


MEMORANDUM

December 11, 2023

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES

Today, the Florida Department of Education released the 2022-2023 School Performance Grades for all schools, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is again an A-rated district. M-DCPS is the only large district to receive a district-wide A rating on the 2023 Baseline School Grades. In addition, based on the number of total points earned, the District was ranked ninth among the state's 67 districts.

The results released today are considered Baseline Grades for 2023 as the student growth components could not be included, given the adoption of a new assessment system including new test scoring scales and achievement levels that were adopted by the State Board of Education on October 18, 2023. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the state transitioned to a Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring Program, the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in English Language Arts (ELA) kindergarten through grade 10 and Mathematics, kindergarten through grade 8. While these assessments are administered three times a year in the fall, winter, and spring, scores for students in grades 3 and up during the spring administration (progress monitoring period 3, or PM3) are used for accountability purposes in the calculation of school grades.

The release of the 2022-2023 Baseline Grades was delayed from the traditional release time in June/July timeframe to conduct the multi-stage Standard Setting process. This process was required to define new achievement levels to address the more rigorous new state standards in ELA and mathematics, the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.). The grades released today reflect those new achievement levels along with those approved for the new B.E.S.T. End-of-Course assessments in Algebra 1 and Geometry. The new achievement levels can range from 1 to 5 with Level 3 representing On-Grade-Level performance, and Levels 4 and 5 representing Proficiency in grade level content.

In addition to the adoption of a new testing system, the release today also reflects an adjustment in the calculation of school grades. First, no growth components will be available for the 2022-2023 informational baseline school grades due to the transition from the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) to the FAST. And secondly, as part of the transition to the new assessments, it is important to note that the schools were ranked according to their respective school types during the calculation of the 2022-2023 baseline grades. This means that each school was evaluated and compared to others within its specific category, such as elementary, middle, or high school. Therefore, the school grades for 2022-2023 are considered informational baseline grades, set so that the percentage of schools that earn an A, B, C, D and F is statistically equivalent to the

2021-2022 statewide school grades results. There are to be no adverse outcomes associated with these grades since they are solely for informational purposes.

Following is a summary of the School Performance Grades for Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 2022-2023:

- M-DCPS is the only large district to receive a district-wide A rating on the 2023 Baseline School Grades.
- M-DCPS was ranked #9 among the state's 67 districts, based on the number of total points earned toward the District grade.
- Overall, 98% of M-DCPS schools received Baseline School Grades of A, B, or C in 2023:
 - 44% received grades of A
 - 27% received grades of B
 - 27% received grades of C
- No traditional M-DCPS schools received a grade of F in 2023

The 2022-2023 School Performance Grades can be found on the following website: <https://arda.dadeschools.net/#!/rightColumn/2668>.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Lourdes Diaz, Chief Academic Officer, Office of Academics and Transformation, at 305 995-1497.

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Attachment

cc: General Counsel
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Superintendent's Senior Staff

Table 1
2022-23 Baseline District Grades
Large & Neighboring Districts

District Name	Baseline Grade 2023
MIAMI-DADE	A
Palm Beach	B
Duval	B
Orange	B
Hillsborough	B
Broward	B
Monroe	B

Table 2
2022-23 Baseline District Grades
A-Rated Districts

District Name	Total Points Earned	Percent of Total Possible Points	Baseline Grade 2023
Lafayette	545	78	A
St. Johns	528	75	
Walton	524	75	
Nassau	518	74	
Sarasota	504	72	
Collier	495	71	
Liberty	488	70	
Gilchrist	486	69	
MIAMI-DADE	480	69	
Wakulla	480	69	
Clay	479	68	
Seminole	479	68	
Indian River	477	68	
Sumter	475	68	
Okaloosa	473	68	
Santa Rosa	473	68	

Table 3
School Performance Grade Distributions, 2021-22 and 2022-23
Elementary, Middle, Senior High, and Combination Schools (M-DCPS and Charter Schools Reported Combined and Separately)

School Level	Total Number of Schools		A		B		C		D		F		I**		
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	
Elementary	205	204	110	86	49	58	45	52	1	6	0	1	0	1	
Middle	72	77	27	26	20	18	25	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Senior	80	83	41	35	16	20	23	19	0	1	0	0	0	8	
Combination	101	106	61	54	20	28	16	21	0	0	1	0	3	3	
All levels	M-DCPS	329	330	157	123	86	97	84	97	1	5	0	0	1	8
	Charter	129	140	82	78	19	27	25	27	0	3	1	1	2	4
	Total	458	470	239	201	105	124	109	124	1	8	1	1	3	12
	Percent Total	100%	100%	53%	44%	23%	27%	24%	27%	0%	2%	0%	<1%	--	--

* The 2021-22 counts and percentages displayed in this document reflect differences from original values published previously because of the inclusion of the school grades of some schools that had been previously denoted as Incomplete.

** Schools receiving an "Incomplete" are not included in the percent total.

Table 4
School Performance Grade Distributions, 2021-22 and 2022-23
Percent of Schools Receiving Each School Performance Grade
Florida and Selected Districts

District	Number of Schools		A			B			C			D			F		
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	Difference	21-22	22-23	Difference	21-22	22-23	Difference	21-22	22-23	Difference	21-22	22-23	Difference
Miami-Dade	458	470	53%	44%	-9	23%	27%	4	24%	27%	3	0%	2%	2	0%	<1%	-
Broward	296	295	37%	29%	-8	25%	21%	-4	33%	43%	10	3%	7%	4	1%	<1%	-
Duval	175	178	25%	30%	5	20%	16%	-4	43%	44%	1	10%	8%	-2	1%	3%	2
Hillsborough	265	267	28%	28%	0	23%	16%	-7	41%	42%	1	6%	12%	6	1%	2%	1
Orange	223	231	31%	38%	7	29%	25%	-4	36%	36%	0	3%	1%	-2	1%	0%	-1
Palm Beach	198	201	38%	36%	-2	20%	18%	-2	36%	33%	-3	5%	12%	7	1%	1%	0
FLORIDA	3407	3444	32%	33%	1	25%	25%	0	37%	36%	-1	5%	5%	0	1%	1%	0

Note. Total number of schools includes "Incomplete" designations, but percentage per grade is calculated only on the number receiving grades of A through F. Excludes Alternative and ESE Schools.

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