Keeping Focused
As Florida’s educational accountability system continues to grow and evolve, Orange County Public Schools remains committed and focused on our mission: to lead our students to success with the support and involvement of families and the community.

To help us better inform you of the changes that impact your student and school, please feel free to contact your principal and make use of district resources to gain a greater understanding of the new accountability system.

ocps.net/parents
schoolgrades.fldoe.org
Middle School Acceleration
OCPS encourages students to pursue rigorous curriculum and challenge themselves throughout their education. Seventh and eighth-grade students participating in high school level courses with an EOC, such as Algebra I, or industry certification courses are evaluated as a part of a middle school’s grade. A school can earn up to 100 points based on the percentage of students earning level 3 or above on a statewide EOC or a passing score on an industry certification examination.

Graduation
Our primary goal at OCPS is to ensure students have the support and guidance needed to successfully complete a K-12 education. Schools can earn up to 100 points based on the percentage of students who successfully graduate from high school by the end of four years.

College and Career Readiness
Our schools provide students with a variety of opportunities to gain college credit and career training before graduation. Schools can earn up to 100 points based on the percentage of graduating students who are eligible to earn postsecondary credit.

Five Measures of Student Success
In order to establish a new, simplified system of evaluating student achievement, the new School Grades formula focuses on five key measures of success for school years 2014-2015 and beyond:

Achievement
Schools are evaluated based on the percentage of students earning an at-or-above grade level score on a state assessment such as the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), End of Course examinations (EOC), and Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (FSAA). These assessments evaluate a school based on four core subjects: English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Schools can earn up to 100 points in each achievement area, based on the percentage of students scoring at-or-above grade level on the assessments.

Learning Gains
The percentage of students demonstrating growth from the prior year to the current in the subject areas of ELA and Mathematics is measured and used as an evaluation component for schools. Schools can earn up to 100 points for each subject based on the percentage of students demonstrating growth. Additionally, special attention is placed on the growth of students who performed below grade level previously. Schools can earn up to 100 points for each subject based on the percentage of these students demonstrating growth. Note that for the 2014-2015 school year, learning gains are not included in school grade calculations.

Simplifying Accountability
In 2013, Governor Rick Scott issued an Executive Order to review and refocus Florida’s educational accountability system. Effective January 6, 2016, these changes:

◆ Provide stability and clarity with the transition to a new state assessment
◆ Include performance of English Language Learning (ELL) students after two years in United States schools
◆ Ensure the accountability system is fair and transparent and promotes improvement in student outcomes

Over the last two years educators, legislators, and community members have worked together to create a new system that will simplify the School Grade formula and ensure that the performance of schools and school districts is transparent.