



# BARROW COUNTY SCHOOLS

*"World class education, hometown values"*

## Press Release

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## Barrow Students Continue to Make Strong Progress on 2011 CRCT

For the fourth consecutive year Barrow County students made significant gains on the Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) based on scores released by the Georgia Department of Education. The CRCT is a criterion-referenced test administered near the end of the year in multiple subjects from grades 3 to 8. Subjects assessed include reading, mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies. Overall, Barrow's results reflect the highest level of achievement the County has posted since Georgia moved to assessments based on more rigorous GPS (Georgia Performance Standards) curriculum in 2006. Of the 30 grade level/subject combinations that were assessed in both 2010 and 2011, Barrow students showed improvement in 24 areas (80% of all grades/subjects). The total pass rate for grades 3 to 8 combined increased in all five academic areas assessed from 2010 levels.

Barrow County also performed well compared to the State of Georgia as a whole. Barrow outperformed the State of Georgia average in 80% of grade level/subjects areas and met or surpassed the average in 93% of those areas. Barrow's total pass rate in reading was higher than 64 percent of Districts in Georgia and higher than 61 percent of Districts in mathematics. The total Barrow County pass rate for all five subject areas assessed was higher than the overall pass rate for Georgia regardless of system.

Dr. Wanda Creel, Superintendent, stated, "We are elated with Barrow County's ongoing student achievement gains. The increase in the number of students meeting or exceeding standards on the state summative assessment is a direct result of the focused efforts of our teachers, students, parents, administrators, and community members. The targeted instructional strategies, differentiated support, and ongoing feedback are having an impact on the learning environment we are striving to ensure where each child is provided quality teaching that meets their individual needs. Barrow County Schools is committed to continuing to hone our skills and instructional practices to make certain our students are successful and competitive in Georgia as well as nationally and internationally."

### All Grades Combined Pass Rate 2007 to 2011 Years Assessed on GPS Standards Only

Subject*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Multi- Year Change
Reading	88.9%	90.5%	90.1%	92.3%	93.0%	+4.1%
English Language/Arts	85.7%	86.4%	87.6%	90.1%	91.9%	+6.2%
Math		71.0%	78.8%	83.4%	84.8%	+13.8%
Science		73.6%	75.2%	78.6%	79.8%	+6.2%
Social Studies			71.9%**	75.9%	77.1%	+5.2%

**Comparisons CRCT 2010 to 2011  
Percentage Meets/Exceeds**

Grade	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		Social Studies	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
3	92%	92%	88%	89%	80%	84%	80%	82%	80%	79%
4	91%	89%	86%	90%	76%	85%	82%	81%	77%	78%
5	91%	92%	93%	94%	87%	90%	81%	80%	74%	75%
6	93%	94%	94%	91%	81%	80%	80%	78%	76%	76%
7	90%	94%	92%	95%	88%	94%	83%	87%	78%	79%
8	96%	97%	94%	93%	76%	76%	65%	70%	70%	74%
<b>Total</b>	92%	93%	90%	92%	83%	85%	79%	80%	76%	77%

**Barrow v. Georgia CRCT 2011  
Percentage Meets/Exceeds**

Grade	Reading		ELA		Math		Science		Social	
	GA	Barrow	GA	Barrow	GA	Barrow	GA	Barrow	GA	Barrow
3	91%	92%	89%	89%	81%	84%	80%	82%	81%	79%
4	88%	89%	88%	90%	81%	85%	79%	81%	77%	78%
5	91%	92%	93%	94%	87%	90%	77%	80%	71%	75%
6	94%	94%	91%	91%	76%	80%	71%	78%	72%	76%
7	91%	94%	93%	95%	89%	94%	82%	87%	75%	79%
8	96%	97%	93%	93%	78%	76%	67%	70%	73%	74%

Percentage of Districts in Georgia Barrow Surpassed on Overall Pass Rate				
Reading	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
64%	59%	61%	68%	59%