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Richmond County students show improvement on Georgia Milestones subject areas

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – The Richmond County School System (RCSS) made several grade-level improvements and six schools made notable gains in certain subject areas on Georgia Milestones tests, according to data released recently by the Georgia Department of Education. More than 13,000 RCSS students completed the assessments during the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Superintendent of Schools, says, “In 2023, we made a goal to increase student content mastery in tested subject areas on the Georgia Milestones by 3%. I am proud to say that we exceeded that 3% goal in U.S. History on our End of Course tests for the district. We also surpassed that goal on End of Grade tests in language arts, physical science, and social studies for fifth, sixth, and eighth graders. Many of our schools also showed significant improvement on content areas as well.”

“These improvements are a collaborative effort between our educators, staff, and students, and I am grateful for their hard work. We will build on these efforts this upcoming school year as we focus on student achievement, post-high school readiness, and increasing the number of highly effective teachers and leaders in our system.”

Notable gains on 2023-2024 Georgia Milestones for RCSS include:

- End of Course (EOC) improvements in the subjects of biology and U.S. History across the system.
- Third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth graders showed End of Grade (EOG) improvement in English Language Arts (ELA).
- Eighth graders also showed EOG improvements in science and social studies.
- George P. Butler Comprehensive High School and A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School improved scores in American literature.
- Hephzibah Comprehensive High School and Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School (RCTCM) improved scores in biology.
- RCTCM, the Academy of Richmond County (ARC), and Cross Creek Comprehensive High School significantly improved their scores in U.S. History.

Mathematics scores will be released by the Georgia Department of Education later this fall.

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