



State Graduation Rate Rises, Dropout Rate Falls

The 2008-09 graduation and dropout rates were released December 2. The state graduation rate increased to 76.3% in 2008-09, despite a change to the National Governor's Association (NGA) calculation, which does not count GED recipients as graduates. The graduation rates also rose for black, Hispanic, and Asian students.

Florida's dropout rate fell from 2.6% in 2007-08 to 2.3% 2008-09. Forty-one of Florida's sixty-seven school districts also experienced decreases in their dropout rates. Dropout rates also fell for four racial groups.

For district-level graduation and dropout rates by race and gender, please see the "Florida Public High School Graduation and Dropout Rates" data report on our website at <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/default.asp>. Governor Crist's press release regarding the 2008-09 graduation rates is available at <http://www.flgov.com/release/11184>.

Recent Reports and Publications

Several publications have been released in the last few months. They are listed below with their corresponding web links.

- 2008-09 NCLB School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs) <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>
- Free/Reduced-Price Lunch Eligibility, 2008-09 <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pdf/frplunch.pdf>
- Retention of First-Year Instructional Staff, 2008-09 <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/tch1keep.rtf>
- Gender Representation among Professionals in Florida's Public Schools, 2008-09 <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/genderpro.rtf>
- English Language Learners, 2008-09 <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pdf/ell0809.pdf>
- Florida Public High School Graduation Rates, 2008-09 <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/gradrate0809.doc>



Important Dates

- **Dec. 7** – Survey 9, 2009-10, begin state processing
- **Dec. 11** - Survey 9, 2009-10, due date
- **Jan. 4** – Survey 7, 2009-10, begin state processing
- **Jan. 8** - Survey 9, 2009-10, end state processing
- **Jan. 11** – Survey 7, 2009-10, due date
- **Jan. 15** - Staff e-mail files, begin processing
 - Survey 7, 2009-10, end state processing
- **Feb. 8-12** - Survey 3, 2009-10, survey week
- **Feb. 15** - Staff e-mail files, end processing
 - Survey 3, 2009-10, begin state processing
- **Feb. 26** - Survey 3, 2009-10, due date
- **Feb. 28** – Survey 5, 2008-09, final update

Have a safe and happy holiday season!



Survey 7, 2009-10

The purpose of the survey 7 data collection is to populate the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) data file used for pre-gridding of CELLA test materials and for reporting of CELLA results. The English Language Learners Information format at http://www.fldoe.org/eias/dataweb/database_0910/0910lep.asp provides information about the population of students to be included in survey 7 reporting. Other formats included in this survey are Student Demographic Information, Exceptional Student, and Federal/State Indicator Status. Please direct questions about this data submission to Kim Ward at kim.ward@fldoe.org.

Staff E-mail Address Data Collection

In accordance with Section 1012.05(3)(b), Florida Statutes, "By September 15 and February 15 of each year, each school district shall electronically submit accurate public school e-mail addresses for all instructional and administrative personnel, as identified in s.1012.01(2) and (3), to the Department of Education." The submission period for the February 15 data collection is from January 15, 2010, to February 15, 2010. Please review the e-mail notification dated August 20, 2009, regarding the Update of Personnel E-mail Contact Information for further specifics.

Title I Neglected or Delinquent Students

The Student Demographic Information record format is reported for neglected or delinquent students who receive services as defined in Title I, Parts A and D, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by Public Law 107-110. Report the Institution Number, Neglected/Delinquent for students who are ages 5 to 17, inclusive, and resided in an institution for neglected or delinquent children or an adult correctional facility for at least one day during the designated 30-day count period in the reporting year. The count period, which may be set separately for each institution, is 30 consecutive calendar days, at least one of which falls in October. Submit up to three eligible institutions on a Student Demographic Information format. Matching records are not required for these students in survey period 9.

Title I Supplemental Educational Services

The Title I Supplemental Educational Services (SES) format record should be reported for students who are eligible for Title I SES pursuant to No Child Left Behind Title I Sec. 1116(e)(1), ESEA. For survey period 9, submit this record for each student who was assigned to receive or received services in Title I SES with a state-approved provider. A matching Student Demographic record is also required.

