

Sarasota County Schools Earns an “A” Grade for the 2017-18 Academic Year



SARASOTA COUNTY, June 27, 2018 – The Sarasota County School District has earned an A grade by the state of Florida for the 15th consecutive year since grading began in 2004. Sarasota was one of 20 school districts in Florida to earn an A grade for the 2017-18 school year. The school district saw improvements in eight of 11 categories and maintained scores in the other three. There were no declines. Sarasota County Schools’ overall scores improved by four percentage points compared to last year and the school district is ranked #3 in the state behind St. John and Lafayette who are both tied for #1.

“I am elated,” noted Dr. Todd Bowden, superintendent of Sarasota County Schools. “In a year filled with incredible distractions in our schools, including Hurricane Irma and school safety concerns, our teachers, students, administrators and staff did an amazing job of staying focused and inspiring learning. Our teachers should feel especially proud of these outcomes, and the incredible work they do every day to help our students succeed.”

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) released the official school grades across the state for the 2017-18 academic year. A total of 42 schools in the district received an A or B grade with seven schools earning a C grade. There were no D or F grades this school year. Nine schools saw grade improvements, 32 schools maintained and eight schools declined. Oak Park and Triad are assessed differently and these school ratings are not yet released.

“Our teachers, students, families and administrators should feel proud of their success,” commented Dr. Laura Kingsley, chief academic officer and assistant superintendent for Sarasota County Schools. “I am thrilled with the progress made throughout the school district, especially in math and science, and how we fulfilled the Superintendent’s vision for accelerated coursework in middle schools. Of course, we need to roll up our sleeves and focus on areas that need improvement, especially in the schools where scores dropped, so we can identify how best to support our teachers, students and administrators.”

The state’s grades are based on 11 factors that include student achievement, learning gains statewide, high school graduation rates and standardized tests, among others. Overall, Sarasota County Schools improved by 37 points in these key areas.

Sarasota County Schools earned the following grades by school for the 2017-18 academic year:

Alta Vista Elementary – B
Ashton Elementary – A
Atwater Elementary – B
Bay Haven School of Basics Plus – B
Booker Middle School – B
Booker High School – B
Brentwood Elementary – C
Brookside Middle School – A
Cranberry Elementary – A
Emma E. Booker – C
Englewood Elementary – A
Fruitville Elementary – A
Garden Elementary – B
Glenallen Elementary – C
Gocio Elementary – C
Gulf Gate Elementary – B
Heron Creek Middle School – B
Imagine School at North Port – B
Imagine School at Palmer Ranch – A
Island Village Montessori School – A
Lakeview Elementary – A
Lamarque Elementary – A
Laurel Nokomis School – A
McIntosh Middle School – B
North Port High School – B
Phillippi Shores Elementary – A
Pine View School – A
Riverview High School – A
Sarasota Academy of the Arts – A
Sarasota High School – B
Sarasota Middle School – A
Sarasota Military Academy – B
Sarasota School for Innovative Studies – C
Sarasota School of Arts/Sciences – A
Sarasota Suncoast Academy – A
Sky Academy Englewood – A
Sky Academy Venice – A
Southside Elementary – A
Student Leadership Academy – A
Suncoast Polytechnical High School – A
Tatum Ridge Elementary – A
Taylor Ranch Elementary – A
Toledo Blade Elementary – C
Tuttle Elementary – B
Venice Elementary – A
Venice High School – A
Venice Middle School – A
Wilkinson Elementary – C
Woodland Middle School – B

To find out more about school grades across the state, visit the [FLDOE online](#).

About Sarasota County Schools

Dedicated to academic excellence, Sarasota County Schools is home to 53 schools, 43,000 students and 5,000 employees. The Sarasota County School District is one of only two Florida school districts to consistently earn an "A" grade since 2004. Learn more: <http://sarasotacountyschools.net/>.