



FLORIDA SCHOOL GRADES

2015-16 SCHOOL GRADES

JULY 2016

GRADING FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2015-16

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 2015-16 school grades model uses the new school grades model adopted for 2014-15 and includes the new learning gains components for the first time.

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 2015-16 School Grades Model

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

Components

In 2015-16, 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, end-of-course (EOC) assessments and Florida Standards Alternate Assessments (FSAA). 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, EOC assessments and the FSAA 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 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 6, 2016, 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://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>.

School Grade Distribution

2015 and 2016 Grades

All Schools

Grade	Informational Baseline 2015		2016 Preliminary		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	1,184	36%	741	23%	-443	-13%
B	659	20%	749	23%	90	3%
C	880	27%	1,246	39%	366	12%
D	368	11%	372	12%	4	1%
F	204	6%	103	3%	-101	-3%
Total	3,295		3,211			

Elementary Schools

Grade	Informational Baseline 2015		2016 Preliminary		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	596	32%	375	21%	-221	-11%
B	332	18%	420	23%	88	5%
C	519	28%	704	39%	185	11%
D	261	14%	245	14%	-16	0%
F	142	8%	70	4%	-72	-4%
Total	1,850		1,814			

Middle Schools

Grade	Informational Baseline 2015		2016 Preliminary		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	211	36%	144	25%	-67	-11%
B	123	21%	139	24%	16	3%
C	162	28%	213	37%	51	9%
D	66	11%	67	12%	1	1%
F	22	4%	8	1%	-14	-3%
Total	584		571			

High Schools

Grade	Informational Baseline 2015		2016 Preliminary		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	220	46%	94	22%	-126	-24%
B	133	28%	106	24%	-27	-4%
C	105	22%	202	46%	97	24%
D	10	2%	25	6%	15	4%
F	11	2%	8	2%	-3	0%
Total	479		435			

Note: Tables in this document do not include ESE centers unless specifically noted.

Combination Schools

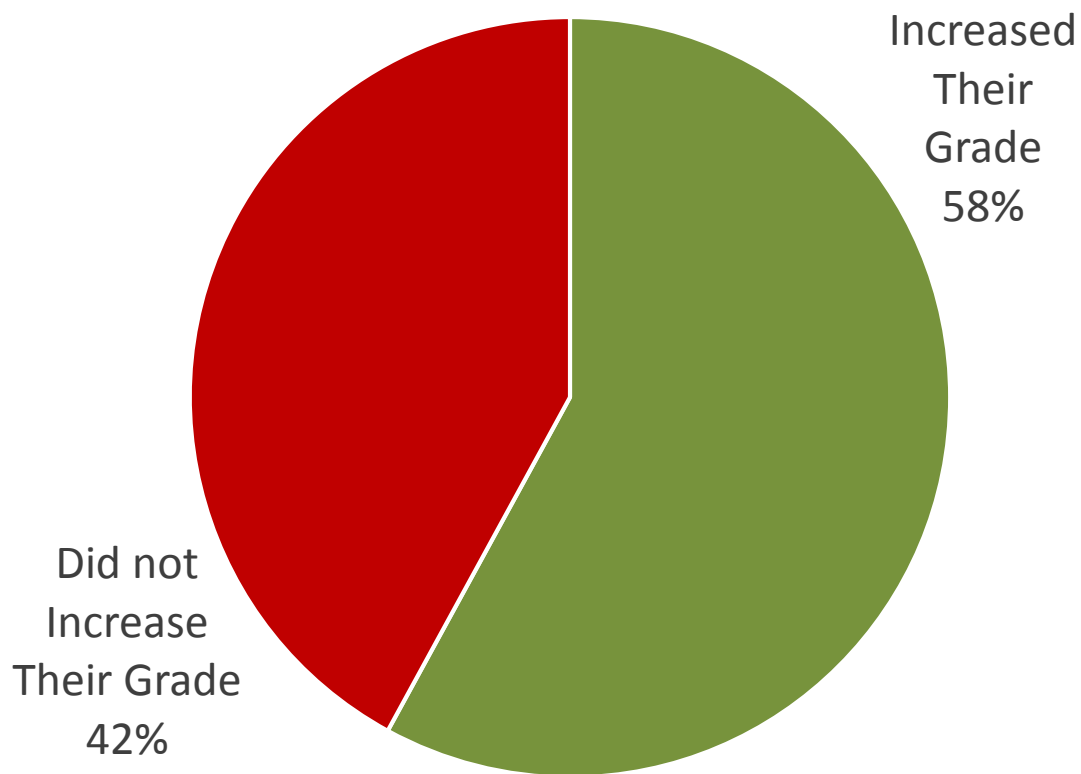
Grade	Informational Baseline 2015		2016 Preliminary		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	157	41%	128	33%	-29	-8%
B	71	19%	84	21%	13	2%
C	94	25%	127	32%	33	7%
D	31	8%	35	9%	4	1%
F	29	8%	17	4%	-12	-4%
Total	382		391			

