



FLORIDA SCHOOL GRADES

2018-19 SCHOOL GRADES
AND
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATINGS

SEPTEMBER 2019

GRADING FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2018-19

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 2018-19 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 2018-19 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 2018-19, 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.](#)

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

School Grade Distribution 2018 and 2019 School Grades¹

All Schools²

Grade	2018		2019		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	1,044	31%	1,180	35%	136	4%
B	861	26%	908	27%	47	1%
C	1,183	36%	1,064	32%	-119	-4%
D	195	6%	158	5%	-37	-1%
F	35	1%	14	0%	-21	-1%
Total	3,318		3,324			

Elementary Schools

Grade	2018		2019		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	511	28%	592	33%	81	5%
B	435	24%	492	27%	57	3%
C	704	39%	609	34%	-95	-5%
D	149	8%	113	6%	-36	-2%
F	25	1%	9	1%	-16	0%
Total	1,824		1,815			

Middle Schools

Grade	2018		2019		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	184	32%	196	34%	12	2%
B	156	27%	147	26%	-9	-1%
C	203	36%	203	35%	0	-1%
D	27	5%	26	5%	-1	0%
F	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	570		572			

High Schools

Grade	2018		2019		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	148	31%	166	35%	18	4%
B	154	32%	150	32%	-4	0%
C	164	35%	148	31%	-16	-4%
D	7	1%	6	1%	-1	0%
F	1	0%	2	0%	1	0%
Total	474		472			

¹ All 2018-19 data reflect post-appeals school grades and school improvement ratings.

² Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Combination Schools³

Grade	2018		2019		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
A	201	45%	226	49%	25	4%
B	116	26%	119	26%	3	0%
C	112	25%	104	22%	-8	-3%
D	12	3%	13	3%	1	0%
F	9	2%	3	1%	-6	-1%
Total	450		465			

**Average Percent of Points Earned
2018 and 2019 School Grades**

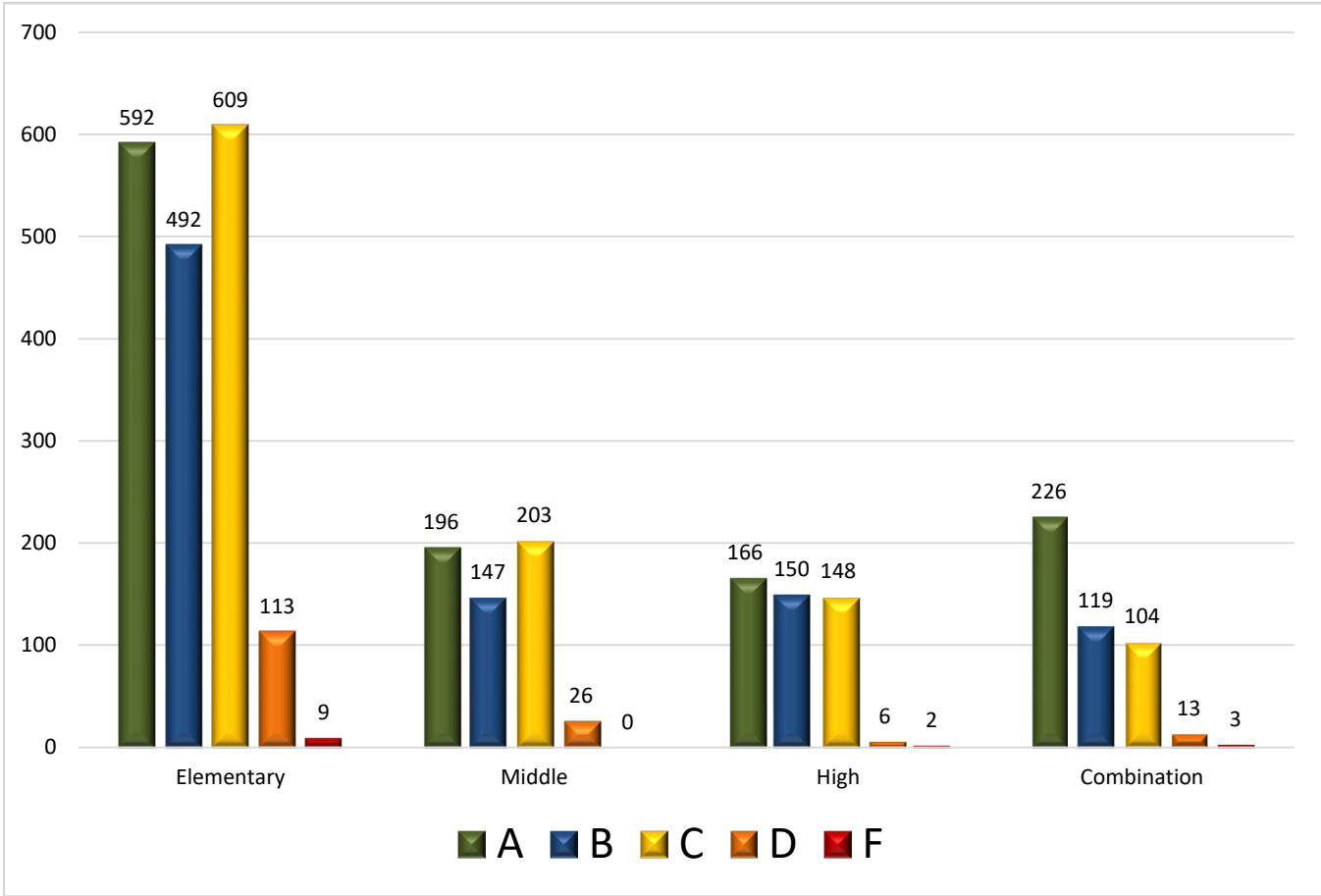
Percent of Points Earned by Letter Grade

