

Broward Students Show Early Gains on State Reading and Math Assessments

Broward County Public Schools students are off to a strong start this school year, according to results from the Fall Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Progress Monitoring assessment, known as PM1. The assessment is given at the beginning of the school year and serves as a starting point to help teachers measure student growth throughout the year.

The encouraging news for families is that student performance in reading improved or remained steady in every grade level tested, from grades 3 through 10, compared to last year. Some of the largest gains were seen in sixth grade, which increased by seven percentage points, and eighth grade, which increased by six percentage points.

In mathematics, results improved in several grade levels, including grades 3, 4 and 6. Sixth grade students posted one of the strongest gains, improving by three percentage points from last year.

Because PM1 is administered at the beginning of the school year, it is designed to provide a baseline measure of student learning. Students will take additional FAST assessments later in the year, allowing teachers and families to track progress and identify areas where additional support may be needed. PM2 is administered midyear, while PM3 takes place at the end of the year and is used for state accountability purposes.

BCPS students are off to a great start, and these results highlight positive momentum as learning continues throughout the school year.

Parents can view their child's individual FAST scores through the state's Family Portal, which can be accessed through the District's FOCUS Parent Portal.