


MEMORANDUM

July 8, 2016

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY 2015-2016 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES

Today, the Florida Department of Education released the Preliminary 2015-2016 School Performance Grades for all schools. These results are based on the new school grading rule and scale that were adopted by the State Board of Education in Tallahassee on January 6, 2016. Since 2015-2016 was the second year of the administration of a new state assessment, these School Performance Grades include learning gains. Learning gains have historically represented an important component of the school grades calculation as it takes into account student growth, particularly for the large population of English Language Learners and special education students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

Attached is a summary of the School Performance Grade distributions for M-DCPS, Florida, and other large districts. Highlights include:

- In 2016, 30 percent of all Miami-Dade schools received “A” ratings, compared to just 23 percent statewide.
 - Higher percentages of M-DCPS schools received “A” ratings in 2016 than those in other large Florida districts, including Broward, Hillsborough, and Duval.
 - M-DCPS also received higher ratings than the state and these counties when examining the percentage scoring “A” and “B”; and when combined across “A”, “B”, and “C” ratings.
 - With the implementation of the new school grading scale this year, the percentage of “A” rated schools in Florida plunged by thirteen percentage points.
- For each school type, M-DCPS schools outpaced schools statewide in the percentage receiving “A” ratings.
 - 25% of M-DCPS elementary schools, compared to 21% statewide
 - 27% of M-DCPS middle schools, compared to 25% statewide
 - 31% of M-DCPS senior high schools, compared to 22% statewide
 - 42% of M-DCPS combination grade schools, compared to 33% statewide

- Lower percentages of M-DCPS schools received "F" ratings than schools statewide.
- In 2016, six schools improved their grade from an "F" to a "C" or higher (one from an "F" to a "B" and five from an "F" to a "C").

The Preliminary 2015-2016 School Performance Grades can be found on the following website <http://oada.dadeschools.net/>.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Marie Izquierdo, Chief Academic Officer, Office of Academics and Transformation, at 305 995-1451, or Ms. Gisela Feild, Administrative Director, Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis, at 305 995-2943.

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Table 1**School Performance Grade Distributions, 2014-15* through 2015-2016******Traditional Elementary, Middle, and Senior High and Combination Schools**

School Level		A		B		C		D		F	
		14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
Elementary		68	49	32	51	60	66	32	22	12	5
Middle		27	20	10	15	16	28	16	7	6	3
Senior		37	22	16	12	20	30	5	6	0	0
Combination		36	33	9	18	22	22	7	6	3	0
All Levels	Total	168	124	67	96	118	146	60	41	21	8
	M-DCPS	106	74	57	78	98	118	49	29	16	7
	Charter	62	50	10	18	20	28	11	12	5	1
Percent Total		39%	30%	15%	23%	27%	35%	14%	10%	5%	2%

* Does not include alternative schools for the State and district.

** Excludes 3 schools that received an Incomplete and 21 that did not receive a school grade at this time.

Table 2
School Performance Grade Distributions, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016
Florida and Selected Districts

District	14-15 # of Schools	15-16 # of Schools	A			B			C			D			F		
			14-15	15-16	Difference	14-15	15-16	Difference	14-15	15-16	Difference	14-15	15-16	Difference	14-15	15-16	Difference
Miami-Dade	434	415	39%	30%	-9	15	23	8	27	35	8	14	10	-4	5	2	-3
Broward	288	285	34%	22%	-12	17%	22%	5	26%	39%	13	11%	14%	3	11%	4%	-7
Duval	177	166	23%	18%	-5	16%	20%	4	25%	36%	11	22%	22%	0	14%	4%	-10
Hillsborough	254	250	33%	20%	-13	19%	17%	-2	26%	41%	15	12%	18%	6	10%	4%	-6
Palm Beach	200	198	44%	31%	-13	12%	24%	12	28%	35%	7	11%	7%	-4	7%	3%	-4
FLORIDA	3282	3197	36%	23%	-13	20%	23%	3	27%	39%	12	11%	12%	1	6%	3%	-3

Note. Excludes Alternative Schools.

Table 3

Schools Designated as “F” for 2015-2016

Traditional Schools Operated by M-DCPS		
1.	1561	EARLINGTON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
2.	4301	PARK VIEW ELEMENTARY
3.	4501	POINCIANA PARK ELEMENTARY
4.	5081	DR. FREDERICA S. WILSON/SKYWAY ELEMENTARY
5.	6031	BROWNSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
6.	6051	CAROL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL
7.	6591	NORTH DADE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Charter Schools		
1.	2006	RICHARD ALLEN LEAD ACADEMY