

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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### MEMORANDUM

July 11, 2014

TO: School Board Members

FROM: E. Wayne Gent, Superintend

## SUBJECT: RELEASE OF THE PRELIMINARY FY2014 DISTRICT AND SCHOOL GRADES

On July 11, 2014, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released FY2014 District Grades and the FY2014 School Grades for elementary and middle schools. FY2014 High School Grades will be calculated and reported in December.

Florida Districts are graded on an 800 point scale using a model similar to school grades. Florida School Grades report the performance of schools relative to state standards. The assessment components of these grades are based on student achievement in reading, math, writing and science. Annual learning gains for each student and the progress of the lowest quartile of students in reading and math are also significant components of each grade. Please see Appendix A for additional information.

A review of the district and school grades for the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) reveals the following:

### **District Grades**

- From FY2013 to FY2014, SDPBC earned a "B" for the second consecutive year, improving by 6 points overall and just 6 points shy of an "A"
- In FY2014, SDPBC was the highest performing large urban Florida school district<sup>1</sup> with the highest overall point total and highest in 5 of 8 the grading components

### School Grades

- Overall, SDPBC had a higher percentage of "A" schools than the State and the large urban Florida school districts.
- For the fifth consecutive year, SDPBC had a higher percentage of "A" district-operated elementary and middle schools than the State.
- In FY2014, the majority of SDPBC district-operated schools were rated "A" or "B", 64% of elementary schools and 61% of middle schools.
- In FY2014, the SDPBC had a higher percentage of district-operated "A" schools than the State for elementary (47% vs. 34%) and middle schools (49% vs. 36%).
- The SDPBC had the highest percentage of "A" district-operated elementary schools when compared to other large urban Florida school districts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> School districts with more than 150,000 students

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On July 16, 2013, the State Board of Education enacted SBOE Rule 6AER13-01, *School Grade Mitigation*, which prevents a school from dropping more than one letter grade in FY2013. This rule remains in effect for FY2014.

Tables of school grades are below, and are also available on the Department of Research, Evaluation and Assessment web site at: <u>http://www.palmbeachschools.org/dre/NRE/Results.asp</u> The FDOE report of the 2014 School Grades is located at <u>http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org</u>.<sup>2</sup>

Should you have questions about school grades, please contact Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at 434-8851. If you have questions about instruction as it relates to school grades, please contact Karen Whetsell, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Teaching and Learning, at 357-1113. If you have questions about individual school efforts as they relate to school grades, please contact the appropriate area superintendent or school principal.

EWG/CA/FR/MH

### Attachments

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Tables 2-4 report charter schools and non-charter schools separately, whereas the FDOE combines charter and non-charter schools.

Table 1. FY2014 District Grade Component Points for SDPBC and the Four Other Largest Florida	
School Districts*	

District	Reading % Proficient or Higher	Math % Proficient or Higher	Writing % Proficient or Higher	Science % Proficient or Higher	Reading Gains	Math Gains	Reading Gains for Low 25%	Math Gains for Low 25%	Total Points Earned**
SDPBC	59	63	70	60	67	71	66	63	519
Broward	59	61	65	55	68	67	66	62	503
Dade	59	62	58	56	70	68	68	65	506
Hillsborough	57	60	69	57	66	69	64	64	506
Orange	59	62	59	60	67	71	66	65	509

\*Florida school districts exceeding 150,000 students \*\*District grades based on 800 point total scale: A=525+, B=524-495, C=494-435, D=434-395, F=less than 395

Table 2. Number and Percent of School Grades for Non-Charter Elementary Schools in the SDPBC
and Florida

Year		Α		В		(	С		D		F	Total
Tear		Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Total
FY2014	SDPBC	50	46.7%	18	16.8%	25	23.4%	12	11.2%	2	1.9%	107
F12014	Florida	557	33.6%	271	16.4%	482	29.1%	246	14.9%	100	6.0%	1656
FY2013	SDPBC	44	41.1%	26	24.3%	26	24.3%	9	8.4%	2	1.9%	107
FIZUIJ	Florida	441	26.5%	470	28.3%	464	27.9%	234	14.1%	54	3.3%	1663
FY2012	SDPBC	62	57.9%	18	16.8%	20	18.7%	7	6.5%	0	0.0%	107
FIZVIZ	Florida	799	47.8%	416	24.9%	312	18.7%	130	7.8%	13	0.8%	1670
FY2011	SDPBC	64	60.4%	17	16.0%	19	17.9%	6	5.7%	0	0.0%	106
FIZVII	Florida	960	57.6%	314	18.8%	304	18.2%	76	4.6%	14	0.8%	1668
FY2010	SDPBC	61	58.1%	17	16.2%	20	19.0%	4	3.8%	3	2.9%	105
1 12010	Florida	891	53.3%	352	21.1%	342	20.5%	63	3.8%	23	1.4%	1671

