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NCLB SCHOOL PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data(indicators)designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and includes certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

October Membership

The following table provides information on the composition of the student population at the school, district, and state levels.

Racial/ Ethnic Group	Number of Students Enrolled in October		School %		District %		State %	
	Female	Male	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
WHITE	167	197	89.2	88.9	87.9	87.7	45.9	46.8
BLACK	14	21	8.6	8.5	8.7	8.6	23.1	23.1
HISPANIC	2	3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.9	24.7	24.2
ASIAN				.4	.1	.3	2.4	2.3
AM.INDIAN					.1	.1	.3	.3
MULTIRACIAL	1	3	1.0	.9	1.8	1.4	3.6	3.3
DISABLED	24	49	17.9	20.6	21.5	22.0	14.4	14.7
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	118	150	65.7	64.7	67.1	67.1	45.9	45.4
ELL				.6		.3	11.9	11.8
MIGRANT				.4		.5	.5	.7
FEMALE	184		45.1	48.1	48.2	49.4	48.7	48.6
MALE		224	54.9	51.9	51.8	50.6	51.3	51.4
TOTAL	408		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Florida requires that communities collaborate to prepare children and families for children's success in school. Kindergarten students were screened during the first 30 calendar days of the beginning of school using the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS). The FLKRS is made up of a subset of the Early Childhood Observation System (ECHOS)- an observational instrument that is used to monitor the skills, knowledge, and behaviors a student demonstrates or needs to develop- and two probes of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)- Letter Naming Fluency (LNF) and Initial Sound Fluency (ISF).

The benchmarks used in scoring for the ECHOS include the following:

- \* Consistently Demonstrating  
 ® The student is consistently demonstrating acquisition of this skill or behavior.
- \* Emerging/Progressing  
 ® The student is at an early stage of growth but appears to be showing growth towards the skill or behavior.
- \* Not Yet Demonstrating  
 ® The student is not exhibiting any learning in the benchmark.

The benchmarks used in scoring for the DIBELS are as follows:

- \* Above Average  
 ® At or above the 60th percentile
- \* Low Risk  
 ® At grade level
- \* Moderate Risk  
 ® Moderately below grade level and in need of additional intervention
- \* High Risk  
 ® Seriously below grade level and in need of substantial intervention

Category	Number of Students Evaluated and Where They were placed		School %		District %		State %	
	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
ECHOS Ready*			85	89	88	86		
ECHOS Not Ready			15	11	12	14		
Total ECHOS			100	100	100	100		
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DIBELS LNF Ready**			63	70	72	70		
DIBELS LNF Not Ready			37	30	28	30		
Total DIBELS LNF			100	100	100	100		
.....								
DIBELS ISF Ready**			53	64	65	63		
DIBELS ISF Not Ready			47	36	35	37		
Total DIBELS ISF			100	100	100	100		

\*To be considered "ready" on this measure, the student must score Consistently Demonstrating or Emerging/Progressing.

\*\*To be considered "ready" on either of these two measures, the student must score Above Average or Low Risk.

3 NOTE: Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole integer after individual categories are tabulated.

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GRADUATION RATE AND PREPARATION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Florida high schools strive to ensure that students graduate and are prepared to enter the workforce and postsecondary education.

Graduation rate (with special diploma recipients counted as non-graduates)

The graduation rate shows the percentage of students who graduated within four years of initial entry into ninth grade. Graduates include students who received a standard high school diploma or a State of Florida diploma earned through a GED Exit Option program. These results are used in the calculation of schools' Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

	School %		District %		State %	
	2006-07	2005-06	2006-07	2005-06	2006-07	2005-06
ALL STUDENTS	100.0		71.7	69.6	69.8	68.3
WHITE	100.0		74.6	73.5	78.9	77.6
BLACK			46.2	46.2	54.6	52.8
HISPANIC				25.0	63.6	61.2
ASIAN					82.4	82.5
AM. INDIAN					72.3	73.1
MULTIRACIAL				100.0	73.8	73.9
DISABLED	100.0		40.0	42.9	38.0	37.4
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	100.0		63.0	60.6	56.0	53.6
ELL					48.2	46.3
MIGRANT					48.2	42.9
FEMALE	100.0		77.6	71.8	73.9	72.5
MALE			65.2	67.2	65.8	64.2

Graduation rate (with GED-based diploma recipients counted as non-graduates)

This is a modified version of the graduation rate that counts the following diploma recipients as graduates: students who received a standard diploma; students with disabilities who completed the requirements of their individualized education plan (IEP) and received a special diploma. Students who were awarded a GED-based diploma are counted as non-graduates. These results are not used for the AYP calculation.

