

This lawsuit, which was brought in 2009, ignores the success we have had in Florida schools. Working with local education officials, the state remains focused on providing every student in Florida with the opportunity to receive a great education. In fact, Florida has had historic K-12 funding for the last two years.

Additionally, we have remained committed to consistently raising the bar, and our students have responded positively. We remain committed to ensuring all Florida students have the opportunity to receive an education that will help them reach their career and life goals.

- Florida's high school graduation rate has increased 18.6 percentage points (a 31% increase) since 2003-04. Over this same period, the African American graduation rate has increased 22 percentage points (a 49% increase) and the Hispanic/Latino rate has increased by 22 percentage points (a 40% increase).
- Florida is 2nd in the nation in Advanced Placement (AP) exam participation for the 2014 graduating class and 3rd in the nation for their performance. Florida has the greatest number of AP scores of 3 or higher received by African American students in the nation.
- Florida's ranks 1st in the nation for narrowing the achievement gap between White and African American students from 2003 to 2015 in grade 8 reading, closing the achievement gap by 8.69 percentage points during that time.
- Florida's 4th grade students outperform the nation in both reading and mathematics.
- Florida's 4th grade Hispanic/Latino students rank 1st in the nation in reading.
- Florida's 4th grade economically disadvantaged students have the highest average scale score and percent scoring at or above Basic in reading in the nation, and Florida's students with disabilities are 2nd in the nation in both measures.