



FLORIDA SCHOOL GRADES

2016-17 SCHOOL GRADES
AND
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATINGS

SEPTEMBER 2017

GRADING FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016-17

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 2016-17 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 2016-17 School Grades Model

English Language Arts (FSA)	Mathematics (FSA, EOCs,)	Science (NGSSS, EOC,)	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 2016-17, 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 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 2016 and 2017 School Grades¹

All Schools²

Grade	2016		2017		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	763	23%	984	30%	221	7%
B	768	23%	877	27%	109	4%
C	1,292	39%	1,168	35%	-124	-4%
D	386	12%	224	7%	-162	-5%
F	111	3%	43	1%	-68	-2%
Total	3,320		3,296			

Elementary Schools

Grade	2016		2017		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	386	21%	546	30%	160	9%
B	427	23%	487	27%	60	4%
C	710	38%	639	35%	-71	-3%
D	249	13%	131	7%	-118	-6%
F	73	4%	29	2%	-44	-2%
Total	1,845		1,832			

Middle Schools

Grade	2016		2017		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	147	25%	166	29%	19	4%
B	140	24%	139	25%	-1	1%
C	218	37%	219	39%	1	2%
D	69	12%	40	7%	-29	-5%
F	9	2%	3	1%	-6	-1%
Total	583		567			

High Schools

Grade	2016		2017		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	97	20%	107	23%	10	3%
B	112	23%	152	32%	40	9%
C	232	48%	187	40%	-45	-8%
D	31	6%	26	5%	-5	-1%
F	10	2%	1	0%	-9	-2%
Total	482		473			

¹ All 2016-17 data reflect post-appeals school grades and school improvement ratings.

² Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Combination Schools³

Grade	2016		2017		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	133	32%	165	39%	32	7%
B	89	22%	99	23%	10	1%
C	132	32%	123	29%	-9	-3%
D	37	9%	27	6%	-10	-3%
F	19	5%	10	2%	-9	-3%
Total	410		424			

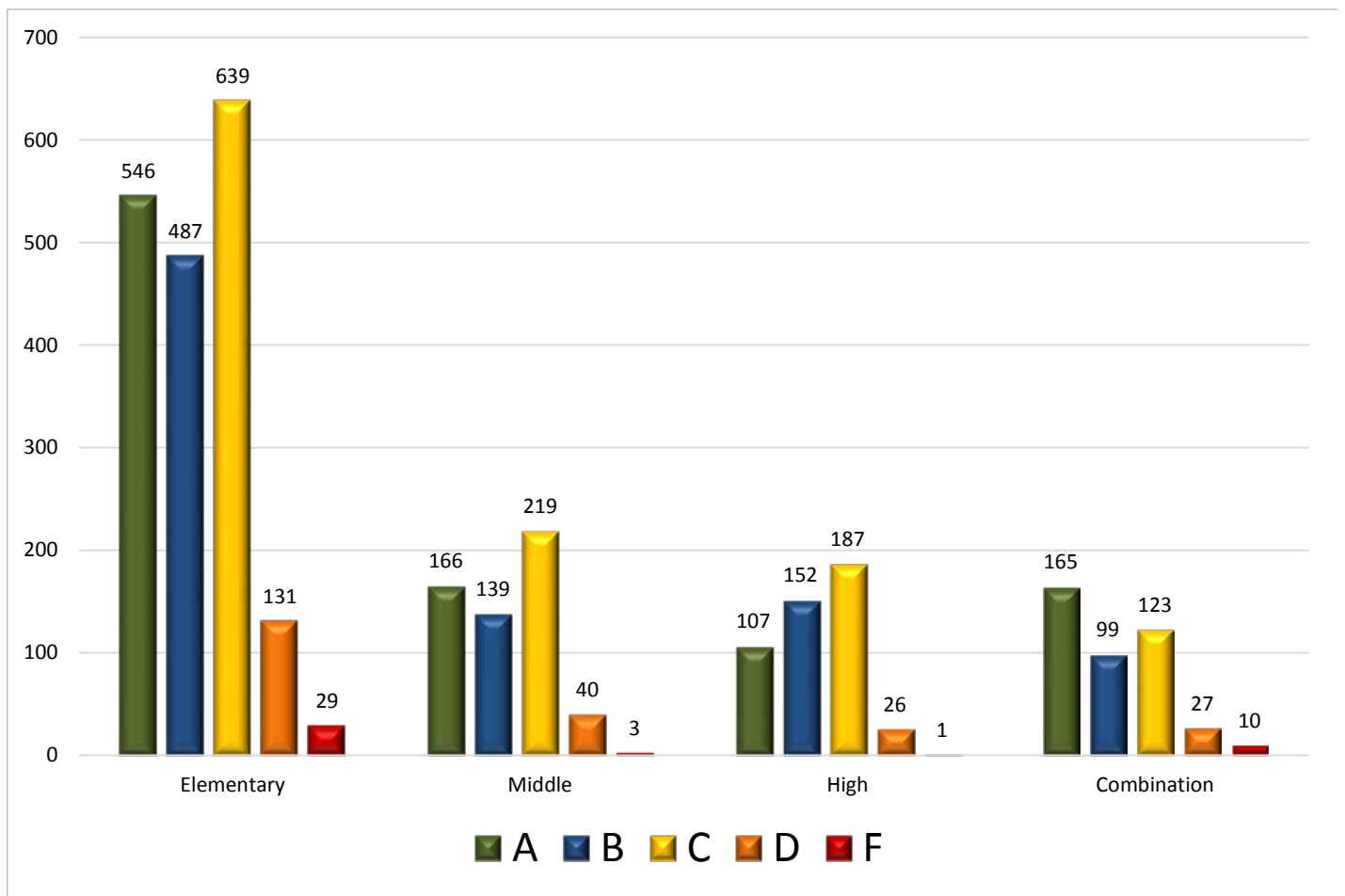
**Average Percent of Points Earned
2016 and 2017 School Grades**