School %                      District %                      State %

2006-07 2005-06 2006-07 2005-06 2006-07 2005-06

ALL STUDENTS	100.0	75.0	70.4	70.0	68.9
WHITE	100.0	78.3	73.5	78.6	77.4
BLACK		46.2	53.8	56.9	55.3
HISPANIC			25.0	64.3	62.0
ASIAN				82.2	82.3
AM. INDIAN				71.8	73.1
MULTIRACIAL			100.0	72.3	73.0

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High school dropout rate

Dropouts are students who leave school before graduation and do not enroll in another institution or educational program before the end of the school year. Percentages show by race and gender the the proportion of students from the total 9-12 enrollment who dropped out of school.

Number of  
Students Who  
Dropped Out  
of School

School %

District %

State %

Racial/

Ethnic Group Female Male 2006-07 2005-06 2006-07 2005-06 2006-07 2005-06

WHITE					3.8	5.5	2.4	2.6
BLACK					7.2	7.9	4.7	4.7
HISPANIC					25.0		3.9	4.3
ASIAN							1.7	1.5
AM. INDIAN							2.6	3.1
MULTIRACIAL							2.3	2.6
FEMALE					3.9	4.6	2.9	3.1
MALE					4.9	6.5	3.7	3.8
TOTAL					4.4	5.6	3.3	3.5

College Placement Test Results

2006 high school graduates who passed college entry-level placement tests (reading, writing, and mathematics)

Shown in the table are the reported numbers of 2006 (calendar year) graduates who enrolled in Florida public community colleges or universities between May 2006 and April 2007, who entered a degree program, and who took college preparatory placement tests. Also shown are the number and percentage of students who passed these placement tests and who are considered ready for college courses in each academic area. Students who did not attend a Florida public community college or state university, such as those who attended out-of-state or private colleges and universities, are not included.

Racial/ Ethnic Group	Number of Graduates Who Took College Placement Reading Tests	Number Who Passed Reading Placement Tests	School %	District %	State %
WHITE*					
BLACK*					
HISPANIC*					
ASIAN*					
AM. INDIAN*					
UNKNOWN*					
FEMALE				61.5	77.2
MALE				78.5	77.8
UNKNOWN					
TOTAL				66.0	77.5

\* Additional information is available at <http://data.fldoe.org/perfcpt>.

Racial/ Ethnic Group	Number of Graduates Who Took College Placement Writing Tests	Number Who Passed Writing Placement Tests	School %	District %	State %
WHITE*					
BLACK*					
HISPANIC*					
ASIAN*					
AM. INDIAN*					
UNKNOWN*					
FEMALE				74.3	84.8
MALE				71.4	82.5
UNKNOWN					
TOTAL				73.6	83.9

Racial/ Ethnic Group	Graduates who Took College Placement Mathematics Tests	Number Who Passed Mathematics Placement Tests	School %	District %	State %
WHITE*					
BLACK*					
HISPANIC*					
ASIAN*					
AM. INDIAN*					
UNKNOWN*					
FEMALE				51.2	67.6
MALE				50.0	73.0
UNKNOWN					
TOTAL				50.9	70.0

\* Additional information is available at <http://data.fldoe.org/perfcpt>.

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**STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

Florida's students are expected to compete at the highest levels nationally and internationally and become prepared to make well-reasoned, thoughtful, and healthy lifelong decisions.

**Standardized Tests**

Although test scores should not be used to draw absolute conclusions about student learning and performance, they provide measured results of student progress toward educational goals. The tests administered to Florida students are described below.

**Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)**

The FCAT measures student performance in writing, reading, mathematics, and science. The FCAT has two main parts: one part consisting of tests that measure skills prescribed by the Sunshine State Standards and the other part consisting of norm-referenced tests that rank student performance on a percentile basis.

