

# PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

*League of Women Voters*

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# WHO WE ARE



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# WHO WE ARE

## FAST FACTS



**9<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST**  
FLORIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT



**THE LARGEST EMPLOYER**  
IN PINELLAS COUNTY



HOME TO A TOTAL OF  
**81,000 K-12 STUDENTS**



**144 SCHOOLS**  
DISTRICTWIDE



**A DISTRICT**  
FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW



**89% A & B RATED SCHOOLS**  
IN PINELLAS COUNTY

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## VISION

**100%**  
STUDENT SUCCESS

## MISSION

**EDUCATE AND PREPARE  
EACH STUDENT FOR  
COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE**

## CORE VALUES



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# DISTRICT APPLICATION PROGRAMS



**IMAGINE**



**INNOVATE**



**INSPIRE**

**89 CHOICE PROGRAMS & 25 SCHOOLS WITH MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA AWARDS**



ARTS



STEM



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



CAREER ACADEMIES



GIFTED STUDIES



DUAL LANGUAGES

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# DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

2023-26



## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
THROUGH INNOVATION**



**SAFE AND RESPECTFUL  
CLIMATE & CULTURE**



**EQUITY WITH  
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL**



**POSITIVE STAFF  
EXPERIENCES**



**STRONG CONNECTIONS  
& COMMUNICATION**



**FISCAL & OPERATIONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY**

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# SOARING

TO ANOTHER YEAR AS AN A DISTRICT



# RANKED 13<sup>TH</sup> IN THE STATE!

District	Total Points
NASSAU	888
ST. JOHNS	882
WALTON	874
LAFAYETTE	870
INDIAN RIVER	849
COLLIER	848
SARASOTA	836
MIAMI-DADE	827
SUMTER	822
SEMINOLE	818
WAKULLA	817
BROWARD	811
PINELLAS	805



Source: Florida Department of Education

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## PCS District Grade Trends State Rank of the 67 Districts

Year	Grade	Points	State Rank
2025	A	805	13
2024	A	777	15
2023	B	459*	21
2022	B	647	30
2021	B	605	23

\*FAST administration begins (no learning gains)

# LOCAL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

Grade	Hillsborough	Manatee	Pasco	Pinellas	Polk	Sarasota
	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>A</b>	70	18	21	65	12	22
<b>B</b>	44	9	23	38	22	15
<b>C</b>	94	21	30	13	68	2
<b>D</b>	5	0	8	0	6	0
<b>F</b>	0	1	1	0	1	0
<b># Schools</b> without Charters	213	49	83	116	109	39

Source: Florida Department of Education

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# SCHOOL GRADES 2024-25



**89% of Pinellas County Schools are an A or B!**  
**56% are an A!      33% are a B!**

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# GRADE 3 ELA ACHIEVEMENT 60%+

ANONA  
AZALEA  
BARDMOOR  
BAUDER  
BAY VISTA FUNDAMENTAL  
BELCHER  
BROOKER CREEK  
CURLEW CREEK  
CURTIS FUNDAMENTAL  
CYPRESS WOODS  
DOUGLAS L. JAMERSON  
ELISA NELSON  
FOREST LAKES  
FRONTIER  
FUGUITT  
GARRISON JONES  
GULF BEACHES

HIGHLAND LAKES  
HIGH POINT  
JAMES B. SANDERLIN  
JOHN M. SEXTON  
KINGS HIGHWAY  
LAKE ST. GEORGE  
LAKEVIEW FUND  
LAKEWOOD  
LEILA DAVIS  
MADEIRA BEACH FUND  
MARJORIE K. RAWLINGS  
MCMULLEN-BOOTH  
MIDTOWN ACADEMY  
MILDRED HELMS  
NEW HEIGHTS  
NORTH SHORE

NORTHWEST  
OAKHURST  
OLDSMAR  
ORANGE GROVE  
OZONA  
PASADENA FUND  
PERKINS  
PINELLAS CENTRAL  
PLUMB  
PONCE DE LEON  
RIDGECREST  
SAFETY HARBOR  
SAWGRASS LAKE  
SAN JOSE  
SANDY LANE  
SEMINOLE

SHORE ACRES  
SOUTHERN OAK  
STARKEY  
SUNSET HILLS  
SUTHERLAND  
TARPON SPRINGS FUND  
WALSINGHAM  
WESTGATE

**76%**  
of elementary schools  
have 60%+ proficiency

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# 3RD GRADE READING PROFICIENCY

