

# Florida Transformative Education



A TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

## Gateway to U.S. History



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## Case Study: Mater Academy Lakes High

In spring 2014, the students of *Mater Academy Lakes* in the Miami-Dade County School District had a mean score of 406 on the U.S. History EOC. This score surpassed the mean score of all of the 11<sup>th</sup> graders within Miami-Dade County School District by 6 points.

During the school years of 2015 and 2016, each 11<sup>th</sup> grade student in *Mater Academy Lakes* was provided with a *Gateway to U.S. History textbook of his/her own*. During these years, *Mater Academy Lakes* students surpassed the district's mean score by 13 points (2015) and 19 points (2016).

### School Year 2014:

School Mean Score: 406  
District Mean Score: 400

### School Year 2015:

School Mean Score: 415  
District Mean Score: 402

### School Year 2016:

School Mean Score: 422  
District Mean Score: 403



In 2015, *Mater Academy Lakes High* purchased 300 copies of *Gateway to U.S. History* for its 11<sup>th</sup> grade student body, and in 2016, they purchased 400 copies. From spring 2014 through spring 2016, *Mater Academy Lakes High* students' overall passing rate climbed from 71% to 84%, and surpassed the Miami-Dade County School District's overall passing rate for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in the U.S. History EOC.

### School Year 2014:

School Passing Rate: 71%  
District Passing Rate: 58%

### School Year 2015:

School Passing Rate: 80%  
District Passing Rate: 59%

### School Year 2016:

School Passing Rate: 84%  
District Passing Rate: 61%

## Case Study: Doral Academy Charter High

In spring 2014, the students of *Doral Academy Charter High* in the Miami-Dade County School District had a mean score of 411 on the U.S. History EOC. This score surpassed the mean score of all of the 11<sup>th</sup> graders within Miami-Dade County School District by 11 points. This was followed by strong performance in spring 2015, during which *Doral Academy* students surpassed the district's mean score by 17 points.

### School Year 2014:

School Mean Score: 411  
District Mean Score: 400

### School Year 2015:

School Mean Score: 419  
District Mean Score: 402

### School Year 2016:

School Mean Score: 425  
District Mean Score: 403



In 2014, *Doral Academy Charter High* purchased 110 copies of *Gateway to U.S. History* for its 11<sup>th</sup> grade student body. From spring 2014 through spring 2016, *Doral Academy Charter High* students' overall passing rate consistently improved, and also surpassed Miami-Dade County School District's overall passing rate for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in the U.S. History EOC.

### School Year 2014:

School Passing Rate: 77%  
District Passing Rate: 58%

### School Year 2015:

School Passing Rate: 86%  
District Passing Rate: 59%

### School Year 2016:

School Passing Rate: 90%  
District Passing Rate: 61%

## Case Study: New Dimensions High

In spring 2015, the students of *New Dimensions High* in the Osceola County School District had a mean score of 413 on the U.S. History EOC. This score surpassed the mean score of all of the 11<sup>th</sup> graders within Osceola County School District by 11 points! This was followed by another impressive performance by *New Dimensions High* students in 2016, when their mean score of 424 surpassed the District's mean score by 23 points.

### School Year 2014:

School Mean Score: 412

District Mean Score: 399

### School Year 2015:

School Mean Score: 413

District Mean Score: 402

### School Year 2016:

School Mean Score: 424

District Mean Score: 401



In 2015, *New Dimensions High* purchased one copy of *Gateway to U.S. History* for each 11th grade student. From spring 2015 through spring 2016, *New Dimensions* students' overall passing rate dramatically rose from their passing rate of 65% in spring 2014's U.S. History EOC, to 91% in 2016, a 40% increase.

### School Year 2014:

School Passing Rate: 65%

District Passing Rate: 56%

### School Year 2015:

School Passing Rate: 82%

District Passing Rate: 60%

### School Year 2016:

School Passing Rate: 91%

District Passing Rate: 60%

## Case Study: G-Star School of the Arts

The teachers and students of *G-Star School of the Arts* in Palm Beach County turned to *Gateway to U.S. History* as their principal printed resource and have seen impressive performances over a 2-year period (school years 2016 and 2017).

In 2015, their 212 students had a mean score of 415. In 2016, their 267 students had a mean score of 420, which was followed by a mean score of 421 in 2017.