Grade	Average Percent of Points Earned		Change
	2018	2019	
A	70% of possible points earned	70% of possible points earned	0%
B	57% of possible points earned	57% of possible points earned	0%
C	48% of possible points earned	48% of possible points earned	0%
D	37% of possible points earned	37% of possible points earned	0%
F	25% of possible points earned	21% of possible points earned	-4%
All Graded Schools	56% of possible points earned	58% of possible points earned	2%

The table above compares the average percent of points earned by grade letter of schools that earned a grade in 2018 to schools that earned a grade in 2019. The average percent of possible points for all schools receiving a grade in 2019 increased by two percent (58%) compared to the average percent of possible points for all schools that received a grade in 2018 (56%).

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School Grades by School Type in 2019



Source: Florida Department of Education

All Schools 2018 Compared to 2019

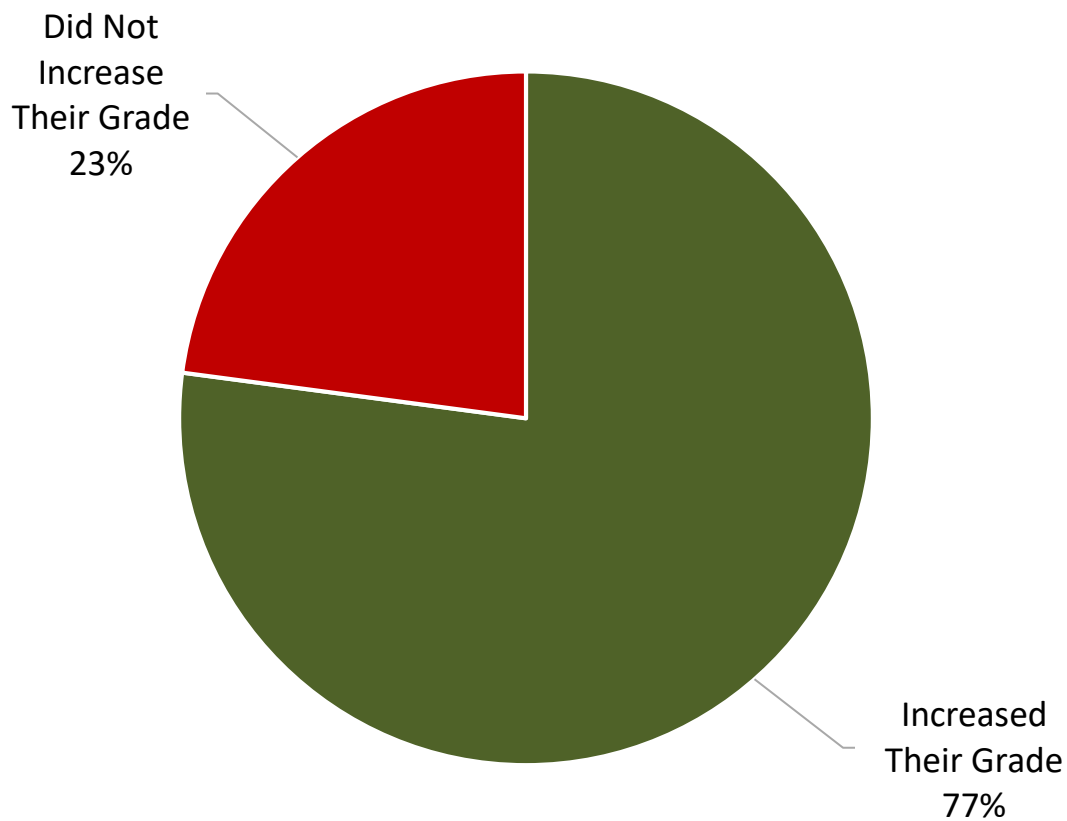
		2019 School Grade					
		A	B	C	D	F	Total
2018 School Grade	A	899	122	14	2	0	1,037
	B	204	477	170	5	0	856
	C	54	285	727	98	1	1,165
	D	2	15	127	41	4	189
	F	1	3	14	3	5	26
	Total	1,160	902	1,052	149	10	3,273

The chart above compares the grades schools earned in 2018 with the grades they earned in 2019. Schools in the cells shaded green increased their school grade in 2019. 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.

- 708 schools (22%) increased their grade in 2019
- 416 schools (13%) decreased their grade in 2019
- 2,149 schools (66%) had no change in their grade in 2019

Source: Florida Department of Education

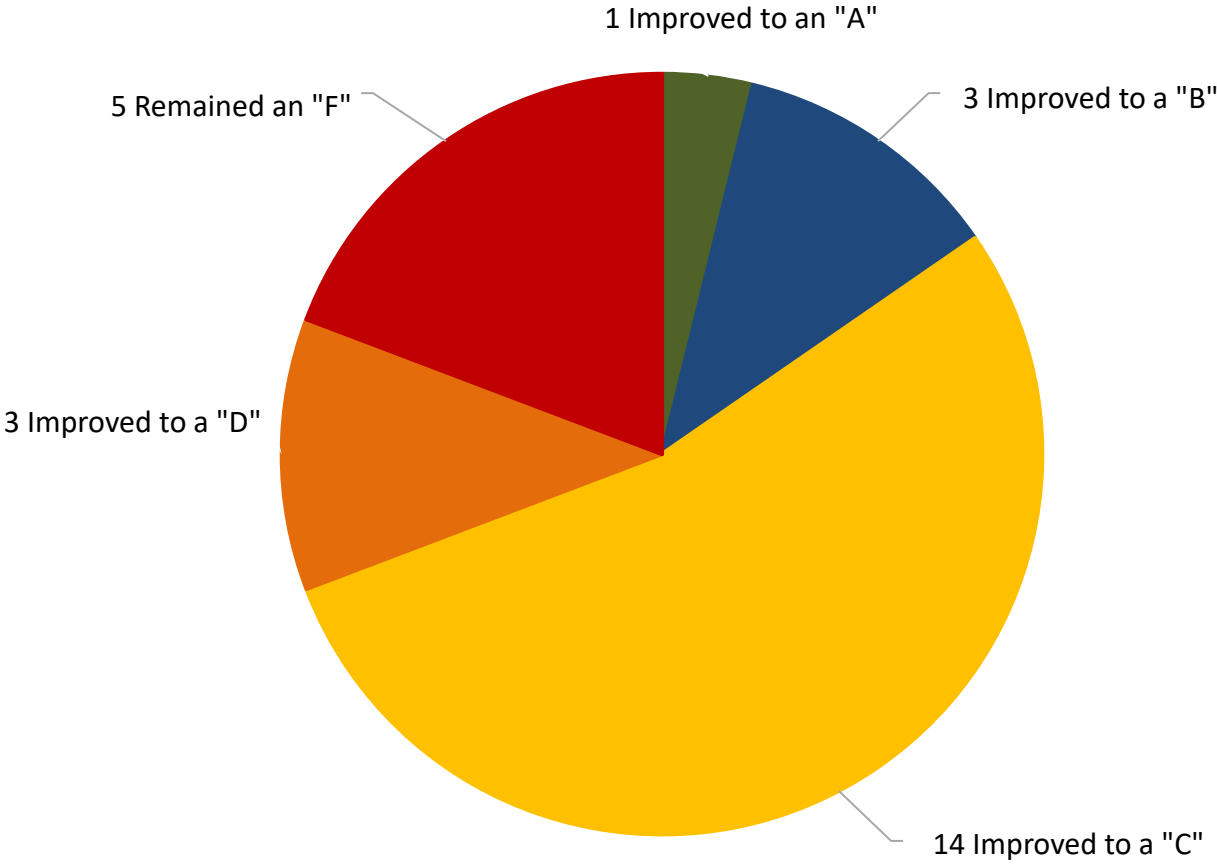
77% of Schools Graded “D” or “F” in 2018 Improved Their Grade in 2019