Average Percent of Points Earned Informational Baseline 2015 and Preliminary 2016 Grades

Percent of Points Earned by Letter Grade

Grade	Scale	Average Percent of Points Earned		Change
		2015	2016	
A	62% of points or greater	72%	69%	-3
B	54% to 61% of points	58%	57%	-1
C	41% to 53% of points	47%	47%	0
D	32% to 40% of points	36%	37%	+1
F	31% of points or less	24%	24%	0
All Graded Schools		56%	53%	-3

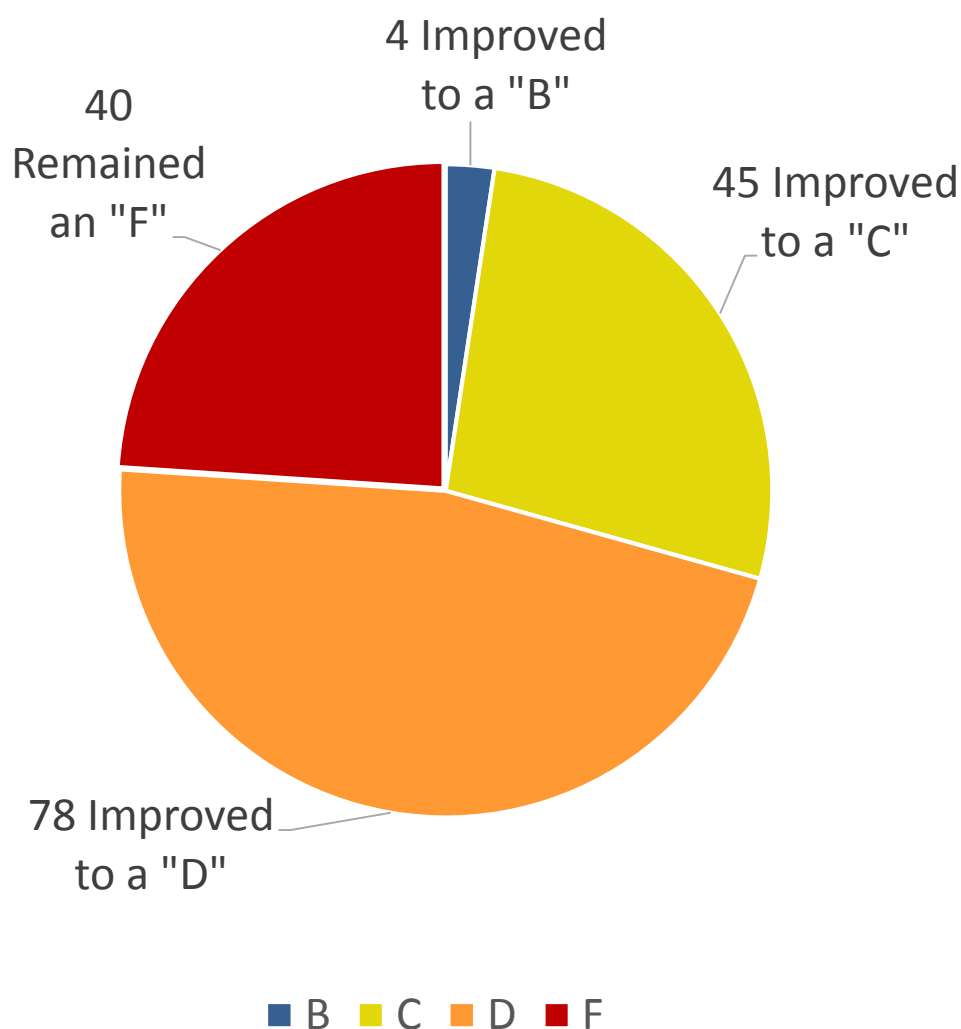
58% of Schools Graded “D” or “F” in 2015 Improved Their Grade in 2016



There were 524 “D” or “F” schools in 2015 that received a school grade in 2016. Of these “D” or “F” schools in 2015, 304 improved their grade.

