

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Annual Report FY 2002-2003



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# State Fire Marshal's Report

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This is the first-ever annual report on the status of fire safety programs in Florida's public schools. Responsibility for gathering this information was transferred in 2002 from the Department of Education to the State Fire Marshal. The requirements are set out in Chapter 1013 of Florida's statutes.

Under the new law, each school district and the fire marshal in each jurisdiction are required to conduct an inspection of each school during each school year, with the local fire marshal having authority to set and enforce deadlines for correction of violations. The school district is responsible for reporting the results of the dual inspections to the State Fire Marshal's Office by June 30 of each year. In jurisdictions that lack fire safety inspection capability, the State Fire Marshal assumes the role of the local fire official. The law is intended to ensure that every public school, charter school and community college is inspected by an independent fire authority.



Numerous public workshops were held throughout the state to gather input from fire service personnel, school district officials and parents. The final rule, Chapter 69A-58 of the Florida Administrative Code became effective February 18, 2003.

Some interesting analyses can be made from the results of the first annual report. It is strongly recommended that the required inspections by the school district and the local fire official be conducted jointly. Since the goal of the efforts of both agencies is to ensure the safety of school children, joint inspections will maximize the quality of the inspection and establish stronger relationships between school district personnel and local fire officials.

The age of each of the buildings at Florida's more than 3,000 schools and community colleges may be as little as one year to as many as 50 or more years old. Educational facilities, like other buildings, become obsolete due to technological changes in building systems and more modern approaches to fire safety by the authors of model codes. This makes it difficult to maintain

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adequate levels of fire safety without providing significant alternative design considerations by fire and life safety professionals. The Florida School Firesafety Evaluation System has been adopted to help school and local fire officials meet these requirements. This section of the Florida Administrative Code outlines the flexibility code officials have when evaluating existing structures.

During the first reporting year, questions arose regarding whether charter schools were required to meet the same inspection requirements of other public schools. While it is apparent that some charter schools did not receive inspections by both district personnel and local fire officials, efforts have dramatically increased in the current year FY 2003-2004 inspection program. The State Fire Marshal, working with the Department of Education, provided clear direction to each of Florida's school districts and charter schools that dual inspections are also required in charter schools, and subsequent reports are expected to provide a more detailed analysis of the fire safety programs within these schools.

As we look to the future, several issues are apparent. Compliance with the reporting requirements was not at the level we expect by either the school districts or local fire officials. Although this first year report is a transition period to the new reporting requirements, the State Fire Marshal and the Department of Education will take appropriate action to ensure that all affected entities comply fully to ensure the highest level of life safety for Florida students, teachers and staff.

Working with local agencies, we are developing a standardized reporting format that will be initiated with the beginning of the 2005-2006 reporting period. This standardized process will provide a product that is easier to read and understand for citizens and government officials, and will save time and expense for those government agencies participating in the process.

This project has fostered stronger relationships between local fire officials and the school districts and we intend to support and nurture those relationships. Promoting unity in the reporting process is just one initiative that will improve those relationships, in that joint inspections are occurring. Joint inspections help to improve safety and reduce expense.

It is an important responsibility to ensure that our children have a safe environment to learn. Working together is the best way to achieve that, and this report will provide a significant source of information that can guide us. We are confident in saying that this legislative initiative has greatly improved the safety of schools in Florida, which of course is the desired result.

# Overview of Law

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## Overview of the Requirements of Section 1013.12, Florida Statutes

The firesafety inspections referred to in the statute above are applicable to all buildings owned, leased, or being lease-purchased by the school board, including all permanent and relocatable buildings. In addition, they must begin not sooner than one year after a new building has been occupied. They must be performed in accordance with any applicable code or standard, such as NFPA 101, as adopted in Rule 69A-3.012, Florida Administrative Code, or any other applicable code or standard which has been adopted in Rule Chapter 69A-58, Florida Administrative Code. Finally, the subject inspections are not applicable to new construction or new buildings which are subject to and controlled by Section 1013.38, Florida Statutes.

