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ECSD NEWS RELEASE

ECSD Announces 2019 Graduation Rate *High School Graduation Rate Increased – Again!*

Florida's Department of Education has released the on-time, 4 year graduation rates for the state, districts and schools and Escambia County School District (ECSD) is very proud to announce an increase – again!

For 11 consecutive years, ECSD has achieved an increase in their high school graduation rate and for the 2018-2019 school year the overall rate has climbed 4 points to 84.8%.

"Credit for this accomplishment goes to a long list of people beginning with our parents, every teacher the student has encountered, school administrators, subject area specialists, academy teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, graduation coaches, and finally, the students themselves who have worked so hard to fulfill all of the requirements for this major milestone," said ECSD Superintendent Malcolm Thomas. The State's overall results increased this year from 86.1% to 86.9%, so the gap between ECSD and the State has been closed to a 2.1% difference.

Superintendent Thomas stated, "Every high school in the Escambia County School District has a graduation rate above 83%. This means every school is above last year's district average of 80.7%. This is the first year that every high school has a graduation rate above 80%. The progress over the last decade has been fantastic!" Superintendent Thomas added, "In 2008 the on time graduation rate for the district was 55% and is now approaching 85%."

School	2019 Grad Rate
ESCAMBIA HIGH SCHOOL	84
PENSACOLA HIGH SCHOOL	91.2
J. M. TATE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	87.2
PINE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL	84.8
WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	84.7
NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	83.3
WEST FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL/TECHNICAL	99.4

District	84.8
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African American on-time graduation in ECSD schools has increased from 44% in 2008 to 78% in 2018-2019. Additional specific demographic information is available for each high school at <http://fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/FedGradRateRace1819.xls>. Media queries about Escambia County School District topics should be directed to Kim Stefansson, at kstefansson@escambia.k12.fl.us (changing soon to kstefansson@ecsdfi.us) or 850-469-6219.

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