

## Alpharetta Elementary School

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### Key Results from 2008-09 School Improvement Plans

Improvement plans, which outline current and ongoing school goals, are developed by each Fulton County school. These guide school administrators and teachers toward improving student achievement and overall school success.

**Objective** – To improve student achievement in reading

**Results** –

- Ninety-seven percent of all third, fourth and fifth grade general education students scored 815 or higher on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT). This is a 6% gain from 2007-08 CRCT scores.
- Seventy-three percent of all third, fourth and fifth grade students with disabilities scored 815 or higher on the CRCT. This is a 2% gain from 2007-08 CRCT scores.

**Objective** – To improve student achievement in math

**Results** –

- Ninety-one percent of all third, fourth and fifth grade general education students scored 815 or higher on the CRCT. This is a 11% gain from 2007-08 CRCT scores.
- Sixty percent of all third, fourth and fifth grade students with disabilities scored 815 or higher on the CRCT. This is a 2% gain from 2007-08 CRCT scores.

**Objective** – To improve student achievement in science

**Results** –

- Ninety-four percent of all third, fourth and fifth grade general education students scored 815 or higher on the CRCT. This is a 1% gain from 2007-08 CRCT scores.
- Seventy-seven percent of all third, fourth and fifth grade students with disabilities scored 815 or higher on the CRCT. This is a 2% gain from 2007-08 CRCT scores.

### About this Report

The Fulton County School System uses a framework – called the **Value-Added Performance System** – that guides school leaders in raising student achievement by measuring academic growth as well as performance and by comparing or “benchmarking” against similar schools achieving excellent results.

The system helps answer the questions:

- **How effective are our schools?**
- **How much difference do our schools and teachers make?**
- **How much added value do our schools offer over other schools and school systems?**
- **How can we improve in order to better help each and every student reach his or her fullest potential?**

The Value-Added Performance System uses analytical tools to isolate data that reflects the school’s impact on student learning. It enables the school to focus on factors over which they have control to better focus improvement initiatives.