Reports of the inspections must be filed with the local school board and the local site administrator. A plan and schedule for correction of any deficiency in the inspection report must be developed by any firesafety inspector finding a deficiency in conjunction with the school board and that plan and schedule then must be adopted and complied with by the school board.

Each inspection report and plan of correction must contain, at a



minimum, the name of the school district or community college, the name of the local fire authority having jurisdiction (that is, the municipality, county, or special district), the name of the facility inspected, the type of facility inspected (that is, K-5, 6-9, 10-12, community colleges, other), the facility address, the number of the facility as listed in

the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH#), the name, address, and phone number of each inspector and the designation of whether such inspector is a special firesafety inspector or a municipal firesafety inspector, the date of the inspection, and each violation or deficiency noted during an inspection.

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## **Overview of Law** *continued*

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Furthermore, each violation or deficiency report must contain the Building name or number and, if applicable, the room number of the building in which the violation was noted; a description of the violation or deficiency and the number of times this violation or deficiency has been cited. In addition, the estimated correction date, total number of violations or deficiencies cited not involving serious life safety hazards and the total number of violations or deficiencies cited involving serious life safety hazards. Finally, the date of the scheduled reinspection, a statement that the district has or has not complied with 1013.12(1)(c), a statement that the local authority having jurisdiction has or has not complied with 1013.12(2) c), including verification that the required fire drills have been completed. The report must include the signature of the district inspector if the inspection was made by the school district, or the signature of the local fire official if the local authority having jurisdiction made the inspection. If both the school district fire safety inspector and the local fire official made the inspection, each one must sign.

When the violation or deficiency has been corrected, the school board must notify the division of such correction. The inspection reports noted above together with the plan and schedule for correction of any deficiency must be submitted to the division by June 30, of each year.

# School Inspections Success Stories

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Florida's Public schools are subject to a fire safety inspection by personnel representing the local fire safety official in each jurisdiction of the state. Many small and rural counties found themselves ill equipped to meet the inspection requirement when it became effective July 1, 2003. The Division of State Fire Marshal's Uniform Rule 69A-58.007(3) states, "if practicable, each county, municipality, or special district having fire safety responsibilities shall employ or contract with a certified fire safety inspector within one year after contacting the Division to assist in performing the required fire safety inspections."

During fiscal year 2002-2003, neither Dixie nor Gilchrist counties employed a local fire official. In accordance with 633.01(7), both counties requested the Division of State Fire Marshal's assistance to act as the local fire authority and to perform the required fire safety inspections. Fire Protection Specialist, Ben Barron with the Division, working along side school district officials, conducted inspections of 12 schools and ancillary facilities within the two counties during the fiscal year. Mr. Barron worked with the districts to develop a plan of action and have monitored the progress of the corrective action for each identified violation. *"In working with the districts, I would say that both counties showed great cooperation,"* stated Mr. Barron. *"On follow-up inspections, all violations were corrected with only a few outstanding corrective action type deficiencies that required time and an architect's input,"* he added.

Following the assistance that the Division provided to Dixie and Gilchrist counties, both have now employed a certified fire safety inspector and have taken on the responsibility of performing their school inspection obligation for the public schools.

*Ben Barron, Fire Protection Specialist for the Division's Bureau of Fire Prevention discovers a gasoline powered tractor inside this classroom*



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## Success Stories *continued*

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The Division of State Fire Marshal is an advocate for school districts and local fire officials to perform joint firesafety inspections of public schools. Mike Judd, Special Firesafety Inspector with Flagler County, agrees with this type of collaboration. He stated, *“When I came to the District four years ago, Jeff Pattee, Fire Marshal of Palm Coast, was conducting fire inspections of our schools along with a special fire inspector from a consortium.”* Since that time, Mike has obtained certification as a special fire safety inspector and now assumes the role of fire official for the school district. The certification process requires a specified number of hours of program study and a comprehensive examination administered by the Florida State Fire College depending on the type of certification desired. Mike recently shared his thoughts on joint inspections to include, *“this practice has helped reduce classroom interruptions and has been a great opportunity for us to learn from each other.”*

