

Executive summary for the I choose! Program submitted as part of the ED524B grant performance for the U.S. Department of Education

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School Choice and Parental Options of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) was awarded a grant in 2002 from the Office of Innovation and Improvement of the United States Department of Education. Funding for the grant was provided by the Voluntary Public School Choice Programs (VPSC). The M-DCPS grant proposal, which was titled *I Choose Miami-Dade County Public Schools!* (hereafter referred to as the *I Choose!* project), was designed to “expand a program of public school choice” in two of the district’s transportation zones. The proposal was based on the premise that providing students with a selection of instructional themes consisting of high-quality programs would lead to greater satisfaction, and in turn improved academic achievement. The anticipated outcome was expected to be the product of both allowing students to select instructional themes that interest them, and improving the quality of the programs’ academic instruction. The thought was that improvement of academic instruction alone, without the element of choice, was unlikely to have as much impact on the students’ academic achievement. This document is a status report of the project’s operation consisting of a review of the progress made from the 2002-03 school year through the no-cost extension period of the 2007-08 school year in meeting the planned objectives. The status report on the project’s Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 operations were published by M-DCPS in July 2003, July 2004 and July 2005 respectively.

The idea of offering academic choices to students is not new to the MDCPS. The district offers a wide range of educational options to its students. The purpose of the *I Choose!* project was to further expand the district’s voluntary public school choice program. This was done by dividing the district into smaller geographic areas called choice zones. Each choice zone offered families various options for educating their children without costly and time-consuming transportation over long distances. The VPSC funding was utilized to underwrite two choice zones in the M-DCPS.

Choice Zone 1 was identified during the 2002-03 school year (i.e., Year 1 of the project). This zone is located in the center of the district. It was comprised of 61 schools served by 2 of the district’s 6 Region Centers. Within Choice Zone 1, 9 schools (8 existing and 1 reopening) were

targeted for major program development and district recruitment support under the *I Choose!* Project during Year 1. In year 3, four additional Choice Zone 1 schools were targeted. In year 5 of the project, implementation of the program was well underway at the four additional targeted schools. During year 5 of the project, two additional schools were target for program development with implementation beginning in these schools during the extension period of the grant (year 6).

In general, these targeted schools were under-enrolled due to a declining inner city population. Also contributing to this decline is HOPE VI, a housing reconstruction program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program has required families to relocate outside the attendance boundaries of many of the targeted schools over the past four years. This relocation resulted in a severe underutilization of established school buildings. Table 1 presents the enrollment of the targeted schools in Choice Zone 1. Enrollment statistics are presented for each school beginning with the planning year for a particular school.

Table 1
Enrollment of targeted schools in Choice Zone 1, Years 1 through 5

School Name	Enrollment				
	Year 2	Year 3 ^a	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Earlington Heights Elementary	526	460	552	516	544
Lillie C. Evans Elementary ^c	218	312	350	330	393
M. L. King, Jr. Elementary ^d	256	193	264	270	244
Liberty City Elementary	241	282	291	263	246
Lorah Park Elementary	422	414	482	542	500
Melrose Elementary	503	513	591	606	571
Ada Merritt Elementary ^e	162	331	522	628	634
Poinciana Park Elementary	413	403	443	443	458
Brownsville Middle	1,192	1,204	983	917	775
Booker T. Washington Senior High ^b		1,502	1,541	1,535	1,345
Thena Crowder Elementary ^b			162	167	189
Holmes Elementary ^b			382	327	367
Dr.H.W. Mack/W. Little River Elementary ^b			368	390	382
Miami Park Elementary				562	503
Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary				855	810
TOTAL	3,933	5,614	6,931	8,351	7,961

^aThe official enrollment statistic no longer included most pre-Kindergarten students in Year 3 but included them again for year 4.
^bThis schools was included for the first time in the I Choose! Project in Year 3. Implementation is under way in Year 4.
^cThis school which enrolled grades PK-5 in Years 1 & 2, enrolled PK-6 in Years 3 & 4.
^dThis school, which enrolled grades Pk-3 in Year 1, enrolled only PK-2 in Years 2, 3 & 4.
^eThis school was being reconstructed in Year 1 and reopened in Year 2 with I Choose! Programs already implemented.

