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more to the story when we dive into our local counties."

County Comparisons

Breaking it down further, counties across the region exhibit varying results. In Bay County, 53% of 3rd graders reached the mark of proficiency. Nearby, Calhoun County boasts an impressive 68%, placing it among the highest in our local area. Franklin County holds its own at 60%, while Gulf County trails with 49%, proving that some areas are breaking through these challenging educational assessments.

County	% of 3rd Graders at or Above Grade Level
Bay County	53%
Calhoun County	68%
Franklin County	60%
Gulf County	49%
Holmes County	57%
Jackson County	61%
Liberty County	57%
Okaloosa County	59%
Walton County	68%
Washington County	59%

As Bay District School officials prepare for the release of school and district grades later this month, the attention remains focused on improving these results, especially against the backdrop of statewide standards mandated by the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) standards outlined by the Florida Department of Education.

Impact of Assessments

These assessments are crucial not only for academic progression but also for establishing a foundation for future success. The F.A.S.T. tests, which encompass various grades

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