Source: Florida Department of Education

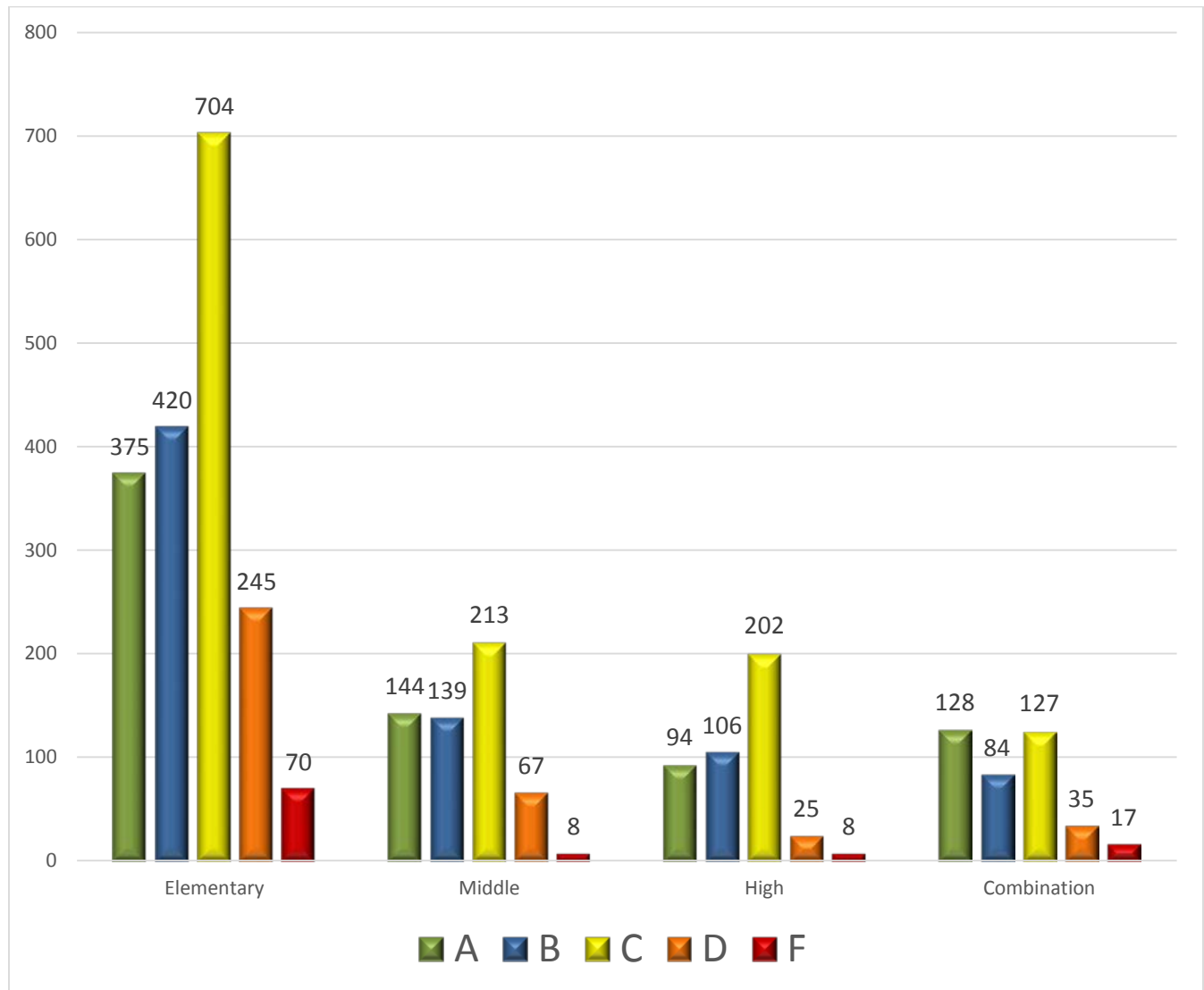
76% of Schools Graded “F” in 2015 Improved Their Grade in 2016



