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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** School Board Members  
School District of Palm Beach County

**FROM:** Judith Klinek   
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**THROUGH:** E. Wayne Gent   
Superintendent

**SUBJECT: RELEASE OF THE FY2011 ANNUAL REPORT CARD FOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

On January 4, 2012, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the 2011 Annual Report Card for high schools. Beginning with the FY2010 school year, the high school report contained non-FCAT indicators not reported previously (graduation rate, participation and performance in accelerated coursework, and college readiness).<sup>1</sup>

A review of the FY2011 school grades for high schools in the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) revealed the following.

- Twenty-eight percent (28%) of the high schools earned an "A" and 55% earned a "B" (see Table 1).
- The SDPBC outperformed the State (83% vs. 78%) in the percentage of "A's" and "B's" (see Table 1).
- No SDPBC high schools received a grade of "F" (see Tables 2 and 3).
- SDPBC high schools earned the majority of their points from non-FCAT indicators (see Tables 2 and 3).

Tables of high school grades, as well as graduation rate, accelerated coursework, and college readiness data (Tables 4 and 5) are attached, and are also available on the District web site at: <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/dre/SCHGRADES.asp>

The FDOE has published the Florida 2011 Annual Report Card for high schools at: <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org>

<sup>1</sup> From FY2010 to FY2011, the calculation formula for high school grades changed only for accelerated coursework. Participation weighting changed from 200 to 175 points, while performance weighting changed from 100 to 125 points. See the attached FDOE guide, *Grading Florida's Public Schools, 2010-11* for details regarding the calculation of high school grades.

For questions regarding high school grades, contact Mark Howard, Director of Research and Evaluation at 434-8850. For questions regarding graduation, accelerated coursework, and college readiness, contact Keith Oswald, Chief, Division of Safety, Culture and Learning Environment at 434-8813 or Janis Andrews, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Curriculum and Learning Support at 357-1113. For questions concerning specific schools, contact the area superintendents or school principals.

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#### Attachments

- c: Academic and Operating Chiefs
- Area/Assistant Superintendents
- Academic Executive Directors/Directors
- Principals

**Table 1. Number and Percent of Letter Grades for High Schools in the SDPBC and Florida**

School Type	Year	A		B		C		D		F		Total
		Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	
SDPBC Non-Charter High Schools	FY2011	6	24%	15	60%	3	12%	1	4%	0	0%	25
	FY2010	14	58%	7	29%	3	13%	0	0%	0	0%	24
SDPBC Charter High Schools	FY2011	2	9%	1	4%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	23
	FY2010	1	20%	2	40%	0	0%	1	20%	1	20%	5
SDPBC All High Schools Total	FY2011	8	28%	16	55%	3	10%	2	7%	0	0%	29
	FY2010	15	54%	9	32%	2	7%	1	4%	1	4%	28
Florida All High Schools Total	FY2011	147	31%	224	47%	72	15%	25	5%	6	1%	474
	FY2010	140	30%	192	41%	69	15%	58	12%	11	2%	470

