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SUBJECT: **2027 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 25, 2026**.

This memorandum summarizes the FAST PM1 results at the **Broward County Public Schools** (BCPS) district level **as of September 30, 2026**. The student dataset was established by extracting demographic and scheduling information from **Focus**, the district's student information system (SIS) platform, alongside the **Florida Reporting System** (FRS) assessment data.

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 blueprint requirements and will adjust item difficulty levels based on how the student responds.
- 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 show how many items in each reporting category 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 so teachers can 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.

Compared to 2025-2026 FAST PM1 results, 2026-2027 FAST PM1 results show that Broward students improved or maintained performance in ELA across all grade levels. The results are available for:

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

Here are the key highlights from the 2026-2027 assessment results for the percentage of BCPS' students meeting or exceeding on-grade level performance (Achievement Level 3 or Above)

- **FAST PM1 ELA Reading performance** improved across grades 3-10 compared to the prior year.
 - **Notable increases:** Grades 6 and Grade 8 improved by **7** and **6 percentage points**, respectively.
- **FAST PM1 Mathematics** performance improved in grade levels 3, 4, and 6 compared to the prior year.
 - **Notable gains:** Grade 6 showed a growth of **3 percentage points**.

Below are tables of test results by subject area and grade level comparing 2026-2027 PM1 to 2025-2026 PM1 results for Broward, which includes charter schools (Tables 1 and 2) and results not including charter schools (Tables 3 and 4, and Figures 1 and 2). Figures 3 and 4 show results not including 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 prior year in every grade level and subject. The tables also show Spring (PM3) performance for the 2025-2026 school year to illustrate the growth in performance over the school year.

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Table 1. FAST PM1 ELA Reading Assessment Results for Broward including Charter Schools, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

Grade	2025-2026 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	2026-2027 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	Change	2025-2026 PM3 Percentage Level 3 or above
03	28	29	+1	64
04	33	36	+3	65
05	39	41	+2	67
06	51	57	+6	68
07	49	52	+3	67
08	46	51	+5	64
09	48	51	+3	63
10	44	48	+4	64

Table 2. FAST PM1 Math Assessment Results for Broward including Charter Schools, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

Grade	2025-2026 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	2026-2027 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	Change	2025-2026 PM3 Percentage Level 3 or above
03	14	15	+1	73
04	16	17	+1	72
05	23	22	-1	70
06	28	30	+2	63
07	35	34	-1	72
08	9	9	0	68

Note: Grades 7 & 8 2025-2026 PM3 data excludes EOC results.

Table 3. FAST PM1 ELA Reading Assessment Results for Broward **not including** Charter Schools, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

Grade	2025-2026 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	2026-2027 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	Change	2025-2026 PM3 Percentage Level 3 or above
03	27	28	+1	63
04	32	36	+4	65
05	38	40	+2	66
06	49	56	+7	65
07	47	50	+3	64
08	43	49	+6	60
09	47	50	+3	62
10	43	47	+4	63

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Table 4. FAST PM1 Math Assessment Results for Broward **not including** Charter Schools, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

Grade	2025-2026 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	2026-2027 PM1 Percentage Level 3 or Above	Change	2025-2026 PM3 Percentage Level 3 or above
03	13	15	+2	72
04	15	17	+2	72
05	24	22	-2	70
06	28	31	+3	60
07	33	32	-1	69
08	6	7	1	65

Note: Grades 7 & 8 2025-2026 PM3 data exclude EOC results.

Figure 1. FAST PM1 ELA Reading Assessment Results, Achievement Level 3 and Above, for Broward by Region 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

