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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: District School Superintendents
District MIS Directors

FROM: John L. Winn

SUBJECT: Performance on the Common Placement Test (2004 graduate cohort data)

The Performance on the Common Placement Test report is now available online at this link, http://info.doe.state.fl.us/perfCPT/. Student-level performance data for the 2004 graduate cohort can be accessed via the mainframe as a sequential file or in a formatted report. This mainframe access allows districts to query and print specific information that is needed for local reporting purposes. The data used to produce the Performance on the Common Placement Test report is provided from the Department of Education's K-20 Education Data Warehouse, which collects data across years and surveys. An important change in the report for the 2004 graduate cohort reflects students' best test scores from the CPT, SAT, and ACT exams. Traditionally, the Performance on the Common Placement Test provided first-time-taken CPT test results for the reported cohort of graduates. Many students retake the CPT, SAT, and/or ACT; therefore, it is important to report best test scores to present the most accurate data measuring students' proficiency on college admission exams.

In the event that a duplicate student record appears in a school report, please note that this can occur when the Data Warehouse receives variations in student identifiers over time, such as social security numbers or last name, first name, etc. (i.e., Bill vs. Billy). We ask that districts determine which data is valid for any duplicate listings, as these duplicates were not included in the reports published online. General questions about students' performance on the Common Placement Test or previous years' Readiness for College Reports can be referred to Dr. Pamela Kerouac at pamela.kerouac@fldoe.org or (850) 245-9558.

The following instructions are to assist district MIS directors in accessing student-level performance data via the mainframe. The database name for the sequential file is DPS##.EDW.PERFCPT.DATA.Y0304 (##=district number). The dataset name for the formatted report is DPS##.EDW.PERFCPT.REPT.Y0304 and the following format is provided:

DPS##.EDW.PERFCPT.DATA.Y0304

Starting Position	Element Name	Length
1	District	CHAR 02
3	School	CHAR 04
7	Post-Sec name	CHAR 06
14	Student ID	CHAR 10
24	LAST name	CHAR 15
39	FIRST name	CHAR 15
54	RACE	CHAR 01
55	GENDER	CHAR 01
56	Performance MATH	CHAR 01
57	Performance READ	CHAR 01
58	Performance WRITE	CHAR 01

If you have specific questions, please contact Education Information Services at (850) 245-0400, Suncom 205-0400.

Please note that although CPT scores are important identifiers of students' performance on entry-level placement tests for postsecondary coursework, these scores alone are not the only measure of college readiness. The *High School Feedback Report* provides extensive and multifaceted performance of pre-graduation indicators and post-graduation indicators by school, district, and state. Last year's report can be accessed at http://data.fldoe.org/readiness/ and updates to the data are expected in the coming months. Both the Performance on the Common Placement Test and the *High School Feedback Report* provide important performance information and meaningful data essential for decision making, strategic improvement planning, and action.

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