


## MEMORANDUM

May 24, 2018

**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 2018 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 2018 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 range from 240 to 360, and achievement levels which 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), 27,281 Grade 3 students participated in the Spring 2018 FSA administration. Following are tables summarizing District results for Grade 3 ELA, as compared to the state and other large districts.

- M-DCPS third grade students outperformed their counterparts statewide, both in terms of performance and growth.
  - 61% of District third graders scored in Levels 3 – 5, compared to 57% in the state.
  - A three-percentage point gain was achieved by District third graders, as compared to a loss of one percentage point statewide.
  - Over the last two years, that represents a seven-percentage point gain in Miami-Dade, as compared to a three-point gain for the state.
- District third graders also scored higher and exhibited more growth than all large

districts in the state.

- The percent of third graders scoring in Level 1 decreased from 2017 to 2018, representing almost 300 additional students who are eligible for promotion this year.

Results for statewide standardized assessments in the remaining grade levels and content areas are scheduled to be released in early June. District and school summary reports are available online at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/2018.stml>. Additional summary reports will be provided as they become available. 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, 2017 and 2018**

	DISTRICT			STATE		
	Percent ALL Students		Difference 2017-2018	Percent ALL Students		Difference 2017-2018
	2017 FSA	2018 FSA		2017 FSA	2018 FSA	
<b>READING</b>						
<i>Number tested:</i>	28,421	27,281	-1,140	228,104	221,469	-6,635
Level 1	20	19	-1	19	20	+1
Level 2	22	20	-2	23	23	0
Levels 3-5	58	61	+3	58	57	-1

*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, 2017 and 2018**

	Percent ALL Students		Difference 2017-2018
	2017 FSA	2018 FSA	
<b>MIAMI-DADE</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>+3</b>
Broward	57	59	+2
Duval	51	50	-1
Hillsborough	56	53	-3
Orange	57	55	-2
Palm Beach	54	56	+2
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-1</b>