Table 3. Number and Percent of School Grades for Non-Charter Middle Schools in the SDPBC an	d
Florida	

Year		Α		I	В		C	[	)	l	F	Total
Ieai		Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	TOLAT
FY2014	SDPBC	16	48.5%	4	12.1%	10	30.3%	1	3.0%	2	6.1%	33
F12014	Florida	175	35.9%	77	15.8%	150	30.7%	61	12.5%	25	5.1%	488
FY2013	SDPBC	15	45.5%	8	24.2%	7	21.2%	3	9.1%	0	0.0%	33
FIZUIJ	Florida	142	28.2%	110	21.8%	152	30.2%	78	15.5%	22	4.4%	504
FY2012	SDPBC	22	66.7%	6	18.2%	4	12.1%	1	3.0%	0	0.0%	33
FIZVIZ	Florida	214	42.6%	110	21.9%	114	22.7%	53	10.6%	11	2.2%	502
FY2011	SDPBC	26	78.8%	5	15.2%	2	6.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33
FIZVII	Florida	299	58.4%	89	17.4%	100	19.5%	24	4.7%	0	0.0%	512
FY2010	SDPBC	27	81.8%	2	6.1%	4	12.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33
1 12010	Florida	316	61.8%	84	16.4%	94	18.4%	14	2.7%	3	0.6%	511

Year		Α			В		С		D		F	Total
Tear		Count	Pct	TOLAI								
EV2044	SDPBC	5	20.8%	7	29.2%	6	25.0%	2	8.3%	4	16.7%	24
FY2014	Florida	174	43.5%	68	17.0%	82	20.5%	34	8.5%	42	10.5%	400
FY2013	SDPBC	2	16.7%	4	33.3%	3	25.0%	1	8.3%	2	16.7%	12
FIZUIJ	Florida	133	38.8%	74	21.6%	77	22.5%	35	10.2%	24	7.0%	343
FY2012	SDPBC	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2
FIZUIZ	Florida	103	52.0%	39	19.7%	29	14.6%	14	7.1%	13	6.6%	198
FY2011	SDPBC	2	100%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2
FIZUII	Florida	107	60.5%	19	10.7%	30	16.9%	9	5.1%	12	6.8%	177
FY2010	SDPBC	1	33.3%	2	66.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3
F12010	Florida	96	58.5%	22	13.4%	26	15.9%	11	6.7%	9	5.5%	164

# Table 4. Number and Percent of Letter Grades for Charter Elementary and Middle Schools in the SDPBC and Florida

# Table 5a. Percent of FY2014 Regular Elementary School Letter Grades in Palm Beach and the Four Other Largest Florida School Districts\*\*

	Α	В	С	D	F
Palm Beach	47%	17%	23%	11%	2%
Broward	25%	17%	35%	10%	13%
Dade	39%	16%	27%	12%	6%
Hillsborough	45%	11%	28%	13%	3%
Orange	42%	18%	29%	9%	2%

By State definition, table includes all elementary schools in the SDPBC and other districts (excluding charter schools). \*\*Florida school districts exceeding 150,000 students

# Table 5b. Percent of FY2014 Regular Middle School Letter Grades in Palm Beach and the Four Other Largest Florida School Districts\*\*

	Α	В	С	D	F
Palm Beach	49%	12%	30%	3%	6%
Broward	39%	26%	29%	5%	0%
Dade	27%	12%	41%	14%	6%
Hillsborough	45%	7%	34%	9%	5%
Orange	50%	15%	15%	18%	3%

By State definition, table includes all middle schools in the SDPBC and other districts (excluding charter schools).

