



## PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# *“District Superintendent Pleased Again with Higher Student Test Scores”*

Following last year's increases in scores on the SAT-9, Dr. Gary Smith, Superintendent of Education, said that, “Increased student achievement continues as top priority and demonstrates the District's commitment to accountability for students and school performance.” What PCSSD is doing is working, Smith said.

Dr. Smith went on to say, “With the substantial growth our District realized in last year's test scores, many wanted to know if that growth would be sustained this year. The good news I have to report is that it was. In fact, if you look at our overall test results, we have either sustained or improved on our SAT-9 scores of last year.” Dr. Smith added, “I have said we **will** focus on raising student achievement, and this makes two years in a row the scores are up.”

In PCSSD, student achievement is the number one priority. Individual School Action Plans have led to the development of strategies that are accomplishing that purpose. The Action Plans are different for each school. Principal, teachers, and other

staff develop learning strategies to meet the unique educational needs and strengths of students at their school.

In particular, this year's SAT-9 scores for third grade is remarkable evidence that a new baseline has been established. PCSSD's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade scores showed a five percentile gain on the SAT-9 Complete Battery. This significant gain is expected to provide positive grade level growth during subsequent years, with higher scores coming each year as those 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students matriculate to the next grade level. All grades at the elementary level showed an increase or remained steady.

In the secondary schools, emphasis is still being placed on Performance Assessment and free administration of the Preliminary ACT (PLAN) college entrance test for 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Schools are looking at expected school-wide learning results and are reassessing their individual school's Action Plan. Professional staff development is geared to improve student achievement and evidence of this improvement is seen in gains for nearly 60% of schools for 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders on the Complete Battery as compared to last year.

Dr. Smith said substantial efforts by the District's principals, teachers, and students have all paid-off. Smith credited school Action Plans, along with continued emphasis on SmartStart, Performance Assessment, Balanced Literacy, Curriculum alignment, and the state's ACTAAP initiatives as moving the District forward. "Two years of sustained test growth is very significant for a district of our size," Smith said.

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## SAT-9 Complete Battery: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Overall District Results for Fall 1998, 1999, & 2000

***Gains vs. Decreases Compared to Previous School Years***  
**Data Provided are National Percentile Rank Scores**

Complete Battery <sup>1</sup>	Fall 1998	Fall 1999	Change	Fall 1999	Fall 2000	Change
District-Wide <i>Third</i> Grade	41	40	-1	40	45	+5
District-Wide <i>Fourth</i> Grade	39	40	+1	40	40	Steady
District-Wide <i>Fifth</i> Grade	41	44	+3	44	45	+1
District-Wide <i>Sixth</i> Grade	48	47	-1	47	47	Steady
District-Wide <i>Seventh</i> Grade	44	46	+2	46	47	+1
District-Wide <i>Ninth</i> Grade	46	47	+1	47	45	-2
District-Wide <i>Tenth</i> Grade	48	48	Steady	48	49	+1

<sup>1</sup> Latest scores reflect "General Population" test data.

## PCSSD: SAT-9 Complete Battery – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Gains vs. Decreases Compared to Previous Year

General Population/Complete Battery	Fall 99	Fall 00	UP	Down
District-Wide Elementary	40	45	5	
Adkins Elementary	24	28	4	
Arnold Drive Elementary	56	60	4	
Baker Elementary	58	68	10	
Bates Elementary	27	33	6	
Bayou Meto Elementary	38	42	4	
Cato Elementary	37	44	7	
Clinton Elementary	40	39		1
College Station Elementary	68	69	1	
Crystal Hill Elementary	31	51	20	
Dupree Elementary	42	38		4
Fuller Elementary	46	<i>merged into new Bates</i>		
Harris Elementary	28	35	7	
Jacksonville Elementary	33	32		1
Landmark Elementary	32	32	<b>Steady</b>	
Lawson Elementary	47	40		7
Oak Grove Elementary	38	39	1	
Oakbrooke Elementary	51	61	10	
Pine Forest Elementary	50	59	9	
Pinewood Elementary	38	44	6	
Robinson Elementary	41	47	6	
Scott Elementary	16	33	17	
Sherwood Elementary	31	40	9	
Sylvan Hills Elementary	47	56	9	
Taylor Elementary	37	32		5
Tolleson Elementary	52	50		2

## PCSSD: SAT-9 Complete Battery – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Gains vs. Decreases Compared to Previous Year

General Population/Complete Battery	Fall 99	Fall 00	UP	Down
District-Wide Elementary	40	40	Steady	
Adkins Elementary	31	33	2	
Arnold Dr. Elementary	56	62	6	
Baker Elementary	63	65	2	
Bates Elementary	20	33	13	
Bayou Meto Elementary	40	39		1
Cato Elementary	37	42	5	
Clinton Elementary	34	35	1	
College Station Elementary	63	73	10	
Crystal Hill Elementary	39	36		3
Dupree Elementary	38	45	7	
Fuller Elementary	36	n/a	n/a	
Harris Elementary	33	26		7
Jacksonville Elementary	29	33	4	
Landmark Elementary	27	24		3
Lawson Elementary	41	43	2	
Oak Grove Elementary	30	33	3	
Oakbrooke Elementary	56	39		17
Pine Forest Elementary	52	57	5	
Pinewood Elementary	45	38		7
Robinson Elementary	54	36		18
Scott Elementary	17	22	5	
Sherwood Elementary	45	35		10
Sylvan Hills Elementary	39	42	3	
Taylor Elementary	26	38	12	
Tolleson Elementary	47	62	15	

