

Mountain Park Elementary School

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Key Results from 2008-09 School Improvement Plans

Improvement plans, which outline current and ongoing school goals, are developed by each Fulton County school. These guide school administrators and teachers toward improving student achievement and overall school success.

Objective – Increase the percentage of students performing at the meets and exceeds level on the Georgia Writing Assessment for fifth grade students.

Results – Mountain Park Elementary School achieved its goal of increasing the percentage of students in fifth grade who met or exceeded standards on the Georgia Writing Assessment. In 2008, the percentage of students who met or exceeded standards on the Georgia Writing Assessment was 91%. Our target score for 2009 was 95%, which is exactly what was achieved. Improving writing instruction continues to be a schoolwide goal at Mountain Park Elementary School. Our focus begins in kindergarten with hands-on writing workshops and continues with best practices all the way through to our fifth grade students.

Objective – Increase the percentage of first grade students scoring at the exceeds level in language arts on the Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Test.

Results – Mountain Park Elementary School achieved its goal of increasing the percentage of first grade students who scored at the exceeds level in language arts on the CRCT. In 2008, 38% of our students scored at the exceeds standards level. In 2009, 79% of our first grade students exceeded standards in language arts. It is evident that our focus on implementing best practices to improve language arts instruction, as well as our ongoing analysis of student data enabled us to exceed our goal. We will continue to strive for improved achievement in this area.

Objective – Increase the percentage of third, fourth, and fifth grade students scoring at the exceeds level in science on the CRCT.

Results – Overall, Mountain Park Elementary School successfully met this objective. The results for both third and fifth grade indicated significant improvement. Third grade scores increased from 70% to 75%, and fifth grade scores increased from 60% to 70%. Fourth grade dropped 2%, with 68% of their students scoring at the exceeds level in science. Through innovative programs such as Science on a Cart and our Schoolwide Enrichment Model, we will continue to enrich the students at Mountain Park, and we will continue to maintain our focus on improving achievement in science for all of our students.

About this Report

The Fulton County School System uses a framework – called the **Value-Added Performance System** – that guides school leaders in raising student achievement by measuring academic growth as well as performance and by comparing or “benchmarking” against similar schools achieving excellent results.

The system helps answer the questions:

- **How effective are our schools?**
- **How much difference do our schools and teachers make?**
- **How much added value do our schools offer over other schools and school systems?**
- **How can we improve in order to better help each and every student reach his or her fullest potential?**

The Value-Added Performance System uses analytical tools to isolate data that reflects the school’s impact on student learning. It enables the school to focus on factors over which they have control to better focus improvement initiatives.