**Alternate Assessments for Students with Disabilities**

An alternate assessment for students with disabilities is a performance-based assessment designed to evaluate the progress of students with disabilities on the Sunshine State Standards for Special Diploma measures. Alternate assessments are used with students whose demonstrated cognitive functioning ability prevents them from achieving the Sunshine State Standards and who require extensive direct instruction in the areas of domestic, community living, leisure, and vocational activities.

**Alternate**

assessments for students with disabilities are given for writing/communication, reading, and math.

**Alternate Assessments for Students who are English Language Learners**

Students who are English Language Learners (ELL) and who have been in an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program for less than one year may be individually exempted from the FCAT.

In these limited circumstances, locally developed alternate assessments are used to evaluate the academic performance of the student. Alternate assessments for ELL students are given for writing, reading, and math.

**I. FCAT Sunshine State Standards Tests**

The FCAT Sunshine State Standards (SSS) tests measure student performance on selected benchmarks defined by the Sunshine State Standards. Students who take an alternate assessment have their results reported in categorical classifications that include the designation of "Proficient" so that their performance is counted with those of other students.

Note: Assessment results on the following tables reflect FCAT Sunshine State Standards data combined with alternate assessment data. Results show proficiency attainment for students who were in attendance during both semesters of the school year.

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**Writing Assessment**

For this assessment, students are given 45 minutes to read their assigned topic, plan what to write, and then write their responses. Scores range from 1.0 (lowest) to 6.0 (highest). Alternate assessments

have been merged with the FCAT scores for reporting purposes.

Writing Assessment Results  
 (FCAT Sunshine State Standards and Alternate Assessments)  
 Percent of Students Scoring 3 and Above  
 School %            District %            State %  
 2007-08 2006-07 2007-08 2006-07 2007-08 2006-07

ALL STUDENTS	100	91	93	89	92	93
WHITE	100	90	94	88	94	94
BLACK	N	93	88	89	90	90
HISPANIC	N	100	N	100	91	91
ASIAN	N	N	N	100	95	96
AM. INDIAN	N	N	N	N	93	94
MULTIRACIAL*	N	100	N	100	94	94
DISABLED	N	76	70	69	76	75
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	100	88	91	86	89	89
ELL	N	N	N	N	81	83
MIGRANT*	N	100	N	100	85	84
FEMALE*	100	97	95	95	95	95
MALE*	100	85	90	83	89	90

\* Indicates subgroups not included as separate sub-populations in the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculation.

Note: An "N" indicates that no test results were reported.

Reading and Mathematics Assessments

On the FCAT SSS reading and mathematics tests, students can attain one of five possible achievement levels, ranging from Level 1 (lowest) to Level 5 (highest).

Student Achievement Level Descriptions

Level 5: Performance at this level indicates that the student has success with the most challenging content of the Sunshine State Standards. A Level 5 student answers most of the test questions correctly, including the most challenging questions.

Level 4: Performance at this level indicates that the student has success with the challenging content of the Sunshine State Standards. A Level 4 student answers most of the test questions correctly but may only have some success with questions that reflect the most challenging content.

Level 3: Performance at this level indicates that the student has partial success with the challenging content of the Sunshine State Standards, but performance is inconsistent. A Level 3 student answers many of the test questions correctly but is generally less successful with questions that are most challenging.

Level 2: Performance at this level indicates that the student has limited success with the challenging content of the Sunshine State Standards.

Level 1: Performance at this level indicates that the student has little success with the challenging content of the Sunshine State Standards.

Results of alternate assessments have been merged with the FCAT scores for reporting purposes.

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Mathematics Assessment Results  
(FCAT Sunshine State Standards and Alternate Assessments)  
Percent of Students Scoring 3 and Above

	School %			District %			State %		
	2007-08 Results	State Objective	% Not Tested	2007-08 Results	State Objective	% Not Tested	2007-08 Results	State Objective	% Not Tested
ALL STUDENTS	60	62	2	67	62	3	66	62	3
WHITE	62	62	2	69	62	3	76	62	3
BLACK	N	62	0	N	62	5	47	62	3
HISPANIC	N	62	N	N	62	N	61	62	2
ASIAN	N	62	N	N	62	N	85	62	2
AM. INDIAN	N	62	N	N	62	N	71	62	3
MULTIRACIAL*	N	62	N	N	62	N	70	62	3
DISABLED	39	62	4	47	62	5	38	62	4
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	53	62	3	62	62	3	54	62	2
ELL	N	62	N	N	62	N	47	62	2
MIGRANT*	N	62	N	N	62	N	49	62	3
FEMALE*	63	62	2	69	62	3	66	62	2
MALE*	57	62	1	65	62	4	66	62	3

\* Indicates subgroups not included as separate sub-populations in the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculation.