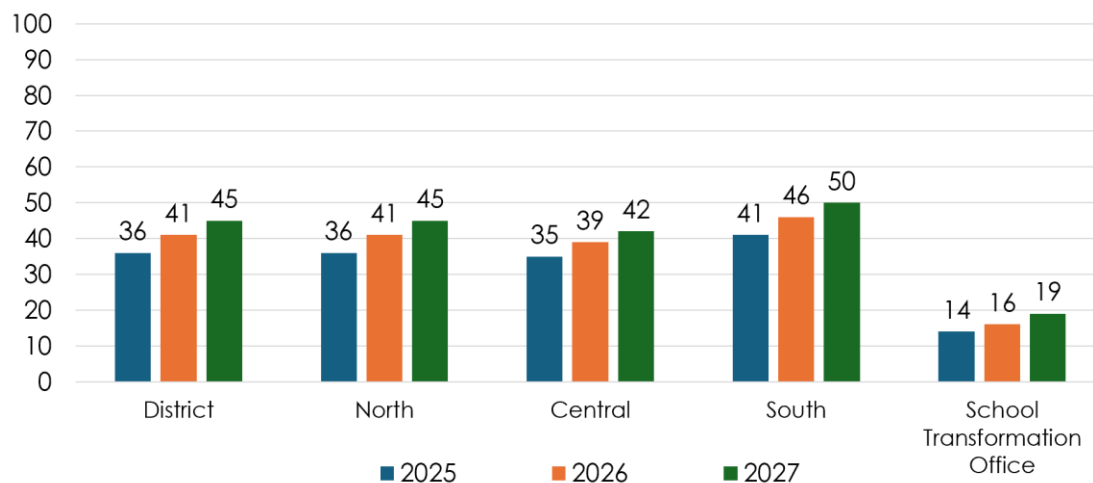


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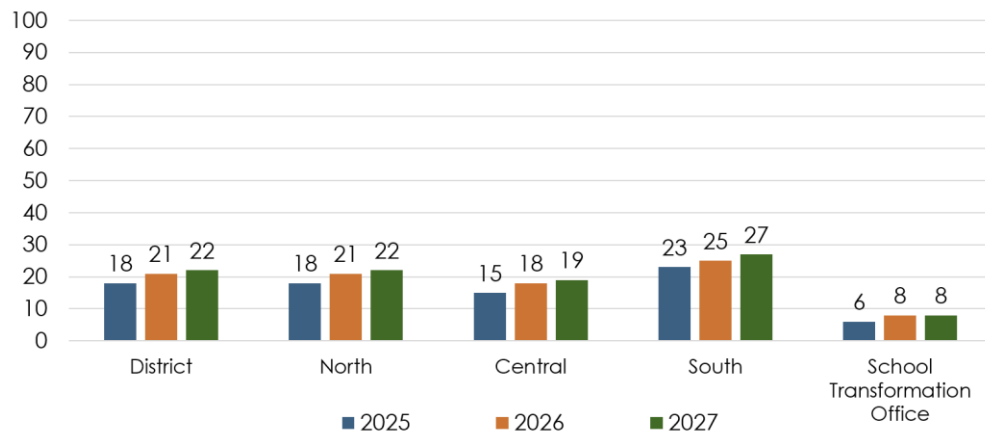


Figure 3. FAST PM1 ELA Reading Assessment Results, Achievement Level 3 and Above, for Broward by Subgroup 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

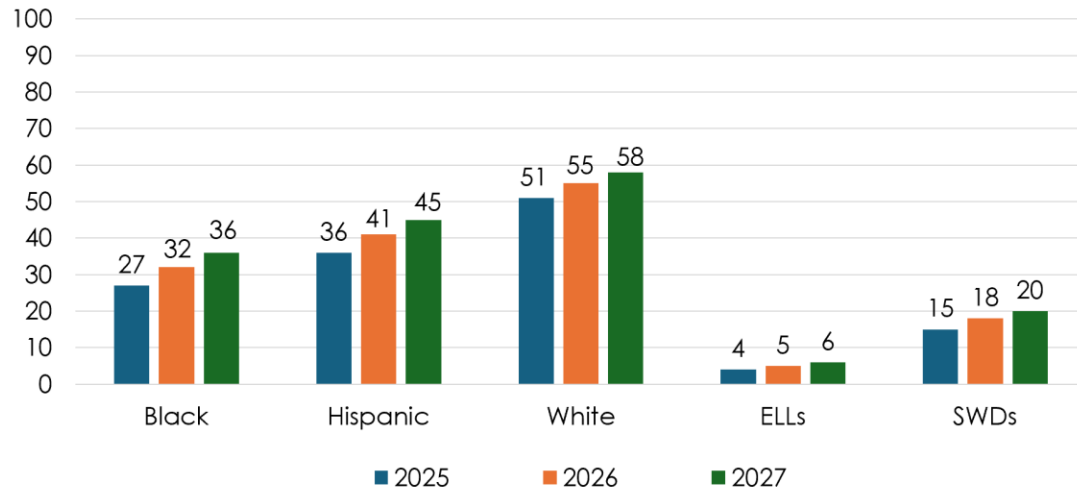
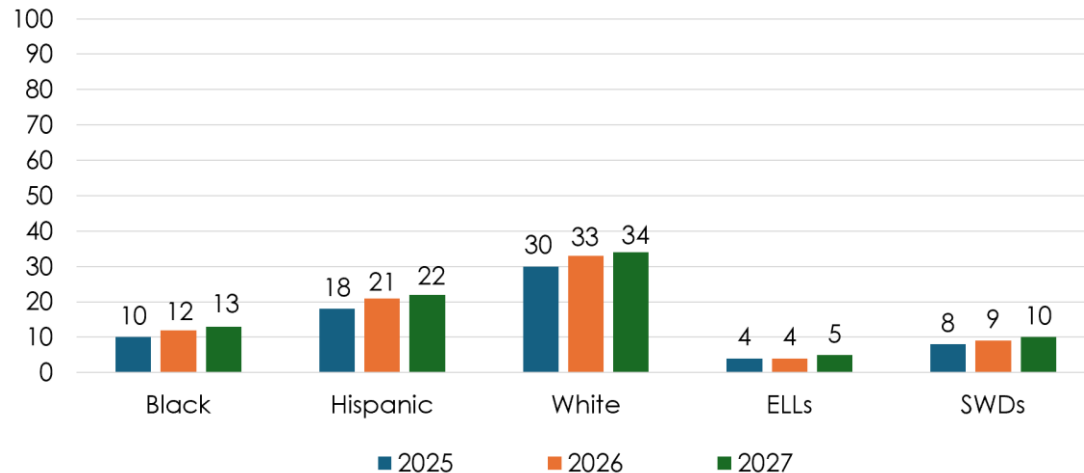


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In addition to the district summary data, a school-level appendix can be accessed at <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1791554264/browardschoolscom/gogponvaxftuwpsdyw34/ELAandMathPM1Appv1Final.pdf>

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

Individual student-level results are available to each school through FRS. Additionally, parents can receive scores through the state's Family portal via Broward's parent portal application at <https://www.browardschools.com/focus>.

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