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SUBJECT: **2026-2027 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 Wednesday, 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 **F**lorida Reporting System (FRS) assessment data.

Grades Kindergarten (KG) through 10 FAST Overview

- Grades KG–10 FAST English Language Arts (ELA) Reading and grades KG–8 FAST Mathematics assessments are aligned to the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. Students in grades KG-2 complete their FAST requirements using Renaissance Star assessments.
- 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.

The following descriptions explain the purpose of each FAST progress-monitoring opportunity:

- **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 grade levels 3-10. The results are available for:

- FAST ELA Reading Grades KG to 10
  (FAST Star Early Literature Grade KG and Grade 1 and FAST Star Reading Grade 2)
- FAST Mathematics Grades KG to 8
  (FAST Star Mathematics Grades K to 2)

The following are 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**) compared with the prior year:

- **FAST PM1 Star Early Literature** performance decreased in grade level KG and remained the same in grade level 1.
- **FAST PM1 Star Reading** performance decreased by **2 percentage points**.
- **FAST PM1 Star Mathematics** performance improved in grade levels KG and 1 and decreased **1 percentage** point in grade level 2.
- **FAST PM1 ELA Reading** performance improved across grades 3-10.
  - **Notable increases**: Grades 6 and 8 improved by **7** and **6 percentage points,** respectively.
- **FAST PM1 Mathematics** performance improved in grade levels 3, 4, and 6.
  - **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 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, and 2b). Figures 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, and 4b show results not including charter schools by subgroup including race/ethnicity, English Language Learners (ELL), and Students with Disabilities (SWD). The tables also show Spring (PM3) performance for the 2025-2026 school year to illustrate the growth in performance over the school year.

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
KG	13	10	-3	61
1	17	15	-2	63
2	26	23	-3	55
3	28	29	+1	64
4	33	36	+3	65
5	39	41	+2	67
6	51	57	+6	68
7	49	52	+3	67
8	46	51	+5	64
9	48	51	+3	63
10	44	48	+4	64

Table 2. *FAST PM1 Mathematics 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
KG	9	10	+1	71
1	16	16	0	67
2	27	24	-3	66
3	14	15	+1	73
4	16	17	+1	72
5	23	22	-1	70
6	28	30	+2	63
7	35	34	-1	72
8	9	9	0	68

Note: Grades 7 & 8 2025-2026 PM3 data excludes End-of-Course (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
KG	12	10	-2	61
1	15	15	0	63
2	25	23	-2	55
3	27	28	+1	63
4	32	36	+4	65
5	38	40	+2	66
6	49	56	+7	65
7	47	50	+3	64
8	43	49	+6	60
9	47	50	+3	62
10	43	47	+4	63

Table 4. *FAST PM1 Mathematics 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
KG	9	10	+1	71
1	15	17	+2	66
2	25	24	-1	65
3	13	15	+2	71
4	15	17	+2	72
5	24	22	-2	70
6	28	31	+3	60
7	33	32	-1	69
8	6	7	+1	65

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

Figure 1a. *FAST PM1 Star Early Literacy Assessment Results, Achievement Level 3 and above, for Broward by Region 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027*

