

Florida in
1999

VS.

Florida in
2019

Fourth Grade - Reading



Nearly half of Florida fourth graders were reading severely below grade level.¹

Ranked 5th in the nation in fourth grade reading achievement.¹

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.¹

Ranked 7th in the nation in fourth grade math achievement.¹

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.²

Ranked 3rd among states for the percentage of students successfully completing AP courses.²

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.³

Increased Florida's statewide graduation rate by more than 30 percentage points.³

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.³

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

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

K-12 Student Scholarships



Fewer than 10 students received a K-12 scholarship.³

More than 140,000 low-income students and students with disabilities received scholarships to attend private school.³

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

1.) National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

2.) The College Board

3.) Florida Department of Education

4.) Florida State University Learning Systems Institute Study