There were 215 “D” or “F” schools in 2018 that received a school grade in 2019. Of these “D” or “F” schools in 2018, 165 improved their grade.

Source: Florida Department of Education

81% of Schools Graded "F" in 2018 Improved Their Grade in 2019

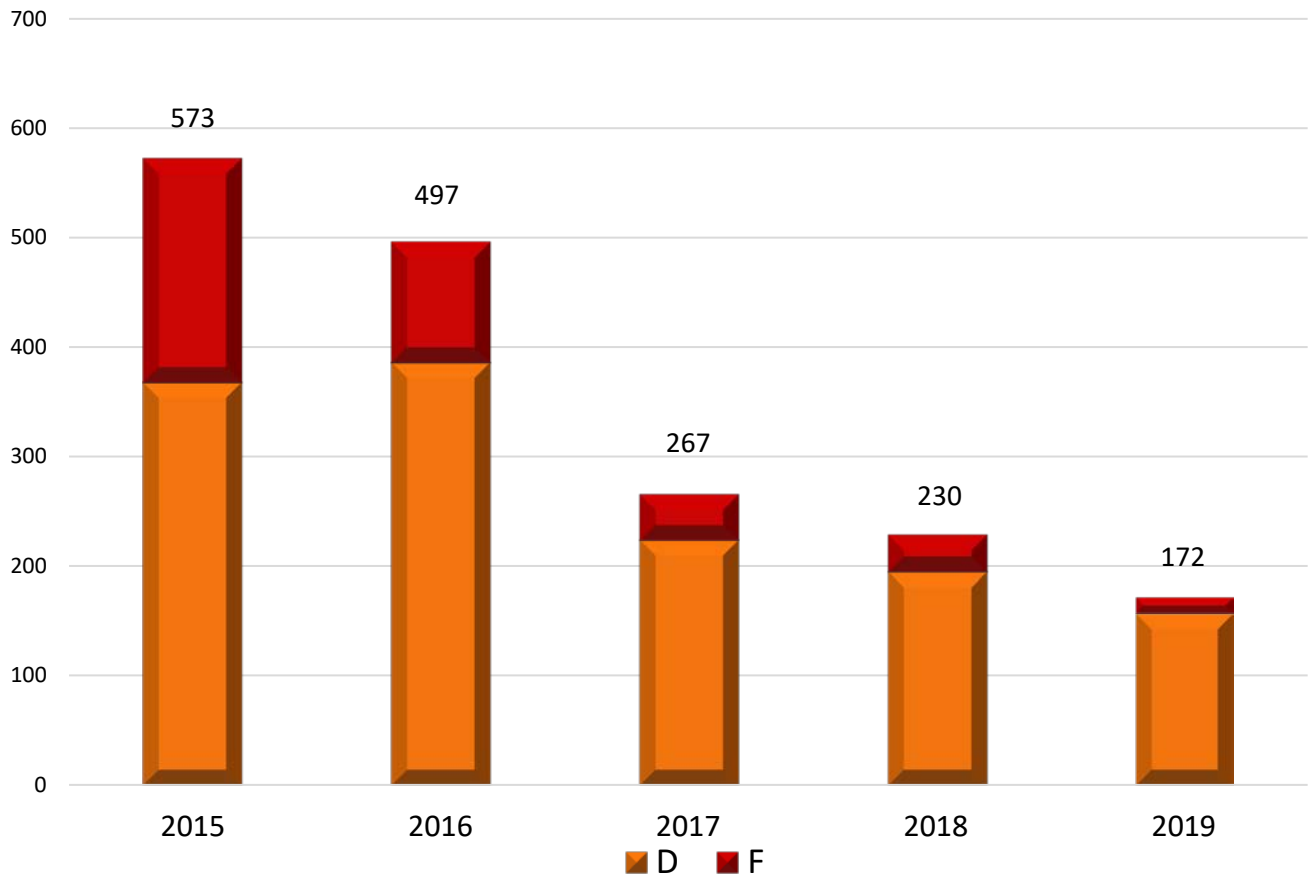


There were 26 "F" schools in 2018 that received a school grade in 2019. Of these "F" schools in 2018, 1 improved to an "A," 3 improved to a "B," 14 improved to a "C," 3 improved to a "D" and 5 remained an "F."

Source: Florida Department of Education

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

The number of "D" or "F" schools has declined 70% since 2015 and the number of "F" schools has declined 93% since 2015.



