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**NCSS Releases Additional 2011 CRCT Information Including School-by-School Results**

*District improves in 22 of 30 possibilities, but still trails state  
 District declines in seven instances, but by less than a point in five  
 District shows no change in one instance.  
 School-by-School Results Varied*

Newton County School System students trailed the state in all categories of the Georgia Criterion Referenced Competency Tests but third grade reading; however, the district did show significant improvement in 2010-2011, with an increase on the number of students meeting or exceeding standards in 22 of 30 possibilities. In the seven instances where the pass rate declined, five of those were by less than one point. By comparison, last year, 2009-2010, the school district trailed the state in every test category. Today the district is releasing additional information on the 2011 CRCT as school by school results are now available. Below is a snapshot of how each school in the district performed on the 2011 CRCT.

GRADE	READING % Met or Exceeded Standards			ELA % Met or Exceeded Standards			MATH % Met or Exceeded Standards			SCIENCE % Met or Exceeded Standards			SOCIAL STUDIES % Met or Exceeded Standards		
	STATE	NCSS	*NCSS gain/loss in 10-11	STATE	NCSS	*NCSS gain/loss in 10-11	STATE	NCSS	*NCSS gain/loss in 10-11	STATE	NCSS	*NCSS gain/loss in 10-11	STATE	NCSS	*NCSS gain/loss in 10-11
3	90.1	91.7	+2.3	89.1	88.7	+2.7	81.2	77.4	-0.1	80.5	78.5	+0.6	81.0	77.6	-0.4
4	87.9	86.0	-0.3	88.0	86.7	+2.8	81.1	80.2	+9.6	79.0	77.0	+1.9	77.4	74.1	+5.4
5	90.5	86.7	NC	93.0	91.1	+0.2	86.6	82.3	+4.1	76.6	71.0	-0.8	71.3	59.7	-3.9
6	93.9	91.9	+2.8	91.2	88.1	-2.1	76.4	70.0	-0.6	70.9	65.8	+3.4	71.6	59.3	+9.6
7	90.9	88.8	+3.0	93.1	90.7	+2.0	89.4	86.0	+2.8	82.2	79.3	+2.9	74.9	66.1	+5.8
8	96.0	95.8	+1.3	92.8	92.7	+0.6	77.7	74.8	+5.3	67.1	66.9	+4.1	72.5	64.5	+4.6

*\*Data Source for NCSS Gain/Loss in 10-11: 2009-2010 NCSS Results vs. 2010-2011 NCSS Results*

## **SNAPSHOT OF SCHOOL BY SCHOOL RESULTS**

### *MIDDLE SCHOOLS*

- Clements:** Scores cannot be compared to previous year as Clements was a Theme School in 2009-2010, not a zoned middle school as in 2010-2011. The school matched the state average in percent of students meeting or exceeding standards on the seventh grade science test but was below the state average in all remaining categories.
- Cousins:** Cousins increased the percent of students meeting or exceeding standards across the board—significant improvement was made in each grade on each test. In addition the school surpassed the state average on the eighth grade Reading test, the sixth grade Language Arts test, the sixth grade Math test, and the sixth grade Science test. Cousins equaled the state average on the seventh and eighth grade math test and the seventh grade Reading test.
- Indian Creek:** Indian Creek showed an increase in the number of students meeting or exceeding standards in all three grades on the reading test. In addition, the school posted gains on the passing rate of the seventh grade Language Arts test, sixth and seventh grade Math test, seventh grade Science test, and the sixth and seventh grade Social Studies test. Indian Creek topped the state pass rate in sixth grade reading, eighth grade Language Arts, and all three grades in Science.
- Liberty:** Liberty Middle School posted numerous gains on the CRCT in 2011, including gains across the board (all three grades) in Math, Science, and Social Studies. Liberty also posted gains in sixth and seventh grade Reading. The school outperformed the state in seventh and eighth grade Math, and eighth grade Science.
- Veterans Memorial:** In addition to seventh grade Language Arts, Veterans Memorial increased achievement on all testing categories in eighth grade. The school also topped the state pass rate on the eighth grade Reading, Language Arts and Science tests.

### *ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS*

- East Newton:** East Newton posted gains on the passing rate across the board (third, fourth, and fifth grade) on the Reading test. In addition the school saw an increase in the number of students meeting or exceeding standards in fourth grade Language Arts, fourth and fifth grade Math, fourth grade Science and fourth grade Social Studies. East Newton topped the state in numerous tests including all three grades in Science and Social Studies, as well as third and fifth grade Reading, fifth grade Language Arts, and fourth and fifth grade Math.
- Fairview Theme:** Only third grade scores are comparable for Fairview as the Theme School did not have a fourth or fifth grade the previous school year. Fairview posted an increase on the pass rate in both third grade Language Arts and third grade

Science. In addition, the school had a 90 percent or better pass rate in twelve of the fifteen test groups. Overall Fairview Theme School bested the state in every test category.

