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SUBJECT: 2009-10 HIGH SCHOOL GRADES

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has released 2009-10 high school grades under the revised high school grading formula. Elementary and middle school grades were released in early August, as was Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all school levels (see <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentassessment/AssessmentReleases.htm>). To date, school grade calculations were based solely on student performance as measured by the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). The school grade formula (still unchanged for elementary and middle schools) was comprised of student performance in Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Writing; annual learning gains in Reading and Mathematics; and learning gains demonstrated by the lowest quartile of students in Reading and Mathematics.

Changes to High School Grading in 2009-10

Starting in 2009-10 the FCAT metrics account for 50% of the high school grade (the proportion at combination schools is based on the grade levels served). The remaining grade is derived from student performance and participation in accelerated courses, college readiness in reading and mathematics, and the overall graduation rate as well as the graduation rate of “at-risk” students. Accelerated courses include Advanced Placement (AP), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), Dual Enrollment (DE), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Industry Certification (IC). The specific college readiness exams are ACT, SAT, and the College Placement Test (CPT). The graduation rate used for high school grading is the National Governors Association (NGA) rate and the “at-risk” students are those who scored Achievement Level 1 or 2 in *both* Reading *and* Mathematics on the 8th grade FCAT. As part of the school grade calculation, the accelerated participation and the overall graduation rate are weighted twice as heavily as the other components.

Because the data for the new components used to assess high schools do not become available until into the following school year, the release of high school grades has been rescheduled to coincide with their availability.

An examination of this year's high school results shows that 73.6% of Broward's high schools earned a grade of A or B and all non-charter high schools earned a C or higher. Table 1 displays high school grades over three years. Because the grading formula changed so dramatically in 2009-10, longitudinal comparisons or trend determinations are inappropriate. The previous years have been provided as an indicator of how the new criteria have affected high school grades overall. Examination of Table 1 reveals that:

- 10 district and 4 charter high schools received an A, up from 5 district and 4 charter last year,
- 14 district high schools received a grade of B, up from 9 last year,
- 8 district high schools received a grade of C, down from 11 last year,
- No Charter schools received a B or C in either 2009 or 2010,
- 2 charter schools received a D in 2010(Eagle Academy and Parkway Academy)
- No high schools received an F grade.
- Overall, 13 high schools improved one letter grade under the new criteria and 4 improved by 2 or more letter grades.

Table 1
High School Grades, 2007-08 to 2009-10

	Year	A		B		C		D		F	
		<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
District	2009-10*	10	31.3	14	43.8	8	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	2008-09	5	15.6	9	28.1	11	34.4	7	21.9	0	0.0
	2007-08	11	36.7	4	13.3	8	26.7	6	20.0	1	3.3
Charter	2009-10*	4	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	33.3	0	0.0
	2008-09	4	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	33.3	0	0.0
	2007-08	2	40.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	1	20.0
Total	2009-10*	14	36.8	14	36.8	8	21.1	2	5.3	0	0.0
	2008-09	9	23.7	9	23.7	11	28.9	9	23.7	0	0.0
	2007-08	13	37.1	5	14.3	9	25.7	6	17.1	2	5.7

*2009-10 high school grades include the new grade components.

The school grade calculation includes a provision for high schools to earn 10 bonus points if at least 50% of their 11th and 12th grade retake students meet the score required to earn a high school diploma. **27 of 33 eligible high schools earned the bonus points because 50% or more of their retake students met the FCAT graduation requirement; this is the same as in 2009.** The improvements seen in school performance with the inclusion of the new grade components underscores the positive effects of high school reform initiatives happening throughout BCPS.

Table 3 (next page) displays high school grade distributions for the State and the five largest school districts in Florida. **Broward exceeded the state average (70.5%) with 73.6% of high schools receiving an A or B grade.**

Table 3

High School Grade Distributions for the Five Largest School Districts in Florida, 2009-10.

	A		B		C		D		F	
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
State	140	29.7	192	40.8	69	14.6	58	12.3	11	2.3
Broward	14	36.8	14	36.8	8	21.1	2	5.3	0	0.0
Miami-Dade	17	33.3	11	21.6	10	19.6	9	17.6	4	7.8
Hillsborough	9	34.6	12	46.2	4	15.4	1	3.8	0	0.0
Orange	4	19.0	9	42.9	2	9.5	5	23.8	1	4.8
Palm Beach	15	53.6	9	32.1	2	7.1	1	3.6	1	3.6

The attachment includes the individual school performance in each of the school grade components as well as the final school grade for each location. Schools bolded in the attachment were reduced by one letter grade because they did not make “Adequate Progress” either in the low 25% for reading or the new at-risk graduation rate (schools can only be reduced one grade). “Adequate Progress” is met in one of two ways; either the school must meet a certain threshold for performance (50% making learning gains in the low 25% and a 75% graduation rate for their at-risk cohort.) or show improvement from the prior year.

