



# FLORIDA SCHOOL GRADES

---

2017-18 SCHOOL GRADES  
AND  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATINGS

MAY 2020

# GRADING FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017-18

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. The school grades calculation was revised substantially for the 2014-15 school year to implement statutory changes made by the 2014 Legislature and incorporate the new Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). The 2017-18 school grades model uses the school grades model adopted for 2014-15.

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 2017-18 School Grades Model

English Language Arts (FSA, FSAA)	Mathematics (FSA, FSAA, EOCs)	Science (NGSSS, FSAA, EOCs)	Social Studies (EOCs)	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, Dual Enrollment or Industry Certification) (0% to 100%)
Learning Gains (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains (0% to 100%)				Middle School (EOCs or Industry Certifications) (0% to 100%)
Learning Gains of the Lowest 25% (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains of the Lowest 25% (0% to 100%)				

## Components

In 2017-18, a school’s grade may include up to 11 components. There are four 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.

**Four Achievement Components** – The four achievement components are English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. These components include student performance on statewide standardized assessments, including the comprehensive 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 comprehensive 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 score on an acceleration examination (AP, IB, or AICE), a grade in a dual enrollment course that qualified for college credit 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**

- 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

### **Percent Tested**

Schools must test 95 percent of their students.

### **Resources**

The Florida statute that provides the framework for the school grades calculation is at the following link: [Section 1008.34, F.S.](#)

The rule adopted by the State Board of Education at its January 17, 2018, meeting describes more specifically the school grades calculation and can be found at the following link: [Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C.](#)

The department's website contains additional information about the school grades, including the results of the calculation for each school and district. This information will be available on the department's interactive [PK-20 Education Information Portal](#).

Additional information describing the calculation and historical information are available at <http://fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>.

## School Grade Distribution 2017 and 2018 School Grades<sup>1</sup>

### All Schools<sup>2</sup>

Grade	2017		2018		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	987	30%	1,044	31%	57	1%
B	880	27%	862	26%	-18	-1%
C	1,172	35%	1,183	36%	11	1%
D	224	7%	195	6%	-29	-1%
F	43	1%	35	1%	-8	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,306</b>		<b>3,319</b>			

### Elementary Schools

Grade	2017		2018		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	546	30%	511	28%	-35	-2%
B	489	27%	435	24%	-54	-3%
C	639	35%	704	39%	65	4%
D	131	7%	149	8%	18	1%
F	29	2%	25	1%	-4	-1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,834</b>		<b>1,824</b>			

### Middle Schools

Grade	2017		2018		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	168	29%	184	32%	16	3%
B	140	25%	156	27%	16	2%
C	220	39%	203	36%	-17	-3%
D	40	7%	27	5%	-13	-2%
F	3	1%	0	0%	-3	-1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>571</b>		<b>570</b>			

### High Schools

Grade	2017		2018		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	107	23%	148	31%	41	8%
B	152	32%	154	32%	2	0%
C	189	40%	164	35%	-25	-5%
D	26	5%	7	1%	-19	-4%
F	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>475</b>		<b>474</b>			

<sup>1</sup> All 2017-18 data reflect post-appeals school grades and school improvement ratings.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

**Combination Schools<sup>3</sup>**

Grade	2017		2018		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	166	39%	201	45%	35	6%
B	99	23%	117	26%	18	3%
C	124	29%	112	25%	-12	-4%
D	27	6%	12	3%	-15	-3%
F	10	2%	9	2%	-1	0%
<b>Total</b>	426		451			