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# Table 5c. Percent of FY2014 Charter School Letter Grades in Palm Beach and the Four Other Largest Florida School Districts\*\*

	Α	В	С	D	F
Palm Beach	22%	26%	26%	9%	17%
Broward	50%	13%	19%	11%	6%
Dade	56%	15%	15%	8%	6%
Hillsborough	46%	18%	28%	4%	4%
Orange	36%	21%	14%	0%	29%

By State definition, this table includes all charter-operated elementary and middle schools in the SDPBC and other districts.

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### TABLE 6 FY2010 TO FY2014 SCHOOL GRADES SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY - ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE
Elementary Schools	1	1 1	1	<u> </u>	
Acreage Pines Elementary School	A	Α	А	А	A
Addison Mizner Elementary School	A	Α	А	Α	А
Allamanda Elementary School	A	Α	Α	А	А
Banyan Creek Elementary School	В	В	А	В	А
Barton Elementary School	С	D	D	C*	В
Beacon Cove Intermediate School	A	Α	А	А	Α
Belle Glade Elementary School	F	D	С	D	D
Belvedere Elementary School	A	В	С	С	С
Benoist Farms Elementary School	A	Α	В	С	С
Berkshire Elementary School	A	Α	А	В	В
Binks Forest Elementary School	A	Α	Α	А	А
Boca Raton Elementary School	A	В	А	В	С
Calusa Elementary School	A	Α	А	А	А
Cholee Lake Elementary School	С	С	В	В	В
Citrus Cove Elementary School	A	Α	А	А	В
Clifford O Taylor/Kirklane Elementary	В	С	С	D	С
Coral Reef Elementary School	В	Α	Α	А	А
Coral Sunset Elementary School	A	В	Α	В	А
Crosspointe Elementary School	В	Α	А	А	Α
Crystal Lakes Elementary School	A	Α	Α	В	А
Cypress Trails Elementary School	С	В	А	А	Α
Del Prado Elementary School	A	Α	А	А	Α
Diamond View Elementary School	A	В	В	С	С
Discovery Key Elementary School	A	Α	А	А	А
Dr. Mary Mcleod Bethune Elementary	С	D	С	С	D
Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School	В	А	А	В	А
Egret Lake Elementary School	А	А	А	В	В
Elbridge Gale Elementary School	А	А	А	В	А
Equestrian Trails Elementary	A	А	А	А	А
Everglades Elementary	N	А	А	А	А
Forest Hill Elementary School	A	А	В	В	С
Forest Park Elementary School	В	С	С	D	С
Freedom Shores Elementary School	A	А	А	А	В
Frontier Elementary School	A	А	A	A	A
Galaxy Elementary School	С	D	D	С	С
Glade View Elementary School	С	A	В	С	D
Golden Grove Elementary School	A	A	A	A	A
Gove Elementary School	С	С	A	В	С
Grassy Waters Elementary School	A	В	С	A	В
Greenacres Elementary School	С	A	В	С	С

