



Superintendent's Update

August 6, 2026



Presentation Objectives

- **State Assessment Results**
- **New School Year**
- **Student Transportation**
- **Upcoming Events**



State Assessment Results



CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS

STATE RANKINGS

A-RATED

School District

Highest Academic Performance
in the History of Clay County!

98%

of Schools are
A or B Rated
by FDOE's Standard (2026)

**TOP 100
RANKED
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS***

*Non-charter

- ★ Fleming Island Elementary
- ★ Orange Park Elementary
- ★ Paterson Elementary

ACADEMIC SUBJECT AREAS RANKINGS

OUT OF 67 FLORIDA DISTRICTS

1ST

in 7th
Grade Civics

5TH

in
U.S. History

9TH

in
Biology

2ND

in 7th Grade
Algebra

5TH

in 9th Grade
Geometry

5TH

in Grades
9th-10th ELA

State Rankings for Spring 2026.



64% of Clay
schools
earned an A
rating by the
FDOE

2023

2024

2025

2026

10

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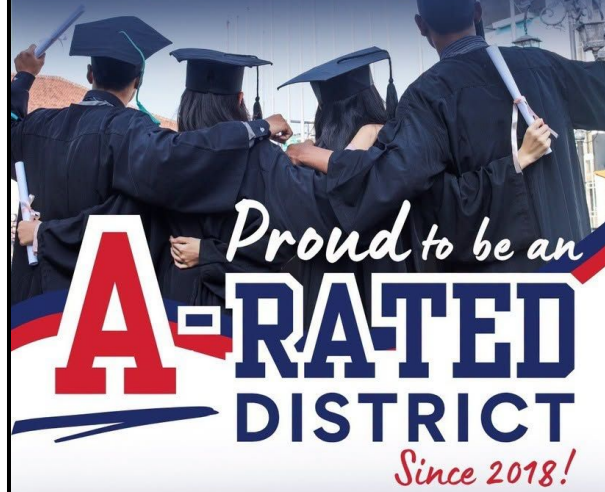
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CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS IS



ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES BEGIN HERE.

Enroll Today! OneClay.net



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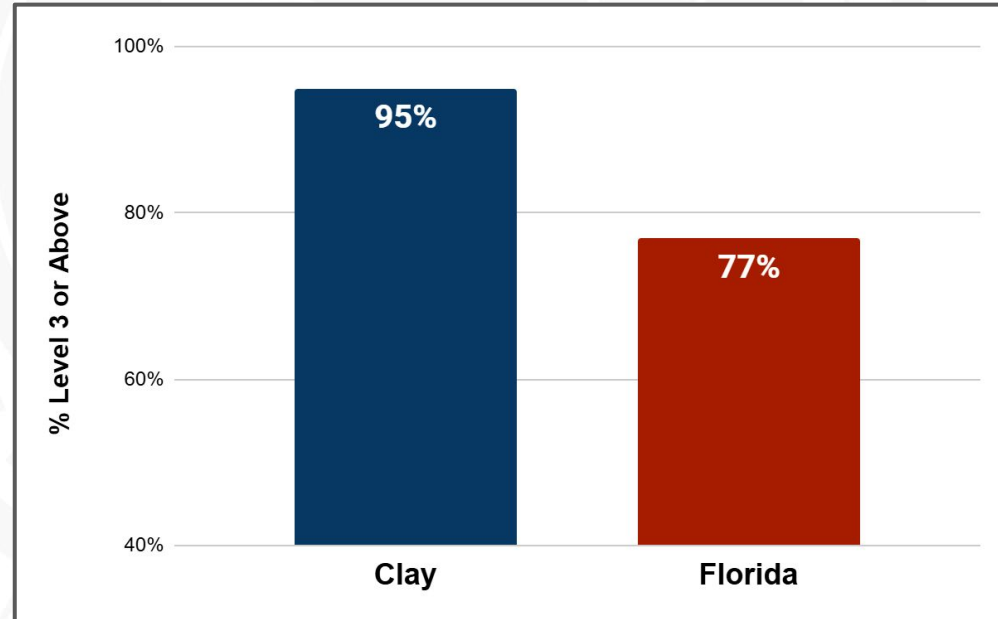
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Celebrations in Social Studies



