# House Bill 151

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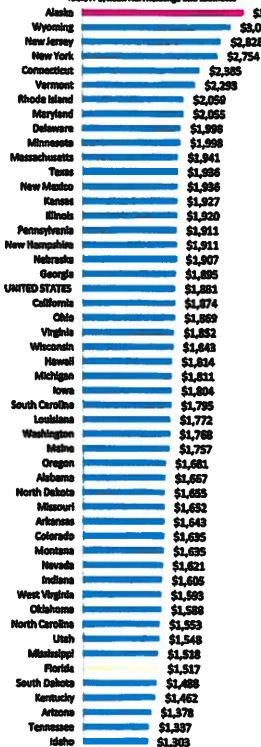
### **K-12 Education Spending Per Capita**

State and Local Spending Table H-8, 2012 NEA Renkings and Estimates

\$3,294

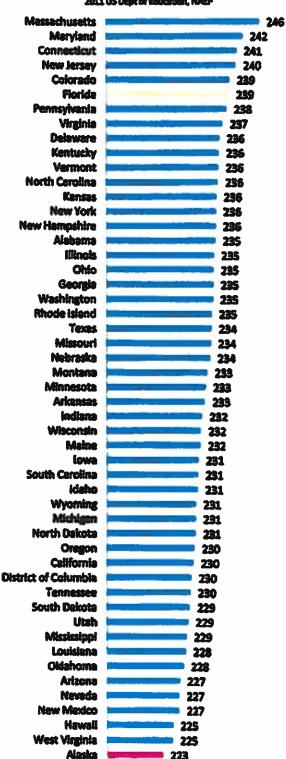
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### 4th Grade Reading Scores

Upper and Middle Income Students 2011 US Dept of Education, NASP



### **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** 

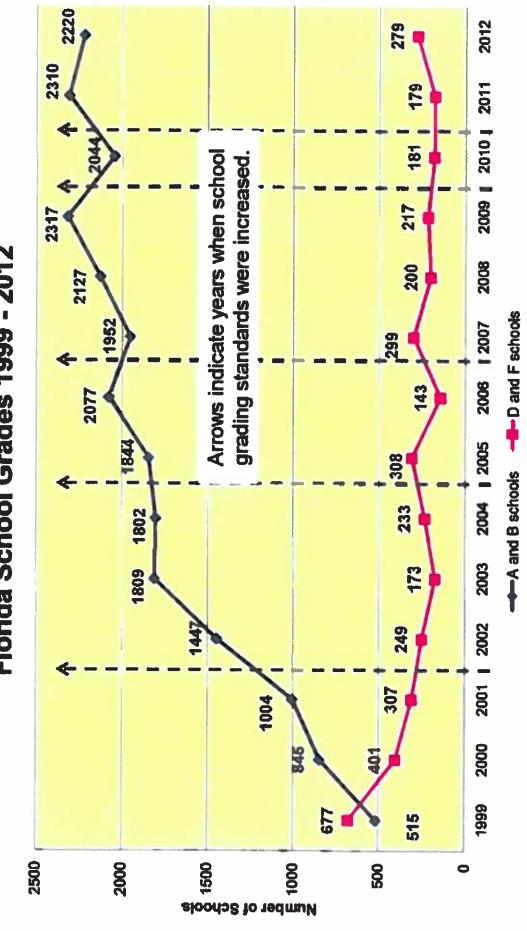
Creates School Pride





# 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 <u>primarily on students' performance</u> on the FCAT.

### • Proficiency/Achievement: 50% of the grade

> Percent of all students preforming 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 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





### "Parental Education Information Act"

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> percentile on the statewide standards-based assessment in reading or mathematics.

  (Reading & Math)





<sup>\*</sup>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 <u>AS 14.03.075</u>;
  - (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 <u>Florida</u> 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, <u>Indiana</u> 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.
- <u>Utah</u> 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.

<sup>\*\* &</sup>lt;u>Virginia's</u> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 achool year.

### Simulated A-F Report Card

District: EXAMPLE DISTRICT School: EXAMPLE MEDILE SCHOOL

Student Arhievement (33%) f			
Subject	# of Students	Performance index	Letter
Languago Arts	353	.88	В
Mathematics	389	88	8
Science	115	96	A
Social Studies/History/Geography	171	94	A
Witing	111	94	A
Overall 2011	1,139	90	A

1,139	90



### School Performance Grading Scale

How is overall GPA (grade point average)

GPA Range	Letter Grede
3.75 – 4.0	A
2.75 - 3.74	В
1.75 - 2.74	С
0.75 - 1.74	D
Below 0.75	F

	Overall
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Whole 33	

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Subject	# of Students	Growth Index	Letter Grade
Language Artz	283	84	В
Mathematics	319	81	В
Overali 2011 Student Growth Grade	602	82	В

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

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Whole School Performance (23)	9.111	No.	
Student Attendance Rate	AN COLOR	97%	A
Dropout Rate	Mary.	0%	A
Advanced Coursework	1048	27%	В
	Bonus		
School Climate Survey	Y		3.55
Parent & Community Engagement	N		
Total Community School Participation Grade			A
FINAL GRADE	4		R