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			GRADE	GRADE	
	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE
Elementary Schools			<u>т – т</u>		·
Grove Park Elementary School	D	С	D	С	В
H. L. Johnson Elementary School	A	A	A	A	A
Hagen Road Elementary School	A	В	А	А	A
Hammock Pointe Elementary School	В	A	А	В	A
Heritage Elementary School	A	В	С	D	С
Hidden Oaks Elementary School	A	A	A	В	В
Highland Elementary School	С	С	С	D	С
Hope-Centennial Elementary School	С	С	D	F	В
Indian Pines Elementary School	В	В	В	С	D
J. C. Mitchell Elementary School	А	А	А	А	А
Jerry Thomas Elementary School	A	Α	А	В	А
Jupiter Elementary School	A	А	А	В	В
Jupiter Farms Elementary School	A	A	А	А	А
K. E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary	С	D	С	D	D
Lake Park Elementary School	С	В	С	D	В
Lantana Elementary School	A	В	В	С	С
Liberty Park Elementary School	A	Α	В	С	С
Limestone Creek Elementary School	A	A	A	А	А
Lincoln Elementary School	С	A	В	С	D
Loxahatchee Groves Elementary	A	A	Α	А	А
Manatee Elementary School	A	A	А	А	А
Marsh Pointe Elementary	A	Α	Α	А	А
Meadow Park Elementary School	A	A	A	В	А
Melaleuca Elementary School	A	В	С	В	С
Morikami Park Elementary School	A	A	А	А	А
New Horizons Elementary School	A	A	A	В	А
North Grade Elementary School	A	A	A	А	В
North Palm Beach Elementary School	A	A	Α	В	В
Northboro Elementary School	В	A	В	В	С
Northmore Elementary School	В	С	D	D	F
Orchard View Elementary School	С	C	В	С	С
Pahokee Elementary School	C	B	C	C	C
Palm Beach Gardens Elementary School	A	B	A	B	A
Palm Beach Public School	A	A	A	A	A
Palm Springs Elementary School	В	A	В	C	D
Palmetto Elementary School	B	C	A	B	C
Panther Run Elementary School	A	A	A	A	A
Pierce Hammock Elementary School	A	A	A	A	A
Pine Grove Elementary School	C	C	D	D	В
Pine Jog Elementary School	A	A	A	A	A
Pioneer Park Elementary School		C A	D	F	F
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	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE
Elementary Schools			· ·		
Pleasant City Elementary School	F	А	В	В	А
Plumosa School Of The Arts	С	В	А	В	С
Poinciana Elementary School	Α	А	В	С	В
Rolling Green Elementary School	В	С	В	С	С
Roosevelt Elementary School	D	С	С	С	D
Rosenwald Elementary School	D	С	С	С	С
Royal Palm Beach Elementary School	Α	А	А	А	А
S. D. Spady Elementary School	Α	А	А	А	В
Sandpiper Shores Elementary School	Α	А	А	А	А
Seminole Trails Elementary School	В	С	С	С	С
South Grade Elementary School	В	С	С	С	D
South Olive Elementary School	Α	А	А	В	А
Starlight Cove Elementary School	С	А	В	С	D
Sunrise Park Elementary School	Α	А	А	А	А
Sunset Palms Elementary School	А	А	А	А	А
Timber Trace Elementary School	A	А	A	А	А
U. B. Kinsey/Palmview Elementary	С	А	А	В	С
Verde Elementary School	Α	А	А	А	А
Village Academy On The Art & Sara Jo Kobacker Cam	С	С	С	С	Pending
Washington Elementary Magnet School	Α	С	С	А	А
Waters Edge Elementary School	Α	А	А	А	А
Wellington Elementary School	В	А	В	А	В
West Gate Elementary School	В	В	С	С	С
West Riviera Elementary School	F	D	С	С	D
Westward Elementary School	С	С	С	С	D
Whispering Pines Elementary School	В	А	А	А	А
Wynnebrook Elementary School	A	А	А	А	А

N=Not Reported (school grades were not provided by the state).

\*=Grade revised after appeal.

### TABLE 7 FY2010 TO FY2014 SCHOOL GRADES SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY - MIDDLE SCHOOLS

	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE
Middle Schools		•			
BAK Middle School of the Arts	A	Α	Α	А	Α
Bear Lakes Middle	С	В	С	С	D
Boca Raton Middle	A	Α	А	А	А
Carver Middle	В	Α	В	С	С
Christa McAuliffe Middle	A	Α	А	А	А
Congress Middle	A	Α	В	С	С
Conniston Middle	A	В	В	С	С
Crestwood Middle	A	Α	А	В	В
Don Estridge High Tech Middle	A	Α	А	А	А
Eagles Landing Middle	A	Α	А	А	А
Emerald Cove Middle	A	Α	А	А	А
HL Watkins Middle	С	В	С	D	С
Independence Middle	A	Α	А	А	А
Jeaga Middle	А	В	В	С	С
John F Kennedy Middle	С	С	С	D	F
Jupiter Middle	A	Α	Α	А	А
Lake Shore Middle	С	С	D	D	F
Lake Worth Middle	В	В	С	С	С
Lantana Middle	A	А	А	В	А
LC Swain Middle	A	А	В	С	С
Loggers Run Middle	A	А	А	А	А
Odyssey Middle	A	А	А	В	В
Okeeheelee Middle	A	Α	Α	В	С
Omni Middle	A	Α	Α	А	А
Osceola Creek Middle	A	Α	А	А	А
Palm Springs Middle	A	Α	А	В	С
Polo Park Middle	A	Α	Α	А	А
Roosevelt Middle	A	А	А	В	С
Tradewinds Middle	A	Α	В	В	В
Watson B Duncan Middle	A	А	A	А	А
Wellington Landings Middle	A	А	A	А	А
Western Pines Middle	A	А	А	А	А
Woodlands Middle	A	Α	А	В	В

N=Not Reported (school grades were not provided by the state).