A public school can be a mix of many different types of occupancies such as educational, places of assembly and business. Mike has been able to capitalize on the experience of the local fire official who must inspect essentially every type of occupancy within their jurisdiction. This experience is then supported by Mike’s extensive knowledge of the policies and procedures of the Flagler County School System and a first hand knowledge of its facilities. *“This has proven to be a very positive relationship,”* Mike alludes.

This is just one experience that shows that many positive results occur when joint inspections are performed. It allows school district employees to gain inspection experience from the local fire officials. It allows the local fire officials to learn more about school requirements from the district employees. It reduces the number of reports generated by resulting in a single joint report that both agencies agree on. And, it fosters a positive working relationship between the school districts and the local fire officials, a feat that is critical to a truly effective and comprehensive fire safety program for our public schools.

# Inspection Summary (Statewide)

## Florida

Number of schools and ancillary facilities 3,716

Percentage reporting 91%

Top five violations:

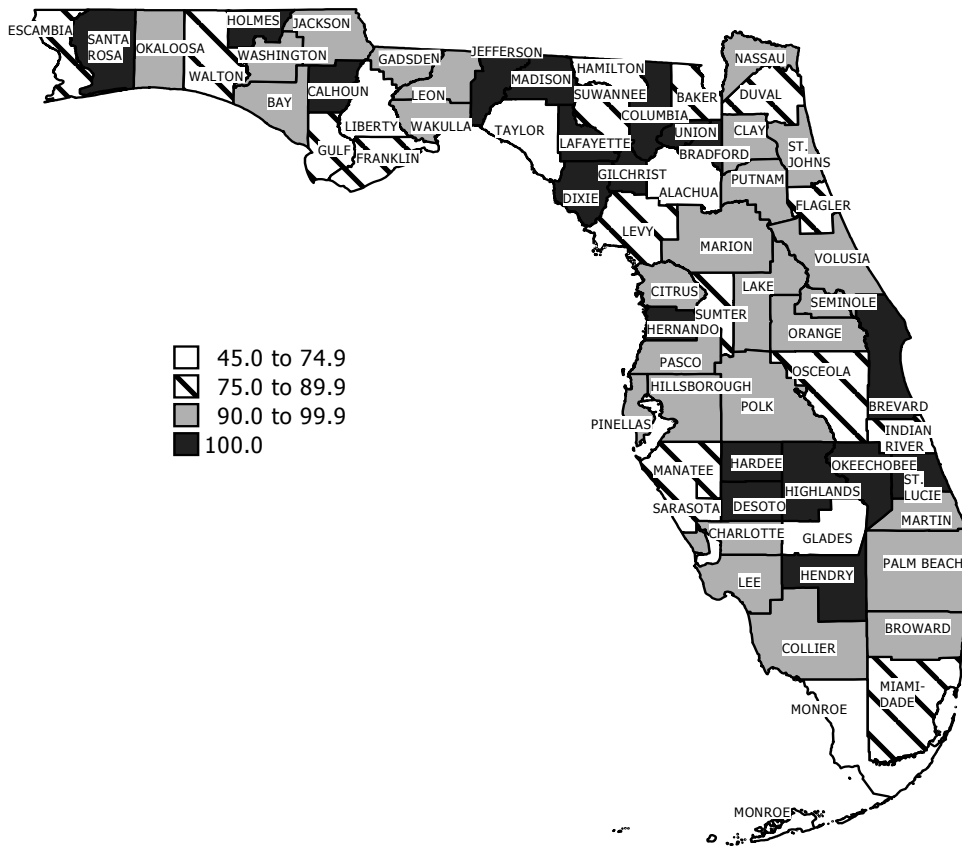
Fire Alarm System improperly maintained

Emergency lights—not operational/not present

Improper storage

Fire extinguisher requires inspection

Doors—improper rating/needs self-closer (do not have to be metal for proper rating)/need repair



