



Hamilton Third Graders Raise Reading Proficiency Rate by 14%



Each year third grade students are assessed on their reading ability to determine if they will be promoted to the fourth grade. Students must score at a Level 2 or above to meet the promotion requirement. As a part of the school grade process, the state annually reports the percent of third grade students who score at Level 3 or above which is considered as being proficient in reading. Based on the results just received from the Florida Department of Education, Hamilton County's third graders increased their proficiency in reading from 36% to 50% during the 2018-2019 school year. This was the largest gain in proficiency percentage in the state. It also closed the gap with the state average from 22% in 2017-2018 to just 8% in 2018-2019. The state proficiency average currently sits at 58%. The teachers, staff, and students are extremely proud of their accomplishment as the school strives to move their school grade to a B or higher.

"I am so excited about the growth shown by all the students during the last two years and especially with this year's third grade class" states Superintendent Rex Mitchell. "This is a very high stakes assessment and the students performed at a much improved level. Credit goes to the administration, teachers, staff, and parents who have worked diligently with the students to help them reach this accomplishment. We are also very excited for our students as they demonstrated that Hamilton County students can compete with the best in the state!" Assessment information for the other grade levels will be available later in June.

Congratulations HCES! Below are the proficiency results of districts from across the state for the past 5 years.

District Number	District Name	Percentage Achievement Level 3 or Above				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
00	STATE	53%	54%	58%	57%	58%
12	COLUMBIA	53%	55%	63%	57%	68%
14	DESOTO	35%	35%	31%	29%	34%
16	DUVAL	46%	50%	51%	50%	51%
17	ESCAMBIA	48%	51%	59%	52%	56%
18	FLAGLER	60%	63%	69%	62%	68%
19	FRANKLIN	41%	41%	52%	44%	50%
20	GADSDEN	39%	46%	34%	40%	37%
23	GULF	50%	56%	52%	46%	53%
24	HAMILTON	33%	32%	33%	36%	50%
26	HENDRY	47%	40%	45%	44%	47%
33	JEFFERSON	37%	30%	41%	36%	45%
34	LAFAYETTE	45%	61%	60%	64%	62%
38	LEVY	46%	49%	53%	48%	52%
40	MADISON	35%	47%	55%	55%	40%
42	MARION	45%	45%	50%	46%	44%
56	ST. LUCIE	44%	46%	49%	46%	50%
61	SUWANNEE	47%	47%	54%	55%	56%
62	TAYLOR	49%	44%	56%	55%	59%