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Marathon, Keys students head back to school Aug. 12

MARATHON, FL (Aug. 4, 2026) – Students in Marathon head back to school on Wednesday, Aug. 12, along with the rest of the Florida Keys.

“I am excited about the year ahead and the opportunities it will bring,” Monroe County School District Superintendent Ed Tierney said recently in a letter to parents.

“Thank you for your continued support of Monroe County School District. By working together, we will continue our tradition of excellence and make this school year a memorable one for every student.”

Tierney pointed out in the letter that the district overall earned its second consecutive “A” rating from the state.



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Marathon High School finished last year within one percentage point of the new threshold, earning a high “B” grade at 64 percent. The state Department of Education set the grading system for an “A” rating starting at 65 percent for the 2025-2026 school.

For the 2026-2027 school year, schools will need to achieve 70 percent to garner an “A” rating.

Tierney credited “the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, support staff, administrators, families, and community partners,” but reminded all of the continued efforts needed to sustain that overall rating.

“While we celebrate this success, we also recognize that excellence is not a destination, it is a commitment. We remain focused on continuing to improve outcomes for every student, every day.”

Parents can take advantage of the services available through Keys Kids Health Centers to provide annual physicals, sports physicals, wellness visits, and dental checkups before the start of school. For information, visit <https://www.keysahec.org>.

The 2026-2027 school year comes to an end for students on Friday, May 28.

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