

## MEMORANDUM

May 23, 2014

**TO:** School Board Members  
Collier County Public Schools

**FROM:** Dr. Kamela Patton, Superintendent  
Collier County Public Schools

**SUBJECT: FCAT WRITING RESULTS FOR GRADES 4, 8, AND 10**

The FCAT Writing Assessment, an essay in response to a prompt, has been administered to students across the state in grades 4 and 8 since 1993, and to students in grade 10 since 1994. From FY06 through FY08, in addition to the essay, the assessment also included multiple-choice questions. In FY09 through FY14, the assessment returned to its original format including only the essay response.

In FY12, there was a change in the scoring of FCAT 2.0 Writing. This change increased expectations regarding the correct use of Standard English conventions and the quality of details provided as support. Both of these elements had been scored with leniency in the past. Due to the change in scoring, multiple year comparison of data is not appropriate. The data presented here includes only FY12 through FY14, which is consistent with state reporting.

The essay scores were reported using a scale of 1 to 6 (1 is the lowest; 6 is the highest; and a 0 is given to any paper that does not address the prompt, is illegible, is incomprehensible, or is left blank).

**Note that the FCAT 2.0 Writing results reported here are for all students tested. The results reported here will be different from school grading, as school grading does not include all students tested.**

The writing results are provided in the attached tables:

- **Table 1** shows the District writing results for the last three years compared to the state. Based on the percentage of students scoring at 3.5 or higher, the Grade 4 results declined while Grades 8 and 10 improved. These trends mirror the state performance.
- As explained by Pamela Stewart, the Florida Commissioner of Education, in today's Superintendent Conference call, the Grade 4 decline could be explained by the change from a narrative to expository prompt. Across the state, 47 of the 67 districts (69%) declined in Grade 4 scores.
- **Tables 2 through 4** show the writing scores by schools. District-wide, 12 elementary, 7 middle, and 8 high schools maintained or improved in the percentage of students scoring at 3.5 or higher; 14 of these schools improved by 10 or more percentage points.

Attachments

cc: Superintendent's Cabinet  
All Principals

**Table 1  
FCAT Writing Scores: Collier County Public Schools versus the State**

Grade	District							State						
	FY12 Mean	FY13 Mean	FY14 Mean	FY12 %>=3.5	FY13 %>=3.5	FY14 %>=3.5	Diff	FY12 Mean	FY13 Mean	FY14 Mean	FY12 %>=3.5	FY13 %>=3.5	FY14 %>=3.5	Diff
4	3.1	3.4	3.2	42%	53%	47%	-6%	3.3	3.4	3.3	48%	57%	53%	-4%
8	3.2	3.3	3.3	48%	47%	53%	6%	3.3	3.3	3.4	52%	54%	56%	2%
10	3.4	3.4	3.5	58%	55%	64%	9%	3.4	3.5	3.5	60%	62%	64%	2%