## PCSSD: SAT-9 Complete Battery – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Gains vs. Decreases Compared to Previous Year

General Population/Complete Battery	Fall 99	Fall 00	UP	Down
District-Wide Elementary	44	45	1	
Adkins Elementary	22	30	8	
Arnold Dr. Elementary	65	64		1
Baker Elementary	59	65	6	
Bates Elementary	31	31	<b>Steady</b>	
Bayou Meto Elementary	52	47		5
Cato Elementary	42	46	4	
Clinton Elementary	43	31		12
College Station Elementary	61	71	10	
Crystal Hill Elementary	40	40	<b>Steady</b>	
Dupree Elementary	37	55	18	
Fuller Elementary	21	<i>merged into new Bates</i>		
Harris Elementary	25	36	11	
Jacksonville Elementary	21	42	21	
Landmark Elementary	40	30		10
Lawson Elementary	59	41		18
Oak Grove Elementary	44	31		13
Oakbrooke Elementary	54	59	5	
Pine Forest Elementary	62	57		5
Pinewood Elementary	45	50	5	
Robinson Elementary	52	58	6	
Scott Elementary	23	13		10
Sherwood Elementary	48	39		9
Sylvan Hills Elementary	48	46		2
Taylor Elementary	37	31		6
Tolleson Elementary	49	53	4	

## PCSSD: SAT-9 Complete Battery – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Gains vs. Decreases Compared to Previous Year

General Population/Complete Battery	Fall 99	Fall 00	UP	Down
District-Wide Elementary	47	47	<b>Steady</b>	
Adkins Elementary	<i>6<sup>th</sup> grade not at this school</i>			
Arnold Dr. Elementary	66	66	<b>Steady</b>	
Baker Elementary	57	63	<b>6</b>	
Bates Elementary	26	23		<b>3</b>
Bayou Meto Elementary	58	57		<b>1</b>
Cato Elementary	44	53	<b>9</b>	
Clinton Elementary	47	50	<b>3</b>	
College Station Elementary	71	74	<b>3</b>	
Crystal Hill Elementary	51	49		<b>2</b>
Dupree Elementary	<i>6<sup>th</sup> grade not at this school</i>			
Fuller Elementary	37	<i>merged into new Bates</i>		
Harris Elementary	28	24		<b>4</b>
Jacksonville Elementary	<i>6<sup>th</sup> grade not at this school</i>			
Landmark Elementary	36	38	<b>2</b>	
Lawson Elementary	43	56	<b>13</b>	
Oak Grove Elementary	32	46	<b>6</b>	
Oakbrooke Elementary	57	54		<b>3</b>
Pine Forest Elementary	57	60	<b>3</b>	
Pinewood Elementary	<i>6<sup>th</sup> grade not at this school</i>			
Robinson Elementary	51	60	<b>9</b>	
Scott Elementary	34	18		<b>16</b>
Sherwood Elementary	50	41		<b>9</b>
Sylvan Hills Elementary	45	46	<b>1</b>	
Taylor Elementary	<i>6<sup>th</sup> grade not at this school</i>			
Tolleson Elementary	50	56	<b>6</b>	
Jacksonville Middle School	40	38		<b>2</b>

## PCSSD: SAT-9 Complete Battery – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Gains vs. Decreases Compared to Previous Year*

General Population/Complete Battery	Fall 99	Fall 00	UP	Down
District-Wide Middle School/Junior High	46	47	1	
Fuller Junior High	50	56	6	
Jacksonville Middle School	43	46	3	
Northwood Junior High	42	46	4	
Robinson Junior High	52	50		2
Sylvan Hills Junior High	48	46		2
Oak Grove Junior High	45	39		6

## PCSSD: SAT-9 Complete Battery – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Gains vs. Decreases Compared to Previous Year*

General Population/Complete Battery	Fall 99	Fall 00	UP	Down
District-Wide Jr. High	47	45		2
Fuller Jr. High	51	42		9
Jacksonville Jr. High	43	41		2
Northwood Jr. High	43	48	5	
Robinson Jr. High	52	47		5
Sylvan Hills Jr. High	54	52		2
Oak Grove Jr/Sr High	44	43		1

## PCSSD: SAT-9 Complete Battery – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Gains vs. Decreases Compared to Previous Year*

<b>General Population/Complete Battery</b>	<b>Fall 99</b>	<b>Fall 00</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>Down</b>
District-Wide Secondary	48	49	<b>1</b>	
Jacksonville High School	44	47	<b>3</b>	
Mills High School	59	58		<b>1</b>
North Pulaski High School	45	44		<b>1</b>
Oak Grove Senior High	45	48	<b>3</b>	
Robinson High School	48	49	<b>1</b>	
Sylvan Hills High School	50	50	<b>Steady</b>	