Year	2018	2023	2024	2025
State	57	50	55	57
Pinellas	53	53	63	67
Black Pinellas Students	30	32	42	47

Source: FLDOE website, INDV Files

**STUDENT**

*Experience*



*Thank You*

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# STUDENT Experience



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# STUDENT *Experience*



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# STUDENT *Experience* BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



**14,000  
students  
participate in  
Arts field trips  
each year!**

- Chihuly Collection
- Dali Museum
- Dunedin Fine Art Center
- Florida Orchestra
- James Museum
- Imagine Museum
- Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art
- Mahaffey Theater
- Morean Arts Center
- Museum of American Arts & Crafts
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Palladium Theater
- Ringling Museum of Art
- Rubell Museum
- Ruth Eckerd Hall
- Safety Harbor Art and Music Center
- Sarasota Museum of Art
- Tampa Museum of Art

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# 2025-26 AREAS OF EMPHASIS



## Academic Excellence Through Innovation

- Accelerate innovative learning experiences for all students
- Expand early literacy initiatives for all students in grades pre-k-3
- Support the middle school student experience and transition
- **Strengthen secondary mathematics curriculum and supports**
- **Increase high school acceleration**

## Safe and Respectful Climate and Culture

- Strengthen school climate and behavior supports
- Implement current school safety laws and ensure a safety mindset in all buildings
- Launch digital responsibility and resiliency curriculum
- Increase student attendance through engagement strategies
- **Implement new threat management portal and system**
- **Expand mental health supports to include strategies for high-achieving students**

## Equity with Excellence for All

- **Eliminate gaps in opportunity, access and achievement for all students**
- **Accelerate progress of the district bridging the gap plan**

## Positive Staff Experiences

- Invest in all staff through effective professional learning
- Launch the teacher apprenticeship program
- Ensure staff experiences include adult learning strategies
- Enhance staff recognition opportunities and experiences
- **Develop and deploy employee feedback opportunities**

