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Third grade scores remain stable

Results from the Colorado Student Assessment Program demonstrate that Douglas County's third graders continue to score well above the state average. Douglas County School District had 83 percent scoring at or above proficient on the exam, which measures how students are performing as compared to the state reading standard.

While the district average slipped one percent from last year, several schools made impressive gains in the percentage of students scoring at the advanced level. Saddle Ranch, Coyote Creek, Cougar Run and Buffalo Ridge all showed gains of 15 percent or more in this category.

For the second year in a row, both Summit View and Pine Grove had at least 90 percent of their third graders scoring at or above proficient.

Results also showed considerable fluctuation in scores for individual schools. While some had a small increase in the percent at or above proficient, several others showed no change, and still others dropped significantly.

According to Assistant Superintendent Elliott Asp, "Such ups and downs are not unexpected in this type of testing. These are not the same students who took the test last year. However, we will be studying the data carefully to see if we can determine what factors may have contributed to this fluctuation. Opening new schools often affects the scores of nearby schools, since students who were in one school last year may be spread across several schools this year. We also need to remember that in small schools, one student's performance can have considerable impact on the percentage of students scoring at any particular performance level."

3rd-Grade Reading	At or Above Proficient	Partially Proficient	Unsatisfactory
Colorado	72%	18%	9%
Douglas County	83%	12%	4%