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JEFFCO SCHOOLS TOPS THE STATE IN TCAP

The 2012-13 TCAP results show Jeffco's percentage of advanced and proficient students continues to outperform the state in each content area and grade level. Overall, the district's median growth percentile scores met or exceeded the state expectation of the 50th percentile in reading, writing and math.

Jeffco's students show proficiency gains in 17 tests, while sustaining proficiency levels on six other TCAP assessments. Only four test areas have a slight decline in advanced and proficient performance.

Other TCAP points of pride include:

- Eighth and tenth-grade science reach an all-time high with a gain of four percentage points in each grade level for advanced and proficient.
- Fifth-grade science scores sustain previous gains at 59 percent advanced and proficient.
- Median growth percentile scores improve in reading and writing. Third-grade reading, scoring 80 percent advanced and proficient, exceeds the state's performance by seven points.
- Math median growth percentiles sustain strong performance. Jeffco's ninth and tenth graders exceed the state's math proficiency scores by four and five points.
- The district achieves steady increases in fourth and seventh-grade reading and seventh-grade writing proficiency over the past three years.
- An unmatched cohort of Jeffco's free and reduced lunch and Hispanic population show gains in proficient and advanced over the previous three years.

“Our commitment and passion must have inspired our kids because for the first time, none of our secondary scores went down,” said Jeffco Superintendent Cindy Stevenson. “For me, every time I see a percentage point increase I know that approximately 60 real children are on their way to being career and college ready when they leave our Jeffco schools.”