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<p>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)</p> <p>More students are reading on grade level, and we are closing the achievement gap.</p>	<p><u>4th Graders Reading on Grade Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51% of all students • 23% of African Americans students • 38% of Hispanics students 	<p><u>4th Graders Reading on Grade Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% of all students • 41% of African Americans students • 51% of Hispanics students
<p>National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP “the nation’s report card”)</p> <p>Florida shows dramatic improvement in reading, and leads the nation in writing.</p> <p>Florida is the <u>only</u> state to show improvement in 4th grade reading this year!</p>	<p><u>4th Grade Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Median score was 206 • Median for African Americans was 186 • Median for Hispanics students was 198 <p><u>4th Grade Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida did not participate 	<p><u>4th Grade Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Median score is 218 • Median for African Americans is 198 • Median for Hispanics students is 211 <p><u>4th Grade Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida ranked 8th in the nation • Hispanic 4th graders 3rd in the nation
<p>Number of High School Students Taking PSAT</p> <p>More students are taking the PSAT (given free to all tenth graders) in Florida than ever before, we lead the nation in minority test takers.</p> <p>Taking the PSAT is an important indicator of aspiration and desire to access more rigorous course that prepare students for college.</p>	<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"> • 100,132 sophomore test takers • 18,399 African American sophomore test takers (17% of all African American PSAT takers in the nation) • 22,440 Hispanic sophomore test takers (27% of all Hispanic PSAT takers in the nation)
<p>Number of High School Students Taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses</p> <p>Increase in number of test takers more than twice the national increase.</p>	<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"> • 60,827 AP test takers • 5,596 African American AP test takers (up 116%) • 12,455 Hispanic AP test takers (up 102%)
<p>Graduation Rate</p> <p>Florida counts <u>every</u> student and our graduation rate is on the rise.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60.2% of students • 48.7% of African American students • 52.8% of Hispanic students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 69% of students • 54.2% of African American students • 61.1% of Hispanic students
<p>Dropout Rate</p> <p>Fewer students are dropping out, decline led by minority students.</p>	<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"> • 3.1% among all students • 3.8% among African American students • 3.5% among Hispanic students
<p>Florida’s Community Colleges</p> <p>Nearly half are in the nation’s top 100, four of them in the top 10.</p> <p>More students are earning Associate degrees and going on to universities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 737,864 students enrolled • 25,720 earned Associate degrees • 15,783 successfully transferred into the State University System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 795,319 students enrolled (up 8%) • 28,762 earned Associate degrees (up 12%) • 16,855 successfully transferred into the State University System as of last year (up 7%)
<p>University Enrollment</p> <p>Under <i>One Florida</i>, without the use of racial quotas, minority enrollment is up.</p>	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34.3% of all students are minority • 37.3% of university freshmen are minority • 23.8% of new graduate students are minority • 33.9% of new law students are minority