In addition to the targeted schools in Choice Zone 1, five schools received support for program enhancement. These schools are located in a more southern area of the county which was designated as Choice Zone 2. Finally, in year 5, two additional schools within Choice Zone 2 were targeted for enhancement and are operational in 2007-08. Table 2 presents the enrollment of the targeted schools in Choice Zone 2. Enrollment statistics are presented for each school beginning with the planning year for a particular school.

Table 2
Enrollment of targeted schools in Choice Zone 2, Years 1 through 5

School Name	Enrollment				
	Year 2	Year 3 ^a	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	242	787	1,502	1,678	1,679
Riviera Mid.	925	789	706	673	698
John A. Ferguson Sr.	470	1,489	2,593	3,629	4,084
Miami Southridge Sr.	3,882	3,623	3,672	3,662	3,453
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		1,877	2,322	2,505	2,429
West Homestead El.				827	761
Arvida Mid.				1,583	1,364
TOTAL	5,519	8,565	10,795	14,557	14,468

^aThe official enrollment statistic no longer included most pre-Kindergarten students in Year 3 but included them again for year 4.
^bSchool-wide program
Note: The enrollment statistic presented here is the total enrollment for the school as a whole. All middle and high school programs, with the exception of Robert Morgan, are not school wide and make up a small percentage of the student population.

In addition, Miami-Dade County Public schools was awarded a no-cost extension from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 (Year 6), in order to further address objectives 3 (increase the capacity of successful choice programs) , 5 (provide assistance to participating schools through a choice academic support team (CAST) and 6 (provide an I Choose! summer institute) of as written in the grant. The activities held during this extension period focused on the marketing of programs and recruitment strategies designed to inform the community about the new choice programs established during this grant cycle. Particular attention was paid to the following 4 schools: Miami Park Elementary, West Homestead Elementary, Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary and Arvida Middle. The aforementioned schools were designated as choice schools in 2006-07 (Year 5 of the grant) and began accepting students during the 2007-08 academic year (during the no cost extension). The extension allowed these schools to have additional support while beginning to implement their programs and further aided them with recruitment of students to help solidify these programs.

As a result of the extended funding provided through the VPSC grant, the I Choose schools were able to utilize a variety of resources to focus their marketing efforts. Two district

marketing workshops were conducted for the I Choose lead teachers and school design team members. The first workshop, conducted by EDesign, Inc., an external marketing and advertisement consulting firm, focused on the overall concepts of marketing, advertisement, and recruitment; the importance of surveying and knowing your market; and how to design and develop an effective marketing plan to reach school clients. The second workshop, presented by Mr. Jerry Morgan, Marketing Director, Miami-Dade County Public Schools guided the school design teams on how to utilize a small budget to maximum marketing efforts to reach and recruit a large number of students. Schools received further assistance through individual consultations provided by both EDesign, Inc. and Mr. Morgan; district-wide advertisements placed in the Miami Herald, the South Florida Parenting Guide, and local news journals; and the printing of mailing labels for grant schools from the District's Information Technology Systems (ITS) Division.

As indicated via the marketing plans submitted by each school, a variety of marketing and advertisement strategies were implemented. Some examples of the marketing strategies implemented included the following: TV Advertisements, Radio Advertisements, Direct Mailings, Letters, Brochures, Post Cards, News Papers articles and announcements(local media and neighborhood newsletters), Magazines (professional journals & parent magazines), Print Media, Banners, Websites, Posters, Fact Sheets, Wall Murals, and Academy Flags. In addition, recruitment events such as parent orientations, school tours/open house events and PTSA meetings were held at each of the schools. Finally, the annual Choice Summer Institute was held in June of 2008 in order to allow teachers an additional opportunity to further refine strategies imparted throughout the school year by the CAST.

