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Press Release

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Subject: *Sumter Surpasses the State Average on FCAT and EOC's.*

According to a recent memo released by the Florida Department of Education, the students in Sumter District Schools performed above the state average in all tested areas. Scores were recently released for FCAT Science for grades five and eight and End-of-Course Exams in Biology, U.S. History and Civics.

FCAT Science scores exceeded the state average in all tested grades! Eighth grade students outscored the state by 7 percentage points with 55% scoring a level 3 or above. In the fifth grade, students outscored the state by 6 percentage points, with 59% scoring a level 3 or above. Students in both grades outscored the state average by 6 points.

Sumter's middle school students surpassed the state average by 4 percentage points on the Civics End of Course Exam, with 69% scoring at a level 3 or above. Students in 7th grade surpassed the state average by 3 percentage points, with 68% scoring at or above a level 3 on this assessment. Students in the 8th grade surpassed the state average by 15 percentage points, with 75% scoring at or above a level 3 on this assessment. Students in both grade levels outscored the state by 4 points.

In Biology, Sumter's 9th grade students surpassed the state average by 15 percentage points, with 94% scoring at a level 3 or above. Sumter's 10th grade students surpassed the state average by 4 percentage points, with 56% scoring at or above a level 3 on this assessment. The average scores of students in both grades were above the state average of 64% scoring at a Level 3 or above.

Students in the upper grades surpassed the state average on the U.S. History End-of-Course Exam, as well. Eighty percent of the district's 11th grade students surpassed the state average

by 13 percentage points. The seniors in Sumter County also showed impressive learning gains by surpassing the state average by 10 points this year! The number of students scoring a Level 3 or above in both grades surpassed the state by thirteen percent.

Sumter District Schools' continued improvement on both the FCAT and End-of-Course Exams is a result of providing professional development in effective teaching strategies and focusing on monitoring student progress. For more information about end-of-course exams, please visit: <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments>