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Student Achievement

- In Mathematics, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) students performed better than students across the state at all grade levels on the FCAT Sunshine State Standards (SSS) test. On the norm-referenced Mathematics subtest, Broward County's median national percentile rank exceeded the national average in all grade levels from 3 to 10.
- In Reading on the SSS test, students scoring 3 and above (proficiency) increased in Grades 5 and 7. On the NRT Reading subtest, Broward County's median percentile rank exceeded the national average in Grades 3 through 10.
- Broward students' mean score for Writing was 4.0 for grade 4, 4.3 for grade 8, and 4.1 for grade 10. These scores exceeded the state averages. A majority of students at the fourth (86%), eighth (90%), and tenth grades (83%) scored at or above the proficient level of 3.5. Broward students mean Writing+ scale score exceed the state at all grade levels. Broward students equaled or exceeded student performance statewide on the new multiple-choice part of the Writing+ Assessment, except for Conventions at grade 4.
- In Reading, the percentage of Broward students scoring at Achievement Level 3 or higher equaled or exceeded the statewide rate in all grades, except for grade 3 where we are in line with the statewide rate. In Mathematics, Broward students performed better than students statewide at all grade levels. Also, in Reading, the percentage of Broward students scoring at Achievement Level 3 or higher equaled or exceeded other large school districts at all grade levels, except for Palm Beach County in grades 9 and 10. In Mathematics, the percentage of Broward students scoring at Achievement Level 3 or higher equaled or exceeded other large school districts at all grade levels.
- Grade 1 and 2 students participate in the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), Edition 10, each spring. The 2006/07 results were promising. With the 50th percentile representing the national average, BCPS elementary students had percentile ranks above the national mean in Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Problem Solving at both grade levels.
- All schools will continue to identify the learning needs of students performing below level. Progress Monitoring Plans (PMP). For the 2007/08 school year, the PMP will be completed by schools as a school-wide plan on coordination with their School Improvement Plan.
- A Universal Screening program uses a culturally non-biased intellectual ability test (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT)) at the second grade level to identify capable and gifted learners.
- To enable more students to move into high rigor coursework in high school, SpringBoard, a comprehensive middle school pre-Advanced Placement (AP) program in Language Arts and Mathematics is being used in 20 middle schools, including most Title I middle schools.
- Every BCPS middle school offers high school credit generating courses, one of which is Algebra. Of the 2005 graduates, approximately 21% took Algebra prior to 9th grade.
- Grade 10 students' participation in the PSAT increased from 2005/06 to 2006/07, with 75% of the Grade 10 students taking part in 2006/07 test.
- Approximately two-thirds of 2005 graduates who took the SAT scored at or above college level cut scores.
- Student enrollment in AP courses has increased by nearly one-third (32%) over three years, from 9,004 in 2004-05 to 11,861 in 2006-07. Every high school in the District offers at least the six core AP courses. Overall, the District offers 35 AP courses in 20 subject areas.
- As of 2006, the District had 45.3 percent of its high school students enrolled in honors courses, an increase of more than 11 percent from 2001/02 (33.7%). Overall, the District has had 40 percent or more of its high school students in honors classes for each of the last three years.
- Sixty percent of 2005 graduates completed college prep curriculum while in high school.
- Articulation agreements with several post secondary institutions provide students with college credits for non-college level coursework

- when the student can demonstrate mastery of the competencies taught at the college level.
- BCPS offers distance learning opportunities for students through two primary methods: courses for credit and educational enhancement activities held through two-way interactive video or videoconferencing whereby a teacher in one location can see, be seen and interact with students in one or more remote locations in real time, and through online courses for middle and high school students taken through the Internet.
 - BCPS has one of the most extensive peer counseling programs in the nation. In addition to this program, there is a myriad of programs and services to support children and their families ranging from crisis intervention to family counseling to at-risk behavior prevention.
 - BCPS had 52 National Merit Semifinalists, in 2008 an increase of six from the previous year's total of 46.
 - The Florida Gold Seal Scholarship award recognizes high achieving graduates in technical education programs. Scholarship recipients are eligible for an award equal to the amount required to pay 75% of the tuition and fees for 90 hours at a Florida public post-secondary education institution.
 - The graduating class of 2007 had 264 athletic scholarships, an increase of 44 scholarships from last year. Scholarships were awarded to students in 14 different sports, led by 157 football scholarships.
 - The District utilizes a Family Resource Line to provide important information to parents of students attending BCPS. The messages are in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole. The focus is on fostering effective communication between schools and the community, and to ensure that parents have the information and materials they need to support the education of their children. The project is an outcome of the work of the Urban League, The Broward County Council of PTAs, District Advisory Council and District staff.
 - BCPS offers an array of specialized career and technical (CTE) programs and courses that provide students with the knowledge and skills for employment and career advancement in the following program areas: agri-science and natural resources, business technology, family and consumer sciences, health science, industrial, marketing, diversified, public service, and

technology. For information about specific courses, visit (www.CTACE.com). All CTE courses include an emphasis on language arts, mathematics, science, social science, communications and technical skills.

- BCPS has the second largest adult and community school program in Florida.
- Career, Technical, and Adult/Community Education (CTACE) programs and courses are offered at over 75 locations throughout the District. A complete listing of adult courses can be found at (www.browardeducator.com). The Broward Educator is also printed and distributed to every household in Broward County five times per year.
 - 33,120 high school students are enrolled in, at least, one career and technical program.
 - Total high school CTE enrollment is 75,207 students – indicating that most CTE high school students are currently enrolled in multiple CTE programs.
 - 2,985 career and technical adult students enrolled in post-secondary apprenticeship programs in 2006/07.
 - Over 13,285 adult students enrolled in career and technical education post-secondary certificate programs of study and continuing workforce education courses in 2006/07.
 - Over 58,000 students were enrolled in adult general education programs, which include adult basic education, adult high school, general educational development (GED), and English literacy in 2006/07; approximately 63,000 more were enrolled in community education/life long learning courses.
 - Over 2,199 individuals earned their State of Florida high school diploma through the BCPS GED testing program in 2006/07.
- BCPS has CTE articulation agreements that save students time and money as they pursue their college education by awarding college credits for competencies mastered at the high school or post-secondary level.

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