



# Well Done, Miami-Dade!

**Florida's Largest District Earns an A for the First Time Ever**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools have been going from strength to strength in recent years. Perhaps most notably, the number of F-rated schools has been falling precipitously—from 26 schools back in 1999, to 16 in 2015, to seven in 2016.

And then in 2017, a milestone decades in the making: according to the Florida Department of Education, there were no F-rated schools left in Florida's largest district.

Would they ever top *that*?

Well, the 2017–2018 results are in, and, not only are there still no F-rated schools in Miami-Dade County, following 10 straight years of “B” ratings, the district has been awarded an “A” for the first time ever.

We at Curriculum Associates commend this awesome achievement!

Says CEO Rob Waldron, “Congratulations to Superintendent Carvalho and Miami-Dade! Curriculum Associates serves a growing base of over seven million students in the US, and we can appreciate just how much has to go *right* to show such sustained improvement across such a large population and so many diverse needs. This is huge.”



Miami-Dade educators and students celebrate the district's first-ever A.

## Road to a Record-Setting District Report Card

Year	Number of F-Rated Schools	District Grade
1999	26	n/a
2015	16	B
2016	7	B
2017	0	B
2018	0	A



**MiamiCAO** @MiamiCAO

And just like that...@MDCPS is rated an “A” district by the Florida Department of Education. #proudCAO





Curriculum Associates is proud to partner with Miami-Dade in supporting their Grade K–8 students with the online, adaptive *i-Ready*® *Diagnostic* and the personalized online lessons in *i-Ready Instruction*.

In a recent whitepaper, we explored the creation and evolution of the rich data culture inside the classrooms and administrative offices of Miami-Dade.

They've made thoughtful, foundation-laying investments in this regard, including:

- Adoption of technology that quickly accesses and distributes data, such as a data warehouse, dashboards, and portals.
- Optimization of such technology to be user-friendly for staff and the socialization of a districtwide commitment to the practice of data-driven instruction.
- Beginning in 2014, implementation of *i-Ready*, which pinpoints and remediates individual skill deficits while equipping educators with the right data to support informed decision-making.



It's clear Miami-Dade County Public Schools are reaping the benefits of visionary leadership and engaged classrooms as they work toward giving their students the world. To read more about their blueprint for a thriving data culture that gets results, request the whitepaper *Establishing a Districtwide Data Culture* from your sales rep.



**Alberto M. Carvalho** @MiamiSup

Toward what end are we testing kids? Assessment cannot be a competitive data reporting exercise; worthless and punitive if it does not inform and improve teaching and learning. @NAEP\_NCES @CovBoard @YouTube



**Mr Papp** @PrincipalPapp

Congratulations to our winners of the @santaclaraes *i-Ready* turnover chair. These students had the highest combination of usage time and passing rate in their grade level. #NextLevel #SoaringToNewHeights @MiamiSup



**Melrose Elementary**

@MelroseMustangs

Students checking for their names on the *i-Ready* boards this morning and having a conversation about how they are going to do even better. #HardWork #GrowthMindset #PursuitToExcellence #i-Ready



## Are your teachers' and leaders' decisions backed by data?

Request the whitepaper *Establishing a Districtwide Data Culture* or visit [i-Ready.com/Empower](https://www.i-ready.com/Empower) to explore how *i-Ready* supports the tenets of a rich data culture.