**Ficquett:** Ficquett posted gains on the pass rate in third and fifth grade Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Science and third grade Social Studies. In addition the school surpassed the state pass rate in third grade Reading, Science, and Social Studies.

**Heard-Mixon:** Heard-Mixon increased the number of students meeting or exceeding standards in third and fourth grade Reading, Language Arts, and Science, as well as fourth and fifth grade Math and fourth grade Social Studies. Heard-Mixon outperformed the state across the board in Math. In addition, the school bested the state in third and fourth grade Reading, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.

**Live Oak:** Although Live Oak did not outperform the state in any categories of the CRCT, the school did post significant gains on the number of students meeting or exceeding standards in third grade Reading and Language Arts and third and fourth grade Math, Science, and Social Studies.

**Livingston:** Livingston increased achievement in a number of testing categories including fourth and fifth grade Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies, and fifth grade Science. The school outperformed the state in fourth grade Reading, Language Arts, and Math and equaled the state pass rate in third grade Reading.

**Mansfield:** Mansfield Elementary increased the pass rate across the board in third and fifth grade, showing improvement in each of the five subject tests. Most notably, 100% of the fifth grade students passed the Language Arts tests in 2011. In addition, the school matched the state pass rate in fourth grade Math and Reading, and bested the state in all of the remaining categories.

**Middle Ridge:** Middle Ridge improved pass rates in all three grade levels on the Language Arts and Math CRCT in 2011. In addition, the school posted gains on the pass rate in third and fourth grade Reading and Science, and fourth and fifth grade Social Studies. Middle Ridge also bested the state pass rate in fourth grade Math.

**Oak Hill:** Oak Hill increased the pass rate in all three grades on the Math CRCT in 2011. In addition the school posted gains in fifth grade Reading, third grade Language Arts, fifth grade Science, and third grade Social Studies. Oak Hill topped the state pass rate in fifth grade Reading, third and fifth grade Language Arts, fifth grade Math, and fifth grade Science and Social Studies. The school matched the state average in fourth grade Math and Social Studies.

**Palmer-Stone:** Palmer-Stone increased achievement in numerous grade levels in 2011, including third and fourth grade Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies, fourth and fifth grade Science, and third and fourth grade Social Studies. In

addition, the school bested the state pass rate in all three grade levels in Science and Social Studies, and in third and fourth grade Reading and Language Arts. Palmer-Stone also topped the state on the fourth grade Math test.

**Porterdale:** Porterdale Elementary showed improvement in all three grade levels in Math, Science, and Social Studies in 2011. The school also increased achievement in fourth and fifth grade Reading and third and fourth grade Language Arts. Porterdale Elementary School's fourth grade students topped the state pass rate in all subjects on the 2011 CRCT. The third grade class equaled the state pass rate in Math.

**Rocky Plains:** Rocky Plains increased the pass rate across all three grade levels on the Language Arts test in 2011. In addition, the school posted gains on the pass rate in third and fifth grade Reading, fourth and fifth grade Math and fourth grade Science and Social Studies. Rocky Plains surpassed the state average across the board in both Reading and Language Arts. In addition, the fourth grade class outperformed the state on every test category.

**South Salem:** South Salem increased the number of students meeting or exceeding standards in third grade Reading, third and fourth grade Language Arts, fourth and fifth grade Math, and fourth grade Science and Social Studies. The school topped the state pass rate on the fifth grade math test.

**West Newton:** West Newton Elementary increased achievement in fourth grade Language Arts, math and Social Studies as well as fifth grade science and third grade social studies in 2011; however, the school fell below the state average on each test category.

"While we are pleased to show a 73 percent improvement over the prior year in grades three through eight, we still have much work to do in order to reach and surpass state performance," said Gary Mathews, Superintendent of Newton County Schools. "To do so will require the best efforts and smart work of each and every classroom teacher as there is no substitute for quality instruction."

**Challenge Charter:**

Although Challenge Charter Academy (CCA) is an independent charter school governed by a separate board of directors, the Georgia Department of Education does include the school's scores in the school system's averages. In 2011, CCA posted gains in all three grades in Social Studies as well as seventh and eighth grade Reading and Language Arts, and seventh grade Math. The school did not meet or exceed the state pass rate on any test category.

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