



# Muscofee County School District

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### System CRCT Scores

### Closing the Academic Achievement Gap with the State

**(Columbus, GA)**-Scores for the first round of system grade-level Criterion Reference Competency Tests (CRCT) show the Muscofee County School District (MCSD) is closing the academic achievement gap with the state. The CRCT is designed to measure how well students acquire the skills and knowledge in the state mandated content standards (Reading, English/Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science and Social Studies) in grades 3 – 8. Due to state budget constraints, the CRCT was not administered in grades 1 – 2.

The test results are used to analyze strengths and areas that need improvement for the instruction of the state standards and to assess the quality of education in Georgia. The MCSD system overview of grades 3 - 8, indicate students continue to make overall gains.

**67%** (4 of 6) of the represented grade levels increased or maintained the percent of students passing the CRCT Reading tests as compared to 2013.

**50%** (3 of 6) of represented grade levels increased or remained the same in the percent of students passing the CRCT ELA test as compared to 2013.

**50%** (3 of 6) of the represented grade levels increased in the percent of students passing the CRCT Math test as compared to 2013.

**50%** (3 of 6) of the represented grade levels increased in the percent of students passing the CRCT Science test as compared to 2013.

**83%** (5 of 6) of the schools increased or remained the same in the percent of students passing the CRCT Social Studies test compared to 2013.

**Muscogee County School District  
CRCT Passing Percentages  
Grade 3**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	86	88	79	82	64	75	63	65	74	77
State	92	92	88	89	79	81	78	77	83	84

**Muscogee County School District  
CRCT Passing Percentages  
Grade 4**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	89	88	85	83	72	70	73	68	71	67
State	93	94	90	89	84	82	83	81	81	81

**Muscogee County School District  
CRCT Passing Percentages  
Grade 5**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	88	93	89	92	79	86	65	74	70	72
State	93	95	94	95	90	88	80	82	81	81

**Muscogee County School District  
CRCT Passing Percentages  
Grade 6**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	93	95	88	87	73	74	63	62	67	69
State	96	97	92	92	83	84	74	75	78	80

**Muscogee County School District  
CRCT Passing Percentages  
Grade 7**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	92	91	89	90	83	81	78	77	74	79
State	95	95	93	94	90	88	85	84	83	84

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**CRCT Passing Percentages**

**Grade 8**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	96	96	94	92	74	72	64	65	69	74
State	97	97	94	95	83	82	74	78	78	81

Grade	Reading		Language Arts		Math		Science		Social Studies	
	<b>Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Standard</b>									
	State	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State	District
3	92	88	89	82	81	75	77	65	84	77
4	94	88	89	83	82	70	81	68	81	67
5	95	93	95	92	88	86	82	74	81	72
6	97	95	92	87	84	74	75	62	80	69
7	95	91	94	90	88	81	84	77	84	79
8	97	96	95	92	82	72	78	65	81	74

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**CRCT Exceeds Expectations Percentages**

**Grade 3**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	37	37	25	27	31	38	22	27	22	28
State	51	46	35	32	44	44	35	36	31	36

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**CRCT Exceeds Expectations Percentages**

**Grade 4**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	37	40	29	25	24	29	28	28	12	16
State	49	52	38	35	39	39	44	43	26	30

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**CRCT Exceeds Expectations Percentages**

**Grade 5**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	27	33	30	30	33	37	24	31	15	16
State	35	42	40	39	47	44	39	42	25	27

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CRCT Exceeds Expectations Percentages**

**Grade 6**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	37	37	24	22	19	20	16	14	29	34
State	48	50	34	32	28	28	23	23	42	45

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CRCT Exceeds Expectations Percentages**

**Grade 7**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	27	34	38	39	27	28	33	36	38	47
State	34	42	47	47	37	37	45	46	50	53

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CRCT Exceeds Expectations Percentages**

**Grade 8**

School	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		SS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
System	37	44	35	36	24	28	15	16	22	26
State	45	53	42	44	31	34	22	25	34	36

Comparing 2014 to 2013 CRCT data, math in grades 3 - 5 show an average increase of 5.3 percentage points and an overall average of 2.2 percentage points gain in grades 3 - 8. Reading, in grades 3 – 5, shows an average increase of 2.0 percentage points.

Elementary schools show pass rates increased in 66.7% of content areas. Each gain closed the gap with the state.

In all three grade levels at the elementary level, the number of students designated as *Exceeding Expectations* in math matched or outpaced the state, which narrows the achievement gap.

Director of Elementary Education, Terry Baker says, "We believe the new math maps helped to narrow the content focus and the common assessments informed our instructional practices, which led to this improvement."

Comparing 2014 to 2013 CRCT data, grades 6 - 8 show an average increase of < 1.0 percentage points in reading. In math, grades 6 - 8 show an overall average decrease of 1.0 percentage points, which mirrors the drops seen in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade statewide.

In addition, when comparing 2014 performance to the 2013 results, the percent of 6 – 8 grade students exceeding the standard increased in 13 of the 15 content area assessments.

"Based on the middle school *Exceeding Expectations* results, we are excited to see that more middle grade students are exceeding the minimum standard set by the state," said Director of Secondary Education, Keith Seifert. "We believe the development of the district unit assessments and the frequent analysis of those results were instrumental in making these improvements."

"I would like to thank our teachers and administrators for their hard work, which led to the overall improvement," said David Lewis, Superintendent of Education. "While we are pleased with the CRCT improvement, I recognize there is significant work yet to be done as we continue implementation of new initiatives and organizational structures, which align to college and career readiness standards and the new, more rigorous Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMS) next school year."

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will implement the new testing system, Georgia Milestones, next year, which will replace the CRCT and the End of Course Tests (EOCT). According to the GaDOE, a major benefit of the new system is the consistency in one testing program in grades 3 – 12 rather than a series of individual tests that were taken previously. Educators anticipate that increased expectations for student learning reflected in the Georgia Milestones may initially show lower scores than the previous CRCT or EOCT scores, but it should bring Georgia's tests in line with other indicators of how students are performing.

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