



MEMORANDUM

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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed. D.
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**SUBJECT: FY2012 FCAT 2.0 GRADE 9 and 10 READING RESULTS:
ALL STUDENTS TESTED**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has released the FY2012 results for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0) in Reading for grades 9 and 10 for all students tested.¹ In April of 2012, approximately 26,512 School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) students took the FCAT 2.0 test in Reading at grades 9 or 10.²

A preliminary analysis reveals the following findings:

- In FY2012, the SDPBC outperformed Florida at Grade 10 and performed similarly at Grade 9.
- From FY2011 to FY2012, SDPBC performance remained about the same at Grades 9 and 10.

Table 1. FCAT 2.0 Grade 9-10 Reading Results

Year	Percent of Students in Level 3 or Higher				Percent of Students in Level 1			
	Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 9		Grade 10	
	SDPBC	Florida	SDPBC	Florida	SDPBC	Florida	SDPBC	Florida
FY2011	53	51	55	52	19	19	17	19
FY2012	53	52	54	50	18	18	18	20

Because the FCAT 2.0 scale is only available for the FY2011 and FY2012 results, this summary analysis reports only these two years.

¹ This data is based on all students tested, and not on the group of students used in the calculation of school grades. At this time, the FDOE has not provided disaggregated data or results for grades 3-8.

² For students entering grade 9 in the 2010-11 school year and thereafter, the passing score required for high school graduation is Achievement Level 3.

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

These results will be shared with appropriate staff to provide direction for improvement in curriculum and instruction. In addition, schools have received reports regarding their FCAT 2.0 test takers and will use this information in the school improvement planning process.

Should you have questions about the FCAT 2.0 results for grades 9 and 10 in Reading, please contact Mark Howard, Director, Research, Evaluation and Assessment, at 434-8781. If you have questions about curriculum or instructional practices and the FCAT 2.0, please contact Keith Oswald, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Curriculum, at 357-1113. If you have questions about individual school efforts and the FCAT 2.0, please contact the appropriate area superintendent or school principal.

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