**Table 2. Letter Grades for Non-Charter High Schools in the SDPBC and Florida**

	FY2010				FY2011			
	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade
A. W. Dreyfoos School of The Arts	664	798	1462	A	695	794	1489	A
Atlantic High	498	695	1193	B	500	668	1168	A
Boca Raton High	616	789	1405	A	650	735	1385	A
Boynton Bch Community High	395	632	1027	B	412	579	991	B
Forest Hill High	496	578	1074	B	488	533	1021	B
Glades Central High	407	635	1042	C	413	607	1020	B
John I. Leonard High	486	602	1088	A	443	621	1064	B
Jupiter High	600	732	1332	A	608	714	1322	B
Lake Worth High	475	615	1090	A	450	688	1138	B
Olympic Heights High	558	725	1283	A	521	655	1176	B
Pahokee Middle/Senior High	467	655	1047	B	378	547	857	D
Palm Beach Central High	561	734	1295	A	542	732	1274	B
Palm Beach Gardens High	487	654	1141	B	467	576	1043	B
Palm Beach Lakes High	418	552	970	C	391	544	935	C
P.B. Virtual Franchise	--	--	--	--	541	--	--	B
Park Vista Community High	585	717	1302	A	593	732	1325	A
Royal Palm Beach High	497	585	1082	B	438	577	1015	C
Santaluces High	525	589	1114	A	484	583	1067	B
Seminole Ridge Comm. High	560	752	1312	A	522	687	1209	B
Spanish River High	629	760	1389	A	606	747	1353	B
Suncoast High	676	800	1476	A	697	795	1492	A
Village Academy	476	--	--	C	450	--	--	C
W.T. Dwyer High	513	678	1191	B	494	660	1154	A
Wellington High	565	682	1247	A	545	684	1229	B
West Boca Raton Comm. High	583	735	1318	A	560	740	1300	B

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**Table 3. Letter Grades for Charter High Schools in the SDPBC**

	FY2010				FY2011			
	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade
G-Star Schools of the Arts	524	612	1136	A	561	654	1215	A
Inlet Grove	495	683	1178	B	443	696	1139	B
Leadership Academy West	361	--	--	F	416	--	--	--
Riviera Bch Maritime Acad.	466	--	--	D	510	718	1228	A
South Tech Academy	473	644	1117	B	440	515	955	D

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**Table 4. FY2010 and FY2011 Graduation Rate, Accelerated Coursework, and College Readiness Results for Non-Charter High Schools in the SDPBC**

	Graduation						Accelerated Coursework						College Readiness					
	Overall Rate			At-Risk Rate			Participation			Performance			Reading			Math		
	FY10	FY11	FY11 Points	FY10	FY11	FY11 Points	FY10	FY11	FY11 Points	FY10	FY11	FY11 Points	FY10	FY11	FY11 Points	FY10	FY11	FY11 Points
A. W. Dreyfoos School of The Arts	100	100	200	100	100	100	100	100	175	100	100	125	96	98	100	88	91	94
Atlantic High	88	85	170	84	82	82	64	65	116	100	100	125	94	94	94	69	75	81
Boca Raton High	93	90	180	84	81	81	94	100	175	100	100	125	88	92	96	79	78	78
Boynton Bch Community High	80	72	144	81	76	76	63	74	149	39	54	86	71	75	79	39	42	45
Forest Hill High	83	81	162	71	65	65	44	44	77	57	65	91	76	81	86	50	51	52
Glades Central High	82	72	134	80	63	58	70	77	147	70	83	120	60	76	92	42	49	56
John I. Leonard High	83	76	152	75	59	54	54	60	116	69	89	125	70	82	94	44	62	80
Jupiter High	95	92	184	82	73	73	69	78	152	79	92	125	90	93	96	80	82	84
Lake Worth High	84	76	152	72	67	67	54	90	175	53	88	125	80	93	100	65	67	69
Olympic Heights High	88	87	174	82	79	79	86	80	140	74	75	95	85	87	89	66	72	78
Pahokee Middle/Senior High	81	75	150	78	62	57	60	63	116	80	76	95	69	75	81	46	47	48
Palm Beach Central High	94	94	188	89	83	83	76	94	175	83	89	119	83	88	93	70	72	74
Palm Beach Gardens High	87	81	162	81	65	60	59	58	102	58	63	85	87	89	91	66	71	76
Palm Beach Lakes High	77	70	140	75	62	57	49	51	93	46	61	95	75	84	93	38	52	66
P.B. Virtual Franchise	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Park Vista Community High	94	92	184	84	78	78	71	89	175	74	96	125	88	91	94	77	76	76
Royal Palm Beach High	86	76	142	76	61	56	45	54	110	60	70	100	66	88	100	49	59	69
Santaluces High	80	82	168	74	74	74	50	51	91	55	66	96	76	81	86	54	61	68
Seminole Ridge Comm. High	91	87	174	81	71	66	86	93	175	86	89	115	80	82	84	67	70	73
Spanish River High	97	95	190	83	85	87	74	83	161	100	100	125	89	94	99	83	84	85
Suncoast High	100	100	200	100	100	100	100	100	175	100	100	125	96	99	100	95	95	95
Village Academy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
W.T. Dwyer High	87	88	178	76	76	76	77	72	126	81	84	109	74	84	94	59	68	77
Wellington High	89	87	174	69	56	51	66	76	151	80	94	125	93	93	93	78	84	90
West Boca Raton Comm. High	94	93	186	82	77	77	83	92	175	79	86	116	89	93	97	81	85	89

