**Academic Facts: East Carroll School District**

The State education system as a whole has made **real progress** in the past 15 years (more students at basic grade level, fewer dropouts, better school performance) with the implementation of the top-rated School & District Accountability System and other major state policies. But, significant gaps in student achievement remain. While many local school districts have made improvements, we have a long way to go in others. **What remains is a state with a quarter-million kids below minimum basic grade skills (standards which are actually lower than national proficiency), yearly dropouts still in the thousands, and many graduates underprepared for careers or college.** While the State continues to pursue more recent programs that support instructional quality and school choice for at-risk kids, it’s clear that local education officials and educators make the difference in student learning. **Below is a snapshot of some key district academic indicators.**

- **“C” District Performance Grade (2011-12)**
  
  94.1 DPS compared to 100.5 State Performance Score (0-200 point scale); based on state LEAP, iLEAP, dropouts and graduation index. The district ranked #51 out of 69 local school districts.

- **56%** of the district’s 3rd graders at or above **Basic** grade level in reading/language arts knowledge and skills (iLEAP 2012)

- **78%** of the districts 4th graders at or above **Basic** grade level in reading/language arts knowledge and skills; and **87%** at or above **Basic** grade level in **math** (LEAP 2012)

- **59%** of the districts 5th graders at or above **Basic** grade skills and knowledge in English/language arts; **73%** at or above **Basic** grade level in **math**; and **34%** at or above **Basic** grade skills and knowledge in **science** (LEAP 2012)

- **54%** of **high school students** scored at or above **Basic** skills and knowledge in **science** on (Graduate Exit Exam, all initial test takers 2012).

- **National Percentile Ranks**
  
  (2010-11): 49th for third graders, 48th for fifth graders, and 32nd for seventh graders.

- **113 students dropped out** (7-12th graders) in the past five years on record (2006-2010)

- For 9th grade freshmen, **63.6%** graduated four years later (2011).

- **52%** of college freshmen who graduated from this district’s high schools had to take non-credit remedial courses (2010)

- **15.3 Average ACT score** compared to 20.3 State Average and 21.1 National Average (2012)

**Note on State LEAP/iLEAP tests:** Grade-level skills and knowledge students achieve on these tests are rated as **Advanced, Mastery, Basic (minimum needed), Approaching Basic, and Unsatisfactory.** The State’s goal has been to educate all students to at least the **minimum Basic grade level** - not a mastery of skills and knowledge, just Basic. How many kids in your district have not been educated to this minimum level? In addition, LA’s **Basic** level is considered a lower standard than national levels of **Proficiency.** The good news is that LA is raising standards and transitioning from LEAP to “Common Core” tests (consortium of 45 states) in 2014.

**Additional district information:**

- 92.2% of students were eligible for **free and reduced lunch** (2011)
- $13,598 was **spent per pupil** in this district compared to the $10,622 state average (2010)
- 1,229 **students were enrolled** in 2010-11 compared to 1,549 in 2005-06

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