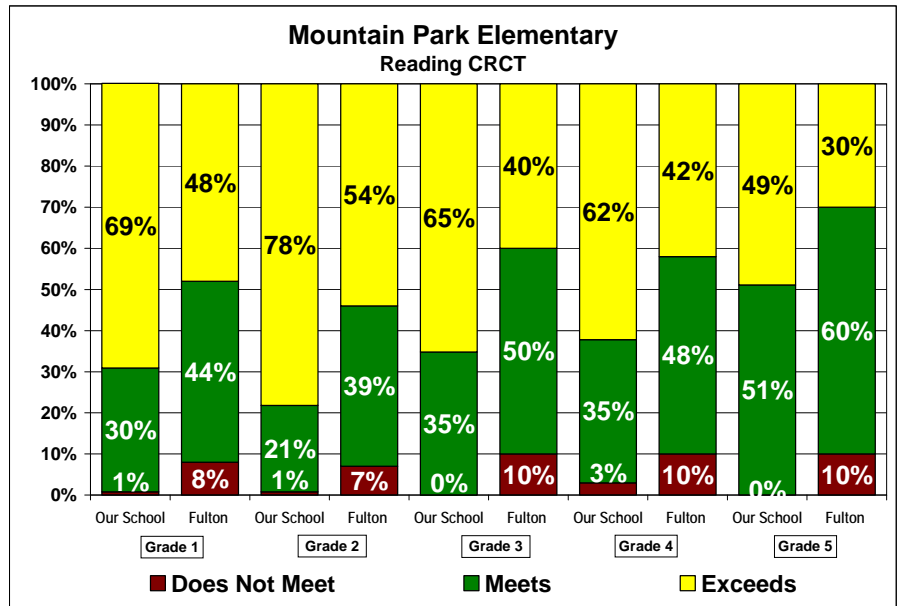
2008-09 Academic Achievement

Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests

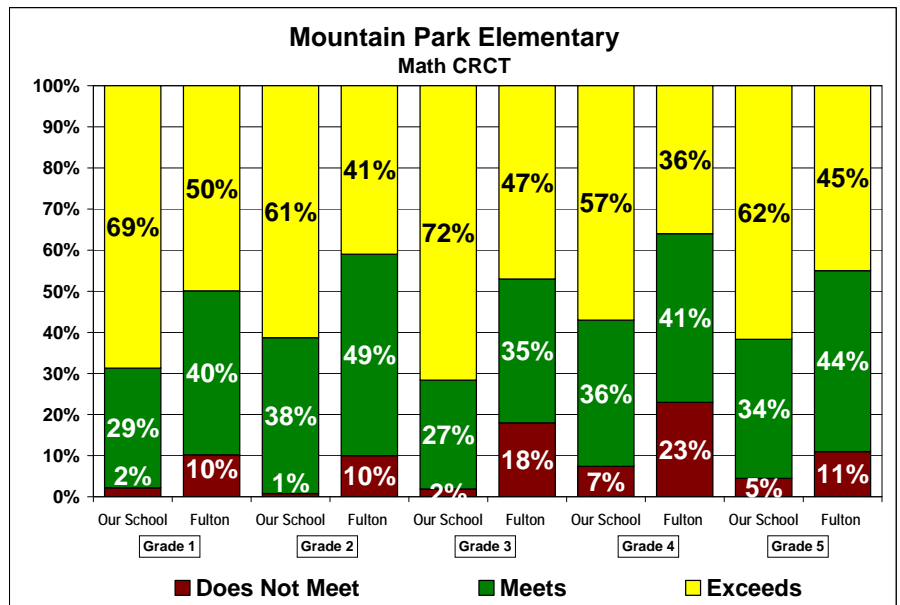
The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) are given in grades one through eight. The test measures specific skills included in the Georgia core curriculum that are considered essential for continued academic progress.

CRCT scores are reported as levels. Level I indicates students do not yet meet expectations. Students scoring at Level 2 meet the state's expectations of being on grade level, and students at Level 3 exceed expectations, or are above grade level. Scores are reported by the percent of students in a school scoring at or above grade level.

Reading Achievement – Our School vs. Fulton County Averages



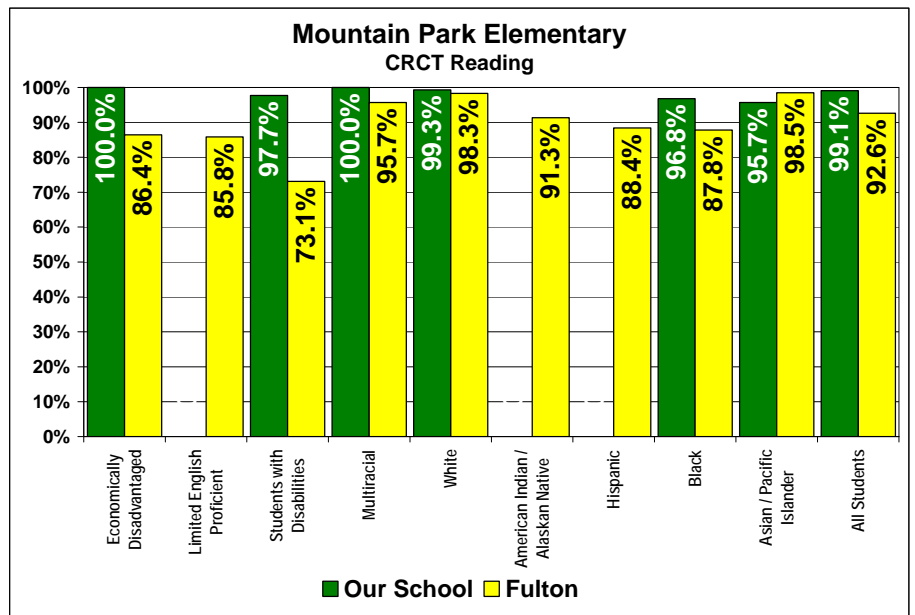
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Reading Achievement –

