



Nova High School
School Advisory Council
School Advisory Forum
Joint Meeting
Monday, August 25, 2025



Minutes

- I. Ms. Ramsay: Welcome - **5:33 PM**
 - i. Review of proposed SAC meeting dates: September 29, 2025; October 27, 2025; November 17, 2025; December 15, 2025; January 26, 2026; February 23, 2026; March 30; April 27, 2026; and May 18, 2026.

- II. Ms. Awofadeju: Introductions
 - i. Administration:
 - Ms. Awofadeju: Principal
 - Ms. Sexton: Assistant Principal, 2nd in command
 - Dr. Gutzmore: 9th Grade Assistant Principal
 - Mrs. Jones: 10th Assistant Principal
 - Ms. Gentile: 11th Assistant Principal
 - Mr. Chartrand: 12th Assistant Principal

All members of the administrative team will be returning for the 2025–2026 academic year. During the meeting, each administrator shared a unique perspective on what makes Nova High School special including: a strong sense of community; the adaptability and dedication of faculty and staff; and a richly diverse student population that reflects the broader district.
 - ii. School Counselors:
 - Ms. Mainer: Guidance Director & 11th Grade Counselor
 - Mr. Knight: 9th Grade Counselor
 - Ms. Ramos: 10th Grade Counselor
 - Ms. Prospere: 12th Grade Counselor
 - Ms. Calloo: ESE Specialist
 - iii. Curriculum & Department Leaders:
 - Ms. Patino: CTE
 - Ms. Jackson & Ms. Paulison: English Language Arts
 - Ms. Amaya & Ms. Simpson: Math
 - Mr. Luebker: P.E.
 - Ms. McBean-McDonald: Reading
 - Mr. Laverde: Social Studies
 - Mr. Roy: Science
 - Ms. Preston: Unified Arts
 - Ms. Alain: World Languages
 - iv. Ms. Awofadeju also welcomed and introduced Offer Greene, our school resource officer from Davie Police Department.

- III. Ms. Ramsay: What is School Advisory Council & Responsibilities of a SAC member
 - i. Ms. Ramsay presented an overview of the School Advisory Council (SAC), a collaborative decision-making body composed of school staff, parents, and community stakeholders. She outlined the council's role in supporting school improvement initiatives, reviewing budget allocations, and advising on policies that impact student achievement and school climate. Ms. Ramsay also clarified the responsibilities of SAC members, which include consistent

attendance at scheduled meetings, adherence to procedural guidelines, active engagement in discussions, and contributing to the development and evaluation of school goals and strategies.

IV. Mrs. Relyea: What is School Advisory Forum

- i. Mrs. Relyea reviewed the foundational principles of the SAF, referring to district policy that mandates each school to establish a forum representative of its diverse community. Membership includes parents or guardians of enrolled students, students, business partners, community members from various ethnic, religious, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. She reiterated that Broward County School Board employees may not serve as chairpersons at their place of employment. Officers must be elected according to school bylaws.

V. Ms. Ramsay: Nominations for School Advisory Council


- i. Ms. Mainer nominated Ms. Ramsay for Co-Chair, seconded by Ms. Davis-Greenfield.
- ii. Ms. Mainer nominated Ms. Jackson for Co-Chair, seconded by Ms. Davis- Greenfield.
- iii. Ms. Ramsay nominated Dr. Lockhart for secretary, seconded by Ms. Relyea.

VI. Mrs. Relyea: Nominations for School Advisory Forum

- i. Ms. Ramsay nominated Mrs. Relyea for Chairperson, seconded by Dr. Lockhart.
- ii. Ms. Relyea nominated Mr. Thompson for Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Jackson.

VII. Ms. Awofadeju: School Grade Presentation

Nova High School has maintained its A rating for the 2025-2026 school year.

English Language Arts (FAST Reading)	Mathematics (Alg I & Geom EOC)	Science (Biology I EOC)	Social Studies (US History EOC)	Graduation Rate	Acceleration Success
Achievement 100% 67% 2025 62% 2024 58% 2023 59% 2022	Achievement 100% 52% 2025 49% 2024 41% 2023 39% 2022	Achievement 100% 70% 2025 65% 2024 62% 2023 61% 2022	Achievement 100% 75% 2025 72% 2024 74% 2023 73% 2022	4-Year Graduation Rate 100% 97% 2024 97% 2023 97% 2022 96% 2021	AP, IB, AICE, Dual Enrollment or Industry Certification 100% 71% 2024 60% 2023 60% 2022 61% 2021
Learning Gains 100% 61% 2025 61% 2024 NA 2023 62% 2022	Learning Gains 100% 50% 2025 53% 2024 NA 2023 65% 2022			School Grading Scale: A = 64% or greater B = 57% to 63% C = 44% to 56% D = 34% to 43% F = 33% of points or lower TOTAL POINTS 1,000 Possible points	
Learning Gains of the Lowest 25% 100% 62% 2025 65% 2024 NA 2023 50% 2022	Learning Gains of the Lowest 25% 100% 59% 2025 55% 2024 NA 2023 72% 2022				

