

## Holcomb Bridge Middle 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** – To increase the percentage of the total student population meeting or exceeding expectations in reading on the CRCT.

**Results** – Holcomb Bridge Middle School faculty and staff have worked diligently on reading strategies to improve student achievement. We are a “Professional Learning Community” that focuses on reading as we collaborate daily within our teams. Through our G.A.T.E. program (Gifts, Abilities, Talents and Excellence), all students at Holcomb Bridge Middle School work with their mentors throughout the year to set goals for both academic and personal achievement. Therefore, we exceeded our target and achieved 93.6% in reading for the 2008-09 school year.

**Objective** – To increase the percentage of the total student population meeting or exceeding expectations in language arts on the CRCT.

**Results** – The percentage of Holcomb Bridge Middle School students meeting or exceeding expectations was 88.6%. Staff training on “Writing Across the Curriculum” strategies was mandatory early in the year and then reinforced through vertical content meetings and instructional folders. Teams were creative in designing alternate schedules to provide remediation and enrichment through writing workshop strategies.

**Objective** – To increase the percentage of the total student population meeting or exceeding expectations in mathematics on the CRCT.

**Results** – The results positively indicate a 2.3% gain in math achievement for our students. However, Holcomb Bridge Middle School missed our target of 70% by 0.7%, which is less than one percentage point. Our instructional coach worked with teachers in the utilization of data to target areas of need. Teachers collaborate daily through Professional Learning Communities to ensure success and mastery of the state curriculum.

### 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.

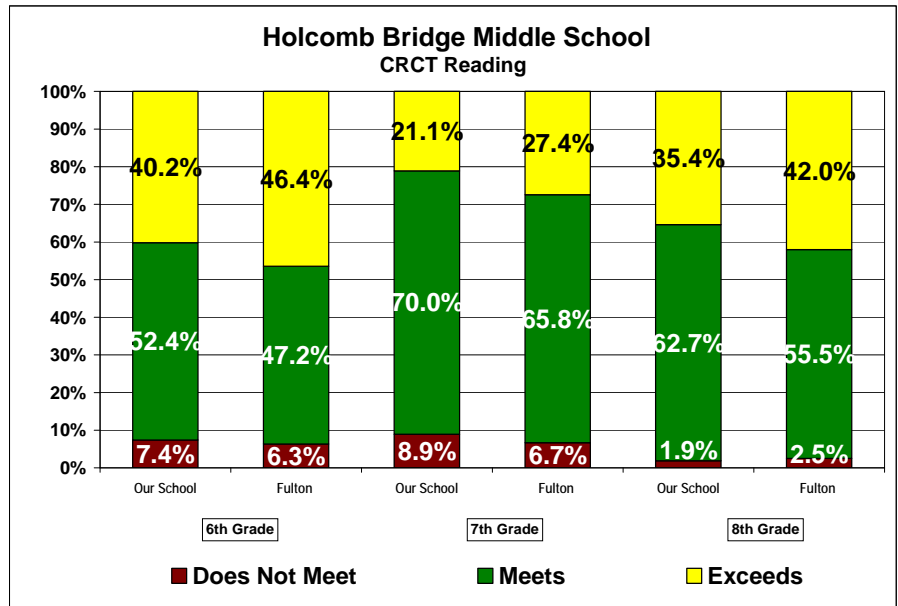
# 2008-09 Academic Achievement

## Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests

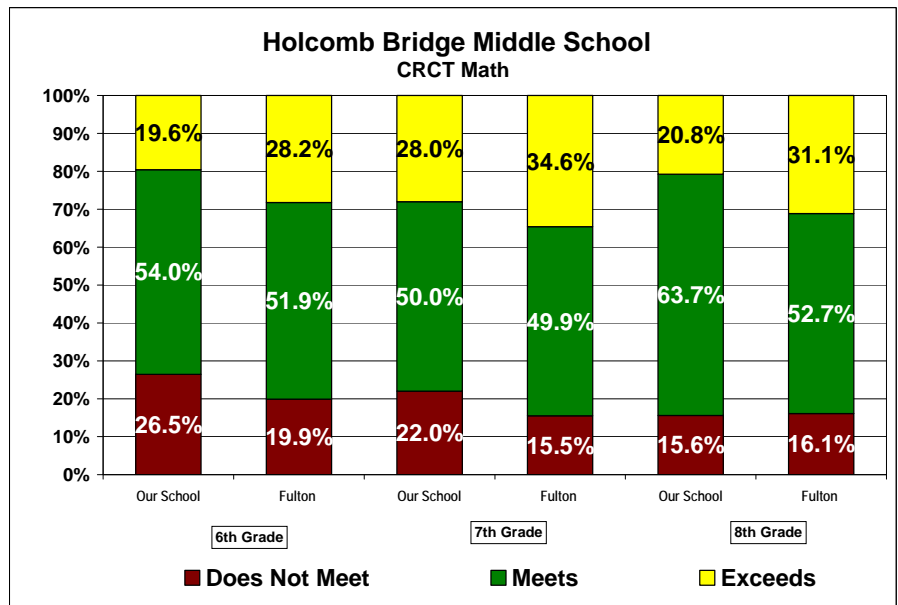
The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) are given in grades one through eight. The test measures specific skills included in the Georgia core curriculum that are considered essential for continued academic progress.

