

FLORIDA SCHOOL GRADES

2023-24 SCHOOL GRADES

AND

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATINGS



Grading Florida Public Schools 2023-24

School grades provide an easily understandable metric to measure the performance of a school. Parents and the general public can use the school grade and its associated components to understand how well each school is serving its students. Schools are graded "A," "B," "C," "D" or "F." Each school is graded based on the components for which it has sufficient data. Schools must test at least 95% of their students.

The school grading system focuses the school grading formula on student success measures:

- Achievement
- Learning gains
- Graduation
- Acceleration success
- Maintaining a focus on students who need the most support

The 2023-24 School Grades Model

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English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Graduation Rate	Acceleration Success
Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	4-year Graduation Rate (0% to 100%)	High School (AP, IB, AICE, Clock Hour Dual Enrollment, Dual Enrollment,
Grade 3 Achievement (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains (0% to 100%)				ASVAB, or Industry Certification
Learning Gains (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains of the Lowest 25% (0% to 100%)				(0% to 100%)
Learning Gains of the Lowest 25% (0% to 100%)					Middle School (EOC or Industry Certification) (0% to 100%)

Components

In 2023-24, a school's grade may include up to 12 components. There are five achievement components, as well as components for learning gains, learning gains of the lowest 25% of students, middle school acceleration, graduation rate and college and career acceleration. Each component is worth up to 100 points in the overall calculation.

Five Achievement Components – The five achievement components are English Language Arts, Grade 3 English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. These components include student performance on statewide standardized assessments, including the end-of-year (PM3) comprehensive progress monitoring assessments and end-of-course (EOC) assessments. The components measure the percentage of full-year enrolled students who achieved a passing score.

Four Learning Gains Components – These components are learning gains in English Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as learning gains for the lowest performing 25% of students in English Language Arts and Mathematics. These components include student performance on statewide standardized assessments, including the end-of-year (PM3) comprehensive progress monitoring assessments and EOC assessments for the current year and the prior year. The components measure the percentage of full-year-enrolled students who achieved a learning gain from the prior year to the current year.

Middle School Acceleration – This component is based on the percentage of eligible middle school students who passed a high school level EOC assessment or industry certification.

Graduation Rate – The graduation rate is based on a four-year adjusted cohort of ninth grade students, and the rate measures whether the students graduate within four years.

College and Career Acceleration – This component is based on the percentage of graduates from the graduation rate cohort who earned a passing score on an acceleration examination (qualifying AP, IB, or AICE), earned a passing grade in a dual enrollment course that qualified for college credit, earned 300 clock hours through career dual enrollment courses in the same approved program, earned an Armed Services Qualification Test score and two course credits within the same military branch, or earned an industry certification.

School Grades Calculation

The points earned for each component are added together and divided by the total number of possible points to determine the percentage of points earned.

School Grading Percentages

<u>Senate Bill 1048 (2022)</u> amended <u>section (s.) 1008.34, Florida Statutes (F.S.)</u>, to require that the State Board of Education review the school grading scale to determine if adjustments should be made following the reintroduction of the learning gains components in the 2023-2024 school year.

On July 24, 2024, the State Board of Education amended Rule 6A-1.09981(4)(e)3., Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), so that elementary schools are graded using the scale that was in place from 2014-2015 to 2021-2022, and all other school types are graded using a new scale. This approach takes into consideration the different components included in the school grade formula for different school types. The resulting grading scales are as follows.

Elementary Schools

- A = 62% of points or greater
- B = 54% to 61% of points
- C = 41% to 53% of points
- D = 32% to 40% of points
- F = 31% of points or less

Middle, High and Combination Schools

- A = 64% of points or greater
- B = 57% to 63% of points
- C = 44% to 56% of points
- D = 34% to 43% of points
- F = 33% of points or less

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Resource					
The Florida	statute that provides the fra	amework for the	school grades calc	ulation is <u>s. 1008.34, F</u>	<u>.S.</u>
Rule 6A-1.0	9981, F.A.C., describes more	e specifically the	school grades calcu	ulation.	
Additional i <u>website</u> .	nformation describing the c	alculation and hi	storical information	n are available on the	School Grades

