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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

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SUBJECT: Cut Scores for Duke Talent Search Program

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The Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) identifies and supports high achieving students nominated by parents and school personnel. TIP has used scores from the norm-referenced testing to determine eligibility for students in Florida. Following the legislative decision to eliminate these state tests, the Department of Education's Office of Assessment has provided the chart below to provide 95th percentile cut scores for both scale scores and developmental scale scores (DSS) in Reading and Mathematics for use in making decisions based on FCAT data. Rising fifth graders would reference 2008 Grade 5 FCAT-NRT scores. The purpose of TIP is to identify high achieving children and help them to reach their full potential. Children are identified in 4th/5th grade and/or in 7th grade. More information regarding TIP is available at www.tip.duke.edu.

FCAT SSS Spring 2009 Administration Scale Scores that correlate to the 95th Percentiles

	Scale Score	Developmental Scale Score	Scale Score	Developmental Scale Score
Grade	Reading	Reading	Mathematics	Mathematics
3	407	1950	443	1961
4	398	2041	417	1967
6	393	2164	401	2066

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