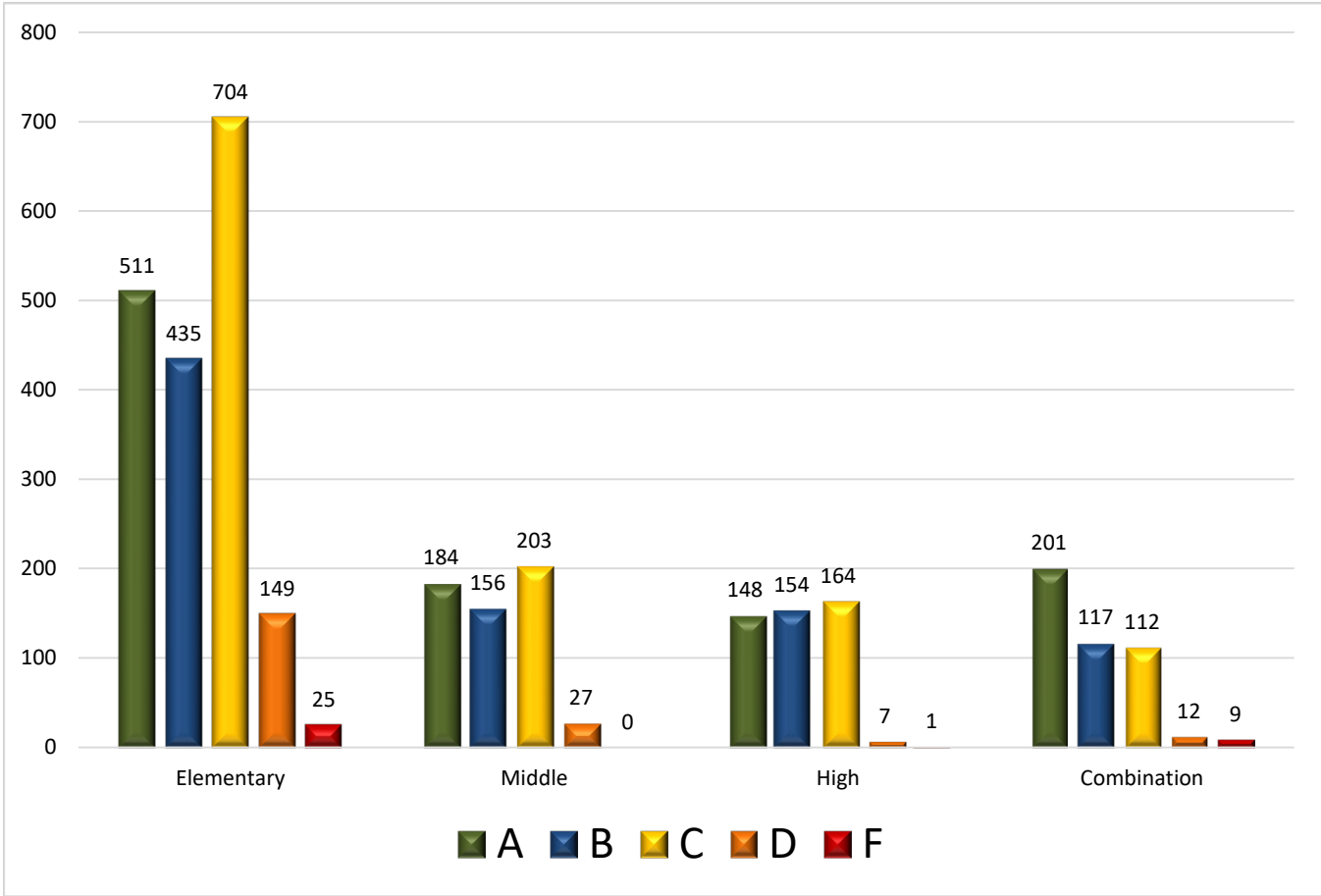
**Average Percent of Points Earned  
2017 and 2018 School Grades**

**Percent of Points Earned by Letter Grade**

Grade	Scale	Average Percent of Points Earned		Change
		2017	2018	
A	62% of points or greater	70%	70%	0%
B	54% to 61% of points	57%	57%	0%
C	41% to 53% of points	48%	48%	0%
D	32% to 40% of points	37%	37%	0%
F	31% of points or less	24%	25%	1%
<b>All Graded Schools</b>		56%	56%	0%

