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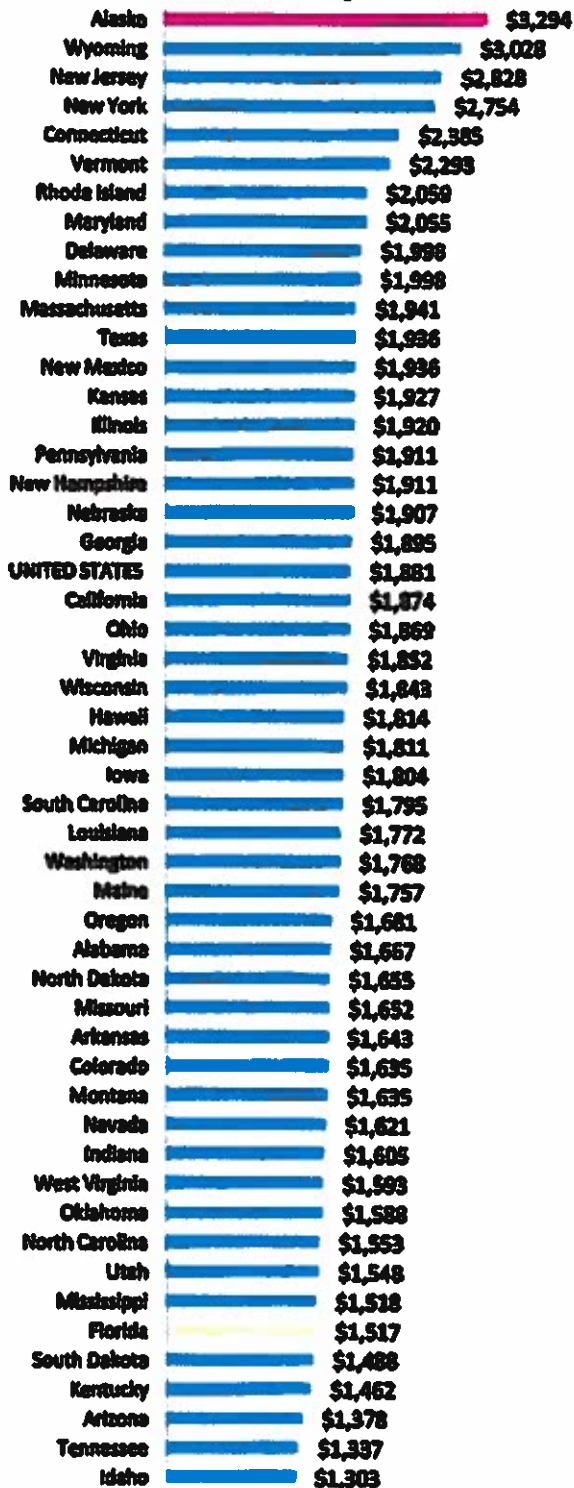
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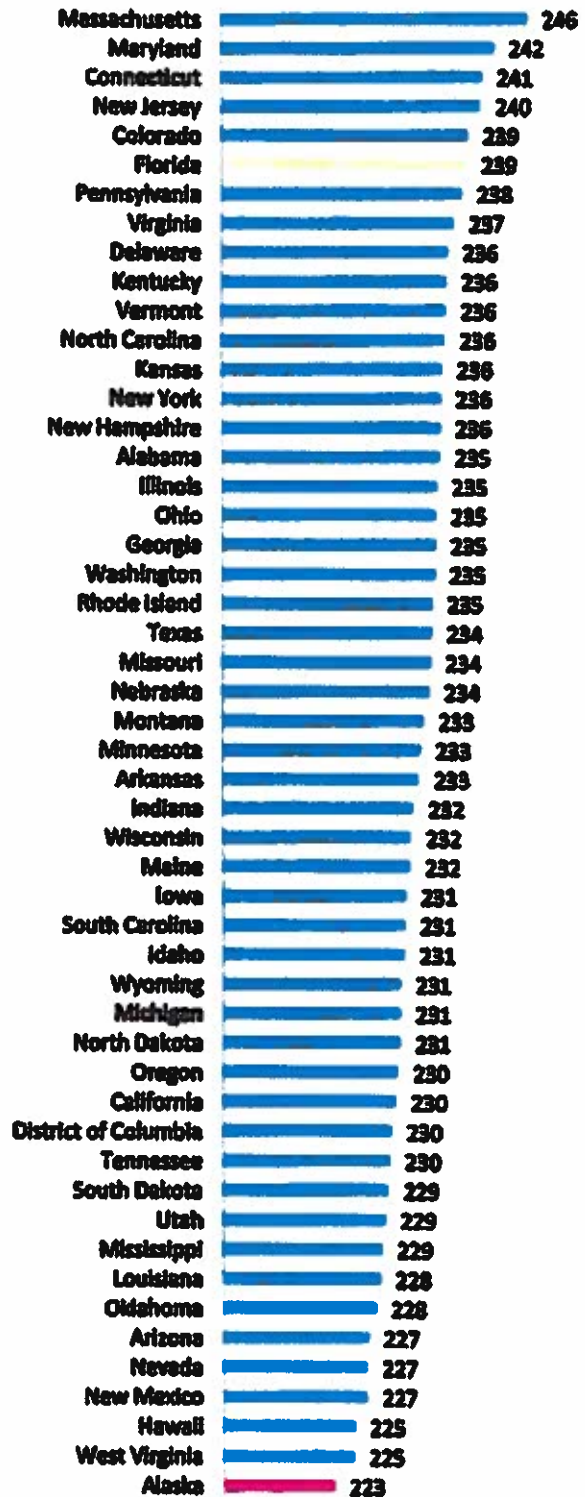
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Table H-8, 2012 NEA Rankings and Estimates



4th Grade Reading Scores Upper and Middle Income Students

2011 US Dept of Education, NAEP



Impacts of the A-F Grading System

Brings Clarity & Understanding

Encourages School Excellence

Motivates Improvement

Directs Media & Public Attention

Initiates Positive Statewide Competition

Sparks Community Wide Support

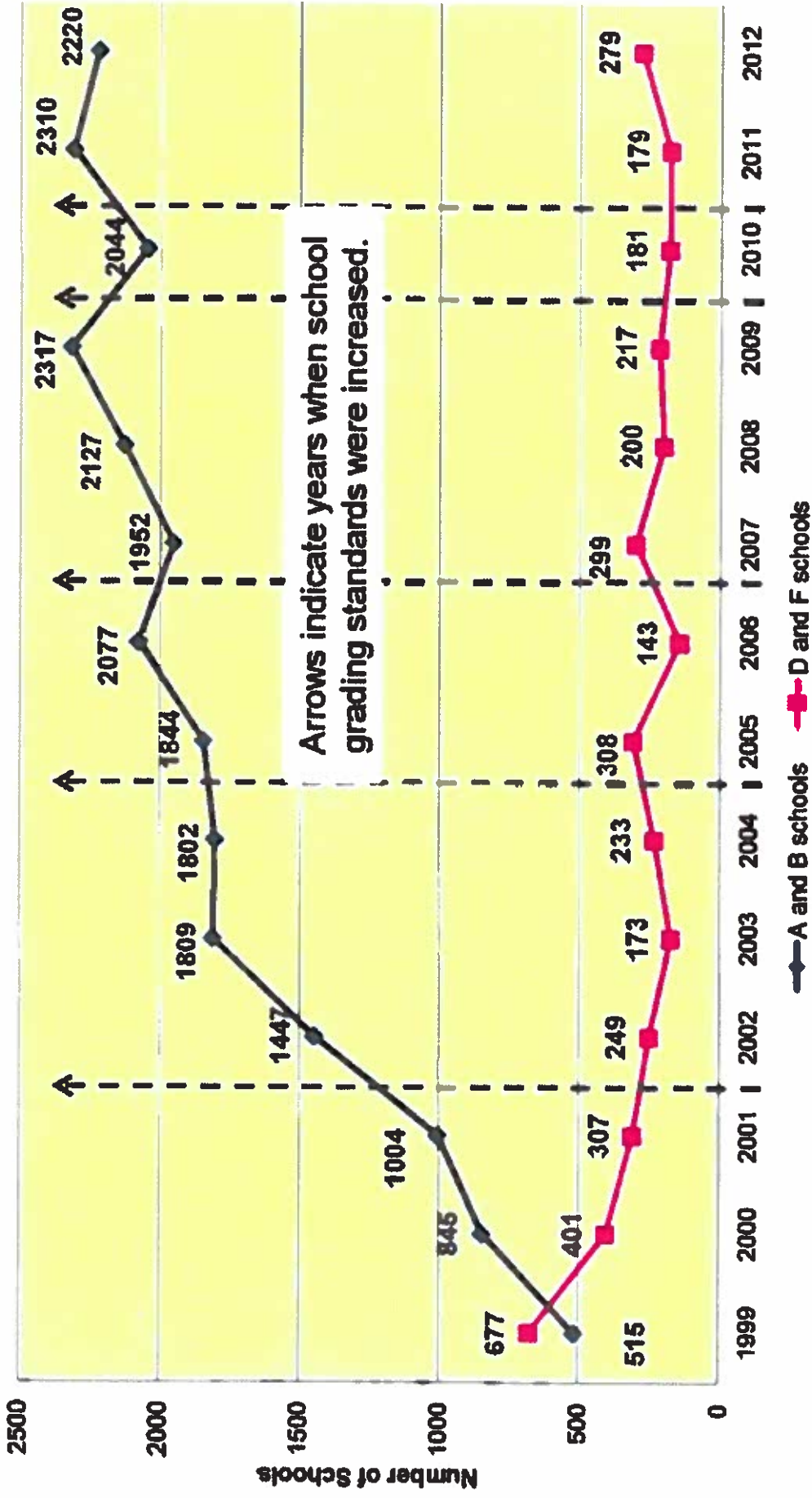
Increases Parent Involvement

Creates School Pride



Proven Results of the A-F Grading System

Florida School Grades 1999 - 2012



History of Florida's School Grades

1995: Florida Began "Grading" Schools:

- High Performing
- Performing
- Low-Performing
- Critically Low Performing

1998: Moved to Performance Levels: I, II, III, IV, V

1999: Adopted Letter Scale of A-F Grades



Florida's School Grades Based on Student Performance

School Grade is based primarily on students' performance on the FCAT.

- **Proficiency/Achievement: 50% of the grade**
 - Percent of all students performing on grade level.

- **Progress/Learning Gains: 50% of the grade**
 - Percent of students learning a year's worth of knowledge, regardless of whether they are on grade level.

 - Percent of lowest performing 25 percent students who are making a year's worth of progress.

**In 2010, high school grades began including graduation rates, at-risk student graduation rates, acceleration rates, college readiness rates*



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Grading Criteria

The department shall assign a performance designation based on two years of data collected under AS 14.03.123(f) as follows:

- (1) **50% Combined Student Achievement Data;**
(Reading, Writing, Math, & Existing Science Testing)
- (2) **25% Individual learning gains of all students;**
(Reading, Writing, & Math)
- (3) **25% Individual learning gains in reading and mathematics, if any, achieved by students who scored at or below the 25th percentile on the statewide standards-based assessment in reading or mathematics.**
(Reading & Math)

**Small schools with fewer than 20 full-time students will be exempt from this section.*



Current Performance Designation Statute

Sec. 14.03.123. School and District Accountability.

(f) In the accountability system for schools and districts required by this section, the department shall

(1) implement 20 U.S.C. 6301 - 7941 (Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965), as amended;

(2) implement state criteria and priorities for accountability including the use of

(A) measures of student performance on standards-based assessments in reading, writing, and mathematics, and including competency tests required under AS 14.03.075;

(B) measures of student improvement; and

(C) other measures identified that are indicators of student success and achievement; and

(3) to the extent practicable, minimize the administrative burden on districts.

(g) In this section,

(1) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990;

(2) "state public school system" means the combination of all public schools, public school districts, and state-operated schools.





What other states have A-F school grade policies and where they are on implementing them?

Though Florida was the first state to implement A-F school grades in 1999, a number of states and jurisdictions have adopted the A-F school grading system since then.

