

## Press Release

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### Re: Top 10 School District in Florida

The Florida Department of Education just released the top 10 ranked school districts in Florida and Sumter made the list, outscoring 57 of the 67 school districts. Sumter is also designated as an ‘A’ district for the fourth consecutive year. The ranking is based on each district’s total average FCAT scores. “Everyone should take great pride in the tremendous progress the students of Sumter County made in the 2011 school year. The district’s rankings show that Sumter students are achieving at higher levels than ever before and that this school district is on track to remain one of the best in Florida,” said Superintendent Rick Shirley. “We couldn’t accomplish this without great teachers, kids and administrators, as well as a supportive community and School Board.” Sumter’s elementary and middle schools received school grades in the fall with Bushnell Elementary, Webster Elementary, Lake Panasoffkee Elementary, Wildwood Elementary, and South Sumter Middle recognized as ‘A’ schools. More recently High School grades were released. South Sumter High School and Wildwood Middle High School are both rated as ‘B’ schools with the The Villages Charter School earning an ‘A’.

In addition to the overall district rating, the Sumter school district is ranked in the top ten on the 2011 FCAT Reading, Math and Science assessments for the following grade levels and subjects:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Grade/Subject</i>	<i>Percent Proficient</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> in state</i>	<i>Tenth Grade Writing</i>	<i>4.3 Mean Score</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> in state</i>	<i>Fourth Grade Writing</i>	<i>4.3 Mean Score</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> in state</i>	<i>Eighth Grade Writing</i>	<i>4.5 Mean Score</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> in state</i>	<i>Third Grade Math</i>	<i>87%</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> in state</i>	<i>Fifth Grade Reading</i>	<i>80%</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> in state</i>	<i>Fifth Grade Math</i>	<i>73%</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> in state</i>	<i>Fifth Grade Science</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>7<sup>th</sup> in state</i>	<i>Eleventh Grade Science</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>10<sup>th</sup> in state</i>	<i>Fourth Grade Reading</i>	<i>79%</i>
<i>10<sup>th</sup> in state</i>	<i>Tenth Grade Reading</i>	<i>45%</i>

*10<sup>th</sup> in state      Third Grade Reading*

*82%*

Sumter is at or above the state average for the percent of students proficient in reading, math and science in all grade levels.