


MEMORANDUM

May 19, 2017

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: STATE RELEASE OF RESULTS FOR THE SPRING 2017 FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENTS (FSA) ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) GRADE 3

Today the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) released results for Grade 3 students from the Spring 2017 administration of the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) in English Language Arts (ELA) only. The State has released these results in advance of the remaining statewide assessment results to facilitate promotion decisions of students in Grade 3.

The FSA ELA assessment was first administered in the 2014-2015 school year. It is a criterion-referenced test which measures students' mastery of grade-level content as specified by the Florida Standards. The ELA assessments include reading and language components in Grades 3 through 10, a writing component in Grades 4 through 10, and a listening component in Grades 4 through 10.

The reported scores include scale scores which can range from 240 to 360 and achievement levels which can range from 1 to 5. Current Grade 3 students who score in Level 1 on the FSA ELA will have additional opportunities to demonstrate reading mastery as required by state statute for promotion to Grade 4, including the Grade 3 Reading Student Portfolio and alternative standardized reading assessments administered in the last two weeks of the school year and at the end of the summer reading camp.

In Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), 28,421 Grade 3 students participated in the Spring 2017 FSA administration. Following are M-DCPS performance highlights as well as tables summarizing District results for Grade 3 ELA compared to the state and other large districts.

- Miami-Dade outperformed all of the other large districts in the state with 58 percent of the Grade 3 students scoring in Levels 3 or above on the FSA ELA assessment.
- The percentage of third grade students scoring in Levels 3-5 increased in the M-DCPS by four percentage points, from 54 percent in 2016 to 58 percent in 2017.
 - These third grade gains outpaced most of the other large Florida districts, including Broward, Duval, Orange, and Palm Beach counties.
- District Grade 3 students scored on par with state averages, both in the percentages scoring in Levels 3-5 and the four-point gain from 2016 to 2017.

- M-DCPS reduced the percentage of students scoring in Level 1 by four percentage points, at a greater pace than the state's three points.

Results for statewide standardized assessments in the remaining grade levels and content areas are scheduled to be released in early June. Complete District, State, and school summary reports will be provided as they become available and will also be posted on the FLDOE website. School shipments of individual student reports will be forwarded to schools as they are received.

If you have any questions about the results, please contact Ms. Marie Izquierdo, Chief Academic Officer, Office of Academics and Transformation, at 305 995-1451 or Ms. Gisela Feild, Administrative Director, Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis, at 305 995-2943.

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Table 1

**Grade 3 FSA English Language Arts (ELA)
Percent of Students Scoring in Achievement Levels 1, 2, and 3-5
District and State, 2016 and 2017**

	DISTRICT			STATE		
	Percent ALL Students		Difference 2016-2017	Percent ALL Students		Difference 2016-2017
	2016 FSA	2017 FSA		2016 FSA	2017 FSA	
READING						
<i>Number tested:</i>	27,786	28,421	+635	220,663	228,104	+7,441
Level 1	24	20	-4	22	19	-3
Level 2	22	22	0	24	23	-1
Levels 3-5	54	58	+4	54	58	+4

Note: Achievement levels range from Level 1 (lowest) to Level 5 (highest). Percentages may not sum to 100 percent due to mathematical rounding, and include all students tested, including students with disabilities and English language learners.

Table 2

**Grade 3 FSA English Language Arts (ELA)
Percent of Students Scoring in Achievement Levels 3-5
Large Florida Districts and State, 2016 and 2017**

	Percent ALL Students		Difference 2016-2017
	2016 FSA	2017 FSA	
MIAMI-DADE	54	58	+4
Broward	55	57	+2
Duval	50	51	+1
Hillsborough	52	56	+4
Orange	54	57	+3
Palm Beach	52	54	+2
FLORIDA	54	58	+4