### TABLE 8 FY2010 TO FY2014 SCHOOL GRADES SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY - CHARTER SCHOOLS

	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE
Charter Schools					
Academy for Positive Learning	А	А	В	С	В
Ben Gamla-Palm Beach	Ν	Ν	Ν	А	А
Boca Raton Charter School	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	А
Bright Futures Academy	С	А	В	С	С
Charter School of Boynton Beach	С	С	D	F	F
Daystar Academy of Excellence Charter School	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	F
Florida Virtual Academy at Palm Beach County	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	D
Franklin Academy Charter School B	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	С
Gardens School of Technology Arts Inc	Ν	Ν	С	С	С
Glades Academy Elementary School Inc	Ν	А	А	В	С
Imagine Schools Chancellor Campus	С	А	В	В	В
JFK Medical Center Charter School	А	А	В	В	В
Joseph Littles-Nguzo Saba	С	F	D	F	F
Lakeside Academy	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	A *
Montessori Academy of Early Enrichment, Inc	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	F
Palm Beach Maritime Academy	А	А	A	В	В
Renaissance Charter School at Palms West	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	С
Renaissance Charter School At Summit	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	D
Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach	Ν	Ν	Ν	D	С
Somerset Academy Boca East	Ν	Ν	Ν	N	В
Somerset Academy BocaMiddle School	Ν	Ν	Ν	N	А
Somerset Academy Canyons Middle School	Ν	Ν	Ν	N	В
South Tech Preparatory Academy	Ν	Ν	Ν	N	А
Western Academy Charter School	А	А	A	А	А

NOTE- school grades for High Schools will be released at a later date

N=Not Reported (school grades were not provided by the state)

\*=Grade revised by FLDOE 4/13/2015

P=Pending.

# **Grading Florida's Public Schools**

## Assessment-Based Performance and Learning Gains Measures Included in All School Grades (800 Points)

S	School Grades Ba	sic Model (800 p	oints):					
	Reading	Math	Writing	Science				
Performance         (Percent Scoring Satisfactory or Higher on State           Assessments)         Performance = 50% of points in model								
	(100 points) FCAT 2.0, FAA*	(100 points) FCAT 2.0, FAA, EOCs*	(100 points) FCAT, FAA*	(100 points) FCAT 2.0, FAA*				
	Learning Gains, All S Percent of Students Ma							
	(100 points) FCAT 2.0, FAA*	(100 points) FCAT 2.0, FAA, EOCs*						
	Learning Gains for S Lowest Performing 2							
_	(100 points) FCAT 2.0*	(100 points) FCAT 2.0, EOCs*						
Ī	(300 points)	(300 points)	(100 points)	(100 points)				

**Eight Assessment-Based Measures (50% Performance, 50% Learning Gains):** The chart on the left shows the four performance-based measures and four learning gains measures used in school grades for all school types.

**Middle School Component for Accelerated Participation and Performance** (Additional 100 points): An additional component for middle schools includes participation of middle school students in taking high-school level EOC assessments and Industry Certifications (50 points) and the performance of these students (50 points). Students are credited with successful performance if they score at level 3 or higher on an EOC assessment or pass an Industry Certification program.

**Learning Gains Criteria:** Students can demonstrate learning gains by maintaining a score at level 3 or higher on the FCAT 2.0 and EOCs, or at level 4 or higher on the FAA; by increasing their score by one or more achievement levels; or, for students who maintain an FCAT 2.0 score at level 1 or 2, by demonstrating more than a year's growth on the FCAT 2.0 vertical scale. Students remaining at level 1, 2, or 3 on the FAA can demonstrate gains by scoring 5 points higher than in the previous year. Students remaining at level 1 or 2 after taking an EOC can demonstrate gains by increasing their common scale score (used for comparing performance on different assessments in math). Students receive extra weighting if they move up to level 4 or 5 on the FCAT 2.0 or EOC from a lower level. Extra weighting also applies to prior-year low performers who make greater-than-expected gains.

Which Students Are Included?: All full-year enrolled students, including students with disabilities (SWDs) and English language learners (ELLs), have state assessment scores\* applied in all school grading measures, with one exception. ELLs who have less than one year of school in the U.S. are not included in the performance components for reading, math, writing, and science.