School Grade Distribution 2023 and 2024 School Grades¹

All Schools²

Grade	2023	2023	2024	2024	Number	Percentage Point
Grade	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Change	Change
Α	1,102	32%	1,299	38%	197	6%
В	859	25%	916	27%	57	2%
С	1,247	36%	1,119	32%	-128	-4%
D	184	5%	109	3%	-75	-2%
F	27	0.8%	8	0.2%	-19	-0.6%
Total	3,419		3,451			

Elementary Schools²

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Grade	2023	2023	2024	2024	Number	Percentage Point			
Grade	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Change	Change			
Α	586	32%	657	36%	71	4%			
В	441	24%	482	27%	41	3%			
С	626	35%	600	33%	-26	-2%			
D	128	7%	62	3%	-66	-4%			
F	24	1%	5	0%	-19	-1%			
Total	1,805		1,806						

Middle Schools²

Grade	2023	2023	2024	2024	Number	Percentage Point
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Α	148	26%	184	33%	36	7%
В	129	23%	142	25%	13	2%
С	251	45%	219	39%	-32	-6%
D	33	6%	18	3%	-15	-3%
F	1	0%	0	0%	-1	0%
Total	562		563			

High Schools²

Grade	2023	2023	2024	2024	Number	Percentage Point
Grade	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Change	Change
Α	150	30%	201	39%	51	9%
В	141	28%	163	32%	22	4%
С	197	40%	138	27%	-59	-13%
D	8	2%	6	1%	-2	-1%
F	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Total	496		509			

 $^{^{1}}$ All 2023 data reflect post-appeals school grades and school improvement ratings. All 2024 data are current as of September 18, 2024.

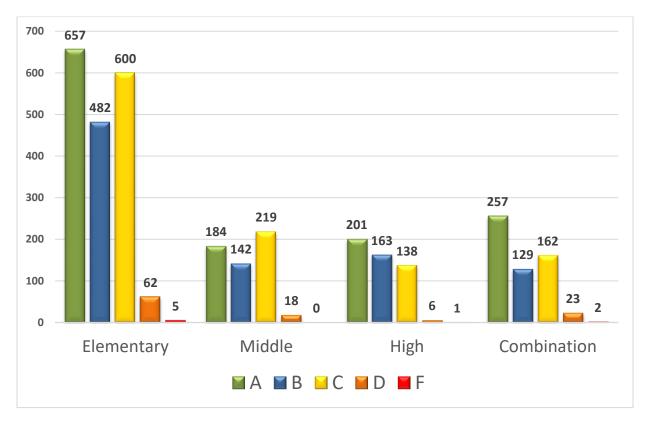
² Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Combination Schools³

Grade	2023	2023	2024	2024	Number	Percentage Point
Grade	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Change	Change
Α	218	39%	257	45%	39	6%
В	148	27%	129	23%	-19	-4%
С	173	31%	162	28%	-11	-3%
D	15	3%	23	4%	8	1%
F	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%
Total	556		573			

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

School Grades by School Type 2024



Source: Florida Department of Education

2023 Grades Compared to 2024 Grades All Schools

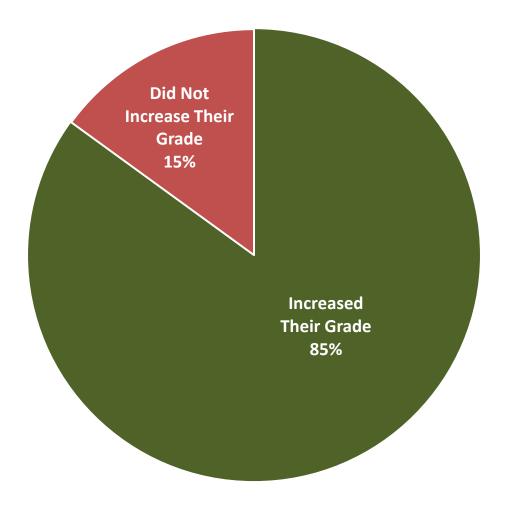
				2024 Scho	ool Grade		
		Α	В	С	D	F	Total
2023 School	Α	977	114	6	1	0	1,098
Grade	В	246	448	159	2	0	855
	С	53	326	788	65	2	1,234
	D	0	16	134	28	0	178
	F	0	0	13	9	3	25
	Total	1,276	904	1,100	105	5	3,390

