



MEMORANDUM

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TO: School Board Members

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Chief Academic Officer *J.A.*

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Superintendent

SUBJECT: FY2012 SPRING ALGEBRA 1 END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has released the FY2012 Spring Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment (EOC) results. Per Florida Statute 1008.22, beginning in FY2011, any student enrolled in an Algebra 1 course must take the Algebra 1 EOC¹.

In May of 2012, approximately 12,800 students in grades 6-12 took the Algebra 1 EOC in the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC). A preliminary analysis of students scoring Level 3 or above (see Table 1) reveals the following findings:

- From FY2011² to FY2012, the performance of the SDPBC's first-time test takers increased (56% to 58%) and the SDPBC continued to perform about the same as Florida (FY12: 58% vs. 59%).
- In FY2012, Florida outperformed the SDPBC for retakers and all test takers.

Table 1. FY2012 Spring Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment Results – Percentage of Students Scoring Level 3 or Above

	First-Time Test Takers		Retakers		All Test Takers	
	FY2011	FY2012	FY2011	FY2012	FY2011	FY2012
Florida	55%	59%	NA	43%	NA	58%
SDPBC	56%	58%	NA	39%	NA	56%

NA = Not Available. In FY2011, the only results available were for first-time test takers.

¹Per State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09422, students entering grade nine during the 2011-2012 school year and beyond are required to score Achievement Level 3 or above to earn course credit and meet graduation requirements.

²On December 19, 2011, the State Board of Education approved the Achievement Levels for the Algebra 1 EOC. The FY2011 scores have been converted to the new Achievement Levels. Because FY2011 was the first time that the Algebra 1 EOC was administered, the only comparison for interpreting change is from FY2011 to FY2012 for first-time test takers.

Results for individual schools are available on the Department of Research, Evaluation and Assessment website at: <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/dre/FCAT.asp>

Schools have received their results and will use this information to meet individual student needs and for school improvement. District and area staff will use the results to provide direction for improvement in curriculum and instruction.

If you have questions about individual school results, please contact the appropriate area superintendent or the school principal. If you have questions about instruction, please contact Keith Oswald, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Curriculum, at 357-1113. If you have questions about the results, please contact Mark Howard, Director, Research, Evaluation and Assessment, at 434-8781.

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