Percentage of Counties Reporting

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Alachua

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	67
Percentage reporting	67%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use	
Improper storage	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Administrative Annex	
Alachua Learning Center	
Alachua Superintendent's Office	
Caring and Sharing Learning School, Inc.	
Early Headstart Family Program Center	
Einstein Montessori School, Inc.	
Expressions Learning Arts Academy	
Genesis Preparatory School	
Hawthorne Stadium	
Love to Learn Educational Center, Inc.	
Micanopy Area Cooperative School	
Micanopy Middle School	
Newberry Elementary	
Oakview Middle	
Oasis Enrichment Academy	
One Room School House Project, Inc.	
Oscar Servin Center	
P. K. Yonge Laboratory School	
Sidney Lanier Center	
Spring Hill Middle	
Traffic Safety Center	
Westwood Middle	

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## Baker

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	9
Percentage reporting	78%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Excessive decorations	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
New Macclenny Elementary	
Southside Education Center	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Bay

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	44
Percentage reporting	98%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Blocked exits	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Vacant	

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## Bradford

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	11
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Missing or inadequate signage	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	

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## Brevard

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	109
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Furniture, curtains, and other materials, improper fire rating	
Exit lights inoperable	

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## Broward

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	269
Percentage reporting	99%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Missing or inadequate signage	
Doors, improper rating or need repairs	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Beacon Administration	
Country Hills Elementary	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Calhoun

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	9
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Improper storage	
Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) violations	

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## Charlotte

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	25
Percentage reporting	96%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Emergency lighting not tested or not maintained	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Benjamin J. Baker Elementary	

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## Citrus

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	31
Percentage reporting	96%
Top three violations:	
Inadequate illumination	
Breached smoke barrier	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Citrus Superintendent's Office	

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## Clay

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	39
Percentage reporting	97%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Extension cords, improper rating	
Breached smoke barrier	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Clay Superintendent's Office	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Collier

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	50
Percentage reporting	94%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Improper storage	
Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Collier Superintendent's Office	
Marco Island Charter Middle	
RMCA Charter	

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## Columbia

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	15
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Missing or inadequate signage	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Monthly "quick inspections" not performed	

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## De Soto

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	11
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Missing or inadequate signage	
Inadequate illumination	
Exit lights inoperable	

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## Dixie

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	6
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Improper emergency escape signage	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Missing or inadequate signage	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Duval

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	181
Percentage reporting	88%
Top three violations:	
Fire extinguisher inspection, servicing or repair	
Improper locking devices	
Exit lights inoperable	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Administration Building	
Administration Office	
Central Administrative Office	
Central Supply Warehouse	
Consolidated Service Center	
Daniel Payne Academy	
Destiny Educational Academy of Excellence	
Elementary School "W"	
Fairfield Elementary	
Forest Park Elementary	
Liberty Street Maintenance #1	
Liberty Street Media Center	
Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary	
Powers Avenue Maintenance #2	
Southside Skills Center	
Team Center	
Warehouse and Bookkeeping Depot	
Wyman Academy of Arts	

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## Escambia

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	90
Percentage reporting	77%
Top three violations:	
Fire evacuation plan posting violation	
Improper storage	
Receptacle, switchplate, lighting maintenance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Beulah Academy of Science	
Brownsville Middle	
Byrneville Conversion Charter	
Capital Improvement Maintenance Facility	
Escambia Charter School	
Escambia Senior High	
Ferry Pass Middle	
George Stone Area Vocational-Technical Center	
Gulf Coast Academy	
J. E. Hall Educational Services Center	
J. M. Tate Senior High	
Jackie Harris Pyramid School of Learning	
Jacqueline Harris Pyramid School of Learning	
Pensacola Beach Elementary	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Flagler