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**Table 5. FY2009 and FY2010 Graduation Rate, Accelerated Coursework, and College Readiness Results for Charter High Schools in the SDPBC**

	Graduation						Accelerated Coursework						College Readiness					
	Overall Rate			At-Risk Rate			Participation			Performance			Reading			Math		
	FY10	FY11	Points	FY10	FY11	Points	FY10	FY11	Points	FY10	FY11	Points	FY10	FY11	Points	FY10	FY11	Points
G-Star Schools of the Arts	97	96	192	92	88	88	40	54	119	61	63	81	79	93	100	54	64	74
Inlet Grove	89	87	174	90	74	69	100	100	175	67	75	104	74	85	96	44	61	78
Leadership Academy West	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Riviera Beach Maritime Academy	--	87	200	--	87	100	--	77	126	--	94	125	--	100	100	--	67	67
South Tech Academy	90	88	176	83	76	76	57	44	68	55	59	79	64	68	72	30	37	44

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# Grading Florida's Public Schools, 2010-11

## FCAT Performance and Learning Gains: 100% of Grade for Elementary and Middle Schools, 50% of Grade for High Schools

Schools are awarded one point for each percent of students who score proficient or higher on the FCAT and who make annual learning gains (800 possible points).

### Performance Components (400 points maximum):

- Percent of full-year-enrolled students scoring at Level 3 or higher on FCAT Reading. (100 points maximum)
- Percent of full-year-enrolled students scoring at Level 3 or higher on FCAT Mathematics. (100 points maximum)
- Percent of full-year-enrolled students scoring at Level 3 or higher on FCAT Science. (100 points maximum)
- Percent of full-year-enrolled students scoring 4 or higher on the FCAT Writing essay. (100 points maximum)

### Learning Gains Components (400 points maximum):

- Percent of full-year-enrolled students who made learning gains in reading. (100 points maximum)
- Percent of full-year-enrolled students who made learning gains in mathematics. (100 points maximum)
- Percent of full-year-enrolled students in the lowest performing 25% who made learning gains in reading. (100 points maximum)
- Percent of full-year-enrolled students in the lowest performing 25% who made learning gains in mathematics. (100 points maximum)

**Bonus Points for High Schools:** High schools are eligible for an additional 10 points if at least 50% of students retaking the grade 10 FCAT in reading and at least 50% of students retaking the grade 10 FCAT in mathematics attain scores required for graduation in those two areas.

**Learning Gains Criteria:** Students can demonstrate learning gains by maintaining a proficient-level score; by increasing their score by one or more achievement levels; or, for students who maintain an FCAT score at Level 1 or 2, by demonstrating more than a year's growth on the FCAT developmental score scale.

**Students Included:** Students must be full-year enrolled for their assessment scores to be included in school grades. For performance components, results include scores for standard curriculum, speech-impaired, hospital homebound, gifted, and English language learners in ESOL more than two years. For learning gains components, results include scores for all students with current and prior-year scores on the FCAT or Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA).

