

1999-2005

Results		
Education in Florida	Before the A+ Plan (1998-99)	Now (2004-05)
School Grades —More schools are improving, even after we raised the bar in 2001.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 202 As; 313 Bs; 1230 Cs; 601 Ds; 76 Fs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1255 As; 588 Bs; 619 Cs; 230 Ds; 78 Fs
Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) —More students are reading on grade level, and we are closing the achievement gap.	<u>4th Graders Reading on Grade Level</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51% of all students 23% of African-American students 37% of Hispanic students 	<u>4th Graders Reading on Grade Level</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 71% of all students 56% of African-American students 66% of Hispanic students
National Assessment of Educational Progress —Florida surpassed the national average in 4 th grade reading and posts impressive results in writing.	<u>4th Grade Reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Median score: 206 Median for African-American students: 186 Median for Hispanic students: 198 <u>4th Grade Writing (1998)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida did not participate 	<u>4th Grade Reading (2005)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Median score: 219 Median for African-American students: 203 Median for Hispanic students: 215 <u>4th Grade Writing (2003)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida ranked 8th in the nation
Number of High School Students taking PSAT — More students taking the PSAT in Florida than ever before—we lead the nation in minority test takers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 43,184 total test takers 4,459 total African-American test takers 5,621 total Hispanic test takers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 135,353 sophomore test takers 29,086 African-American test takers (up 552.3% since 1999) 29,631 Hispanic test takers (up 427.1% since 1999)
Number of High School Students taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses — Increase more than twice the national increase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 34,607 AP test takers 2,595 African-American AP test takers 6,181 Hispanic AP test takers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 77,910 AP test takers 7,260 African-American AP test takers 17,101 Hispanic AP test takers
Graduation Rate —Florida accounts for every student and our graduation rate is on the rise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60.2% of all students 48.7% of African-American students 52.8% of Hispanic students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 71.9% of all students 57.1% of African-American students 64.5% of Hispanic students
Dropout Rate —Fewer students dropping out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.4% among all students 6.6% among African-American students 8.3% among Hispanic students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.8% among all students 3.5% among African-American students 3.4% among Hispanic students
Florida's Community Colleges — Nearly half are in the nation's top 100, and five of them are in the top 10 of Associate's Degrees granted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 737,864 students enrolled 25,720 earned Associate degrees 15,783 successfully transferred into the State University System 	2004-05 data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 800,036 students enrolled 31,830 earned Associate degrees 16,454 successfully transferred (2003-04)
University Enrollment Under One Florida, without the use of racial quotas, minority enrollment is up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32.2% of all students were minority 35.6% of university freshmen were minority 20.7% of new graduate students were minority 24.3% of new law students were minority 	2005 data (first day of class) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35.0% of all students are minority 37.5% of university freshmen are minority 22.8% of new graduate students are minority 35.0% of new law students are minority