

## Ocee 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 percentage of students exceeding expectations (scoring at Level 3) in math on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT).

**Results** – Ocee Elementary School achieved its goal of increasing the percentage of students exceeding expectations on the math CRCT in all grades. Percentage increases ranged from a 1% increase to a 26% increase across the grade levels in the number of students scoring at Level 3.

**Objective** – Increase the percentage of students exceeding expectations (scoring at Level 3) in reading on the CRCT.

**Results** – Ocee Elementary School achieved its goal of increasing the percentage of students exceeding expectations on the reading CRCT in all grades except for grade 1. Percentage increases ranged from a 5% increase to a 14% increase across the grade levels in the number of students scoring at Level 3. First grade students in the Exceeds category dropped by only 1%, but the percentage of first graders not meeting expectations decreased by 50% in 2009 compared with 2008.

**Objective** – To improve the percentage of third grade students meeting and exceeding expectations on the Grade Three Georgia Writing Assessment in the area of Persuasive Writing – Organization; to improve the percentage of fifth grade students exceeding the standard on the Grade Five Georgia Writing Assessment.

**Results** – Ocee Elementary School increased the percentage of third graders who met or exceeded expectations on the Grade Three Georgia Writing Assessment in the area of Persuasive Writing – Organization by 17%. The percentage of fifth grade students exceeding the standard on the Grade Five Georgia Writing Assessment decreased in 2009. However, the percentage of students exceeding the standard from 2008 to 2009 decreased at the state level, the county level, and the metro RESA level as well. Ocee Elementary School had the second highest percentage of fifth grade students exceeding the standard on the Grade Five Georgia Writing Assessment in Fulton County in 2009.