Objective 1, Indicator 1.d

Florida School Performance Grades and AYP Status

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05					
Earlington Heights El.	C	C	B (AYP)	C	C
Lillie C. Evans El.	B	A	B (AYP)	B (AYP)	A (AYP)
M. L. King, Jr., El.	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG
Liberty City El.	D	C	C	C	C (AYP)
Lorah Park El.	C	B	A (AYP)	C	C
Melrose El.	B	C	B	B(P)	I
Ada Merritt El. ^a	NG	NG	NG	A (AYP)	A (AYP)
Poinciana Park El.	D	B	B (AYP)	B (AYP)	C
Brownsville Mid.	D	D	C	C	F
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05					
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	NG	B	A (AYP)	A (P)	A
Riviera Mid.	B	C	C	A (P)	C
John A. Ferguson Sr.	NG	C	A	B (P)	C
Miami Southridge Sr.	D	D	C	D	F
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools					
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b		D	D	D	F
Thena Crowder El. ^c			NG	NG	NG
Holmes El. ^c			F	C	D
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^c			D	C	C
Miami Park El. ^d				C	F
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d				B (P)	C
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools					
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		C	C	B (P)	C
West Homestead El. ^d				B (P)	F
Arvida Mid. ^d				A (P)	A
<p><i>Note:</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high; Grades are reported for each individual school 2 years prior to implementation or 1 year prior to the planning year. AYP status is noted in parentheses, AYP = Pass AYP, P = Provisional AYP, I = incomplete, NG = No Grade Given ^a Implemented in 2003-04 school year, ^b Implemented in 2005-06 school year, ^c Implemented in 2006-07 school year, ^d Implemented in 2007-08 school year</p>					

Objective 2, Indicator 2.b
Responses to Attitudinal Surveys: Parents

	Percent responding positively regarding overall satisfaction of school climate			
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05				
Earlington Heights El.	86	88	87	89
Lillie C. Evans El.	89	94	89	95
M. L. King, Jr., El.	96	96	95	95
Liberty City El.	85	80	96	89
Lorah Park El.	94	79	96	99
Melrose El.	96	94	92	94
Ada Merritt El. ^a	98	98	97	96
Poinciana Park El.	86	97	97	95
Brownsville Mid.	73	75	57	62
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05				
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	88	93	85	85
Riviera Mid.	63	55	64	77
John A. Ferguson Sr.	84	100	83	83
Miami Southridge Sr.	53	47	61	48
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools				
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b		61	52	70
Thena Crowder El. ^c			99	95
Holmes El. ^c			88	83
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^c			84	86
Miami Park El. ^d				83
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d				90
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools				
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		81	81	83
West Homestead El. ^d				84
Arvida Mid. ^d				88
<i>Note:</i> EL.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high; Percentages are reported for each individual school for the planning year or 1 year prior to implementation				
^a First year of implementation: 2003-04, ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08				

Objective 2, Indicator 2.b
Responses to Attitudinal Surveys: Students

	Percent responding positively regarding overall satisfaction of school climate			
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05				
Earlington Heights El.	78	80	65	69
Lillie C. Evans El.	86	82	78	67
M. L. King, Jr., El.	NR	NR	NR	NR
Liberty City El.	79	63	63	67
Lorah Park El.	76	80	92	87
Melrose El.	87	79	79	80
Ada Merritt El. ^a	NR	NR	69	72
Poinciana Park El.	55	NR	76	68
Brownsville Mid.	47	39	23	45
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05				
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	73	64	80	79
Riviera Mid.	25	29	37	48
John A. Ferguson Sr.	79	63	62	53
Miami Southridge Sr.	39	40	36	40
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools				
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b		40	41	45
Thena Crowder El. ^c			NR	NR
Holmes El. ^c			67	70
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^c			58	58
Miami Park El. ^d				68
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d				79
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools				
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		71	65	51
West Homestead El. ^d				62
Arvida Mid. ^d				51
<i>Note.</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high; Percentages are reported for each individual school for the planning year or 1 year prior to implementation , NR = Not Reported				
^a First year of implementation: 2003-04 , ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08				

