



## Commissioner of Education Announces Significant Increases in Mid-Year Progress Monitoring Results

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 11, 2026** – Today, Commissioner of Education Anastasios Kamoutsas announced that mid-year progress monitoring results on the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) showed significant increases since the beginning of the year. On the FAST English Language Arts Progress Monitoring, 49% of students are performing at or above grade level, which is an increase of 10 percentage points from the beginning of the school year and an increase of 4 percentage points compared to the same time last year. On the FAST Mathematics Progress Monitoring, 34% of students are performing at or above grade level, an increase of 18 percentage points from the beginning of the school year and a 3-percentage point increase over last year.

The mid-year results show students are mastering end-of-year benchmarks earlier in the school year than ever before with over 50,000 students now performing on or above grade level in English language arts compared to last year and nearly 20,000 additional students on or above grade level in mathematics. These gains reflect the impact of the high-quality instruction that is taking place in classrooms across the state.

Commissioner Kamoutsas shared a message with teachers and parents highlighting the mid-year progress monitoring results and encouraging them to partner together to help every student finish the school year strong.



[Watch the Commissioner's Message about Mid-Year Progress Monitoring Results](#)

“Mid-year progress monitoring results show that Florida’s students are continuing to succeed. I commend the hard work of students across our state and the dedication of teachers whose classroom instruction is pivotal to these gains,” **said Commissioner of Education Anastasios Kamoutsas**. “Thanks to Governor Ron DeSantis’ leadership, Florida replaced high-stakes testing with the nation’s first progress monitoring system, an approach that is consistently delivering improved outcomes for students.”

Highlights from FAST ELA Progress Monitoring Mid-Year Results (PM2) include:

- 49% of students are performing at or above grade level on PM2, an increase of 10 percentage points from PM1 at the beginning of the year.
- This year’s PM2 results are 4 percentage points higher than last school year’s PM2 results and 10 percentage points higher than the 2022-23 school year, the first year FAST Progress Monitoring was implemented.

Highlights from FAST Mathematics Progress Monitoring PM2 Results include:

- 34% of students are performing at or above grade level on PM2, an increase of 18 percentage points from PM1 at the beginning of the year.
- This year’s PM2 results are 3 percentage points higher than last school year’s PM2 results and 6 percentage points higher than the 2022-23 school year.

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