Percent of Points Earned by Letter Grade

Grade	Scale	Average Percent of Points Earned		Change
		2016	2017	
A	62% of points or greater	69%	70%	1%
B	54% to 61% of points	57%	57%	0%
C	41% to 53% of points	47%	48%	1%
D	32% to 40% of points	37%	37%	0%
F	31% of points or less	24%	24%	0%
All Graded Schools		53%	56%	3%

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School Grades by School Type in 2017



Source: Florida Department of Education

All Schools 2016 Compared to 2017

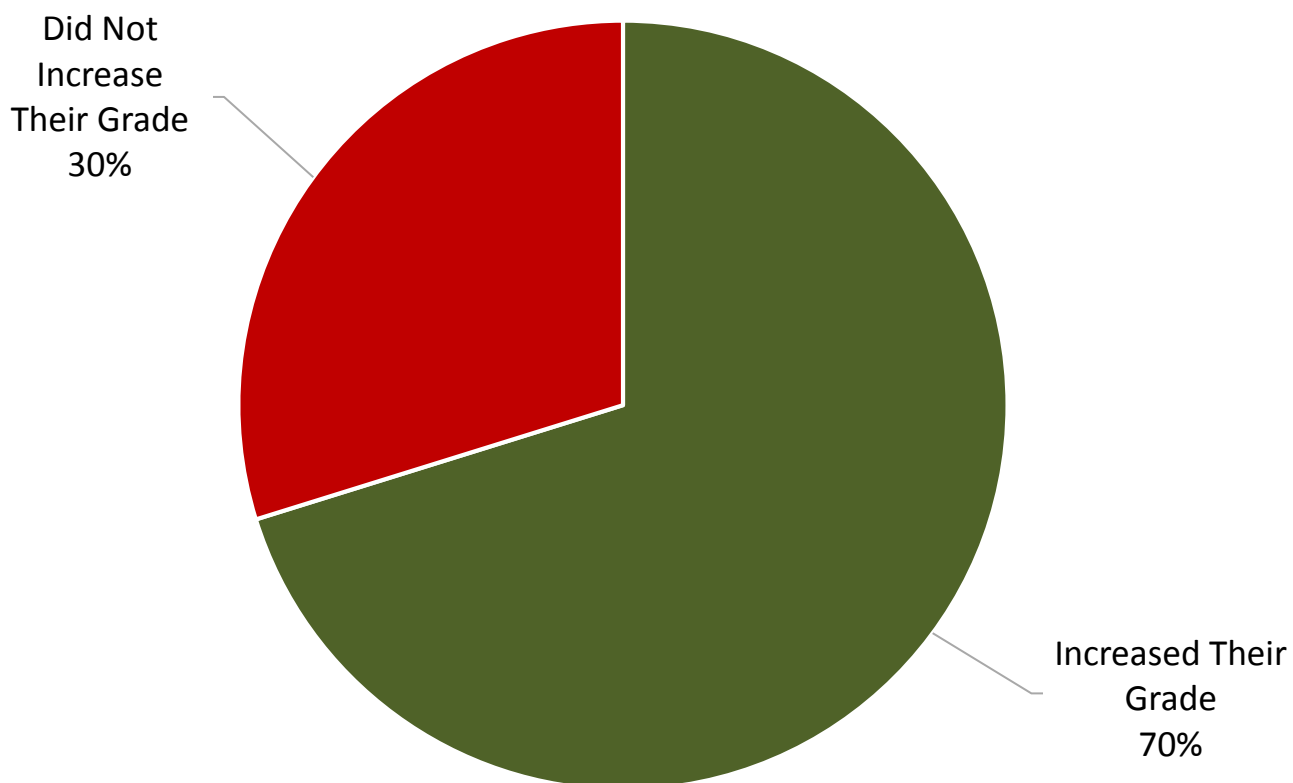
		2017 School Grade					
		A	B	C	D	F	Total
2016 School Grade	A	669	77	12	0	0	758
	B	230	413	113	2	0	758
	C	67	325	788	92	4	1,276
	D	5	42	207	107	10	371
	F	2	10	36	16	18	82
	Total	973	867	1,156	217	32	3,245