- A-F grades have been in practice in **Florida** since 1999. The formula evenly weighs growth and achievement.
- **New York City** implemented A-F school grades in 2007-08 under Joel Klein.
- In 2010-11, **Indiana** changed its performance descriptors from categorical to A-F; and, in 2011-12, they changed the formula for how schools earn the A-F letter grades.
- In 2010-11 **Arizona** first reported A-F school grades.
- In 2010-11 **Louisiana** also first reported A-F school grades
- **New Mexico** first reported A-F schools grades in 2010-11.
- **Mississippi** adopted A-F school grades in 2011-12, by changing their current categorical descriptors to A-F, a new formula is in development that should take effect in the 2012-13 school year with further refinements in planning stages for the 2013-14 school year.
- **Oklahoma** enacted A-F in 2011 and released the first set of grades for the 2011-2012 school year. The metrics give equal weight to student achievement and growth.
- **South Carolina** included A-F school grades in their ESEA Waiver application. The first grades rolled out in August 2012 in compliance with the waiver, but will require future legislation.
- **North Carolina** also adopted A-F school grades. North Carolina will issue school grades for the first time at the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year.
- **Utah** adopted A-F school grades in 2011 and will be rolling out the first grades after the 2012-13 school year.
- **Alabama** also adopted A-F school grades and will first report A-F results in 2013-14.
- **Ohio** also adopted A-F school grades in their ESEA Waiver application, the new grading policy was passed into law with reporting A-F beginning in 2014-15.

**** Virginia's legislature adopted A-F school grades in February, 2013 – the bill has yet to be signed by Governor McDonnell. The legislation requires the grading system and formula to be finalized by the state board of education in the fall of 2014. Schools would earn their first round of grades in the 2014-2015 school year. The Governor has been supportive of A-F school grading and has until March 25th to enact the proposal.**

Clear and Concise A-F School Report Card

This is a Simulated Sample Only

This 2012 report card is released in the initial phase of the A-F reform. No school identified under the new accountability system will face any new requirements than if they had been identified in the 2011-12 school year.

Simulated A-F Report Card Grades 6-8

District: EXAMPLE DISTRICT School: EXAMPLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Achievement (33%) *			
Subject	# of Students	Performance Index	Letter Grade
Language Arts	353	88	B
Mathematics	389	88	B
Science	115	96	A
Social Studies/History/Geography	171	94	A
Writing	111	94	A
Overall 2011 Student Performance Grade	1,139	90	A

Overall Student Growth (17%) **			
Subject	# of Students	Growth Index	Letter Grade
Language Arts	283	84	B
Mathematics	319	81	B
Overall 2011 Student Growth Grade	602	82	B

Bottom 25 Percent Growth (17%) ***			
Subject	# of Students	Growth Index	Letter Grade
Language Arts	53	51	F
Mathematics	48	38	F
Overall Bottom Quintile Growth Grade	101	45	F

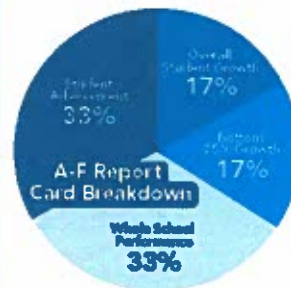
Whole-School Performance (23%) ****			
Student Attendance Rate		97%	A
Dropout Rate		0%	A
Advanced Coursework		27%	B
Bonus			
School Climate Survey	Y		
Parent & Community Engagement	N		
Total Community School Participation Grade			A
FINAL GRADE			B

B
3.15
GPA

School Performance Grading Scale

How is overall GPA (grade point average) determined for a school?

GPA Range	Letter Grade
3.75 - 4.0	A
2.75 - 3.74	B
1.75 - 2.74	C
0.75 - 1.74	D
Below 0.75	F



*Student Achievement: 33% of the overall grade is based on the Oklahoma School Testing Program assessments in grades three (3) through twelve (12).

**Overall Student Growth: 17% of the grade is based on annual student learning gains as measured by Oklahoma's annual standardized assessments in reading and mathematics in grades three (3) through eight (8), and Algebra I and English II end-of-instruction tests.

***Bottom 25 Percent Growth: 17% is based on the growth of the bottom 25 percent of students as measured by Oklahoma's annual standardized assessments in reading and mathematics in grades three (3) through eight (8), and Algebra I and English II end-of-instruction tests for the lowest 25 percent of students in the school.

****Whole School Performance: 33% of the final grade is based on whole school improvement, based on a variety of factors including attendance, dropout rate and parent & community engagement.

