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Fifth-Grade Writing Scores Released for Houston County

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The fifth-grade writing scores for Houston County elementary schools have been received from the Georgia Department of Education for 2011. Overall, 91 percent of Houston County fifth-graders met or exceeded standards. On average, Houston County students scored higher than the state by 12 percentage points and above the RESA comparison group by 14 points.

The writing assessment consists of an evaluation of each student's response to an assigned prompt. A passing score is 200. The test places each writer at one of three performance levels: does not meet (score of 100 – 199); meets (200 – 249); or exceeds (250+).

The scores for the system, RESA and state are provided for 2011 and 2010 by both percentages and scale scores.

Grade 5 Writing Assessment				
	Meets + Exceeds		Scale Score	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
System	86%	91%	223	228
RESA	71%	77%	209	214
State	73%	79%	210	214

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