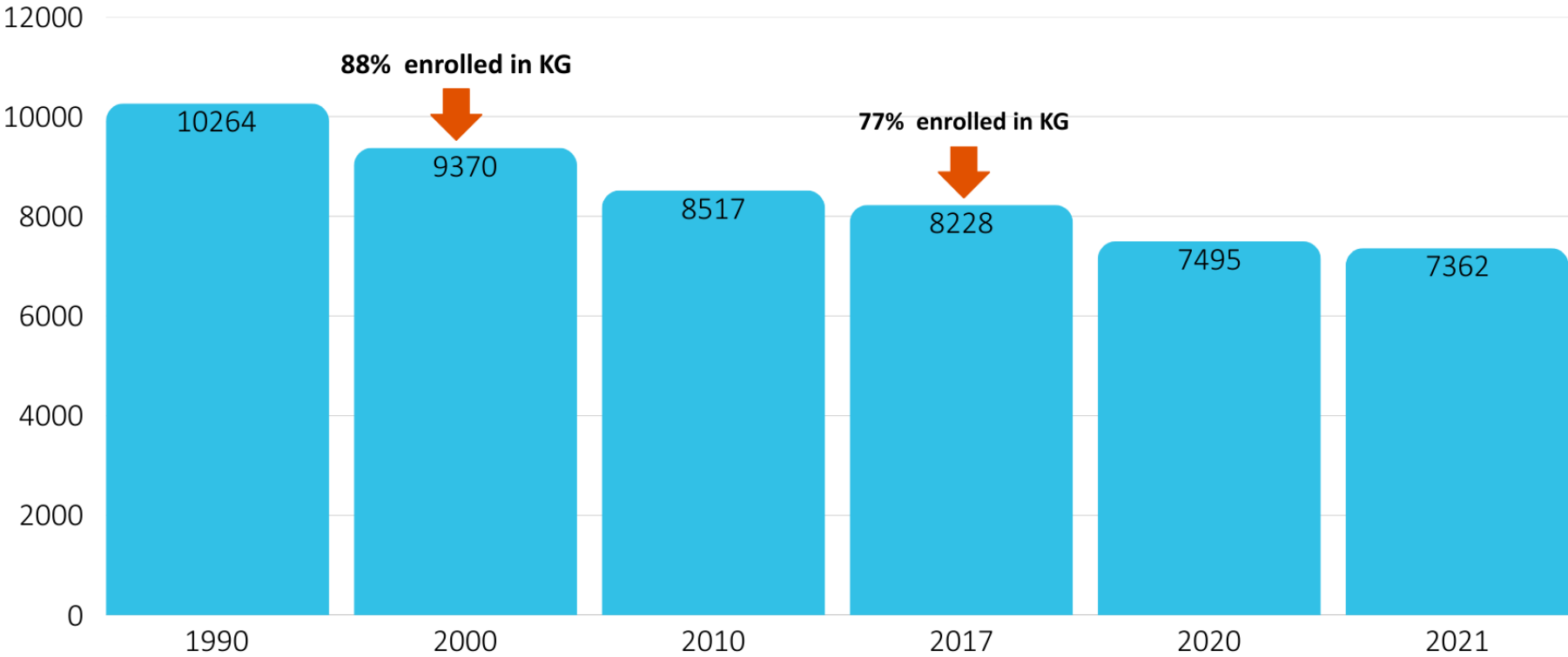
## Strong Connections and Communication

- Leverage partnerships with organizations and community members to support student success
- Design and deploy community DSP dashboard
- Deliver engaging and consistent communication through the district website
- **Launch new district and school websites**

## Fiscal and Operational Responsibility

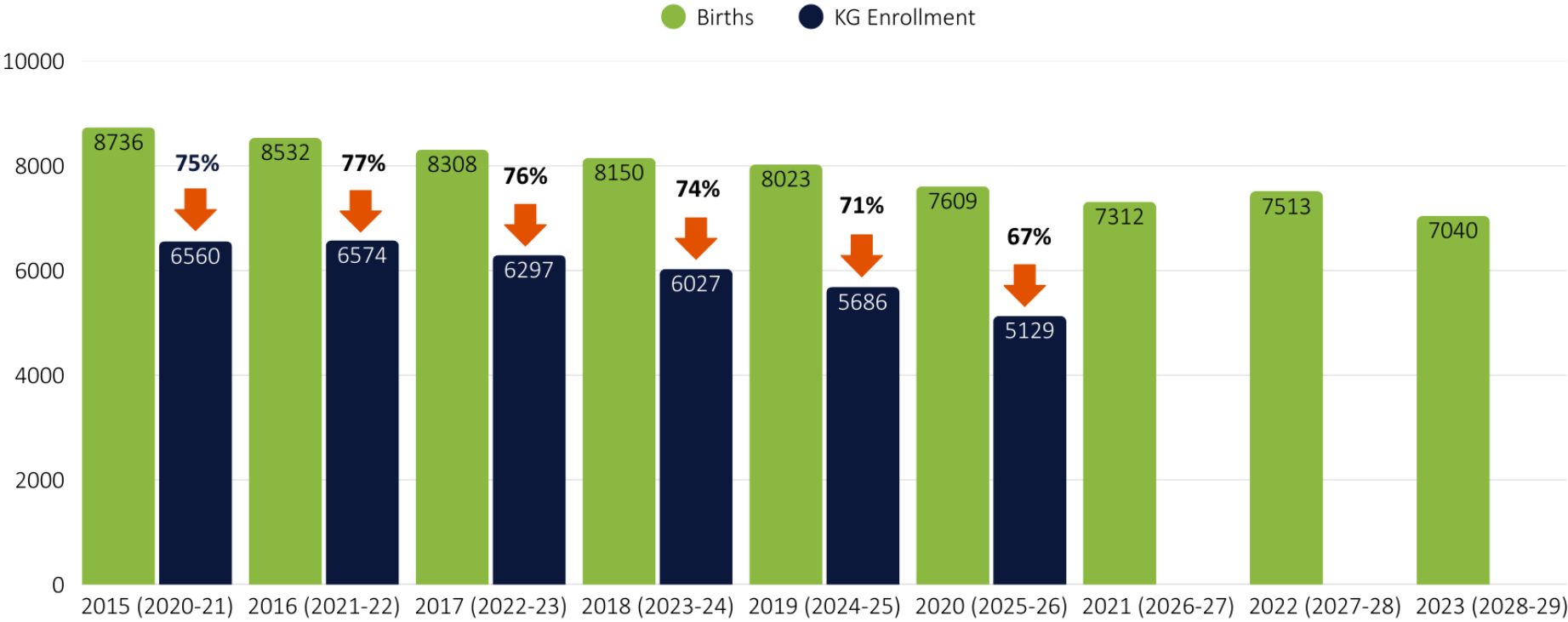
- Increase operational efficiency for student transportation
- Modernize data systems
- Prepare for new school start times
- Focus Capital Plan on life-cycle replacement
- **Begin developing operational dashboards**
- **Implement strategies to address declining enrollment**

