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CCSD remains ahead of state on End-of-Course examinations

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Charleston, SC - Charleston County School District (CCSD) students are ahead of the state again. This week's accomplishments are in Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2, and U.S. History exams taken by high school students. According to the 2022-2023 End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP) data released by the South Carolina Department of Education today, the percentage of CCSD students scoring "C or Better" is above the state average in all tested areas. In fact, district students made gains in both Biology 1 and U.S. History compared to last year.

Students enrolled in these courses take an EOCEP assessment at the end of the course term. The results are important for federal accountability requirements and the South Carolina school report card. However, CCSD believes student success on these exams indicates the system's ability to ensure that students are ready for life after high school.

"Our teachers and students deserve the credit here," said Anita Huggins, CCSD's Deputy Superintendent. "Our educators are committed to best practices and forging relationships with our scholars, who in turn embrace the challenge these courses provide and are committed to growth and success. We recognize our scores aren't where we want them to be district-wide, but at the same time, being ahead of the state is an accomplishment. I know the best is yet to come thanks to our pillars of high-quality teachers and leaders, rigorous grade-level instruction, and wrap-around services."

ALGEBRA 1

More than 56 percent (56.3) of CCSD students scored a "C" or better on the Algebra 1 test, more than 11 points higher (11.4) than the state average. While that is a slight decrease compared to last year, the district has still improved by 9.6 percent since 2021. In addition, all CCSD student groups listed below outperformed their corresponding state averages.

- Black – 28.0 vs. 27.7
- Exceptional Children – 15.2 vs. 12.2
- Hispanic – 41.5 vs. 38.2
- Multilingual Learners – 36.4 vs. 20.9
- Other – 65.9 vs. 53.6
- Pupils in Poverty – 35.9 vs. 32.7

- White – 76.9 vs. 57.7

BIOLOGY 1

CCSD made gains (50.2 to 51.9) in students scoring a “C” or above from the previous school year and outperformed the state average by 9.0 percentage points. Four of the district’s major subgroups (Exceptional Children, Multilingual Learners, Other, and White) did better than the state average as well.

CCSD increases from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 in Biology 1 are as follows:

- Black - 15.7 to 19.8; 4.1 percent increase
- Hispanic - 29.5 to 34.0; 4.5 percent increase
- White - 72.5 to 75.2; 2.7 percent increase
- Other - 60.8 to 68.8; 8.0 percent increase

ENGLISH 2

CCSD exceeded the state in students scoring a “C” or better; the district’s average was 71.0 percent, compared to the 67.4 state average (+3.6). The district’s 2022-2023 average is down by 0.4 percent compared to last year.

CCSD increases from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 in English 2 are as follows:

- Black - 47.0 to 47.5; 0.5 percent increase
- Hispanic - 53.6 to 55.4; 2.1 percent increase

U.S. HISTORY

CCSD improved by 4.4 percentage points from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 in the U.S. History exam when it comes to students earning a “C” or better. In addition, the district’s average of 53.3 percent is 8.6 percent better than the state average (44.7).

CCSD increases from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 in U.S. History are as follows:

- Black - 20.6 to 22.9; 2.3 percent increase
- Hispanic - 31.9 to 35.2; 3.3 percent increase
- White - 69.1 to 73.7; 4.6 percent increase
- Other - 58.3 to 66.9; 8.6 percent increase

“The gains made in U.S. History are proof of what our students and teachers are capable of in all EOC assessments,” added CCSD’s Interim Chief Academic Officer Michelle Simmons. “We are committed to setting all our students up for success. We will continue to provide the resources and support schools and scholars need to move the needle.”

CCSD students participated in more than 14,500 EOCEP tests during the 2022-2023 school year.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.