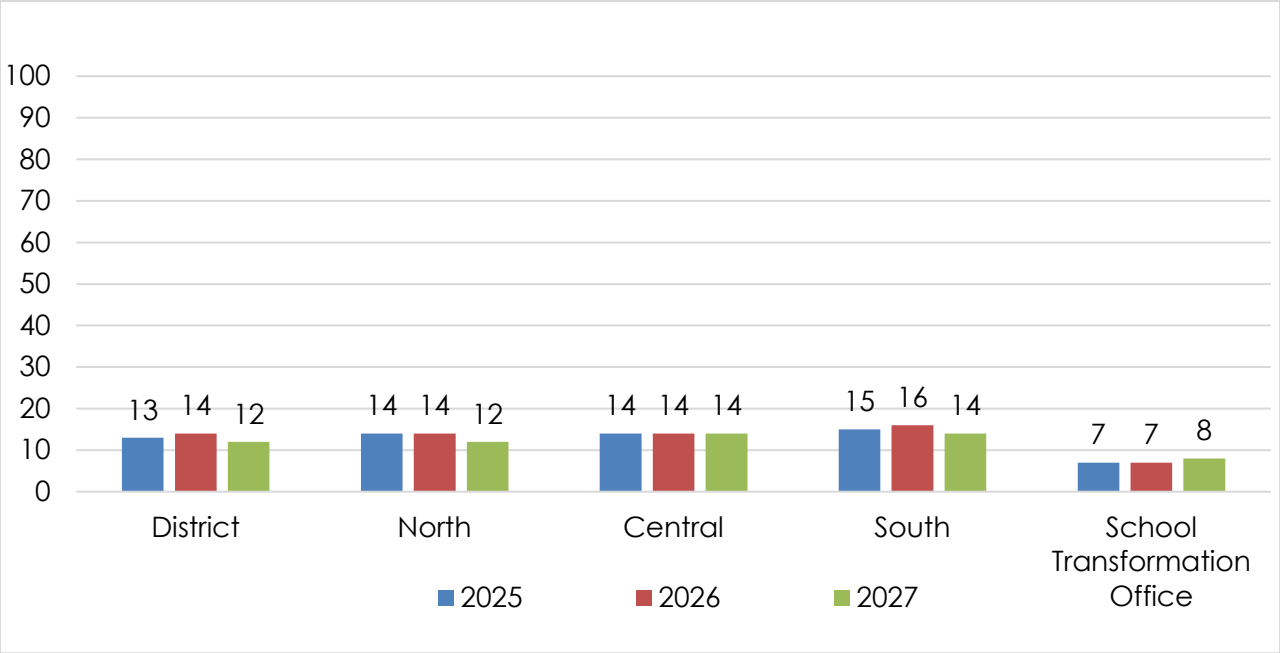


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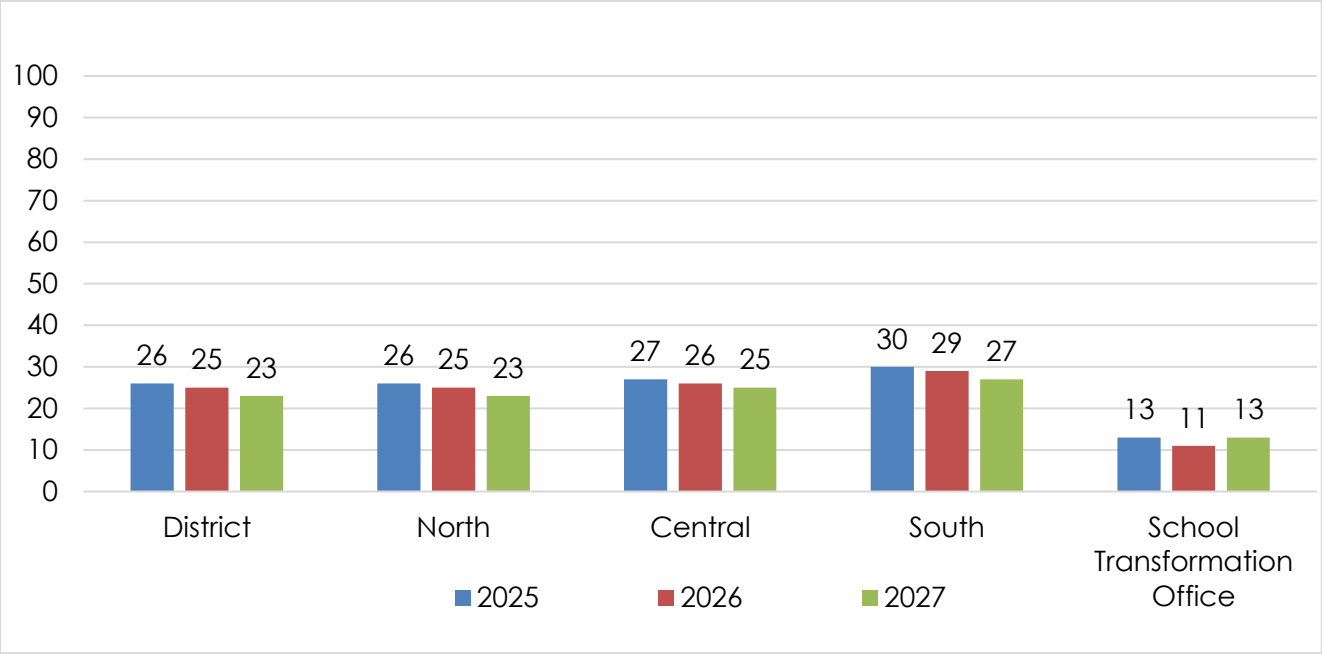


