

Florida in  
**1998**

**VS.**

Florida in  
**2018**

### Fourth Grade - Reading



Nearly half of Florida fourth graders were reading severely below grade level.<sup>1</sup>

Ranked 5th in the nation in fourth grade reading achievement.<sup>1</sup>

Florida's fourth graders have improved by more than two grade levels since 1998.

### Fourth Grade - Math



Half of Florida fourth graders were performing below the national average in math.<sup>1</sup>

Ranked 7th in the nation in fourth grade math achievement.<sup>1</sup>

Florida's fourth graders have improved by three grade levels since 1998.

### Advanced Placement



Ranked among the worst 10 states for the percentage of students successfully completing AP courses.<sup>2</sup>

Ranked 4th among states for the percentage of students successfully completing AP courses.<sup>2</sup>

Florida is also ranked first among states in the percentage of students taking AP courses.

### High School Graduation



Only half of Florida students graduated high school on time.<sup>3</sup>

Increased Florida's statewide graduation rate by 30 percentage points.<sup>3</sup>

Hispanic, African-American graduation rates have increased faster than the state average.

### Public Charter Schools



Only .4 percent of all K-12 students - 9,135 students - attended a public charter school.<sup>3</sup>

Nearly 1 in 10 students - 295,000 - attended a public charter school.<sup>3</sup>

Florida charter school students showed greater learning gains than their traditional public school peers in both reading and math.<sup>1</sup>

### K-12 Student Scholarships



No K-12 scholarship program existed in 1998.<sup>3</sup>

Nearly 150,000 low-income students and students with disabilities received scholarships to attend private school.<sup>3</sup>

Florida students attending a private school through the Tax Credit Scholarship program showed learning gains each year for the last 10 years.<sup>4</sup>

1.) National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

2.) The College Board

3.) Florida Department of Education

4.) Florida State University Learning Systems Institute Study