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# Executive Summary of 2006 Grade 6 DSTP Writing Results

This document is an addendum to the *STATE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE READING, WRITING, AND MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS, SPRING 2006 ADMINISTRATION, GRADES 2 through 10*. It summarizes the results of the 2006 Delaware Student Testing Program (DSTP) in writing for grade 6.

The results are summarized at three levels: the state level, the district level and the school level. If a district or a school has fewer than 15 students in a given category (the Standards-Based Score N is less than 15), the number of students is reported, but the summary statistics associated with those students are not. Students are included in the Standards-Based Score N if their score is considered to be aggregable<sup>1</sup>.

The Standards-Based Score (SBS) measures students' progress toward Delaware standards in each content area. The SBS in writing is reported on a scale of 1-15.

Performance Levels (PL) tell how students are performing relative to the state's content standards. Delaware has five performance levels for grades 3 through 10 and three levels for grade 2. Percents of students in performance levels may not add up to exactly 100%, due to rounding.

## **Socio-Economic Status**

In the tables that report district and school level DSTP results, the right-most column contains the percentage of students in the school that are eligible for free and reduced priced lunch (FRPL), which is often used in education research as an indicator of socio-economic status.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See the *Delaware Student Testing Program Guidelines for Inclusion of Students with Disabilities and Students With Limited English Proficiency* or page 18 of this document for a definition of aggregable and non-aggregable scores.

<sup>2</sup> The free and reduced price lunch figures were obtained from the September 30, 2005 Unit Count database.

## DSTP Performance Levels

Students who took the grade 6 DSTP in writing receive a performance level. Each DSTP performance level is based on the student's Standards-Based Score.

<b>Grade 6 Writing DSTP Student Performance Levels</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>
5	Distinguished	Excellent performance
4	Exceeds the Standard	Very good performance
3	Meets the Standard	Good performance
2	Below the Standard	Needs improvement
1	Well Below the Standard	Needs significant improvement

## Cut Scores for the DSTP Writing, Grade 6

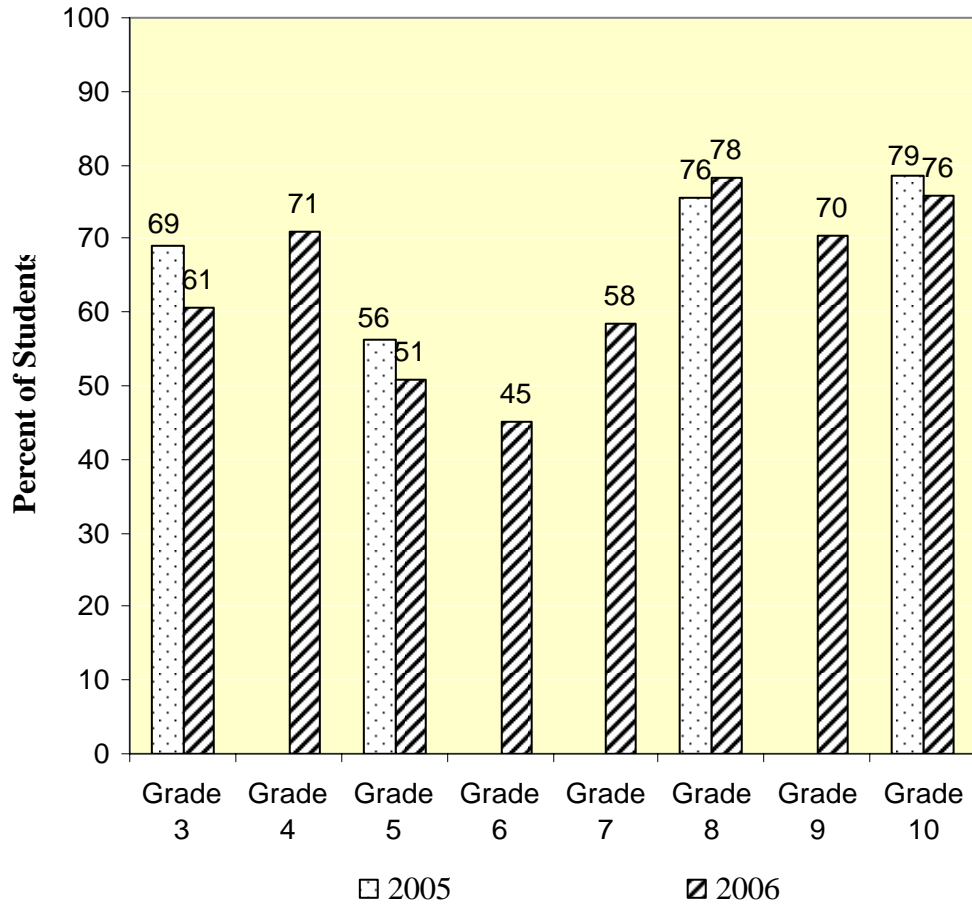
The DSTP Writing standards-based scores by performance level are as follows:

	Well Below the Standard	Below the Standard	Meets the Standard	Exceeds the Standard	Distinguished Performance
Grade 6	1-4	5 -7	8-9	10-11	12-15

# DSTP WRITING

## Chart 11

### Percent of Students Meeting/Exceeding Delaware's Writing Standards

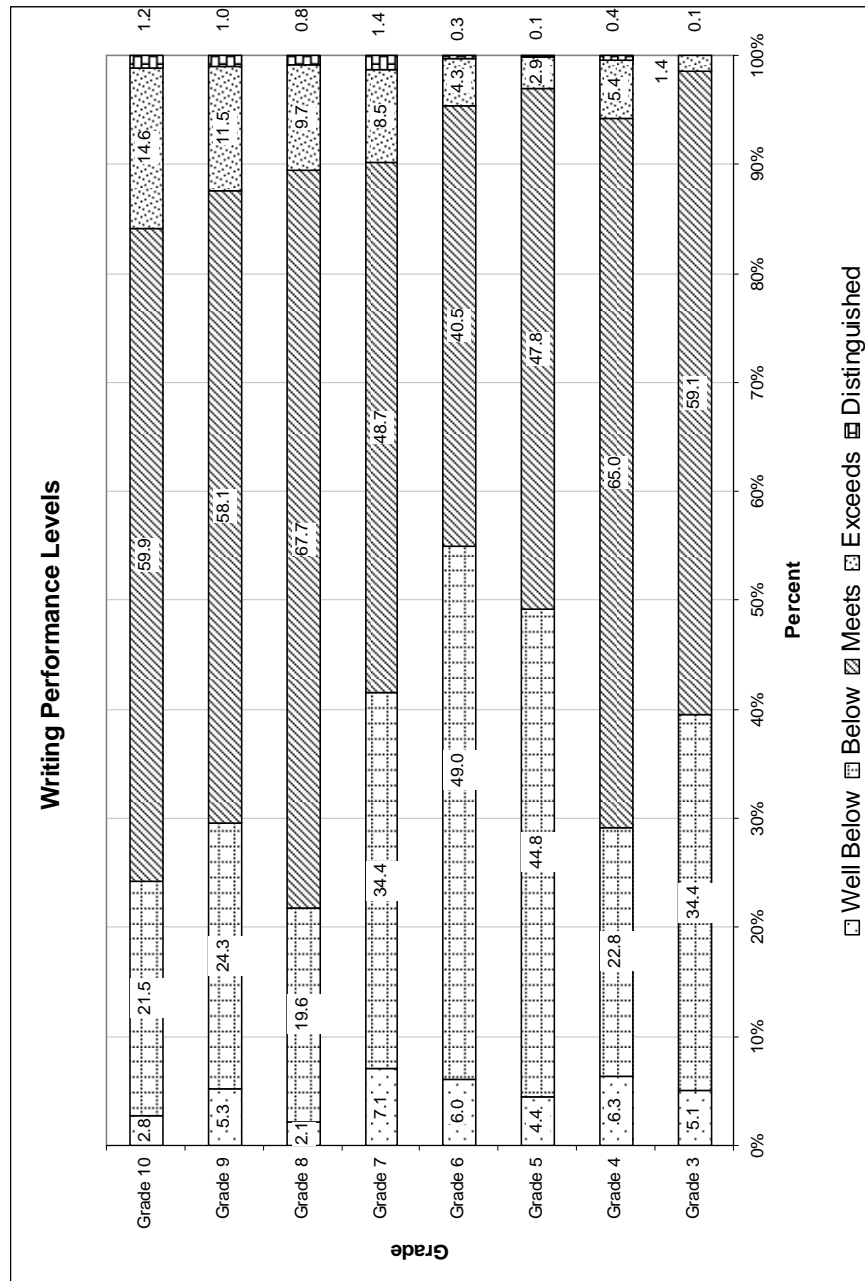


\* Revised performance level cut scores have been applied to the data for 2005 so results may be compared across years for grades 3, 5, 8, and 10.

# DSTP WRITING — continued

## Chart 12

### Student Performance Levels, DSTP Writing



\* There are only three performance levels for the grade 2 DSTP: Below the Standard, Meets the Standard, and Exceeds the Standard.

## Summary of Non-Aggregable Scores

### Grade 6 Writing Non-Aggregable Scores

Grade	Standards-Based Scores		Performance Levels				
	N	Mean	Well Below	Below	Meets	Exceeds	Distinguished
6	170	5.4	27.7	59.4	12.4	0.6	0.0

## Participation Rates

### DSTP Grade 6 Writing Participation Rates

Grade	Eligible N	Exempt N	Tested N	Not Tested N	% Tested	% Not Tested
6	9,424	0	9,363	61	99.4	0.6



## District Summary Writing, Grade 6

District	Grade 6				
	Standards Based N	Mean Standards Based Score	Percent Below the Standard	Percent Meeting the Standard	Percent Free and Reduced Priced Lunch
<b>State of DE</b>	<b>9193</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	
Appoquinimink	597	7.4	48.6	51.4	11.9