<sup>3</sup> Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

# School Grades by School Type in 2018



Source: Florida Department of Education

## All Schools 2017 Compared to 2018

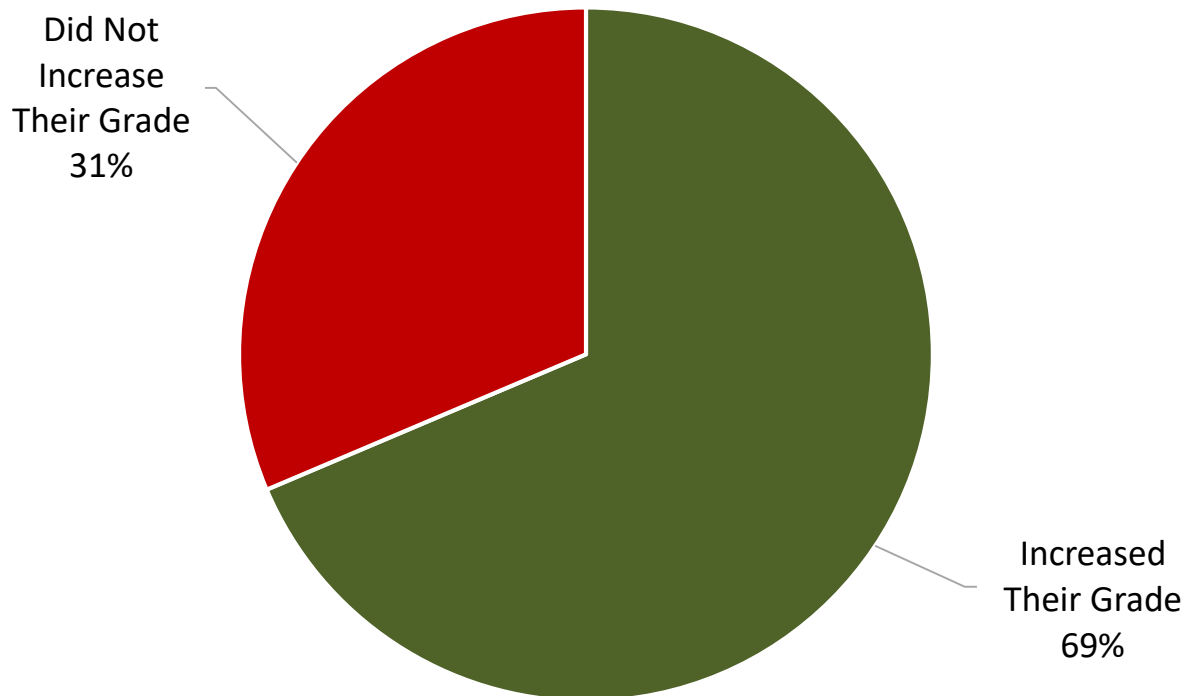
		2018 School Grade					
		A	B	C	D	F	Total
2017 School Grade	A	804	140	38	1	0	983
	B	189	444	235	6	2	876
	C	31	248	753	110	13	1,155
	D	2	17	123	64	10	216
	F	1	1	14	7	1	24
	Total	1,027	850	1,163	188	26	3,254

The chart above compares the grades schools earned in 2017 with the grades they earned in 2018. Schools in the cells shaded green increased their school grade in 2018. 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.

- 633 schools (19%) increased their grade in 2018
- 556 schools (17%) decreased their grade in 2018
- 2,066 schools (63%) had no change in their grade in 2018