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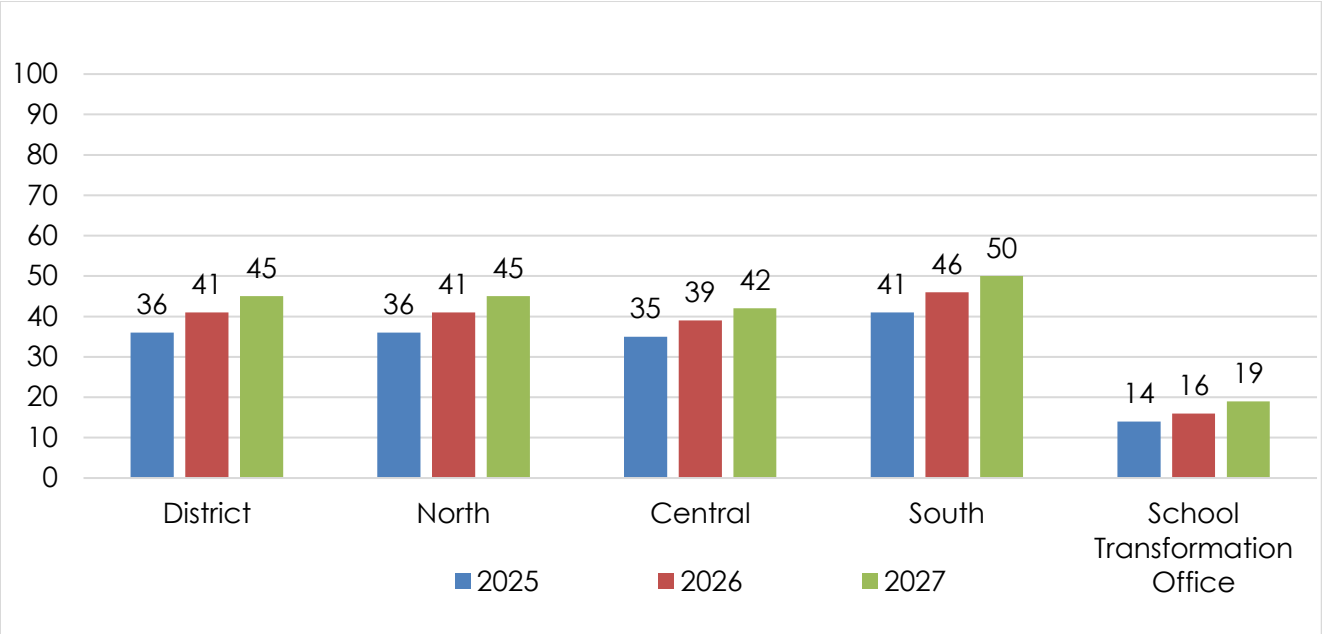


Figure 2a. *FAST PM1 Star Mathematics Assessment Results, Achievement Level 3 and above, for Broward by Region 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027*

