

Notes Regarding the 2010 High School Grades

1. The distribution of high school grades was as follows:
 - a. A schools = 4 (21%)
 - b. B schools = 3 (16%)
 - c. C schools = 1 (5%)
 - d. D schools = 10 (53%)
 - e. F schools = 1 (5%)
2. Statewide there were 11 F schools as follows:
 - a. Dade = 4
 - b. Duval = 1
 - c. Flagler = 1
 - d. Okaloosa = 1
 - e. Orange = 1
 - f. Palm Beach = 1
 - g. Pasco = 1
 - h. St. Johns = 1
3. One of the criteria for grading the high schools, called Adequate Progress, is that at least 50% of the lowest performing (bottom quartile) students in reading must show more than a year's growth. If a school that would otherwise earn an A, B, or C fails to achieve this for two consecutive years, their grade is lowered one letter grade. Duval County schools that had their grade lowered for 2010 because of failure to make Adequate Progress in Reading include:
 - a. Lee
 - b. Jackson
 - c. Parker
 - d. Ribault
 - e. Wolfson
 - f. Forrest
 - g. Mandarin
 - h. First Coast
 - i. Peterson
4. Another criteria for grading high schools states that a school cannot receive a grade of A if the graduation rate of their At-Risk population does not meet one of the following:
 - a. At least 75%, or
 - b. Improve by at least one percentage point over the prior year if the percentage is at least 65%, or
 - c. Improve by at least 5 percentage points over the prior year if the percentage is less than 65%.
 - d. Fletcher is the only high school that failed to meet these criteria and received a grade of B even though the school earned sufficient points to have otherwise earned an A (Mandarin HS would have fallen into this category as well except that their grade was already lowered to a B because of item #3 above).