Source: Florida Department of Education

## 69% of Schools Graded “D” or “F” in 2017 Improved Their Grade in 2018

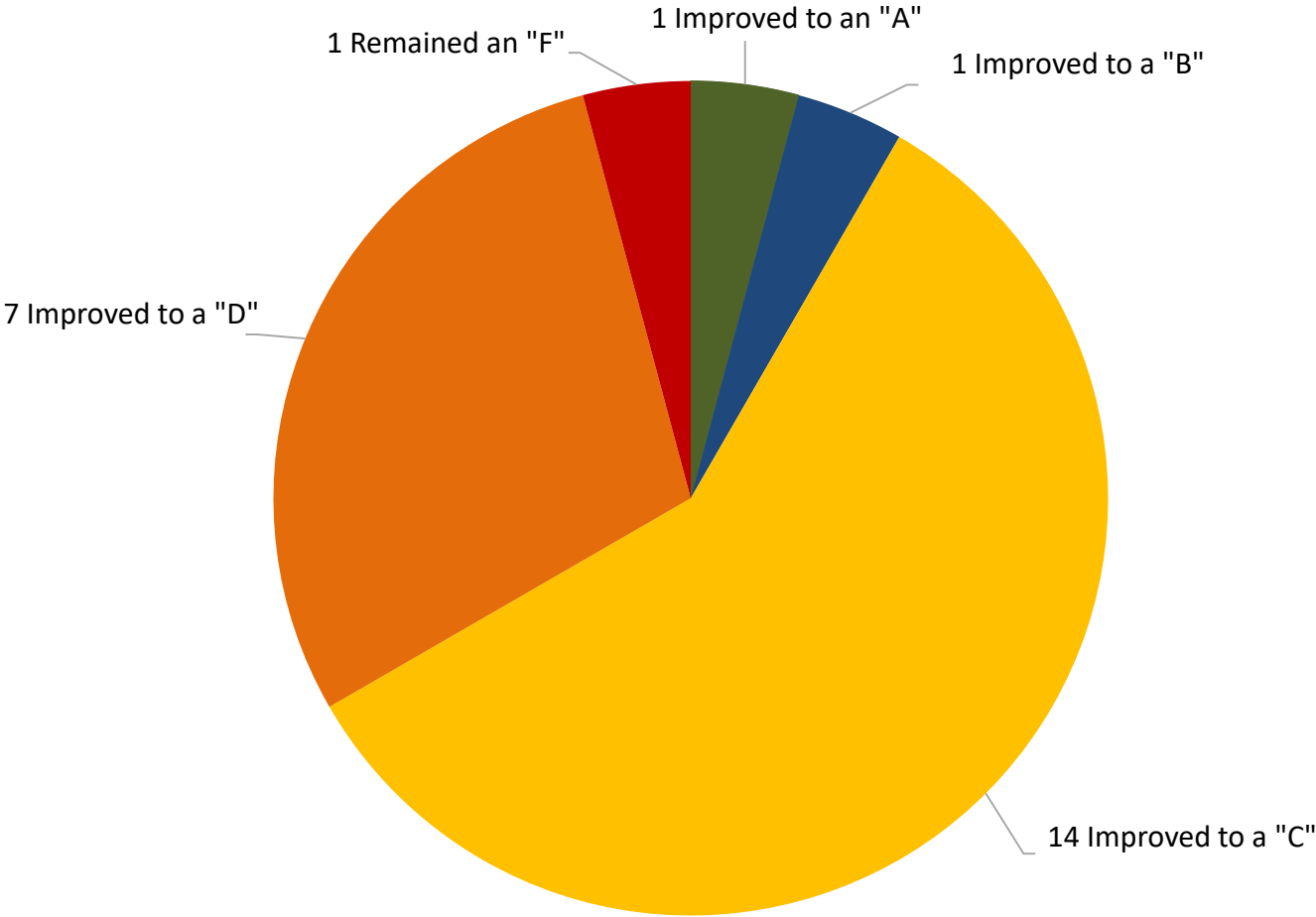


There were 240 “D” or “F” schools in 2017 that received a school grade in 2018. Of these “D” or “F” schools in 2017, 165 improved their grade.

Source: Florida Department of Education



# 96% of Schools Graded "F" in 2017 Improved Their Grade in 2018

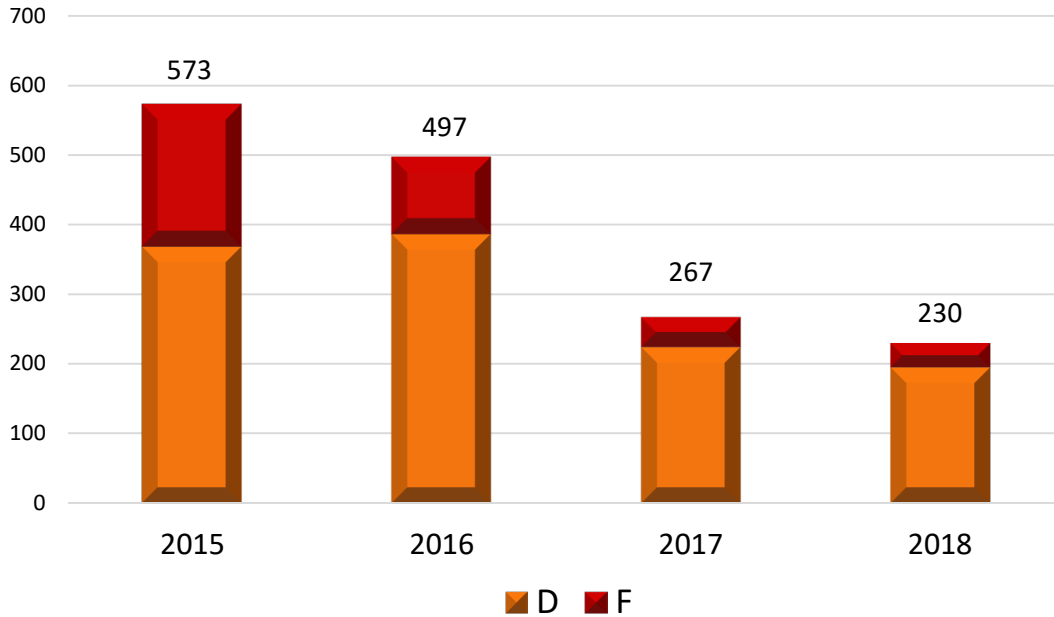


There were 24 "F" schools in 2017 that received a school grade in 2018. Of these "F" schools in 2017, 1 improved to an "A," 1 improved to a "B," 14 improved to a "C," 7 improved to a "D" and 1 remained an "F."