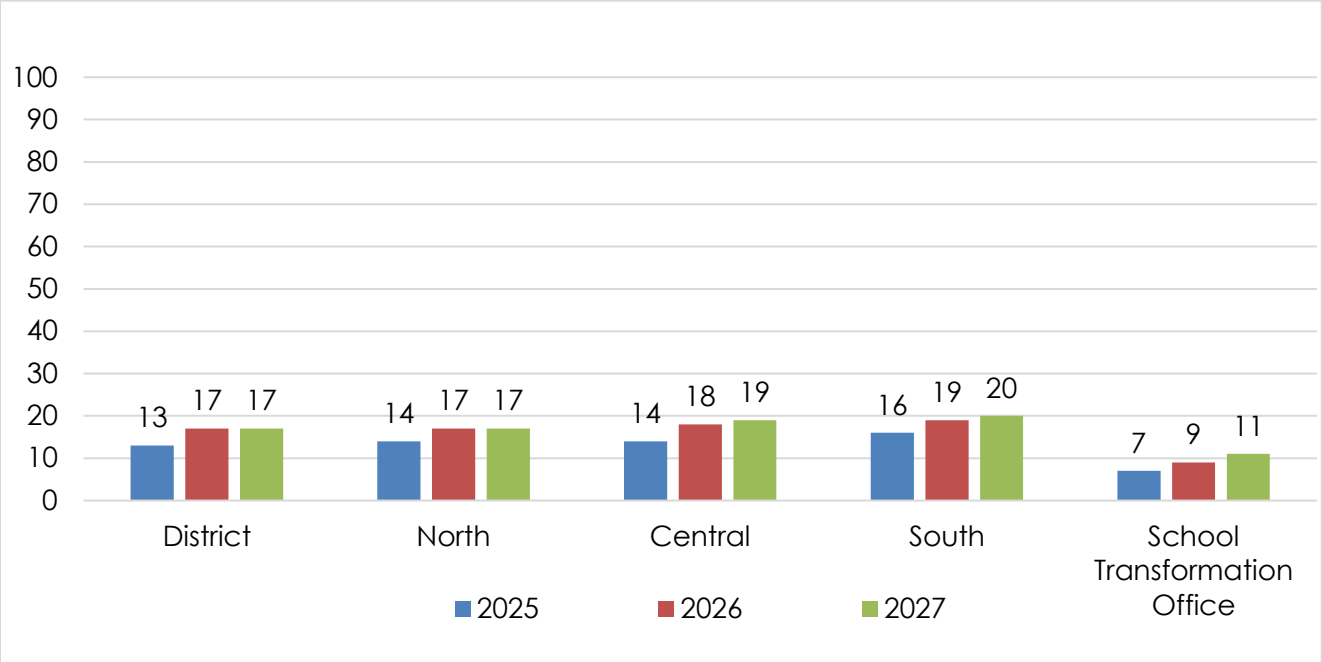


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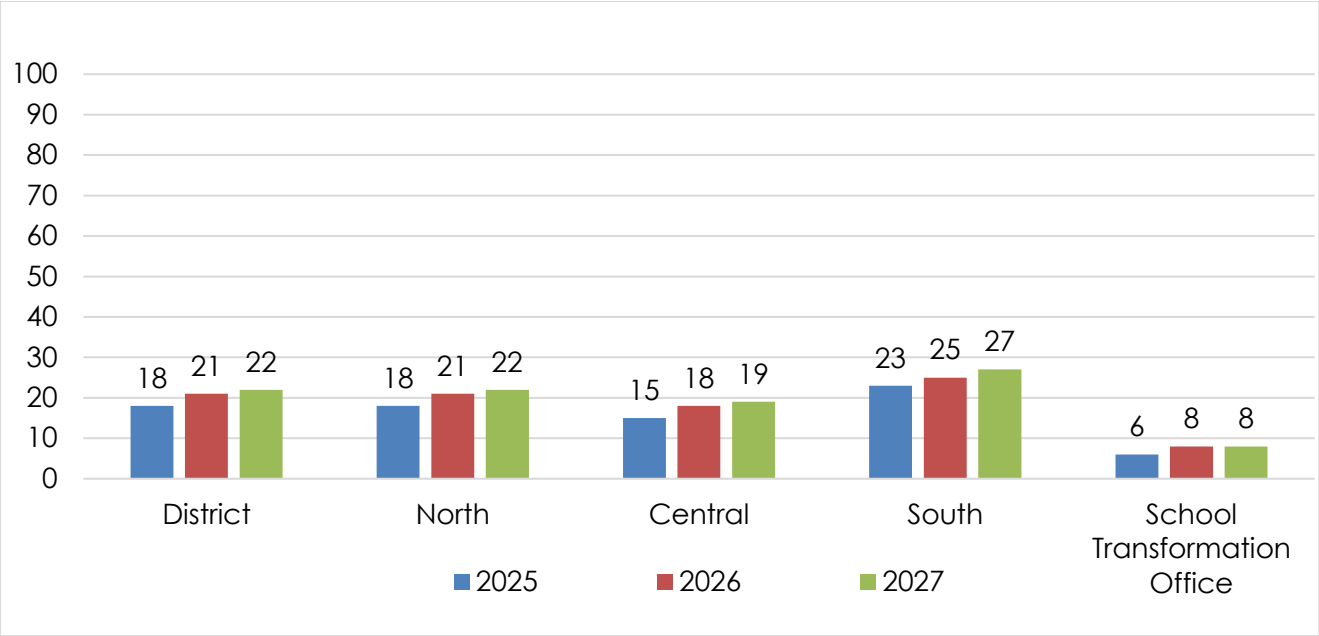