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



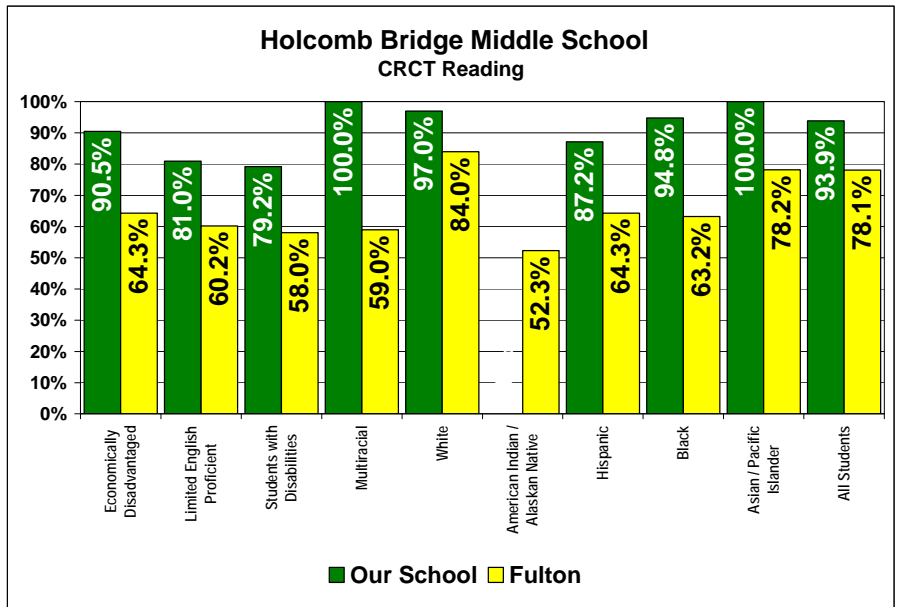
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### Reading Achievement –