Source: Florida Department of Education

The chart above compares the grades schools earned in 2023 with the grades those schools earned in 2024. Schools in the cells shaded green increased their school grade in 2024. Schools in the cells shaded red had a reduction in their school grade. Schools in the cells shaded yellow had no change in their school grade. The data in the table are summarized below:

- 1,774 schools (52%) increased their grade or maintained an "A" in 2024
- 349 schools (10%) decreased their grade in 2024
- 2,244 schools (66%) had no change in their grade in 2024

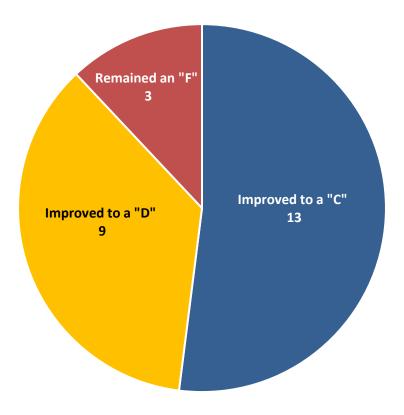
85% of Schools Graded "D" or "F" in 2023 Improved Their Grade in 2024



Source: Florida Department of Education

There were 203 "D" or "F" schools in 2023 that received a school grade in 2024. Of these "D" or "F" schools in 2023, 172 improved their grade.

88% of Schools Graded "F" in 2023 Improved Their Grade in 2024

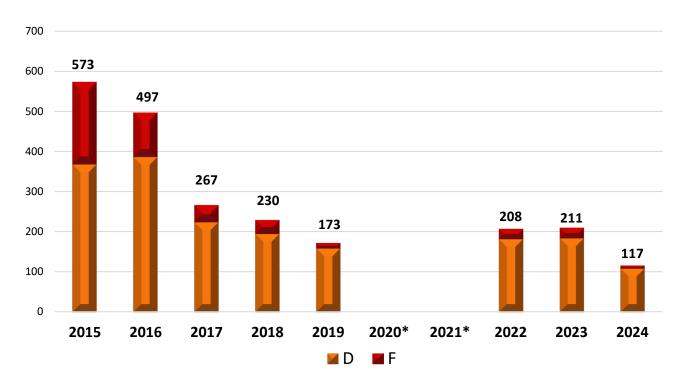


Source: Florida Department of Education

There were 25 "F" schools in 2023 that received a school grade in 2024. Of these "F" schools in 2023, 13 improved to a "C," 9 improved to a "D" and 3 remained an "F."

Florida's Focus on Low-Performing Schools is Paying Off

The number of "D" or "F" schools has declined 79% since 2015 and the number of "F" schools has declined 94% since 2015.



Source: Florida Department of Education

In 2024, there was a total of 117 "D" or "F" schools and a total of 8 "F" schools, which is a decrease from all previous years for which data are available.

*Notes:

Pursuant to s. 1008.34(7)(a), F.S., school grades for the 2022-2023 school year were determined using grading scales that yielded results that were statistically equivalent to the 2021-2022 school grade results.

On March 23, 2020, Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-1 was issued, canceling all spring K-12 statewide assessment test administrations for the 2019-20 school year; accountability measures reliant on such data were not calculated for the 2019-20 school year.

Pursuant to FDOE Emergency Order No. 2021-EO-02, only schools for which an opt-in request was submitted by the school district superintendent or charter school governing board have a letter grade assigned for the 2020-21 school year. Of the schools that opted in to receive a school grade, there were no schools that received a "D" or an "F." More information can be found at https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/19861/urlt/2021-EO-02.pdf.

School Improvement Ratings

School improvement ratings are calculated for alternative schools and Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Center schools that choose to receive a school improvement rating in lieu of a school grade, as defined in Rule 6A-1.099822, F.A.C., Rule 6A-1.099828, F.A.C., and under the authority of ss. 1008.341 and 1008.3415, F.S.

Components

Schools that elect a school improvement rating in lieu of a school grade will have the rating based on student learning gains for English Language Arts and/or Mathematics, including retake assessments and concordant scores; schools will be rated on only those components for which they have sufficient data. Sufficient data exists when at least ten students are eligible for inclusion in the calculation for the component; eligibility criteria are described within the guide to calculations, which can be found at http://fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/.