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	14
Percentage reporting	79%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Breached smoke barrier	
Handrail maintenance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Flagler Adult Education	
Old Kings Elementary	

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## Franklin

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	9
Percentage reporting	78%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Blocked exits	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Appalachicola Bay Charter School	
Carrabelle Community Center	

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## Gadsden

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	16
Percentage reporting	94%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire extinguisher inaccessible or discharged	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Crossroads Academy	

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## Gilchrist

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	5
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Missing or inadequate signage	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Blocked exits	



# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Glades

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	5
Percentage reporting	60%
Top three violations:	
Exit lights inoperable	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Glades Superintendent's Office	
Transportation Facility	

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## Gulf

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	8
Percentage reporting	75%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Exit lights inoperable	
Boiler room certificate out of date or missing	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Highland View Elementary	
Maintenance	

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## Hamilton

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	9
Percentage reporting	67%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Fire extinguisher inaccessible or discharged	
Missing or inadequate signage	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Central Hamilton Elementary	
Hamilton Superintendent's Office	

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## Hardee

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	16
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Fire extinguisher inaccessible or discharged	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Blocked exits	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Hendry

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	18
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Exit lights inoperable	
Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use	

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## Hernando

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	31
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Fire extinguisher inaccessible or discharged	
Fire evacuation plan posting violation	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	

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## Highlands

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	22
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) violations	
Doors, improper rating or need repairs	

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## Hillsborough

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	228
Percentage reporting	93%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Blocked exits	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Central City of Tampa	
Eastside Multicultural	
Leaning Gate Community School	
Metropolitan Ministries	
Pepin Academy	
Rebirth Academy	
Redlands Christian Migrant Association	
Richard Milburn Academy	
Richardson Academy	
Tampa Bay Academy	
Tampa Bay Adult Center	
Village of Excellence	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Holmes

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	11
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Improper storage	
Fire extinguisher inaccessible or discharged	

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## Indian River

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	32
Percentage reporting	88%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Egress path obstructed	
Fire evacuation plan posting violation	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Indian River Academy	
Indian River Charter High	
Sebastian Charter Jr. High	
St. Peters Academy	

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## Jackson

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	21
Percentage reporting	95%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Improper storage	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Challenge for Success	

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## Jefferson

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	8
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Improper emergency escape signage	
Breached smoke barrier	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Lafayette

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	5
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Blocked exits	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	

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## Lake

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	68
Percentage reporting	94%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Extension cords, improper rating	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Alee Academy and Alee ACER	
Bus Garage	
Milestones Community Elementary School	
Milestones Community Middle School	

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## Lee

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	84
Percentage reporting	95%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Doors, improper rating or needs repair	
Improper emergency escape signage	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Bonita Springs Charter School	
Lee Association for Retarded Citizens (LARC)	
Richard Milburn Academy	
The Island School	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Leon

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	57
Percentage reporting	96%
Top three violations:	
Egress path obstructed	
Exit lights inoperable	
Blocked exits	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
School of Arts and Science	
Steele-Collins Middle School	

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## Levy

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	15
Percentage reporting	87%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Improper storage	
Doors, improper rating or needs repair	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
New Hope	
Wispering Winds	

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## Liberty

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	8
Percentage reporting	63%
Top three violations:	
Improper emergency escape signage	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Liberty County Second Chance	
Liberty Education and Administrative Center	
Liberty Superintendent's Office	

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## Madison

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	8
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Fire extinguisher inaccessible or discharged	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Manatee

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	59
Percentage reporting	80%
Top three violations:	
Improper wiring or appliance	
Hazardous accumulation of combustible materials	
Doors, improper rating or need repair	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Center Academy	
Island Middle Charter	
Manatee Juvenile Justice	
Manatee School for the Arts	
Manatee School of Arts and Science	
Morton-Clark Head Start	
Opportunity Charter	
PAL Academy	
Palmetto Head Start Center	
Palmetto Senior High	
Parish Head Start Center	
Richard Milburn Academy	