Source: Florida Department of Education

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

The number of "D" or "F" schools has declined 60% since 2015 and the number of "F" schools has declined 83% since 2015.



In 2018, there were a total of 230 "D" or "F" schools, down from 267 in 2017 and 497 in 2016. In 2018, there were a total of 35 "F" schools, down from 43 in 2017 and 111 in 2016.

## School Improvement Ratings for Alternative Schools and Exceptional Student Education Center Schools

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, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Rule 6A-1.099828, F.A.C., and under the authority of Sections 1008.341 and 1008.3415, Florida Statutes (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 retake assessments and concordant scores, and measures student growth from one year to the next year.

**Mathematics Learning Gains** – This component includes student performance on statewide standardized mathematics assessments, including the comprehensive assessments, EOC assessments, retake assessments, and concordant scores. This component measures student growth 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 in order to receive a rating. To be eligible for a rating of Commendable, a school must test 90 percent or more of their students.

### Resources

The Florida statutes that provide the framework for the school improvement rating calculations are at the following links: [Section 1008.341, F.S.](#) and [Section 1008.3415, F.S.](#) The rule State Board of Education rule that more specifically defines the school improvement rating calculation and can be found at the following link: [Rule 6A-1.099822, F.A.C.](#)

**School Improvement Rating Distribution: All Schools<sup>4</sup>**

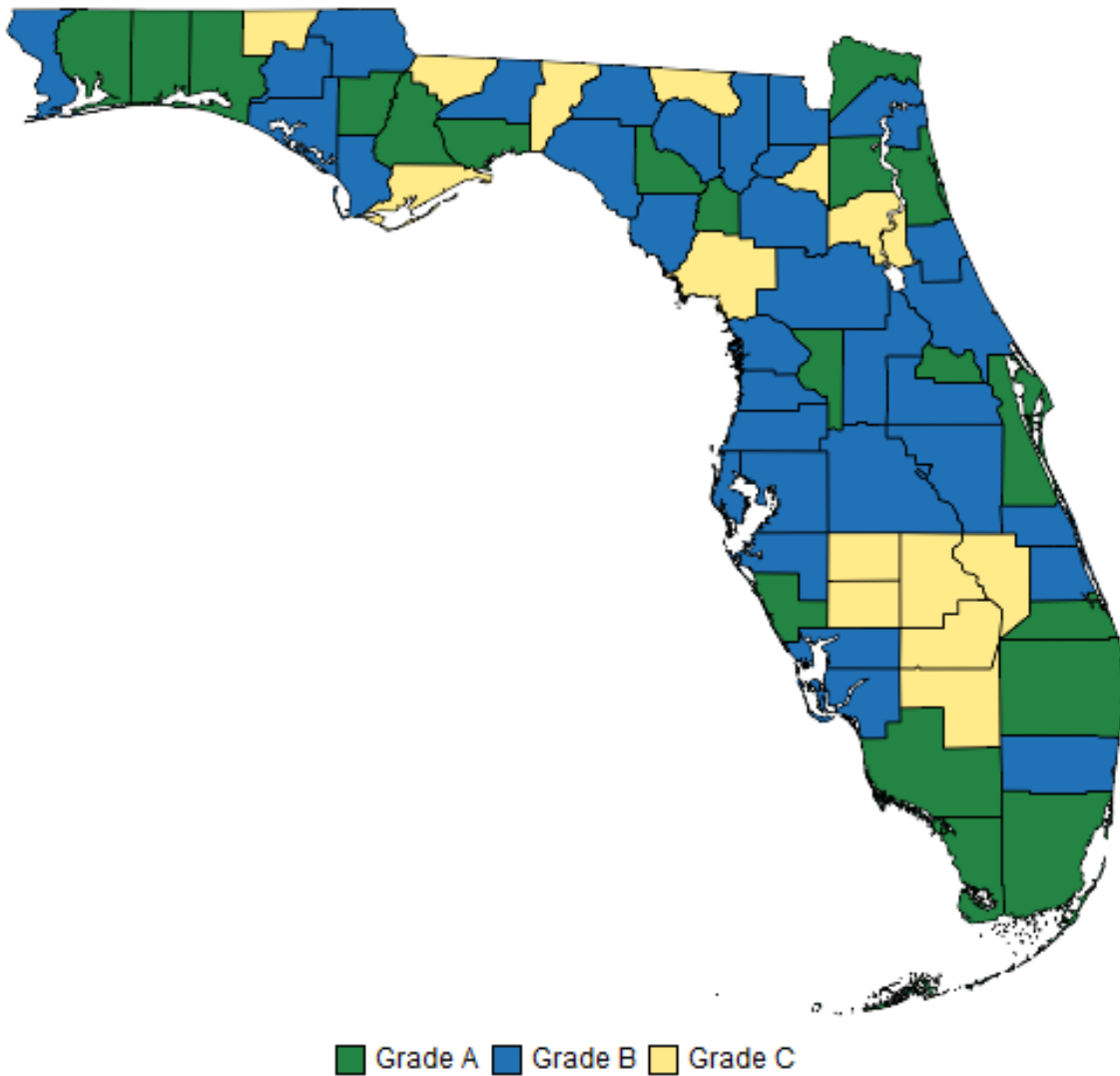
Rating	2017		2018		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
Commendable	40	20%	66	24%	26	4%
Maintaining	129	65%	170	62%	41	-3%
Unsatisfactory	30	15%	37	14%	7	-1%
<b>Total</b>	199		273			