Objective 2, Indicator 2.b
Responses to Attitudinal Surveys: Teachers

	Percent responding positively regarding overall satisfaction of school climate			
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05				
Earlington Heights El.	67	84	58	76
Lillie C. Evans El.	84	94	90	90
M. L. King, Jr., El.	NR	91	89	90
Liberty City El.	40	47	70	65
Lorah Park El.	100	79	100	84
Melrose El.	78	67	100	98
Ada Merritt El. ^a	100	100	100	86
Poinciana Park El.	83	NR	100	88
Brownsville Mid.	78	80	75	66
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05				
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	93	97	95	96
Riviera Mid.	61	58	72	84
John A. Ferguson Sr.	100	100	98	90
Miami Southridge Sr.	77	62	74	65
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools				
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b		70	76	80
Thena Crowder El. ^c			87	89
Holmes El. ^c			41	68
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^c			67	67
Miami Park El. ^d				69
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d				83
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools				
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		92	87	86
West Homestead El. ^d				47
Arvida Mid. ^d				92
<i>Note:</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high; Percentages are reported for each individual school for the planning year or 1 year prior to implementation, NR = Not Reported				
^a First year of implementation: 2003-04, ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08				

Objective 2, Indicator 2.c

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Reading Performance

	Percent scoring at achievement level 2 or higher														
	2002-03			2003-04			2004-05			2005-06			2006-07		
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05															
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3^f	4	5	3	4	5
Earlington Heights El.	47	50	53	55	86	48	66	72	66	65	78	63	55	64	83
Lillie C. Evans El.	58	71	55	77	87	68	74	83	77	80	71	76	74	87	89
M. L. King, Jr., El.	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty City El.	37	60	63	64	65	46	49	69	57	70	63	69	62	75	77
Lorah Park El.	75	61	58	62	80	56	72	73	73	81	79	64	76	61	75
Melrose El.	79	69	61	68	88	55	65	84	74	78	74	78	-	-	-
Ada Merritt El. ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	100	95	-	96	94	100
Poinciana Park El.	68	42	41	80	80	27	75	84	74	80	78	70	49	71	88
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Brownsville Mid.	43	38	43	39	36	36	42	43	38	55	60	42	52	59	50
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05															
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	-	-	-	82	-	-	81	84	-	88	88	83	91	91	87
Riviera Mid.	72	73	76	67	62	58	64	60	64	75	74	72	70	73	69
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
John A. Ferguson Sr.	-	-		68	-		73	65		79	67		80	66	
Miami Southridge Sr.	50	63		39	47		46	42		49	45		49	40	
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools															
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b				25	26		31	28		33	26		41	24	
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
Thena Crowder El. ^c							63	-	-	76	-	-	59	-	-
Holmes El. ^c							54	60	48	66	49	62	45	63	60
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^{c, e}							47	54	59	59	63	54	45	58	69
Miami Park El. ^d										78	50	54	60	64	61
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d										69	72	73	98	70	72
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools															
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b				66	61		72	64		89	69		86	77	
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
West Homestead El. ^d										71	65	68	45	65	78
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Arvida Mid. ^d										89	84	83	84	87	83
<p><i>Note:</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high, Percentages are reported for each individual school 2 years prior to implementation or 1 year prior to the planning year.</p> <p>^a First year of implementation: 2003-04, ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08, ^e There were irregularities in the testing at this school in 2002-03, ^f. There was an anomaly in testing pertaining to the FCAT-SSS reading scores for 3rd graders that resulted in scores being inflated for this group in 2006.</p>															

