

## Seaborn Lee 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** – Improve math scores on the CRCT and ITBS in Grades 3-5

**Results** – Overall gains were made in the area of math for grades 3-5 as it relates to both the CRCT and ITBS. In third grade, students increased two percentile points and in fifth grade, students increased seven percentile points on the ITBS. The CRCT yielded a 77% pass rate in math for third grade and fifth grade had a 25% increase, ending the year with a 72% pass rate in math. Students did an exceptional job in increasing the Level 3 percentages (exceeds expectations). Thirty percent of third grade students exceeded expectations, which was a 12% increase for third grade. Twenty-one percent of fourth grade students exceeded expectations. This was a 7% increase for fourth grade. Fifteen percent of fifth graders exceeded expectations, which was a 9% increase for fifth grade.

**Objective** – Improve student scores on the Georgia Writing Assessment

**Results** – Overall there was an increase of 2% for fifth grade students meeting and exceeding standards. The overall pass rate was 85%. The average score for conventions and the mean score remained the same. This constitutes a 49% increase in a six-year period on the Fifth Grade Georgia Writing Assessment.

**Objective** – Improve English/language arts on the ITBS and CRCT

**Results** – Overall gains were made in the area of English/language arts for grades 3-5 as it relates to both the CRCT and ITBS. In third grade, students increased five percentile points and in fifth grade, students increased one percentile point on the ITBS. The CRCT remained at the same pass rate in English/language arts for third grade. Fifth grade had an 6% increase and ended the year with a 72% pass rate in English/language arts. Students did an exceptional job in increasing the Level 3 percentages. Nineteen percent of third grade students exceeded expectations and 20% of fourth grade students exceeded expectations. This was a 3% increase for fourth grade. Twenty-one percent of fifth graders exceeded expectations, which was a 12 percent increase for fifth grade.

**Objective** – Improve science, health instruction and comprehension on the ITBS and CRCT

**Results** – Third grade increased three percentile points and fifth grade decreased one percentile point on the ITBS. On the CRCT, third grade increased two percentage points, fourth grade two percentage points, and fifth grade increased three percentage points. Fifth grade did an exceptional job increasing the number of students in Level 3 in science. Forty percent were Level 3, which constituted an eight percentage point increase.