**Clay is 1st in
7th grade
Civics**

7th Grade Civics Achievement

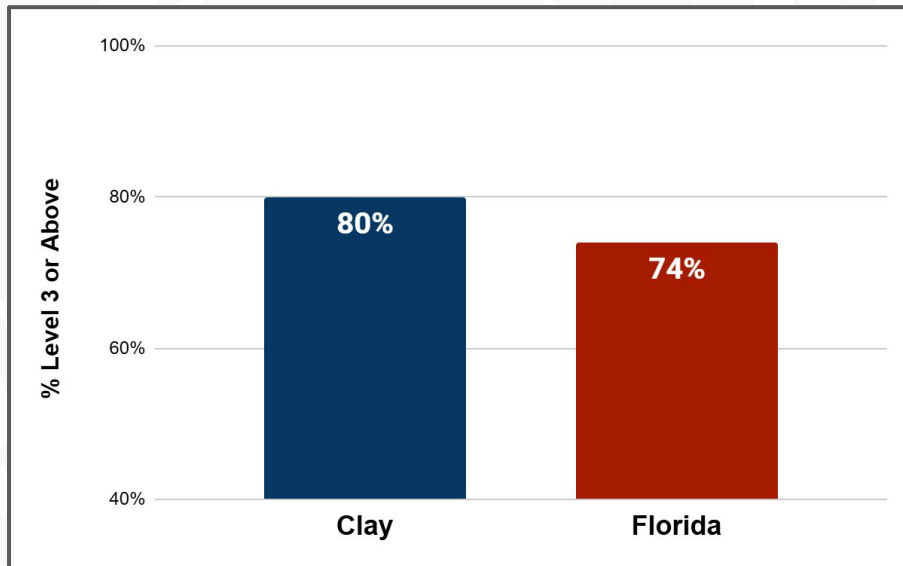


Celebrations in Science



**Clay is
9th in the state
for Biology**

Biology Achievement

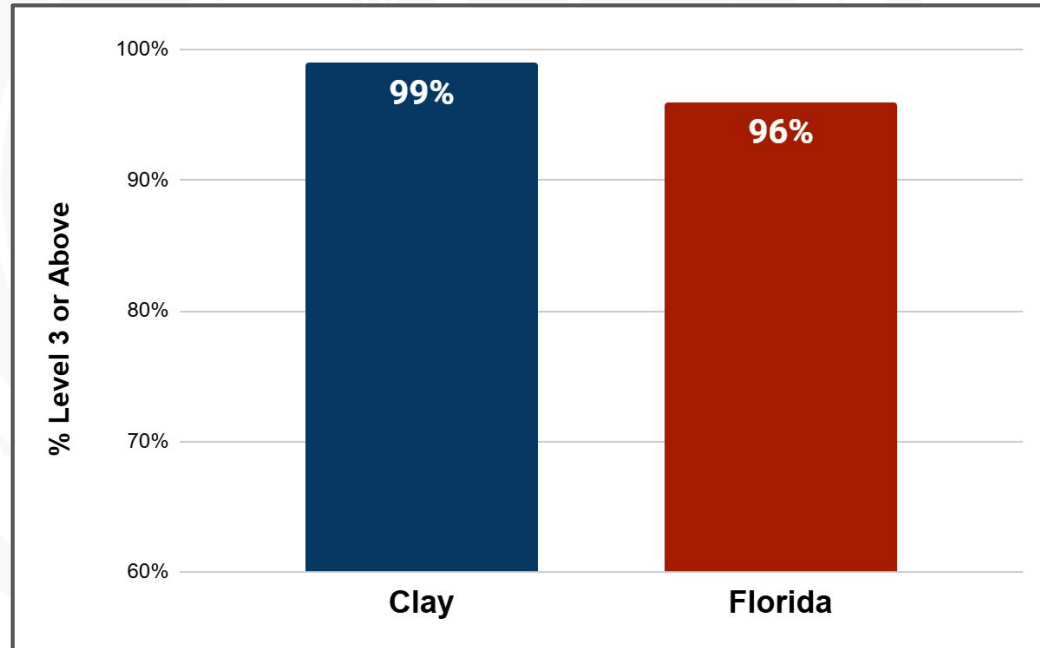


Celebrations in Math



**Clay is
2nd in the state
for 7th grade
Algebra**

7th Grade Algebra Achievement

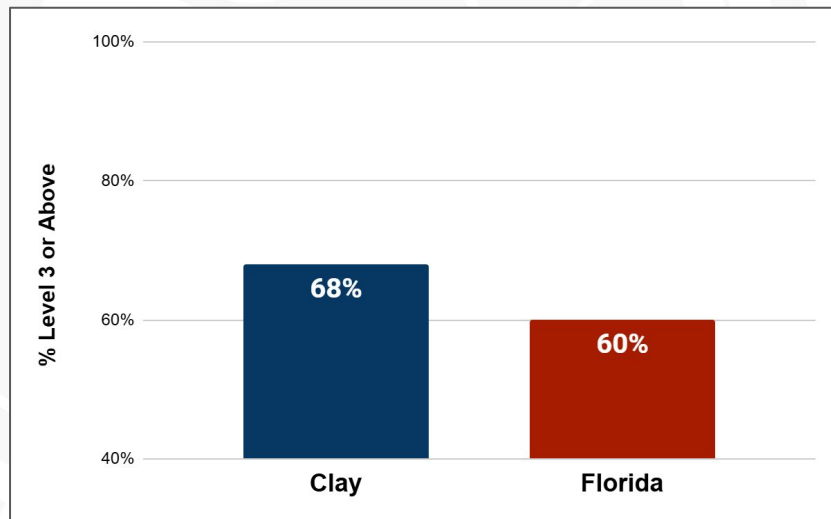


Celebrations in ELA



**Clay is 5th in
the state for
9th and 10th
Grade ELA**

ELA Achievement in Grades 9 & 10



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New School Year





Schools are ready for students to return on **Tuesday, August 11th**





WEB and LINK Crew

★ For students new to junior high or senior high school

★ Run by trained older students at the school

✓ *Help students feel welcome on a new campus*

✓ *Share practical school details and tips so students feel confident*

✓ *Provide individual support and positive role models*



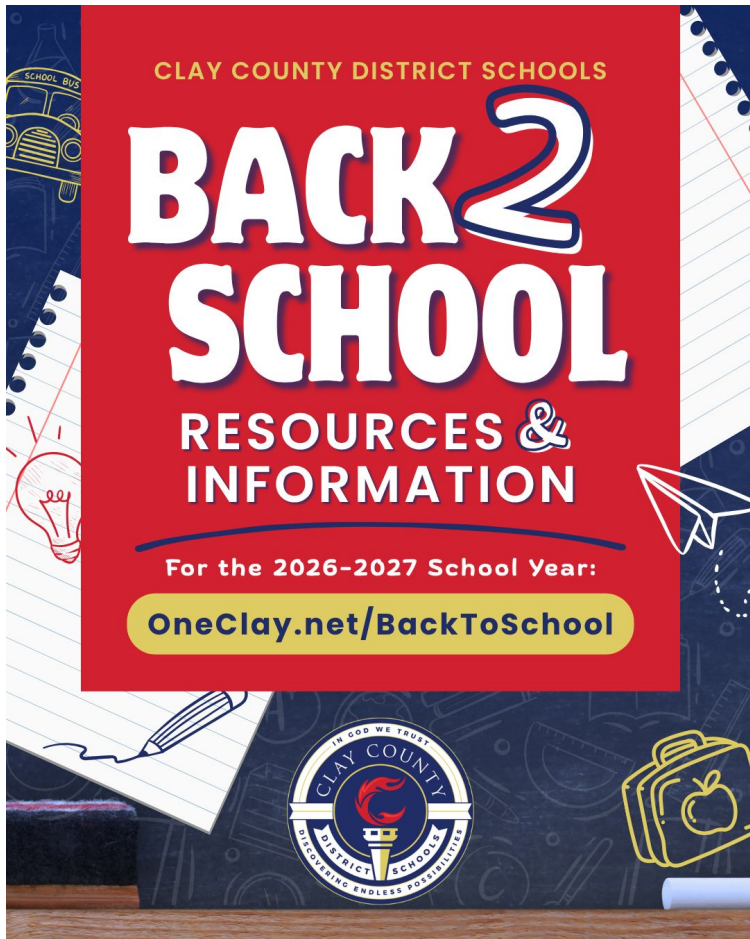


Teachers Attended Inservice Day Today

A Few of the 75 Sessions Offered

- Discourse in the Civics and US History Classrooms
- Teaching Social Studies Using Total Participation Techniques
- Small Steps - Big Impact (PreK)
- ESE - VE Self-Contained Best Practices
