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SUBJECT: **2026 PM1 FAST ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Progress Monitoring (PM)1 assessment window closed Friday, September 26, 2025.

Grades 3-10 FAST Overview

- Grades 3–10 FAST English Language Arts (ELA) Reading and grades 3–8 FAST Mathematics assessments are aligned to the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards.
- FAST assessments are computer adaptive. Each item a student receives will be selected to meet the blueprint requirements, and the item's difficulty level will be adjusted based on the student's response.
- FAST assessments are administered three times during each school year: once at the beginning of the year (PM1), once in the middle of the year (PM2), and once at the end of the year (PM3).
- Each PM event is tied to a blueprint for the **full grade-level content**. The ELA and Mathematics blueprints indicate the number of items in each reporting category that students will encounter during each PM window.
- Here are descriptions of each PM opportunity for students:
 - **PM1 – Because this administration occurs at the very beginning of the school year, it is designed to provide a baseline score, allowing teachers to track student progress in learning the B.E.S.T. Standards from PM1 to PM2.**
 - PM2 – By the time of this administration window, students will have had an opportunity to learn the grade-level standards, and this administration will provide a mid-year score to compare to the baseline score from PM1.
 - PM3 – This last administration will provide a summative score that will accurately measure student mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards at the end of the school year. While PM1 and PM2 are for informational purposes only, PM3 is used for school accountability.

Assessment results for 2025-2026 FAST PM1 indicate Broward’s students increased or remained the same in every grade level for ELA compared to the 2024-2025 FAST PM1 results. The results are available for:

- FAST ELA Grades 3 to 10
- FAST Mathematics Grades 3 to 8.

This memorandum summarizes the results at the district level. Individual student-level results are available to each school through the Florida Reporting System. Additionally, parents can access their child's scores through the state's Family Portal via Broward's parent portal application at <https://www.browardschools.com/focus>.

Here are the key highlights from the 2025-2026 assessment results for the percentage of Broward County Public School (BCPS) students meeting or exceeding on-grade level performance (Achievement Level 3 or Above):

- **FAST PM1 ELA performance** improved across grades 3 and 5-10 compared to the prior year.
 - **Notable increases were observed in Grades 5 and 7-10, which showed an improvement of 5 percentage points or more.**
 - **FAST PM1 Mathematics** performance improved across grade levels (grades 3-7) compared to the previous year.
 - **Notable gains:** Grade 7 showed an impressive growth of **5 percentage points**.

Below are tables of test results by subject area and grade level, comparing 2024-2025 PM1 to 2025-2026 PM1 results for Broward, which includes charter schools (Tables 1 and 2) and results excluding charter schools (Tables 3 and 4, and Figures 1 and 2). Figures 3 and 4 show results excluding charter schools by subgroup, including race/ethnicity, English Language Learners (ELL), and Students with Disabilities (SWD). The tables and figures show Broward increased or remained the same compared to the prior year in every grade level and subject. The tables also show Spring (PM3) performance for the 2024-2025 school year. The 2024-2025 school year will be used to illustrate the growth in performance over the course of the year.

Table 1. FAST PM1 ELA Assessment Results for Broward including, Charter Schools, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

Grade	2024-2025 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	2025-2026 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	Change	2024-2025 PM3 Percentage Level 3 or above
03	26	28	+2	61
04	33	33	0	62
05	34	39	+5	62
06	47	51	+4	65
07	41	49	+8	60
08	40	46	+6	59
09	42	48	+6	58
10	39	44	+5	61

Table 2. FAST PM1 Math Assessment Results for Broward, including Charter Schools, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

Grade	2024-2025 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	2025-2026 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	Change	2024-2025 PM3 Percentage Level 3 or above
03	11	14	+3	68
04	14	16	+2	69
05	20	23	+3	64
06	27	28	+1	62
07	30	35	+5	58
08	10	9	-1	45

Note: Grades 7 & 8 2024-2025 PM3 data excludes EOC results.

Table 3. FAST PM1 ELA Assessment Results for Broward, **not including** Charter Schools, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

Grade	2024-2025 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	2025-2026 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	Change	2024-2025 PM3 Percentage Level 3 or above
03	25	27	+2	59
04	32	32	0	61
05	33	38	+5	61
06	45	49	+4	62
07	39	47	+8	56
08	38	43	+5	56
09	41	47	+6	57
10	38	43	+5	61

Table 4. FAST PM1 Math Assessment Results for Broward, **not including** Charter Schools, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

Grade	2024-2025 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	2025-2026 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	Change	2024-2025 PM3 Percentage Level 3 or above
03	11	13	+2	67
04	13	15	+2	69
05	20	24	+4	63
06	27	28	+1	61
07	29	33	+4	56
08	6	6	0	39

Note: Grades 7 & 8 2024-2025 PM3 data excludes EOC results.