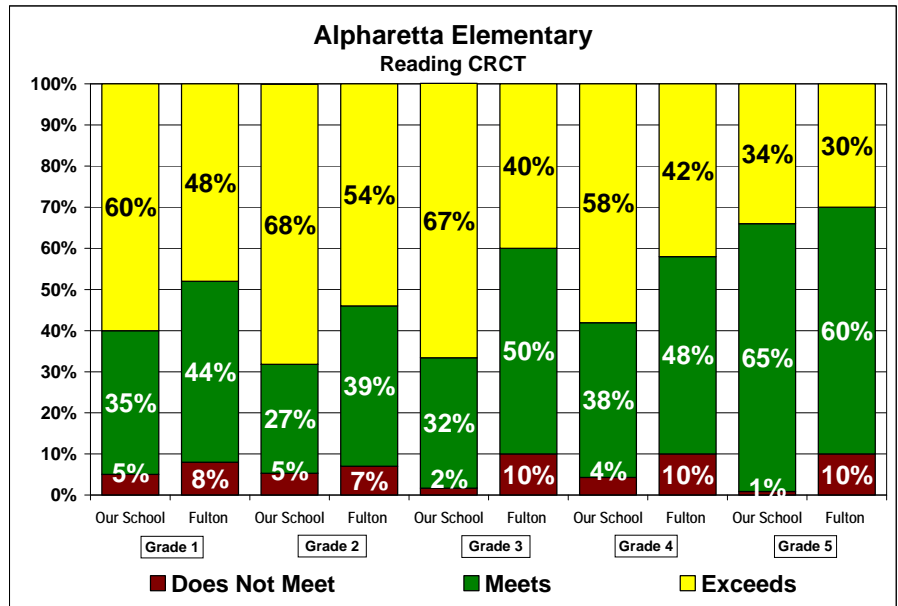
# 2008-09 Academic Achievement

## Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests

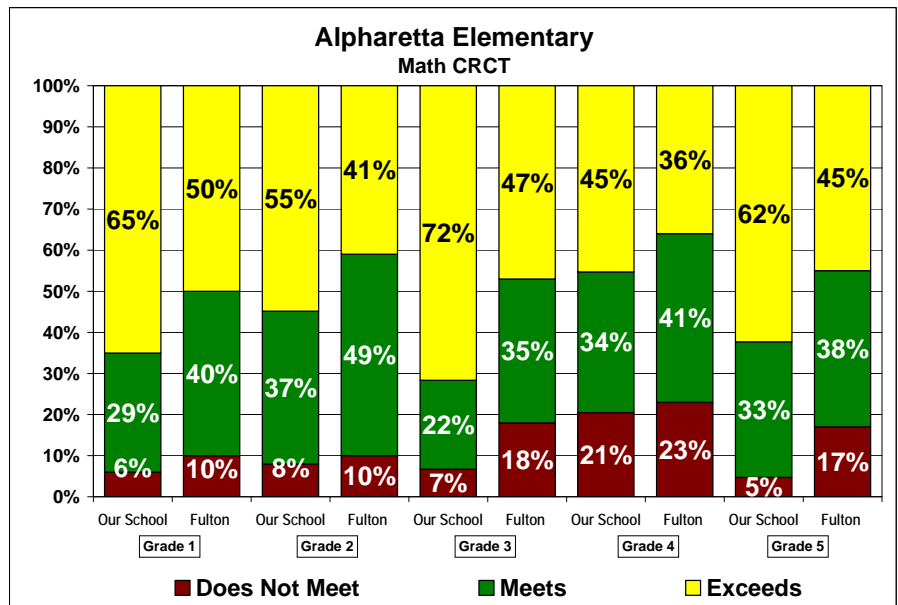
The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) are given in grades one through eight. The test measures specific skills included in the Georgia core curriculum that are considered essential for continued academic progress.

CRCT scores are reported as levels. Level I indicates students do not yet meet expectations. Students scoring at Level 2 meet the state's expectations of being on grade level, and students at Level 3 exceed expectations, or are above grade level. Scores are reported by the percent of students in a school scoring at or above grade level.

### Reading Achievement – Our School vs. Fulton County Averages



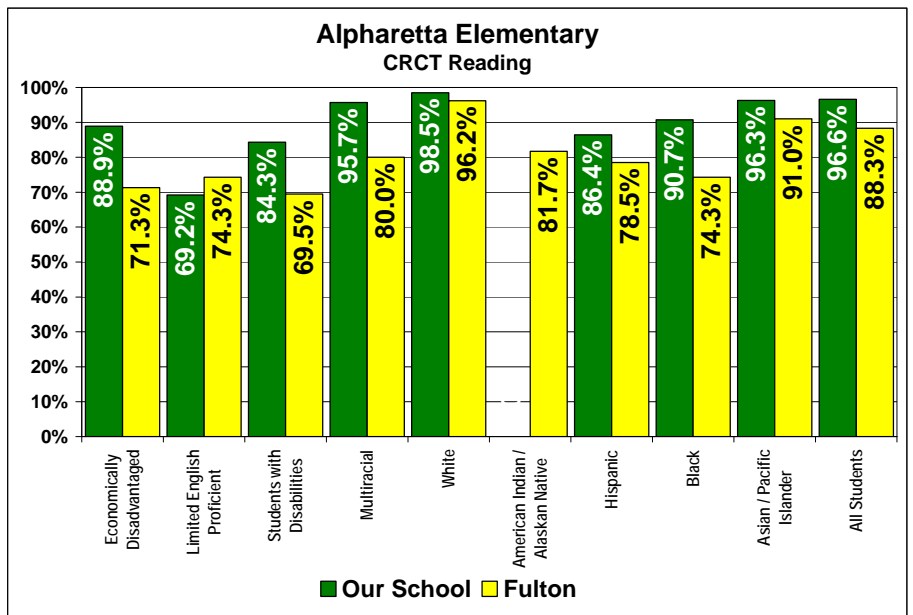
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## Reading Achievement –