The chart above compares the grades schools earned in 2016 with the grades they earned in 2017. Schools in the cells shaded green increased their school grade in 2017. 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.

- 940 schools (29%) increased their grade in 2017
- 310 schools (10%) decreased their grade in 2017
- 1,995 schools (61%) had no change in their grade in 2017

Source: Florida Department of Education

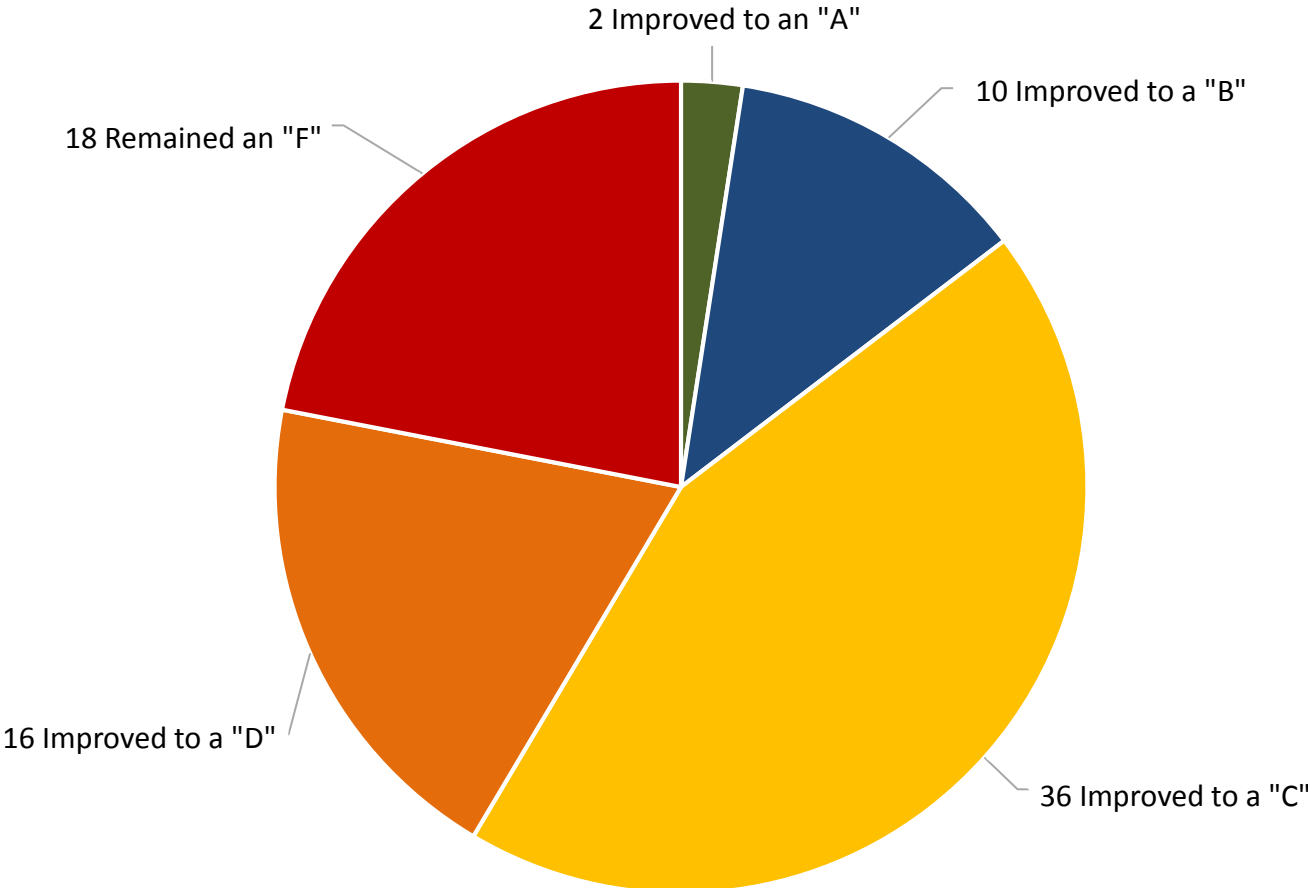
70% of Schools Graded “D” or “F” in 2016 Improved Their Grade in 2017