### 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.

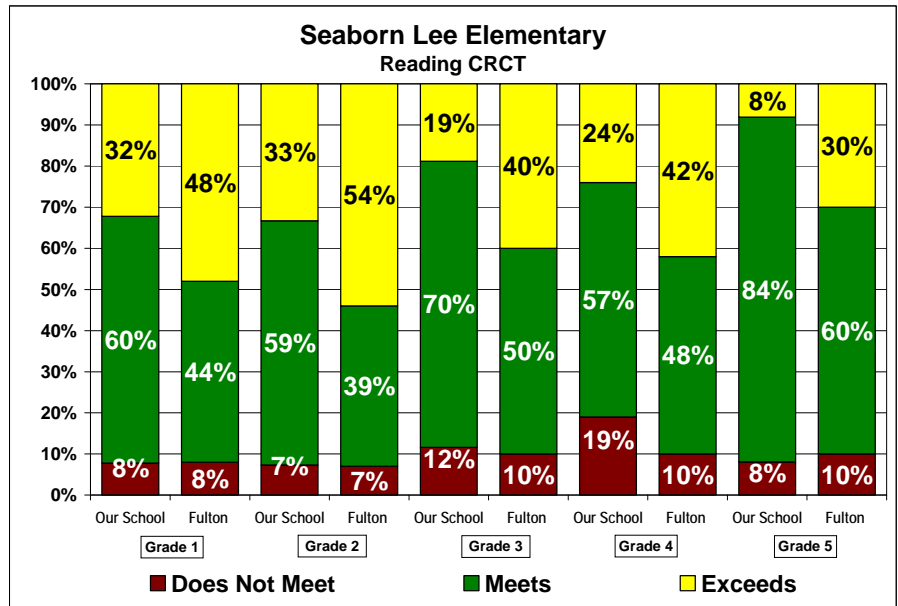
# 2008-09 Academic Achievement

## Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests

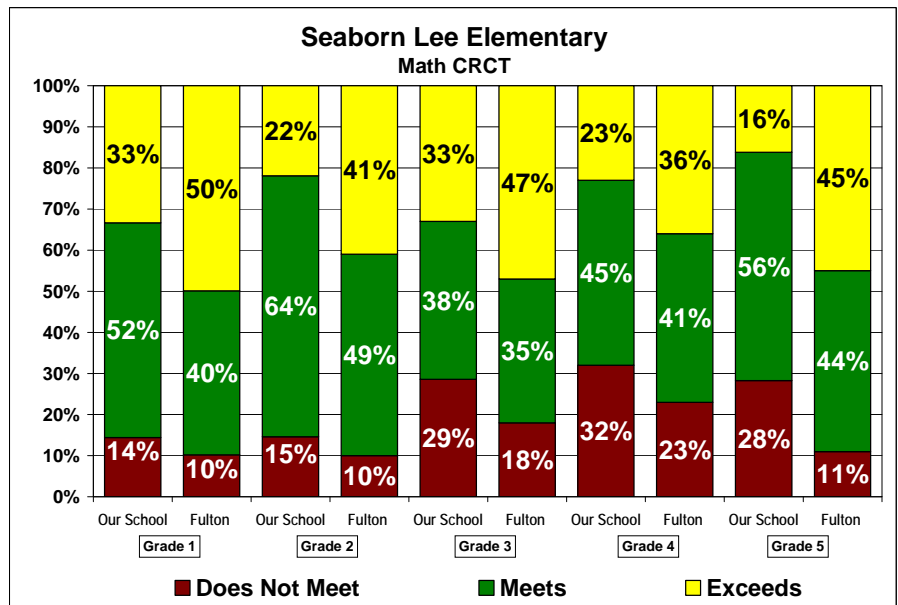
The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) are given in grades one through eight. The test measures specific skills included in the Georgia core curriculum that are considered essential for continued academic progress.

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



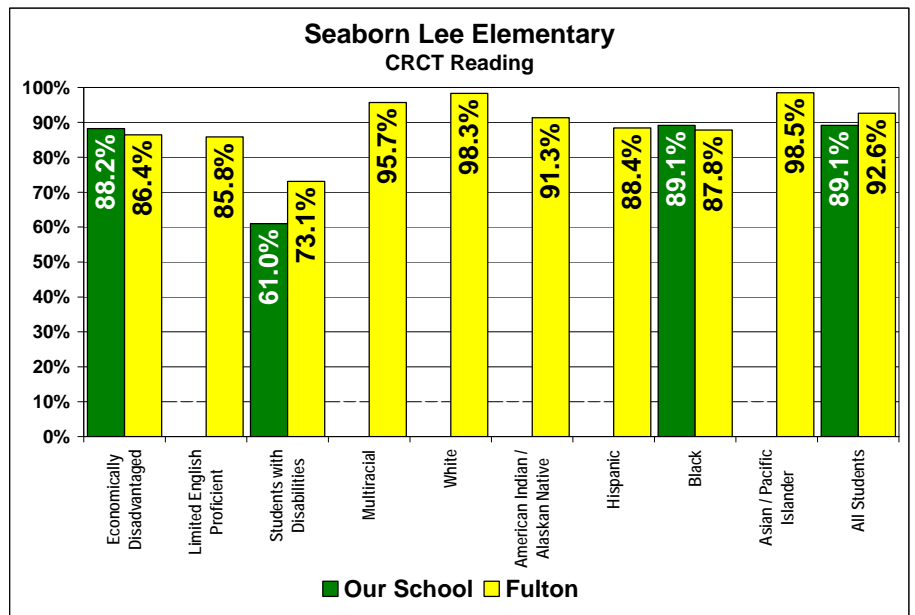
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## Reading Achievement –

