


MEMORANDUM

June 28, 2017

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY 2016-2017 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES

Today, the Florida Department of Education released the Preliminary 2016-2017 School Performance Grades for all schools. These results are based on the school grading rule and scale that were adopted by the State Board of Education on January 6, 2016, which include performance and 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 diverse districts such as Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

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

- For the first time in the history of M-DCPS, there are no “F” rated traditional schools.
- In 2017, 39 percent of all Miami-Dade schools received “A” ratings, compared to just 30 percent statewide. This is an increase of 9 percentage points from last year for M-DPCS.
 - Higher percentages of Miami-Dade schools received “A” ratings in 2017 than those in all other large Florida districts, including Broward, Hillsborough, Duval, Palm Beach, and Orange.
 - M-DCPS also received higher ratings than the state and these counties when examining the percentage of schools scoring “A” and “B”; and when combined across “A” and “B” ratings.
- For each school type, M-DCPS outperformed schools statewide in the percentage receiving “A” ratings.
 - 41% of M-DCPS elementary schools, compared to 30% statewide.
 - 31% of M-DCPS middle schools, compared to 29% statewide.
 - 34% of M-DCPS senior high schools, compared to 24% statewide.
 - 44% of M-DCPS combination grade schools, compared to 40% statewide.
- M-DCPS reduced the percentage of “D” rated schools by almost half.
- In 2017, 6 schools improved their grade from an “F” to a “C” or higher (one from an “F” to “A”, two from an “F” to a “B”, and three from an “F” to a “C”).

The Preliminary 2016-2017 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, 2015-2016 through 2016-2017*****

Elementary, Middle, and Senior High and Combination Schools

School Level		A		B		C		D		F	
		15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
Elementary		55	83	55	63	66	47	23	7	5	2*
Middle		20	22	15	12	29	30	7	8	3	0
Senior		22	24	12	22	36	20	7	5	0	0
Combination		33	36	19	21	23	23	6	2	0	0
All Levels	Total	130	165	101	118	154	120	43	22	8	2
	M-DCPS	79	111	82	87	126	105	29	14	7	0
	Charter	51	54	19	31	28	15	14	8	1	2
Percent Total		30	39	23	28	35	28	10	5	2	0

*The two elementary schools rated "F" are charter schools.

** The 2015-2016 counts and percentages displayed in this document reflect minor differences from percentages published previously because of the inclusion of the school grades of schools that had been previously denoted as Incomplete.

*** Excludes 12 schools that received an Incomplete.

Table 2
School Performance Grade Distributions, 2015-2016* and 2016-2017
Percent of schools receiving each School Performance Grade
Florida and Selected Districts

District	15-16 # of Schools	16-17 # of Schools	A			B			C			D			F		
			15-16 %	16-17 %	Difference	15-16 %	16-17 %	Difference	15-16 %	16-17 %	Difference	15-16 %	16-17 %	Difference	15-16 %	16-17 %	Difference
Miami-Dade	436	427	30	39	+9	23	28	+5	35	28	-7	10	5	-5	2	0	-2
Broward	299	281	23	31	+8	21	21	0	38	43	+5	13	4	-9	4	2	-2
Duval	180	169	17	27	+10	19	24	+5	37	38	+1	22	9	-13	4	1	-3
Hillsborough	252	246	20	26	+6	17	17	0	41	42	+1	17	13	-4	4	2	-2
Orange	205	207	22	30	+8	21	26	+5	40	35	-5	12	7	-5	4	2	-2
Palm Beach	199	197	32	36	+4	24	24	0	35	34	-1	7	4	-3	3	2	-1
FLORIDA	3296	3222	23	30	+7	23	27	+4	39	35	-4	12	7	-5	3	1	-2

Note. Excludes Alternative and ESE Schools.

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Table 3

Schools Designated as “F” for 2016-2017

Charter Schools		
1.	0102	Miami Community Charter
2.	2060	Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School