\* State assessment scores include FCAT, FCAT 2.0, end-of-course assessments (EOCs), and Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA\*\*) scores, as applicable. \*\*The FAA is administered to students with cognitive disabilities for whom the FCAT or FCAT 2.0 would not be appropriate assessments.

**Bonus Points for High Schools:** High schools are eligible for an additional 10 points if at least 50% of students retaking assessments required for graduation in reading and math score high enough to meet graduation requirements in both areas.

Additional Requirements: <u>Testing participation</u>. 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. <u>Learning gains for the Low 25%</u>. Schools must earn at least 50 points for gains in reading and math for the lowest performing students, or the school must show sufficient annual improvement in points earned. This requirement applies to schools earning enough points for a "C" or higher. <u>Reading performance</u>. At least 25% of students must score satisfactory on FCAT 2.0 Reading. Schools that do not meet these additional requirements will have their grade adjusted lower by one letter grade.

Letter-grade drop limit for 2012-13. For 2012-13, no school's assigned grade will be more than one letter grade lower than the school grade assigned for 2011-12.

### School Grade Scales for Elementary and Middle Schools (including middle/combination schools serving grade 8):

**Elementary** (800-point scale): A = at least 525 points, B = 495 to 524 points, C = 435 to 494 points, D = 395 to 434 points, F = less than 395 points. **Middle/Combination** (900-point scale): A = at least 590 points, B = 560 to 589 points, C = 490 to 559 points, D = 445 to 489 points, F = less than 445 points.

# **Grading Florida's High Schools 2013**

# 50% of Grade Based on Performance and Learning Gains, 50% Based on Other Components

Under Florida law (s. 1008.34, F.S.), up to 50 percent of the school grade for high schools is based on certain other components in addition to the assessmentbased measures shown on the previous page. The 2012-13 school grades model for high schools is shown below, including the other grading components.

Assessment Components = 50% of Grade			"Other" Components = 50% of Grade			
Reading	Math	Writing	Science	Acceleration	Graduation Rate	College Readiness
	Performa	nce			Overall	
FCAT 2.0, FAA (100 points)	Alg. 1, Geom., FAA (100 points)	FCAT, FAA (100 points)	Biology, FAA (100 points)	Participation (150 points)	(200 points) 4-Year Federal Rate (100) 5-Year Rate (100)	Reading (100 points)
Learning Gain	s All Students					
FCAT 2.0, FAA (100 points)	Alg. 1, Geom., FAA (100 points)			Performance (150 points)	4-Year Federal	Math
Low 25% Learning Gains				(,	Rate (50) 5-Year Rate	(100 points)
FCAT 2.0 (100 points)	Alg. 1, Geom. (100 points)				(50)	
(300 points)	(300 points)	(100 points)	(100 points)	(300 points)	(300 points)	(200 points)

### Other Components for High School Grades (50% of Grade)

### Participation in Accelerated Curricula (150 points):

Percentage of grade 11-12 students taking exams for AP, IB, AICE, and Industry Certifications; and Dual Enrollment courses (also counting grade 9-10 participants).

### Performance in Accelerated Curricula (150 points):

Percentage of participants in accelerated curricula eligible to earn college credit.

### Graduation Rate (200 points):

Federal four-year graduation rate (100 points) --

Percentage of students graduating within four years with a standard diploma.

### Five-year graduation rate (100 points) --

Percentage of students graduating within five years with a standard diploma.

### At-risk Graduation Rate (100 points):

Percentage of at-risk students graduating based on both rates above (50 points each).

### College Readiness (200 points):

<u>Reading</u> (100 points), <u>Mathematics</u> (100 points) --Percentage of on-time graduates scoring college ready (based on ACT, SAT, CPT, or PERT results).

## School Grade Scales for High Schools and Combination Schools with Graduating Classes

High Schools (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 = less than 790 points.

K-12, 6-12 Combination (1700-point scale): A = At least 1,115 pts., B = 1,050 to 1,114 pts., C = 925 to 1,049 pts., D = 840 to 924 pts., F = less than 840 pts.

# Grading K-12 and 6-12 Combination Schools (Weighting Factors)

K-12 schools: Total points for state assessment based components = 80% of grade. Total points for other components = 20% of grade.

6-12 schools: Total points for state assessment based components = 70% of grade. Total points for other components = 30% of grade.