

FSM School Performance Ranking 2011

The National Department of Education presents this performance ranking for schools that sat the 2010 National Minimum Competency Test (NMCT) for Grade 10 in Reading. The ranking is based on the average performance scores of all students in the school who sat the test. The scores show, as a percentage, the level of student performance that is above the minimum level of competency expected at Grade 10.

The National Minimum Competency Tests are based on the National Curriculum. All the questions in the Grade 8 reading test are directly related to the standards and benchmarks that describe what students should know and be able to do by Grade 10. The National Curriculum was produced for distribution to all schools in 2008. Under FSM Code Title 40; subsection 110, State Departments of Education and State Boards of Education must ensure that the National Curriculum Standards and Benchmarks are implemented so that all students are given an opportunity to achieve the standards and benchmarks.

The purpose of the publication of this ranking is to inform the public of the performance of public and private schools that are funded in whole or in part by public funds. Research evidence suggests that publishing information of this type can lead to improvements in student performance.¹

According to the performance ranking, four of the ten top performing schools were private schools. The following six public schools were among the top ten:

**Moch High (Chuuk),
Pattiw Junior High (Chuuk),
Kitti High (Pohnpei)
Kosrae High (Kosrae)
PICS (Pohnpei)
Madolenihmw High (Pohnpei).**

The performance scores are expressed as a percentage, so the size of the school does not influence the ranking. Not all FSM schools sat the 2010 NMCT. Standard competition ranking (or '1224' ranking) is used. If two schools have the same percentage score they are ranked the same and one gap is left in the ranking.

Rankings for Grade 6 and Grade 8 NMCT have also been published in pamphlet form.

The National Department of Education uses advanced computer hardware and software to analyze students' scores. The software assists the department in identifying irregularities in the test results. The following school was excluded from the performance ranking as their results showed strong evidence of tampering with the scores in an attempt to improve the school's performance:

Lukeisel Junior High (3%)

The NMCT will be administered again in April 2011.

The performance ranking can also be found on the website of the National Department of Education (www.fsmed.fm).

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¹ <http://www.bris.ac.uk/news/2010/7289.html>

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Rank	School	State	% Competent and Minimally Competent	Status
1	Calvary High	Pohnpei	83	Private
2	SDA High	Pohnpei	61	Private
3	Moch High	Chuuk	60	Public
4	Pattiw Junior High	Chuuk	50	Public
5	Saramen Chuuk Academy	Chuuk	49	Private
6	Kitti High	Pohnpei	48	Public
7	Berea High	Chuuk	47	Private
8	Kosrae High	Kosrae	45	Public
9	PICS	Pohnpei	44	Public
10	Madolenihmw High	Pohnpei	43	Public
11	SDA High	Chuuk	38	Private
12	PLHA Junior High	Chuuk	37	Public
13	Pollap & Tamatam Junior High	Chuuk	24	Public
14	Weno High	Chuuk	16	Public
15	Southern Namoneas Junior High	Chuuk	15	Public
16	Sapore Junior High	Chuuk	13	Public
16	Weipat High	Chuuk	13	Public
18	PPO Junior High	Chuuk	7	Public