### Separated by Our School's Student Demographics

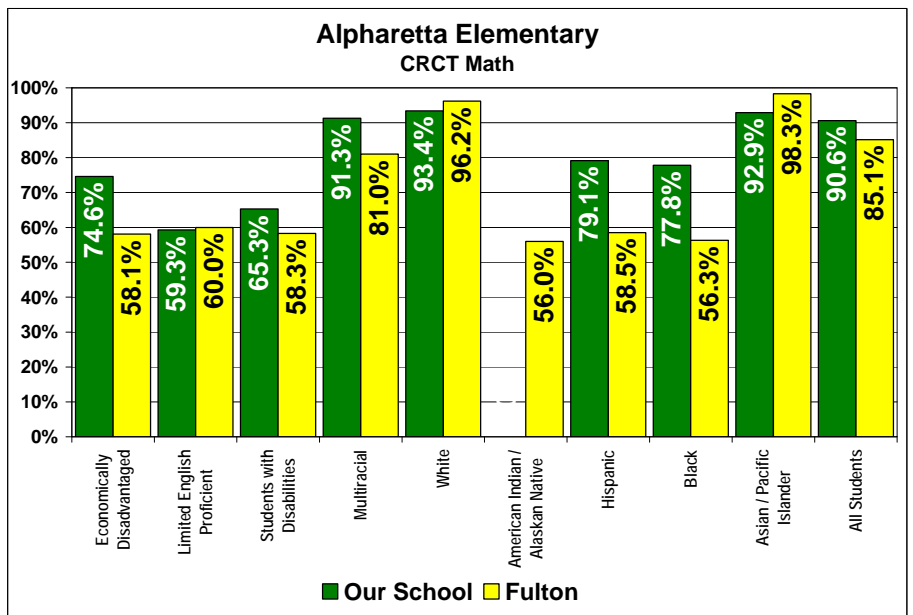
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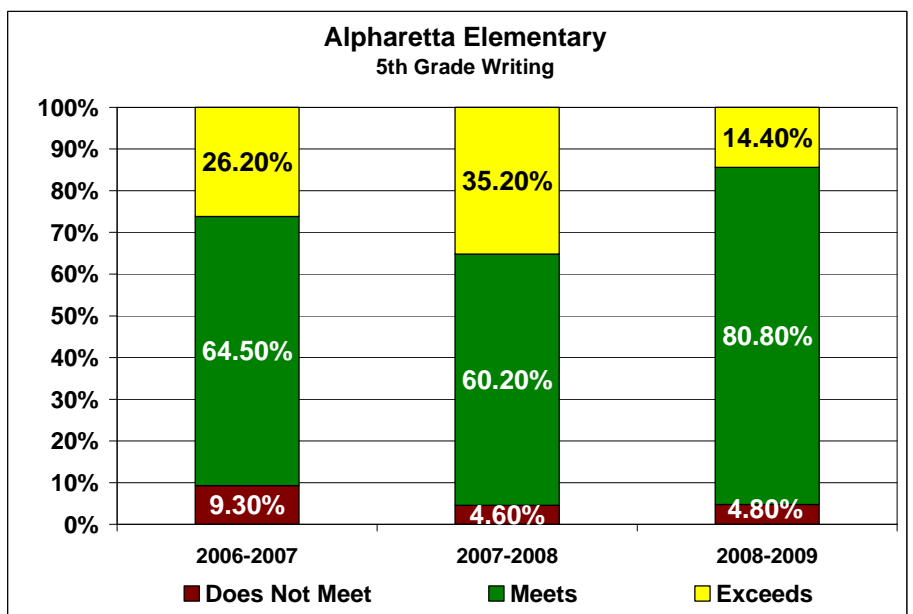
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## Grade Five Writing Assessment

Part of the Statewide Testing Program, fifth grade students are assigned an essay topic in one of three genres: narrative, informational, and persuasive. Students are allowed approximately 120 minutes to write their essays. Papers are scored by trained raters using a standardized scoring system.

Similar to the CRCT, scores are reported as Does Not Meet, Meets and Exceeds Standards.



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## 2008-09 Highlights and Achievements

### Academics and Activities

- Bronze Award for high student performance on the CRCT from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement
- Fulton County Schools' Golden Apple award for exemplary volunteer efforts
- National Board Certified Teachers
- STAR award recognition
- Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year
- Scholastic National Teacher Advisory Board member
- 11Alive Class Act Teacher award
- Fulton County Schools' Pioneer Award for Innovation in the classroom
- County-level Student Media Festival winner
- State-level Student Media Festival winner
- International-level Student Media Festival winner
- Recipient of the Judge's Favorite and Best of Show award at International Student Media Festival
- Fulton County Media Center Showcase Super Star award
- Chairperson of the Fulton County Technology Fair committee
- Teacher Advisory Partner of the "I See Literacy" development team at the High Museum
- Participant in the Georgia Natural Gas TrueBlue School program
- Energy Star award recipient
- Evergreen School award
- Developed schoolwide Science Extravaganza field day
- Participants in the Fulton County Technology Competition
- Recipient of the Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Achievement in Professional Practice at the National Association for Music Therapy
- Featured school in the Continuous Achievement Strategies for Differentiated Instruction, collaborating with Carolyn Chapman, *Differentiated Instructional Strategies*
- Presenter at the National Convention of English Teachers convention
- Presenter at the Georgia Educational Technology conference
- Presenter at the Fulton County Talented and Gifted cluster meeting
- Fulton County curriculum team member for physical education
- Fulton County curriculum team member for mathematics
- Fulton County Business Records Coordinator of the Year

### Other Notable Achievements

- Recipient of the Fulton County Supporters of the Gifted grant
- Recipient of the Bright Ideas Grant for Creativity, sponsored by Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation
- More than \$25,000 awarded in PTA mini-grants

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