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[Florida, 9 other states to get No Child Left Behind waiver](#)
(Orlando Sentinel © 02/09/2012)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Thursday will free 10 states from the strict and sweeping requirements of the No Child Left Behind law, giving leeway to states that promise to improve how they prepare and evaluate students, The Associated Press has learned. The first 10 states to receive the waivers are Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New ...

[Flagler students' artwork offends some](#)
(Daytona Beach News-Journal © 02/09/2012)

Artwork from Flagler Palm Coast High School teacher Ruth Cheney's students, above, has some local residents upset. (Photos by Ted St. Pierre) PALM COAST— There's a cartoon-like drawing of a doe-eyed Lady Liberty taped to an office window inside Flagler Palm Coast High School. The iconic figure is wearing a tattered sheath with a ball that reads "National Debt" tied to ...

[Florida House sets up budget for final vote](#)

(Florida Times-Union © 02/09/2012)

After more than five hours of debate, the House Wednesday readied their \$69.2 billion budget up for a final vote Thursday. The spending plan includes a \$1 billion boost for education, which is paid for in part, by a reduction in Medicaid reimbursement rates. A large portion of the education money would have – without action – disappeared this year. For instance, \$303 million is to replace a fa...

[Nearly half of all Fla. grads take an AP exam](#)

(Florida Today © 02/09/2012)

MIAMI ? Florida leads the country in the percentage of high school graduates taking Advanced Placement exams. However, the percentage that score a 3 or higher ? the level considered sufficient to receive college credit ? is lower. An annual report released by the College Board Wednesday says 47 percent of Florida seniors took an AP exam in high school. About 24 percent of Florida graduates earn...

[A degree, a dependent: FSU students open up about parenting in college](#)

(FSView © 02/09/2012)

When Zakiya Franklin wakes up in the morning, she usually hears something typical college students might not. It?s 5 a.m., and like most days, Franklin?s seven-year-old daughter Eniyah is asking her if she?s found a job yet. After getting her ready for school and dropping her off, Franklin heads to her current job. Later, Franklin skips her lunch break to pick her daughter back up and heads to sch...

[Lee district worried about state's plans](#)

(Ft. Myers News-Press © 02/09/2012)

The Lee County School District doesn?t have any plans to build new schools next year, but a two-year state hiatus on new school buildings could impact the district in future years. Top Florida officials are recommending a two-year hiatus on new school buildings to deal with the state?s depleted school construction fund. A letter sent Tuesday to Gov. Rick Scott says that if the state delays new bu...

[APNewsBreak: Official: 10 states get ed waiver](#)

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[Paranoia is justified on charter-school bill](#)

(Miami Herald © 02/09/2012)

In their despair, people who care deeply about public education in Florida sometimes get a little carried away. They mutter about dark forces that, in the guise of reforming schools, conspire to undo public education while they divert school money to their businessmen buddies. You listen the way you listen to conspiracy theorists, slightly embarrassed, thinking that all this just sounds too diabolic...

[Break the cycle of cuts for Florida universities](#)

(Orlando Sentinel © 02/09/2012)

Florida lawmakers seem poised to approve a state spending plan for next year that meets Gov. Rick Scott's demand to put up at least \$1 billion more for public schools — enough to make up most of the money they cut from this year's budget. We're glad Scott and lawmakers have seen the light — even if it took an angry public to flip the switch. But their commitment to education stops a...

[Record number of students take AP exams](#)

(Orlando-WFTV (ABC) © 02/09/2012)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A record number of Illinois high school students took advanced placement exams last year. The Illinois State Board of Education says growth in participation rates was especially high among Latino students. The number of Latinos taking AP classes has quadrupled in the last decade. State Board Chairman Gery Chico calls that an important step toward closing the achieve...

[Palm Beach County School Board agrees to consider Gent for permanent superintendent job](#)

(Palm Beach Post © 02/09/2012)

The Palm Beach County School Board will consider E. Wayne Gent, its interim superintendent, for the permanent job of running the nation's 11th-largest school district. Board members informally agreed to add Gent's name to their list of finalists this afternoon, the day the three other candidates interviewed with the board for the job. The board is expected to select a new permanent superintendent...

[School boundaries public hearings set](#)

(South Florida Times © 02/09/2012)

Written by STAFF REPORT Thursday, 09 February 2012 FORT LAUDERDALE ? Community members are invited to join school board members, the superintendent and area superintendents, school boundaries staff and other Broward County Public School District staff for two public hearings regarding proposed elementary, middle and hig...

[Official: Florida among states to get relief from No Child Left Behind](#)

(Tampa Bay Online © 02/09/2012)

WASHINGTON — The Associated Press has learned that President Barack Obama on Thursday will free Florida and nine other states from the strict requirements of the Bush-era No Child Left Behind law. The move gives long-sought leeway to states that promise to improve how they prepare and evaluate students. A White House official says the states are Florida, Colorado, Georgia, Indian...

[Florida officials urge two-year hiatus on new school buildings](#)

(Tampa Tribune © 02/09/2012)

TALLAHASSEE — Top Florida officials are recommending a two-year hiatus on new school buildings to deal with the state's depleted school construction fund. A letter sent Tuesday to Gov. Rick Scott says that if the state delays new buildings it can pay for previously approved projects. Scott last month asked schools to return as much as \$250 million to the state to take care of a looming s...

[Pres. Obama to free Fla. of No Child Left Behind](#)

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[Pasco schools fined for overcrowding](#)

(WTVT Fox Tampa © 02/09/2012)

LAND O' LAKES - The Pasco School District faces a hefty fine. The district is being penalized for violating state rules about how many students can be in one classroom. Most of Pasco County's schools have an overcrowded classroom. This year, schools throughout the state were required to meet tough new class size restrictions. Of Pasco's 79 schools, only five now meet the class size limits. Dis...

[FAMU Names New Director for Retention](#)

(WTLX ABC Channel 27 Tallahassee © 02/09/2012)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Brenda C. Spencer is the newly appointed director of retention in the Office of Academic Affairs at Florida A&M University (FAMU). She will be responsible for developing and implementing strategies to increase the retention, progress and graduation rates of students attending FAMU. Prior to her current appointment, Spencer played an integral role in the grant prop...

[Legislators send millions to groups with connections](#)

(Bradenton Herald © 02/08/2012)

The Washington Post WASHINGTON – Some members of Congress send tax dollars to companies, colleges and community groups where their spouses, children and parents work as salaried employees, lobbyists or board members, according to an examination of federal disclosure forms and local public records by The Washington Post. A U.S. senator from South Dakota helped add millions to a Pentagon pro...

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