

Strategic Goal 1:

To Improve Academic Achievement

Objective I:

*Georgia Writing Assessments:
Georgia High School Graduation Test*

Report Date:

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Objective, Baseline & Target

Objective: To increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the standard in writing as measured by the Georgia Writing Assessment in grades 5, 8, and 11.

Baseline: SY 2012-2013: 91 percent for GHSWT

Target: By 2016-2017, the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standard on the GHSWT will be 93 percent.

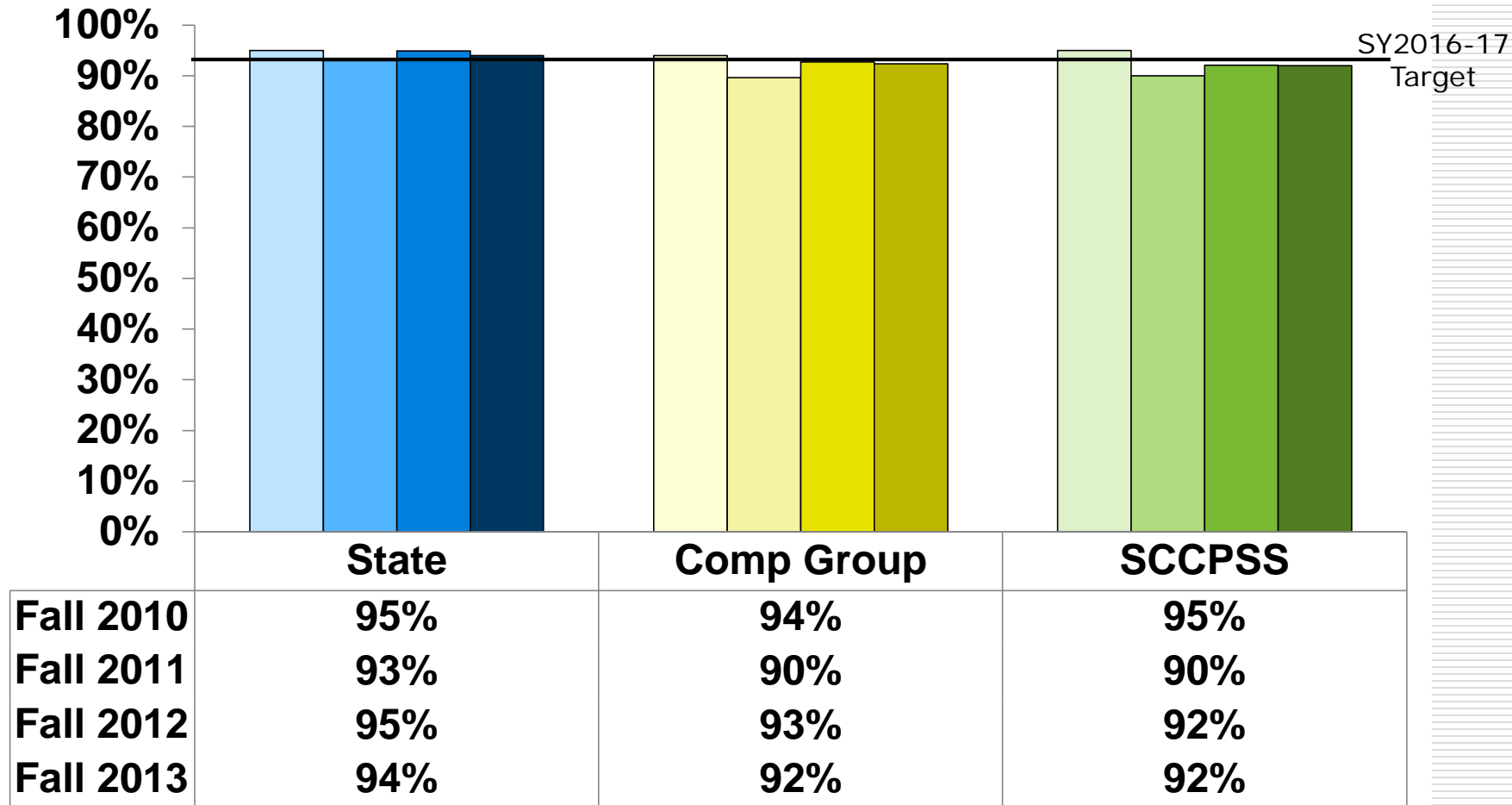
About The Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT)

- ❑ The state of Georgia requires all public high school students to pass the Georgia High School Writing Test in order to earn a regular education diploma.
- ❑ The GHSWT is administered for the first time in the fall of the eleventh grade school year and allows the typical student multiple opportunities to pass before the end of the twelfth grade year.
- ❑ The GHSWT requires students to write a composition of no more than two pages on an assigned persuasive topic. Each essay is independently rated on the composition on four domains (ideas, organization, style, and conventions) of effective writing.

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Percentage Meeting/Exceeding Standard



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Percentage Meeting/Exceeding Standard

Ethnicity	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	1 Yr Change	4 Yr Change
Asian	91%	93%	93%	91%	-2	0
Black	91%	84%	87%	87%	0	-4
Hispanic	93%	81%	93%	85%	-8	-8
White	97%	93%	94%	94%	0	-3
Multiracial	98%	91%	96%	94%	-2	-4

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Percentage Meeting/Exceeding Standard

Subgroup	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	1 Yr Change	4 Yr Change
Students With Disabilities	71%	42%	57%	59%	2	-12
English Learners		71%			0	0

Increase
 Less than 10 students tested

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Action Items

- High School Principals will implement two mock benchmark writing exams in September 2014 and January 2015 to assess/monitor student growth performance.
 - High School Principals will disaggregate the GHSWT scores and mock benchmark exam data by domain and schedule students into the Instructional Focus intervention block to remediate identified areas of low performance.
 - High School Principals will provide a week long writing camp for potential summer graduates in preparation for the July test administration.
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Questions

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ACCOUNTABILITY
SYSTEM**

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Data Criteria



- The data source for all school years reported are from Georgia Department of Education.

- Comparison group includes Clarke, Clayton, DeKalb, Dougherty, Liberty, Muscogee, Richmond, Spalding, Troup and Atlanta Public Schools.

- Data for the Fall 2013 results are based on 1,719 students who were first time test takers.