Overall Ranking amongst the 28 Traditional high schools:

- 14th in Total Possible Points Earned with 664 points (66%)
- 7th in ELA proficiency with 67%
- 10th in ELA Learning Gains with 61%
- 14th in ELA Lowest 25% Learning Gains with 62%
- 13th in Math proficiency with 52%
- 18th in Math Learning Gains with 50%
- 18th in Math Lower 25% Learning Gains with 59%
- 18th in Science proficiency with 70%
- 22nd in Social Studies proficiency with 75%
- 13th in Graduation Rate with 97% from 2023-2024
- 15th in College and Career Acceleration with 71% from 2023-2024

How do we compare with other high schools?

Traditional “A” Schools

School	Percentage Total Points
Pompano Beach	83% A (831)
Cypress Bay	78% A (778)
Stoneman Douglas	77% A (770)
West Broward	73% A (731)
Cooper City	72% A (724)
Fort Lauderdale	71% A (708)
Everglades	70% A (697)
Nova	66% A (664)

Central Region Schools

School	Percentage Total Points
Fort Lauderdale	71% A (708)
Stranahan	69% A (689)
Western	69% A (686)
South Plantation	67% A (674)
Boyd H. Anderson	67% A (666)
Nova	66% A (664)
Piper	62% B (622)
Plantation	62% B (621)

English Language Arts

	2023	2024	2025
Achievement	58%	62% (+4)	67% (+5)
9 th Grade	57%	62% (+5)	65% (+3)
10 th Grade	60%	62% (+2)	68% (+6)
SWD	26%	31% (+5)	37% (+6)
ELL	24%	8% (-16)	25% (+17)

	2024	2025
Learning Gains	61%	61%
9 th Grade	62%	62%
10 th Grade	59%	60% (+1)
SWD	47%	56% (+9)
ELL	42%	45% (+3)
Learning Gains Lower 25%	65%	62% (-3)
9 th Grade	64%	66% (+2)
10 th Grade	66%	59% (-7)
SWD	56%	55% (-1)
ELL	40%	53% (+13)

Traditional “A” Schools

School	ELA Achievement	ELA Learning Gains	ELA Learning Gains Lower 25%
Pompano Beach	93%	68%	76%
Cypress Bay	78%	65%	67%
Stoneman Douglas	77%	67%	68%
Cooper City	74%	63%	60%
West Broward	73%	58%	57%
Fort Lauderdale	73%	62%	55%
Everglades	67%	63%	64%
Nova	67%	61%	62%

Central Region Schools

School	ELA Achievement	ELA Learning Gains	ELA Learning Gains Lower 25%
Fort Lauderdale	73%	62%	55%
Western	67%	63%	64%
Nova	67%	61%	62%
South Plantation	60%	62%	65%
Stranahan	59%	65%	73%
Piper	53%	54%	61%
Plantation	52%	57%	64%
Boyd H. Anderson	41%	55%	59%

Mathematics

	2023	2024	2025
Achievement	58%	62% (+4)	67% (+5)
Algebra I	39%	39%	47% (+8)
Geometry	41%	57% (+16)	55% (-2)
SWD	22%	30% (+8)	24% (-6)
ELL	20%	17% (-3)	64% (+47)

	2024	2025
Learning Gains	53%	50% (-3)
Algebra I	38%	41% (+3)
Geometry	58%	54% (-4)
SWD	49%	41% (-8)
ELL	33%	54% (+21)
Learning Gains Lower 25%	55%	59% (+4)
Algebra I	19%	31% (+12)
Geometry	22%	41% (+19)
SWD	63%	47% (-16)
ELL	N/A	67%

Traditional “A” Schools

School	Math Achievement	Math Learning Gains	Math Learning Gains Lower 25%
Pompano Beach	82%	59%	70%
Cypress Bay	78%	66%	68%
Stoneman Douglas	75%	70%	65%
Cooper City	70%	52%	57%
West Broward	68%	67%	66%
Fort Lauderdale	57%	54%	63%
Everglades	55%	59%	59%
Nova	52%	50%	59%

