

## **CASE STUDY**

### HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CREDIT RECOVERY BENEFITS FOR A MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL + ALTERNATIVE & SUMMER SCHOOL

# Targeted, prescriptive learning pathways created for each student lead to efficient, successful remediation and credit recovery

Since the 2011-12 school year, the Highlands County School District has utilized Odysseyware in their three high schools and four middle schools for credit recovery and as the core curriculum for their alternative school. The district also uses the program for its summer school program.

According to Teresa Ware, Highlands' data operations technician, Odysseyware's credit recovery mode, along with the program's flex assessments, quickly assess and identify skills gaps and then create targeted and prescriptive learning pathways for students. This allows for efficient and successful remediation and credit recovery, as evidenced by the statistics below.

#### at-a-glance

**Highlands County School District**Sebring, FL

**57%** Participate in free or reduced-price lunch program

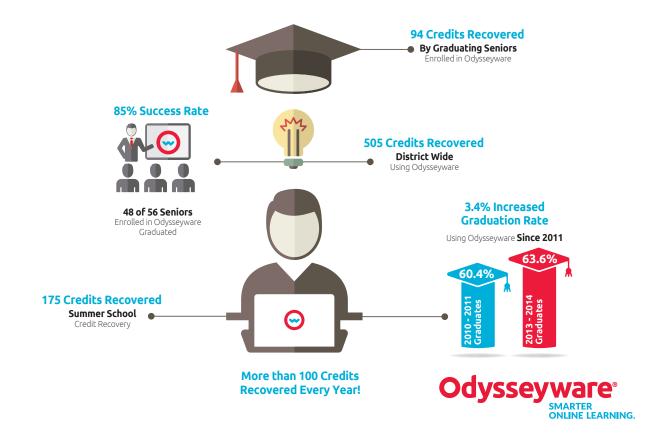
**47.8%** White

30.2% Hispanic

**16.9%** Black

**1.7%** Asian

**12,400** Students enrolled





High school seniors in Highlands County School District recovered 94 credits during the 2013-14 school year, and 48 of 56 seniors enrolled in Odysseyware graduated, an 85% success rate.

### Odysseyware in Highlands County

In 2011, Highlands County School District was looking for an online program that could help students recover courses they needed to graduate. The district looked at several programs, and Odysseyware met their needs.

"Odysseyware has been an outstanding program for our students," Dr. Ruth Heckman said. Director of Secondary Programs and Advanced Academics for the School Board of Highlands County, Dr. Heckman added that the program has helped not only the students, but also the district.

"The company has worked with us when we have concerns or ideas to make things even better," she said. "The course work is engaging and students do well . . . Many of our students graduate because of this program. We have looked at other programs, but nothing has compared to Odysseyware."

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