

MEMORANDUM

May 25, 2010

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools *AMC*

SUBJECT: STATE RELEASE OF RESULTS FOR THE SPRING 2010 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT): GRADE 3

Today the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) released student-level results from the Spring 2010 administration of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) for students in Grade 3. The State has released these results in advance of the summary reports and results for the other grade levels to facilitate promotion decisions that require consideration of FCAT results. Grade 3 students who score in Level 1 on the FCAT in reading will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate reading mastery, as required for promotion to grade 4. The Grade 3 Reading Student Portfolio may be used to demonstrate mastery. In addition, an alternative standardized reading assessment will be given in the last two weeks of the school year and another at the end of summer reading camp.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Office of Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis summarized the student-level data in advance of receipt of the state's summary reports. These preliminary results are provided as an attachment to this memorandum. Please note that no state-level data are available at this time. Overall in the M-DCPS, over 27,000 students in Grade 3 participated in the Spring 2010 FCAT administration. Overall, 78% of the District's third grade students scored high (Levels 3 and above) in mathematics, and 68% in reading.

Note that these summary scores include all students tested, and do not represent the groupings that will be used by the State for accountability purposes. Results for FCAT Writing and for FCAT Reading, Mathematics, and Science in all other grade levels are scheduled to be released in June; reports will be released as they become available.

Complete District, State, and school summary reports will be posted as they become available on the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) website at <http://fcat.fldoe.org>. School shipments of individual student reports for the Grade 3 FCAT Reading and Mathematics will be forwarded to schools as they are received.

Should you have any questions about the attached results, please contact Ms. Deborah Karcher, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services, at 305-995-3751, or Ms. Gisela Feild, Administrative Director, Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis, at 305-995-7512.

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Attachments

cc: School Board Attorney
Superintendent=s Senior Staff

**Highlights of the Florida Department of Education's
Spring 2010 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test Summary Report
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Grade 3**

- Overall, 78% of the District's third grade students scored high (Levels 3 and above) in mathematics, and 68% in reading.
 - The percentage of M-DCPS students in Grade 3 scoring in Levels 3, 4, and 5 in Reading increased from 65% in 2009 to 68% in 2010.
 - The percentage of our students scoring in Level 1 in Reading, and therefore eligible for retention under the state's mandatory retention policy, decreased from 22% in 2009 to 20% in 2010.
 - The percentage of students in Grade 3 scoring in Levels 3, 4, and 5 in Mathematics increased from 76% in 2009 to 78% in 2010.

- A preliminary review of the student-level data indicate that higher percentages of the 3rd grade students scored high in all M-DCPS schools that received a School Grade of "F" in 2009.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Summary of District and State Results for the
Spring 2010 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test
Grade 3

On May 25, 2010, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) released student-level results from the Spring 2010 administration of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) for students in Grade 3. The State has released these results in advance of State and District Summary Reports and results for the other grade levels to facilitate promotion decisions of third grade students. The summary data listed below have been calculated by the M-DCPS Office of Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis, based on the student-level data provided. These summary results should be considered preliminary pending the release of the state's summary reports.

This assessment is a criterion-referenced test which measures students' mastery of grade-level content, as specified by the Sunshine State Standards. Results are usually reported in terms of achievement levels, which can range from Level 1 (low) to Level 5 (high) and are based on more precise scale scores. The percentages of third grade students scoring in achievement levels 1, 2, and 3-5 in the State and District are presented in Table 1.

Note that these summary results are based on all students tested, including Students with Disabilities (SWD) and English language learners (ELL), and do not represent the groupings that will be used by the State for accountability purposes. They also include both students enrolled in Grade 3 for the first time and previously retained third grade students.

Table 1
Grade 3: FCAT Reading and Mathematics
State and District, 2008, 2009, and 2010
Percentages Scoring in Achievement Levels 1, 2, and 3-5

	DISTRICT				STATE			
	Percent ALL Students			Difference 2009- 2010	Percent ALL Students			Difference 2009- 2010
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	
READING								
<i>Number tested:</i>	27,722	27,386	27,217	-169	204,251	205,135	n/a	n/a
Level 1	21	22	20	-2	16	17	n/a	n/a
Level 2	13	13	12	-1	12	12	n/a	n/a
Levels 3-5	67	65	68	+3	72	71	n/a	n/a
MATHEMATICS								
<i>Number tested:</i>	27,720	27,389	27,230	-159	204,180	205,135	n/a	n/a
Level 1	11	10	9	-1	10	10	n/a	n/a
Level 2	14	13	13	0	13	13	n/a	n/a
Level 3-5	75	76	78	+2	76	78	n/a	n/a

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100 percent due to mathematical rounding, and include all students tested, including students with disabilities and English language learners. District-level summary results computed by the M-DCPS Office of Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis; state-level summary results are not available at this time.