Figure 1. FAST PM1 ELA Assessment Results for Broward by Region 2023-2024, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

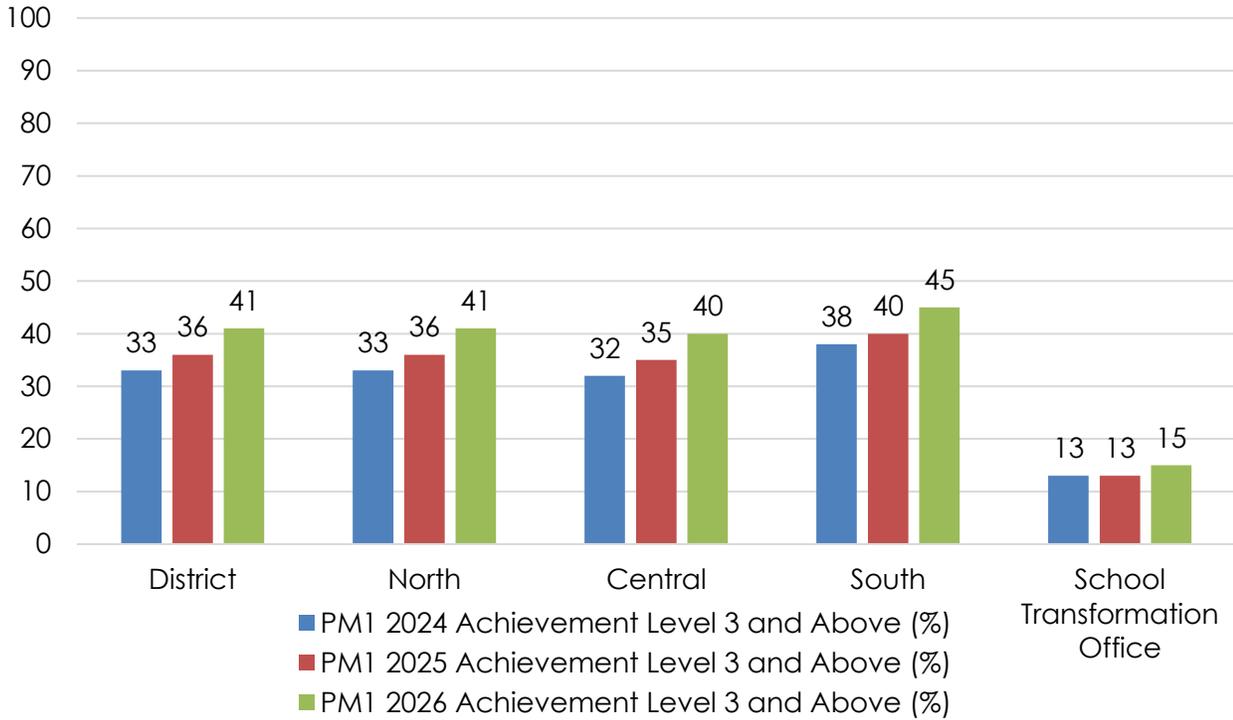


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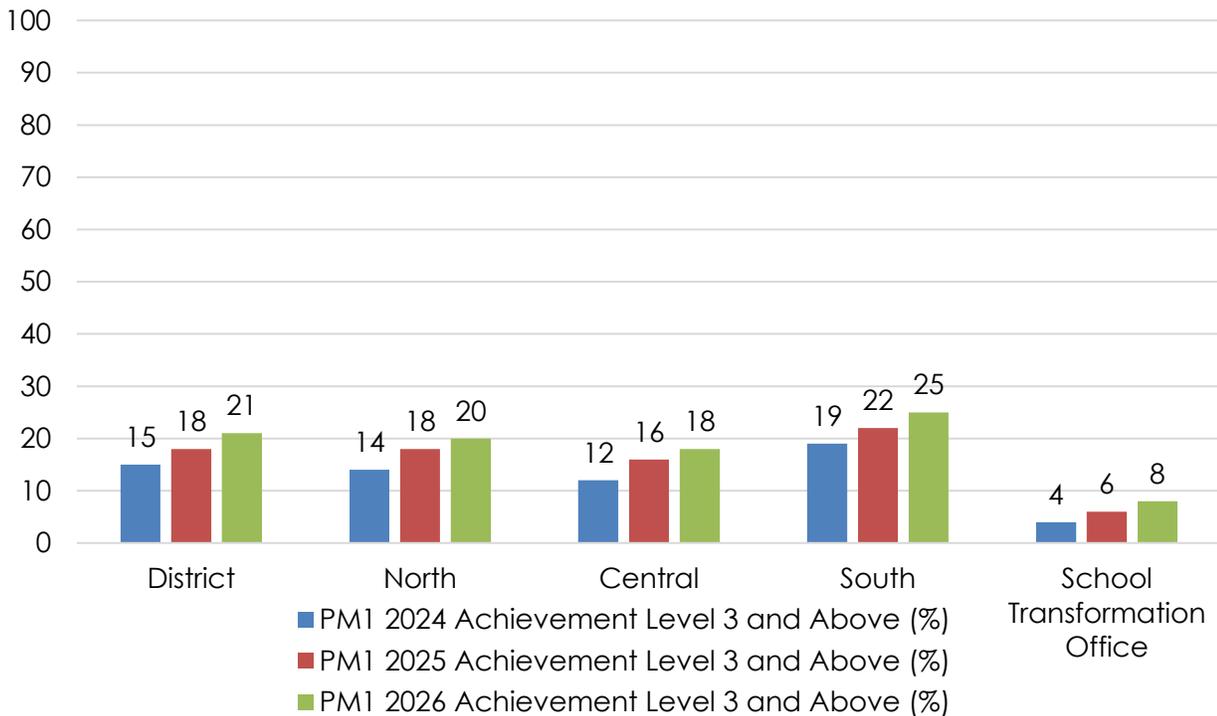


Figure 3. FAST PM1 ELA Assessment Results for Broward by Subgroup **not including** Charter Schools 2023-2024, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

