

## Our District Vision

*Our vision is to create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.*

## Lottery Dollar Expenditure Data

Funds received from Educational Enhancement Trust Funds (Lottery) in 2009-2010:

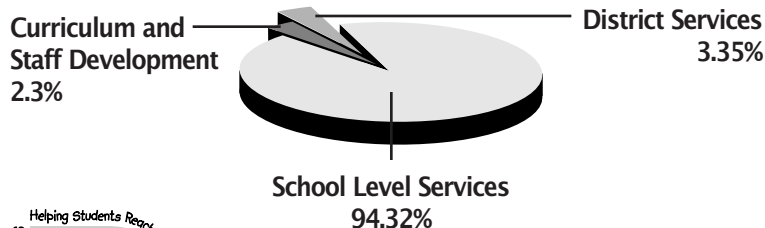
Pasco County received: \$186,637.00

Amount distributed to schools: \$187,547.00

Our school received: \$1,952

## General Operating Budget

The 2010-2011 budget for all funds in the district included a General Operating Fund of \$480,271,190.00



*A more detailed report of the NCLB SPAR (No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Report) or a complete copy of the school improvement plan is available in the school office for review.*

### Deer Park Elementary School

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## District School Board of Pasco County 2010-2011 School Profile

### Deer Park Elementary School

Principal: Margie E. Polen

#### Message from the Superintendent

The 2010-2011 school year is off to a great start, as we have a strong team of talented educators working throughout our schools every day. We are eager to partner with you to make this a successful school year for your child. One important way we can work together to maximize your child's potential is to reinforce the expectation of good attendance. When students prioritize being at school on time, they are more likely to have a successful experience. We appreciate your help in achieving this important goal.

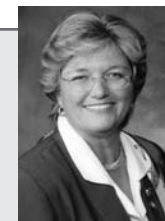
Our theme for the year is *Learning in the 21st Century*. You will notice an emphasis on the integration of technology into your child's learning as we strive to prepare all students for the challenges of tomorrow and provide equitable access to the tools he or she will need for success. Additionally, our focus is on developing the 21st Century Literacy skills that are needed in our ever-changing world. We want to help our students become better problem solvers, engaged in the world around them and equipped with the critical thinking skills that are needed for analyzing, developing innovative solutions and sharing their creativity with others. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders and we are fostering a supportive learning environment that will help them to reach their dreams.

As we immerse students in an enriching educational environment, we will be expanding the availability of digital learning content. With the use of these resources comes the need for a higher level of personal responsibility for students. We want to help your child develop an understanding of how to navigate online resources in a responsible and safe manner. As part of the cultivation of those skills, we will enforce high expectations that all students will appropriately use these tools to enhance their education. Your help in reminding your child to use technology in an appropriate manner would be greatly appreciated.

As you are probably aware, our District still faces significant financial challenges. In addition to a third consecutive year of multi-million dollar budget shortfalls, districts throughout the state are required to implement the final phase of the class size amendment this year. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to prioritizing the needs of students and ensuring a high quality educational experience for the children of Pasco County.

Again, thank you for your support of our school district. We look forward to working with you to maximize your child's success this year.

Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent of Schools



Heather Fiorentino  
Superintendent

## Message from the Principal

Deer Park Elementary is truly a neighborhood school with most students living within walking distance. Transportation is provided for autistic, gifted and some language learning disabled students as Deer Park is a center school for their programs. Parental and community involvement plays an integral role in the education of all our prekindergarten through fifth grade students. The School Advisory Council and Parent Teacher Organization are very involved in every aspect of the school including many evening programs and events at local businesses, such as math night, skating nights and restaurant nights. Evening academic nights are provided throughout the school year in math, reading, writing, music and art. Deer Park has received the Golden School and Five Star School Awards every year and enjoys continued accreditation by SACS CASI.

## School Mission Statement

Deer Park Elementary School in partnership with families and community, will create a safe, nurturing, learning environment where a challenging curriculum, high academic standards and respect for diversity will maximize each student's intellectual, artistic, technological, and physical potential to become a productive member of our global society.



## Learning Environment

The District School Board of Pasco County provides an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

**School Membership**  
Total Students  
(September 2010)

655

**Percentage of students on free or reduced price lunch:**  
35.4%

Students with good attendance perform better in school.

