

Wilson Creek 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 first through third grade students scoring at Level 3 on the CRCT in language arts. The baseline for first was 42%, second was 58%, and third was 55%.

Results – First grade increased to 50% and third grade increased to 61%. Second grade decreased to 46%. However, as a cohort group, the percentage of students exceeding expectations increased. We will continue to use the same strategies and analyze data to identify any weaknesses.

Objective – Increase the percentage of fourth and fifth grade students scoring at Level 3 on the CRCT in reading. The baseline for fourth was 63% and fifth was 55%.

Results – Both grades exceeded the target with fourth at 68% and fifth at 57%. Teachers will continue to analyze data to identify weak standards and elements that need to be reinforced in the 2009-10 school year. The L to J Program (developed by Lee Jenkins) will be implemented schoolwide during the 2009-10 school year to increase vocabulary retention and improve reading comprehension.

Objective – Create a consistent writing program with K-5 implementation of the 6+1 Traits Program.

Results – Our target for this goal was a mean score of 242 and we earned a 241. We have made great strides in establishing a consistent writing program that increases in rigor yearly. Teachers are modeling a variety of strategies to improve student writing. Writing will continue to be a focus of our faculty meetings and Early Release Days during the 2009-10 school year.

Objective – Decrease number of students who scored Level 1 on the CRCT in math in 2007.

Results – We successfully reduced the number of students scoring at Level 1 from 24 to 14. This indicates a 58% improvement rate.

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 improve to better help each and every student reach their 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.