English Language Arts Learning Gains – This component includes student performance on statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessments, including the end-of-year (PM3) comprehensive progress monitoring assessments, retake assessments and concordant scores, and measures student learning gains from one year to the next year.

Mathematics Learning Gains – This component includes student performance on statewide, standardized mathematics assessments, including the end-of-year (PM3) comprehensive progress monitoring assessments, EOC assessments, retake assessments and concordant scores. This component measures student learning gains from one year to the next year.

School Improvement Ratings Calculation

The points earned for each component for which there are sufficient data are added together and divided by the total number of possible points to determine the percentage of points earned.

School Improvement Ratings Percentages

- Commendable = 50% of points or greater
- Maintaining = 26% to 49% of points
- Unsatisfactory = 25% of points or less

Percent Tested

Schools must test at least 80 percent of their students to receive a rating. To be eligible for a rating of Commendable, schools must test 90 percent or more of their students.

Resources

State laws providing the framework for the school improvement rating calculations are <u>s. 1008.341, F.S.</u> and <u>s. 1008.3415, F.S.</u> Rule 6A-1.099822, F.A.C., more specifically defines the school improvement rating calculation.

School Improvement Rating Distribution: All Schools⁴

Rating	2022 Number	2022 Percent	2024 Number	2024 Percent	Number Change	Percentage Point Change
Commendable	50	20%	73	40%	23	20%
Maintaining	165	65%	102	56%	-63	-9%
Unsatisfactory	38	15%	8	4%	-30	-11%
Total	253		183			

⁴ Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. Due to the transition to the FAST assessments and the absence of learning gains data, school improvement ratings were not calculated for the 2022-23 school year.

District Grades for 2024

The commissioner assigns a letter grade of "A," "B," "C," "D" or "F" to each school district annually as provided in s. 1008.34(5), F.S., and Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C., based on the components and processes for school grades. The district's grade is calculated as if the district's students are enrolled in one large combination school. All students who are full-year-enrolled in the district will be included in the district's grade. This means that students who were not full-year-enrolled at an individual school but who were full-year-enrolled within the district will be included in the district's grade.

Detailed information on district grades is available on the **School Grades website** (see the link "District Grades").

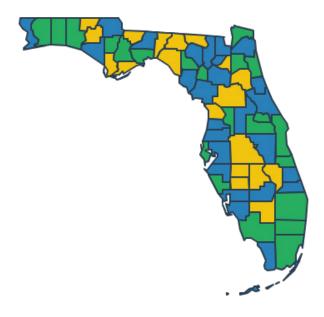
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On July 24, 2024, the State Board of Education amended Rule 6A-1.09981(4)(e)3., F.A.C., so that the grading scale used to determine district grades is the same scale used to determine grades for combination schools. The resulting grading scale is as follows:

- A = 64% of points or greater
- B = 57% to 63% of points
- C = 44% to 56% of points
- D = 34% to 43% of points
- F = 33% of points or less

The map below shows each district and the grade the district received in 2024. Districts that received a "C" are shaded yellow, districts that received a "B" are shaded blue, and districts that received an "A" are shaded green. The table on the next page summarizes the distribution of grades by district.



Source: Florida Department of Education

District Grades by District

District Number	District Name	District Grade
01	ALACHUA	В
02	BAKER	В
03	BAY	В
04	BRADFORD	С
05	BREVARD	A
06	BROWARD	A
07	CALHOUN	A
08	CHARLOTTE	В
09	CITRUS	С
10	CLAY	A
11	COLLIER	A
12	COLUMBIA	В
13	MIAMI-DADE	A
14	DESOTO	С
15	DIXIE	В
16	DUVAL	В
17	ESCAMBIA	В
18	FLAGLER	В
19	FRANKLIN	С
20	GADSDEN	С
21	GILCHRIST	A
22	GLADES	В
23	GULF	С
24	HAMILTON	С
25	HARDEE	С
26	HENDRY	С
27	HERNANDO	В
28	HIGHLANDS	С
29	HILLSBOROUGH	В
30	HOLMES	С
31	INDIAN RIVER	A
32	JACKSON	В
33	JEFFERSON	С
34	LAFAYETTE	A
35	LAKE	В
36	LEE	В
37	LEON	В
38	LEVY	В
39	LIBERTY	A
40	MADISON	С
41	MANATEE	В
42	MARION	С
43	MARTIN	В
44	MONROE	В