Brandywine	816	7.3	48.9	51.1	35.2
Caesar Rodney	592	7.6	44.3	55.7	29.1
Cape Henlopen	330	6.8	61.2	38.8	29.5
Capital	468	6.9	64.7	35.3	43.4
Christina	1,340	7.0	59.1	40.9	40.6
Colonial	923	7.2	50.9	49.1	41.5
Delmar	168	6.5	74.4	25.6	33.6
Indian River	608	7.2	54.4	45.6	42.0
Lake Forest	296	6.5	73.0	27.0	41.7
Laurel	175	7.1	52.0	48.0	46.1
Milford	286	7.4	46.2	53.8	40.0
Red Clay	1,213	7.1	54.9	45.1	35.4
Seaford	247	6.3	78.5	21.5	52.7
Smyrna	343	6.7	67.3	32.7	22.5
Woodbridge	176	6.9	65.3	34.7	55.8



## School Summary Writing, Grade 6

Writing	Grade 6				Percent Free and Reduced Priced Lunch
	Standards Based N	Mean Standards Based Score	Percent Below the Standard	Percent Meeting the Standard	
School					
<b>State of DE</b>	<b>9193</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	
Appoquinimink					
Meredith Middle	346	7.3	49.1	50.9	9.6
Redding Middle	251	7.4	47.8	52.2	19.5
Brandywine					
Claymont Elem	327	7.3	50.8	49.2	39.0
Harlan Elem	201	7.6	44.3	55.7	44.7
P. S. duPont Elem	288	7.2	50.0	50.0	39.9
Caesar Rodney					
DAFB Middle	42	7.8	40.5	59.5	14.9
Fifer Middle	270	7.7	40.0	60.0	33.1
Postlethwait Middle	280	7.4	48.9	51.1	24.8
Cape Henlopen					
Beacon Middle	162	7.0	61.7	38.3	26.9
Mariner Middle	162	6.8	59.3	40.7	40.9
Capital					
Wm. Henry Middle	468	6.9	64.7	35.3	48.3
Christina					
Bancroft Intermediate	292	7.2	56.8	43.2	60.4
Bayard Intermediate	303	7.1	56.8	43.2	68.1

