



# Florida Roundup: Tax credit scholarships, charter schools, testing and more

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**Tax credit scholarships.** A bill to expand the program is pulled from consideration in the Senate. [Associated Press](#). [Orlando Sentinel](#). [Times/Herald](#). [Scripps/Tribune](#). [Palm Beach Post](#). The bill would have expanded access to scholarships for middle-class students. [Sun-Sentinel](#). A *Washington Post* blog mischaracterized the program, Jason Bedrick [writes for the Cato Institute](#).

**Charter schools.** Orlando Science Schools rake in awards. [Orlando Sentinel](#).

**Testing.** Miami-Dade's superintendent raises questions about the FCAT's replacement. [StateImpact](#). Common Core opponents step up their criticism. [Gradebook](#).

**Administration.** The Clay County School Board considers placing new limits on its superintendent's power. [Florida Times-Union](#). Manatee County Schools prepare for the looming retirement of three principals. [Bradenton Herald](#).

**School safety.** Gun bills, including the so-called "pop-tart" bill to overhaul zero-tolerance policies, win approval in the House. [Miami Herald](#).

**SIG.** Pinellas County Schools consider applying for federal School Improvement Grants. [Gradebook](#).

**Unions.** The [Tampa Tribune writes up](#) the Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association election.

**Improvement.** Florida schools don't get enough credit for their improved performance, the Foundation for Excellence in Education is arguing in a new campaign. [Saint Petersburg](#).