

Taylor Road 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 – Improve student achievement in sixth grade mathematics.

Results – Taylor Road Middle School improved academic achievement in mathematics. Of particular interest is the fact that we saw 92% of sixth graders scoring at level 2 or 3 on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT), which was a 5 point increase from the previous year. Taylor Road students surpassed the goal by two points.

Objective – Improve student achievement in eighth grade mathematics.

Results – In eighth grade, Taylor Road had a target of 90% of students scoring at level 2 or 3 on the mathematics section of the CRCT. Just missing our target by one point, teachers will now collaborate on a variety of strategies to improve mathematics.

Objective – Improve student achievement in the subgroup of Students with Disabilities (SWD) during the 2008-09 school year.

Results – This subgroup increased their mathematics performance on the CRCT. However, 52.7% of the students scored in levels 2 and 3, which was 5 points below our target in mathematics. Taylor Road will continue to focus on improving mathematics achievement and implement new programs and strategies, such as REAL Time (Remediation, Enrichment And Learning) and working lunches for students to complete missing work, to achieve our goal.

Objective – Improve student achievement in science.

Results – Taylor Road saw major growth in the area of science achievement. In sixth grade, we had 12% more students score at level 3 on the science CRCT than the previous year. We surpassed our goal by 5 points.

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.

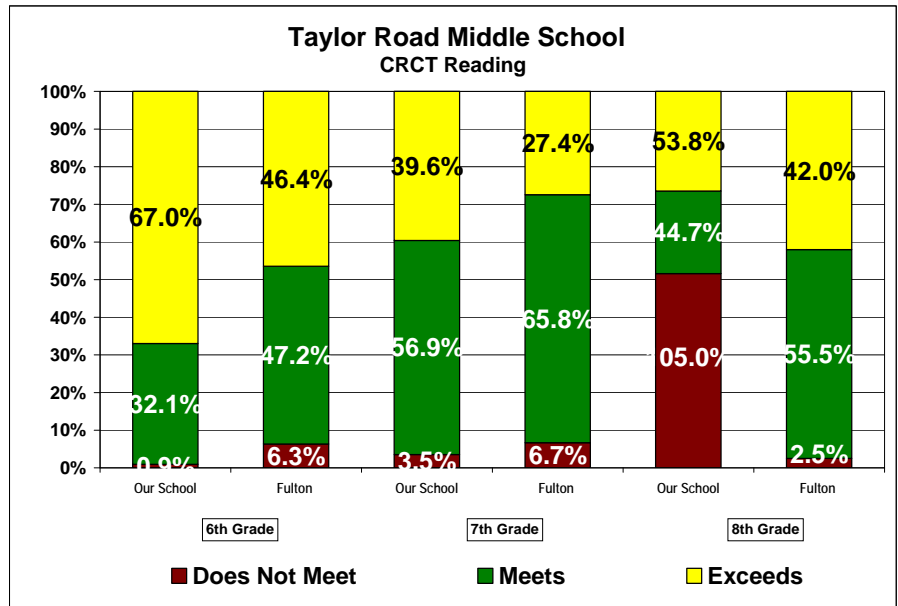
2008-09 Academic Achievement

Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests

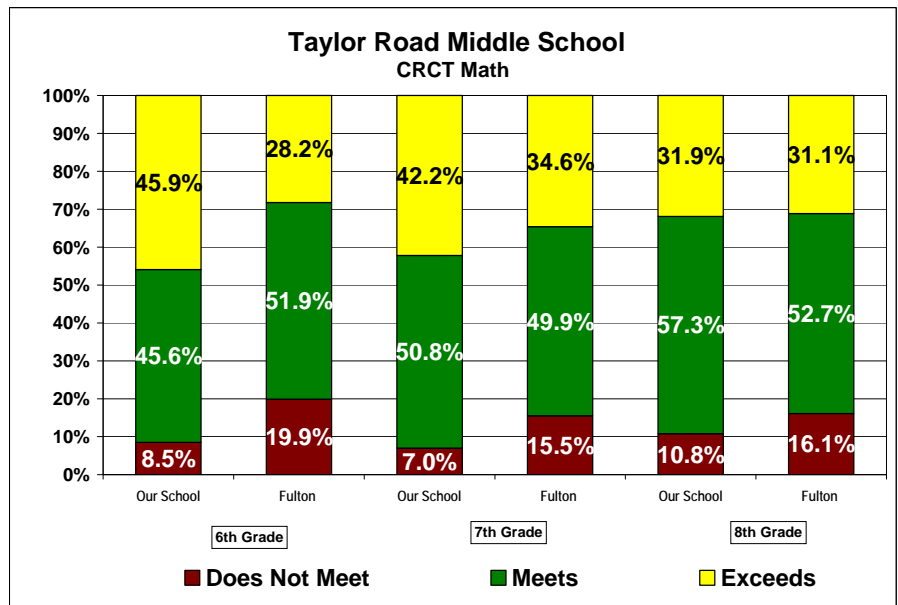
The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) are given in grades one through eight. The test measures specific skills included in the Georgia core curriculum that are considered essential for continued academic progress.