Writing	Grade 6				Percent Free and Reduced Priced Lunch
	Standards Based N	Mean Standards Based Score	Percent Below the Standard	Percent Meeting the Standard	
School					
<b>State of DE</b>	<b>9193</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	
Elbert-Palmer Intermediate	111	6.6	71.2	28.8	66.3
Pulaski Intermediate	217	6.8	60.8	39.2	55.2
Shue-Medill Middle	247	7.1	53.4	46.6	40.4
Stubbs Intermediate	150	6.9	62.0	38.0	62.6
Colonial					
Bedford Middle	397	7.5	42.1	57.9	31.9
New Castle Middle	167	7.2	50.9	49.1	52.4
Read Middle	351	6.8	59.8	40.2	50.9
Delmar					
Delmar Middle	168	6.5	74.4	25.6	36.2
Indian River					
S Del Sch of Arts	50	7.9	36.0	64.0	12.8
Selbyville Middle	212	7.1	54.7	45.3	39.5
Sussex Central Middle	341	7.1	56.3	43.7	45.1
Lake Forest					
L F Central Elem	296	6.5	73.0	27.0	42.7
Laurel					
Laurel Intermediate	175	7.1	52.0	48.0	43.3
Milford					
Milford Middle	286	7.4	46.2	53.8	42.4

Writing	Grade 6				Percent Free and Reduced Priced Lunch
	Standards Based N	Mean Standards Based Score	Percent Below the Standard	Percent Meeting the Standard	
School					
<b>State of DE</b>	<b>9193</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	
Red Clay					
A I duPont Middle	154	6.6	67.5	32.5	57.4
Calloway Art School	138	8.5	22.5	77.5	10.3
Conrad Middle	182	6.1	80.8	19.2	60.1
H B duPont Middle	264	8.0	33.0	67.0	17.4
Skyline Middle	236	7.4	46.6	53.4	21.0
Stanton Middle	223	6.4	76.7	23.3	45.8
Seaford					
Seaford Middle	247	6.3	78.5	21.5	57.2
Smyrna					
J Bassett Moore	342	6.7	67.3	32.7	22.5
Smyrna Middle	1	-	-	-	23.1
Woodbridge					
Wheatley Middle	176	6.9	65.3	34.7	56.7

## Charter School Summary Writing, Grade 6

Writing	Grade 6				Percent Free and Reduced Priced Lunch
	Standards Based N	Mean Standards Based Score	Percent Below the Standard	Percent Meeting the Standard	
School					
<b>State of DE</b>	<b>9193</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	
Academy of Dover	27	7.7	40.7	59.3	68.1
Campus Community	51	7.1	56.9	43.1	21.6
East Side	10	-	-	-	65.8
Marion T. Academy	34	6.1	76.5	23.5	0.0
MOT Charter	74	7.6	39.2	60.8	7.0
Newark Charter	159	8.9	11.3	88.7	0.0
Providence Creek	70	7.3	50.0	50.0	25.5
Sussex Academy	114	8.1	28.9	71.1	14.0
Thomas Edison	66	7.0	59.1	40.9	80.0

## Special Schools Summary

### Writing, Grade 6

Writing	Grade 6			
	Standards Based N	Mean Standards Based Score	Percent Below the Standard	Percent Meeting the Standard
School				
Cape Henlopen				
Sussex Consortium	5	-	-	-
Christina				
Brennen School	6	-	-	-
Douglass Alternative	5	-	-	-
Sterck/DE School for the Deaf	3	-	-	-
Colonial				
Commodore MacDonough	6	-	-	-
Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families				
Delaware Day Treatment Center	1	-	-	-
NCC Detention Center	2	-	-	-
Silver Lake Treatment Center	1	-	-	-
Terry Childrens Psychiatric Center	3	-	-	-
Indian River				
Richard Allen School	5	-	-	-
Red Clay				
Central School	12	-	-	-
First State School	2	-	-	-