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HCS Receives District, Schools' 2018 CCRPI Scores

HENRY COUNTY, GA – The Georgia Department of Education released state, system, and individual school College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) scores for 2018 on October 29. The new scores represent a comprehensive look at school improvement and accountability by utilizing indicators from the 2017-2018 school year.

Total CCRPI scores are broken down into four major components for elementary and middle schools, while high school scores are based on five measurable components. The following information describes each focus area:

- Content Mastery (30% for all school levels): Area focuses on measuring achievement in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies through the Georgia Milestones assessment.
- Progress (35% for elementary/middle; 30% for high): Area focuses on how much students grow in their English language arts and mathematics knowledge compared to similar students across the state.
- Closing Achievement Gaps (15% for elementary/middle; 10% for high): Area focuses on measuring the extent to which all students and all student subgroups are meeting annual achievement improvement targets.
- Readiness (20% for elementary/middle; 15% for high): Area focuses on literacy, student attendance, and learning beyond core subjects for elementary and middle schools. In high school, it also focuses on literacy and student attendance, while also including a focus on accelerated enrollment, pathway completion and demonstration of college and career readiness through multiple opportunities.
- Graduation Rate (15% high schools only): Takes into account both four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rates.

The scores for each area are combined to give each school a score based on a 100-point measurement. Due to adjustments in the scoring metrics, the Georgia Department of Education encourages individuals not to compare scores from 2017 to 2018.

Overview of District Performance

Elementary Schools

Elementary schools had total scores ranging from a high of 81.3 to a low of 39.8 points. The average elementary school score was a 64.2, while the state's average elementary school score was 77.8.

Four elementary schools in the district outperformed the state average of 65.7 points in the area of content mastery. East Lake, Ola, Rocky Creek, and Timber Ridge elementary schools' content mastery scores take into account performance on the Georgia Milestones from the spring of 2018. (MORE)



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East Lake, Ola, and Timber Ridge elementary schools also topped the state average in progress, along with Hickory Flat Elementary. This indicator reflects growth in student performance in English language arts and mathematics compared to similar students from across the state.

A total of 11 schools topped the state average of 79.1 points in the area of readiness. Those schools include Dutchtown, East Lake, Hickory Flat, New Hope, Ola, Pate's Creek, Red Oak, Rock Spring, Rocky Creek, Timber Ridge, and Unity Grove elementary schools.

Middle Schools

In middle school, Henry County Schools saw a scoring range of 78.5 to 49.7 points. The average Henry County Schools middle school CCRPI score was 64.3. Middle schools across the state had an average score of 76.2.

Two middle schools in the district outscored the state average of 65.1 points in the area of content mastery. Ola and Union Grove middle schools' scores topped the state average by 11.6 points or better.

Ola Middle School was the only middle school in the district to outscore the state average in the area of progress. With a score of 82.8, they scored 1.8 points higher than the state average of 81. This indicator reflects growth in student performance in English language arts and mathematics compared to similar students from across the state.

Five middle schools scored above the state average in the area of readiness. The state average of 82.4 points was topped by Austin Road, Dutchtown, EXCEL Academy, Ola, and Union Grove middle schools.

High Schools

Henry County high schools had an average CCRPI score of 69.6 compared to an average score of 75.3 for high schools all across Georgia. Scores in the district ranged from 80.1 to 42.7 points.

Ola and Union Grove high schools outscored the state average of 66.9 points in the area of content mastery with scores of 77.1 and 80, respectively. Henry County High School, along with Union Grove High School, earned scores of 85.2 and 86.7 in the area of progress, which outperformed the state average of 83 points.

EXCEL Academy was the only high school in the district to meet the state average in the area of closing achievement gaps with a score of 70. Luella, Ola, and Union Grove high schools each earned higher scores in the area of readiness as compared to the state.

A total of ten high schools in the district had graduation rates higher than the state graduation rate. Dutchtown, Eagle's Landing, Hampton, Henry County, Locust Grove, Luella, Ola, Stockbridge, Union Grove, and Woodland high schools all graduated students at a rate from 83.2 to 93.8 percent. (MORE)



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"Although the CCRPI is only one of many important measures of school performance, we take the results very seriously," said Superintendent Mary Elizabeth Davis.

"Henry County Schools began the 2018-19 school year with a laser-focus on two priorities in every classroom. First, we made sure our teachers are teaching the state-aligned Henry Teaching and Learning Standards at a pace that ensures all students have the opportunity to learn the standards before showcasing their knowledge and skills on the Georgia Milestones Assessment. And second, we focused on improving explicit reading and writing instruction to grow the literacy skills of each student."

The redesigned CCRPI model applied to the 2017-18 school year is a reframing and reworking of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System's performance results that were released in the spring of 2018. CCRPI models used in previous years had a wide variety of indicators that often sent schools and districts in conflicting directions to accumulate points and increase their score. The redesigned version of the CCRPI puts nearly all of its weight on student performance on the Georgia Milestones that are administered each spring.

Davis added, "Our students, teachers, support personnel, and leaders are working hard each and every day to increase understanding and mastery of our standards at high levels. We know we have work to do to improve our achievement levels, and I am confident we have the right school leaders and teachers in this district to make that happen."

For more information on Henry County Schools, visit www.henry.k12.ga.us.

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