Additional information on school grades can be accessed through the Florida Department of Education’s Web site at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>. If you have any questions about these data or school grades please contact **Paul Houchens, Director, Student Assessment & School Performance at 754-321-2470**. This report may be accessed via the Student Assessment Web site (<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentassessment/>).

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Attachment

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High School Grades

School#	School Name	Proficiency				Learning Gains		Low 25 Gains		Retake Bonus	FCAT Points
		Reading	Math	Writing	Science	Reading	Math	Reading	Math		
0171	SOUTH BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL	43	72	87	37	48	72	45	58	0	462
0185	POMPANO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	75	98	95	74	64	82	58	92	NA	638
0211	STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL	43	74	90	37	48	73	36	56	0	457
0241	MCARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL	36	74	84	24	44	76	37	67	10	452
0361	BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL	27	65	88	22	37	70	30	69	0	408
0371	DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL	26	74	92	27	44	81	41	75	10	470
0403	HALLANDALE HIGH SCHOOL	28	60	85	24	42	70	46	67	10	432
0951	FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL	52	80	94	37	51	75	43	57	10	499
1151	CORAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL	47	81	88	46	51	78	46	67	10	514
1241	NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL	40	78	89	32	44	73	48	65	10	479
1281	NOVA HIGH SCHOOL	58	92	95	50	61	87	61	85	10	599
1291	WILLIAM T. MCFATTER TECHNICAL CENTER	81	98	98	67	75	80	61	96	NA	656
1451	PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL	32	65	87	28	44	74	43	68	10	451
1661	HOLLYWOOD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	39	69	91	36	48	75	43	64	0	465
1681	COCONUT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL	24	56	87	22	40	71	45	71	10	426
1711	DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	41	72	88	33	46	74	40	65	10	469
1741	BOYD H. ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL	25	57	82	20	36	71	36	76	10	413
1751	MIRAMAR HIGH SCHOOL	35	68	88	36	42	74	34	70	10	457
1901	PIPER HIGH SCHOOL	32	69	91	26	42	75	44	67	10	456
1931	COOPER CITY HIGH SCHOOL	70	93	95	50	64	85	54	77	10	598
2221	ATLANTIC TECHNICAL CENTER	65	96	95	61	58	81	49	91	NA	596
2351	SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL	47	77	87	47	51	78	45	72	10	514
2751	J. P. TARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL	55	83	89	40	56	78	48	69	10	528
2831	WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL	62	86	92	50	60	79	51	66	10	556
3011	STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL	69	90	95	55	62	83	47	73	10	584
3391	CHARLES W FLANAGAN HIGH SCHOOL	50	79	90	35	52	75	42	62	10	495
3541	MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL	47	77	92	33	55	76	54	67	10	511
3623	CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL	78	95	95	57	73	85	69	87	10	649
3731	EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL	48	77	92	33	50	74	38	58	10	480
3861	CORAL GLADES HIGH SCHOOL	51	82	90	42	53	79	43	70	10	520
3971	WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL	62	89	94	50	60	80	49	71	10	565
7004	BROWARD VIRTUAL EDUCATION**	79	87	87	50	65	73	73	81	NA	595
5091	CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL**	72	83	92	51	67	75	63	64	10	577
5121	PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL	65	87	96	55	63	77	58	67	10	578
5181	PARKWAY ACADEMY	19	62	83	20	32	77	35	85	0	413
5221	SOMERSET ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH	57	85	91	34	60	78	66	75	10	556
5231	EAGLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL***	33	47	86	20	51	65	64	68	0	434
5396	SOMERSET ARTS CONSERVATORY***	79	88	96	25	72	75	72	75	NA	582