In 2019, there were a total of 172 "D" or "F" schools, down from 230 in 2018, 267 in 2017, 497 in 2016, and 573 in 2015. In 2019, there were a total of 15 "F" schools, down from 35 in 2018, 43 in 2017, 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://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 learning gains 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 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 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 State Board of Education rule that more specifically defines the school improvement rating calculation can be found at the following link: [Rule 6A-1.099822, F.A.C.](#)

School Improvement Rating Distribution: All Schools⁴

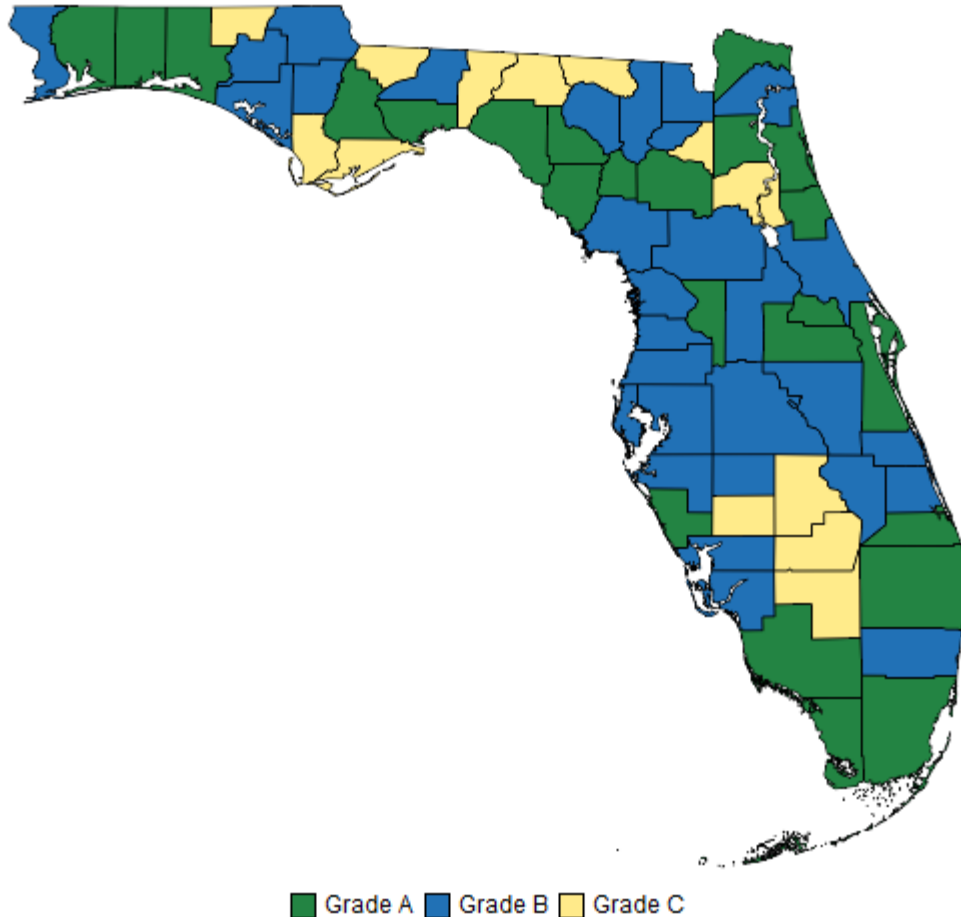
Rating	2018		2019		Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage Point
Commendable	66	24%	60	22%	-6	-2%
Maintaining	170	62%	173	63%	-13	1%
Unsatisfactory	37	14%	43	16%	6	2%
Total	273		276			