Note: An "N" indicates that no test results were reported.

Reading Assessment Results  
(FCAT Sunshine State Standards and Alternate Assessments)  
Percent of Students Scoring 3 and Above

	School %			District %			State %		
	2007-08 Results	State Objective	% Not Tested	2007-08 Results	State Objective	% Not Tested	2007-08 Results	State Objective	% Not Tested
ALL STUDENTS	59	58	2	56	58	3	60	58	3
WHITE	60	58	2	58	58	3	71	58	3
BLACK	N	58	0	N	58	4	42	58	3
HISPANIC	N	58	N	N	58	N	53	58	2
ASIAN	N	58	N	N	58	N	75	58	2
AM. INDIAN	N	58	N	N	58	N	64	58	3
MULTIRACIAL*	N	58	N	N	58	N	68	58	3
DISABLED	22	58	4	34	58	5	34	58	4
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	52	58	2	52	58	3	48	58	2

ELL	N	58	N	N	58	N	37	58	2
MIGRANT*	N	58	N	N	58	N	36	58	3
FEMALE*	64	58	2	61	58	2	62	58	2
MALE*	54	58	1	52	58	3	58	58	3

\* Indicates subgroups not included as separate sub-populations in the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculation.

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Assessment Results by Grade: Percent Scoring at Level 3 or Above

(FCAT Sunshine State Standards and Alternate Assessments)

School	Reading		Math	
	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
Grade 3				
Grade 4				
Grade 5				
Grade 6	59	57	43	45
Grade 7	59	70	61	64
Grade 8	59	44	75	57
Grade 9		100		100
Grade 10				

District	Reading		Math	
	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
Grade 3	82	77	85	79
Grade 4	60	72	81	67
Grade 5	61	75	56	53
Grade 6	59	56	44	45
Grade 7	60	69	61	63
Grade 8	59	43	75	57
Grade 9	37	35	63	50
Grade 10	35	24	67	64

State Totals	Reading		Math	
	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
Grade 3	73	69	77	74
Grade 4	70	69	71	69
Grade 5	68	72	62	59
Grade 6	64	62	53	51
Grade 7	65	63	61	60
Grade 8	54	49	67	63
Grade 9	47	42	66	61

Grade 10 | 38 34 | 68 65  
 Note: An "N" indicates that no test results were reported.

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II. FCAT Norm-Referenced Test (NRT)\*

The FCAT NRT measures student achievement on a test that was given to a national sample of students. Percentile scores on a norm-referenced test show a student's performance in relation to the performance of students in the national sample. For example, a score in the 60th percentile means the student has scored higher than 60% of the students in the national sample.

NRT Reading, Mathematics

The median national percentile rank (NPR) represents the middle percentile score of the students for whom results are presented. A median NPR of 50 equals the national average.

NRT Results

Subject (Grade)	Number Tested*		Median National Percentile Rank		
	School		School	District	State
Reading (Gr. 3)				63	60
Mathematics (Gr. 3)				70	63
Reading (Gr. 4)				64	69
Mathematics (Gr. 4)				71	71
Reading (Gr. 5)				66	73
Mathematics (Gr. 5)				65	77
Reading (Gr. 6)	123	56	56	67	65
Mathematics (Gr. 6)	122	67	67	68	71
Reading (Gr. 7)	152	68	68	68	70
Mathematics (Gr. 7)	154	72	72	72	72
Reading (Gr. 8)	114	66	66	66	68
Mathematics (Gr. 8)	114	75	75	75	74
Reading (Gr. 9)	1	#	56	67	67
Mathematics (Gr. 9)	1	#	67	63	73
Reading (Gr. 10)			63	63	71
Mathematics (Gr. 10)			53	53	63

\*A pound sign(#) in a cell indicates suppressed data where fewer than 10 students were tested.

