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

Student's self-report of being physically active at least 60 minutes per day, 5 or more days in past 7 days.

Miami-Dade’s middle school students are more active than are Florida’s with rates of White (54%), Hispanic (46%) and Black (42%) students.

Basic level reading skill is partial mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills fundamental for proficient work; adequate for promotion in Florida.

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%).

Graduates with a standard high school diploma earned in four years.

Miami-Dade’s high school graduation rates are higher than Florida’s for White (83%), Hispanic (77%) and Black (68%) students.
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Miami-Dade’s teen birth rate is one of the lowest in Florida. Florida’s teen birth rate is 22 per 1,000 females ages 15-19 compared with 15 for Miami-Dade County.

Substance use by middle school youths has declined overall but alcohol remains their drug of choice in 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.