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Sarasota County Schools Increases Overall Performance and Achieves "A" Grade *Now 100% of District-managed schools are a grade of "A" or "B", including two historic firsts*

Sarasota County, FL – July 1, 2026 – The Florida Department of Education has released the latest school grades, with Sarasota County Schools once again earning an overall “A” rating, continuing a legacy of strong academic outcomes across the district.

This marks the 23rd consecutive year the district has achieved an “A” grade, reflecting a sustained commitment to high standards, student progress, and consistent accountability across all schools. Sarasota also saw a 32-point increase in its overall score within the state’s accountability system compared to last year, signaling meaningful academic gains.

This year’s results include a significant achievement: every district-managed school earned either an “A” or “B” grade. This districtwide performance reflects the strength of aligned instructional practices, focused leadership at every level, and a shared commitment to student success.

The results also include notable milestones including Emma E. Booker Elementary School and Booker Middle School earning an “A” grade for the first time since the inception of the school grade system and all district-managed middle schools earning an “A”.

Over the last three years, Sarasota County district-managed schools have increased from 24 “A” schools to 35, decreased from eight “B” schools to five, and six “C” schools to zero.

Florida Department of Education State Accountability Metrics Sarasota County Schools

Year	English Language Arts Achievement	3rd Grade ELA Achievement	ELA Overall Learning Gains	ELA Lowest Quartile Learning Gains	Math Achievement	Math Overall Learning Gains	Math Lowest Quartile Learning Gains	Science Achievement	Social Studies Achievement	Middle School Acceleration	Graduation Rate (lagged)	College & Career Acceleration (lagged)	Total Points Earned
2025-26	70	73	64	55	72	65	57	73	85	81	94	79	868
2024-25	66	70	62	54	70	64	55	69	82	77	93	74	836
2023-24	64	71	60	54	68	65	56	68	81	76	90	74	827
2022-23	61	64	*	*	65	*	*	66	78	74	89	72	569
2021-22	63	64	56	43	65	61	49	63	79	77	91	73	784
2020-21	64	68	56	40	64	50	41	64	78	75	92	72	764
Most Recent Change	+4	+3	+2	+1	+2	+1	+5	+4	+3	+6	+1	+4	+32

* Learning Gains were not calculated in 2022-23 due to the first-year implementation of the new FAST assessment.

District-Managed Schools 3-Year Grade Change

YEAR	2023	2026	3-Year Change
A	24	35	+46%
B	8	5	-38%
C	6	0	-100%
D	0	0	N/A
F	0	0	N/A

Sarasota County Schools' School Grades Comparison District-Managed vs. Charter

2025-2026 School Year	English Language Arts Achievement	3rd Grade ELA Achievement	ELA Overall Learning Gains	ELA Lowest Quartile Learning Gains	Math Achievement	Math Overall Learning Gains	Math Lowest Quartile Learning Gains	Science Achievement	Social Studies Achievement	Middle School Acceleration	Graduation Rate (lagged)	College & Career Acceleration (lagged)	Total Points Earned	State Points Position
District-Managed	70	74	64	55	73	66	57	75	84	85	96	81	880	5th
Charter Only	67	63	62	56	71	62	57	64	88	73	82	55	800	24th

YEAR	# of A & B District-Managed Schools	% of A & B Charter Schools
2025-26	100% (40)	79% (11)
2024-25	95% (37)	71% (10)
2023-24	95% (36)	71% (10)
2022-23	82% (32)	85% (11)

YEAR	2025-2026 School Year			2024-2025 School Year		
	All Schools	District-Managed	Charter	All Schools	District-Managed	Charter
A	46	35	11	29	21	8
B	5	5	0	17	15	2
C	2	0	2	6	2	4
D	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	1	0	1	0	0	0

Sarasota County's Individual School Grades

SCHOOL	TYPE	2026	2025	2024	2023
ALTA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
ASHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
ATWATER ELEMENTARY	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	A	A
BAY HAVEN SCHOOL OF BASICS PLUS	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
BOOKER HIGH SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	B	B	C	C
BOOKER MIDDLE SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	C	C
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	A	B
BROOKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	B
IMAGINE SCHOOL AT NORTH PORT	CHARTER	A	A	B	B
CRANBERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
ISLAND VILLAGE MONTESSORI SCHOOL	CHARTER	A	B	A	B
EMMA E. BOOKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	B	C
ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	B	A
FRUITVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	A	A
GARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	A	A
GLENALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	B	C
GOCIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	B	C	B	C
GULF GATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	A	A
HERON CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	B
SARASOTA SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES	CHARTER	A	A	A	A
SARASOTA SUNCOAST ACADEMY	CHARTER	A	A	A	A
SKY ACADEMY ENGLEWOOD	CHARTER	A	A	A	A
LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
LAMARQUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	B	B	A	A
LAUREL NOKOMIS SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
MCINTOSH MIDDLE SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	B	B
NORTH PORT HIGH SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	B	B	B	B
PHILLIPPI SHORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
PINE VIEW SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
STATE COLLEGE OF FL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL-VENICE	CHARTER	A	A	A	A
SARASOTA HIGH SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	B	B
SARASOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	CHARTER	A	A	A	A
COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY AT WELLEN PARK	CHARTER	A	A	B	X
IMAGINE SCHOOL AT PALMER RANCH	CHARTER	C	C	C	B
SARASOTA VIRTUAL SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	X	C
SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS	CHARTER	A	A	C	B

