

The Briefing for August 2, 2024

The Last Briefing was July 31, 2024

[Tallahassee, FL 10-Day Weather Forecast - The Weather Channel | Weather.com](#)
Keep an eye on developments in the tropics!

All Eyes on the Tropics as 97L develops

Executive Order Declaring State of Emergency Related to Developing Tropical Storm

A state of emergency has been declared by Governor DeSantis that includes 54 counties as a tropical wave with a high chance of strengthening into a more-threatening storm was on a path that could reach the state this weekend. The declaration was for Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Monroe, Nassau, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, Wakulla, Walton and Washington counties. Development of the system is expected to be slow but conditions are conducive for the storm to develop into a tropical depression and move into the eastern Gulf of Mexico this weekend or early next week.

General Revenue Collections Exceed Monthly Projection for June

Florida's general-revenue tax collections in June were slightly more than anticipated, as sales taxes gave the state a boost. The Legislature's Office of Economic & Demographic Research on Thursday released a report that showed June general-revenue collections at \$4.713 billion, or \$23.9 million more than had been projected in a January forecast. The total was driven by \$3.075.6 billion in sales-tax collections, \$124.6 million more than projected. But other sources of general revenue, such as corporate-income taxes, insurance taxes and documentary-stamp taxes on real-estate transactions, did not hit projections. The report also said net general-revenue collections for the fiscal year that ended June 30 totaled \$48.342

billion, or \$1.085 billion higher than anticipated. Sales taxes accounted for 74.5 percent of the overall total during the fiscal year. General revenue is closely watched because it plays a major role in funding education, health and prison programs. The state Revenue Estimating Conference will issue a revised general-revenue forecast on Aug. 14.

Legislative Policy Platform Processes Underway!

- The Florida Association of Counties has outlined a process for County Commissioners to propose issues for consideration. Deadline for policy submittal is August 9 - to submit a policy proposal go to this link - <https://flcounties.wufoo.com/forms/zon2c5v0l6c1nh/>
- The Florida School Boards Association are all engaging in legislative program development. **Proposals for the FSBA 2025 Legislative Platform are now open for submission.** All member districts are able to submit statewide issues for consideration on the final platform which drive FSBA's advocacy efforts throughout the year. We wanted to provide you all with the opportunity to begin discussing your district proposals now in anticipation of the **deadline to submit proposals which is Friday, September 6 at 5 pm ET.**
 - **The FSBA proposal submission form** . Only items submitted via the link will be accepted to assist our team in compiling the information for the review committees.
 - For your reference, you can access last year's final platform here: [LEGISLATIVE](#)

The 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday continues through August 11

