

## **DCHS Increases School Grade to “B”**

Last week, the Department of Education released high school grades across the state. According to a press release by DOE, “Results show that 78 percent of the state’s high schools earned either an “A” or a “B” grade, an increase from 71 percent last year.” Dixie County High School was no exception, improving their school grade two letters grades to earn 1,111 points scoring a letter “B.”

High schools are graded differently than their elementary and middle school counterparts. Elementary and middle schools are graded solely on FCAT results, whereas FCAT only makes up 50 percent of the high school grade. The remaining half of the grade is determined by graduation rate overall, graduation rate for at risk students, participation in acceleration courses, performance in acceleration courses, college reading readiness, and college math readiness. Because of these additional factors, high schools receive their grades mid-year rather than the summer when DOE releases school grades for elementary and middle schools.

Dixie County High School saw tremendous growth in areas of FCAT Reading for Levels 3-5, FCAT Math for Levels 3-5, FCAT Science for Levels 3-5, Learning Gains in Reading, Learning Gains in Math, Bottom Quartile Reading Growth, Bottom Quartile Reading Math, Participation on Acceleration Courses, Performance in Acceleration Courses, and College Math Readiness. Although extremely happy with these results, Principal Diana Locke remains focused on bottom quartile reading and math students and overall graduation rate and the graduation rate of at risk students.

Superintendent Mark Rains would like to commend Dixie County High School’s students, parents, teachers and administration on their commitment to academic excellence.

For more information regarding school grades, please visit the Dixie District Schools website at: [www.dixie.k12.fl.us](http://www.dixie.k12.fl.us).