



when our **children succeed**
the community succeeds

LEADERS UNITED for CHILDREN



ROUNDTABLE OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization comprised of 27 community agencies working together with partners and stakeholders throughout the community to address the issues our children face at the root level. Its members are leaders of all aspects of society who come together to build a community of opportunity where every child succeeds.

The Roundtable operates through networks, each of which focuses on one key aspect that affects the lives of our children.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS NETWORK

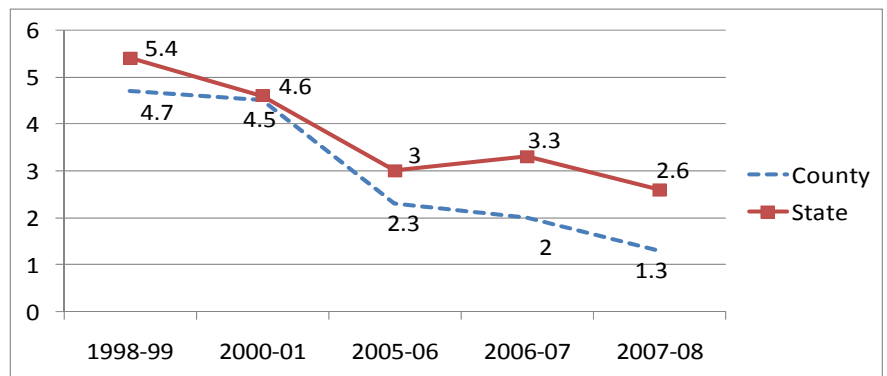
Experiencing success in school lifts self-esteem, inspires academic commitment and instills a positive view of school. This "experience of success" is the mission of the Roundtable's Academic Success Network. We work with the community to promote higher graduation rates, increase proficiency in reading and math and keep our children in school until they graduate.

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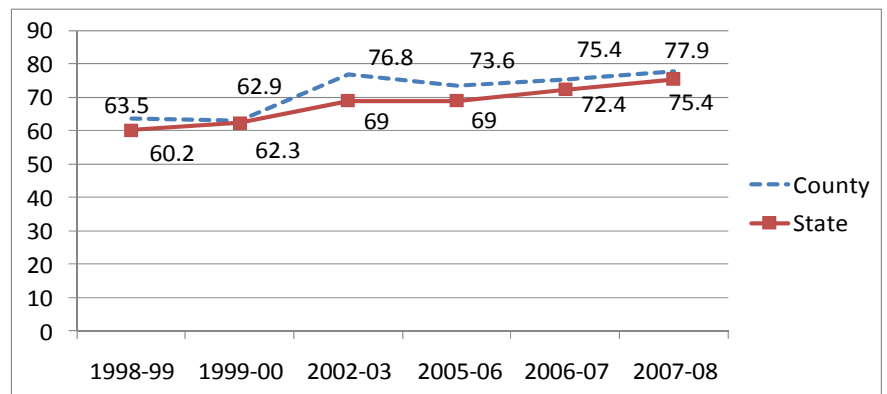
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Children who are successful in school are more likely to be successful in life. High school graduates make more money and are less likely to be unemployed than those who did not.

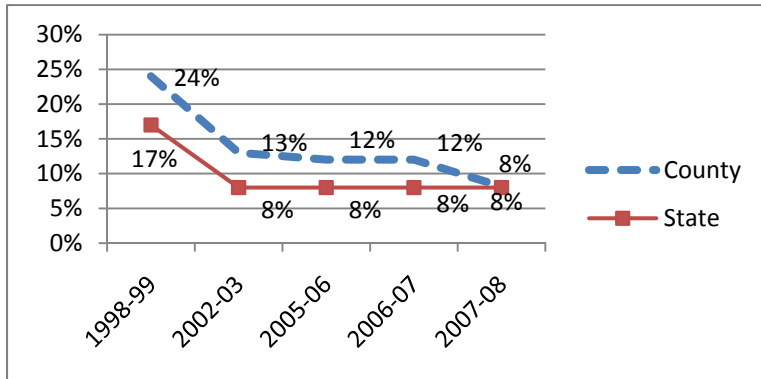
GOALS & OUTCOMES
Reduce dropout rate by 25% by 2014



