



## School District of Indian River County

A Grade "A" School District

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### PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Third Grade Reading and Mathematics FCAT Results Released

The Florida Department of Education has released 2009 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Reading and Mathematics scores for third graders.

In the School District of Indian River County, third grade **Reading** scores remain above the state average. In the District, the number of third grade students reading at or above grade level increased by 2% compared to last year, and by 5% as compared to the State. More than 76% of the district's 1,313 students who took the test scored at grade level or above in reading, compared to 74% last year. Across the State, 71% of third graders scored at grade level or above, compared to 72% last year. The percentage of students scoring below grade level was 24% in the district and 29% in the state. Seven schools (or 43.8% of schools) increased their scores over last year. The average increase was 11.6%. Five Schools (or 31.3% of schools) decreased their scores as compared to last year. The average decrease was -7.6%. 25% of schools maintained the same scores as last year. Citrus Elementary, Thompson Magnet School, and St. Peter's Academy experienced the greatest increase in students scoring at or above grade level in Reading this year.

The number of third graders in the School District of Indian River County scoring at or above grade level in **Mathematics** rose 2% over last year but remains 2 percentage points below this year's State average. This year, 76% of students scored at or above grade level, while 24% percent scored below grade level. Almost 44% of the schools in the district increased their scores. The average increase was 17.4%. Highlands Elementary, Thompson Magnet, Vero Beach Elementary, and St. Peter's Academy experienced the greatest increase in students scoring above grade level. Nearly 44% of schools decreased their scores over last year. The average decrease was -8.4. 12.5% of schools maintained the same scores as last year.

Test results for third graders are released earlier than any other grade levels because of the risk of retention for those who do not pass. Excluding Charter

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Schools, there will be 110 third grade students attending summer school for additional instruction. During the last week of summer school, students will have an opportunity to take another standardized assessment (SAT9) for placement in the fourth grade.

FCAT scores for fourth through tenth grade students are expected later this month.

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