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**Citrus County School District FCAT 2.0 Science and End-of-Course Test Results
Spring 2015**

Inverness, Florida – June 15, 2015 – At the end of each school year, the Florida Department of Education releases the results of student learning measured on the State of Florida assessments. Due to the implementation of new assessments that align to the new Florida Standards, the only data available at this time is FCAT 2.0 Science for grades 5 and 8, Biology 1, Civics (new for 2015), and US History. Florida Standards Assessment scores for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry may be released at a later date once the legislative required validity study is completed.

Grade 5 Science scores showed the most significant increase with the district percent of proficient students who earned a Level 3 or higher increased from 57 percent in 2014 to 62 percent in 2015, outperforming the state by 5 percentage points. In addition, Citrus County's Grade 5 Science proficiency scores ranked 8th among the 67 counties.

With these spring assessments, Citrus County district data exceeded the state averages in every area except for Civics where the district matched the state's average. This is also the first year in which scores are reported with proficiency levels in 7th grade Civics.

"During a year of significant changes in standards and challenges with testing, our students and teachers sustain high achievement. The pressures continue to mount as our standards shift and state assessments increase in rigor. I am proud of our students and school teams who continuously collaborate to improve teaching and learning," stated Superintendent Sam Himmel. "These outcomes serve as an affirmation of the dedication and commitment of our staff, students, and community that lead to a very high quality public school education in our "A" rated school district," added Himmel.

<http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/2015.stml>

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PERCENT PROFICIENT		
SCIENCE- 5th Grade		
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2013-14	2014-15
Central Ridge Elementary	66	71
Citrus Springs Elementary	52	70
Crystal River Primary	48	50
Floral City Elementary	41	73
Forest Ridge Elementary	60	48
Hernando Elementary	50	57
Homosassa Elementary	79	88
Inverness Primary	55	61
Lecanto Primary	44	50
Pleasant Grove Elementary	76	71
Rock Crusher Elementary	56	62
DISTRICT	57	62
STATE	54	53

PERCENT PROFICIENT				
SCIENCE- 8th Grade		CIVICS- 7th Grade		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15*
Citrus Springs Middle	64	53	N/A	74
Crystal River Middle	50	46	N/A	64
Inverness Middle	55	52	N/A	58
Lecanto Middle	57	54	N/A	68
DISTRICT	55	51	N/A	65
STATE	49	48	N/A	65

*First year proficiency scores were calculated for Civics EOC

PERCENT PROFICIENT				
BIOLOGY		US HISTORY		
HIGH SCHOOL	2013-14*	2014-15*	2013-14*	2014-15*
Citrus High	59	63	66	59
Crystal River High	67	57	60	67
Lecanto High	73	81	78	77
Academy of Environmental Science	100	100	**	**
DISTRICT	67	69	68	68
STATE	67	65	65	66

*Spring administration

**Less than 10 students tested