

# Florida Transformative Education

## A TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS



### Case Study: Southern Oaks Middle

In 2015, *Southern Oaks Middle School* of St. Lucie Public Schools purchased 320 copies of *Gateway to American Government* – one book for every seventh-grade student.

That spring, 77% of their students achieved a passing score of 3 or higher on the Civics EOC. Their mean score of 410 surpassed the Grade 7 mean score for the State of Florida by **7 points** and for the St. Lucie Public Schools by **11 points**.

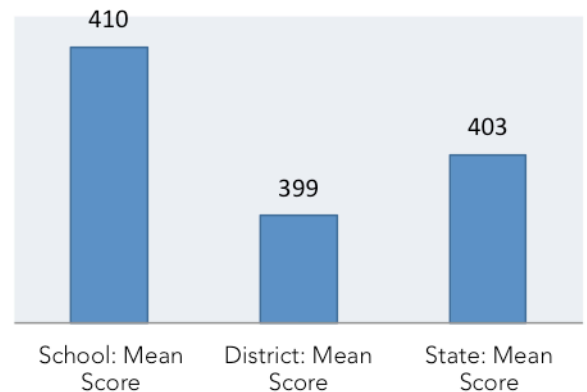
In 2016, the students of *Southern Oaks Middle School* raised their passing rate to 81%. Their mean scores surpassed the Grade 7 mean score for the state by **10 points** and for the district by **12 points**. In 2017, they raised their mean score again to 415 and their passing rate to 82%.

St. Lucie

PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Spring 2015 Civics EOC Mean Score Comparisons for St. Lucie School District



Data obtained from the Florida Department of Education website at <http://www.fldoe.org/>



"*Gateway to American Government: The Bridge to Success on Florida's EOC Test* guides your students through the standards for middle school civics and provides them with the very best preparation for the EOC test."

- Dr. Mark Jarrett



## Case Study: Switzerland Point Middle

Switzerland Point Middle School in the St. John's County School District has purchased one book for every 7th grader since 2014 and achieved phenomenal results. They ordered 450 copies in August and September 2014, 375 copies in July and August 2015, and 430 copies in June 2016.

### Results:

Spring 2015: 402 students with a mean score of 427, a passing rate of 95%, and 49% with a top score of 5: (on a scale of 1-5).

Spring 2016: 427 students with a mean score of 429, a passing rate of 97%, and 53% with a top score of 5.

Spring 2017: 424 students with a mean score of 429, a passing rate of 96%, and 54% with a top score of 5.

## What People Love About Gateway to American Government

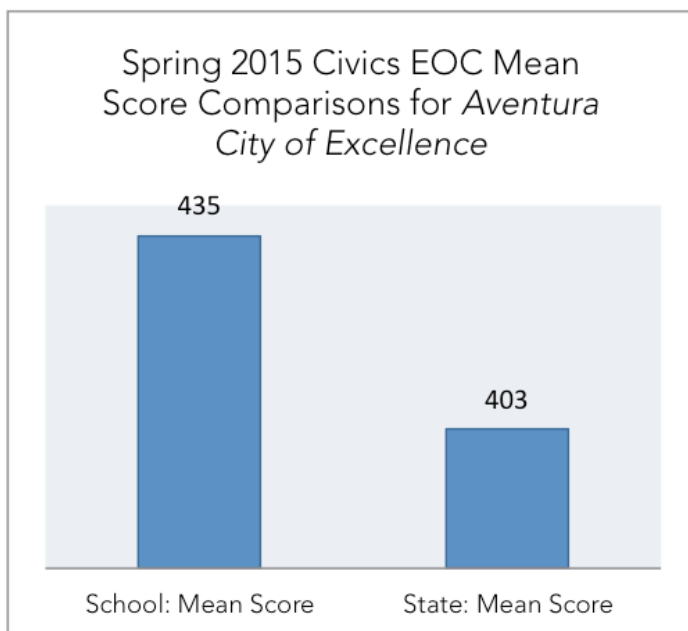
*"I have been using the Gateway to American Government book consistently in my classroom for the last three years. Since we started using the book our students' scores have been in the 90th percentile each year! This book covers everything students need for the Florida EOC and has excellent practice questions at the end of each chapter. Each year I poll my students to get feedback from them. Each year they have said they like using this book because they can write in it, take it with them and it's got everything they need. Dr. Jarrett and his team are very accessible and responsive to any questions I have had and are open to feedback from teachers and students to ensure students get everything they need from this book.*

- Civics Teacher at Switzerland  
Point Middle School

## Case Study: Aventura City of Excellence

In 2014-2015, *Aventura City of Excellence School*, a charter school in Miami, purchased 148 copies of *Gateway to American Government* for their 105 students. That spring, **99%** of their students achieved passing scores!

The school's mean score of 435 surpassed the Grade 7 mean score for the State of Florida by **32 points**.



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In 2016, the school's mean score was 429 with a passing rate of 97%. In 2017, their mean score was 432 with a passing rate of 97%. More than half of their students (**55%**) received a top score of 5 (on a scale of 1-5).