Objective 2, Indicator 2.c

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Mathematics Performance

	Percent scoring at achievement level 2 or higher														
	2002-03			2003-04			2004-05			2005-06			2006-07		
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05															
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
Earlington Heights El.	58	71	70	65	84	62	75	82	79	66	61	68	81	67	78
Lillie C. Evans El.	84	73	68	81	87	71	79	87	74	89	89	72	98	97	92
M. L. King, Jr., El.	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty City El.	56	70	95	70	47	38	57	76	65	78	73	52	86	88	55
Lorah Park El.	85	75	83	90	80	77	86	88	84	88	82	78	89	80	74
Melrose El.	81	71	87	61	80	68	58	67	81	75	73	77	-	-	-
Ada Merritt El. ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	100	100	-	99	97	100
Poinciana Park El.	77	67	80	96	87	57	89	87	79	84	94	90	82	90	95
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Brownsville Mid.	44	40	49	37	34	43	37	42	52	48	50	44	43	52	54
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05															
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	-	-	-	78	-	-	80	87	-	81	85	86	84	89	90
Riviera Mid.	68	74	82	60	62	70	61	72	72	57	75	75	63	70	76
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
John A. Ferguson Sr.	-	-		87	-		86	90		88	89		88	91	
Miami Southridge Sr.	67	75		57	73		63	71		66	68		66	71	
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools															
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b				50	59		56	63		62	66		70	66	
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
Thena Crowder El. ^c							75	-	-	69	-	-	78	-	-
Holmes El. ^c							59	62	48	87	64	71	86	86	65
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^{c,e}							56	56	54	79	68	46	85	73	78
Miami Park El. ^d										88	71	67	64	67	54
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d										82	74	60	88	73	71
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools															
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b				82	81		86	88		92	90		94	95	
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
West Homestead El. ^d										76	79	74	64	72	71
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Arvida Mid. ^d													79	89	87
<i>Note:</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high; Percentages are reported for each individual school 2 years prior to implementation or 1 year prior to the planning year.															
^a First year of implementation: 2003-04, ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08, ^e There were irregularities in the testing at this school in 2002-03.															

Objective 2, Indicator 2.c

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Writing Performance

	Percent scoring at 3.5 or higher for the combined score				
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05					
Grade:	4	4	4	4	4
Earlington Heights El.	70	90	90	82	78
Lillie C. Evans El.	79	77	89	84	91
M. L. King, Jr., El.	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty City El.	47	44	58	54	83
Lorah Park El.	68	84	91	70	67
Melrose El.	79	83	70	75	77
Ada Merritt El. ^a	-	-	-	70	79
Poinciana Park El.	73	90	95	94	76
Grade:	8	8	8	8	8
Brownsville Mid.	70	67	70	76	83
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05					
Grade:	8	8	8	8	8
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	-	-	-	89	91
Riviera Mid.	79	63	74	79	79
Grade:	10	10	10	10	10
John A. Ferguson Sr.	-	-	88	79	82
Miami Southridge Sr.	75	82	73	67	75
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools					
Grade:	10	10	10	10	10
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b		71	67	63	67
Grade:	4	4	4	4	4
Thena Crowder El. ^c			-	-	-
Holmes El. ^c			52	54	74
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^{c, e}			71	58	63
Miami Park El. ^d				60	74
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d				81	72
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools					
Grade:	10	10	10	10	10
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		87	86	82	88
Grade:	4	4	4	4	4
West Homestead El. ^d				77	61
Grade:	8	8	8	8	8
Arvida Mid. ^d				89	88
<p><i>Note:</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high; Percentages are reported for each individual school 2 years prior to implementation or 1 year prior to the planning year.</p> <p>^a First year of implementation: 2003-04, ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08, ^e There were irregularities in the testing at this school in 2002-03.</p>					

