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DCSD Celebrates Increases in Student State Assessment Scores

The Colorado Department of Education has released state assessment results for all Colorado school districts and it is cause for celebration in the Douglas County School District (DCSD). Overall, the percentage of DCSD students who met or exceeded expectations on the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests not only increased from last year, but has also exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

“We are particularly pleased with the overall gains made in ELA (English Language Arts) as that has been a focus area for our district,” said Matt Reynolds, DCSD Learning Services Officer. “Many of our identified subgroups also saw large gains in ELA performance.”

For example, 23.1% of DCSD fifth-grade students who are on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) met or exceeded expectations in ELA on the 2023 assessment, compared to 18.3% the previous year.

When looking at both ELA and Math results for all tested grades, the only declines seen were in eighth-grade ELA and third-grade Math. When compared to the previous year, these scores dropped only 0.3% and 0.2 percent respectively. All other grades saw increases in test scores, with the exception of fourth-grade ELA, which remained flat. In Math, overall DCSD mean scale scores increased in all grade levels.

“The dedication showcased by educators, parents and students throughout the past year has been nothing short of inspiring,” said Susana Cordova, Colorado Education Commissioner.

DCSD outperformed the state in all grade levels and subjects.

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Douglas County School District is Colorado’s third largest school district and serves 63,000 students. Learn more at www.dcsdk12.org.