Because All Children Are Our Children

Graduation rates of Miami-Dade County high school students are improving significantly, with Hispanic and Black students narrowing the gap.

Reading at or above NAEP basic level for Miami-Dade County 4th grade students is improving, with Hispanic and Black students narrowing the achievement gap.

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Miami-Dade’s high school graduation rates are higher than Florida’s for White (83%), Hispanic (77%) and Black (68%) students.

Miami-Dade’s NAEP basic reading level rates are above Florida’s for White (84%) and Hispanic (71%) students, and below for Black students (58%).

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Teen birth rates have declined dramatically in Miami-Dade County, especially for Black and Hispanic teens.

Florida’s teen birth rate is 22 per 1,000 females ages 15-19 compared with 15 for Miami-Dade County.

Self-report of whether ever used the substance at least once during lifetime.

Florida’s middle schoolers’ alcohol use is the same (25%), inhalant use is lower (8%), and marijuana use is the same (7%) as that of Miami-Dade’s middle schoolers.

Youth arrest rates in Miami-Dade County are much lower than Florida’s. Overall, Miami-Dade has 11 arrests per 1,000 youth ages 10-17 whereas Florida’s rate is 23.