






Common Core & Related Education Issue Comparison - Florida Republican Gubernatorial Primary



Name Website FSCCC Grade	Opposes Federal Intrusion in Education	Opposes Common Core	Opposes Expansion of Government Preschool	Pro-Common Core Endorsement or Rating	Anti-Common Core Endorsement or Rating
<p>Congressman Ron DeSantis</p>  <p>FSCCC Grade: A</p>	<p>Yes - Voted against the Every Student Succeeds Act in Congress, which cemented CCSS in place & harms the opt-out movement</p>	<p>Yes – Cosponsored 2014 resolution against CCSS & has strongly opposed in speeches & interviews and via vote against ESSA. He is listening to his supporters, who oppose CCSS 72%-16%.</p>	<p>Yes – Voted against ESSA that includes expansion of federal pre-K programs that research continues to show is ineffective and is tied to Common Core</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>American Conservative Union</p> <p>Mark Levin</p> <p>Sean Hannity</p>
<p>Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam</p>  <p>FSCCC Grade: F</p>	<p>No - Voted for No Child Left Behind (NCLB) in Congress requiring annual state tests & laying groundwork for Common Core</p>	<p>No - Hasn't discussed during campaign but supported Common Core during parent revolt. He is ignoring his supporters who oppose CCSS 67%-17% .</p>	<p>No – Voted for NCLB and the Head Start Act that greatly increased federal control over preschool that research continues to show is ineffective & became tied to Common Core</p>	<p>Florida Chamber</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Businessman & Activist Bob White</p>  <p>FSCCC Grade: A-</p>	<p>Yes – Clearly understands the lack of constitutionality of the federal role in education & cost to states</p>	<p>Yes & has led many grassroots efforts against Common Core throughout the state and at the legislature</p>	<p>Not discussed</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Former Congressman Ron Paul</p>

Disclaimer: This guide is not an endorsement, but lays out and rates the Common Core, federal education, and related issues records of the Republican candidates for governor of Florida, listed as [officially qualified by the Florida Department of State](#) to be on the ballot for the 2018 election, based on reviews of the candidates' statements on their websites, in the media, at debates, polling data, endorsements, and voting records where available. The remaining qualified Republican candidates – [Don Baldauf](#), Timothy DeVine, Bob Langford, [John Mercadante](#), and [Bruce Nathan](#) – either do not have campaign websites, have no record, or discuss pre-K through 12 education issues minimally, if at all. These five candidates received grades of “Incomplete.”