


MEMORANDUM

July 11, 2014

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: 2013-2014 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES

Today the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) released the School Performance Grades for Elementary, K-8 and Middle Schools, highlighting the performance of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS); see attached press release. Results include:

- Higher percentages of M-DCPS schools received School Performance Grades of “A” in comparison to the state and other large districts, while lower percentages received “F.”
 - 43% of M-DCPS schools received a School Performance Grade of “A,” while only 5% received an “F.”
- M-DCPS schools also improved at a greater rate than the state and other large districts.
 - The percentage of schools receiving School Performance Grades of “A” increased by 8 percentage points, outpacing the state and other large districts.
- M-DCPS continued a trend of improved performance, increasing its total points earned from 495 to 506, to maintain its high performing District Grade of “B”.
- These improvements were achieved despite the disproportionately high number of English Language Learners and concentration of disadvantaged students in the M-DCPS.

The School Performance Grades released today include the points earned by each school on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) components. These points only represent 50 percent of the final School Performance Grades for senior high schools; as such they are not presented here. The 2013-2014 School Performance Grades are computed using student results from the FCAT 2.0 Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Writing; and end-of-course exams.

This is the final year of the use of the current formula to compute School Performance Grades, as Florida adopts a new, more rigorous standardized assessment program and a new, accountability system.

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. 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, 2010-2011 through 2013-2014*
Elementary/K-8 Center, Middle, and Senior High Schools

School Level:	A				B				C				D				F			
	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14
Elementary/ K-8 Centers	146	134	91	119	34	54	59	43	48	47	71	63	14	18	33	30	5	2	8	14
Middle	33	27	24	30	14	15	8	8	20	21	30	25	10	11	14	10	0	4	5	5
Senior*	6	8	10	6	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
All Levels	186	169	125	155	49	70	68	55	69	70	103	92	24	30	48	40	5	6	13	19
		125	85	107		60	55	40		63	87	76		24	41	34	3	5	9	14
		44	40	48		10	13	15		7	16	16		6	7	6	2	1	4	5
Percent Total	55%	49%	35%	43%	15%	20%	19%	15%	20%	20%	29%	25%	7%	9%	13%	11%	2%	2%	4%	5%

Note. Nineteen M-DCPS schools received School Performance Grades of "Incomplete." The table has been updated for prior years to include schools with successful appeals.

* includes any new senior high schools that received School Performance Grades based on the 800 FCAT points only and excludes three Alternative Schools that received a School Performance Grade of 'F.'

Table 2
School Performance Grade Distributions, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014
Florida and Selected Districts

District	12-13 Number Schools		13-14 Number Schools		A		B		C		D		F			
	N	%	N	%	12-13	13-14	Difference	12-13	13-14	Difference	12-13	13-14	Difference	12-13	13-14	Difference
Miami-Dade	357		361		125	155		68	55	103	92	48	40	13	19	
		%			35	43	+8	19	15	29	25	13	11	4	5	+1
Broward	236		240		65	81		59	41	63	72	36	22	13	24	
		%			28	34	+6	25	17	27	30	15	9	6	10	+4
Duval	141		147		33	32		33	16	38	47	26	30	11	22	
		%			23	22	-1	23	11	27	32	18	20	8	15	+7
Palm Beach	153		164		61	71		38	29	36	41	13	15	4	8	
		%			40	43	+3	25	18	24	25	9	9	3	5	+2
FLORIDA	2633		2670		767	962		676	432	727	749	357	352	105	175	
		%			29	36	+7	26	16	28	28	0	13	4	7	+3

Note. Excludes Alternative Schools.

**Table 3
District Schools Designated as "F" for 2013-2014**

Traditional Schools Operated by M-DCPS	
1.	0073 Mandarin Lakes K-8
2.	0101 Arcola Lake Elementary
3.	0361 Biscayne Gardens Elementary
4.	0521 Broadmoor Elementary
5.	0681 Carol City Elementary
6.	1561 Earlington Heights Elementary
7.	2161 Golden Glades Elementary
8.	2501 Holmes Elementary
9.	2981 Liberty City Elementary
10.	4501 Poinciana Park Elementary
11.	4651 Ethel F. Beckford/Richmond Elementary
12.	6031 Brownsville Middle
13.	6051 Carol City Middle
14.	6061 Campbell Drive Middle
Charter Schools	
15.	2006 Richard Allen Leadership Academy
16.	3024 Florida International Academy
17.	5410 Alpha Charter of Excellence
18.	6005 RAMZ Academy 6-8 Middle, Miami Campus
19.	6049 River Cities Community Charter

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**SOUTH FLORIDA SCHOOLS EARN "A" GRADES AS STATE PREPARES FOR NEW
GRADING SYSTEM WITH FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS FACTORS**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 11, 2014 – The number of elementary and middle schools earning a preliminary "A" grade increased by 195 (7 percentage points) over last year in the final year of the current grading system, according to preliminary data released today by the Department of Education.

Overall, 962 elementary and middle schools statewide earned the top grade.

"The increase in the number of schools earning an 'A' this year is great news for students and teachers who have worked hard for this success," said Commissioner Pam Stewart. "I appreciate the work by the educators and families and students in South Florida and know they will continue to improve in the future."

Highlights in South Florida include:

- **Miami-Dade County** increased the number of elementary and middle schools earning a preliminary grade of "A" by 30 schools in 2013-14, with 43 percent of Miami-Dade County schools now earning an "A" compared to 35 percent in 2012-13. In addition, 22 Miami-Dade County schools improved two or more letter grades between 2012-13 and 2013-14, including four schools that improved from a "D" to an "A" and two schools that improved from an "F" to a "B."

This is the final year school grades will be calculated using the current formula. The new grading system next year will support the more rigorous Florida Standards and the Florida Standards Assessment which will replace the FCAT. Governor Rick Scott signed legislation in May of 2014 that will make the new school grading formula more simple and transparent.

"The new grading system that will start next year will continue to be crafted with input from parents, teachers and educators," said Stewart. "Its focus on student achievement and gains will help ensure a fair accountability system that helps measure student knowledge of the new Florida Standards."

Starting next year, elementary and middle school grades will be calculated based on the new Florida Standards and will focus on student achievement and learning gains. Next year's school grades will be provided to schools for informational purposes only as the state transitions to the new Florida Standards and Florida Standards Assessment.

More information can be found at [School Grades](#).

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