There were 453 “D” or “F” schools in 2016 that received a school grade in 2017. Of these “D” or “F” schools in 2016, 318 improved their grade.

Source: Florida Department of Education

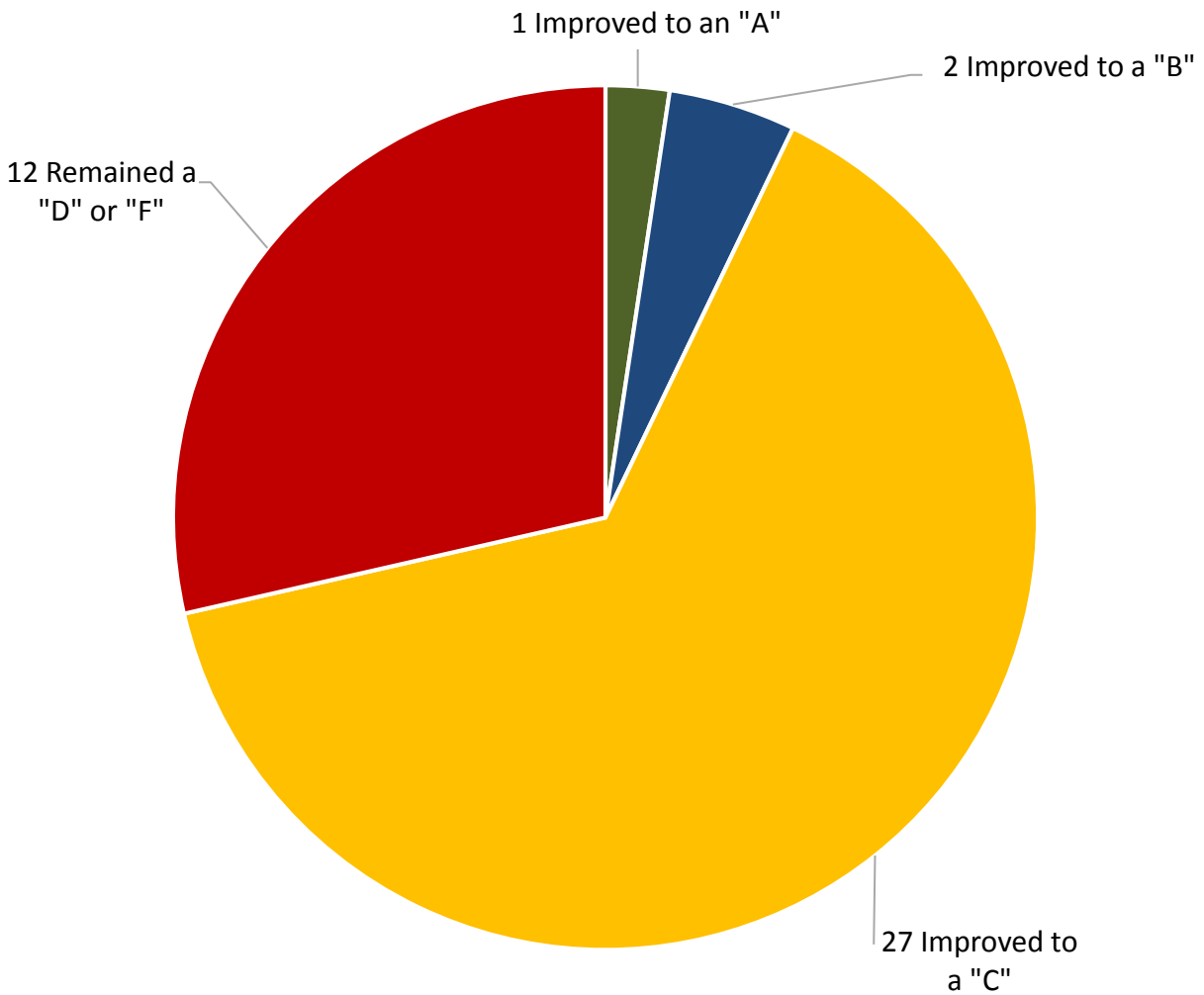
78% of Schools Graded "F" in 2016 Improved Their Grade in 2017



