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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **2013-2014 HIGH SCHOOL GRADES AND GRADUATION RATES RELEASED**

The release of high school grades today by the Florida Department of Education brings continued good news regarding the performance of our high schools. Table 1 next page shows the FCAT total points (800 maximum), non-FCAT total points (800 maximum), the overall total points, and the school grades from FY12 to FY14.

The State of Florida changed the scale for school grades to make it more challenging in FY14 as shown in Table 2. For example, the number of points required to earn an “A” was increased by 70 points. Even with the more stringent scale, all schools maintained an “A” except Golden Gate and Immokalee high schools, which each received a “B.” Immokalee High School would have received an “A” if the grading criteria had remained the same.

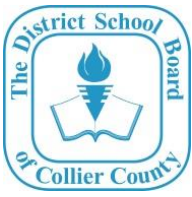
“We are encouraged by the results and have cause to celebrate today,” says Dr. Kamela Patton. Our overall percentage of “A” schools (75%) is higher than the State (36%). Although rescaling made the criteria more stringent, the majority of Collier’s high schools maintained their grade.

Another point of pride is our graduation rate at 82.1%, an improvement of .8% which exceeds the state graduation rate of 76.1% (See Table 3). The Collier graduation rate has continued to improve since 2010, when the graduation rate was 70.6%.

Dr. Patton emphasizes that success is truly a collaborative effort. “We want to thank our teachers, parents, administrators and community members for their role in the continued successes of the district.”

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**Table 1  
 FY12-14 School Grades**

School Name	FCAT			NON-FCAT			Overall Total			Grade		
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13	FY14
<b>Barron Collier High</b>	565	572	606	659	681	699	1224	1253	1305	A	A	A
<b>Golden Gate High</b>	505	516	498	456	588	550	961	1104	1048	C	A	B
<b>Gulf Coast High</b>	588	633	583	664	677	693	1252	1310	1276	A	A	A
<b>Immokalee High</b>	448	456	473	464	562	578	912	1018	1051	C	B	B
<b>Lely High</b>	511	540	556	569	612	631	1080	1152	1187	A	A	A
<b>Lorenzo Walker High</b>	535	552	540	607	681	659	1142	1233	1199	A	A	A
<b>Naples High</b>	553	536	522	646	653	651	1199	1189	1173	B	A	A
<b>Palmetto Ridge High</b>	522	551	539	568	641	601	1090	1192	1140	B	A	A
<b>*Everglades City</b>	436	404	443	--	--	--	436	404	443	C	D	C
<b>Immokalee Teen Parenting Program</b>	--	--	473	--	--	578	--	--	1051	--	--	B
<b>Naples Area Teenage Parenting</b>	--	--	498	--	--	550	--	--	1048	--	--	B
<b>*Marco Island Academy</b>	--	--	585	--	--	--	--	--	585	C	D	A

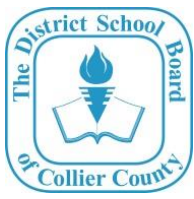
\*Note that the grade for Everglades City School and Marco Island Academy only included FCAT components as there were too few students to calculate for non-FCAT components. Non-FCAT components required at least ten students to be included in the calculation.

The high school grades were assigned based on 50% FCAT (student achievement and learning gains) and 50% non-FCAT components. The non-FCAT components include 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year graduation rate of all students and those identified as academically at risk, participation and performance of students in accelerated coursework, and postsecondary readiness of students. For the first time, the non-FCAT component also includes the US History EOC exam.

**Table 2  
 School Grading Criteria**

Grade	FY13	FY14
A	>=1050	>=1120
B	990-1049	1040-1119
C	870-989	880-1039
D	790-869	800-879
F	0-789	<800

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**Table 3**  
**Federal Graduation Rates**

<b>Federal Graduation Rate (Only includes Standard Diplomas)</b>	<b>FY10</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>
<b>Barron Collier High</b>	88.3	87.7	91.3	93.1	92.0
<b>Everglades City</b>	58.3	45.5	100	88.9	90.9
<b>Golden Gate High</b>	60.6	60.9	72.9	78.2	73.3
<b>Gulf Coast High</b>	91.5	90.4	94.2	94.1	95.1
<b>Immokalee High</b>	67	64.7	79.8	86.8	89.1
<b>L. Walker Technical High</b>	77.9	77.3	93	94.5	100
<b>Lely High</b>	70.6	74.3	83.6	89.7	91.3
<b>Naples High</b>	80.2	86.4	88.6	88.1	92.4
<b>Palmetto Ridge High</b>	83.2	82.3	84.1	87.8	87.3
<b>District</b>	70.6	72.5	78.4	81.3	82.1
<b>State</b>	69	70.6	74.5	75.6	76.1

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