Objective 2, Indicator 2.d
Student GPA- Mathematics

	Percent with a GPA 2.0 or greater				
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Choice Zone 1 High Schools					
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b		46	53	57	NA
Choice Zone 2 High schools					
Miami Southridge Sr. ^a	54	58	59	55	NA
John A. Ferguson Sr. ^a	NA	77	82	80	NA
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		69	68	73	NA
Note. Percentages are reported for each individual school 2 years prior to implementation or 1 year prior to the planning year.					
^a First year of implementation: 2004-05 , ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, NA = Not available, school opened in 2003-04					

Objective 2, Indicator 2.d
Student GPA- Science

	Percent with a GPA 2.0 or greater				
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Choice Zone 1 High Schools					
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b		57	68	69	NA
Choice Zone 2 High schools					
Miami Southridge Sr. ^a	68	60	66	64	NA
John A. Ferguson Sr. ^a	NA	88	87	87	NA
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		69	85	86	NA
Note. Percentages are reported for each individual school 2 years prior to implementation or 1 year prior to the planning year.					
^a First year of implementation: 2004-05 , ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, NA = Not available, school opened in 2003-04					

**Objective 2, Indicator 2.e
FCAT-NRT Reading Performance**

	Median National Percentile Rank											
	2003-04			2004-05			2005-06			2006-07		
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05												
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
Earlington Heights El.	39	42	28	34	34	36	38	59	47	33	41	61
Lillie C. Evans El.	45	45	44	34	37	41	47	62	61	51	56	73
M. L. King, Jr., El.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Liberty City El.	45	47	30	23	38	30	38	46	47	30	53	47
Lorah Park El.	47	47	36	37	34	51	46	58	48	45	39	57
Melrose El.	39	54	32	23	37	49	40	50	56	--	60	59
Ada Merritt El. ^a	--	--	--	74	--	--	81	82	--	81	72	86
Poinciana Park El.	53	47	23	37	38	42	46	54	51	26	47	70
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Brownsville Mid.	29	27	28	28	32	39	41	42	40	38	40	44
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05												
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	63	--	--	59	59	--	70	70	71	76	74	76
Riviera Mid.	42	47	44	40	42	59	57	57	56	52	51	54
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
John A. Ferguson Sr.	49	--		69	63		70	67		72	58	
Miami Southridge Sr.	30	30		44	42		46	46		44	42	
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools												
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b				31	30		36	36		37	35	
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
Thena Crowder El. ^c							44	--	--	42	--	--
Holmes El. ^c							32	39	34	22	31	43
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^c							29	47	40	27	34	54
Miami Park El. ^d										33	39	47
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d										46	48	56
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools												
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b				67	64		78	69		78	65	
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
West Homestead El. ^d										26	37	52
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Arvida Mid. ^d										67	71	70
<i>Note:</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high, Percentages are reported for each individual school beginning with each school's planning year												
^a First year of implementation: 2003-04, ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08, ^e There were irregularities in the testing at this school in 2002-03												

**Objective 2, Indicator 2.e
FCAT-NRT Mathematics Performance**

	Median National Percentile Rank											
	2003-04			2004-05			2005-06			2006-07		
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05												
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
Earlington Heights El.	47	61	37	39	46	46	39	51	50	44	47	54
Lillie C. Evans El.	59	66	62	49	53	50	58	62	62	65	75	68
M. L. King, Jr., El.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Liberty City El.	45	40	28	22	43	35	44	32	41	46	67	37
Lorah Park El.	68	57	48	49	43	60	54	55	56	48	57	54
Melrose El.	41	59	37	29	39	54	43	46	44	--	71	69
Ada Merritt El. ^a	--	--	--	90	--	--	88	81	--	84	87	82
Poinciana Park El.	70	54	35	44	56	47	53	61	68	43	67	68
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Brownsville Mid.	41	34	36	31	40	43	44	41	41	34	47	48
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools – First year of implementation: 2004-05												
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	70	--	--	67	72	--	72	74	79	73	81	80
Riviera Mid.	54	54	51	46	53	60	52	57	63	49	59	68
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
John A. Ferguson Sr.	74	--		73	60		78	71		77	65	
Miami Southridge Sr.	49	46		55	38		58	47		56	45	
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools												
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b				49	32		54	41		52	44	
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
Thena Crowder El. ^c							37	--	--	45	--	--
Holmes El. ^c							36	37	45	37	52	38
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^c							44	49	33	38	52	52
Miami Park El. ^d										33	45	41
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d										55	61	53
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools												
Grade:	9	10		9	10		9	10		9	10	
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b				72	56		81	69		78	66	
Grade:	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
West Homestead El. ^d										36	54	53
Grade:	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	8
Arvida Mid. ^d										68	80	76
<i>Note:</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high, Percentages are reported for each individual school beginning with each school's planning year.												
^a First year of implementation: 2003-04, ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08,												