There were 82 "F" schools in 2016 that received a school grade in 2017. Of these "F" schools in 2016, 2 improved to an "A", 10 improved to a "B", 36 improved to a "C", 16 improved to a "D" and 18 remained an "F."

Source: Florida Department of Education

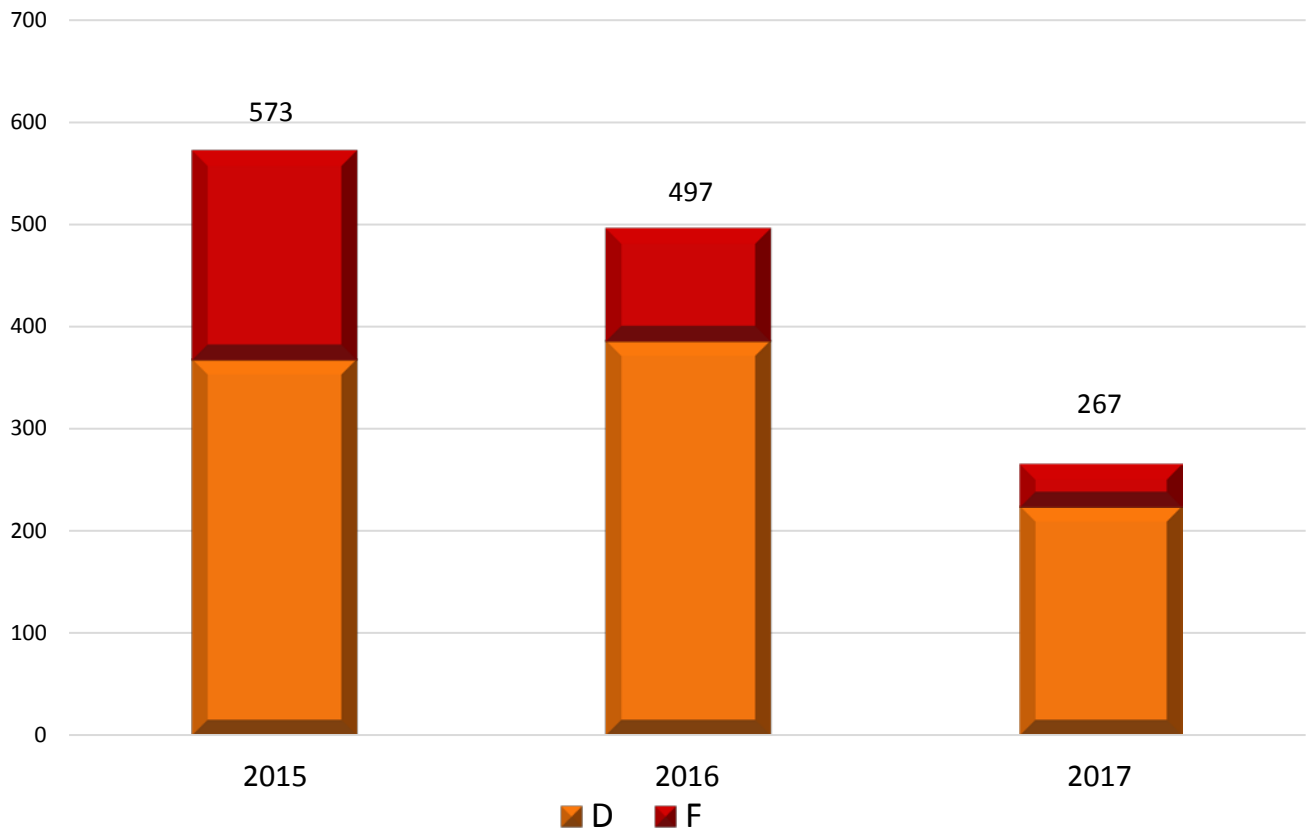
71% of Low-Performing Schools for which Turnaround Plans were presented before the State Board of Education in July 2016 Improved to a "C" or Greater



