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Monroe County School District Releases 3rd Grade Reading Scores, Biology, and Geometry End of Course Assessments

The Florida Department of Education released the 3rd Grade FCAT Reading scores and Biology and Geometry End of Course exam scores. Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson stated, "Today's results help us determine how and where we should focus our resources so students who are struggling with reading get the extra help they need to succeed. Whether we're preparing a child for college, career training or the workplace, they must have the fundamentals of reading to be successful."

Monroe County School District 3rd Grade Reading and Math results show higher achievement levels in 3rd grade reading as compared to the state.

2011-2012	State Percentage Level 3 or higher	District Percentage Level 3 or higher	State Mean Average	District Mean Average	
Grade 3 Reading	56%	62%	201	203	
Grade 3 Math	58%	58%	202	201	
Biology EOC			49	52	
Geometry EOC			49	51	

- 43 percent of the Monroe County School District Biology students scored in the top third as compared to 35 percent statewide.
- 42 percent of the Monroe County School District Geometry students scored in the top third as compared to 34 percent statewide.

"In a year of assessment transition, we continue to recognize the students and teachers who have worked tirelessly throughout this year to increase achievement in reading and math. The high student performance in the top third of the state End of Course exams is representative of the outstanding commitment to shifting state requirements," stated Superintendent Dr. Jesus Jara.