District Number	District Name	District Grade
45	NASSAU	А
46	OKALOOSA	А
47	OKEECHOBEE	С
48	ORANGE	Α
49	OSCEOLA	В
50	PALM BEACH	Α
51	PASCO	В
52	PINELLAS	Α
53	POLK	С
54	PUTNAM	С
55	ST. JOHNS	Α
56	ST. LUCIE	В
57	SANTA ROSA	Α
58	SARASOTA	Α
59	SEMINOLE	Α
60	SUMTER	Α
61	SUWANNEE	В
62	TAYLOR	С
63	UNION	В
64	VOLUSIA	В
65	WAKULLA	Α
66	WALTON	A
67	WASHINGTON	С

School Grades by District 2024

(Counts)

District Number	District Name	Α	В	С	D	F
01	ALACHUA	15	13	16	3	0
02	BAKER	0	2	3	0	0
03	BAY	15	11	12	1	1
04	BRADFORD	0	1	5	0	0
05	BREVARD	43	21	33	0	0
06	BROWARD	124	77	89	1	0
07	CALHOUN	2	3	0	0	0
08	CHARLOTTE	5	7	8	0	0
09	CITRUS	2	8	10	0	0
10	CLAY	23	16	7	1	0
11	COLLIER	37	19	5	0	0
12	COLUMBIA	4	3	7	0	0
13	MIAMI-DADE	250	132	83	4	0
14	DESOTO	0	1	4	0	0
15	DIXIE	1	1	2	0	0
16	DUVAL	42	38	75	19	1
17	ESCAMBIA	14	13	26	1	0
18	FLAGLER	3	7	0	0	0
19	FRANKLIN	0	0	2	0	0
20	GADSDEN	1	3	3	3	0
21	GILCHRIST	4	1	0	0	0
22	GLADES	2	0	2	0	0
23	GULF	0	1	3	0	0
24	HAMILTON	0	0	2	0	0
25	HARDEE	0	2	6	0	0
26	HENDRY	1	2	6	2	1
27	HERNANDO	4	7	15	0	0
28	HIGHLANDS	1	7	9	0	0
29	HILLSBOROUGH	79	51	118	16	2
30	HOLMES	0	1	5	0	0
31	INDIAN RIVER	12	10	2	1	0
32	JACKSON	1	4	5	0	0
33	JEFFERSON	0	1	0	0	0
34	LAFAYETTE	2	0	0	0	0
35	LAKE	11	15	24	0	0
36	LEE	19	31	40	7	0
37	LEON	14	9	18	3	0
38	LEVY	3	4	3	0	0
39	LIBERTY	0	3	0	0	0
40	MADISON	1	0	5	0	1
41	MANATEE	24	12	24	4	0
42	MARION	6	10	32	2	1

District Number	District Name	Α	В	С	D	F
43	MARTIN	8	7	6	2	0
44	MONROE	8	7	4	0	0
45	NASSAU	12	1	0	0	0
46	OKALOOSA	15	17	5	0	0
47	OKEECHOBEE	0	2	7	0	0
48	ORANGE	102	55	67	5	0
49	OSCEOLA	12	20	40	1	0
50	PALM BEACH	82	49	65	6	0
51	PASCO	25	21	39	9	0
52	PINELLAS	64	41	25	0	0
53	POLK	27	38	64	8	0
54	PUTNAM	4	1	10	0	0
55	ST. JOHNS	34	5	2	1	0
56	ST. LUCIE	11	17	15	1	0
57	SANTA ROSA	14	10	5	2	0
58	SARASOTA	33	13	6	0	0
59	SEMINOLE	35	17	11	0	0
60	SUMTER	5	3	1	0	0
61	SUWANNEE	2	4	2	0	0
62	TAYLOR	1	0	3	0	0
63	UNION	0	2	1	0	0
64	VOLUSIA	18	28	25	2	1
65	WAKULLA	2	5	0	1	0
66	WALTON	13	1	1	0	0
67	WASHINGTON	0	1	4	1	0
71	FL VIRTUAL	0	3	0	0	0
72	FAU LAB SCH	2	0	0	0	0
73	FSU LAB SCH	2	0	0	0	0
74	FAMU LAB SCH	0	0	1	0	0
75	UF LAB SCH	1	0	0	0	0
80	IDEA PUB SCH	0	1	1	2	0
81	TCC	1	0	0	0	0
82	FSU BAY	1	0	0	0	0

