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SCHOOL GRADES

Many people are asking about school grades. School grades will not be released until sometime in Spring, 2016. The State Board of Education has to approve the revised cut scores and grading formula before school grades will be able to be determined.

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

Oct. 11th—Oct. 23rd
Gr. 10 FSA ELA Retakes
Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Retakes
NGSSS Algebra I EOC Retakes

Nov. 30th—Dec. 18th
FSA Algebra I EOC Retakes
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FSA Score Release

As you may already know, FSA scores were recently released. Many of you may have noticed that there weren't many scores to speak of, as only percentiles and T-scores were released, not the levels we all are familiar with from FCAT.

The reason for this is that the State is still determining what score needs to be attained for a student's

score to be assigned a particular achievement level—this process is known as “Standard Setting.”

This process should be finished by January 2015, at which point we should have a better idea of which students were proficient.



“The most important thing about assessment is that it promotes dialogue among faculty.”

-Mary Senter

FSA Results Loaded Into Performance Matters

Results of the recently-released FSA exams have been loaded into Performance Matters. You can find these scores in the Baseball Card report. It is important to note that two scores were loaded: Percentiles and T-scores.

When you look at scores for these exams, it is suggested that

you utilize the percentiles measure, rather than the t-scores.

One important note: please do not pay attention to the color codes that have been given to these scores—they do not represent levels like they did in FCAT exams. We will not have levels available for several months.

What is a T-Score?

A T-Score shows how far a test score is from the average. In other words, a T-Score of 50 is an average score. So, if a student has a T-Score of 51, he or she is above average. Likewise, a T-Score of 49 is below average. The farther a score is from 50 (either higher or lower), the farther it is from the average score.

Formative vs. Summative Assessment

There has been a great deal of discussion regarding Formative Assessment lately, but many may still wonder why it's so important to pay attention to this form of assessment.

John Hattie points out that when you think about formative assessment, it may be helpful to think of our children as being

plants in a garden. **Summative assessment** of the plants is the process of measuring them. It is interesting and important to compare and analyze measurements but, in itself, this does not affect the growth of the plants. However, **formative assessment** is the equivalent of feeding and watering the plants appropri-

ate to their needs, which directly affects their growth.

So, the next time you hear a discussion about summative and formative assessment, think of your students as being flowers and think of you as being the gardener caring for them every day to ensure they blossom!