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FCAT Results for Reading															
Percentage of Students Scoring at Each FCAT Achievement Level, 2007-08															
GRADE N\A	School %					District %					State %				
	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
ALL STUDENTS	017	024	033	020	006	021	023	029	022	006	020	020	031	021	007
WHITE	016	024	032	022	006	019	023	028	024	006	012	017	033	027	011
BLACK	034	028	034	003	000	048	020	027	005	000	033	026	028	011	002
HISPANIC	000	000	060	020	020	013	031	044	006	006	003	028	040	023	006
ASIAN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	010	014	030	029	016
AM.INDIAN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	016	020	034	023	008
MULTIRACIAL*	000	000	100	000	000	022	011	056	011	000	009	012	058	016	006
DISABLED	052	028	018	002	000	050	021	023	004	002	049	021	021	008	002
ECO. DISADV.	022	026	032	017	003	025	024	029	019	004	028	023	030	015	003
ELL	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	052	021	021	006	001
MIGRANT*	075	000	025	000	000	032	011	037	016	005	038	025	027	009	001
FEMALE*	015	020	035	022	007	018	022	029	024	007	018	020	032	022	008
MALE	019	027	032	018	005	025	024	028	019	004	022	020	031	020	007

FCAT Results for Math															
Percentage of Students Scoring at Each FCAT Achievement Level, 2007-08															
GRADE N\A	School %					District %					State %				
	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
ALL STUDENTS	020	021	032	019	008	015	020	034	024	008	015	019	032	024	010
WHITE	017	021	033	021	008	013	019	034	026	009	009	015	032	030	014
BLACK	044	028	022	006	000	029	027	032	009	002	027	027	030	013	003
HISPANIC	020	000	060	020	000	013	038	044	006	000	017	021	033	021	007
ASIAN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	005	010	025	033	027
AM.INDIAN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	012	018	033	026	011
MULTIRACIAL*	050	000	050	000	000	033	011	022	022	011	007	012	058	016	007
DISABLED	038	024	030	008	000	032	026	028	010	005	041	024	023	010	003
ECO. DISADV.	027	021	031	016	004	018	021	035	020	006	022	024	032	017	005
ELL	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	036	026	025	010	002
MIGRANT*	050	000	050	000	000	032	016	021	032	000	022	025	034	016	003
FEMALE*	018	019	035	021	007	013	019	035	026	008	018	020	032	022	008
MALE	022	022	031	017	008	016	020	033	022	008	016	018	031	024	011

FCAT Results for Science															
Percentage of Students Scoring at Each FCAT Achievement Level, 2007-08															
GRADE 05	School %					District %					State %				
	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5

ALL STUDENTS	032	032	028	006	001	023	033	032	009	003
WHITE	030	031	030	007	002	013	030	040	013	004
BLACK	063	025	013	000	000	041	037	019	002	000
HISPANIC	040	060	000	000	000	027	036	029	006	001
ASIAN	N	N	N	N	N	013	026	038	017	006
AM.INDIAN	N	N	N	N	N	019	034	035	010	002
MULTIRACIAL*	050	000	050	000	000	018	035	035	009	003
DISABLED	058	024	018	000	000	045	032	019	003	001
ECO. DISADV.	040	033	024	003	000	033	037	025	004	001
ELL	N	N	N	N	N	054	033	012	001	000
MIGRANT*	033	067	000	000	000	037	041	019	002	001
FEMALE*	033	034	027	005	001	024	035	031	008	002
MALE	031	028	031	009	002	022	032	033	010	003

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FCAT Results for Science

Percentage of Students Scoring at Each FCAT Achievement Level, 2007-08

School %					District %					State %				
L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5

GRADE 08															
ALL STUDENTS	024	038	033	004	000	024	038	033	004	000	027	033	031	007	002
WHITE	024	037	036	004	000	024	037	036	004	000	016	031	039	011	003
BLACK	043	057	000	000	000	043	057	000	000	000	046	035	017	002	000
HISPANIC	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	033	035	026	005	001
ASIAN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	012	027	041	014	006
AM.INDIAN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	020	035	035	007	003
MULTIRACIAL*	000	000	100	000	000	000	100	000	000	000	021	034	035	008	002
DISABLED	000	036	045	018	000	009	091	000	000	000	059	026	013	002	000
ECO. DISADV.	011	020	037	024	009	029	040	026	005	000	039	035	022	003	001
ELL	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	070	024	006	000	000
MIGRANT*	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	050	034	015	001	000
FEMALE*	024	033	040	004	000	024	033	040	004	000	027	036	030	006	002
MALE	026	044	026	004	000	026	044	026	004	000	026	030	033	009	002

FCAT Results for Science

Percentage of Students Scoring at Each FCAT Achievement Level, 2007-08

School %					District %					State %				
L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5

GRADE 11															
ALL STUDENTS						020	036	039	006	000	029	033	031	006	001
WHITE						019	036	039	005	000	017	032	040	009	001
BLACK						025	033	033	008	000	049	035	015	001	000
HISPANIC						000	100	000	000	000	036	035	025	004	000
ASIAN						N	N	N	N	N	017	028	042	011	002

AM. INDIAN	N	N	N	N	N	018	037	035	009	001
MULTIRACIAL*	N	N	N	N	N	021	034	037	007	001
DISABLED	057	029	014	000	000	062	024	012	001	000
ECO. DISADV.	028	037	031	005	000	042	034	020	002	000
ELL	N	N	N	N	N	075	020	005	000	000
MIGRANT*	000	100	000	000	000	049	033	015	002	000
FEMALE*	016	045	033	006	000	029	038	029	004	000
MALE	023	027	045	005	000	028	029	034	008	001

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SCHOOL SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

Schools and communities must provide an environment that is drug free and protects the health, safety, and civil rights of everyone in the school.

School Environmental Safety: Reported Incidents\*

The most recent full-year school-level data on reported incidents are available at the Florida School Indicators Report website at <http://data.fldoe.org/fsir>. (See "Incidents of Crime and Violence.") District-level reports are available at [www.firn.edu/doe/besss/sesir.htm](http://www.firn.edu/doe/besss/sesir.htm).

The No Child Left Behind Act provides for an Unsafe School Choice Option, which ensures that students who attend a school that has been identified as persistently dangerous are allowed the option of attending another school within the same district.

For the 2007-08 school year, no Florida public school was identified as persistently dangerous.\*

\*pending review of complete full-year data

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TEACHERS AND STAFF

Schools, districts, and the state ensure that teachers and staff are professionally qualified. School boards must provide a learning environment conducive to teaching and learning.

New staff

The table shows the number and percentage of instructional staff and school-based administrators who were newly hired at this school in 2007-08.

Staff Type	Total Number for 2007-08	Number Newly Hired for 2007-08	School %	District %	State %
Instructional Staff	29	5	17.2	16.3	19.6
School-Based Administrators	2	0	0.0	22.2	20.1
Total	31	5	16.1	16.7	19.7

The Professional Qualifications of Teachers

Degree Level

This table shows the number and percentage of teachers at each degree level.

Degree Level	Number	School %		District %		State %	
		2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
Bachelor's Degree	20	71.4	81.5	72.2	75.6	66.0	66.1
Master's Degree	8	28.6	18.5	27.1	22.1	30.9	31.1
Specialist Degree					.8	2.1	1.9
Doctorate				.8	1.5	1.0	.9
Total All Degrees	28	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Percentage of Teachers Teaching with Emergency or Provisional Credentials

All Florida teachers are certified, although some teachers may be temporarily assigned to areas outside their field of specialization. Data on classes taught by teachers out of field is provided in the following table.

In-Field and Out-of-Field Teachers

The following chart shows the percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers teaching in-field compared to the percentage of classes taught by teachers teaching out-of-field. When a teacher in a

district school system is assigned teaching duties in a class dealing with subject matter that is outside the field in which the teacher is certified, outside the field that was the applicant's minor field of study, or outside the field in which the applicant has demonstrated sufficient subject area expertise, as determined by district school board policy in the subject area to be taught, that teacher is teaching "out-of-field." Core academic subjects are English, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics, government, economics, arts, history, and geography.