Figure 3a. *FAST PM1 Star Early Literacy Assessment Results, Achievement Level 3 and above, for Broward by Subgroup 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027*

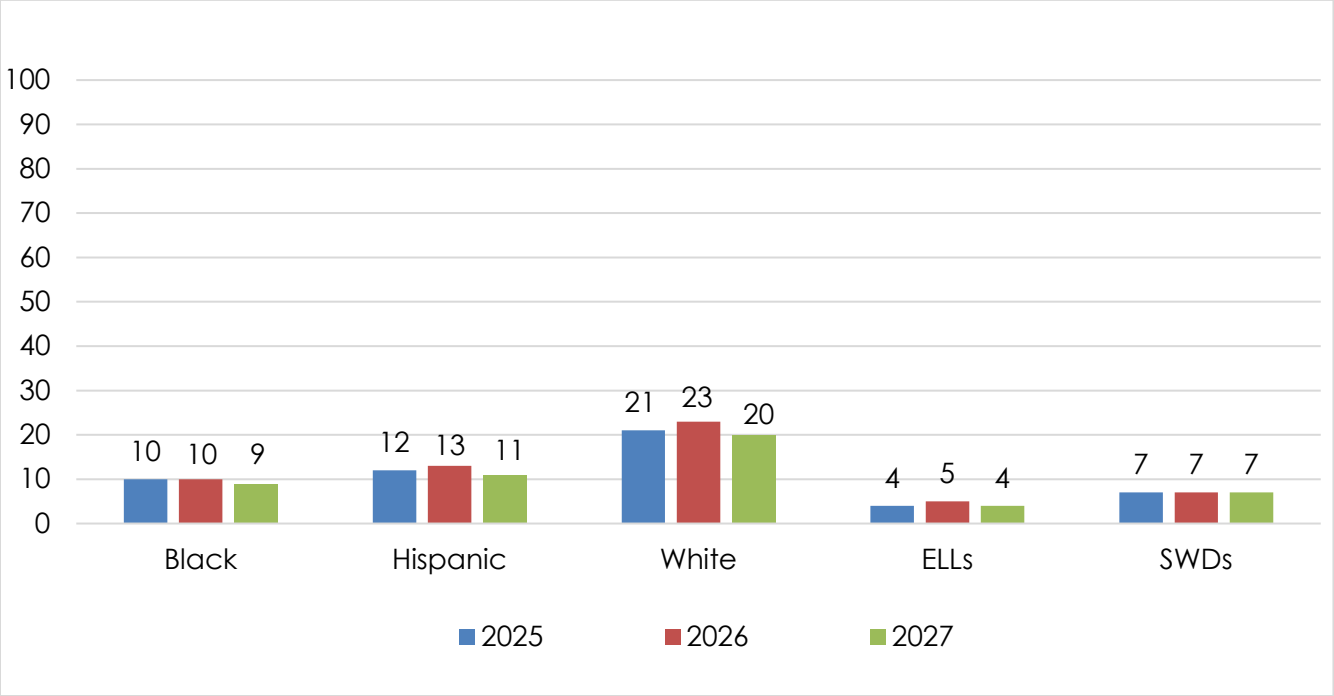


Figure 3b. *FAST PM1 Star Reading Assessment Results, Achievement Level 3 and above, for Broward by Subgroup 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027*