**Additional Requirements: Testing participation.** Schools must test at least 90% of eligible students (at least 95% to be eligible for an "A") to be assigned a regular letter grade. Schools testing below 90% are initially assigned an "I" and are reviewed further to determine whether a grade penalty will apply. Adequate progress of the lowest 25% in reading and math. For schools earning a grade of "C" or higher based on points, at least 50% of the lowest performing 25% in each subject must make learning gains or the school will be assigned a final grade one grade lower than it would otherwise have earned based on total points. Schools falling below the 50% criterion can still meet the requirement by showing annual improvement in the percentage of low-performing students making learning gains. See page 4 of the current document for more information.

**Grading Scale (Elementary and Middle):** A = at least 525 points, B = 495 to 524 points, C = 435 to 494 points, D = 395 to 434 points, F = fewer than 395 points.

# Grading Florida's High Schools in 2010-11

## 50% of Grade Based on FCAT & Learning Gains, 50% Based on Non-FCAT-Based Components

As established in s. 1008.34, F.S., for school grading in 2009-10 and thereafter, Florida's high schools are graded using the FCAT and learning gains components described in the grading criteria for elementary and middle schools (worth 800 points), plus several non-FCAT based components that account for 50 percent of the high school grade (also worth 800 points). The grading components outside of state comprehensive assessments include the following measures (note that measures counting for more than 100 points are double-weighted):

- Graduation rate: the percentage of students graduating with a standard or special diploma within four years of initial enrollment in grade 9, adjusting for transfers. Double-weighted. (200 points)
- Graduation rate for at-risk students. At-risk students are those who scored at Level 2 or below on both the FCAT reading and FCAT math tests in grade 8. (100 points)
- Accelerated coursework participation for students in grades 9 – 12, based on exams taken for AP, IB, AICE, and industry certification, as well as dual enrollment course enrollments. This component measures the combined weighted student participation count divided by the membership count of students in grades 11-12. Students in grades 9 and 10 may only be included as participants in the numerator if they have successful completions (passing test scores, or, for dual enrollment, passing course grades of "C" or higher). Weighted at 1.75. (175 points)
- Accelerated coursework performance: the measure of weighted successful completions in accelerated coursework divided by the count of accelerated coursework participants. Weighted at 1.25. (125 points)
- Postsecondary readiness: calculated separately for reading and math, the count of on-time graduates scoring "ready" or higher on ACT, SAT, or Common Placement Test (CPT) examinations divided by the total count of on-time graduates scoring at FCAT level 3 or higher. Cut scores for readiness are provided online at <http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/perfCPT/default.asp>. (100 points for math; 100 points for reading)
- Annual growth or decline in the measures mentioned above. Schools that demonstrate an annual increase in their component points receive additional points based on the annual increase in points, up to 20 points per component (up to 40 points for double-weighted components). Schools lose five points for this component if performance declines by 10 or more percentage points annually (with up to ten points subtracted for double-weighted components).
- In addition to meeting adequate progress requirements (learning gains) for low-performing students and requirements to test at least 90% of students (95% to qualify for an "A"), high schools that would otherwise earn an "A" on points must meet a statewide target of 75% for the graduation rate of at-risk students or show sufficient annual improvement in that rate to qualify for a grade of "A." Sufficient annual improvement = 1% or more for schools that have an at-risk graduation rate of at least 65%. Schools that have an at-risk graduation rate of below 65% must show at least a 5% annual increase in the rate to meet this requirement.

### Grade Scale for High Schools and Combination Schools (Based on a 1600-Point Scale)

A = At least 1,050 points, B = 990 to 1,049 points, C = 870 to 989 points, D = 790 to 869 points, F = Fewer than 790 points.

### Grading Combination Schools (Weighting Factors)

For school grading purposes, combination schools serving the high school grades will be classified as either K-12 schools or 6-12 schools based on the closest match for the range of grades served. These schools will have points calculated using the same components and grading scale applicable to high schools, except the following weighting factor will be applied to the subtotals for points on the FCAT-based components and non-FCAT-based components.

K-12 schools: Total points for FCAT components = 80% of grade. Total points for Non-FCAT components = 20% of grade.

6-12 schools: Total points for FCAT components = 70% of grade. Total points for Non-FCAT components = 30% of grade.



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