

## ***CMAS Shows Jeffco Headed in Right Direction***

**GOLDEN, Colo. (September 1, 2016)** – Jeffco Public Schools’ 2016 CMAS/PARCC performance shows progress in math. Jeffco exceeded state performance in 18 of the 19 grade-level tests and matched state performance in one grade-level test. The percent of students scoring in the Met or Exceeded Expectations range in math increased for several grade levels, and the proportion of students scoring in the Exceeded Expectations range increased, as well.

While Jeffco students performed well in math, the percent of students scoring in the Met or Exceeded Expectations range for ELA experienced slight declines in every grade level except 4th grade when compared to results from 2014-2015. The proportion of third grade students scoring in the Did Not Yet Meet Expectations range; however, decreased from 17% to 14% while the proportion of third graders scoring in the Exceeded Expectations range increased slightly (4% to 5%).

“This confirms the district’s direction in our improvement plan. We are focusing on deepening algebraic thinking and early reading instruction. CMAS results show the district’s improvement planning is headed in the right direction,” said Executive Director of Instructional Data Services, Carol Eaton.

“We are pleased to be improving in math given the higher level expectations of the CMAS/PARCC assessments,” said Superintendent Dan McMinimee. “Reading will continue to be a focus for our district improvement planning and we won’t be satisfied until all of our students are meeting or exceeding state expectations.”

2016 was the second year CMAS/PARCC tests were administered by the Colorado Department of Education as the state summative measure for ELA and Math. PARCC assessment results are organized into five performance levels: Exceeded Expectations, Met Expectations, Approached Expectations, Partially Met Expectations, and Did Not Yet Meet Expectations. Students who score in the Met and Exceeded Expectations range are considered to be “on track” for college and career readiness.

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Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 86,000 students at 155 schools on 168 campuses. Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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