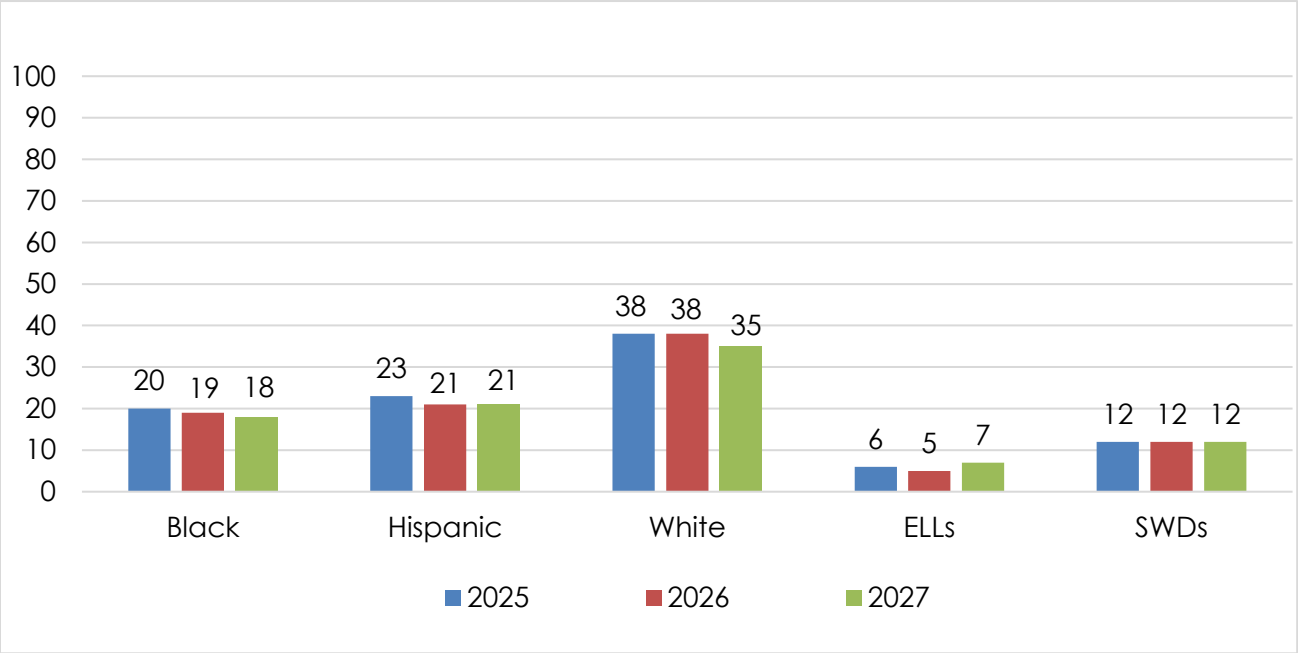


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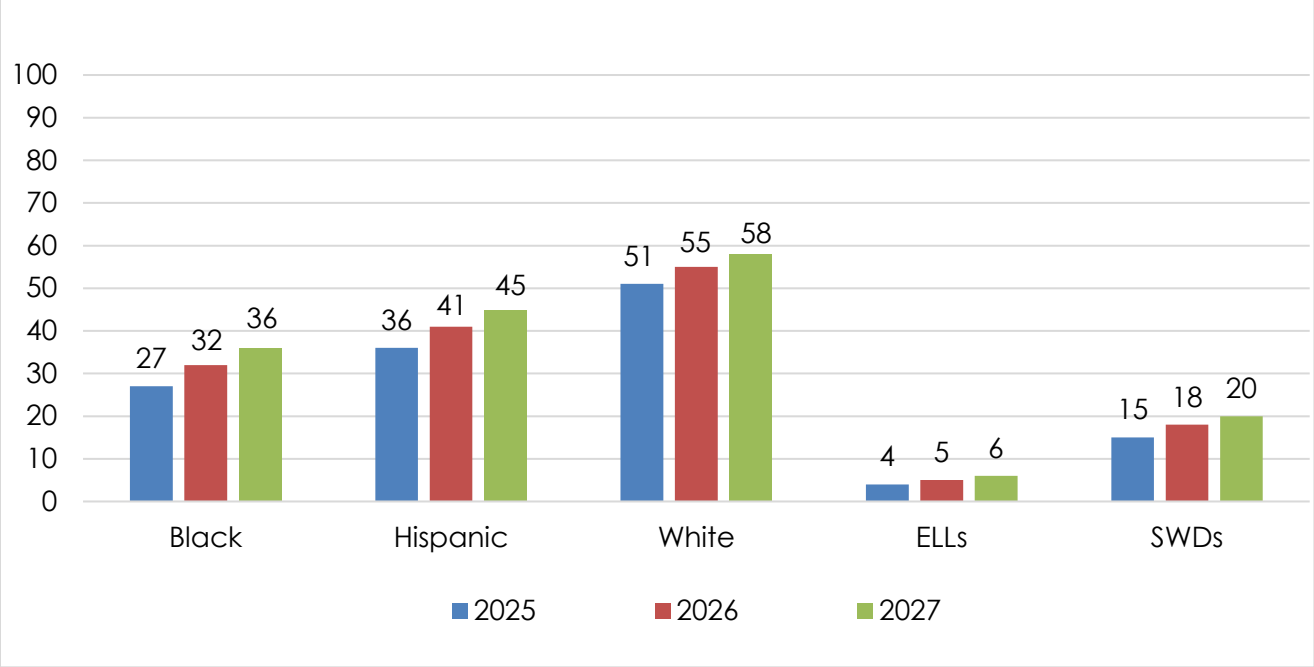


Figure 4a. *FAST PM1 Star Mathematics Assessment Results, Achievement Level 3 and above, for Broward by Subgroup 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027*

