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Press Release

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"Madison County Schools has a motto of "Making It Happen" and that is exactly what they do, providing an amazing return on their community's investment every year." Dr. Jeremy Gibbs, Regional Director, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Madison County Schools continue to perform well above the state average in areas such as Career and College Readiness, Grade Level Proficiency and 4 and 5 Year cohort Graduation Rate. Madison County Schools also saw a marked increase in academic growth in 2022-2023 with no low performing schools.

Madison County Schools scored a 61% level of proficiency ranking for all subjects and all students. The state level of proficiency average was 53.6%.

- MCS is **ranked 1st** in the state of NC for the 5-year graduation rate of >95%. The state's average 5 - year graduation rate is 87.7%.
- MCS is ranked 3rd in the Western Region of NC for grade level proficiency
- MCS is ranked 10th in the state (out of 115 school districts) for grade level proficiency
- MCS Math Course Rigor is >95% (1st in the state)
- MCS ACT and WorkKeys assessment results scored above the state average.

Please see below for a complete breakdown of MCS percent proficiency by grade level of all subject areas compared to the state average.

	MCS – All Students 22 - 23	NC – All Students 22-23	Comparison
All Subjects	61	53.6	7.4
Grades 3 – 8	62	53.9	8.1
Grade 3	59.4	54.3	5.1
Grade 4	64	55.1	8.9
Grade 5	63	56.3	6.7
Grade 6	58.2	50.7	7.5
Grade 7	63	50.1	12.9
Grade 8	63.7	55.2	8.5
Reading Grades 3-8	57.9	50.2	7.7
Reading Grade 3	56.4	47.8	8.6

Reading Grade 4	62.2	55.1	7.1
Reading Grade 5	55.2	48	7.2
Reading Grade 6	57.3	49.2	8.1
Reading Grade 7	55	50.1	4.9
Reading Grade 8	61	50.9	10.1
Math Grades 3-8	61.1	53	8.1
Math Grade 3	62.4	60.9	1.5
Math Grade 4	65.9	55.1	10.8
Math Grade 5	61.7	55.7	6
Math Grade 6	59.1	52.2	6.9
Math Grade 7	71	50.2	20.8
Math Grade 8	47.3	44.7	2.6
Science Grades 5 & 8	77.3	67.7	9.6
Science Grade 5	72.1	65.1	7
Science Grade 8	82.9	70.2	12.7
Grades 9-12	57.4	52.3	5.1
NC Math 1 (9-12)	55.6	36	19.6
NC Math 3 (9-12)	63.4	58.3	5.1
Biology	54.2	54.1	0.1
English II	56.2	58.3	-2.1

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent of Madison County Schools, stated that "Our school system continues to maintain a high standard in our academic accountability results, and we continue to rank among the best school systems in North Carolina. The achievement of our students and staff is remarkable, and it underscores our vision that when we all pull together as a learning community, we can achieve anything. The success of our students can be credited to our amazing administrators, teachers and staff who are Making It Happen in every classroom, in every school, every day.

The student achievement data for the 2022 - 2023 school year is based on analysis of all end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of-course (EOC) tests, which are aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in English Language Arts (Reading) and Mathematics and the Essential Standards in Science for all public schools in North Carolina. Please use the following to access NCDPI Testing and Accountability

Madison County Schools will continue to implement an intervention model of instruction at all schools to support student learning for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Lisa Gahagan, Assistant Superintendent of Madison County Schools, stated that "Madison County Schools have persevered academically, physically, emotionally, and socially over the past couple years. Our students and staff have adapted and continued to achieve. We are proud to say that we have stayed in the top 10 in the state in proficiency levels. Our students and staff work extremely hard and I couldn't be more proud of this achievement."