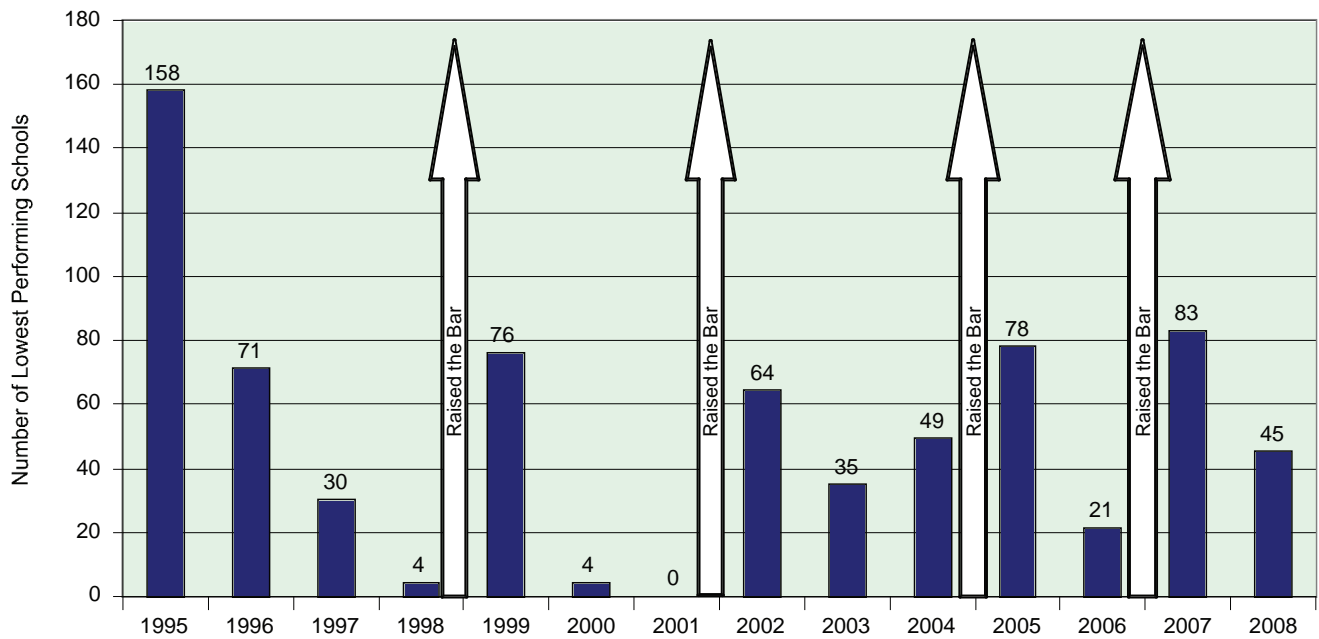


Raising Standards and Higher Accountability Lead to Improved Student Performance



As expectations for school performance increase, Florida schools are rising to the occasion. The number of lowest performing schools has decreased to 45 (after standards were raised) in 2008, from 158 in 1995, 71 in 1996, 30 in 1997, increased from 4 in 1998, (then the standards were raised) decreased from 76 in 1999, increased from 4 in 2000, 0 in 2001, (then the standards were raised again) decreased from 64 in 2002, increased from 35 in 2003, decreased from 49 in 2004, (then the standards were raised again) decreased from 78 in 2005, increased from 21 in 2006, and (then standards were raised) decreased from 83 in 2007.

Source: Florida Department of Education