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.

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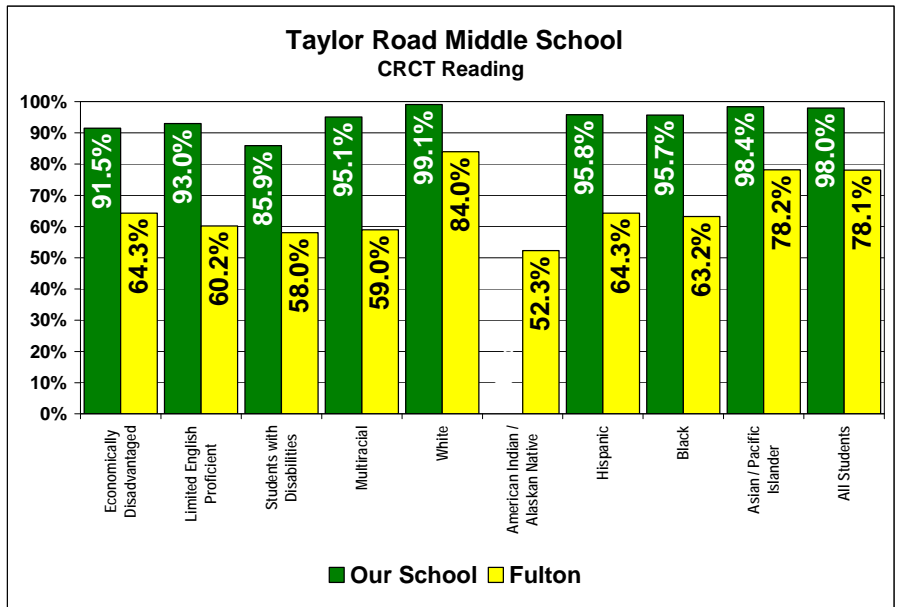
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Reading Achievement –