# PINELLAS COUNTY BIRTH RATES



# PINELLAS BIRTH RATE TRENDS

## Births & KG Enrollment (By School Year)

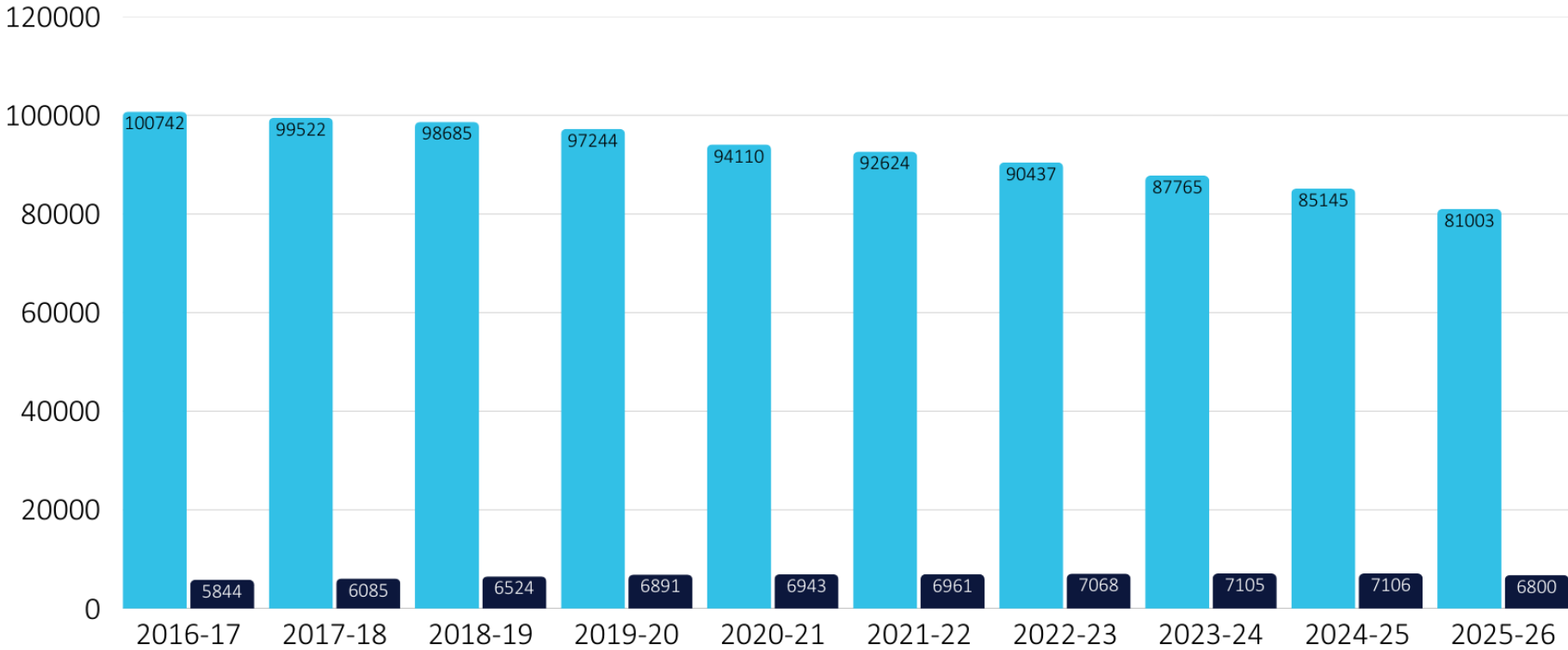


2025 Data from 10 Day Count-all other totals come from October Official Counts for each year.

# DISTRICT ENROLLMENT TRENDS

## Pinellas Enrollment K-12

● Total K-12 ● Charter



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**COMMUNITY**

*Support*

# VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



based on the national volunteer hour value

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# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## PCS COMMUNITY DASHBOARD

[strategicplan.pcsb.org](http://strategicplan.pcsb.org)



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