### School Year 2015:

School Mean Score: 415  
District Mean Score: 409

### School Year 2016:

School Mean Score: 420  
District Mean Score: 409

### School Year 2017:

School Mean Score: 421  
District Mean Score: 409



In September 2015, *G-Star School of the Arts* purchased 275 copies *Gateway to U.S. History* for their 11th grade student body. From 2015 to 2017, *G-star* students maintained strong passing rates on the U.S. History EOC.

### School Year 2015:

School Passing Rate: 92%  
District Passing Rate: 69%

### School Year 2016:

School Passing Rate: 87%  
District Passing Rate: 69%

### School Year 2017:

School Passing Rate: 88%  
District Passing Rate: 69%



## Case Study: Pahokee Middle-Senior

In spring 2014, the students of *Pahokee Middle-Senior* in the School District of Palm Beach County produced a mean score of 379 on the Florida U.S. History EOC. After *Pahokee Middle-Senior* students were provided with one copy each of *Gateway to U.S. History* from 2015-2016, there were significant improvements in their mean scores.

### School Year 2014:

School Mean Score: 379  
District Mean Score: 409

### School Year 2015:

School Mean Score: 386  
District Mean Score: 409

### School Year 2016:

School Mean Score: 395  
District Mean Score: 409



In September 2015, *Pahokee Middle-Senior* purchased 110 copies *Gateway to U.S. History* for their 11th grade student body. From spring 2014 to spring 2016, *Pahokee* students' passing rate improved by 145%.

### School Year 2014:

School Passing Rate: 22%  
District Passing Rate: 70%

### School Year 2015:

School Passing Rate: 35%  
District Passing Rate: 69%

### School Year 2016:

School Passing Rate: 54%  
District Passing Rate: 69%

## Case Study: John I. Leonard High

In spring 2015, the teachers and students of *John I. Leonard High* in Palm Beach County School District turned to *Gateway to U.S. History* as one of their primary printed sources.

Their mean scores on the U.S. History EOC improved consistently from spring 2014 to spring 2016, going from 391 to 401, a 10 point improvement.

### School Year 2014:

School Mean Score: 391  
District Mean Score: 400

### School Year 2015:

School Mean Score: 393  
District Mean Score: 409

### School Year 2016:

School Mean Score: 410  
District Mean Score: 409



In 2015, *John I. Leonard High* purchased 200 copies of *Gateway to U.S. History* for its 11th grade student body. From spring 2015 through spring 2016, *John I. Leonard* students' overall passing rate dramatically rose from their passing rate of 48% in spring 2014's U.S. History EOC, to 60% in 2016, a 25% increase.

### School Year 2014:

School Passing Rate: 48%  
District Passing Rate: 69%

### School Year 2015:

School Passing Rate: 49%  
District Passing Rate: 69%

### School Year 2016:

School Passing Rate: 60%  
District Passing Rate: 69%

# What People Love About Gateway to U.S. History

*"I wanted to let you know my students are loving the study guide. It is a big help for them. I like the amount of content that you have. I love the format. . . They come away with a better understanding . . . And better able to see how these events were important not only when they occurred but also for us today."*

- Teacher from Broward County

*"I am in love with your resources as they absolutely help our students review for the U.S. History EOC test."*

- Teacher from Pinellas County

*"Your book, Gateway to U.S. History, is a great resource for our teachers and students, since it is aligned to the Item Specifications and the Test Blueprint. It is teacher and student-friendly, an easy-to-follow guide to better prepare our students for the Florida U.S. History EOC."*

- District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools

*"Using these books [my] students had the highest percentage passing at Dr. Phillips High School. I think it was 95 or 96%."*

- Teacher from Orange County

*"I wanted to share how happy our high school U.S. History teachers are to have copies of Gateway to U.S. History... It has been difficult to find additional resources to support review for Florida's End of Course assessment in U.S. History, and this book is being utilized for student test preparation. The materials are well organized in chapters that are aligned to Florida's tested benchmarks, and the variety of assessment items have facilitated teacher use of the materials. Support materials such as Gateway are invaluable for both teachers and students."*

- Senior Instructional Specialist for Social Studies

All data for case studies were obtained from:

