

A Summary of Alaska’s Statewide Assessment Results, 2025–26

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) has released the 2025–2026 results for the Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) and Alaska Science Assessment.

These assessments measure how well students are learning the knowledge and skills outlined in Alaska’s academic standards—the same standards educators teach in classrooms across the state. Alaska’s standards set high expectations and are designed to prepare students for success in our state, our nation, and the world. The results show upward momentum in student achievement, particularly in grades 3–5. Achievement in the higher grades remained relatively flat, underscoring the need for continued focus on preparing students for their next steps.

The Alaska State Board of Education has made student academic success a high priority, with a focus on ensuring students are prepared to meet their future academic and workforce needs. Using assessment data to identify strengths, address areas for improvement, and guide decisions is essential to improving student outcomes and ensuring accountability to Alaskans for investments in public education.

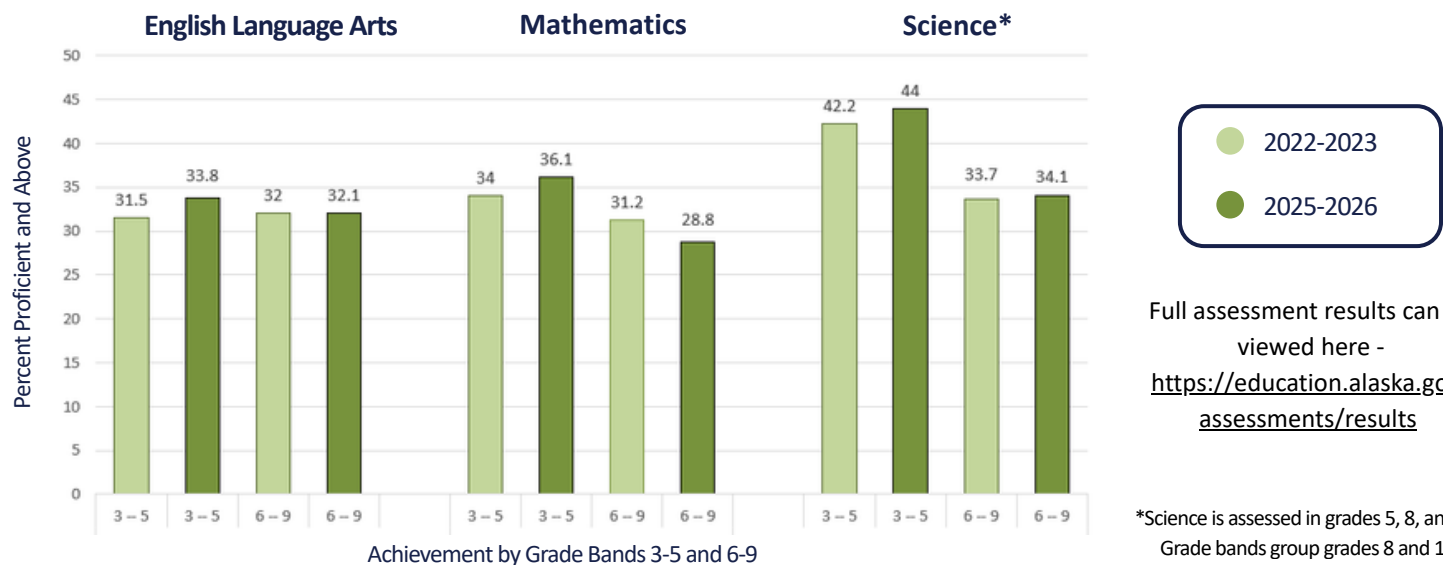


Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR). Streamlined testing experience for grades 3–9 in English language arts and mathematics. Includes the MAP Growth interim assessment and the AK STAR summative assessment.

