



# Broward County Public Schools

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## Recognition

- Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) received a “B” grade from the Florida Department of Education, marking the fourth straight year the District has earned a “B” or better mark from the state. Broward is one of 25 districts in Florida to receive only “A” and “B” marks (at least one “A”) each year during the state’s district grading process.
- The 2006/07 school year was the fifth straight year that 67 percent or more District schools were graded as A’s” or “B’s” from the Florida Department of Education. It was also the third time in the last four year that more than fifty percent of District schools earned “A” grades. Overall, 123 schools earned “As”, while 39 achieved “B” grades; 134 schools maintained their grades from a year ago and 12 improved their marks.
- One hundred twenty-six Broward schools received \$12,608,296 in funding, in recognition of their academic achievement and improvement during the 2006/07 school year. Broward’s recognition total from 2006/07 marks the largest District award in the state. Last year, 191 District schools received \$20,993,808.
- The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) recently announced that Broward County Public Schools led the nation in National Board Certified Teachers. The District’s current total is approximately 1,300, as more than 270 new teachers achieved certification prior to the start of the 2007/08 school year. Broward County Public Schools has led the nation in the largest number of newly certified teachers in each of the last three years.
- For six consecutive years, Broward has been singled out among only a handful of large urban school systems by the Council of the Great City Schools for advancing student performance as measured by standardized tests on par with or better than the state average.
- The District earned an “A” grade from the state for its educational performance in 2005/06 for the first time in District history. Broward was one of 24 districts to receive an “A,” one of 23 to improve by a letter grade or more and one of ten to improve to an “A.” Broward ranked as the 12th-highest performing school district and the eighth most improved district in the state in 2005/06.
- Broward County Public Schools earned a District-record 144 “As” among its regular schools in 2005/06, an increase of 50 “As” from its 2004/05 total of 94.
- Seven District high schools were included on *Newsweek* magazine’s list of Top High Schools in the Nation for 2005/06. The list includes Boyd Anderson, Flanagan, Fort Lauderdale, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Nova, Plantation and Stranahan. The Pembroke Pines Charter High School was also mentioned on the list. The rankings take into account the number of advanced academic tests given at a school in May, divided by the number of seniors graduating in May or June.
- One hundred forty-four schools earned the *Golden School Award* and 16 collected the *Silver School Award* for the 2006/07 school year. Three schools received the Golden School Award for the 10th time, nine schools collected the honor for the 20th time and six earned the recognition for the 25th time. Additionally, five schools received their 28th Golden School Award, representing the full term of the award. These awards are presented to schools that have demonstrated community involvement through their exemplary volunteer programs.
- Seventy-seven District schools (59 elementary, 12 middle and six high schools) received the Florida Department of Education’s most prestigious award for community involvement, the 2006/07 Five Star School Award. Four schools received the award for the first time, while two (Central Park Elementary and Embassy Creek Elementary) maintained the record for the 13th year, representing the total

length of the award. The Five Star School Award is presented each year to schools that demonstrate exemplary family, school and community involvement.

- Eagle Point Elementary School was selected as a 2007 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings recently named 287 schools in the United States as 2007 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools. Eagle Point represents Broward County Public Schools as one of only 16 public and private schools selected for the honor in Florida.
- Stranahan High School was recognized as one of three College Board 2007 Inspiration Award winners. Inspiration Awards are presented annually to outstanding high schools that improved the academic environment and helped students achieve equitable access to higher education despite social, economic and cultural challenges. Stranahan was one of three schools to receive \$25,000 awards to apply towards programs that encourage students to attend college.
- Forty District schools were named “high-performing” and 40 were identified as “making progress” in 2005/06 by the state Department of Education. Both totals reflected the highest single-district marks in the state.
- Broward County Public Schools was one of 100 districts eligible for the 2006 Broad Prize for Urban Education. Each year, The Broad Prize is awarded to the urban school district that has made the greatest overall improvement in student achievement while reducing achievement gaps among income and ethnic groups.
- The District’s Urban Academies Program, developed as a partial solution for the county’s teacher shortage and as a method for improving Broward’s quality of education, was one of seven programs in the country and the only education initiative (1,000 applicants) to win the prestigious *2006 Innovations in American Government Award*. The award is presented to programs that are creative, effective, meet a need and can be duplicated by other organizations. The program, which provides specialized curriculum for high school students, college undergraduates and current teachers, is run in partnership with four local colleges and

universities. The program will be a model for seven Florida school districts seeking to implement similar programs.

