

Autrey Mill 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 math achievement.

Results – Autrey Mill Middle School saw major growth in the area of math achievement. Of particular interest is that we saw a 7% increase in the number of Level 3 students schoolwide. Ninety-six percent of sixth graders met and exceeded expectations, 95% of seventh graders met and exceeded expectations, and 94% of eighth graders met and exceeded expectations. Sixty-nine percent of seventh and eighth grade students with disabilities met and exceeded expectations.

Objective – Improve science achievement.

Results – Across the board, particularly among students with disabilities, Autrey Mill saw growth in science achievement. Of particular interest is the 5% increase in the number of level 3 students schoolwide. Ninety-four percent of sixth graders, 93% of seventh graders, and 86% of eighth graders met and exceeded expectations. Among students with disabilities, 67% of seventh graders and 60% of eighth graders met and exceeded expectations.

Objective – Improve writing achievement.

Results – On the Eighth Grade Georgia Writing Assessment, 91% of students met and exceeded expectations. Among students with disabilities, 64% of students met and exceeded expectations. Although our scores are good, we did not meet our expectations in the area of writing achievement, and we have several programs in place to address this area during the 2009-10 school year.

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.

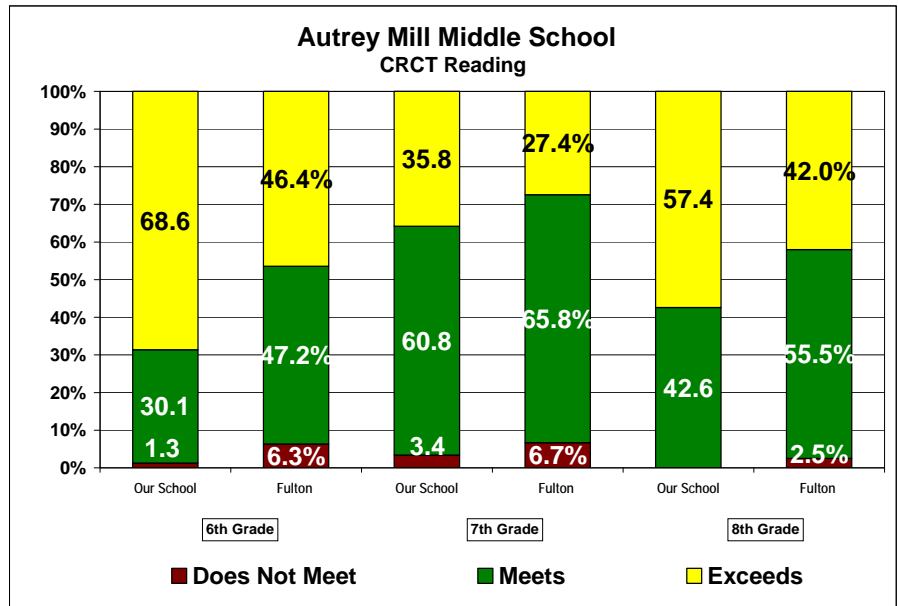
2008-09 Academic Achievement

Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests

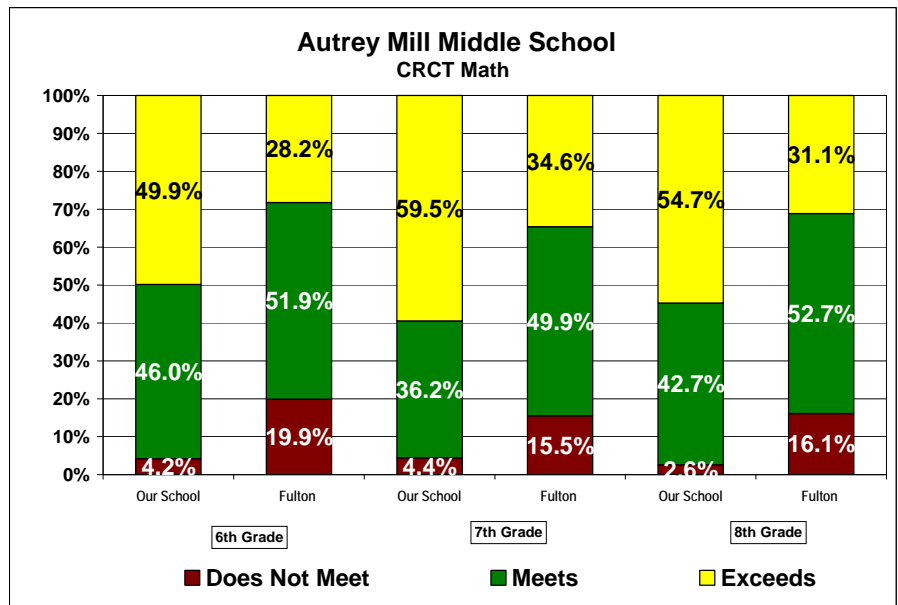
The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) are given in grades one through eight. The test measures specific skills included in the Georgia core curriculum that are considered essential for continued academic progress.