- Elementary Math: Inservice Tier 1 Intervention Team Leaders
- Leveraging Relationship, Curricula and Data to Move Our Students to Proficient and Beyond!
- NJROTC Roundtable
- Annual CTE Teacher Training
- Rooms Basic
- Fine Arts Kickoff
- Training with Clay County's Clerk of Courts





- ❑ Orientation Dates and Times
- ❑ Open House Dates and Times
- ❑ Links to School Supply Lists
- ❑ School Bell Schedules
- ❑ Checklists for Parents
 - ❑ New to Clay
 - ❑ Returning Parents
- ❑ Link to the Future Ready! Page



Student Transportation



Buses and Drivers are Ready!

- ✓ Routes established
- ✓ Drivers trained
- ✓ Ready to move 13,000+ students on August 11th!





Chipmunk App

CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS



Chipmunk School Bus Tracker

The Official School Bus Tracker App for Parents of Clay County District School Students!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Please note that the Chipmunk School Bus Tracker App is **REPLACING** the Here Comes the Bus App that was previously used by the District.

With the Chipmunk App by BusPlanner, you can stay informed about your child's bus and:

- ✓ Track the school bus in real time.
- ✓ See estimated arrival times at your child's stop.
- ✓ Receive alerts for delays, cancellations, or emergencies.



