


## MEMORANDUM

June 30, 2011

**TO:** The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

**FROM:** Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

**SUBJECT: 2010-11 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES**

Today the Florida Department of Education released the School Performance Grades for elementary, K-8 and middle schools. During the 2008 legislative session, Senate Bill 1908 was passed which significantly changed the way senior high schools were to be graded beginning with the 2009-10 school year. The bill required high school grades to include alternate measures of student achievement in addition to the vital foundation of FCAT results in Grades 9, 10, and 11. The additional measures provide an equal focus on college readiness, access to and performance on accelerated coursework, and graduation rates for all students and those who are academically at-risk. Since the results of these additional indicators are not available until the fall, high schools will not receive School Performance Grades until late fall. At this point, the FLDOE has released only the total points earned by each high school on the FCAT components. These points only represent 50 percent of the final School Performance Grades for senior high schools; however, these points will be used to determine the FLDOE's Differentiated Accountability School Status in the interim.

The 2010-2011 School Performance Grades have been computed using student results from the new FCAT 2.0 Reading in Grades 3 through 10 and Mathematics in Grades 3 through 8. These results were based on equated FCAT Equivalent Developmental Scale Scores (EDSS) because the new FCAT 2.0 scale and achievement levels will not be available in 2010-11. However, student results for the FCAT Mathematics in Grade 10 and FCAT Science in Grades 5, 8, and 11 were computed using the traditional FCAT scale and achievement levels.

Despite new standards, a more rigorous assessment and equated scores, the overall performance of Miami-Dade County Public Schools improved from 2009-10 to 2010-11. Highlights include:

- The number of schools receiving School Performance Grades of "A" and "B" increased, and the number receiving a grade of "F" decreased in 2010-11.
  - Less than 1 percent of the traditional M-DCPS schools received School Performance Grades of "F", as compared to 3 percent of the charter schools.
- Overall, the M-DCPS maintained a District grade of "B" in 2010-11.
- Eight (8) alternative centers chose to receive Improvement Ratings in 2010-11 rather than School Performance Grades.

Attachments include highlights of the District's performance and a summary of the results. Individual school performance grade results are available on the District website at: <http://oada.dadeschools.net>. Should you have any questions regarding the results, please contact Ms. Gisela Feild, Administrative Director, Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis, at 305-995-2943.

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#### Attachments

cc: School Board Attorney  
Superintendent's Cabinet  
Superintendent's Senior Staff  
Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis Staff

**Table 1**  
**School Performance Grade Distributions for**  
**Elementary/K-8 Center, Middle, and Senior High Schools\*\*\***

School Level:	A				B				C				D				F			
	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	07-08*	08-09	09-10*	10-11
<b>Elementary/ K-8 Centers</b>	123	158	144	146	37	31	22	34	48	31	53	48	14	14	10	14	5	3	9	3 Traditional 2 Charter
<b>Middle</b>	33	36	38	34	10	12	12	14	24	19	17	20	6	7	10	10	1	1	1	0
<b>Senior</b>	15	16	NA	6	9	12	NA	1	12	13	NA	1	7	9	NA	0	7*	6	NA	0
<b>All Levels**</b>	171	210	182	186	56	55	34	49	84	63	70	69	27	26	24	24	13	8 Traditional 2 Charter	5 Traditional 5 Charter	3 Traditional 2 Charter
<b>Percent</b>	49%	58%	57%	55%	16%	15%	11%	15%	24%	17%	22%	20%	8%	7%	8%	7%	4%	3%	3%	1%

\* Includes one alternative education center that had sufficient membership to receive a school performance grade in 2007-08 and one in 2009-10.

\*\* The total number of schools listed by School Performance Grade starting in 2009-10 cannot be directly compared to previous years because most senior high schools did not yet receive grades, pending release of high school accountability components. However, the numbers for 2010-11 do include eight (8) new senior high schools that received School Performance Grades because they will not have the additional components in 2010-11.

\*\*\* Four M-DCPS schools received a School Performance Grade of Incomplete.

**Table 2**  
**School Performance Grades: FCAT-Component Points, 2009-10 and 2010-11**  
**Senior High Schools and Alternative Centers**

	<395 points*		395-434 points*		>434 points*	
	2009-10		2009-10		2009-10	
	2010-11		2010-11		2010-11	
N	3	6	12	6	49	49
%	5%	10%	19%	10%	77%	80%

\* The point ranges presented in this table represent the criteria for determining high school Differentiated Accountability status based on only the FCAT-component of School Performance Grades.

**Table 3**  
**District Schools Designated as "F" for 2010-2011**

<b>Traditional Schools Operated by M-DCPS</b>		
1.	0081	Lenora Braynon Smith Elementary
2.	0881	Comstock Elementary
3.	4401	Kelsey L. Pharr Elementary
<b>Charter Schools</b>		
4.	0215	Lawrence Academy Elementary Charter
5.	3024	Florida International Elementary