	94.9% (546 students)
Village Academy High School	81.3% (23 students)	100% (32 students)	97.0% (33 students)

*2021 Graduation Rate for the State of Florida was 90.1% and for Palm Beach County was 91.0%.

Regarding the High School Graduation Rate data table (hereinabove), please note:

- While graduation rates are high, 54% of the Atlantic High School graduates were reading on grade level as measured by the 10th grade FSA, and 22% were on grade level in math (math scores are a combination of algebra 1 and geometry scores). Reading scores were equal to County and State scores, however, math scores were 50% below County and State as reported by the Florida Department of Education.
- In 2020, Atlantic High School graduated 538 students, of which 58% had a passing college acceleration rate (the score used by SDPBC based on the number of students that took an AP, IB, ACE, dual enrollment, and/or industry certification course). This equates to 226 high-risk students graduating with a very low opportunity for successfully completing some form of post-secondary education. College acceleration rate for the County is 71% and for the State 63%.

DELRAY FULL SERVICE CENTER (DFSC) ADULT EDUCATION ENROLLMENT:

Adult Edu Programs	SY 2019-20	SY 2020-21	SY 2021-22	SY 2022-23
ESOL GED® IET and ACTE	421 students	213 students	352 students	331 students

Since 2012, DFSC has offered the following adult education programs:

ESOL: English to Students of Other Languages (ESOL) adult education programs teach adults to speak, read and write English.

GED®: The General Education Development series (GED®) tests four (4) subjects to assess a person's high school academic knowledge. Courses to improve GED® scores and earn a GED® credential are offered at DFSC. Earning a GED® credential is the equivalent of having a Grade 12 certificate, allowing adults to do the same things as someone who graduated Grade 12.

IET: Integrated Education and Training (IET) is an education model that combines occupational skills training and basic or academic skills instruction to increase and expedite the educational and career advancement of participants.

Adult Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Programs: Home Health Aide, Phlebotomy Technician, and Electrocardiogram (EKG) Technician.