### What People Love About *Gateway to American Government*

*"I absolutely love the [Gateway] Civics Resource Book for Teachers . . . It is so refreshing to be able to access resources that are not archaic. I have never enjoyed using a resource book this much. It is extremely well organized, clear, and easy to follow. Also... I am so excited that my students will be able to use their own Gateway books!"*

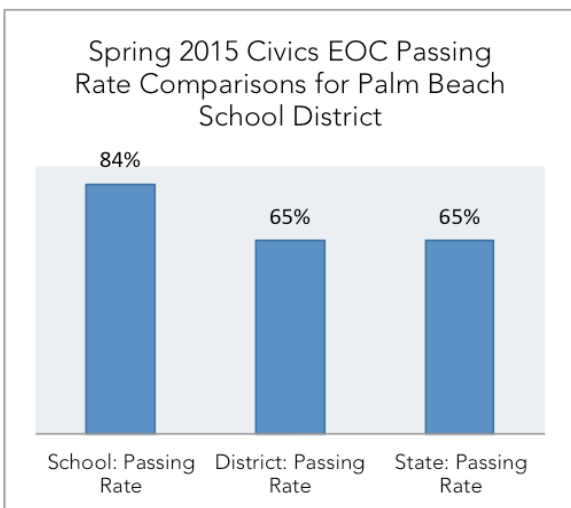
- Civics Teacher at Palmetto Middle School (MDCPS)



## Case Study: Wellington Landings Middle School

In 2015, Wellington Landings Middle School in the School District of Palm Beach County purchased 300 copies of *Gateway to American Government* for their students – one copy for each 7<sup>th</sup> grader.

In spring 2015, **84%** of their students achieved a passing score of 3 or higher. This was **29%** higher than the passing rate for both the district and the state.



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The school's mean scores surpassed the Grade 7 mean score for the state by **15 points**, and for the district by **14 points**.

In 2016, the school raised its mean score to 421 and its passing rate to 91%. More than a third of its students (35%) received a top score of 5.

In 2017, the school's 410 students had a mean score of 425 and a passing rate of 93%. Almost half of them (49%) earned a top score of 5.

## Case Study: John F. Kennedy Middle

In spring 2014, the students of *John F. Kennedy Middle School* in the School District of Palm Beach County had a “retrofitted” mean score of 374 and a passing rate of **21%** (Grade 3 or above) on the Civics EOC.

In September 2014, they purchased one copy of *Gateway to American Government* for each 7th grade student. In spring 2015, their students’ mean score jumped to 401, and their passing rate to **64%** (Grade 3 or above). This was a **300%** increase in the school’s passing rate!

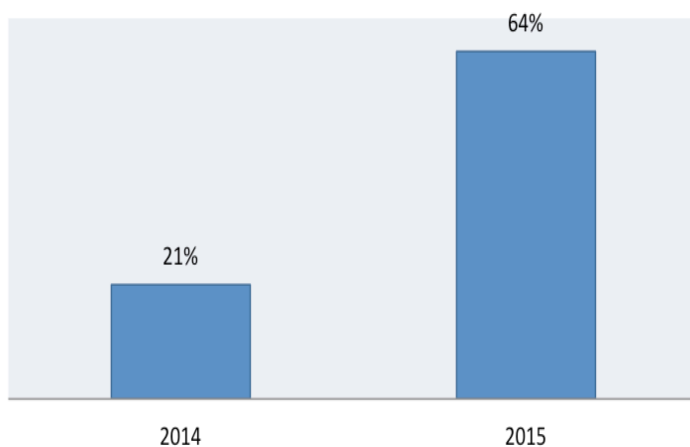


### What People Love About *Gateway to American Government*

*“I have been using [the] Civics textbook the last few years and have found it extremely helpful in preparing our students for the EOC. In the Heartland Consortium, with consists of six counties and 14 middle schools of similar student demographics, we have ranked first the last three years. We have also beaten the state average each of the last three years of the EOC. One of the big reasons for our success was the use of your textbook. Its focus on what specifically will be taught on the Florida Civics EOC is why I wanted it in the first place. And I believe it is paying off!”*

- Civics Teacher at  
Pemayetv Emahakv  
Charter School

Spring 2014 vs. Spring 2015 EOC Passing Rate for  
John F. Kennedy Middle School



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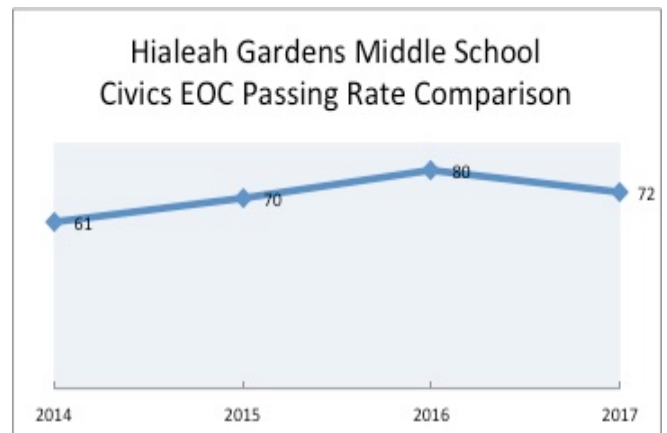


### Case Study: Hialeah Gardens Middle

The teachers and students of *Hialeah Gardens Middle School* of the Miami Dade County Public Schools have relied on *Gateway to American Government* as their principal printed resource and have seen impressive gains over a 3-year period. *Gateway* has been used alongside free resources from Florida Law-Related Education. Teachers at *Hialeah Gardens* also participated in special academies offered by their district's social science department.

In 2014, their 603 students had a mean score of 397 and a passing rate of 61%. In 2015, their 573 students had a mean score of 406 and a passing rate of 70%. One fifth of them (21%) received a top score of 5.

In 2016, their mean score rose to 413 and their passing rate was 80%, with a quarter of them (26%) receiving a top score of 5. In 2017, their scores slipped only slightly from the prior year but remained strong: 550 students had a mean score of 406 and a passing rate of 72%.



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