**Table 2  
Grade 4 Mean Scores and Percent Scoring at 3.5 or Higher  
by Elementary School**

School Name	Count			Mean			%>=3.5		
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12*	FY13	FY14
AVALON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	69	78	67	2.8	2.9	2.9	26%	28%	31%
BIG CYPRESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	177	139	154	3	3.4	3.3	37%	55%	55%
CALUSA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	155	159	139	3.3	3.6	3.5	46%	58%	62%
CORKSCREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	135	129	121	3.2	3.6	3.5	43%	67%	68%
EDEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	93	114	92	3.1	2.9	2.8	41%	29%	27%
ESTATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	87	91	108	3.1	3	3	43%	33%	33%
EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL	6*	6*	16	--	--	2.8	--	--	19%
GOLDEN GATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	121	130	131	3	2.8	3	32%	30%	43%
GOLDEN TERRACE ELEMENTARY	128	134	130	2.6	2.8	2.7	20%	29%	23%
HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	98	90	87	3.1	3.3	3	36%	58%	40%
IMMOKALEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL	37	36	29	2.5	3.1	3.5	5%	39%	66%
LAKE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	85	86	66	3.2	3.7	3.2	46%	64%	45%
LAKE TRAFFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	114	100	104	2.9	3.2	2.9	25%	52%	25%
LAUREL OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	150	143	156	3.6	3.8	3.7	65%	72%	68%
LELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	114	106	108	2.9	3.3	2.8	28%	51%	21%
MANATEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	110	125	114	3.1	3.3	3	35%	52%	36%
MIKE DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	115	151	134	3.4	3.5	3.1	62%	66%	51%
NAPLES PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	95	119	102	3	3.5	3.2	34%	66%	48%
OSCEOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	91	105	128	3.7	3.8	3.8	71%	80%	81%
PALMETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	77	78	81	3.2	3.1	3	40%	40%	22%
PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	128	100	111	2.5	2.7	3.1	13%	30%	40%
PELICAN MARSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	166	140	125	3.8	4.2	4.1	77%	88%	86%
PINECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	110	92	96	2.7	2.8	2.7	16%	26%	18%
POINCIANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	117	129	82	3.1	3.1	3.3	41%	45%	52%
SABAL PALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	90	87	92	3	3	2.8	39%	32%	16%
SEA GATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	146	144	131	3.6	3.8	3.7	64%	75%	73%
SHADOWLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	77	86	76	3.1	2.8	3.1	40%	26%	42%
TOMMIE BARFIELD ELEMENTARY	101	100	104	3.4	3.6	3.2	52%	70%	45%
VETERANS MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY	158	142	131	3	3.3	3.5	30%	49%	62%
VILLAGE OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	78	66	68	3	2.9	2.9	36%	32%	15%
VINEYARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	117	126	119	3.7	4.4	4.1	74%	83%	85%

Note. In 2012, the State Board of Education established 3.0 as the accountability standard for writing performance, but in 2013 and 2014, the standard increased to 3.5. For this report, the scores of 3.5 or higher are used for school years 2012 through 2014.

**Table 3**  
**Grade 8 Mean Scores and Percent Scoring at 3.5 or Higher by Middle School**

School Name	Count			Mean			%>=3.5		
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13	FY14
CORKSCREW MIDDLE SCHOOL	240	244	245	3.3	3.4	3.5	51%	53%	61%
CYPRESS PALM MIDDLE SCHOOL	265	250	265	3.2	3.1	3.3	48%	42%	55%
EAST NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL	322	376	349	3.2	3.1	3.2	48%	40%	54%
EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL	11	17	11	2.9	3.2	3.2	36%	53%	45%
GOLDEN GATE MIDDLE SCHOOL	290	318	307	3.1	2.9	3.1	45%	28%	44%
GULFVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	221	224	215	3.5	3.7	3.9	55%	67%	75%
IMMOKALEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	382	379	408	2.9	3	2.8	29%	32%	26%
MANATEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	224	267	279	2.8	2.9	3.1	28%	29%	40%
MARCO ISLAND CHARTER MIDDLE	130	145	138	3.7	3.9	3.8	72%	80%	78%
NORTH NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL	287	307	316	3.4	3.5	3.5	61%	62%	61%
OAKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL	390	330	324	3.4	3.4	3.7	56%	58%	72%
PINE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL	355	323	331	3.3	3.4	3.4	54%	58%	51%

**Table 4**  
**Grade 10 Mean Scores and Percent Scoring at 3.5 or Higher by High School**

School Name	Count			Mean			%>=3.5		
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13	FY14
BARRON COLLIER HIGH SCHOOL	437	440	442	3.6	3.4	3.7	67%	55%	70%
EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL	13	8*	9	3.2	--	3.3	38%	38%	44%
GOLDEN GATE HIGH SCHOOL	346	403	402	3.1	3.3	3.2	42%	59%	49%
GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL	477	459	522	3.7	3.6	3.7	74%	64%	76%
IMMOKALEE HIGH SCHOOL	351	378	372	3.2	3	3.2	46%	34%	48%
LELY HIGH SCHOOL	380	396	359	3.3	3.4	3.4	55%	59%	63%
LORENZO WALKER TECHNICAL HIGH	148	133	149	3.4	3.2	3.5	63%	44%	73%
MARCO ISLAND ACADEMY	25	36	56	3.1	3.4	3.8	64%	58%	86%
NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL	343	408	429	3.5	3.5	3.7	62%	65%	70%
PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	502	456	421	3.4	3.3	3.5	56%	52%	65%

\*Not reported when less than 10 students