### Separated by Our School's Student Demographics

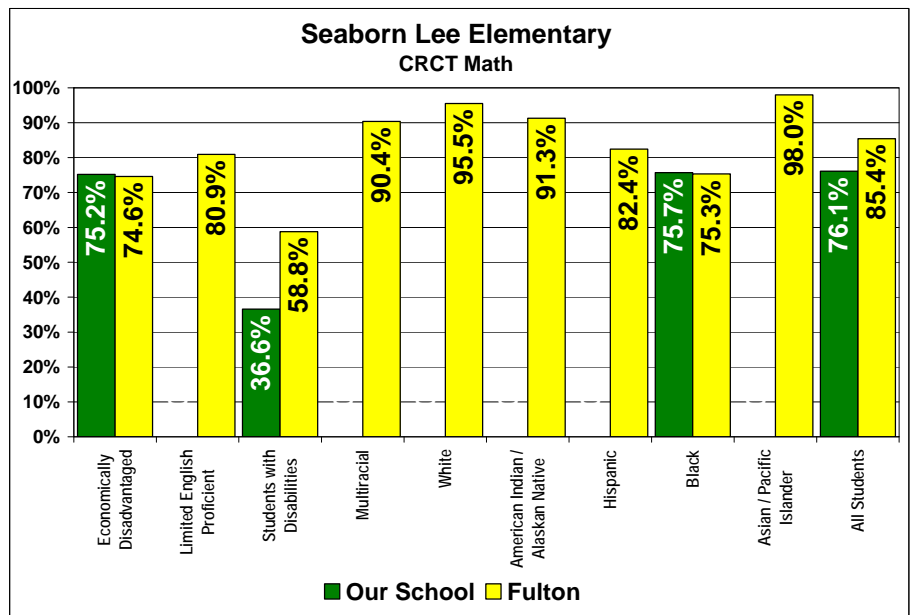
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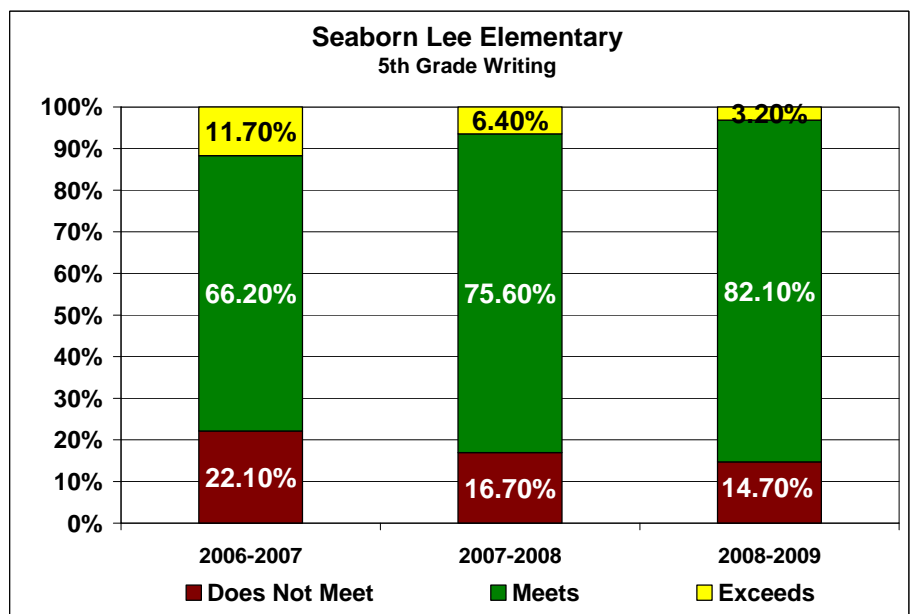
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## Grade Five Writing Assessment

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

- Seventh year for making Adequate Yearly Progress
- Title I Distinguished School for a fifth consecutive year
- Voyager Literacy Program Silver Award
- Voyager End-of-Year Literacy Teacher Awards
  - Seven Platinum awards (96-100% on-track)
  - Four Gold awards (90-95% on-track)
  - Two Silver awards (80-89% on-track)
- International-level Media Festival award winner
- First place winner in the county Media Festival
- First place winner in the state Media Festival
- Second place in the county Technology Fair
- Legal Lives Mock Trial participant and award winners – awards given to best judge, best plaintiff by the Fulton County District Attorney's office (first South Fulton school to participate)
- Fulton County Youth Leadership Recognition – Seaborn Lee student selected by Fulton County Commissioners to participate in programming that taught leadership through entrepreneurship.
- Wolf Trap School for the Alliance Theatre's Literacy through Drama – selected to be a part of the new Arts Schools Council
- Georgia Public Broadcasting/PBS special highlighting Seaborn Lee's Wolf Trap model lesson
- Atlanta Journal Constitution's Golden Carrot Award winner
- AmeriGroup Healthy Hero Award Winner – \$1,000 donated on behalf of principal and the Seaborn Lee staff
- American Diabetes Association Commitment Award winner
- Bronze-level award winner for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation sponsored by the William Clinton Foundation
- Fulton County Board of Commissioners Proclamation granted for Healthy Kids/Smart Kids Initiative
- Selected National Cares Mentoring School by the Kellogg Company. Company mentored on Thursdays and gave incentives for students with literacy goals.
- O Ambassador program participant – the Oprah's Angel Network and Feed the Children Foundation supported this effort
- Four students chosen to participate in fitness video for Fulton County Government's cable station, FGTV
- Principal and Seaborn Lee highlighted on TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network) for Healthy Kids/Smart Kids initiative

### Other Notable Achievements

- \$4,343 received from the Georgia Council for the Arts for the Wolf Trap Program through the Alliance Theatre
- \$100 Kiwanis Club Scholarship for Most Improved Student Award
- \$2,000 Donors Choose grants for classroom supplies
- \$1,000 given to Seaborn Lee to donate to the charity of choice. Money was donated to the American Diabetes Association.
- \$1,000 donation of computers and monetary gifts from Tavern at JR Crickets. This organization also sponsored the school's first community health fair.
- \$500 from 100 Black Men South Metro Chapter grant for teacher materials and supplies.
- \$1,000 Andrew and Walter Young 21 Century Grant recipient
- \$500 Carole Carter Scholarship
- \$500 Dr. Paul Harvey Scholarship
- \$500 scholarship given to fifth grade graduates on behalf of Steve B. Ridges
- \$400 Publix in-kind donation to support Healthy Kids/Smart Kids Initiative
- \$300 donation of dictionaries from the Atlanta Airport Rotary Club
- \$590 technology scholarship for purchase of educationcity.com math software
- Atlanta Spirit grant through the Prodigy Project to support student literacy

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