Central Region Schools

School	Math Achievement	Math Learning Gains	Math Learning Gains Lower 25%
Boyd H.Anderson	57%	60%	75%
Fort Lauderdale	57%	54%	63%
South Plantation	56%	53%	56%
Nova	52%	50%	59%
Western	51%	50%	64%
Stranahan	48%	54%	64%
Plantation	47%	49%	58%
Piper	43%	49%	55%

Science

	2023	2024	2025
Achievement	62%	65% (+3)	70% (+5)
SWD	38%	54% (+16)	53% (-1)
ELL	N/A	N/A	40%

Traditional “A” Schools

School	Science Achievement
Pompano Beach	95%
Cypress Bay	89%
Stoneman Douglas	89%
West Broward	89%
Fort Lauderdale	83%
Everglades	79%
Cooper City	78%
Nova	70%

Central Region Schools

School	Science Achievement
Fort Lauderdale	83%
Western	79%
Piper	71%
South Plantation	71%
Nova	70%
Stranahan	70%
Boyd H.Anderson	68%
Plantation	63%

Social Studies

	2023	2024	2025
Achievement	74%	72% (-2)	75% (+3)
SWD	35%	47% (+12)	46% (-1)
ELL	N/A	N/A	N/A

Traditional “A” Schools

School	Social Studies Achievement
Pompano Beach	96%
Cypress Bay	89%
Cooper City	89%
Stoneman Douglas	88%
Everglades	87%
West Broward	86%
Fort Lauderdale	84%
Nova	75%

Central Region Schools

School	Social Studies Achievement
Western	86%
Fort Lauderdale	84%
Stranahan	81%
South Plantation	80%
Piper	77%
Plantation	77%
Nova	75%
Boyd H.Anderson	74%

Graduation Rate & Acceleration

	2022	2023	2024
Graduation Rate	97%	97%	97%
SWD	100%	100%	98% (-2)
ELL	94%	N/A	81% (-13)
Acceleration	60%	60%	71% (+11)
SWD	17%	27% (+10)	37% (+10)
ELL	67%	N/A	69% (+2)

Traditional “A” Schools

School	Graduation Rate
Pompano Beach	100%
Stoneman Douglas	99%
West Broward	99%
Cooper City	99%
Fort Lauderdale	99%
Cypress Bay	98%
Everglades	98%
Nova	97%

School	Acceleration
Pompano Beach	92%
Cooper City	82%
Cypress Bay	80%
Fort Lauderdale	78%
Stoneman Douglas	72%
Nova	71%
West Broward	68%
Everglades	66%

Central Region Schools

School	Graduation Rate
Fort Lauderdale	99%
Piper	99%
Stranahan	98%
South Plantation	98%
Nova	97%
Western	96%
Boyd H. Anderson	96%
Plantation	94%

School	Acceleration
Boyd H. Anderson	81%
Fort Lauderdale	78%
Stranahan	77%
South Plantation	73%
Nova	71%
Western	66%
Piper	60%
Plantation	60%

Advanced Placement (AP)

	Pass Rate	Total Exams	AP Exam Scores 3+	Total AP Students
2024-2025	69% (+13)	1,271	877	586
2023-2024	56% (+4)	1,235	672	605
2022-2023	52%	950	494	553

- 31% (8/26) of AP Subjects had a higher pass rate than the National Average in 2024-2025
- 54% (14/26) of AP Subjects increased the pass rate from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025
- 24 students received their AP Capstone Diploma
- 11 students received their AP Seminar & Research Certificate
- 49 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 37 AP Scholars with Honor
- 84 AP Scholars

Cambridge International (AICE)

	Pass Rate	Total Exams	AICE Exams Passed	Total AICE Students	Number of Diploma Candidates	Number of Diploma Recipients
2024-2025	63%	2,475	1,558	1,079	162	101
2023-2024	65%	2,053	1,291	869	149	93
2022-2023	68%	1,793	1,221	703	175	115

- 64% (14/22) of AICE Subjects had a higher pass rate than the National Average in 2024-2025
- 26% (5/19) of AICE Subjects increased the pass rate from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025
- 62% (101/162) of students received their AICE Diploma

2025-2026 Innovative Programs

- EMT Certification from Barry University.
- Offers a dynamic, college-level training opportunity designed for motivated high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in emergency medicine, healthcare, or public safety.
- Barry University instructor will provide the EMT course on Nova High School's campus during school hours.
- Students will be required to complete Fire Department Ride Alongs and Hospital Clinical Rotations outside of school hours.
- Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification exam.