- The District’s online high school – Broward Virtual Education - won the grand prize in the Non-profit/Public Sector Category of the Cisco Growing with Technology Award. The program was recognized for its creativity in using the Internet and networking technologies to better serve students.
- The Broward Education Communication Network (BECON) has received Emmy Awards from the National Television Academy Suncoast Chapter in each of the last two years. *Broward School Beat* won an award in 2006, while *Science and Me* claimed an honor in 2005. This year, two BECON-TV shows, *It’s the Write Time* and *Science and Me: Growing and Knowing*, have been nominated for awards.
- Broward County Public Schools named Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School’s Dr. Mark Strauss Principal of the Year, Indian Ridge Middle School’s Kathryn Sullivan Assistant Principal of the Year and Northeast High School’s Dr. Sandy Melillo Teacher of the Year. Dr. Strauss and Dr. Melillo were both named as finalists for the Florida Principal and Teacher of the Year, respectively.
- In 2006, the College Board recognized Cypress Bay High School for its exemplary Advanced Placement programs and Design & Architecture Senior High School.
- Broward’s William T. McFatter Technical High School was recognized as a New Millennium High School, was named Florida Model High School by the Chancellor of K-12 Education, and has been designated an Oracle and Cisco Academy.
- Pompano Beach High School received the Nobel School of Distinction Award for dedication to academic excellence and community service. The National Society of High School Scholars sponsors the award.
- South Plantation High School was named a NASA Explorer School, one of only 50 schools in the nation honored with the designation and one of only three high schools to be selected. The program opens many exciting opportunities for students, their parents and school staff by providing \$17,500

- in grant money and, more importantly, access to NASA resources.
- Four District officials received the prestigious Florida Commendation Medal Award, a military honor, for meritorious service to the Florida Guard during the 2005 hurricane season. Education Technology Services (ETS) supported the Florida National Guard and the Broward Emergency Response Team during each of the four storms that struck the region, securing services for emergency use and working with equipment manufacturers to provide an on-going and constant line of communication throughout the storm season.
  - The District was awarded the “*NTI Award of Honor in Hurricane Communications – Grace Under Fire*” in recognition of its admirable performance during and after Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma in 2005. Broward Schools received special recognition for providing the leadership and communication to lead District staff, students, parents and communities through devastating weather-related events.
  - The Broward County Public School District was among six schools and districts, which received the *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools 2006 Excellence Award* for its efforts to improve indoor air quality in our nation’s schools.
  - Rob Jindracek, Manager, Energy Conservation & Utility Management, was presented with an Energy Leadership Award on behalf of Broward County Public Schools. The award recognizes a current or former non-elected federal or state government official who addresses energy efficiency in government operations and serves as an advocate of energy efficiency. The District’s Energy Conservation & Utility Management Department manage an annual utility budget exceeding \$70 million and have successfully led programs to reduce the District’s utility bills by \$10.25 million.
  - For the 11th consecutive year (2005/06), BCPS received the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International for its annual budget. In order to receive the award, the District had to satisfy specific guidelines for effective budget presentation recognized by school business officials throughout North America.
  - The District has been recognized by ASBO with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR). In order to be awarded a Certificate of Excellence, a governmental unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR, the contents of which conform to program standards. Such reports must satisfy both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and applicable regulatory requirements.
  - For the ninth consecutive year, the District received from the GFOA a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award certifies that the CAFR substantially conformed to the accounting and reporting standards adopted by GFOA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.
  - BCPS was honored by the Associated Builders & Contractors, East Coast Chapter, with its Excellence in Construction award for Cypress Bay High School’s project in the City of Weston.
  - The District’s Communications & Media Relations department earned high honors from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) in 2006 for exemplary public relations activities, programs and projects. Three department publications earned acclaim: the Media Relations Quick Guide, The 411 Employee Newsletter and the District’s Communications Standards manual. In 2007, the District’s parent newsletter, *Parent News*, was recognized.
  - The School Boundaries department won a 2005 NSPRA Golden Achievement Award for its Annual School Boundary Process. The District’s Magnet Programs department earned the Award of Excellence in the Publications and Electronic Media Contest for its Web site and also won the Award of Merit for its marketing video and an honorable mention for its 2005/06 Magnet Programs Brochure.
  - The Sunshine State School Public Relations Association (SUNSPRA) presented three first place Sunshine Medallion Awards to Broward to honor exemplary public relations projects, programs and publications. The Human Resources Development department won

in the large district category for its newsletter, "Focus on Staff Development," and Rock Island Elementary won for its special purpose publication of "Limousine Ride and Luncheon." Instructional Staffing won for teacher recruitment in the large district category for its CD and brochure "Live and Teach in Paradise".

- The National School Board Association in conjunction with the American School Board Journal selected, "Game of the Week" BCAA NetTV videos as the 2004 Magna Award Grand Prize winner. "Game of the Week" is a weekly Internet broadcast of a featured high school football game or athletic event. It can be accessed by a link on the ([www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)) Web site.

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