<sup>4</sup> Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## District Grades for 2018

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 School and District Accountability, 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 at <http://fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/> (see the link "District Grades").



Source: Florida Department of Education

## 2018 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Counts)				
	A	B	C	D	F
ALACHUA	14	16	11	6	0
BAKER	2	0	2	0	0
BAY	14	10	12	5	0
BRADFORD	0	2	5	0	0
BREVARD	31	23	35	4	0
BROWARD <sup>5</sup>	87	71	113	18	1
CALHOUN	1	4	0	0	0
CHARLOTTE	5	9	6	0	0
CITRUS	2	7	9	0	0
CLAY	18	20	4	1	0
COLLIER	27	15	12	0	0
COLUMBIA	3	3	8	0	0
MIAMI-DADE	205	123	104	8	1
DESOTO	0	0	4	1	0
DIXIE	0	2	2	0	0
DUVAL	41	44	63	20	3
ESCAMBIA	9	8	20	14	0
FLAGLER	2	5	4	1	0
FRANKLIN	0	1	1	0	0
GADSDEN	4	3	1	2	2
GILCHRIST	3	1	0	0	0
GLADES	1	1	2	1	0
GULF	0	3	1	0	0
HAMILTON	0	0	2	0	0
HARDEE	1	2	4	0	0
HENDRY	0	3	6	0	1
HERNANDO	7	5	13	1	0
HIGHLANDS	0	3	13	1	0
HILLSBOROUGH	65	48	109	28	7
HOLMES	0	1	5	0	0
INDIAN RIVER	7	6	10	1	0
JACKSON	4	3	4	0	0
JEFFERSON	0	1	2	0	0
LAFAYETTE	2	0	0	0	0
LAKE	8	21	16	2	0
LEE	27	26	41	1	1
LEON	14	6	17	5	1
LEVY	0	3	7	0	0

<sup>5</sup> Based on Section 50 of Ch. 2018-6, Laws of Florida, the school grade of "A" earned by Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (06-3011) for the 2016-2017 school year shall be used for the 2017-2018 school year.

## 2018 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Counts)				
	A	B	C	D	F
LIBERTY	1	1	1	0	0
MADISON	1	4	2	0	1
MANATEE	15	18	20	6	0
MARION	3	9	26	11	3
MARTIN	9	6	6	0	0
MONROE	9	4	3	0	0
NASSAU	9	4	0	0	0
OKALOOSA	22	11	3	0	0
OKEECHOBEE	0	2	6	0	1
ORANGE	63	50	81	14	3
OSCEOLA	9	16	33	5	1
PALM BEACH	83	44	65	5	1
PASCO	25	20	39	5	0
PINELLAS	36	26	54	9	4
POLK	23	27	68	7	1
PUTNAM	2	1	14	3	1
ST. JOHNS	27	7	5	1	0
ST. LUCIE	10	17	12	2	0
SANTA ROSA	9	12	6	0	0
SARASOTA	27	15	7	0	0
SEMINOLE	24	30	7	1	1
SUMTER	2	3	3	0	0
SUWANNEE	1	2	2	1	0
TAYLOR	0	1	2	0	1
UNION	0	3	0	0	0
VOLUSIA	11	19	39	3	0
WAKULLA	6	1	1	0	0
WALTON	5	5	4	0	0
WASHINGTON	0	4	2	0	0
FLVS	0	1	1	0	0
FAU LAB SCH	2	0	0	0	0
FSU LAB SCH	2	0	0	0	0
FAMU LAB SCH	0	0	1	0	0
UF LAB SCH	1	0	0	0	0