### 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.

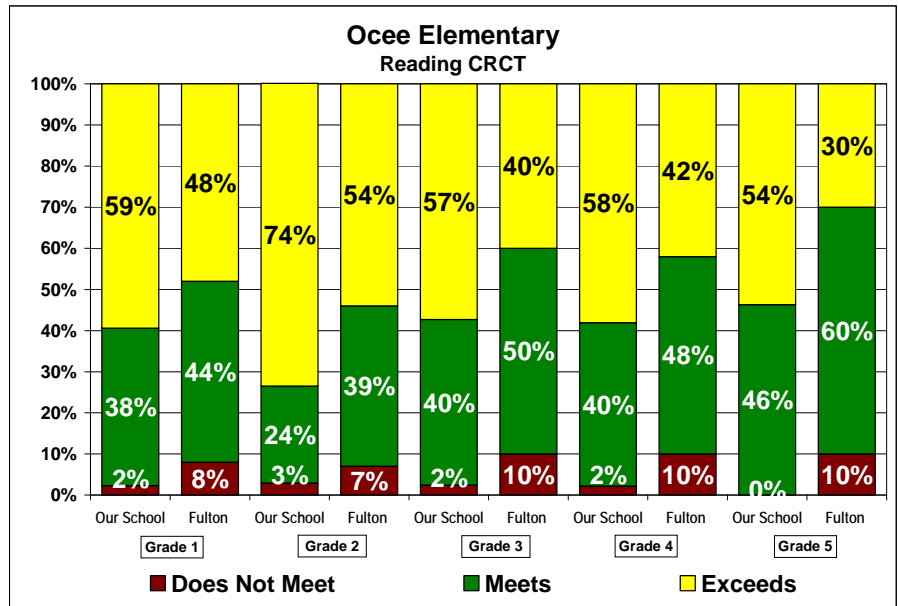
# 2008-09 Academic Achievement

## Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests

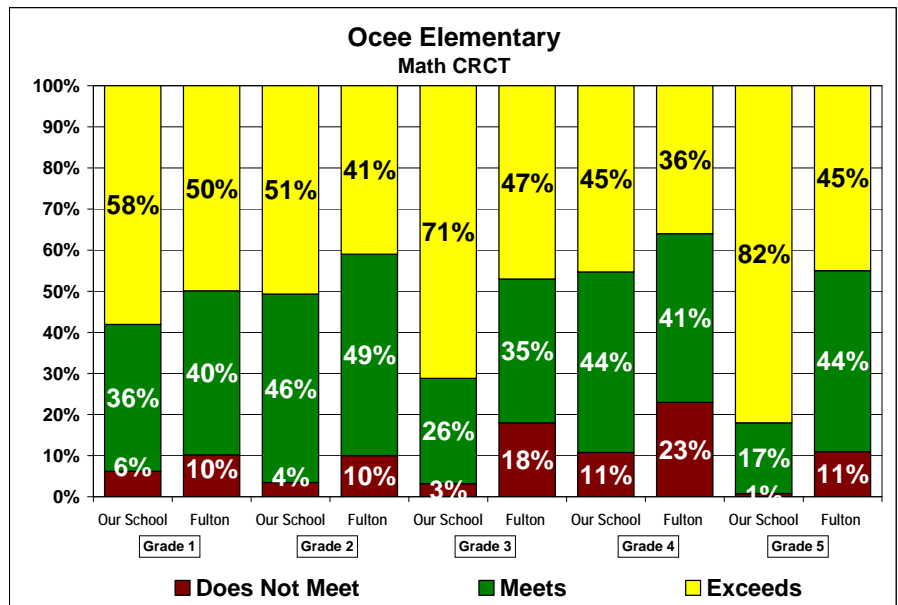
The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) are given in grades one through eight. The test measures specific skills included in the Georgia core curriculum that are considered essential for continued academic progress.

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



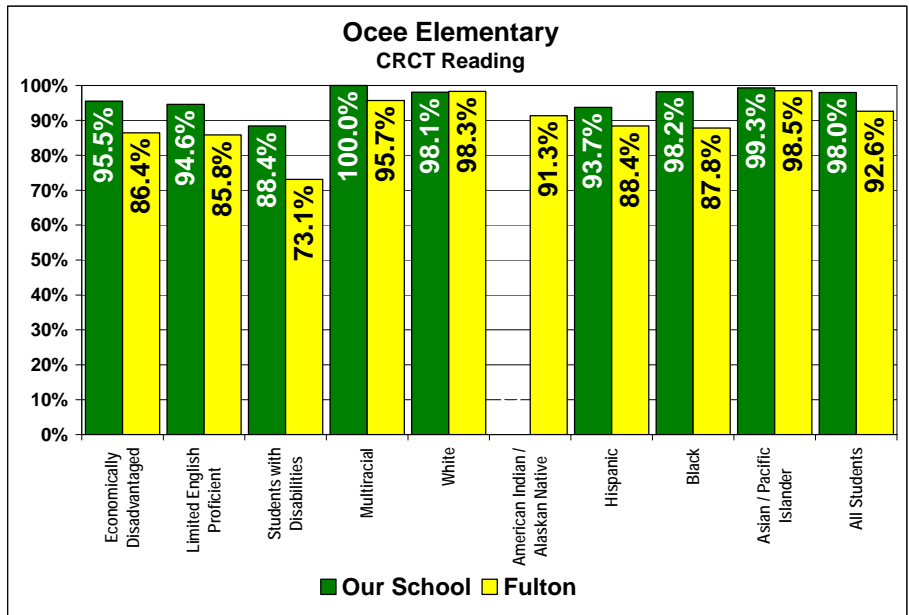
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**Reading Achievement –**