School Grades by District 2024

(Percentages)⁵

District Number	District Name	Α	В	С	D	F
01	ALACHUA	31%	28%	34%	6%	0%
02	BAKER	0%	40%	60%	0%	0%
03	BAY	38%	28%	30%	3%	3%
04	BRADFORD	0%	17%	83%	0%	0%
05	BREVARD	44%	22%	34%	0%	0%
06	BROWARD	43%	26%	31%	0%	0%
07	CALHOUN	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%
08	CHARLOTTE	25%	35%	40%	0%	0%
09	CITRUS	10%	40%	50%	0%	0%
10	CLAY	49%	34%	15%	2%	0%
11	COLLIER	61%	31%	8%	0%	0%
12	COLUMBIA	29%	21%	50%	0%	0%
13	MIAMI-DADE	53%	28%	18%	1%	0%
14	DESOTO	0%	20%	80%	0%	0%
15	DIXIE	25%	25%	50%	0%	0%
16	DUVAL	24%	22%	43%	11%	1%
17	ESCAMBIA	26%	24%	48%	2%	0%
18	FLAGLER	30%	70%	0%	0%	0%
19	FRANKLIN	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
20	GADSDEN	10%	30%	30%	30%	0%
21	GILCHRIST	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%
22	GLADES	50%	0%	50%	0%	0%
23	GULF	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%
24	HAMILTON	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
25	HARDEE	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%
26	HENDRY	8%	17%	50%	17%	8%
27	HERNANDO	15%	27%	58%	0%	0%
28	HIGHLANDS	6%	41%	53%	0%	0%
29	HILLSBOROUGH	30%	19%	44%	6%	1%
30	HOLMES	0%	17%	83%	0%	0%
31	INDIAN RIVER	48%	40%	8%	4%	0%
32	JACKSON	10%	40%	50%	0%	0%
33	JEFFERSON	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
34	LAFAYETTE	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
35	LAKE	22%	30%	48%	0%	0%
36	LEE	20%	32%	41%	7%	0%
37	LEON	32%	20%	41%	7%	0%
38	LEVY	30%	40%	30%	0%	0%
39	LIBERTY	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

District Number	District Name	Α	В	С	D	F
40	MADISON	14%	0%	71%	0%	14%
41	MANATEE	38%	19%	38%	6%	0%
42	MARION	12%	20%	63%	4%	2%
43	MARTIN	35%	30%	26%	9%	0%
44	MONROE	42%	37%	21%	0%	0%
45	NASSAU	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%
46	OKALOOSA	41%	46%	14%	0%	0%
47	OKEECHOBEE	0%	22%	78%	0%	0%
48	ORANGE	45%	24%	29%	2%	0%
49	OSCEOLA	16%	27%	55%	1%	0%
50	PALM BEACH	41%	24%	32%	3%	0%
51	PASCO	27%	22%	41%	10%	0%
52	PINELLAS	49%	32%	19%	0%	0%
53	POLK	20%	28%	47%	6%	0%
54	PUTNAM	27%	7%	67%	0%	0%
55	ST. JOHNS	81%	12%	5%	2%	0%
56	ST. LUCIE	25%	39%	34%	2%	0%
57	SANTA ROSA	45%	32%	16%	6%	0%
58	SARASOTA	63%	25%	12%	0%	0%
59	SEMINOLE	56%	27%	17%	0%	0%
60	SUMTER	56%	33%	11%	0%	0%
61	SUWANNEE	25%	50%	25%	0%	0%
62	TAYLOR	25%	0%	75%	0%	0%
63	UNION	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%
64	VOLUSIA	24%	38%	34%	3%	1%
65	WAKULLA	25%	62%	0%	13%	0%
66	WALTON	87%	7%	7%	0%	0%
67	WASHINGTON	0%	17%	67%	17%	0%
71	FL VIRTUAL	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
72	FAU LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
73	FSU LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
74	FAMU LAB SCH	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
75	UF LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
80	IDEA PUB SCH	0%	25%	25%	50%	0%
81	TCC	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
82	FSU BAY	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