⁴ Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

District Grades for 2019

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

2019 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Counts)				
	A	B	C	D	F
ALACHUA	14	17	11	4	0
BAKER	2	2	1	0	0
BAY	15	9	12	3	0
BRADFORD	0	1	6	0	0
BREVARD	39	28	27	1	0
BROWARD	105	70	103	13	1
CALHOUN	1	3	1	0	0
CHARLOTTE	7	5	8	0	0
CITRUS	1	11	7	0	0
CLAY	27	13	3	1	0
COLLIER	25	16	11	3	0
COLUMBIA	7	3	4	0	0
MIAMI-DADE	203	130	99	6	0
DESOTO	0	0	5	0	0
DIXIE	1	2	1	0	0
DUVAL	54	41	54	21	2
ESCAMBIA	12	11	25	4	0
FLAGLER	3	6	2	0	0
FRANKLIN	0	1	1	0	0
GADSDEN	3	3	1	3	0
GILCHRIST	4	0	0	0	0
GLADES	1	1	3	0	0
GULF	0	1	3	0	0
HAMILTON	0	0	2	0	0
HARDEE	1	4	2	0	0
HENDRY	0	4	5	1	0
HERNANDO	5	7	13	0	0
HIGHLANDS	1	2	14	0	0
HILLSBOROUGH	68	59	99	27	7
HOLMES	0	1	5	0	0
INDIAN RIVER	7	7	10	0	0
JACKSON	2	3	6	0	0
JEFFERSON	0	0	2	1	0
LAFAYETTE	2	0	0	0	0
LAKE	10	14	21	1	1
LEE	27	35	34	0	0
LEON	14	10	16	3	0
LEVY	2	4	4	0	0
LIBERTY	1	2	0	0	0
MADISON	2	1	3	1	0

2019 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Counts)				
	A	B	C	D	F
MANATEE	21	19	18	2	0
MARION	4	15	30	2	0
MARTIN	11	7	3	0	0
MONROE	10	6	0	0	0
NASSAU	11	2	0	0	0
OKALOOSA	25	10	1	0	0
OKEECHOBEE	0	2	6	0	0
ORANGE	75	52	75	12	0
OSCEOLA	12	24	29	3	0
PALM BEACH	89	45	59	4	0
PASCO	30	21	34	3	0
PINELLAS	41	35	46	6	1
POLK	26	29	49	21	0
PUTNAM	2	1	15	2	1
ST. JOHNS	31	7	1	1	0
ST. LUCIE	7	21	11	2	0
SANTA ROSA	16	9	2	0	0
SARASOTA	34	10	4	1	0
SEMINOLE	29	22	11	0	0
SUMTER	3	2	3	0	0
SUWANNEE	2	1	4	0	0
TAYLOR	1	2	1	0	0
UNION	1	2	0	0	1
VOLUSIA	11	26	32	4	0
WAKULLA	4	2	1	1	0
WALTON	10	3	1	0	0
WASHINGTON	0	4	2	0	0
FLVS	1	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

