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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Board Members
FROM: E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent 
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF PRELIMINARY FY2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADES

On December 18, 2013, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the 2013 Preliminary High School Grades for high schools in the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) and Florida. The calculation for high school grades has changed each of the past three years; therefore, caution should be used when comparing the results from one year to the next.

A review of the FY2013 high school grades for the SDPBC revealed the following:

- 71% of SDPBC traditional high schools earned an “A” or “B” grade
- 34% of SDPBC charter high schools earned an “A” or “B” grade
- Three SDPBC traditional high schools increased to an “A” grade
- Five traditional high schools earned total points for an “A” grade but were designated a “B” grade due to the At-Risk Graduation Rate Penalty¹

Tables 1-4 contain high school grades for Florida and SDPBC traditional, alternative and charter schools. This data is also available on the District web site at:

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/dre/schgrades.asp>

Attached are the State’s ***Grading Florida’s Public Schools 2013*** and ***Grading Florida’s High Schools 2013***.

For questions regarding high school grades, contact Mark Howard, Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment at 434-8850 or Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at 434-8851.

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Attachments

c: Division Chiefs
Area/Assistant Superintendents
Academic Directors
Principals

¹ High Schools must have a minimum At-Risk Graduation Rate of 65% to earn an “A” grade.

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 Traditional	FY2013	11	46%	6	25%	6	25%	1	4%	0	0%	24
	FY2012	13	52%	5	20%	7	28%	0	0%	0	0%	25
SDPBC Charter	FY2013	1	17%	1	17%	2	33%	1	17%	1	17%	6
	FY2012	2	40%	2	40%	0	0%	0	0%	1	20%	5
SDPBC Alternative	FY2013	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1
	FY2012	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
SDPBC Total	FY2013	12	39%	7	23%	8	26%	2	6%	2	6%	31
	FY2012	15	50%	7	23%	7	23%	0	0%	1	3%	30
Florida Total	FY2013	240	48%	152	30%	87	17%	16	3%	10	2%	505
	FY2012	231	46%	154	31%	89	18%	15	3%	13	3%	502

Table 2. Letter Grades for Traditional High Schools in the SDPBC and Florida

	FY2012				FY2013			
	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	665	750	1,415	A	747	756	1,503	A
Atlantic	503	643	1,146	A	564	648	1,212	A
Boca Raton	650	724	1,374	A	669	718	1,387	A
Boynton Bch Community	450	565	1,015	B	473	603	1,076	A
Forest Hill	456	475	931	C	476	493	969	C
Glades Central	395	564	959	C	422	550	972	C
John I. Leonard	459	504	963	C	443	542	985	C
Jupiter High	596	656	1,252	A	637	677	1,314	A
Lake Worth	466	554	1,020	B	470	579	1,049	B
Olympic Heights	514	576	1,090	B	621	604	1,225	A
Pahokee Middle/Senior	439	638	955	C	457	636	923	D
Palm Beach Central	516	624	1,140	A	552	673	1,225	A
Palm Beach Gardens	472	545	1,017	B	458	609	1,067	A
Palm Beach Lakes	431	494	925	C	439	490	929	C
P.B. Virtual Franchise	568	594	1,152	A	NA	NA	NA	NA
Park Vista Community	570	658	1,228	A	603	684	1,287	A
Royal Palm Beach	469	495	964	C	452	523	975	C
Santaluces	515	545	1,060	A	489	584	1,073	B
Seminole Ridge Community	491	592	1,083	A	526	649	1,175	B
Spanish River	601	712	1,313	A	659	693	1,352	A
Suncoast	637	789	1,426	A	737	794	1,531	A
Village Academy	450	480	912	C	503	550	925	C
Wellington	559	643	1,202	A	581	677	1,258	B
West Boca Raton Community	497	665	1,162	B	592	638	1,230	B
William T. Dwyer	513	599	1,112	A	552	634	1,186	B

NA indicates not reported

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

	FY2012				FY2013			
	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade
G-Star Schools of the Arts	521	603	1,124	A	591	610	1,201	A
Inlet Grove	363	631	994	B	379	629	1,008	C
Leadership Academy West	303	443	746	F	449	510	959	D
Mavericks	NA	NA	NA	NA	280	NA	280	F
Riviera Beach Maritime Academy	449	530	990	B	477	461	938	C
South Tech Academy	473	611	1,084	A	483	590	1,073	B

NA indicates not reported

Table 4. Letter Grades for Alternative High Schools in the SDPBC

	FY2012				FY2013			
	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade	FCAT Points	Non-FCAT Points	Total Points	School Grade
Crossroads Academy	NA	NA	NA	NA	247	NA	247	F

NA indicates not reported