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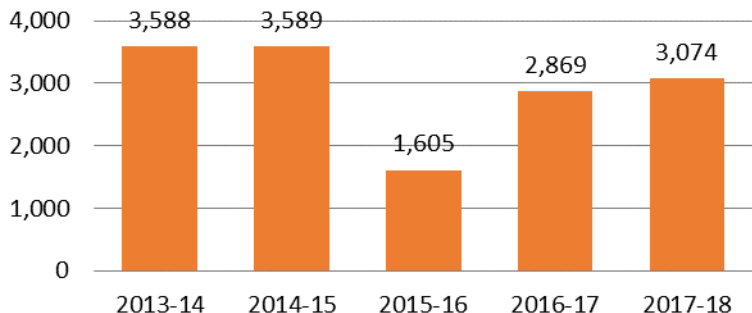
Opportunity Scholarship Program Public School Option

The purpose of the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP) is to provide enhanced opportunities for students to attend a high-quality public school. Florida’s OSP was the first program of its kind in the nation and allows students attending a low-performing public school to choose a higher-performing public school.

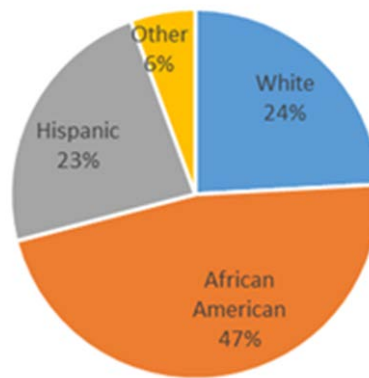
Students who are enrolled or assigned to attend a Florida public school that received a grade of “F” or three consecutive grades of “D” are eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship. In addition, students entering kindergarten or first grade who have been notified that their assigned school is failing may also be eligible to participate. Students who participate in the Opportunity Scholarship Program may then continue to attend the higher-performing public school feeder pattern until the student graduates from high school.

A total of 3,074 students remained enrolled in the public option of the OSP during the 2017-18 school year. Of those students, 79% were eligible for free or reduced price lunch. African-American students were among the largest population to participate at 47%, followed by White students at 24% and Hispanic students at 23%.

OSP Public School Option
Student Participation



OSP Race and Ethnicity



OSP Eligible Schools

For a list of OSP eligible schools and detailed information on the program, please visit the School Choice Web site at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/osp/>.

School Accountability Reports

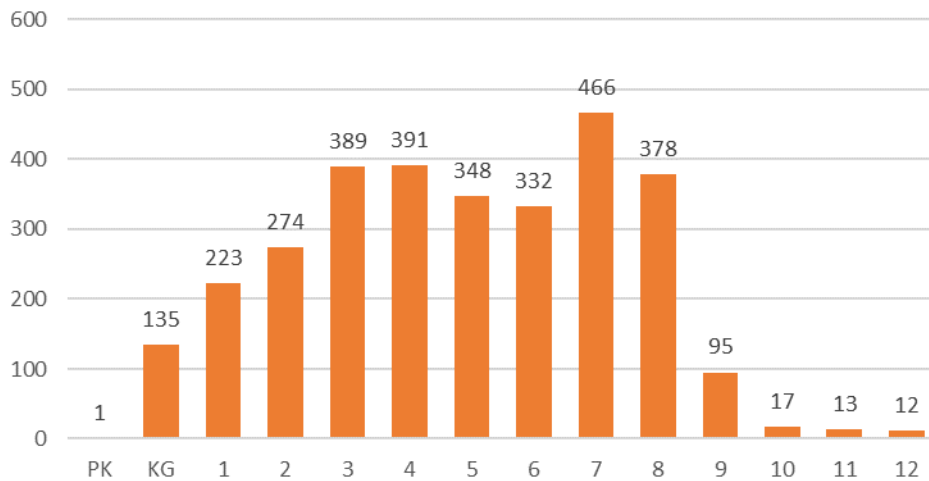
Please visit the Florida Department of Education’s Web site at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org> for School Accountability Reports including School Grades, School Improvement Ratings, and additional resources and reports.



OSP Public Option Participation by Districts, Public Schools, and Students

School Year	Participating School Districts	Participating Public Schools	OSP Students Enrolled in Participating Public Schools
2006-07	5	11	1,315
2007-08	8	21	1,305
2008-09	11	23	1,280
2009-10	9	19	1,431
2010-11	14	24	1,335
2011-12	33	161	4,424
2012-13	28	99	3,649
2013-14	27	93	3,588
2014-15	28	144	3,589
2015-16	16	192	1,605
2016-17	28	140	2,869
2017-18	25	91	3,074

OSP Students by Grade Level



OSP Program Requirements

Statutory References: s. 1002.38, F.S., Opportunity Scholarships
 s. 1001.42(20), F.S., related to district policies regarding OSP
 s. 1008.34(7) & s. 1008.34(7)(b)1., F.S., set 2014-15 school grades as a baseline

Eligibility Criteria: OSP allows parents to choose a higher-performing public school if their children attended a school the year in which it received a grade "F" or received its third consecutive "D".

Students who are assigned to attend such a school in the upcoming school year are also eligible to choose a higher-performing public school.

How to Participate

District Notification: School districts must notify parents of their options following the release of school grades.

Parent Initiation: Parents contact their local districts to enroll their child.