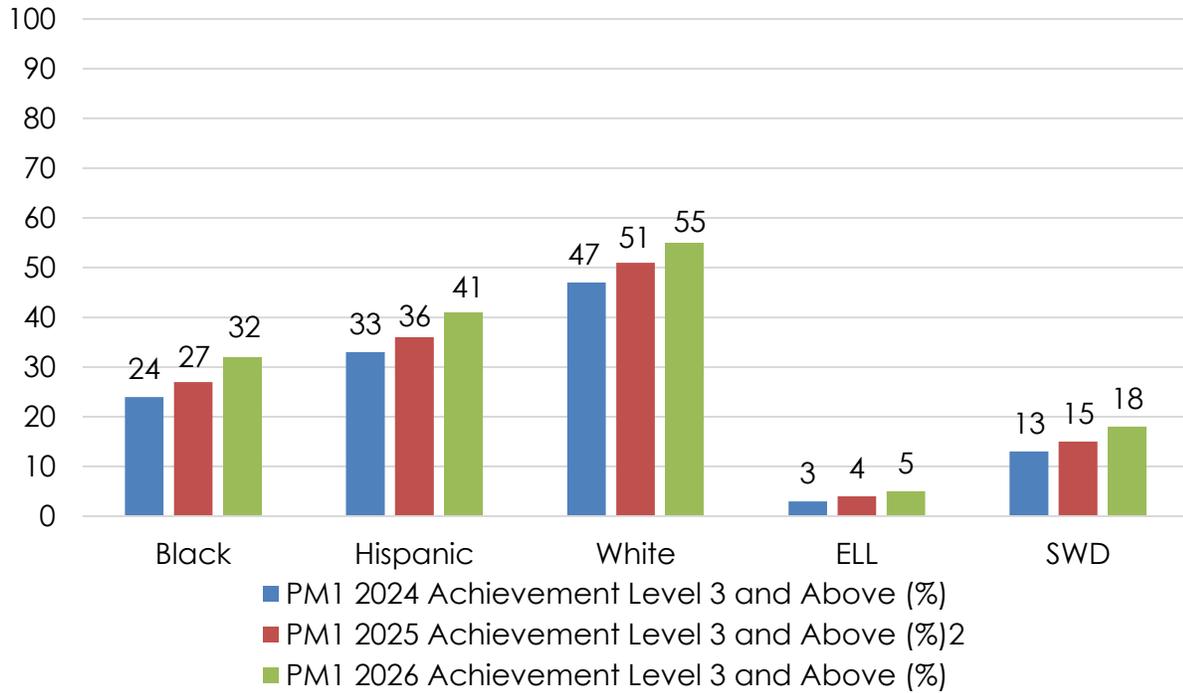
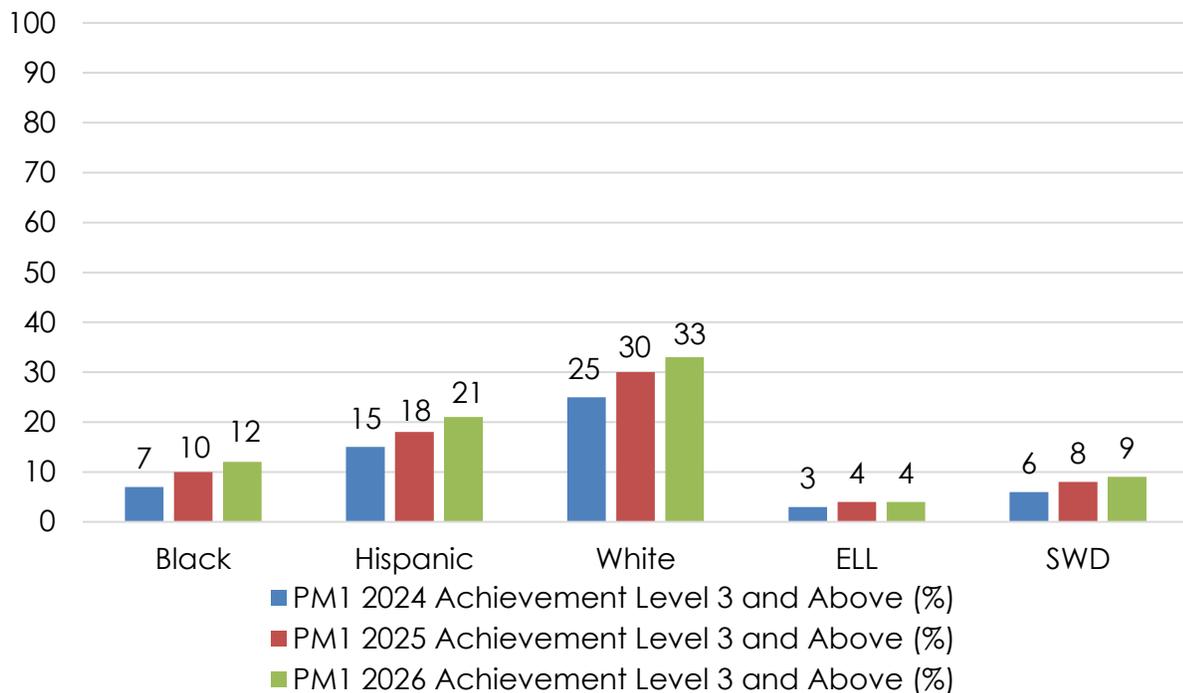


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In addition to the district summary data, a school-level appendix can be accessed at <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1759521215/browardschoolscom/irpaphfirtxdvqtgill/FASTPM1ELAandMATHAppendixbySchoolbyGrade2026.pdf>

This memorandum is available on the Educational Assessment, Analysis & Research website at <https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/educational-assessment-analysis-research>.

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PM1 – Administration occurs at the beginning of the school year and is designed to provide a baseline score so teachers can track student progress in learning the B.E.S.T. standards from PM1 to PM2

- ELA results show increased performance compared to prior year PM1 in every grade level except grade 4. Grades 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10 showed notable increases of 5 percentage points or more.

- Math results reveal increased performance compared to prior year PM1 in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7. Grade 7 math increased by 5 percentage points above 2024-2025 PM1 results.

FAST PM1 ELA Assessment Results for Broward including Charter Schools

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English Language Arts				
District ELA	38	42	+4	68
Holness ELA	23	27	+4	47
Bulman ELA	29	34	+5	51
Thompson ELA	45	50	+5	70
Leonardi ELA	32	36	+4	55
Alhadeff ELA	41	45	+4	64
Cervera ELA	48	53	+5	72
Rupert ELA	31	35	+4	52
Mathematics				
District Math	19	21	+2	62
Holness Math	9	11	+2	51
Bulman Math	15	16	+1	51
Thompson Math	24	26	+2	69
Leonardi Math	14	16	+2	55
Alhadeff Math	22	25	+3	67
Cervera Math	28	31	+3	74
Rupert Math	13	14	+1	52