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## Marion

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	60
Percentage reporting	95%
Top three violations:	
Doors, improper rating or needs repair	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire extinguisher requires inspection	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Future Leaders Academy for Arts and Science	
Marion Charter School	
Silver River Environmental Museum	

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## Martin

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	34
Percentage reporting	97%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Breached smoke barrier	
Improper storage	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Port Salerno Alternative Education Center	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Miami-Dade

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	443
Percentage reporting	87%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Excessive decorations	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Ada Merritt Complex	
Archimedean Academy	
Aspira Eugenio Maria De Hostos Charter School	
Aspira South Youth Leadership Charter School	
Aspira Youth Leadership Charter School	
Buena Vista Elementary	
Chapman House	
Coral Reef Montessori Academy	
Doral Academy High School (11100 NW 27 Street)	
Doral Academy High School (2173 NW 99 Avenue)	
Downtown Miami Charter School	
E. W. F. Stirrup Elementary	
Facilities and Plant Operations	
Facilities Operations Central Center	
Facilities Operations Coral Reef Satellite	
Facilities Operations Mill Annex	
Facilities Operations North Central Satellite	
Facilities Operations North Satellite	
Facilities Operations South Central Satellite	
Facilities Operations South Satellite	
Fienberg-Fisher Adult and Community Education	
Florida International Academy	
Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary	
Goulds Center	
Homeless Assistance Center #1	
Information Technology Computer Center	
John A. Ferguson Senior High	
John H. Schee Transportation Center	
Lamar Louise Curry Middle	
Leona B. Smith Elementary	
Liberty City Charter School	
Maintenance Material and Facilities Operation Main Office	
Mater Academy High	
Mater Center Charter School	
Mater East Charter School	
Miami Lakes Technical Center High School	
Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning	
Miami Skill Center	

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# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Miami-Dade (Continued)

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Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following: (Continued)

- Mill Shop Annex
- North County Charter School
- North Dade Community Charter
- North Miami Annex
- North Transportation Center
- Northeast Academy
- Plant Operations
- Rosa Parks Community School
- Rosa Parks Community School/Overtown
- Ryder Elementary Charter School
- Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity
- Spiral Tech Elementary Charter School
- Student Services and Attendance Center
- Transportation Center Central West
- Vankara Academy Charter School
- Youth Coop Charter School

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## Monroe

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	24
Percentage reporting	45%

Top three violations:

No violations were reported

Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:

- Big Pine Neighborhood
- Coral Shores Senior High
- Grace Jones
- Harris Elementary
- Key Largo Elementary and Middle
- Key West Montessori
- Maintenance Building
- Montessori Island Charter School
- Plantation Key School
- Sugarloaf Big Pine Annex
- Trumbo Administration Complex
- Vacant



# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Nassau

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	28
Percentage reporting	93%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Exit lights inoperable	
Fire extinguisher requires inspection	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Bus Garage	
Nassau Halfway House	

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## Okaloosa

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	53
Percentage reporting	94%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Exit lights inoperable	
Missing or inadequate signage	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Holt Refurbishing Shop and Warehouse	
Okaloosa Walton Community College Charter	

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## Okeechobee

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	12
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use	
Improper storage	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	

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## Orange

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	183
Percentage reporting	97%
Top three violations:	
Blocked exits	
Egress path obstructed	
Heat/smoke detector placement not consistent with Code or Standard	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Hope Chater	
Lake Eola Charter School	
Nap Ford Community School	
Passport High School/Northstar High	
Passport School	

