

YOUTH EDUCATION IN FLORIDA

Percentage of students whose skills in reading, math, and science are above average or average (2009)

Subject	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10
Reading	72%	62%	42%
Math	72%	61%	69%
Science	46%	41%	37%

Source: Florida DOE Press Release http://www.fldoe.org/news/2009/2009_05_28.asp

Out of the 2,954 schools in Florida, 1,822 received an “A”, 495 received a “B”, 420 received a “C”, 173 received a “D”, and 44 earned an “F”.

Source: Florida Department of Education (2009)

There are more than 2,609,000 students in Florida’s public schools, which makes Florida the 4th largest public school system in the country.

Over the last 5 years, Florida’s public school K-12 student population has grown by an average of more than 56,000 students each year.

The 2004-2005 basic operating budget for K-12 public education – as provided through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) and major categorical allocations – is approximately \$15 billion. This provides an average of \$5735 per student.

Nationally, Florida ranks 41st in per pupil spending and 23rd in per capita personal income, but 49th in the percent of personal income spent on K-12 education.

Florida must spend approximately \$83,000,000 each school day to operate in public schools.

Source: Melton, R.H. 2006, Florida School Boards Association

NATIONAL EDUCATION FACTS

Students reading below grade level are twice as likely to drop out of school.

Source: 2006 READ 180 Awards

Teen girls in bottom 20% of basic reading and math skills are five times more likely to become mothers over a two-year high school period than teen girls in the top 20%.

Male and female students with low academic achievement are twice as likely to become parents by their senior year of high school compared to students with high academic achievement.

Source: Alliance for Excellent Education, 2003