Separated by Our School’s Student Demographics

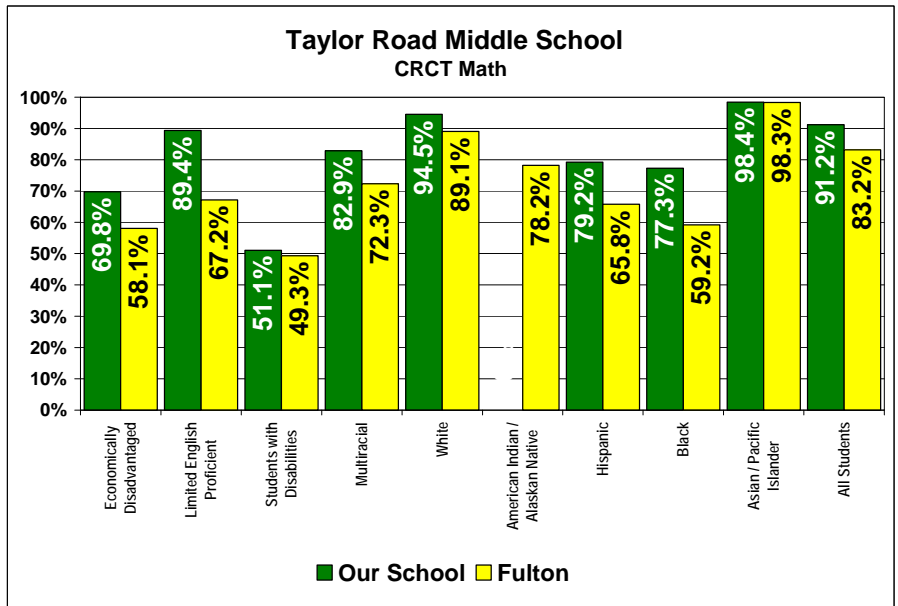
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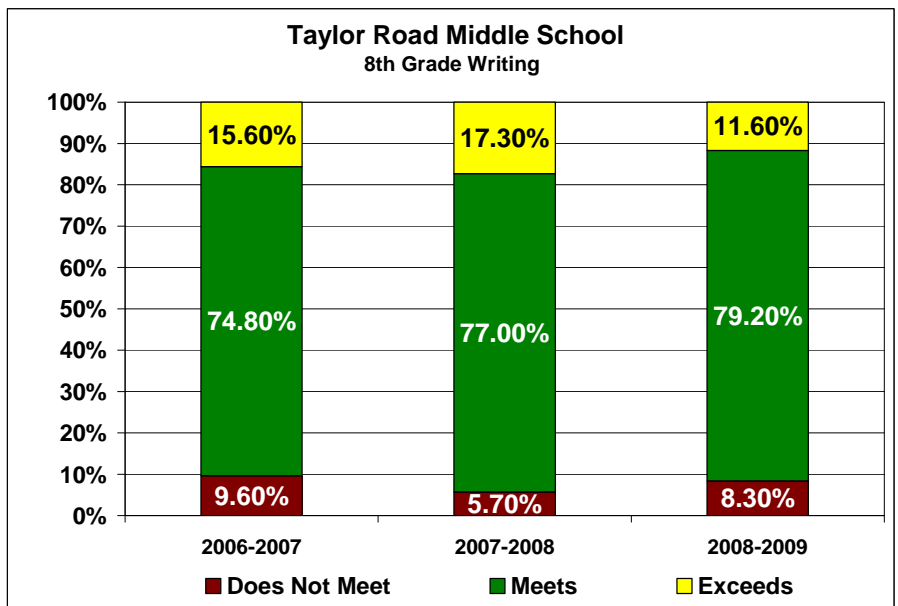
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Grade Eight Writing Assessment

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

- Host site for American Cancer Society's Johns Creek Relay for Life event. Taylor Road raised more money than any other school.
- \$3,000 grant from the Korean American Education Foundation
- State Technology Fair winner
- Orchestra received all superior ratings at the Large Group Performance Evaluation for the 18th consecutive year
- Orchestra invited to perform at State Capitol
- Orchestra invited to perform and raised more than \$1,000 for the Johns Creek Relay for Life
- Student members in The Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra, The Buckhead Youth Orchestra, The Ludwig Symphony and The Fulton Youth Orchestra
- Jazz Band invited to perform at the Georgia Music Educators Association Convention
- Jazz Band invited to participate in the Rialto Jazz for Kids program
- Band rated Superior at Georgia Music Educators' Association Festival
- Four students selected for All-State Chorus
- Four students selected for All-State Band
- Two students selected for All-State Orchestra
- Academic Bowl Team advanced to regional competition
- All three first place winners (sixth, seventh and eighth grade) in the Young Georgia Authors Competition were from Taylor Road
- State Reflections winners
- State Science and Engineering Fair – T-shirt and Pin Design state winner, two student projects advanced to state level
- 18 seventh graders, through Duke TIP (Talent Identification Program), received state recognition for SAT or ACT scores at or above the national average, and five seventh graders received Grand Recognition for scores better than 90% of high school juniors and seniors
- Energy Star award as an energy efficient building
- Annual Flag Ceremony to honor our diverse cultural heritages.
- Highest End of Course Test results in Geometry in Fulton County
- MathCounts – Gold Level Club and three students qualified for state competition
- 180 students qualified for Junior Beta Club, fulfilling the service hour requirements

Other Notable Achievements

- Earned scholarship for five students to participate in summer program in Korea sponsored by the Korean Language and Culture Foundation
- Five advanced degrees earned by staff members
- First chair bass in the Georgia All-State Orchestra
- Health Teacher of the Year for Fulton County Schools
- Health Teacher of the Year, Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
- Faculty member named Master Teacher
- 21st Century Technology Contest faculty winner
- Teacher recognized by *The Atlanta Voice* as an exemplary educator
- No Bully Club featured on 11Alive News
- "No Place for Hate" award/ banner from the Anti-Defamation League – first middle school in Georgia and first school in Fulton County to receive the banner
- Taylor Road was the honored guests at the Abe Goldstein Annual Community of Respect Dinner for our ongoing activities to create a community of respect. Students produced and illustrated an "Everyone is Equal" calendar which was distributed to 1,500 guests.
- Participants in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington

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