* Weighted Component

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School#	School Name	Accelerated Courses		Graduation Rate		Postsecondary Readiness		New High School Points
		Participation*	Performance	Overall*	At-Risk	Reading	Math	
0171	SOUTH BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL	94	85	164	68	100	87	598
0185	POMPANO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	200	90	200	100	100	100	790
0211	STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL	186	30	196	99	75	56	642
0241	MCARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL	86	88	200	95	75	53	597
0361	BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL	140	79	180	70	100	70	639
0371	DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL	174	12	188	95	93	58	620
0403	HALLANDALE HIGH SCHOOL	122	48	194	99	80	52	595
0951	FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL	186	93	174	78	89	73	693
1151	CORAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL	148	90	188	95	89	68	678
1241	NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL	96	57	158	67	71	54	503
1281	NOVA HIGH SCHOOL	162	78	190	100	100	79	709
1291	WILLIAM T. MCFATTER TECHNICAL CENTER	188	71	200	100	100	100	759
1451	PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL	112	71	190	89	88	56	606
1661	HOLLYWOOD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	92	56	186	79	86	67	566
1681	COCONUT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL	88	27	184	85	81	59	524
1711	DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	128	71	174	84	81	67	605
1741	BOYD H. ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL	44	79	186	94	63	36	502
1751	MIRAMAR HIGH SCHOOL	152	62	200	100	96	65	675
1901	PIPER HIGH SCHOOL	114	46	172	78	89	57	556
1931	COOPER CITY HIGH SCHOOL	140	96	200	100	94	82	712
2221	ATLANTIC TECHNICAL CENTER	182	94	196	98	100	99	769
2351	SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL	142	69	182	91	98	79	661
2751	J. P. TARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL	138	75	196	84	100	86	679
2831	WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL	156	78	198	88	100	95	715
3011	STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL	178	99	196	100	100	95	768
3391	CHARLES W FLANAGAN HIGH SCHOOL	122	65	180	91	95	80	633
3541	MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL	124	76	174	74	96	73	617
3623	CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL	194	100	196	100	100	94	784
3731	EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL	112	75	178	86	90	79	620
3861	CORAL GLADES HIGH SCHOOL	136	63	184	90	95	82	650
3971	WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL	136	72	190	84	87	79	648
7004	BROWARD VIRTUAL EDUCATION**	38	100	200	100	91	67	596
5091	CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL**	156	68	200	100	100	76	700
5121	PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL	140	76	200	100	97	90	703
5181	PARKWAY ACADEMY	74	20	200	78	89	83	544
5221	SOMERSET ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH	134	41	162	89	100	73	599
5231	EAGLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL***							
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School#	School Name	FCAT Points	New High School Points	Total Points	Grade 2010	High School Grade Scale
0171	SOUTH BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL	462	598	1060	B	1050-1600: A 990-1049: B 870-989: C 790-869: D 0- 790: F
0185	POMPANO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	638	790	1428	A	
0211	STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL	457	642	1099	B	
0241	MCARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL	452	597	1049	C	
0361	BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL	408	639	1047	C	
0371	DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL	470	620	1090	B	
0403	HALLANDALE HIGH SCHOOL	432	595	1027	C	
0951	FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL	499	693	1192	B	
1151	CORAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL	514	678	1192	A	
1241	NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL	479	503	982	C	
1281	NOVA HIGH SCHOOL	599	709	1308	A	
1291	WILLIAM T. MCFATTER TECHNICAL CENTER	656	759	1415	A	
1451	PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL	451	606	1057	B	
1661	HOLLYWOOD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	465	566	1031	C	
1681	COCONUT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL	426	524	950	C	
1711	DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	469	605	1074	B	
1741	BOYD H. ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL	413	502	915	C	
1751	MIRAMAR HIGH SCHOOL	457	675	1132	B	
1901	PIPER HIGH SCHOOL	456	556	1012	C	
1931	COOPER CITY HIGH SCHOOL	598	712	1310	A	
2221	ATLANTIC TECHNICAL CENTER	596	769	1365	B	
2351	SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL	514	661	1175	A	
2751	J. P. TARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL	528	679	1207	B	
2831	WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL	556	715	1271	A	
3011	STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL	584	768	1352	B	
3391	CHARLES W FLANAGAN HIGH SCHOOL	495	633	1128	B	
3541	MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL	511	617	1128	B	
3623	CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL	649	784	1433	A	
3731	EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL	480	620	1100	B	
3861	CORAL GLADES HIGH SCHOOL	520	650	1170	B	
3971	WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL	565	648	1213	A	
7004	BROWARD VIRTUAL EDUCATION**	595	596	1191	A	
5091	CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL**	577	700	1228	A	
5121	PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL	578	703	1281	A	
5181	PARKWAY ACADEMY	413	544	957	D	
5221	SOMERSET ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH	556	599	1155	A	
5231	EAGLE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL***	434	NA	434	D	
5396	SOMERSET ARTS CONSERVATORY***	582	NA	582	A	

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