

A Summary of Alaska's Statewide Assessment Results, 2023–24

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) has released the 2023–2024 Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) and Alaska Science assessment results. DEED has worked closely with Alaska educators, districts, and assessment experts to develop AK STAR, a first of its kind, connected assessment designed to better align statewide summative assessment results to student performance and learning growth.

With the 2023–2024 AK STAR results, Alaska now has two years of student achievement data to measure student progress. Districts have access to performance data over time, allowing for the establishment of performance targets, identification of areas of strength for reinforcement, and identification of targeted improvement areas.

Both the AK STAR and Alaska Science Assessment are designed to measure student understanding of the Alaska standards, identify growth targets, and provide educators and families the resources needed to support students in their learning trajectory.

Alaska's Assessments



Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR). Streamlined testing experience for grades 3–9 in English language arts and mathematics. Includes the MAP Growth interim assessment and the AK STAR summative assessment.



Alaska Science Assessment. A summative assessment that measures students' knowledge of the K–12 Science Standards for Alaska, adopted in June 2019. For students in grades 5, 8, and 10.

Student Participation in Spring 2024 Assessments

AK STAR English language arts

80.2%

94.4%

14.7%

AK STAR mathematics

80.0%

94.2%

14.6%

Alaska Science assessment

74.8%

89.9%

10.5%

- All Alaska schools
- Non-correspondence schools
- Correspondence schools

Full assessment results can be viewed here <https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/results>



Summary of Statewide Performance

English Language Arts

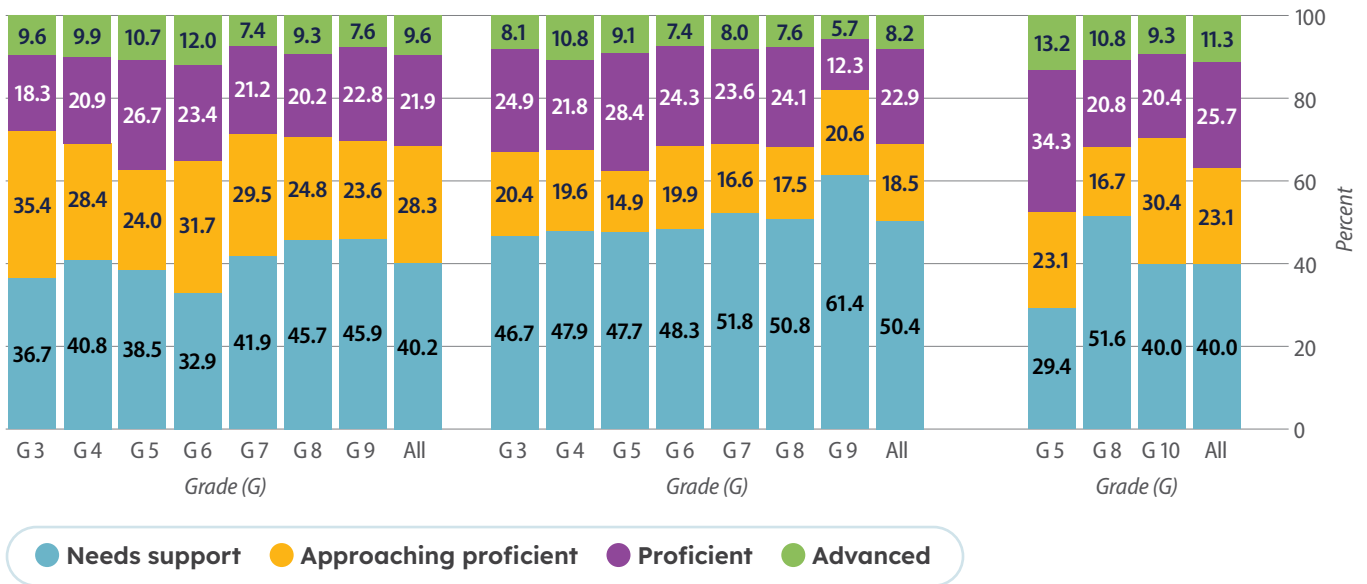
- 31.5% of Alaska students met grade-level expectations.
- Students in grade 5 (37.4%) and grade 6 (35.4%) had the highest achievement levels.
- Students in grade 9 (45.9%) demonstrated the greatest need for support.

Mathematics

- 31.1% of Alaska students met grade-level expectations.
- Students in grade 5 (37.5%) had the highest achievement levels.
- Students in grade 9 (61.4%) demonstrated the greatest need for support.

Science

- 37% of Alaska students met grade-level expectations.
- Students in grade 5 (47.5%) had the highest achievement levels.
- Students in grade 8 (51.6%) demonstrated the greatest need for support.



Accelerating Student Learning

Assessment is a component of the learning cycle that supports teachers, families, and students in recognizing where a student is in their learning journey, highlighting areas for growth and progress.

DEED is dedicated to supporting educators, families, and students in creating active, growth oriented learning environments. This includes an innovative assessment system that fosters collaborative learning designed to enhance student success.

Tools for success include:

Effective educators

Evidence-based literacy instruction

Culturally relevant practices

School safety and student health

Data-driven decision making