There were 167 “F” schools in 2015 that received a school grade in 2016. Of these “F” schools in 2015, 4 improved to a “B”, 45 improved to a “C”, 78 improved to a “D” and 40 remained an “F”.

Source: Florida Department of Education

Preliminary School Grades by School Type in 2016



Source: Florida Department of Education

All Schools 2015 Compared to 2016

		2016 School Grade (Preliminary)					
		A	B	C	D	F	Total
Informational Baseline 2015 School Grade	A	685	376	91	3	1	1,156
	B	33	249	341	9	2	634
	C	12	103	582	130	6	833
	D	1	9	167	148	32	357
	F	0	4	45	78	40	167
	Total	731	741	1,226	368	81	3,147

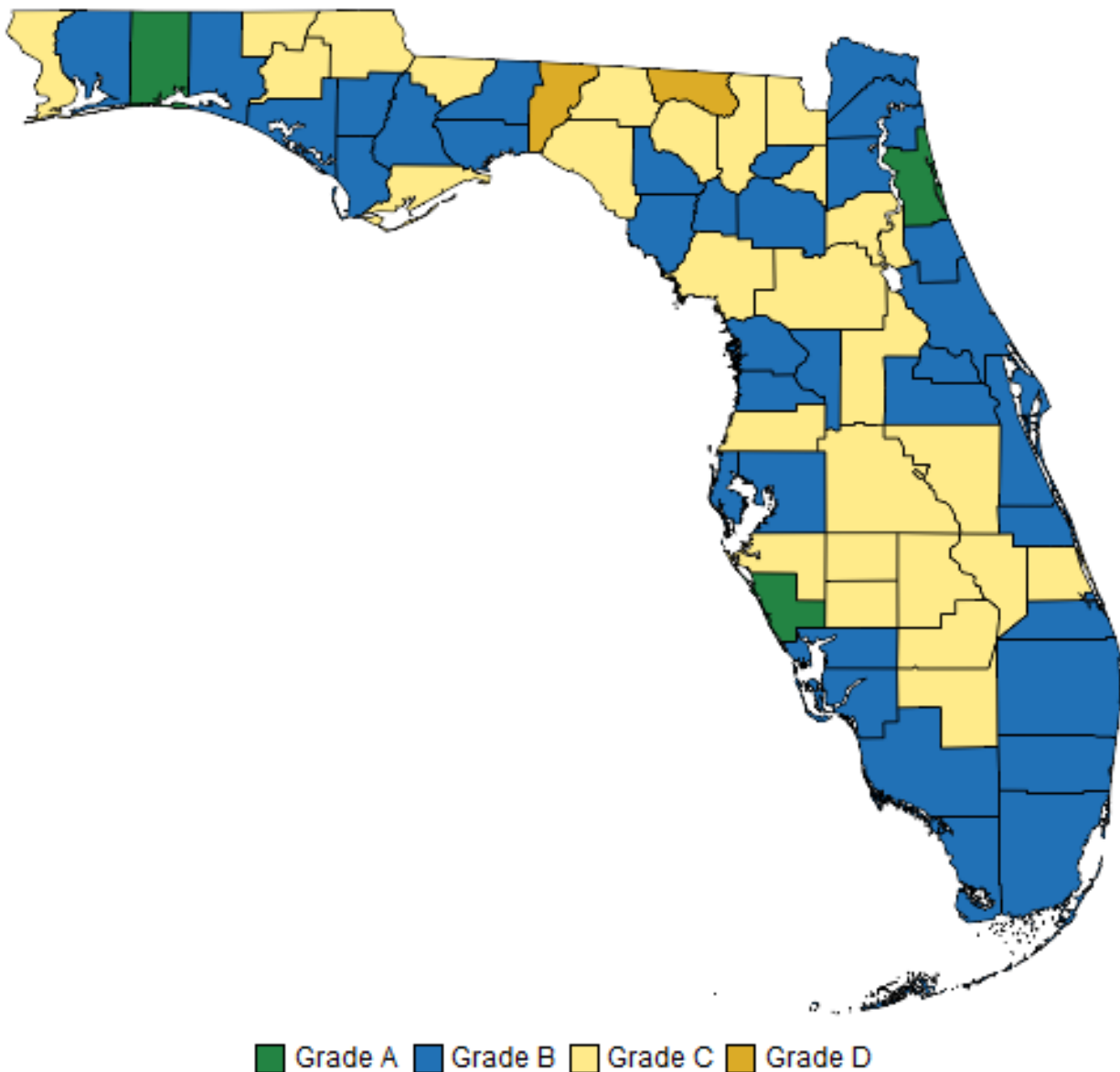
The chart above compares the grades schools earned in 2015 with the grades they earned in 2016. Schools in the cells shaded green increased their school grade in 2016. Schools in the cells shaded red had a reduction in their school grade. Schools in the cells shaded yellow had no change in their school grade.