VIII. Ms. Awofadeju: Principal's Report

- Facilities:** Building 13: FISH 283 and 284 still have not been turned over to Nova High. The district is still in process of converting these two rooms into classrooms. Building 5 carpet is damaged and needs to be changed. FISH 381 ceiling needs to be fixed. There are also 3 inoperable classrooms and 2 have water drainage issues.
- School/District News:** Attendance is 2537 after the 10-day count. Students are coming in on a rolling basis. Classes are still being balanced based on the numbers. Final schedules should be completed prior to Open House. Five teachers are still needed. Math & Culinary teachers have been hired and are awaiting clearance. School lunches will no longer be provided free of cost for the upcoming school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to apply through the portal for meal benefits if qualified. The cutoff date for free lunch in the district is September 22, 2025. Principal has an established fund of \$500 dollars to pay for students who need lunch and have no funds. This is on a first come first serve basis. New Centegix Security devices have been deployed to all staff. This is currently being implemented for crisis alert. Open House will be on September 9, 2025. October 6-October 11th is Homecoming week.
- Awards/Recognitions:** Student Ana Alborno received the 2025 National Center for Women and Information Technology Award for the tri-county area and was honorably mentioned nationally, and teacher Dana Paz received the 2025 Aspirations in Computing Educator Award for the tri-county area from the National Center for Women and Information Technology. Last school year was a monumental year for our Titan Speech & Debate team. The team traveled to over 30 local and national tournaments across 6 different states to compete with the Nation's very best public speakers and debaters. Many students took home countless awards and recognition including Tournament Championships for events like Informative Speaking and Original Oratory at the Sunvitational, Newman Invitational, and the Tradition, as well as finalists in other events like Congressional Debate at Blue Key and Yale. Nova High School's Thespian Troupe 4611 wowed audiences at the State Thespian Festival with an outstanding performance, earning.

- iv. **Testing:** EOC & FAST testing begins in September. Parents will receive updates and reminders for testing via the Nova High website, Parent Link, and other communication methods.
- v. **Activities:** Open House is Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm. We hope to see all our parents there. Freshman election campaigns have started. The freshman board elections will be conducted on September 8th and 9th. SGA is hosting our annual “Rock the Block” this week during both lunches where students can learn about and join the different clubs, organizations, and athletics offered here at Nova. We encourage all students to participate in an extra curricula activity. Homecoming week is October 6th through 11th with the Homecoming pep rally and game on Friday, October 10th and the dance on Saturday October 11th.
- vi. **Athletics:** Some fall sports have already begun, including Football & Volleyball. Great Job and Performance this past Friday Night by our Golden Emeralds Dance Team, Our Majorettes and Auxiliary, and Our Titan Sound. Special Thanks to Ms. Preston and Dr. Foster for their Leadership with the Titan Sound Band. Special Thanks to our Faculty and Staff from the Nova Schools that showed up Friday for our 5th Annual Faculty and Staff Night!
We are looking forward to a great year in sports. Please contact the respective head coach for each sport for days and times of athletic training and schedules as well as our athletic director Coach Hively for more information. Physical forms will now need to be submitted online.

IX. Ms. Gentile: Testing Calendar

- i. Testing will begin in September, starting with PM1 Reading assessment. FAST PM1, FAST Retake, Geometry/Bio/U.S. EOCs are scheduled for September 10. Algebra 1 EOC and Make-Ups are scheduled for September 18. Makeups will continue as needed throughout the month of September.

X. Mrs. Jones: Student Compliance Schedule

- i. Ms. Jones provided an overview of the student compliance schedule for the 25-26 school year.

XI. Mrs. Jones: Behavior Threat Management

- i. Ms. Jones presented the Behavior Treat Management Parent Presentation

XII. Mrs. Jones: See Something Say Something

- i. Ms. Jones presented the “See Something, Say Something” Parent Presentation

XIII. Ms. Ramsay: Review of the Nova High School Website

- i. Ms. Ramsay provided an overview of the new Nova High website, highlighting the location of Policy 5900: Anti-Bullying Parent Training and Policy 5010: Dating Violence Prevention Parent Training. Parents were encouraged to participate and view the identified trainings as well as browse the new website at their leisure.

XIV. Ms. Ramsay: Old business/New Business

XV. Ms. Ramsay: Adjournment

- i. Motion to adjourn at **6:45 PM** made by Ms. Mainer and seconded by Ms. Coddington, **Motion passed unanimously.**