



## Media Release

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### **STRONG FORWARD TREND REFLECTED IN STATE FSA RESULTS RELEASED TODAY**

(Bradenton, FL – June 28, 2019) The percentage of Manatee District students scoring Level 3 or Above increased in four of five grades in Mathematics and rose or stayed the same as last year in five of seven grades on the English Language Arts (ELA) exam, according to FSA results released today by the Florida Department of Education.

Manatee District sixth graders increased their math scores by 5 percentage points, from 52% scoring Level 3 or Above in 2018, to 57% in 2019. District fourth graders improved in math by four percentage points, seventh graders by three percentage points, fifth graders by two percentage points and eighth-grade students remained the same as last year.

District fourth and sixth graders led the charge on the English Language Arts exam, both increasing the percentage of Level 3 or Above scores by five percentage points. The fourth graders improved from 51% in 2018, to 56% in 2019, while sixth graders jumped from 47% to 52%.

In End-of-Course (EOC) exams, Manatee District students increased the percentage of students scoring Level 3 or Above by five percentage points in Geometry, from 57% to 62%; and bettered the state in the Algebra 1 EOC with 66% of Manatee District students scoring Level 3 or Above, compared to 62% of students statewide.

Manatee District students also increased their performance on the U.S. History EOC by two percentage points, from 69% last year to 71% this year, and also bettered the state percentage by a point.

“I believe overall, the results we received today reflect a continuation of an upward trend in the performance of our students and schools,” said Superintendent Cynthia Saunders. “I am so thankful for the hard work and dedication of our teachers, principals and all of our support employees. It takes everyone working together to move our students forward.”