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



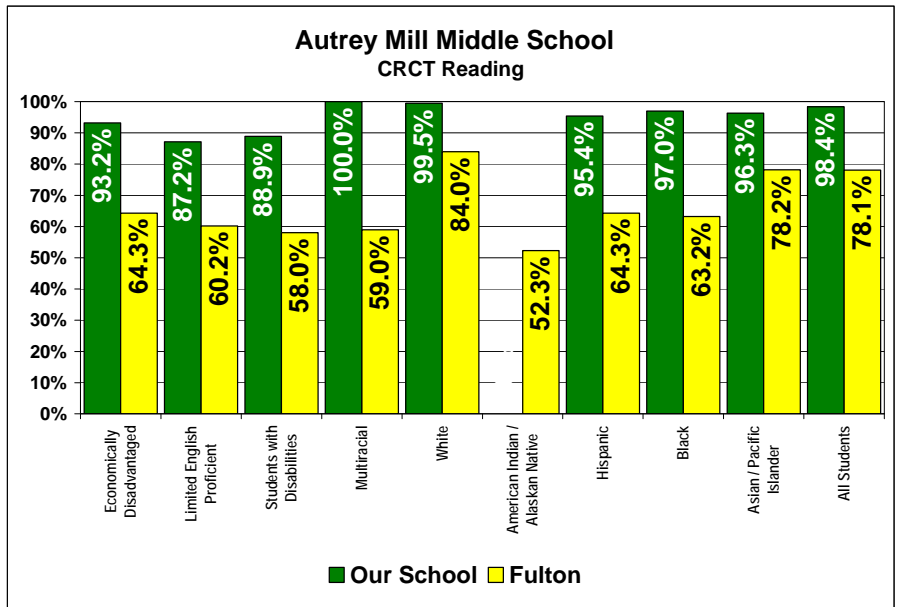
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Reading Achievement –

