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FCAT Writing Scores Released

The Florida Department of Education has released results for the writing component of the 2008 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). FCAT Writes is administered to fourth, eighth and tenth grade students in early February.

At the elementary level, the district maintained its average as compared to last year, with 82% of fourth grade students meeting high standards in writing, exceeding the state average by five percentage points. Fellsmere Elementary, Thompson Magnet School, and St. Peter's Academy had double digit increases in the number of students meeting high standards in writing this year. Also showing increases were Osceola Magnet, Pelican Island Elementary, Glendale Elementary, Highlands Elementary, and Liberty Magnet Schools. The District received a letter from the Florida Department of Education that Dodgertown Elementary School's scores were being withheld and further explanation would be forthcoming.

All middle schools had an increase over last year in the percentage of eighth grade students meeting high standards in writing. Sebastian River Middle School's scores rose ten percentage points compared to last year. Overall, the district average for middle school students meeting high standards in writing rose five percentage points over last year.

At the high school level, all schools had an increase over the previous year. The district average for students meeting high standards in writing stayed constant, (compared to last year), at 79%, exceeding the state average by one percentage point.

On Tuesday, May 13th, individual student reports will be posted on the FCAT Parent Network www.fcatparentnetwork.com. The District will receive printed individual student reports on May 15th. Schools will be distributing those the following week.

For more information, access the School District of Indian River County's website at: www.indianriverschools.org where a summary of FCAT Writing scores for 2004 - 2008, by school, are posted. ###

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