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[Manatee gets No Child Left Behind waiver](#)  
(Bradenton Herald © 02/10/2012)

[chawes@bradenton.com](mailto:chawes@bradenton.com) MANATEE – President Barack Obama's decision to grant Florida a waiver from rigorous federal student achievement standards is being welcomed by Manatee Schools Supt. Tim McGonegal. The waiver was granted to nine other states, too, all of which had to prove they were already implementing their own set of more rigorous standards. "We've been operatin..."

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[A guide to No Child Left Behind](#)  
(Bradenton Herald © 02/10/2012)

AP Education Writer Ten states now have President Barack Obama's OK to scrap one of the most rigorous and unpopular mandates in American education - that all students measure up in reading and math by 2014. In exchange, the states had to promise they would raise standards and develop more creative ways to measure what students are learning. "We've offered every state the same deal," Oba...

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### [Florida offers look at problems with education law](#)

(Bradenton Herald © 02/10/2012)

AP Education Writer By almost any measure, Norma Butler Bossard Elementary is a top performing school in Miami: It has consistently been rated an 'A' by the state, and students have achieved high scores on Florida's standardized math and reading exams. Yet when it comes to the federal No Child Left Behind law, the school hasn't lived up to expectations. Last year, 79 percent of students...

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### [Florida A&M forms anti-hazing panel](#)

(Charlotte Sun Herald © 02/10/2012)

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida A&M University trustees Thursday called on a group of outside experts to help come up with solutions to hazing, which led to the death of a student band member last fall. FAMU president James Ammons announced the school's new anti-hazing committee, which will start work immediately, at a university board of trustees meeting. Ammons also announced an anti-hazing research...

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### [Florida schools get waiver](#)

(Englewood Sun Herald © 02/10/2012)

Local schools need no longer struggle to meet the strict targets of the No Child Left Behind law, thanks to a "flexibility" waiver from President Barack Obama. However, school officials were left uncertain of what new targets and changes in accountability the state may introduce in its place. ...

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### [Duval schools could benefit from No Child Left Behind waiver](#)

(Florida Times-Union © 02/10/2012)

At least one if not more of Duval County's lowest-achieving high schools could soon exit the state's intervene status because Florida was granted a waiver Thursday from the federal No Child Left Behind law, the county's schools superintendent said. President Barack Obama granted waivers to Florida, Georgia and eight other states from the school accountability law that many educ...

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### [State House boosts education funding, cuts hospitals](#)

(Florida Times-Union © 02/10/2012)

TALLAHASSEE - Public school funding increases, Medicaid reimbursements to Jacksonville-area hospitals are cut by more than \$30 million and First Coast roads get a big boost in the budget the House passed Thursday. The \$69.2 billion spending plan's keystone provision has been a \$1 billion boost for public education that was requested by Gov. Rick Scott. Roughly \$300 million of that is to repl...

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### [Duval might have fewer intervene schools with No Child Left Behind waiver](#)

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### [Florida freed from No Child Left Behind](#)

(Florida Today © 02/10/2012)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Thursday declared that 10 states ? including Florida ? are free from the No Child Left Behind law, allowing them to scrap some of the most rigorous and unpopular mandates in American education. In exchange, the states are promising higher standards and more creative ways to measure what students are learning. ?We can combine greater freedom with greater...

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#### [Students have choice when selecting high school](#)

(Fort Pierce Hometown News © 02/10/2012)

By Dawn Krebs [dkrebs@hometownnewsol.com](mailto:dkrebs@hometownnewsol.com) ST. LUCIE COUNTY - Parents and students have a lot of decisions to make throughout the school year. For eighth graders, the time between Feb. 1 and Feb. 17 includes one of the most important ones of their academic career: which high school in St. Lucie County to attend. "Every student currently enrolled has been sent home a preprinted application for the...

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#### [School heralds accomplishments to date](#)

(Fort Pierce Hometown News © 02/10/2012)

It's been a great year to be a Pine School Knight, and it's only February. This year, The Pine School boasted more than a dozen AP Scholars, National Merit Commended Students and our first National Merit Semifinalist. Our seniors have earned spots at such distinguished colleges as Dartmouth, West Point, Swarthmore and Tulane. Our athletes have won conference, district, and regional titles and h...

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#### [Reaction on Florida Senate's USF Poly Budget-Bill Move Mixed](#)

(Lakeland Ledger © 02/10/2012)

LAKELAND | A new twist this week in the struggle to create an independent state university in Lakeland has left some local leaders unsure what to think. Rick Dantzler, a Winter Haven lawyer and former state senator, said he's closely watched recent developments, including a Senate bill introduced Wednesday that would not just separate the University of South Florida Polytechnic from its m...

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#### [Fla., 9 Other States Freed From No Child Left Behind](#)

(Lakeland Ledger © 02/10/2012)

BARTOW | Polk County schools that haven't been making adequate yearly progress as required in the No Child Left Behind law have been given a reprieve. President Barack Obama announced Thursday that Florida is one of 10 states to receive waivers from the federal law that set goals in reading and math with a 2014 deadline. In exchange, the states are promising higher standards and more cr...

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#### [Editorial: Help teachers get supplies](#)

(Lehigh News Star © 02/10/2012)

It's a sad sign of the times that teachers have to dip into their own pockets or seek donors for school supplies. But with school districts facing budget cuts in a tough economy, we salute those educators who make the extra effort. One way donors can connect with teachers and students who need extra help anywhere in the country, is through the website DonorsChoose.org. ?Teachers are constantly ...

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#### [Mo. education officials to discuss No Child waiver](#)

(Orlando-WFTV (ABC) © 02/10/2012)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri education officials are planning to discuss their request to be excused from parts of the federal No Child Left Behind Law. The federal government is allowing states to be exempted from some of the laws' requirements. The state Board of Education plans to discuss the state's proposed waiver application during their meeting Feb. 21. The Department of Element...

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[Principal: Kids turning into 'test-taking machines'](#)

(Orlando-WKMG (CBS) © 02/10/2012)

OCOEE, Fla. - In the student government class at Ocoee High School, students have spirited debates about changes they want to see take place in their school. But there is no debate when it comes to how they feel about the amount of standardized tests they have to take every year. "I think they believe it's really going to help us understand the subjects, but, really, it's just rea...

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[Local officials: School grades could drop with 'No Child' law out](#)

(Pensacola News Journal © 02/10/2012)

Florida's exemption from No Child Left Behind will mean the state's "A" through "F" school grading system will be the measure of quality public education. State officials are toughening the grading formula though to take into account some of the No Child Left Behind priorities, especially focusing on struggling, poor or minority students. Malcolm Thomas, superintendent of the Escambia County Sch...

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[State colleges fear they're becoming unaffordable](#)

(South Florida Sun-Sentinel © 02/10/2012)

Florida's cheapest colleges aren't feeling so affordable to many students any more. Annual tuition and fees at state colleges, also called community colleges, have increased over the past five years from about \$2,000 to about \$3,000 for full-time students. At the same time, there have been cuts in financial aid programs such as Florida's Bright Futures scholarships and the federal government's Pe...

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[Pasco school official fields questions on four-day week](#)

(Tampa Tribune © 02/10/2012)

DADE CITY — A public forum on a possible four-day school week in Pasco County drew a sparse but lively crowd to Pasco Middle School, where school board member Steve Luikart fielded questions and comments. Most of the roughly 50 people who attended the forum this evening expressed concerns or outright opposition to the idea, though some said they were keeping an open mind about a ...

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[Parents called the possible budget crisis solution a lazy band-aid](#)

(WFTS ABC Channel 28 Tampa © 02/10/2012)

DADE CITY, Fla. - Parents debated a four-day school week Thursday night in a Dade City auditorium filled with heated words for the school board. "I don't want this program," one father said. "This is not good for the kids!" All the talking and shouting about whether kids should go to school only four days a week was just about 15 minutes from where some of those kids would end up, at an afte...

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[Duval bringing in Teach for America teachers](#)

(WJXT Channel 4 Duval County © 02/10/2012)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The Duval County School District just hired a number of new teachers who are part of the Teach for America program. The program allows college graduates with a teaching certificate who don't want to teach long-term work for a couple years as teachers. Often times after a few years, those who go through the program move on to other careers. "I do think it's ba...

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