#### Separated by Our School's Student Demographics

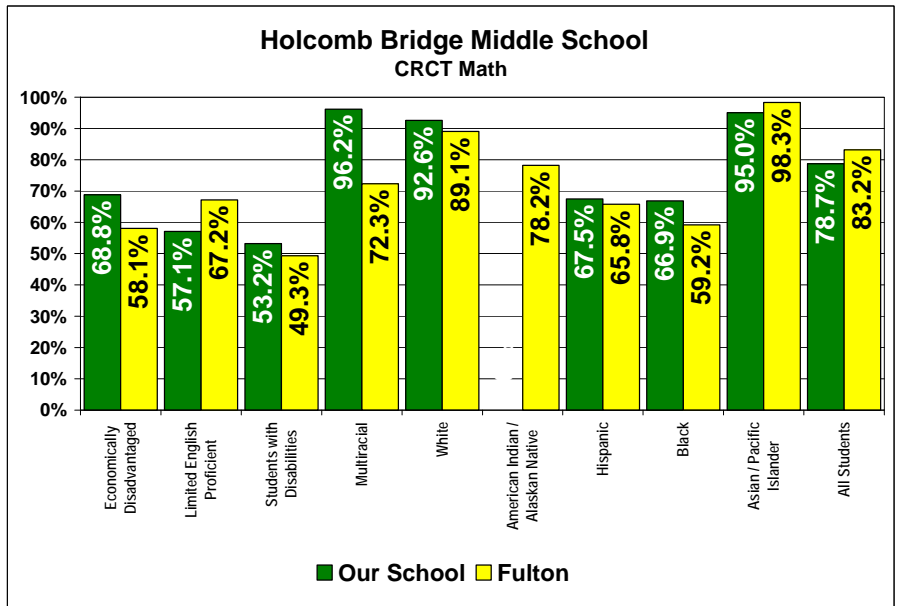
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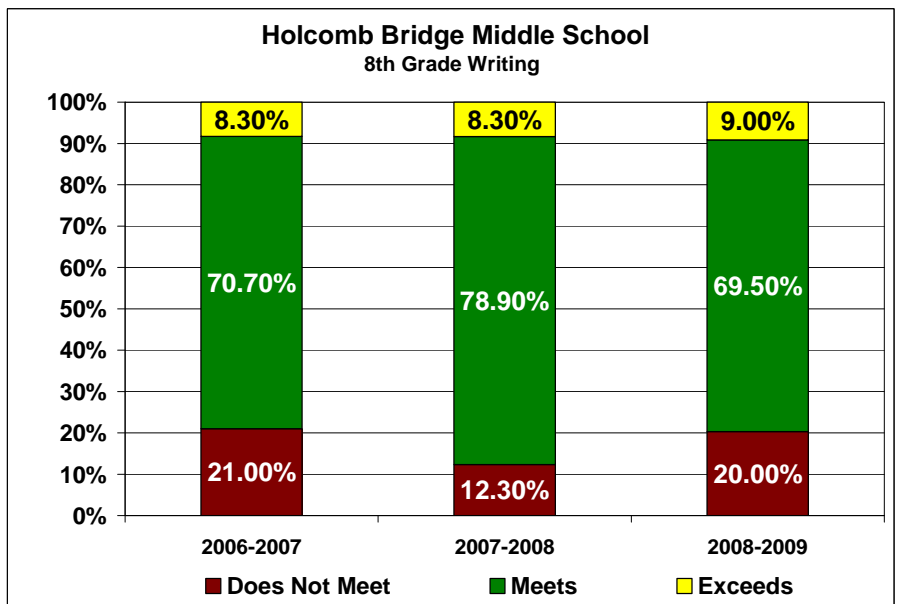
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### Grade Eight Writing Assessment

Part of the Statewide Testing Program, this writing assessment consists of an evaluation of the student's response to an assigned topic. The topic type may be narrative, persuasive, or expository.

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

- Honors and awards at Middle School Model United Nations in New York
- Staff member selected as 2008-09 School Professional of the Year for Fulton County Schools
- Rotary Club of North Fulton endorses Holcomb Bridge Middle School “iCare” character education program
- A “Professional Learning Community” participant
- National Junior Honor Society Charter
- National Junior Beta Club
- G.A.T.E. (Gifts, Abilities, Talents and Excellence) opens doors for student success
- Selected as a “Georgia Learn and Serve School”
- C5Youth Foundation of Georgia selects four students to represent Fulton County at Leadership University
- Girls, Inc. mentoring program partners with Kimberly Clark Corp.
- “Calling All Men” through Local School Advisory Council encourages male role models in student achievement
- Service Learning connects with The Goddard School
- Student Book Review Panel leads media selections
- Boyz 2 Men mentoring program participates in 10-mile hike and team building.
- Rotating schedule enhances student achievement
- Literacy Café presents student writings
- 7 Habits study group produces effective learners
- Taste of Holcomb Bridge celebrates the diversity of 42 countries
- H.A.W.K. (High Achievers With Knowledge) program provides assessments, intervention and enrichment after school and on Saturdays
- Learning Labs provide daily opportunity for student assessment, interventions and enrichment
- County and region awards for Academic Bowl
- Three first place winners in Science Fair – all continue to state
- Five first place winners in Social Science Fair – two advance to state
- Ambassadors for Georgia Learn and Serve present character education program to Fulton County feeder schools
- Selected to participate in the Latin American Association Youth Leadership Conference at Georgia State University.
- Hands On Atlanta selects Holcomb Bridge Middle School for site to build Outdoor Classroom
- Rotary Club of North Fulton donates time for students to build career options through Lunch and Learn
- Power Over Prejudice student leaders trained to teach strategies to peers on tolerance, diversity and respect through Georgia Tech

### Other Notable Achievements

- \$27,000 Learn and Serve America grant
- \$160,000 Selected Title I grant
- \$3,300 SMART Board grant
- \$3,002 PTA mini-grant awards
- \$1,500 PTA media center grant award
- \$1,000 PTA enrichment grant award
- \$2,000 Young Adult Division of Library Services Association grant by Wrestlemania Reading Challenge
- \$500 Sam’s Club grant

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