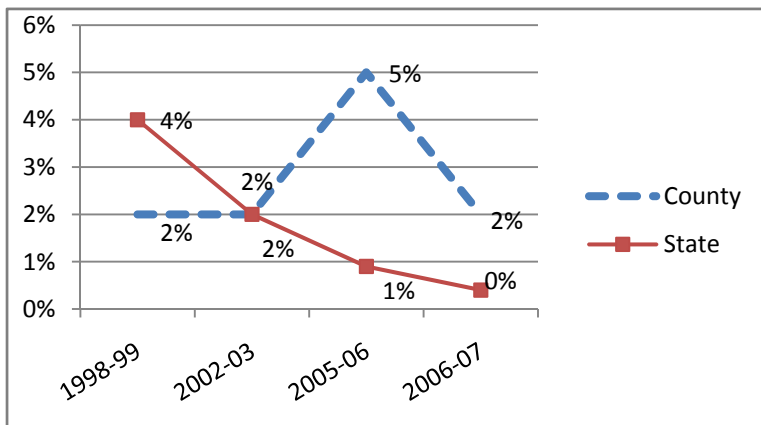
Increase graduation rate by 80% by 2014



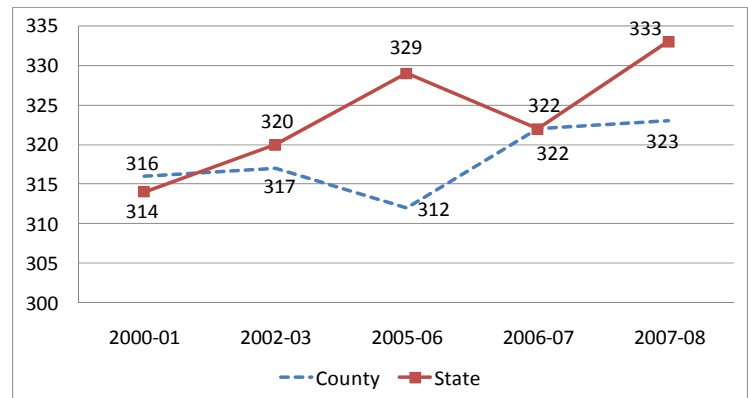
Reduce school suspensions by 25% by 2014



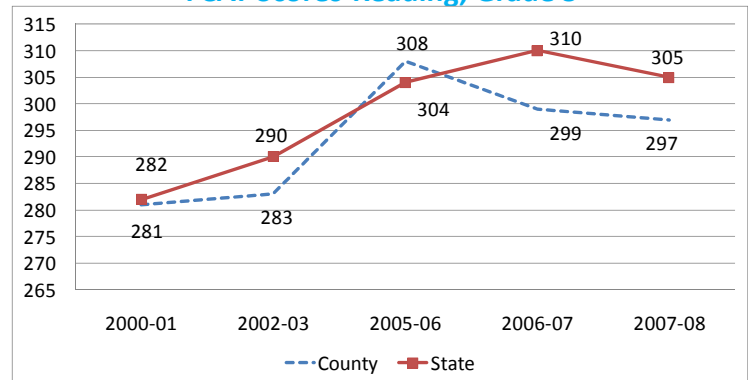
Reduce school expulsions by 30% by 2014



Improve math and reading proficiency 25% by 2014
FCAT Scores-Math, Grade 5



FCAT Scores-Reading, Grade 5



Source for all Graphs - Florida Dept. of Education

STRATEGIES

SUCCESES:

- **Instituted Kids at Hope** in local schools—Increased attendance, improved academic performance, increased self confidence and decreased disciplinary referrals
- **Recommended policy change** so that make-up work be graded at full credit instead of an automatic “F” as a result of an absence—School policy changed in July, 2007
- **Developed truancy video**—2,000 copies distributed
- **Shared dropout information** between the School Board and Indian River State College—Developed data sheet to share information

IN PROCESS:

- **Look at best practices** for after-school care
- **Develop a survey** to discover why students fight in school and what can be done to prevent it, as most out-of-school suspensions are for fighting, threats and battery
- **Develop a long-term plan** to increase the time guidance counselors spend with students, as studies show that the more time spent with kids, the better they do