## School Improvement Plan 2010-2011

Our School Improvement Plan focused on improving students' reading, writing, and math achievement. Teachers continued to learn to differentiate instruction while refining the implementation of the core reading series known as Treasures. They continued to broaden their use of Learning Focused Strategies in targeted subject areas throughout the day, which was measured by Learning Walks. Progress Monitoring Meetings were held quarterly to discuss and devise interventions for struggling students in reading and math. Six Traits of Writing Crates were purchased and implemented among various faculty members. The percentage of fourth grade students scoring a level three or above in writing was 95%. The percentage of intermediate students scoring at proficient levels on the reading and math FCAT was 87% and 78% respectively. Both of these scores show an improvement from the previous year. Our school satisfied 92% of the criteria for Adequate Yearly Progress as determined by the Federal No Child Left Behind Act.



**Help Keep Your School Safe**

**Report drugs, guns, weapons, violence, bullying, and other criminal activities.**

**Remain Anonymous**

**Campus Crime Stoppers Hotline 1-800-873TIPS (8477)**  
**Web Tip: <http://www.crimestopperstb.com>**  
**Text Tip: Text "CSTB plus your message" to CRIMES (274637)**



Teachers and Staff

The schools, district and state ensure professional teachers and staff.

Total Number of Instructional Staff 51	Percent of instructional/administrative staff who were newly hired in 2009–2010:		
	School	District	State
	11.3%	13.3%	14.8%
Number of newly-hired instructional staff members and administrators at this school: 6	Degree Level of Teachers		
		Bachelor's Degree	Post-Graduate Degree
	School	63.8%	36.2%
Percentage of out-of-field teachers in 2009–2010: 4.9	Districtwide	69.2%	30.8%
	Statewide	65.3%	34.7%



Pasco County is proud to have 192 National Board Certified Teachers employed in our schools.



Student Performance

Our students successfully compete at the highest levels nationally and internationally and are prepared to make well-reasoned and healthy lifelong decisions.

School wide proficiency data by subgroup

The state target proficient percent for this year is 72% for reading and 78% for mathematics.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian	Disabled	Economically Disadvantaged	ELL
Reading								
Grade 3 %	90	67	83	100	100	55	75	100
Grade 4 %	80	100	40	100	0	47	71	100
Grade 5 %	79	0	75	84	0	55	72	0
Mathematics								
Grade 3 %	85	0	67	100	0	55	59	100
Grade 4 %	72	0	40	100	0	21	64	100
Grade 5 %	72	0	62	83	0	55	60	0

Florida School Grade and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

The percent of students scoring at certain levels are used to calculate school accountability results.

Our school was assigned the grade of B for the 2009–2010 school year.

Family and Community Involvement

Families and community members are encouraged to volunteer in our schools. There are many areas in which volunteers assist: assisting teachers, working with students, supervising students, and helping with school activities to name just a few. To register to be a volunteer at a school go to [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us) and click on the Volunteer Application.

Family and community involvement make a significant difference in a child's success.



Volunteer Hours

Number of hours volunteered at this school during the 2009–2010 school year:  
3,837

Number of hours volunteered district wide during the 2009–2010 school year:  
361,704



FCAT Achievement

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) provides feedback on students' performance on the Sunshine State Standards. Data reported from spring 2010. A level 3 or higher in science, math and reading is the minimum state standard, while a 3.5 or higher is the minimum state standard for writing.

Level	Reading					Math					Science				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

Grade 3

School %	9	3	34	40	14	7	12	29	31	22
Pasco %	18	11	33	31	7	13	16	34	27	10
State %	16	12	33	31	8	9	13	32	30	15

Grade 4

School %	13	9	34	32	12	9	21	42	33	6
Pasco %	16	13	33	29	8	12	19	39	22	8
State %	16	13	32	29	11	10	16	36	27	12

Grade 5

School %	11	12	34	33	10	7	23	26	33	10	17	30	28	17	8
Pasco %	15	15	34	29	8	16	28	27	23	6	18	35	34	9	2
State %	15	15	33	28	9	14	23	27	27	9	19	32	35	11	4

Grade 4 FCAT Writing

Scores range from 1 (low) to 6 (high).

School	3.8
Pasco	3.6
State	3.8

No data are reported when less than ten students were tested.