SCHOOL	TYPE	2026	2025	2024	2023
SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY	CHARTER	C	C	B	B
SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
SKY ACADEMY VENICE	CHARTER	A	A	B	C
SKYE RANCH SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	X	X	X
DREAMERS ACADEMY	CHARTER	A	C	C	A
SUNCOAST POLYTECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
INNOVATION ACADEMY SRQ	CHARTER	F	C	C	D
TATUM RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
TAYLOR RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
TOLEDO BLADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
TUTTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	B	C
VENICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
VENICE MIDDLE SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
VENICE HIGH SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	A	A	A
WILKINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	B	C	B	B
WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL	DISTRICT-MANAGED	A	B	A	B

Key Highlights of the 2025-2026 School Grades

- Atwater Elementary School** improved from a “B” to “A”
- Booker Middle School** improved from a “B” to “A”
- Brentwood Elementary School** improved from a “B” to “A”
- Brookside Middle School** improved from a “B” to “A”
- Emma E. Booker Elementary School** improved from a “B” to “A”
- Fruitville Elementary School** improved from “B” to “A”
- Garden Elementary School** improved from a “B” to “A”
- Glenallen Elementary School** improved from a “B” to “A”
- Gocio Elementary School** improved from a “C” to “B”
- Gulf Gate Elementary School** improved from “B” to “A”
- McIntosh Middle School** improved from a “B” to “A”
- Tuttle Elementary School** improved from “B” to “A”
- Wilkinson Elementary School** improved from a “C” to “B”
- Woodland Middle School** improved from a “B” to “A”

In addition to the 14 district-managed schools that improved a letter grade this year, 22 district-managed schools maintained their “A” grade for this school year, and no district-managed schools dropped a letter grade. Contributing to this growth, several schools posted substantial gains in total points over the previous year, led by Gocio Elementary School (+124), Brentwood Elementary School (+116), Atwater Elementary School (+89), Emma E. Booker Elementary School (+75), McIntosh Middle School (+70), Wilkinson Elementary School (+69), and Booker Middle School (+59).

This year’s districtwide performance reflects both sustained excellence and meaningful progress across Sarasota County Schools, demonstrating the impact of a focused, aligned system

committed to high expectations and continuous improvement. Superintendent Terry Connor pointed to the collective focus and dedication of the district's teachers, leaders, staff, students, and families as the driving force behind these results.

"These results reflect an extraordinary level of commitment across our district, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work behind them," said Superintendent Terry Connor. "Reaching milestones like 100% of our schools earning an 'A' or 'B,' schools earning 'A' grades for the first time, and historic gains at so many campuses speaks to what is possible when our teachers, leaders, staff, students, and families work together with a shared focus on success. This is a moment to celebrate and to continue building on."

The district's performance reflects a deliberate focus on strong instructional practices, thoughtful use of data, and targeted support for both students and educators. Schools across Sarasota County continue to refine their approach to ensure every student receives the support needed to succeed.

These outcomes also reflect the strength of the district's strategic priorities, centered on continuous improvement and academic growth. With strong results across schools and meaningful gains in key areas, Sarasota County Schools remains focused on sustaining momentum, strengthening outcomes, and ensuring every student has the opportunity to achieve at a high level.

For more information on the school grades and to view detailed reports, please visit the FLDOE's website: <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>.

About Sarasota County Schools

Sarasota County Schools is committed to providing unrivaled academic, developmental, and civic growth to every student, every day. Our schools offer a variety of engaging programs and rigorous learning pathways to expertly cater to the needs of all our students. We are one of two Florida school districts to consistently earn an A-grade every year since 2004, and have been awarded the Mid-Sized School District of the Year by the University of Cambridge. Sarasota County Schools' dedicated educators empower students to take charge of their academic and personal success, a practice we believe fosters lifelong growth and achievement. Our schools actively maintain the district's tradition of excellence and ensure that tradition extends to all students. Our commitment to our students extends beyond graduation to make sure they not only graduate on time, but do so college and career ready. Learn more by connecting with us on social media (@sarasotaschools on Facebook, Instagram, X, YouTube, and LinkedIn) or by visiting www.SarasotaCountySchools.net.