# Inspection Summary (County-by-County)

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## Osceola

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	59
Percentage reporting	80%
Top three violations:	
Improper storate	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Canoe Creek Charter School	
Central Administrative Complex	
Central Avenue Elementary	
Foundation Middle School	
Four Corners Elementary	
Four Corners Middle	
Harmony Neighborhood School	
Kissimmee Charter	
Kissimmee Transportation Center	
New Dimension High School	
P. M. Wells Charter	
UCP Child Development Center	

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## Palm Beach

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	193
Percentage reporting	90%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Fire extinguisher requires inspection	
Improper storage	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Bright Futures International	
Chancellor Charter School of Lantana	
Charter School of Boynton Beach	
Corebridge Educational Academy	
Everglades Prep Academy	
ITV Station	
J. F. K. Charter School	
Joseph Littles Nguza Saba	
Palm Beach Maritime	
Poentials	
Riviera Beach Academy Charter School	
School District Support Center at Florida Mango	
Seagull Academy for Independent Living	
Survivors Charter School, Inc.	
The Adult Education Center	
The Imagine School	
Toussaint L'Ouverture High School for the Arts and Science	
Transportation and Maintenance	
Transportation Services (new)	

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## Pasco

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	77
Percentage reporting	94%
Top three violations:	
Egress path obstructed	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Improper wiring or appliance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Deerwood Academy	
District Maintenance Building (Moon Lake)	
Northwest Bus Garage	
The Language Academy	
West Bus Garage	

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## Pinellas

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	148
Percentage reporting	97%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Improper storage	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Academy DaVinci	
Athenian Academy	
Center for Professional Education	
Pinellas Prep	
Whole Child	

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## Polk

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	140
Percentage reporting	97%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire extinguisher requires inspection	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Apple School	
Bennett Christiansen Academy	
Central Florida Speech and Hearing	
Hartridge Academy	

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## Putnam

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	29
Percentage reporting	97%
Top three violations:	
Storage condition that create a fire hazard	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire extinguisher requires inspection	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Q. I. Roberts Middle	

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## St. Johns

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	35
Percentage reporting	97%
Top three violations:	
Breached smoke barrier	
Excessive decorations	
Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Association for Retarded Citizens/Therapeutic Learning Center	

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## St. Lucie

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	42
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Hazardous accumulation of combustibles	
Combustibles, accumulation near structure	
Improper storage	

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## Santa Rosa

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	34
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Missing or inadequate signage	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Improper emergency escape signage	

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## Sarasota

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	47
Percentage reporting	85%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Blocked exits	
Exit lights inoperable	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Adult & Community Education	
Island Village Montessori	
Richard Milburn Academy	
Sarasota Military Academy	
Sarasota School of Arts and Science	
Suncoast School for Innovative Studies	
Wings Academy Charter School	

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## Seminole

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	71
Percentage reporting	93%
Top three violations:	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Improper storage	
Blocked exits	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Bookertown	
Choices in Learning	
Consolidated Maintenance Services	
Rays of Hope Charter School	
United Cerebral Palsy	

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## Sumter

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	19
Percentage reporting	89%
Top three violations:	
Exit lights inoperable	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Unprotected vertical openings	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
The Villages Charter Elementary	
The Villages Middle School	

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## Suwannee

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	13
Percentage reporting	77%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Window blinds and coverings, improper rating	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Branford Bus Garage	
Douglass Center	
Superintendent's Office (old)	

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## Taylor

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	10
Percentage reporting	70%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Blocked exits	
Furniture, curtains, and other materials, improper fire rating	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Finance Center	
Taylor County Elementary (old)	
Transportation Terminal	

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## Union

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	7
Percentage reporting	100%
Top three violations:	
Combustible materials, hazardous accumulation	
Improper storage	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	

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## Volusia

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	81
Percentage reporting	93%
Top three violations:	
Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use	
Improper storage	
Egress path obstructed	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Administrative Center	
Advanced Tech Center	
Bicentennial Park	
Facilities Services	
John Smiley Administrative Center	
Reading Edge Academy	

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## Wakulla

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	11
Percentage reporting	91%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Blocked exits	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Coast	

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## Walton

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	15
Percentage reporting	87%
Top three violations:	
Fire Alarm System maintenance	
Exit lights inoperable	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Seaside Neighborhood	
Walton Academy, Inc.	

