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**SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST, NINTH EDITION (SAT-9), GRADES 2 AND 3**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Grades 2 and 3 Standard Curriculum students have improved their performance on the Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition (SAT-9), scores from 2000 to 2001, in both Reading Comprehension and Mathematics: Problem Solving. The SAT-9 is locally administered to Grade 2 students in March of each year. Administrators, faculty, staff, and students worked diligently to improve test scores through a number of District initiatives, which include the *Comprehensive Reading Plan* and *Mathematics and Science Literacy – Bridges to Careers*.

The tables on the following page display the scores of the District's Grades 2 and 3 Standard Curriculum students on the SAT-9, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics: Problem Solving, in 2000 and 2001. **Please be advised that data editing and correcting procedures are still in progress; therefore, all scores should be considered preliminary and subject to change.** The tables on page 2 provide the following information:

Grade 2

- Standard Curriculum students' median percentile scores increased from 2000 to 2001 in both Reading Comprehension and Mathematics: Problem Solving.
- Standard Curriculum students scored above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (the national average) in both Reading Comprehension and Mathematics: Problem Solving in 2000 and 2001.

Grade 3

- Standard Curriculum students' median percentile scores increased from 2000 to 2001 in both Reading Comprehension and Mathematics: Problem Solving.
- The largest increase was seen in Grade 3 students' Reading Comprehension median percentile score, which increased by +10 points.
- Standard Curriculum students scored above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (the national average) in Reading Comprehension in 2001. Standard Curriculum students scored above the national average in Mathematics: Problem Solving in both 2000 and 2001.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive the **Highlights of the Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition (SAT-9), Grades 2 and 3.**

BAS:cb

**PRELIMINARY, UNEDITED HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT  
TEST, NINTH EDITION (SAT-9), GRADES 2 AND 3**

Preliminary, Unedited Grade 2 SAT-9 Median Percentile Scores for  
Standard Curriculum Students: 2000, 2001, and Difference

	<b>National Average</b>	<b>M-DCPS 2000</b>	<b>M-DCPS 2001</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	50	52	54	+2
<b>Mathematics: Problem Solving</b>	50	53	56	+3

Preliminary, Unedited Grade 3 SAT-9 Median Percentile Scores for  
Standard Curriculum Students: 2000, 2001, and Difference

	<b>National Average</b>	<b>M-DCPS 2000</b>	<b>M-DCPS 2001</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	50	42	52	+10
<b>Mathematics: Problem Solving</b>	50	51	56	+5