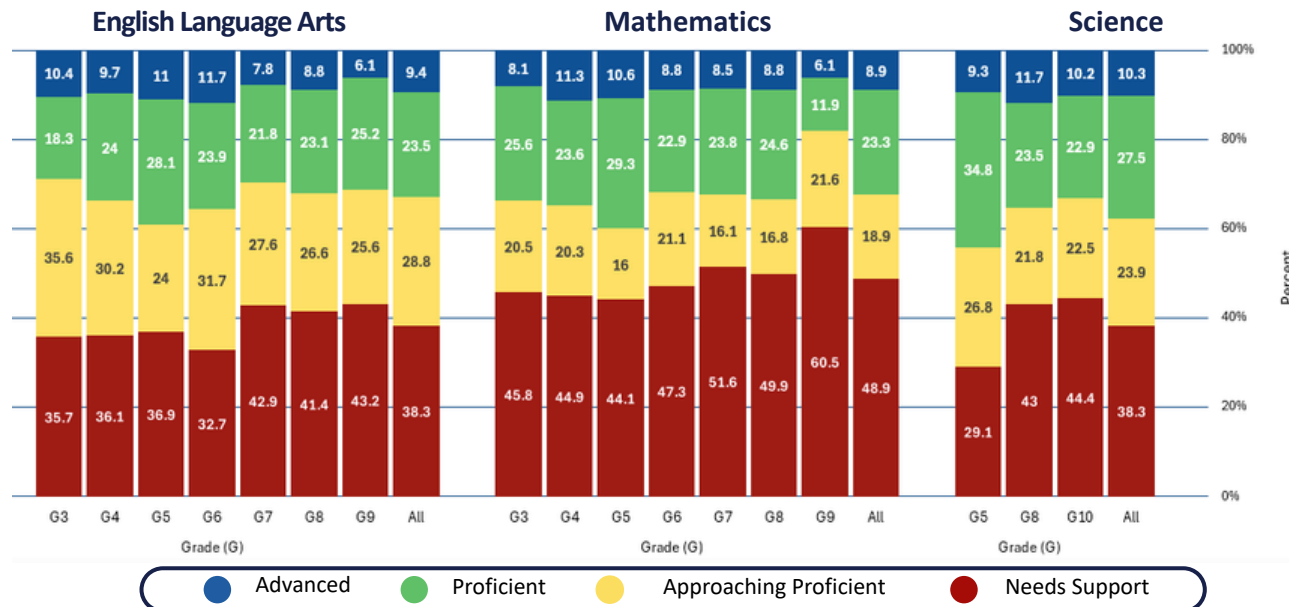


Alaska Science Assessment. A summative assessment that measures students’ knowledge of the K–12 Science Standards for Alaska, adopted in June 2019, for students in grades 5, 8, and 10.

Summative Assessment Achievement Comparison of 2022-2023 to 2025-2026



Statewide Assessment Performance 2026



Summary of Statewide Performance 2022 to 2026

English Language Arts

- Consistent improvement seen in grades 3-5, with grade 5 being the highest performing in 2026 (39.1%).
- Grades 6-9 average is essentially unchanged, with no clear upward trajectory.
- Achievement growth in middle grade banding needs most support.

Mathematics

- 4-year trend demonstrated positive achievement in grades 3-5 with highest percentage of students meeting standards in 2026 (36.1%).
- Students in grades 6-9 demonstrate flat and/or declining achievement.
- Attention to achievement and readiness in middle grades is warranted.

Science

- Overall, 37.8% of Alaska students met grade-level expectations.
- Students in grade 5 (44.1%) had the highest achievement levels.
- Students in grade 10 (44.4%) demonstrated the greatest need for support.

Accelerating Student Learning

Alaska Reads Act

- Alaskans passed the Alaska Reads Act in 2022. The act shows positive results in early literacy achievement as students begin school with a solid base to become strong, skillful readers.

Attendance

- School attendance is essential for academic progress and student learning. Students are at high risk if they miss more than 10 days of school each year. Kindergarten and grade 12 show the highest absenteeism.

Standards and Assessments

- DEED has tools and resources available for families and educators to better understand the state academic standards and the purpose of each assessment. Please visit the DEED Standards and Assessment website at <https://education.alaska.gov/standards-and-assessments>.