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## Washington

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Number of schools and ancillary facilities	14
Percentage reporting	93%
Top three violations:	
Improper storage	
Emergency lights, not operational or not present	
Fire extinguisher inaccessible or discharged	
Fire safety inspection reports were not received for the following:	
Maintenance/Food	

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## Community Colleges

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### **Brevard - No reports**

#### **Broward**

Top violations:

- Improper emergency escape signage
- Emergency lights not operational or not present
- Breached smoke barrier

#### **Central Florida**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Electrical panel violations
- Boiler room certificate out of date or missing

#### **Chipola**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System needs inspection
- Exit lights inoperable
- Improper storage

#### **Daytona Beach**

Top violations:

- Exit lights inoperable
- Fire doors with door stops or wedges
- Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use

#### **Edison**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Improper storage
- Fire department access inadequate

#### **Florida Community College at Jacksonville**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Fire Alarm System needs inspection
- Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use

#### **Florida Keys**

Top violations:

- Exit lights inoperable
- Fire extinguisher requires inspection
- Improper wiring or improper appliance

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## Community Colleges *continued*

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### **Gulf Coast**

Top violations:

- Emergency lights not operational or not present
- Monthly "quick inspections" not performed
- Improper emergency escape signage

### **Hillsborough**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Inadequate number of exits
- Doors improper rating or need repair

### **Indian River**

Top violations:

- Fire doors with door stops or wedges
- Exit lights inoperable
- Fire Alarm System maintenance

### **Lake City**

Top violations:

- Exit lights inoperable
- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Electrical panel violations

### **Lake-Sumter**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Exit lights inoperable
- Exit door needs repair or replacement

### **Manatee**

Top violations:

- Fire extinguisher inaccessible or needs recharging
- Extension cords, multistrips, etc., improper use
- Emergency lights not operational or not present

### **Miami-Dade**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Fire extinguisher requires inspection
- Fire extinguisher inaccessible or needs recharging

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## Community Colleges *continued*

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### **North Florida**

Top violations:

- Fire extinguisher inaccessible or needs recharging
- Electrical panel violations
- Fire doors with door stops or wedges

### **Okaloosa-Walton**

Top violations:

- Fire extinguisher requires inspection
- Breached smoke barrier
- Improper storage

### **Palm Beach**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Electrical panel violations
- Emergency lights not operational or not present

### **Pasco-Hernando**

Top violations:

- Emergency lights not operational or not present
- Improper storage

### **Pensacola**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System needs inspection
- Emergency lights not operational or not present
- Fire Alarm System maintenance

### **Polk**

Top violations:

- Emergency lighting not tested or records not maintained
- Fire extinguisher requires inspection
- Electrical panel violations
- Improper fire-rated glass

### **St. Johns River**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System needs inspection
- Fire extinguisher inaccessible or needs recharging
- Inadequate number of exits

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## Community Colleges *continued*

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### **St. Petersburg**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System needs inspection
- Inadequate number of exits
- Fire Alarm System maintenance

### **Santa Fe**

Top violations:

- Exit lights inoperable
- Elevator certificate not maintained
- Fire doors with door stops or wedges

### **Seminole**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Improper emergency escape signage
- Emergency lights not operational or not present

### **South Florida**

Top violations:

- Fire extinguisher requires inspection
- Doors improper rating or need repair
- Electrical panel violations
- Fire Alarm System maintenance

### **Tallahassee**

Top violations:

- Elevator certificate not maintained
- Sprinkler system improperly maintained
- Electrical panel violations

### **Valencia**

Top violations:

- Fire Alarm System maintenance
- Sprinkler system improperly maintained
- Improper storage



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