

Our District Vision

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



District School Board of Pasco County 2010–2011 School Profile

Lacoochee Elementary School

Principal: Shirley Ray



Heather Fiorentino
Superintendent

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

Lottery Dollar Expenditure Data

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

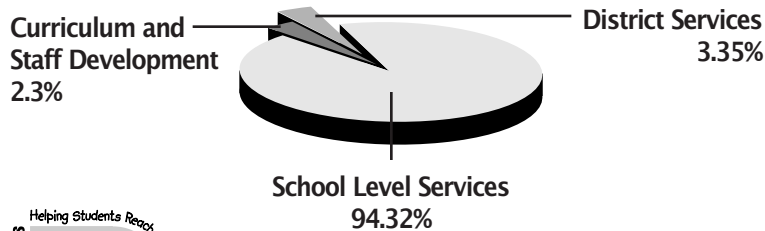
Pasco County received: \$186,637.00

Amount distributed to schools: \$187,547.00

Our school received: \$1,169

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.

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Message from the Principal

Lacoochee Elementary School Eagles soar! Our school embraces the community and encourages involvement by parents, business partners and outside agencies. Our Community Action Task Force supports a collaborative effort to address community improvement programs. Lacoochee Elementary is a “C” school based on the state’s Accountability Plan. Our school serves students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Exceptional Educational services are delivered in dedicated classrooms via support facilitation and speech resource. Most students eligible for exceptional education services are served in inclusion with non-disabled peers. Our school family works as a team to ensure that our students reach their highest potential. Like the spirit of our mascot, the eagle, our faculty, staff, students, parents and community are proud of our school and courageously embrace challenges as possibilities.

School Mission Statement

Lacoochee Elementary School is a positive learning community that seeks to: inspire through enthusiasm and encouragement; challenge by extending and exploring and empower by developing confidence and competence.



Learning Environment

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

School Membership
Total Students
(September 2010)

404

Percentage of students on free or reduced price lunch:

93.8%

Students with good attendance perform better in school.

School Improvement Plan 2010-2011

In Reading, 58 percent of our students in grades third-fifth are meeting high standards. Several subgroups have been identified as needing improvement in Reading.

In Math, 71 percent of the students in the lowest quartile in Math made learning gains and 45 percent of our students in grades third-fifth are meeting high standards.

The overall percentage of students meeting high standards in Writing increased. Seventy-three percent of our students are meeting high standards in Writing. The percentage of students meeting high standards in Science is 47 percent.

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
34

Number of newly-hired instructional staff members and administrators at this school:
2

Percentage of out-of-field teachers in 2009-2010:
0.0

Percent of instructional/administrative staff who were newly hired in 2009-2010:

School	District	State
5.6%	13.3%	14.8%

Degree Level of Teachers

	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Graduate Degree
School	80.6%	19.4%
Districtwide	69.2%	30.8%
Statewide	65.3%	34.7%



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 and click on the Volunteer Application.

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



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



Volunteer Hours

Number of hours volunteered at this school during the 2009-2010 school year:
2,169

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



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 %	60	23	33	0	100	28	45	17
Grade 4 %	67	40	44	0	0	45	53	25
Grade 5 %	69	90	53	100	0	33	64	33
Mathematics								
Grade 3 %	46	23	27	0	0	28	37	17
Grade 4 %	41	20	34	0	0	45	40	25
Grade 5 %	61	50	47	100	0	33	50	33

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 C for the 2009-2010 school year.

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 %	33	22	32	12	1	28	35	28	6	2					
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 %	25	22	30	19	3	30	32	29	26	2					
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 %	14	19	35	32	0	16	30	28	26	0	16	40	40	4	0
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	3.5
Pasco	3.6
State	3.8

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

