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HURRICANE STATEWIDE EDUCATION UPDATE
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TALLAHASSEE – In the aftermath of four hurricanes, classes will have resumed in nearly 84% of Florida's school districts by Wednesday, September 29. Due to Hurricane Jeanne, classes are cancelled in 9 school districts, campuses at six community colleges, and one campus at a state university. Two additional school districts, one community college, and one university are still closed and recovering from Hurricane Ivan.

Parents and students should monitor local news for the very latest information. Below is a detailed list of closings for Wednesday, September 29 and re-opening dates announced so far:

K12 Public Schools

- Schools in the following 10 counties and the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind are CLOSED on Wednesday, September 29:
 - Brevard, Highlands, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and Polk (recovering from Hurricane Jeanne)
 - Escambia and Santa Rosa (recovering from Hurricane Ivan)
 - St. Lucie (still recovering from Hurricane Frances and now Jeanne)
- Brevard and Highlands County schools hope to re-open Thursday, September 30
- Okeechobee and Polk County schools hope to re-open on Monday, October 4
- Escambia and Santa Rosa counties will re-open on Monday, October 11
- Schools in 3 counties (Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie) are closed until further notice
- Schools in Palm Beach have not yet announced plans for re-opening

Community Colleges

- CLOSED Wednesday, September 29 due to Hurricane Jeanne:
 - Brevard Community College Palm Bay Campus (all other campuses will open)
 - Florida Community College at Jacksonville Kent Campus (all other campuses are open)

- Indian River Community College
- Palm Beach Community College Palm Beach Gardens Campus (all other campuses will open)
- Polk Community College
- South Florida Community College
- Still recovering from Hurricane Ivan and CLOSED, Wednesday, September 29:
 - Pensacola Junior College (classes scheduled to resume Monday, October 4)
- Except for the Mueller Campus at IRCC, all colleges closed as a result of Hurricane Jeanne hope to re-open on Thursday, September 30, pending power restoration

State Universities

- CLOSED Wednesday, September 29 due to Hurricane Jeanne:
 - FAU St. Lucie campus (all other campuses are open)
- Still recovering from Hurricane Ivan and CLOSED, Wednesday, September 29:
 - UWF – Dorms will re-open Monday, October 4, with classes resuming Tuesday, October 5

Interested in Helping?

State officials will continue to work closely with school districts, community colleges, and universities to assess needs and aid in recovery from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne. Donations to help schools, community colleges, and universities recover from the 2004 Hurricane Season may be sent to:

- The Florida Education Foundation
325 West Gaines Street, 15th Floor, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
Attn: Diane McCain, Executive Director
- Hurricane Relief Fund for the State of Florida
1-800-FLHELP1 or visit www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org

A number of community colleges have also set up hurricane recovery funds. Donations may be sent to:

- Brevard Community College Foundation, 1519 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL 32922
- Central Florida Community College Foundation, 3001 SW College Road, Ocala, FL 34474
- Edison College Hurricane Recovery Fund, Edison College Foundation, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919 239/489-9210
- Florida Association of Community Colleges, 816 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32301
- Indian River Community College Foundation, 3209 Virginia Ave, Fort Pierce, FL 34981
- Pensacola Junior College Foundation, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32504
- Polk Community College Foundation, 999 Avenue H NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881-4299
- Seminole Community College Foundation, 100 Welton Boulevard, Sanford, FL 32773-6199

- South Florida Community College Foundation, 600 West College Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825-9399
- St. Johns River Community College Foundation, 5001 St. Johns River, Palatka, FL 32177
- Valencia Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 3028, Orlando, FL 32808-3028

For more information on schools, community colleges, and universities, please visit: www.fldoe.org.

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