Separated by Our School's Student Demographics

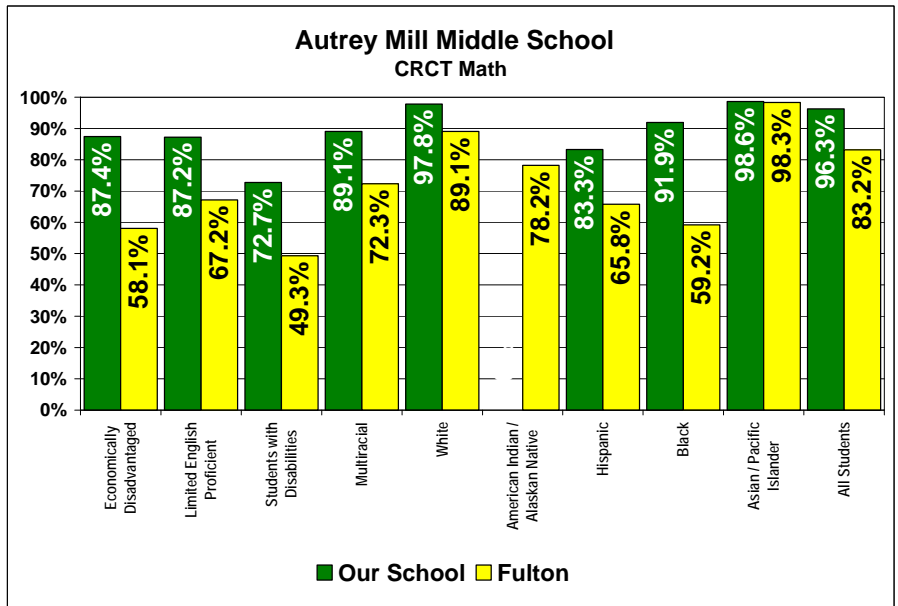
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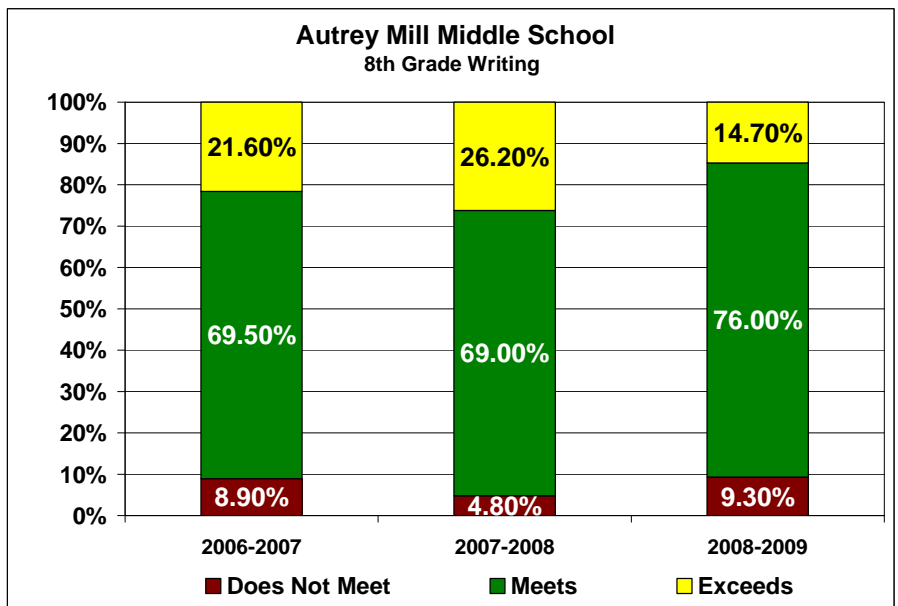
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Grade Eight Writing Assessment

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

- Atlanta Magazine – 2008 Outstanding School
- Georgia Middle School Association – Team of the Year award
- Fulton Education Foundation – Group of the Year “Yes I Can” award
- Georgia Academic Team Association (GATA) State Academic Bowl Tournament – fourth place
- Power Over Prejudice Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Anti-Prejudice Consortium
- Georgia Music Educators Association – Large Group Performance Evaluation (GMEA LGPE) superior rating for eighth grade band
- GMEA LGPE excellent rating for seventh grade band
- Band – one participant in All State
- Band – winds ensemble played at the Governor’s Mansion
- Bel Canto Chorus – performed national anthem at a Braves game
- Bel Canto Chorus – performed at the Governor’s Mansion
- Chorus – three participants in All State
- Chorus – six participants in District 5 Honor Choir
- Chorus – four participants in Spivey Hall Honor Choir
- Chorus – one participant in American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) National Honor Choir
- Orchestra – GMEA LGPE straight superiors
- Orchestra – five participants in All State
- State Reflections winners
- State Technology winners
- State Science Fair winners
- State Social Science Fair winners
- Washington Leadership Conference participants
- Take One National Board Certification School
- Duke TIP – 15 state and five regional honorees
- Energy Star award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Participation in Youth Leadership Initiative’s National Mock Election
- 100% faculty PTA membership
- PTA Golden Apple Award for volunteerism
- Georgia Press Association’s Journalism Award for yearbook
- Cultural exchange and collaboration with social studies classes from several countries
- All eighth grade students participated in and presented individual IMPACT (Influencing My Peers and Changing Tomorrow) projects
- Led the county in staff contributions for Fulton’s Charitable Fund
- Annual Walk-A-Thon raised more \$3,000 for a sister middle school to purchase school sweatshirts for students who could not afford them.
- Annual Multicultural Night honored our diverse population with a tribute to different cultures. More than 400 attended.

Other Notable Achievements

- Georgia Junior Thespians award recipient
- River of Words state writing competition winner
- Geography Bee – state qualifier
- Young Georgia Authors winner
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese – national student award winner
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese – Georgia chapter winner
- Fulton County Middle School Teacher of the Year county finalist
- Georgia Master Teacher award
- National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Science Fellowship Teacher award
- Teacher featured on Promethean Planet
- International Technology Education Association – Distinguished Technology Educator of the Year
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese – Middle School Outstanding Teacher of the Year

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