Of the 42 low-performing schools for which turnaround plans were presented before the State Board of Education July 2016 meeting, 1 improved to an "A," 2 improved to a "B," 27 improved to a "C" in 2017. Twelve schools remained a "D" or "F" in 2017. Note, an additional 3 schools reconfigured or closed prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year.

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

The number of "D" or "F" schools has declined 54% since 2015 and the number of "F" schools has declined 79% since 2015.



In 2017, there were a total of 267 "D" or "F" schools, down from 497 in 2016 and 573 in 2015. In 2017, there were a total of 43 "F" schools, down from 111 in 2016 and 205 in 2015.

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://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>.

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 beginning from grade 3 to grade 4.

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 beginning from grade 3 to grade 4.

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.](#)

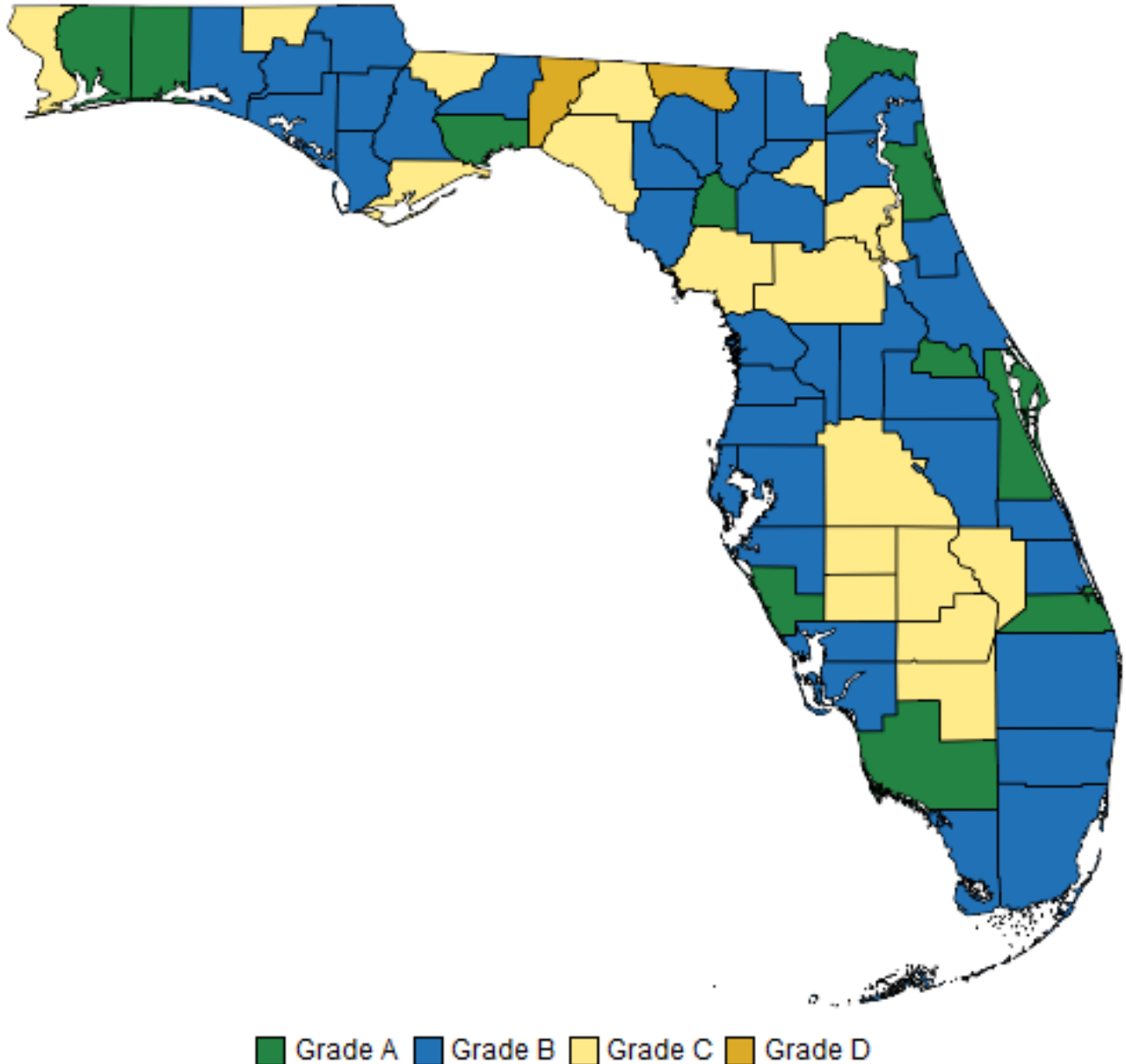
School Improvement Rating Distribution: All Schools⁴

