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Martin County School District
Martin County 4th, 8th, 10th Grade FCAT Writing Scores Released

FCAT Writing+ Scores were released today by the Florida Department of Education. Martin County 4th grade students were tied for the 5th highest scores in the state, 8th grade students were tied for the 5th highest scores in the state, and 10th grade students were tied for the 9th highest scores among Florida's 67 school districts. These distinctions reflect the percentage of students scoring at 3.5% (proficiency) or higher.

Writing+ Essay Combined Scores

	% 3.5 or above 2007		% 4.0 or above 2007	
	District	State	District	State
4th Grade	84%	78%	70%	64%
8th Grade	90%	86%	82%	74%
10th Grade	78%	79%	65%	64%

Writing+ Mean Scale Scores

	District Average 2007	State Average 2007
4th Grade	319	302
8th Grade	320	291
10th Grade	309	296

Among the schools making significant increases:

- **Hobe Sound Elementary** showed the largest increase in the District. The school improved from 73% of its 4th grade students scoring at or above proficiency in 2006 to **90%** in 2007.
- **Port Salerno Elementary** improved from 82% of its 4th grade students scoring at or above proficiency in 2006 to **94%** in 2007.
- **Indiantown Middle School** had the highest gain of any middle school, increasing from 77% of its 8th grade students scoring at or above proficiency in 2006 to **84%** in 2007.
- **Hidden Oaks Middle School** lead the District overall with **96%** of its 8th grade students scoring at or above proficiency. **Stuart Middle School** had the second highest scores with **95%** of its 8th grade students scoring at or above proficiency.

***The final FCAT scores for all schools will increase after student exemptions are completed by the Florida Department of Education. Individual school results can be viewed on the Florida Department of Education's website: www.fldoe.org.**