<https://floridarevenue.com/backtoschool/Pages/default.aspx>

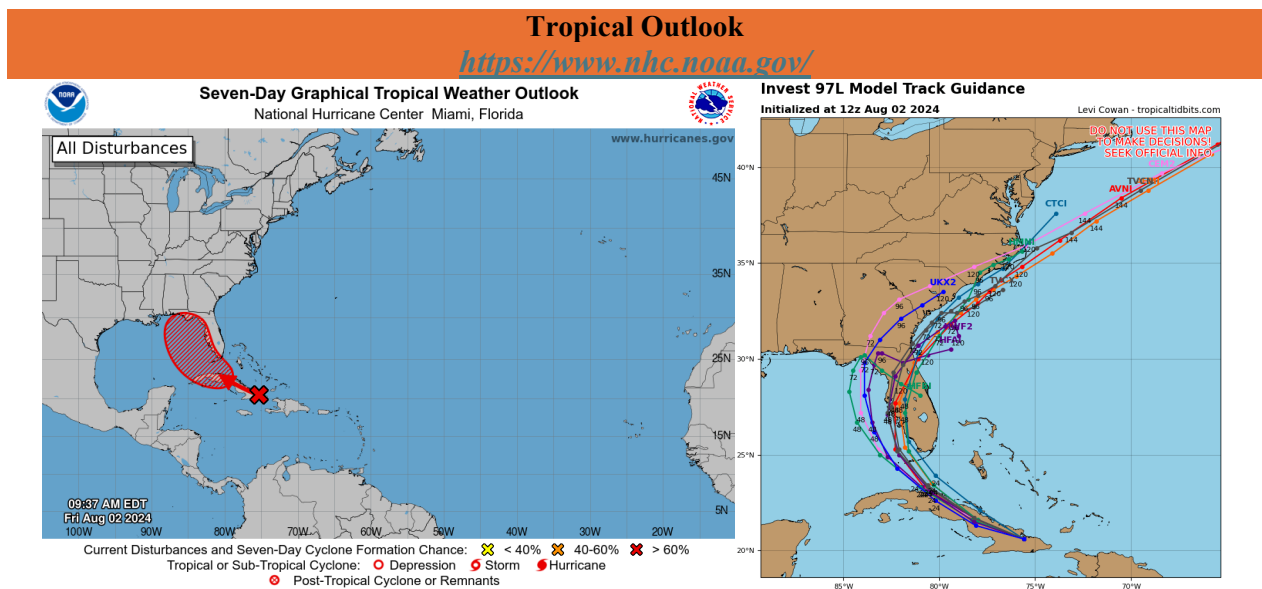
When does school start in Florida for the 2024-2025 school year?

[school-district-calendars.xlsx](#)

School/District Grades for the 23-24

To find out the grade for each school and district in the State go to the following link

- [Fl DOE.org](#).



Headlines Around the State

Times: Florida may have to pay businesses' legal fees after Stop Woke ruling

Herald: Did a Florida House candidate in Miami really live at a state senator's family home?

FlaPol: Moe to Mo: Joe Saunders' aunt agrees to name change after Miami-Dade Judge's HD 106 ruling

Herald: No more Joe Saunders vs. Moe Saunders: Candidate's aunt can run, but under new name

Florida Phoenix: DCF blocked more than 700,000 calls in April from people who wanted to speak to a real person

Post: Wealth migration to Florida brought private school surge. The result? Years-long waitlists

News-Press: Voters allege 'ghost' candidate disenfranchises electorate

WLRN: As extreme temperatures persist in South Florida, so do threats of heat-related illness

WUSF: Castor says federal government wants nationwide heat protections for workers

Times-Union: Sitting down with Mayor Deegan: Her wins, frustrations from the first year in office

Floridian: Mast Criticizes Media for 'Gaslighting' Americans, Saying VP Harris was never Border Czar

Floridian: Leader Book Endorses Petition to Ban Convicted Child Sexual Abusers from Olympics

Floridian: Gaetz Demands Answers on Why Google, Facebook 'Suppressed' Trump Assassination Attempt

Bradenton Herald: A Fort Lauderdale attorney misappropriated \$612,000. He's been disbarred, but not found

FlaPol: Stata data details good news for air quality in the Glades during sugar harvest season

FlaPol: Doctors back Tracie Davis re-election in SD 5

FlaPol: Therese Wakefield-Gamble scores Muslim, Planned Parenthood endorsements in HD 14 Primary battle

FlaPol: Florida sees sharp drop in new unemployment claims

Sun-Sentinel: Citizens Insurance hikes? Proposal may lead to double-digit rate increases

FlaPol: Florida Republicans condemn women's Olympic boxing result as questions swirl over gender test issue

Times: Broken trust: How a Clearwater man took \$100M from funds for disabled, records say

Sun-Sentinel: Documentary links Swedish killer to infamous unsolved Boca Raton mall murders. Police say he's not the guy

AP: Teen brother of Air Force airman who was killed by Florida deputy is fatally shot near Atlanta

News 4 Jax: Gov. DeSantis puts vast majority of Florida counties under state of emergency ahead of possible tropical depression

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis declares emergency throughout most of Florida as tropical depression looms

