

**Press Release
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Re: 2011 FCAT Results- Sumter

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:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>	<u>Percent Proficient</u>
5 th in state	Third Grade Math	87%
5 th in state	Fifth Grade Reading	80%
6 th in state	Fifth Grade Math	73%
6 th in state	Fifth Grade Science	60%
7 th in state	Eleventh Grade Science	48%
10 th in state	Fourth Grade Reading	79%
10 th in state	Tenth Grade Reading	45%
10 th in state	Third Grade Reading	82%

Sumter is also at or above the state average for the percent of students proficient in reading, math and science in all grade levels. The most significant school gains in percentage points of students scoring level 3 and above are at Lake Panasoffkee Elementary with an eleven point increase in fourth grade math, South Sumter Middle with a ten point increase in eighth grade math and Wildwood Middle High School with twelve point increase in eleventh grade Science.

Much of the district's success can be attributed to the efforts of Sumter's teachers who have been involved in intensive training in Learning Focused Solutions and Writers in Control. These initiatives were implemented district wide beginning in 2006. Both initiatives involve strategic use of strategies proven to improve student achievement. Superintendent Rick Shirley said, "These are preliminary scores including all curriculum groups. Based on these initial scores, congratulations are in order for our teachers, students, administrators and staff for providing such a sound educational foundation. However, we still have some work to do in several areas."

The district is making every effort to expedite the process of sharing student results with parents. Student FCAT reports will be available for parent pick up in the school offices beginning next week. The release of the Algebra I End of Course Exam, School Grades and Adequate Yearly Progress reports are anticipated in the next few weeks.