Rating	2016		2017		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
Commendable	5	4%	40	20%	35	16%
Maintaining	69	53%	128	65%	59	12%
Unsatisfactory	55	43%	30	15%	-25	-28%
Total	129		198			

⁴ Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

District Grades for 2017

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

2017 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Counts)				
	A	B	C	D	F
ALACHUA	17	17	11	3	0
BAKER	2	1	2	0	0
BAY	11	10	15	2	1
BRADFORD	0	1	6	0	1
BREVARD	36	27	23	6	0
BROWARD	88	61	125	11	5
CALHOUN	1	3	1	0	1
CHARLOTTE	4	10	4	1	0
CITRUS	1	14	4	0	0
CLAY	12	19	11	0	1
COLLIER	25	15	13	1	0
COLUMBIA	5	4	4	1	0
DADE	168	120	124	22	2
DESOTO	0	0	2	3	0
DIXIE	0	1	3	0	0
DUVAL	46	41	65	17	1
ESCAMBIA	9	9	22	9	2
FLAGLER	2	6	3	1	0
FRANKLIN	1	0	1	0	0
GADSDEN	2	1	5	3	2
GILCHRIST	2	2	0	0	0
GLADES	0	2	3	0	0
GULF	0	3	1	0	0
HAMILTON	0	0	0	3	1
HARDEE	1	4	1	1	0
HENDRY	0	1	7	2	0
HERNANDO	5	9	10	1	0
HIGHLANDS	0	5	10	1	0
HILLSBOROUGH	64	44	105	34	4
HOLMES	1	2	4	0	0
INDIAN RIVER	5	6	12	1	0
JACKSON	2	5	4	0	0
JEFFERSON	0	0	0	2	0
LAFAYETTE	0	1	1	0	0
LAKE	6	16	24	0	0
LEE	24	26	39	7	0
LEON	15	9	16	4	0
LEVY	0	3	7	0	0
LIBERTY	0	0	3	0	1
MADISON	2	0	4	1	0
MANATEE	14	13	22	11	0
MARION	5	12	29	5	2