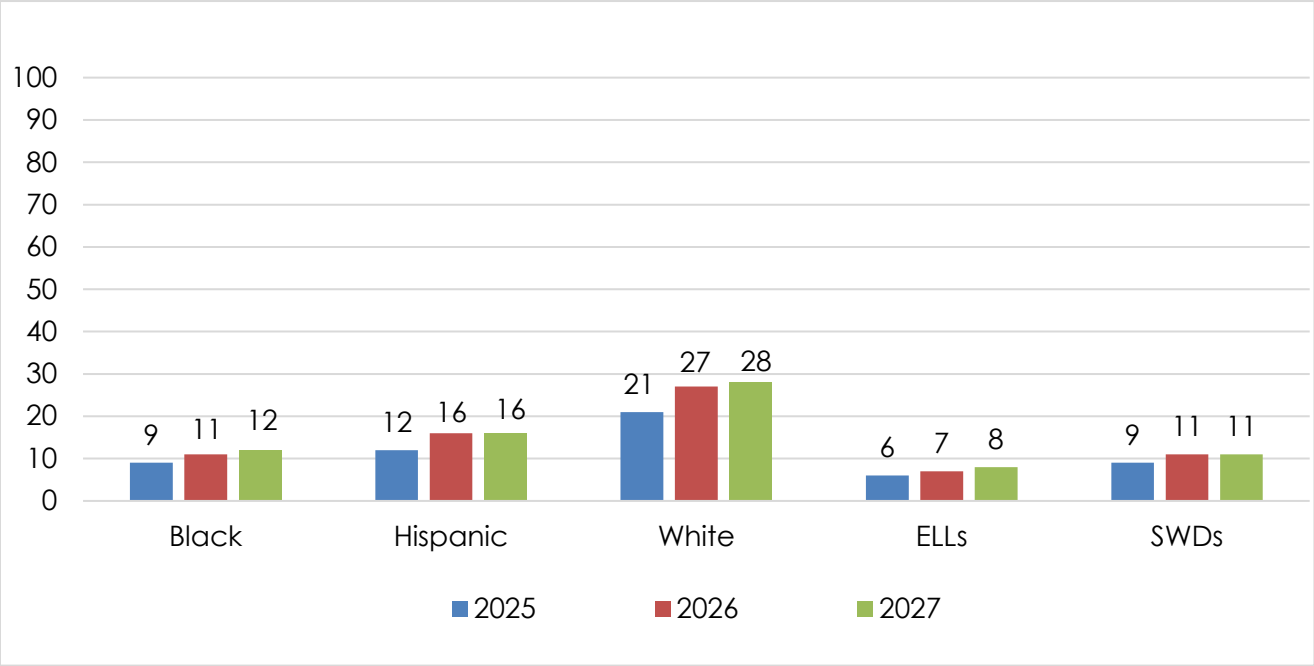
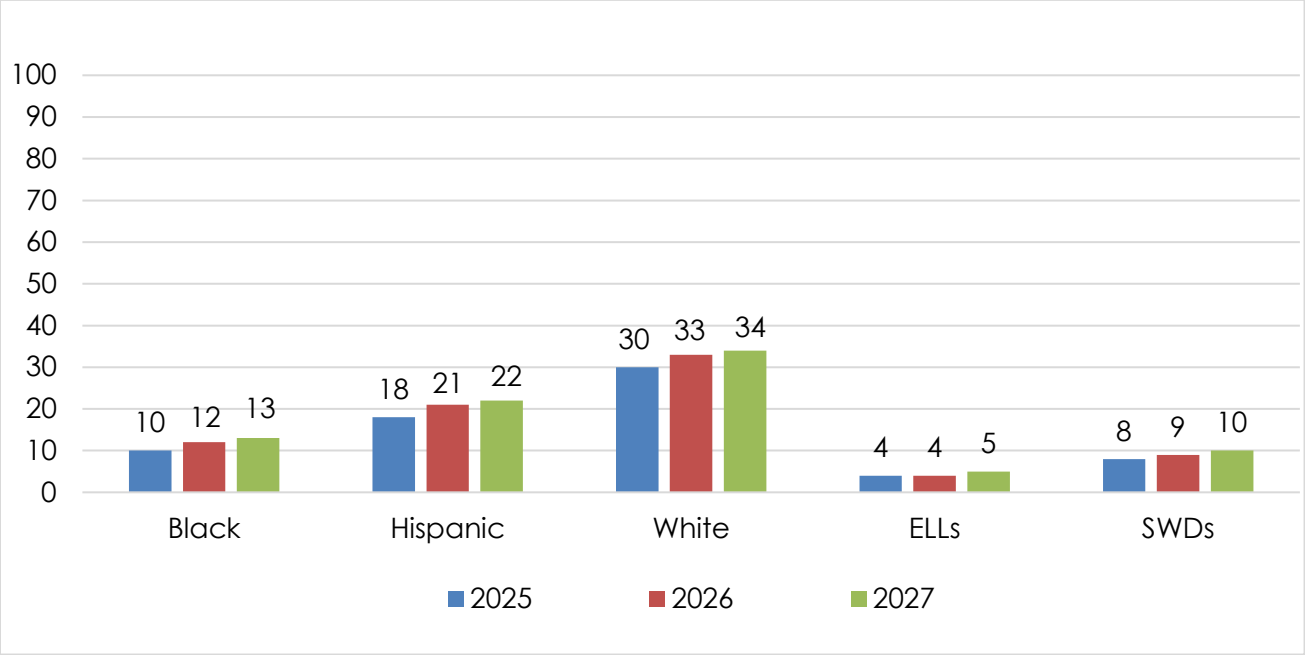


Figure 4b. *FAST PM1 Mathematics Assessment Results, Achievement Level 3 and above, for Broward by Subgroup 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027*



In addition to the district summary data, a school-level appendix can be accessed at: https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1791554264/browardschoolscom/goqponvaxftuwpsdyw34/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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