Herald: Gov. DeSantis declares state of emergency as coming heavy rains might cause major disaster

Democrat: Florida's attorney general activates price gouging hotline ahead of Gulf storm Invest 97L

Herald Tribune: Invest97L tropical wave heads toward Sarasota, Bradenton; may become Tropical Storm Debby

FlaPol: Florida exceeds 5,400 bonus payouts in police recruitment program

Democrat: Tallahassee Police Department gaining 13 new officers, second recruiting class this year

News 4 Jax: Who got free land from the city for affordable housing in 2019 — and what did they do with it?

NBC 6: Miami-Dade warns of door hangers alerting residents of bad water quality

Post: Report: Targeted for deportation by Trump, undocumented immigrants pay billions in taxes

Sentinel: Educators, others criticize book bans and dark night of censorship in letter to DeSantis

Herald Tribune: Knight, Coe, Thornton talk development at Sarasota political forum

Herald Tribune: Appeal filed in Ziegler case 5 days after Sarasota officials decline to pursue one

FlaPol: Mike Haridopolos is not just a front-runner, he's on his way to a decisive GOP victory

Daily News: Election 2024: Ralph Rodriguez would prioritize managed growth, traffic on Collier commission

Ledger: Typically quiet, the election for Polk Property Appraiser in 2024 has gotten hot

Gainesville Sun: City commissioner among those leading e-bike charge in Gainesville

FlaPol: Palm Beach Sheriff Ric Bradshaw releases new ad for re-election bid touting gang bust

FlaPol: Atlantic Coast Conference turns copies of its agreements with ESPN over to Ashley Moody

FlaPol: CareerSource Northeast Florida gets new CEO

FlaPol: Plea deals for Guantanamo Bay terrorists stoke outrage among Florida Republicans

NWF Daily News: 'He loved this city': Mike Anderson, former Fort Walton Beach mayor, dies at age 82

On The Docket

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

- HD 81 CANDIDATES AT FORUM - Friday, 7:30 a.m. Yvette Benarroch and Greg Folley, Republican candidates in Collier County's House District 81, are expected to appear at a forum held by the Republican Men's Club of Collier County. Location: Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail North, Naples.
- BOARD OF MEDICINE - Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Board of Medicine will meet. Location: Drury Plaza Hotel-Orlando-Disney Springs Area, 2000 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- NURSING BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Location: Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs.
- LABOR MARKET - Friday, 9 a.m. The Labor Market Estimating Conference will discuss a labor-market forecast. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCIAL 'OUTLOOKS' - Friday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to financial "outlooks." Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing updated finance reports.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

- SCOTT SPEAKS AT GOP EVENT - Saturday, 5 p.m. U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., is scheduled to speak during a Lake County Republican Party Lincoln-Reagan Dinner. Location: The Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Court, Leesburg.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25

Activities listed involve local elected county commissioners, school board members and school superintendents.

2024

- August 20 - Primary Election Day
- Sept. 18-19- FAC Policy Conference – Pensacola
- November 5 - General Election Day
- November 19 - Newly Elected local officials take office
- November 20-22 Rural Economic Development Summit
- December 3-6 - FSBA/FADSS - Winter Meeting – Tampa
- December 4 - Small County Coalition Legislative Meeting - Tampa
- December 5 - Small District Meeting – Tampa
- December 4-6 FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa

2025

- January-February - Legislative Committee Weeks
- February 2 - Deadline for release of Governors recommended budget
- March 4 Regular Session Begins
- March 18 - Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing/Reception
- March 19- FAC Day in the Legislature
- March 19 – 20 FSBA 38th Annual Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
- March 19 Small School District Legislative Briefing
- March 19 -20 Rural Counties Day in the Legislature
- May 2 - Regular Session Ends
- June 11 – 13 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
- June 12 - Small School District Breakfast Meeting
- June 24-27 FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando
- June 25 Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

About the Briefing!

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