



CCPS TO STREAM ALL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES LIVE



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Community members, alumni of Collier County Public Schools (CCPS), and friends and family of graduates from across the world will be able to watch commencement ceremonies as they take place on the campuses of high schools across Collier County.

The successful completion of all degree requirements is a tremendous



accomplishment and is the North Star for the CCPS Strategic Plan, which outlines continuous improvement strategies for graduating students who are college, career, and life ready. When you ask Dr. Kamela Patton the accomplishment she is most proud of during her eleven years as CCPS superintendent, she will quickly rattle off staggering statistics related to graduation rates. We are currently at a Collier County record-high overall graduation rate of 92.7% of students who graduate in four years. It will take several months before the Florida Department of Education releases the official graduation results for this year's class. Keep in mind, that the percentage that gets publicized

does not mean the remaining students in the cohort will be non-graduates. In many instances, students complete graduation requirements but take longer than four years. We host a mid-year commencement ceremony in January at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center to celebrate those who needed a little extra time but persevered to finish the race.

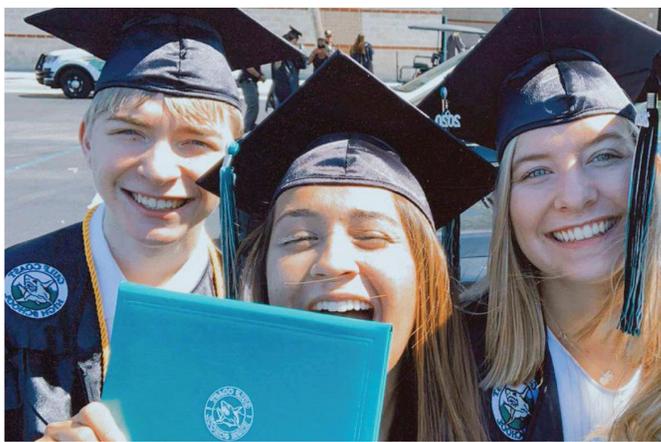
Everyone in our community should take pride in the educational opportunities delivered by our talented staff and the staggering numbers that reflect public education producing tomorrow's workforce and leaders. The CCPS graduation rate has increased

20.2 percentage points from 72.5% in 2011 to 92.7% in 2021. Subgroup graduation rates have continued to rise significantly as well. Students with disabilities improved their graduation rate from 48.4% in 2011 to 87.1% in 2021, an increase of 38.7%. Many people do not realize CCPS educates more migrant students than any other school district in Florida. When parents or guardians move for work in agriculture it can be extremely disruptive to their child's education. The graduation rate of our migrant population improved from

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Language Learners (ELL) because they score within the limited English proficiency range. The ELL graduation rate improved from 49.8% in 2011 to 86.8% in 2021, an increase of 37%. Those improvements are incredible!

Commencement ceremonies will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 27-28, 2022. As normal, these will be ticketed events where students will celebrate with family or whomever they choose to invite. Anyone may watch the ceremonies live by visiting collierschools.com/graduation and selecting the high school you would like to see. CCPS will also air replays of all the ceremonies on the Education Channel, available to subscribers of Comcast, Century Link, and Summit Broadband on channel 99. Our public schools belong to our community, and we are proud to offer this opportunity to collectively celebrate.



Walking across the graduation stage and tossing their caps in the air are moments students will never forget. It is the culmination of their K-12 academic journey and the launching point for their next phase in life, whether that means attending college, earning training necessary for a career, or joining the military.

Currently, this year's class of seniors remains on pace to reach—and potentially exceed—the high standard set by preceding classes.



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 Lorenzo Walker Technical High School Graduate
 Naples High School Graduate
 Barron Collier High School Graduates

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