The Chipmunk App by BusPlanner is available for both Android and Apple devices:





FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: OneClay.net/Transportation
OR CONTACT US: ☎ (904) 336-0001 ✉ Routing@myoneclay.net



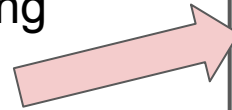
- Register for bus transportation
- Bus stop details
- Bus tracking
- Estimated Time of Arrival
- Receive alerts for delays, cancellations or emergencies



Transportation Service Eligibility

Eligible Ridership:

- Students greater than 2.0 miles from school
- Students in VPK
- Students with specific disabilities
- Pregnant or teenage parents
- Career, dual enrollment or student with disability required to participate in a specialized program
- K-6 with a documented hazardous walking conditions, according to the established criteria





Hazardous Walking Site Review Checklist

(To assist in determining eligibility for school transportation based on hazardous walking conditions, in accordance with section 1006.23, Florida Statutes)

Walkways Parallel To The Road		
YES	NO	
☐	☐	1. Is the location in a residential area with little or no traffic? Is the location in a residential area and on a road or street that is not used as a major artery or cut-through?
☐	☐	2. Is the location on a road where the traffic volume is fewer than 180 vehicles per direction per hour at 6 - 9 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.?
☐	☐	3. Is the area located in a residential area and on a road that has a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less?

* If the answer to 1, 2 or 3 is "YES," the area does not qualify as a hazardous walking location.
* If the answers to 1, 2 and 3 are all "NO," continue to next question.

If the posted speed limit is less than 50 mph:

☐	☐	4. Is there an area at least four feet wide with a "surface upon which students may walk" that prevents the students from having to walk on the road?
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Note: The surface does not have to be a sidewalk, but may be simply a surface upon which the students may walk. Weeds, tall grass or flooding may be temporary maintenance problems that do not constitute a hazardous walking area. A walking surface does not include drainage ditches, sliverways, swales or channels. A paved area contiguous with the paved roadway or extended shoulder (also known as a "breakdown lane"), with no separation from the driving area or raised curb, is not a walkway.

If the posted speed limit is 50 mph or greater:

☐	☐	5. Is the road uncurbed with a four-foot wide walking surface (as defined in #4) separated from the road by an additional three or more feet?
☐	☐	6. Is the road curbed with at least a four-foot wide walking surface (as defined in #4)?

* If the answer to 4, 5 or 6 is "YES," the area does not qualify as a hazardous walking surface.

Location Code (for local use) _____



Courtesy Ridership

- For students not eligible for transportation
- Can request courtesy ridership for one year
- Approval not guaranteed -- depends on space availability
- Consideration will be reviewed after eligible ridership numbers have settled (4 weeks)
- Ridership can be revoked if eligible numbers increase



Form
found in
the app

Courtesy rider requests will not be reviewed during the first four weeks of school.

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This form is for students who are not eligible for standard bus transportation but would like to request courtesy ridership if space is available during the 25/26 school year. Approval is not guaranteed and is subject to seat availability, existing bus routes, student behaviors and district transportation policies. Bus stops will not be created for courtesy riders.

Courtesy riders may be assigned or removed at any time based on capacity and eligibility changes. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation until they receive official approval.

By submitting this request, you acknowledge that courtesy ridership is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if conditions change.

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School

--Select--

Grade

--Select--

Last Name

First Name

Student ID

Parent Information

Last Name

First Name

Home Phone

Relationship



Transportation Questions

www.oneclay.net/transportation



Transportation Frequently Asked Questions

Getting your student to school safely is our top priority. We've compiled the answers to our most **frequently asked questions**—from eligibility and registration to using our real-time tracking tools—to help you manage your student's commute with ease. Explore the sections below to find the information you need to keep your student moving forward.

Who is eligible for a bus?

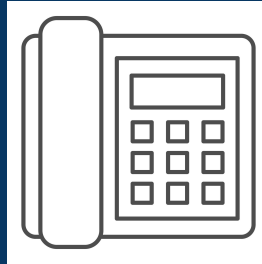
How do I register for transportation?

Why is my student's stop so far away?

What if the bus is late?

Do I qualify for school bus transportation?

Transportation FAQs



904-336-0001, Option 2

Clay County District Schools Transportation Contact Request Form

Transportation Contact Request Form

School districts often experience a high volume of calls at the start of the school year as new routines are established. We are eager to assist you.

Please use this form to contact a member of our Transportation Team. A staff member will reach out to you as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience.

kelly.watt@myoneclay.net [Switch account](#)

* Indicates required question

Transportation Contact Request Form



Upcoming Events



On the Horizon

- August 11th: Students Return
- August 31st: College and Career Night at the Fairgrounds
- September 7: Labor Day





Thank you