- 452 schools (14%) increased their grade in 2016
- 991 schools (31%) decreased their grade in 2016
- 1,704 schools (54%) had no change in their grade in 2016

Source: Florida Department of Education

Preliminary District Grades for 2016

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://schoolgrades.fdoe.org> (see the link "District Grades").

Source: Florida Department of Education

2016 Preliminary School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Counts)				
	A	B	C	D	F
ALACHUA	11	15	11	6	2
BAKER	2	0	3	0	0
BAY	9	4	15	6	3
BRADFORD	0	1	5	0	0
BREVARD	32	24	33	4	0
BROWARD	62	63	111	39	12
CALHOUN	0	4	1	0	0
CHARLOTTE	3	8	8	0	0
CITRUS	4	11	4	0	0
CLAY	7	19	12	0	2
COLLIER	18	11	22	4	0
COLUMBIA	4	4	6	0	0
DADE	124	96	146	41	8
DESOTO	0	0	2	3	0
DIXIE	0	2	2	0	0
DUVAL	30	34	59	37	7
ESCAMBIA	6	10	20	10	5
FLAGLER	0	7	4	0	0
FRANKLIN	0	0	1	0	0
GADSDEN	1	1	3	4	2
GILCHRIST	2	1	1	0	0
GLADES	0	1	4	0	0
GULF	1	1	2	0	0
HAMILTON	0	0	1	1	1
HARDEE	2	1	3	1	0
HENDRY	0	0	9	1	0
HERNANDO	3	7	14	1	1
HIGHLANDS	0	2	12	1	0
HILLSBOROUGH	51	43	103	44	11
HOLMES	0	2	5	0	0
INDIAN RIVER	5	4	12	1	1
JACKSON	1	0	9	1	0
JEFFERSON	0	0	0	2	0
LAFAYETTE	0	1	1	0	0
LAKE	3	13	26	2	0
LEE	15	29	41	7	3
LEON	13	7	17	7	0
LEVY	0	3	8	0	0
LIBERTY	0	1	2	0	0
MADISON	1	1	2	2	0
MANATEE	5	16	25	9	5
MARION	3	6	27	14	3

2016 Preliminary School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Counts)				
	A	B	C	D	F
MARTIN	6	6	8	0	0
MONROE	8	6	2	0	0
NASSAU	8	2	2	0	0
OKALOOSA	19	13	4	0	0
OKEECHOBEE	0	2	5	1	0
ORANGE	44	43	80	23	9
OSCEOLA	9	15	28	2	2
PALM BEACH	62	48	69	13	6
PASCO	14	16	27	22	3
PINELLAS	34	22	58	8	3
POLK	19	19	50	28	6
PUTNAM	2	0	7	9	2
ST. JOHNS	22	7	6	1	1
ST. LUCIE	3	10	19	6	4
SANTA ROSA	11	9	7	0	0
SARASOTA	22	16	12	0	0
SEMINOLE	17	23	15	3	1
SUMTER	2	3	2	1	0
SUWANNEE	0	1	5	0	0
TAYLOR	0	0	4	0	0
UNION	0	2	1	0	0
VOLUSIA	7	22	34	6	0
WAKULLA	2	4	1	1	0
WALTON	5	5	4	0	0
WASHINGTON	1	1	4	0	0
FL VIRTUAL	0	0	0	0	0
FAU LAB SCH	2	0	0	0	0
FSU LAB SCH	2	0	0	0	0
FAMU LAB SCH	0	1	0	0	0
UF LAB SCH	1	0	0	0	0

