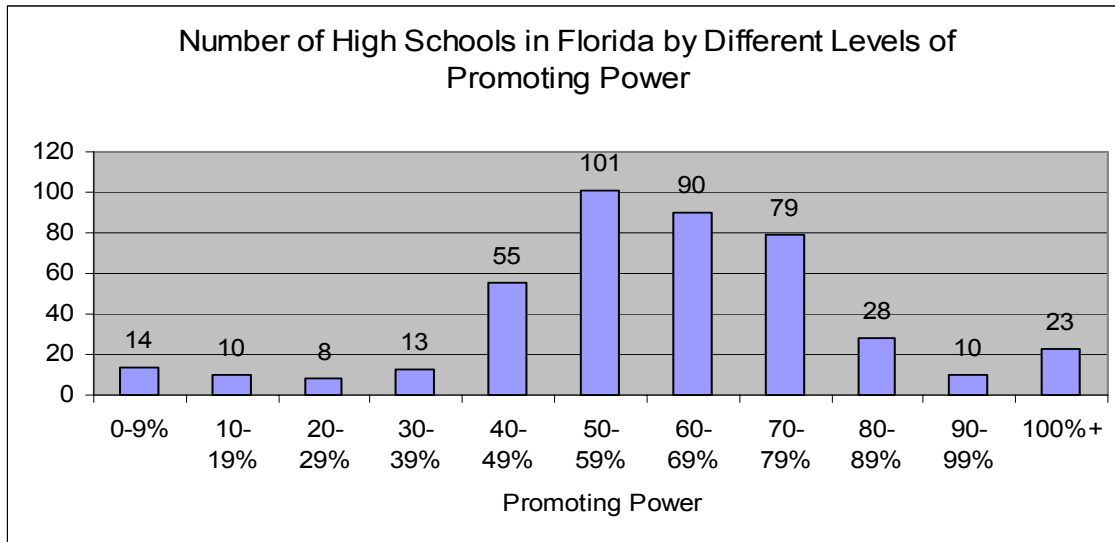


Promoting Power in Florida's High Schools

Promoting power compares the number of seniors enrolled in a high school to the number of 9th graders enrolled in the high school four years earlier. It provides a measure of how efficiently and effectively high schools promote their students from grade to grade. Promoting power is also a good indicator of high school's that have both high and low graduation rates. It is very likely that high schools which have 60% or fewer seniors than freshmen four years earlier will have unacceptably low graduation rates by state and national standards. The graph below shows the promoting power for all high schools in the state.* The tables that follow show how promoting power varies across the state's high schools by free lunch level, minority concentration, location, and school size. For more information on Promoting Power and national and regional trends see *Locating the Dropout Crisis* by Robert Balfanz and Nettie Legters, Johns Hopkins University (<http://www.csos.jhu.edu/news.htm>).

*Promoting Power data is based on three year average for the classes of 2000, 2001, and 2002.



Number and Percent of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power

	Number of schools	Percent of schools	Number of students	Percent of students	Percent of minority students
HS with promoting power of 90% or more	33	8%	25,354	4%	4%
HS with promoting power of 60% or less	205	47%	297,090	44%	51%

Number of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power by Percent of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

% eligible for free lunch	Promoting power		
	0-60%	61-89%	90% or more
Less than 20%	53	78	17
21-39%	85	72	7
40% or more	74	37	9
Total	212	187	33

Number of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power by Percent Minority Students

% minority students	Promoting power		
	0-60%	61-89%	90% or more
Less than 10%	9	26	2
10-49%	121	118	18
50-80%	47	24	10
90% or more	26	12	1
Total	203	180	31

Number of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power by Location

Location	Promoting power		
	0-60%	61-89%	90% or more
Cities	61	41	9
Suburbs	87	86	18
Towns	17	14	1
Rural	47	46	5
Total	212	187	33

Number of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power by School Size

School enrollment	Promoting power		
	0-60%	61-89%	90% or more
50 to 299	37	10	19
300 to 799	24	31	6
800 to 1199	16	15	2
1200 to 1999	77	56	3
2000 or more	58	75	3
Total	212	187	33