2017 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Counts)				
	A	B	C	D	F
MARTIN	9	9	3	0	0
MONROE	8	8	0	0	0
NASSAU	7	5	0	0	0
OKALOOSA	25	9	2	0	0
OKEECHOBEE	1	0	7	0	0
ORANGE	66	52	73	15	4
OSCEOLA	11	21	27	1	0
PALM BEACH	72	48	69	9	8
PASCO	21	22	39	3	0
PINELLAS	32	30	56	6	3
POLK	25	23	57	17	3
PUTNAM	3	0	7	10	1
ST. JOHNS	25	7	5	0	0
ST. LUCIE	6	18	14	3	0
SANTA ROSA	12	12	3	0	0
SARASOTA	28	14	7	1	0
SEMINOLE	26	25	9	2	0
SUMTER	3	3	2	0	0
SUWANNEE	1	3	2	0	0
TAYLOR	0	0	4	0	0
UNION	1	2	0	0	0
VOLUSIA	11	30	28	3	0
WAKULLA	3	3	2	0	0
WALTON	7	4	2	1	0
WASHINGTON	0	4	2	0	0
FL VIRTUAL	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

2017 School Grades by District

District Name	Preliminary School Grades within the District (Percentages) ⁵				
	A	B	C	D	F
ALACHUA	35%	35%	23%	6%	0%
BAKER	40%	20%	40%	0%	0%
BAY	28%	26%	38%	5%	3%
BRADFORD	0%	13%	75%	0%	13%
BREVARD	39%	29%	25%	7%	0%
BROWARD	30%	21%	43%	4%	2%
CALHOUN	17%	50%	17%	0%	17%
CHARLOTTE	21%	53%	21%	5%	0%
CITRUS	5%	74%	21%	0%	0%
CLAY	28%	44%	26%	0%	2%
COLLIER	46%	28%	24%	2%	0%
COLUMBIA	36%	29%	29%	7%	0%
DADE	39%	28%	28%	5%	0%
DESOTO	0%	0%	40%	60%	0%
DIXIE	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%
DUVAL	27%	24%	38%	10%	1%
ESCAMBIA	18%	18%	43%	18%	4%
FLAGLER	17%	50%	25%	8%	0%
FRANKLIN	50%	0%	50%	0%	0%
GADSDEN	15%	8%	38%	23%	15%
GILCHRIST	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
GLADES	0%	40%	60%	0%	0%
GULF	0%	75%	25%	0%	0%
HAMILTON	0%	0%	0%	75%	25%
HARDEE	14%	57%	14%	14%	0%
HENDRY	0%	10%	70%	20%	0%
HERNANDO	20%	36%	40%	4%	0%
HIGHLANDS	0%	31%	63%	6%	0%
HILLSBOROUGH	25%	18%	42%	14%	2%
HOLMES	14%	29%	57%	0%	0%
INDIAN RIVER	21%	25%	50%	4%	0%
JACKSON	18%	45%	36%	0%	0%
JEFFERSON	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
LAFAYETTE	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
LAKE	13%	35%	52%	0%	0%
LEE	25%	27%	41%	7%	0%
LEON	34%	20%	36%	9%	0%
LEVY	0%	30%	70%	0%	0%
LIBERTY	0%	0%	75%	0%	25%
MADISON	29%	0%	57%	14%	0%

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	A	B	C	D	F
MANATEE	23%	22%	37%	18%	0%
MARION	9%	23%	55%	9%	4%
MARTIN	43%	43%	14%	0%	0%
MONROE	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
NASSAU	58%	42%	0%	0%	0%
OKALOOSA	69%	25%	6%	0%	0%
OKEECHOBEE	13%	0%	88%	0%	0%
ORANGE	31%	25%	35%	7%	2%
OSCEOLA	18%	35%	45%	2%	0%
PALM BEACH	35%	23%	33%	4%	4%
PASCO	25%	26%	46%	4%	0%
PINELLAS	25%	24%	44%	5%	2%
POLK	20%	18%	46%	14%	2%
PUTNAM	14%	0%	33%	48%	5%
ST. JOHNS	68%	19%	14%	0%	0%
ST. LUCIE	15%	44%	34%	7%	0%
SANTA ROSA	44%	44%	11%	0%	0%
SARASOTA	56%	28%	14%	2%	0%
SEMINOLE	42%	40%	15%	3%	0%
SUMTER	38%	38%	25%	0%	0%
SUWANNEE	17%	50%	33%	0%	0%
TAYLOR	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
UNION	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
VOLUSIA	15%	42%	39%	4%	0%
WAKULLA	38%	38%	25%	0%	0%
WALTON	50%	29%	14%	7%	0%
WASHINGTON	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%
FL VIRTUAL	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
FAU LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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FAMU LAB SCH	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
UF LAB SCH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