Separated by Our School's Student Demographics

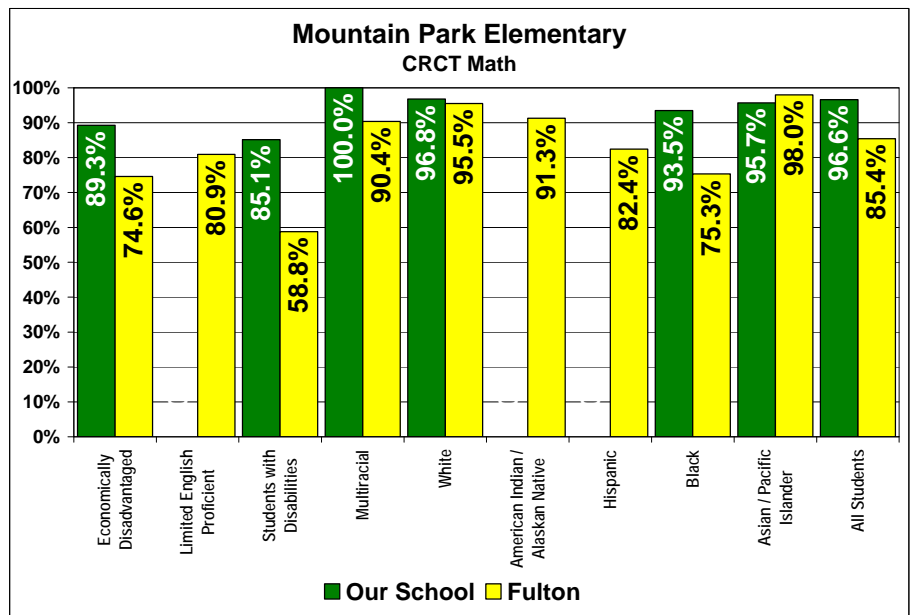
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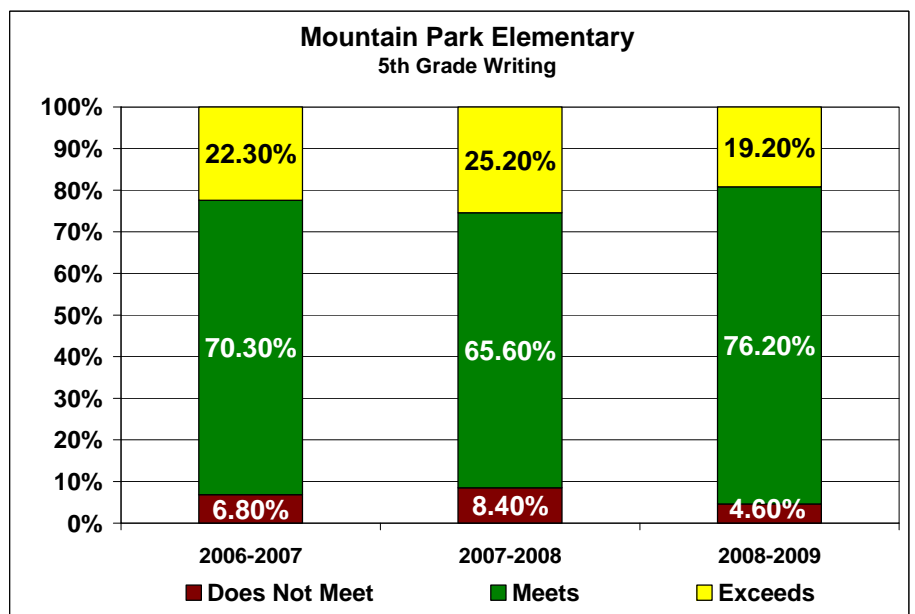
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Grade Five Writing Assessment

Part of the Statewide Testing Program, fifth grade students are assigned an essay topic in one of three genres: narrative, informational, and persuasive. Students are allowed approximately 120 minutes to write their essays. Papers are scored by trained raters using a standardized scoring system.

Similar to the CRCT, scores are reported as Does Not Meet, Meets and Exceeds Standards.



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2008-09 Highlights and Achievements

Academics and Activities

- \$25,500 donated by parents to support the Schoolwide Enrichment Model for instruction and to secure a site license for Renzulli Learning Systems
- PTA volunteers brought monthly Science on a Cart hands-on activities to every child in grades 1-3
- Established outdoor gardening
- Evergreen School of the Year
- Distinguished School recognition for our increase in test scores
- Two teachers selected for the Fulton County Technology Advisory Council to develop the state-approved Fulton County Technology Plan
- Multicultural event featuring the cultures of over 50 countries
- Three National Board Certified teachers
- Two teachers awarded \$250 grants from Fulton County Supporters of the Gifted
- Launched student broadcast WMPE airing daily on closed circuit in every classroom
- World Math Day – over 250,000 math problems answered correctly in 24 hours
- Teacher presented at the Florida Educational Technology Conference
- Inspired Classrooms serving as models for other schools and systems
- \$100 grant from the Roswell Women's Club to fund fifth grade global networking project

Other Notable Achievements

- Top contributing school for Fulton Schools Charitable Fund Drive
- Top fundraising Roswell Relay for Life Team. Raised more than \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society.
- Annie Jr. production involved over 300 students
- Student Council community service projects to support a local retirement community, North Fulton Charities, Scottish Rite Hospital, finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis
- Kindergarten won third place at the stat PTA Reflections in Musical Composition
- Two students won the area PTA Council Reflections in Musical Composition
- One student won the area PTA Council Reflections in Literature
- Four students won the area PTA Council Reflections in Photography
- Two students won the area PTA Council Reflections in Visual Arts

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