## 2018 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Percentages) <sup>6</sup>				
	A	B	C	D	F
ALACHUA	30%	34%	23%	13%	0%
BAKER	50%	0%	50%	0%	0%
BAY	34%	24%	29%	12%	0%
BRADFORD	0%	29%	71%	0%	0%
BREVARD	33%	25%	38%	4%	0%
BROWARD	30%	24%	39%	6%	0%
CALHOUN	20%	80%	0%	0%	0%
CHARLOTTE	25%	45%	30%	0%	0%
CITRUS	11%	39%	50%	0%	0%
CLAY	42%	47%	9%	2%	0%
COLLIER	50%	28%	22%	0%	0%
COLUMBIA	21%	21%	57%	0%	0%
MIAMI-DADE	46%	28%	24%	2%	0%
DESOTO	0%	0%	80%	20%	0%
DIXIE	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
DUVAL	24%	26%	37%	12%	2%
ESCAMBIA	18%	16%	39%	27%	0%
FLAGLER	17%	42%	33%	8%	0%
FRANKLIN	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
GADSDEN	33%	25%	8%	17%	17%
GILCHRIST	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
GLADES	20%	20%	40%	20%	0%
GULF	0%	75%	25%	0%	0%
HAMILTON	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
HARDEE	14%	29%	57%	0%	0%
HENDRY	0%	30%	60%	0%	10%
HERNANDO	27%	19%	50%	4%	0%
HIGHLANDS	0%	18%	76%	6%	0%
HILLSBOROUGH	25%	19%	42%	11%	3%
HOLMES	0%	17%	83%	0%	0%
INDIAN RIVER	29%	25%	42%	4%	0%
JACKSON	36%	27%	36%	0%	0%
JEFFERSON	0%	33%	67%	0%	0%
LAFAYETTE	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
LAKE	17%	45%	34%	4%	0%
LEE	28%	27%	43%	1%	1%
LEON	33%	14%	40%	12%	2%
LEVY	0%	30%	70%	0%	0%
LIBERTY	33%	33%	33%	0%	0%
MADISON	13%	50%	25%	0%	13%

<sup>6</sup> Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## 2018 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Percentages) <sup>6</sup>				
	A	B	C	D	F
MANATEE	25%	31%	34%	10%	0%
MARION	6%	17%	50%	21%	6%
MARTIN	43%	29%	29%	0%	0%
MONROE	56%	25%	19%	0%	0%
NASSAU	69%	31%	0%	0%	0%
OKALOOSA	61%	31%	8%	0%	0%
OKEECHOBEE	0%	22%	67%	0%	11%
ORANGE	30%	24%	38%	7%	1%
OSCEOLA	14%	25%	52%	8%	2%
PALM BEACH	42%	22%	33%	3%	1%
PASCO	28%	22%	44%	6%	0%
PINELLAS	28%	20%	42%	7%	3%
POLK	18%	21%	54%	6%	1%
PUTNAM	10%	5%	67%	14%	5%
ST. JOHNS	68%	18%	13%	3%	0%
ST. LUCIE	24%	41%	29%	5%	0%
SANTA ROSA	33%	44%	22%	0%	0%
SARASOTA	55%	31%	14%	0%	0%
SEMINOLE	38%	48%	11%	2%	2%
SUMTER	25%	38%	38%	0%	0%
SUWANNEE	17%	33%	33%	17%	0%
TAYLOR	0%	25%	50%	0%	25%
UNION	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
VOLUSIA	15%	26%	54%	4%	0%
WAKULLA	75%	13%	13%	0%	0%
WALTON	36%	36%	29%	0%	0%
WASHINGTON	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%
FLVS	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
FAU LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FSU LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FAMU LAB SCH	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
UF LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