2019 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Percentages) ⁵				
	A	B	C	D	F
ALACHUA	30%	37%	24%	9%	0%
BAKER	40%	40%	20%	0%	0%
BAY	38%	23%	31%	8%	0%
BRADFORD	0%	14%	86%	0%	0%
BREVARD	41%	29%	28%	1%	0%
BROWARD	36%	24%	35%	4%	0%
CALHOUN	20%	60%	20%	0%	0%
CHARLOTTE	35%	25%	40%	0%	0%
CITRUS	5%	58%	37%	0%	0%
CLAY	61%	30%	7%	2%	0%
COLLIER	45%	29%	20%	5%	0%
COLUMBIA	50%	21%	29%	0%	0%
MIAMI-DADE	46%	30%	23%	1%	0%
DESOTO	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
DIXIE	25%	50%	25%	0%	0%
DUVAL	31%	24%	31%	12%	1%
ESCAMBIA	23%	21%	48%	8%	0%
FLAGLER	27%	55%	18%	0%	0%
FRANKLIN	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
GADSDEN	30%	30%	10%	30%	0%
GILCHRIST	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
GLADES	20%	20%	60%	0%	0%
GULF	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%
HAMILTON	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
HARDEE	14%	57%	29%	0%	0%
HENDRY	0%	40%	50%	10%	0%
HERNANDO	20%	28%	52%	0%	0%
HIGHLANDS	6%	12%	82%	0%	0%
HILLSBOROUGH	26%	23%	38%	10%	3%
HOLMES	0%	17%	83%	0%	0%
INDIAN RIVER	29%	29%	42%	0%	0%
JACKSON	18%	27%	55%	0%	0%
JEFFERSON	0%	0%	67%	33%	0%
LAFAYETTE	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
LAKE	21%	30%	45%	2%	2%
LEE	28%	36%	35%	0%	0%
LEON	33%	23%	37%	7%	0%
LEVY	20%	40%	40%	0%	0%
LIBERTY	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
MADISON	29%	14%	43%	14%	0%

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2019 School Grades by District

District Name	School Grades within the District (Percentages) ⁵				
	A	B	C	D	F
MANATEE	35%	32%	30%	3%	0%
MARION	8%	29%	59%	4%	0%
MARTIN	52%	33%	14%	0%	0%
MONROE	63%	38%	0%	0%	0%
NASSAU	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%
OKALOOSA	69%	28%	3%	0%	0%
OKEECHOBEE	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%
ORANGE	35%	24%	35%	6%	0%
OSCEOLA	18%	35%	43%	4%	0%
PALM BEACH	45%	23%	30%	2%	0%
PASCO	34%	24%	38%	3%	0%
PINELLAS	32%	27%	36%	5%	1%
POLK	21%	23%	39%	17%	0%
PUTNAM	10%	5%	71%	10%	5%
ST. JOHNS	78%	18%	3%	3%	0%
ST. LUCIE	17%	51%	27%	5%	0%
SANTA ROSA	59%	33%	7%	0%	0%
SARASOTA	69%	20%	8%	2%	0%
SEMINOLE	47%	35%	18%	0%	0%
SUMTER	38%	25%	38%	0%	0%
SUWANNEE	29%	14%	57%	0%	0%
TAYLOR	25%	50%	25%	0%	0%
UNION	25%	50%	0%	0%	25%
VOLUSIA	15%	36%	43%	5%	0%
WAKULLA	50%	25%	13%	13%	0%
WALTON	71%	21%	7%	0%	0%
WASHINGTON	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%
FLVS	33%	33%	33%	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%

