



Draper Notes

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Where are the 2014 School Grades?

The superintendent has apparently not required the posting of the 2014 school grades from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). A review of the district and school websites does not reveal the current school grades for the elementary and middle schools. The 2014 high school grade is still pending but should be released at any time by the FDOE. A review of previous school board minutes does not reveal any on-going discussions of the school grades, student achievement levels, student learning gains, or student academic performance.

In addition, with the exception of the DeSoto Early Childhood Center, the 2014.2015 school improvement plans are not posted on the school or district websites. It is important that parents and this community understand clearly what our schools are doing to improve student performance. It is essential that each teacher and student receive the support necessary to improve student success.

The one thing that can be found on the district and school websites is the student dress code. Parents and citizens in DeSoto County can handle more information than this. We are approaching the end of the first semester in the 2014.2015 school year; it is time for the superintendent to post the 2014 school grades, supporting data, school improvement plans, and district grade in a transparent manner on the district and school websites.