



Explanations of County High School Data Components

U.S. News and World Report Data

Overall data source	http://tinyurl.com/usn-education
Ranking Algorithm & Criteria for a School to Be Ranked	http://tinyurl.com/usn-algorithm
Nationally-Ranked Schools	http://tinyurl.com/usn-national-ranking
Florida Ranked Schools	http://tinyurl.com/usn-florida-ranking
Reading Proficiency	Assessment of students' ability to read at grade level.
Math Proficiency	Assessment of students' ability to perform math at grade level.
College Readiness Index	Index representing the proportion of a school's 12th graders that took and passed AP/IB exams. Maximim possible: 100
County Average	Average scores for the Florida schools listed
Top High Schools - Florida	Shows a sampling of highly-ranked Florida Schools
Top High Schools - Best State	Shows a sampling of highly-ranked schools from the #1 nationally-ranked state

FL Dept. of Education School Grades

School and County Letter Grades as calculated by the Florida DOE	http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/ (see "School Grades" Excel file for individual school grades) (see "District Grades" Excel file for county grades)
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Comparing Ranking Data (proficiencies & college-ready index) with Florida DOE school grades

The main purpose for sharing this data is to point out the obvious disconnect when you compare nationally-normed high school ranking data (reading proficiency, math proficiency and college-ready index) with the Florida DOE "report card" grades which are calculated using a FL DOE proprietary formula. This proprietray grading formula was created by and can be manipulated by the FL DOE. By grading on the low "curve", the school grades can be made to look much better than is actually the case. So don't take it at face value when your school claims to be an "A" school (for example). Look at the U.S. News and World Report data and see if it supports the claim. We need visibility into the TRUE academic performance of Florida schools. Moving away from the highly manipulated FL DOE proprietary grading system is a MUST if we're to effectively judge the efficiency of Florida Schools.