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QUESTION:

Provide data on performance of students in hours-based staffing programs. What has been the experience of other jurisdictions with regard to this model?

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ANSWER:

A report on the performance of students in the two field test schools, Silver Spring International and Forest Oak middle schools, will be published after the completion of the 2006–2007 school year.

Howard County Public Schools (HCPS) uses inclusive practices while implementing the hours-based staffing model. HCPS students with disabilities outperformed their counterparts in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in several 2006 state assessments. On the 2006 Maryland State Assessment (MSA), HCPS middle school students with disabilities outperformed MCPS middle school students with disabilities by an average of 7.5 percentage points in reading and 6 percentage points in mathematics. On the 2006 High School Assessments (HSA), HCPS high school students with disabilities outperformed MCPS high school students with disabilities on three of four HSAs: Algebra, Government, and English 10. A greater percentage of students with disabilities in Washington County, which has a history of educating students with disabilities in the general education environment, passed the 2006 Algebra HSA, at 60 percent compared to 45.9 percent in MCPS.