	School %	District %	State %
Percentage of Classes with Teachers Teaching In-Field	92.0	90.9	91.2
Percentage of Classes with Teachers Teaching Out-of-Field	8.0	9.1	8.8

Classes Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

The chart below shows the percentage of classes not taught by "Highly Qualified Teachers" in core academic subjects as defined in federal statute. A highly qualified teacher has earned at least a bachelor's degree and holds a Florida teaching certificate with appropriate certification for each core academic area of assignment. Core academic subjects are English, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics, government, economics, arts, history, and geography.

	School %		District %		State %		
	All Schools	High Poverty Schools*	High Poverty Schools*	Low Poverty Schools*	All Schools	High Poverty Schools*	Low Poverty Schools*
Classes not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	24.1	16.7	7.6	0.0	9.1	10.1	8.8

\* High poverty schools are schools ranking in the top 25% of schools based on the percentage of students eligible for free/reduced-price lunch. Low poverty schools rank in the bottom quartile of schools based on free/reduced-price lunch eligibility. That is, low poverty schools have the lowest enrollment in free/reduced-price lunch as a percentage of total membership.

FLORIDA SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE AND ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP)

School Performance Grade

Public schools in Florida are graded annually based on student performance on the FCAT and the percentage of students making learning gains. Schools are assigned a letter grade (A through F)

corresponding with their rated performance, with grade A representing the highest performance rating and grade F representing a failed rating. A rating of "I" indicates that grading is incomplete. A grade of N indicates that the school is not graded. While the vast majority of Florida's schools receive a performance grade, certain types of schools are exempt from grading, including exceptional student education (ESE) centers and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities.

2007-08 School Performance Grade\*: A

\* Certain school grades may be subject to modification pending appeal.

For more information on school grades and grading procedures, contact your principal's office or your local school board, or visit the web page at <http://schoolgrades.fl DOE.org>.

NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report

Federal NCLB legislation requires schools to report Adequate Yearly Progress based on annual objectives for students in reading, mathematics, and writing, as well as the high school graduation rate. A separate report that presents and explains AYP results for your school, your school district, and the state is distributed in conjunction with this document and is also available from the office of your school's principal and/or your local school board. The AYP report also includes information on schools identified for school improvement. Detailed information on school, district, and state AYP is available at <http://schoolgrades.fl DOE.org/default.asp>.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL NCLB LEGISLATION

A. Notice of School Improvement Status and Options

School districts are responsible for identifying Title I schools as schools in need of improvement when they fail to make AYP in consecutive years. School districts must notify parents when their child's school has been identified for school improvement, for corrective action, or for restructuring. The school district must also include an explanation of the parents' option to transfer their child to another public school, with transportation provided when required, or to obtain supplemental educational services. Sec.1116(b)(6).

School improvement status is indicated by the school performance grade included herein and AYP status.

B. State's Obligation To Assist Schools and Districts in Reporting

The Department of Education shall ensure that each school district collects appropriate data and includes in each school's annual report the information included in the state annual report card as well as the number of schools identified for school improvement and how long the schools have been so identified. Sec. 1111(h)(2)(B).

C. Notice of Local Education Agency (LEA) Improvement Status

Parents of students attending a school in a district identified for improvement are entitled to know why the school district was identified for improvement. The state is responsible for providing an explanation to parents in an easily understood format. The explanation must include information on how parents can assist in the improvement efforts. Sec. 1116(c)(6)

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Additional required information is included in the accompanying Adequate Yearly Progress Report.

Additional statistics and information of interest may be found in the Florida School Indicators

Report on the department's website at [www.fl DOE.org](http://www.fl DOE.org) or at <http://data.fl DOE.org/fsir>.

Notice of Availability of School Financial Report

For information on revenues and expenditures for your school and district, contact your local school board or your school's administrative office. An online listing of district offices is available at [http://www.fl DOE.org/schools/schoolmap/flash/district\\_list.asp](http://www.fl DOE.org/schools/schoolmap/flash/district_list.asp). A directory of schools is also available

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[http://www.fldoe.org/schools/schoolmap/flash/schoolmap\\_text.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/schools/schoolmap/flash/schoolmap_text.asp).

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