**Separated by Our School’s Student Demographics**

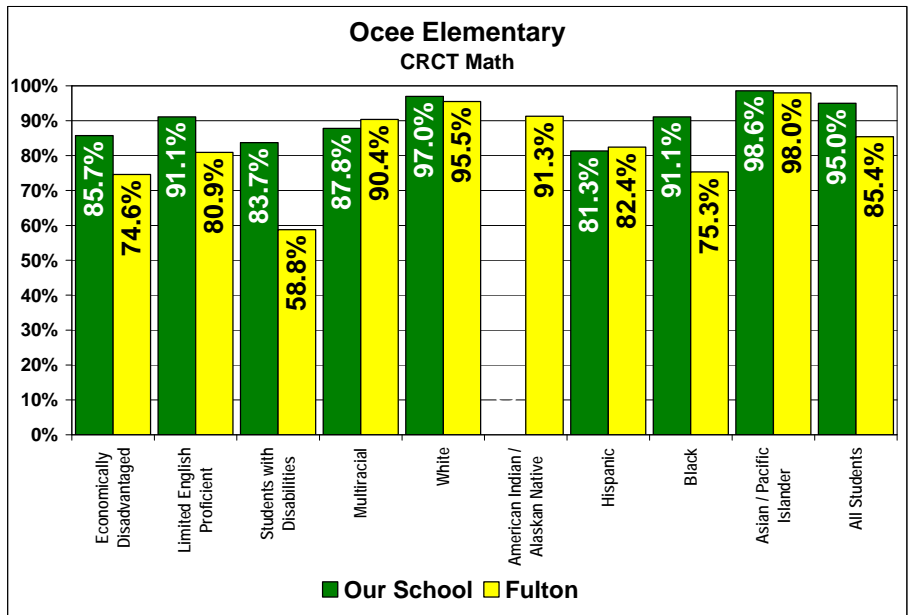
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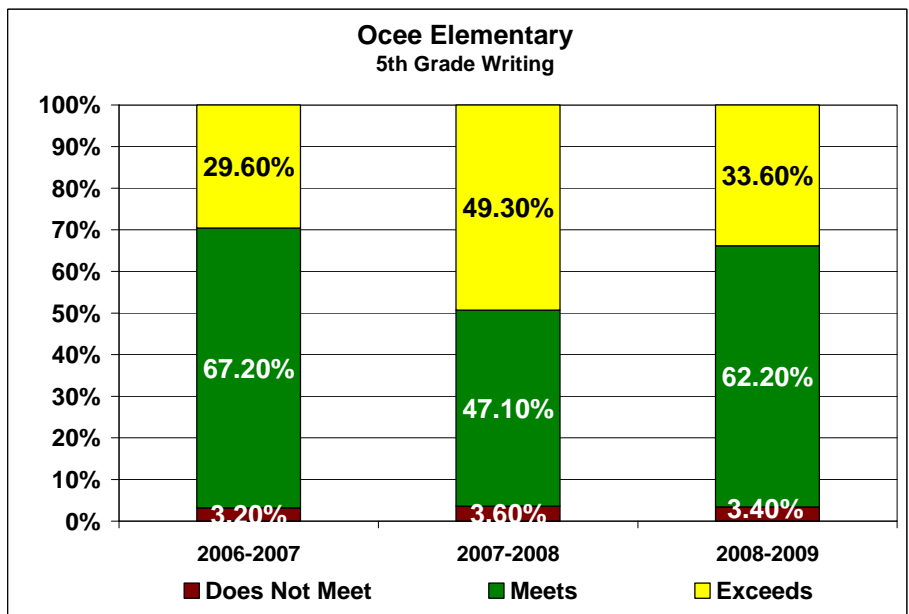
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**Grade Five Writing Assessment**

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

- Governor's Office of Student Achievement Bronze Award for highest percentage of students meeting and exceeding standards
- Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Award for the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test – Science, Grade 5
- Two first place student winners in the Fulton County Technology Competition
- First and second place student winners in the Georgia State Technology Competition
- Fourth place student winner in the Fulton County Spelling Bee
- First place student winner at the state level in the 2009 Young Georgia Authors' Writing Competition
- Golden Apple Award for School Volunteerism
- 2009 Visionary Pin and Certificate Winner – Georgia PTA
- Heart-Safe School designated by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Recipient of the 2008 Energy Star Award, designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Certified an Evergreen School by Keep North Fulton Beautiful
- Certified Clean Air School
- Participant in the Safe Routes to School Program, Bronze Level
- First Fulton County elementary school to be named a Community of Respect by the Anti-Defamation League 2008-09

### Other Notable Achievements

- Science Zone Program for grades 1-5, sponsored by the PTA
- Read and CompEAT Book Study Program, sponsored by the PTA
- Meet the Masters Art Education Program, sponsored by the PTA
- Literature Night Program
- K-9 Kids Reading Program
- Six Flags Reading Program
- Peacekeepers Peer Mediation Program
- Multicultural Day Program
- Career Day Program
- Fourth Grade Business Fair
- Fourth Grade Science Fair
- Closed circuit daily student broadcast ("Otter Talk")
- Partnership with Chattahoochee High School to provide high school mentors to Ocee students
- Ocee staff, students, and families donated thousands of dollars to charitable causes including Teachers Curing Kids Cancer, North Fulton Charities, Jump Rope for Heart, the American Cancer Society, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Zoo Atlanta Otter Adoption, and more.

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