2016 Preliminary School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Percentages)				
	A	B	C	D	F
ALACHUA	24%	33%	24%	13%	4%
BAKER	40%	0%	60%	0%	0%
BAY	24%	11%	41%	16%	8%
BRADFORD	0%	17%	83%	0%	0%
BREVARD	34%	26%	35%	4%	0%
BROWARD	22%	22%	39%	14%	4%
CALHOUN	0%	80%	20%	0%	0%
CHARLOTTE	16%	42%	42%	0%	0%
CITRUS	21%	58%	21%	0%	0%
CLAY	18%	48%	30%	0%	5%
COLLIER	33%	20%	40%	7%	0%
COLUMBIA	29%	29%	43%	0%	0%
DADE	30%	23%	35%	10%	2%
DESOTO	0%	0%	40%	60%	0%
DIXIE	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
DUVAL	18%	20%	35%	22%	4%
ESCAMBIA	12%	20%	39%	20%	10%
FLAGLER	0%	64%	36%	0%	0%
FRANKLIN	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
GADSDEN	9%	9%	27%	36%	18%
GILCHRIST	50%	25%	25%	0%	0%
GLADES	0%	20%	80%	0%	0%
GULF	25%	25%	50%	0%	0%
HAMILTON	0%	0%	33%	33%	33%
HARDEE	29%	14%	43%	14%	0%
HENDRY	0%	0%	90%	10%	0%
HERNANDO	12%	27%	54%	4%	4%
HIGHLANDS	0%	13%	80%	7%	0%
HILLSBOROUGH	20%	17%	41%	17%	4%
HOLMES	0%	29%	71%	0%	0%
INDIAN RIVER	22%	17%	52%	4%	4%
JACKSON	9%	0%	82%	9%	0%
JEFFERSON	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
LAFAYETTE	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
LAKE	7%	30%	59%	5%	0%
LEE	16%	31%	43%	7%	3%
LEON	30%	16%	39%	16%	0%
LEVY	0%	27%	73%	0%	0%
LIBERTY	0%	33%	67%	0%	0%
MADISON	17%	17%	33%	33%	0%
MANATEE	8%	27%	42%	15%	8%

2016 Preliminary School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Percentages)				
	A	B	C	D	F
MARION	6%	11%	51%	26%	6%
MARTIN	30%	30%	40%	0%	0%
MONROE	50%	38%	13%	0%	0%
NASSAU	67%	17%	17%	0%	0%
OKALOOSA	53%	36%	11%	0%	0%
OKEECHOBEE	0%	25%	63%	13%	0%
ORANGE	22%	22%	40%	12%	5%
OSCEOLA	16%	27%	50%	4%	4%
PALM BEACH	31%	24%	35%	7%	3%
PASCO	17%	20%	33%	27%	4%
PINELLAS	27%	18%	46%	6%	2%
POLK	16%	16%	41%	23%	5%
PUTNAM	10%	0%	35%	45%	10%
ST. JOHNS	59%	19%	16%	3%	3%
ST. LUCIE	7%	24%	45%	14%	10%
SANTA ROSA	41%	33%	26%	0%	0%
SARASOTA	44%	32%	24%	0%	0%
SEMINOLE	29%	39%	25%	5%	2%
SUMTER	25%	38%	25%	13%	0%
SUWANNEE	0%	17%	83%	0%	0%
TAYLOR	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
UNION	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%
VOLUSIA	10%	32%	49%	9%	0%
WAKULLA	25%	50%	13%	13%	0%
WALTON	36%	36%	29%	0%	0%
WASHINGTON	17%	17%	67%	0%	0%
FL VIRTUAL	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FAU LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FSU LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FAMU LAB SCH	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
UF LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