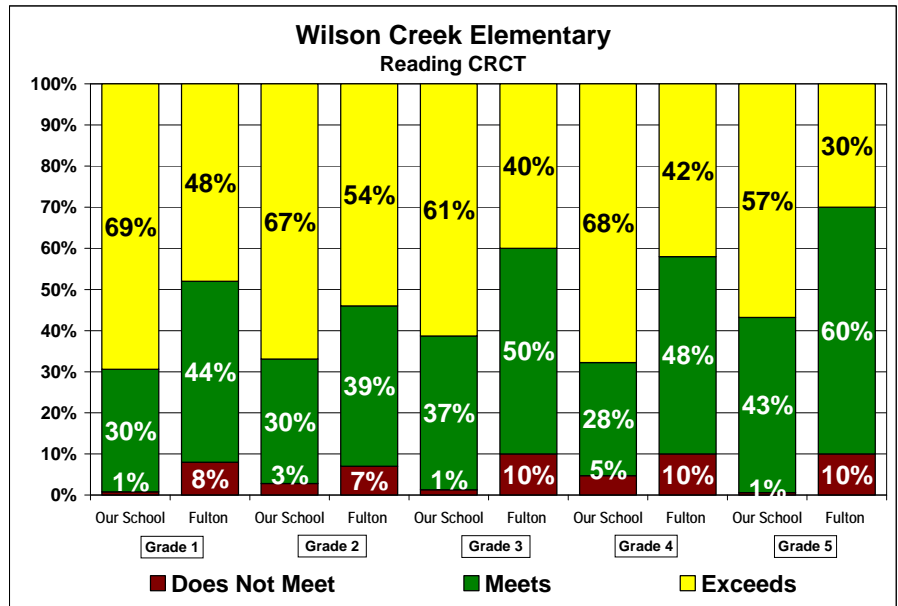
2008-09 Academic Achievement

Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests

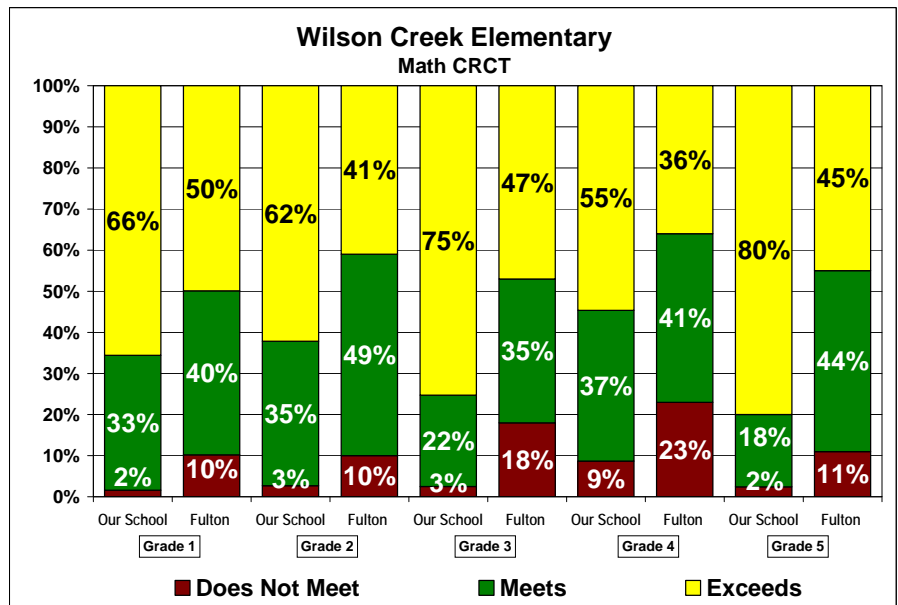
The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) are given in grades one through eight. The test measures specific skills included in the Georgia core curriculum that are considered essential for continued academic progress.

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



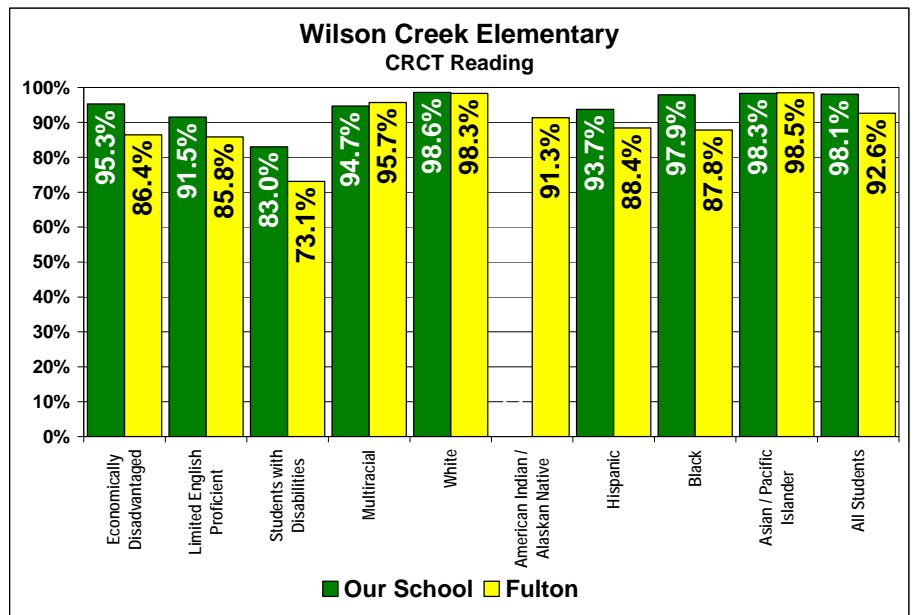
Math Achievement – Our School vs. Fulton County Averages



Reading Achievement –

Separated by Our School's Student Demographics

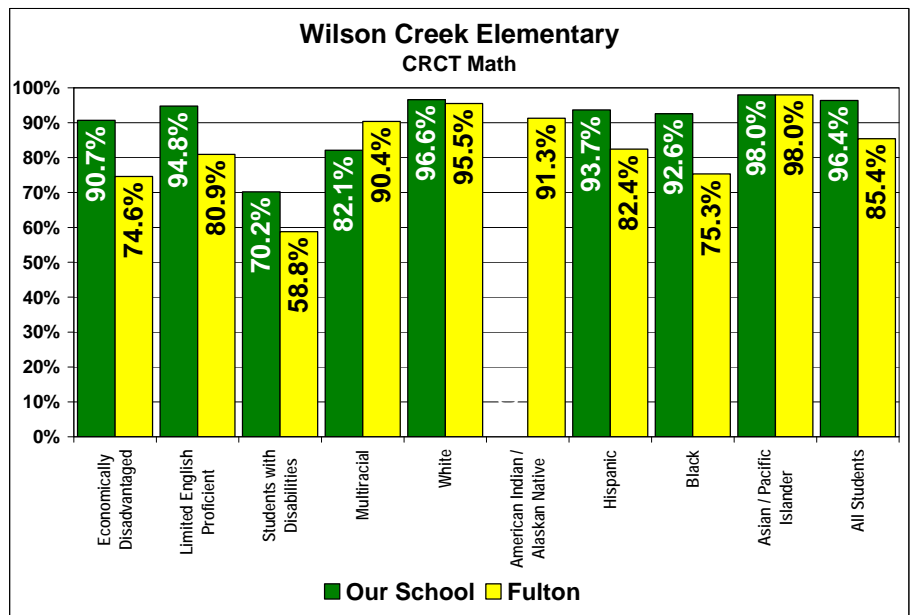
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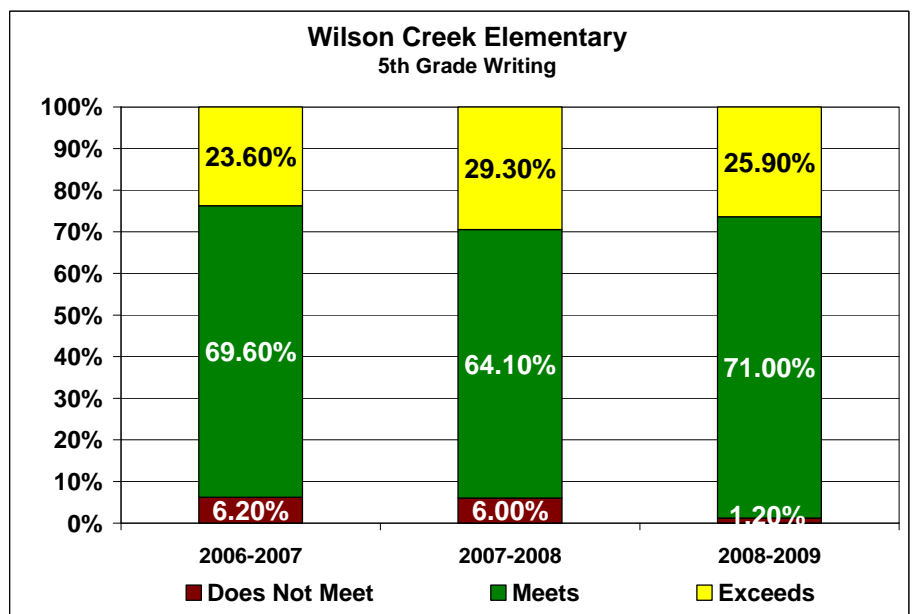
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Grade Five Writing Assessment

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

- Received a Gold Award from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for highest percentage of students meeting and exceeding standards
- Received a State Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Award for second grade mathematics
- Georgia Master Teacher
- Golden Apple award for school volunteerism
- National Association of Elementary School Principals Honor Student Council of Excellence
- Highest participation in the Atlanta Braves All-Star Student Achiever Award
- Students read more than 1.6 million minutes in our Million Minutes Program
- PTA-sponsored Science Force Program conducted parent-led labs for all grade levels
- PTA-sponsored Artist Day allowed students to attend a variety of sessions and to learn about many different types of art
- Heart Safe School designated by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Partnered with Northview High School to provide high school mentors to help in classrooms and work with students
- Over 100 fourth and fifth graders participated in the Battle of the Books
- Six students were recognized and awarded by the North Fulton Council PTA Reflections contest. Two of the students went on to be state winners.
- Certified an Evergreen School by Keep North Fulton Beautiful
- PTA received the Eagle Owl Visionary Pin, the highest membership award given
- 100% of the faculty joined PTA

Other Notable Achievements

- Participated in the National Anthem Project
- Recipient of Target field trip grants
- Energy Star award designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Established the Wilson Creek Elementary School Educational Foundation
- All teachers were trained in the use of the WIDA (Class Instructional Design and Assessment) standards which help in the instruction of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students
- Wilson Creek raised more than \$12,000 for organizations such as Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, Jingle Jog, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and the South Cobb High School Marching Band so they could attend the Presidential Inauguration. Food and clothing drives were also highly successful.
- Started the "Green Team" made up of students, teachers and parents for the purpose of schoolwide recycling

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