Objective 2, Indicator 2.f
Student Attendance

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Initial Choice Zone 1 schools - First year of implementation: 2004-05				
Earlington Heights El.	93.88	93.59	92.62	93.44
Lillie C. Evans El.	94.50	95.16	94.88	96.06
M. L. King, Jr., El.	93.95	93.44	92.41	93.72
Liberty City El.	93.06	94.02	93.48	95.39
Lorah Park El.	95.39	95.29	94.72	95.08
Melrose El.	93.97	94.55	93.79	94.90
Ada Merritt El. ^a	94.95	95.07	95.56	95.78
Poinciana Park El.	93.28	93.75	92.39	93.87
Brownsville Mid.	91.95	92.45	90.54	93.75
Initial Choice Zone 2 schools - First year of implementation: 2004-05				
Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	96.91	96.46	96.42	97.01
Riviera Mid.	94.31	94.87	95.52	95.09
John A. Ferguson Sr.	95.63	94.98	94.10	94.26
Miami Southridge Sr.	91.89	92.39	92.84	93.20
Additional Choice Zone 1 schools				
Booker T. Washington Sr. ^b		89.65	89.34	92.03
Thena Crowder El. ^c			93.14	95.07
Holmes El. ^c			91.80	93.33
Dr. H. W. Mack/W. Little River El. ^c			92.67	94.22
Miami Park El. ^d				95.02
Henry E.S. Reeves El. ^d				94.58
Additional Choice Zone 2 schools				
Robert Morgan Education Center ^b		95.40	94.50	95.01
West Homestead El. ^d				94.57
Arvida Mid. ^d				96.37
<p><i>Note:</i> El.=elementary; Mid.=middle, Sr.=senior high; Percentages are reported for each individual school for the planning year or 1 year prior to implementation; ^a First year of implementation: 2003-04, ^b First year of implementation: 2005-06, ^c First year of implementation: 2006-07, ^d First year of implementation: 2007-08,</p>				

Objective 5, Indicator 5.a
Findings from the Professional Development Survey

Topic	Responses
Collaborative teams	3
Peer coaching	1
Developing community partnerships	6
Career education	0
Grant writing for teachers	5
Data driven decision making	3
Project-based learning (online research)	5
Differentiated Instruction	3
Literacy across the curriculum	4
Visual thinking and learning – Inspiration software	0
Bridging literacy gaps with software	1
Rubric design	4
Student-led conferences	1
Dual language instruction	2
Global studies	4
Multiple intelligences	1
Mapping the curriculum	2
Hands-on approach to enhancing science	2
Using literature and manipulatives to enhance mathematics instruction	5
Involving parents as partners	7

Responses were received from each of the initial 13 program and enhancement schools in Choice Zones 1 and 2. Two thirds of the responding schools preferred 2 to 5 days of workshops for the staff from all of the schools. The rest of the schools preferred workshops at the individual schools targeting topics unique to their program needs. There were sufficient commonalities among the respondents' perceived needs to merit planning a five-day CHOICE Summer Institute for 2005. In addition, a five-day CHOICE Summer Institute was also conducted in 2006, to prepare for Year 5 of the project, which was attended by over 300 employees, 150 of which were from *I Choose!* schools.