

Mapping State Proficiency Standards Onto the NAEP Scales: Variation and Change in State Standards for Reading and Mathematics, 2005-2009

SOUTH CAROLINA

Reading

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	NAEP scale equivalent	NAEP achievement level
Grade 4	194	below <i>Basic</i>
Grade 8	245	<i>Basic</i>

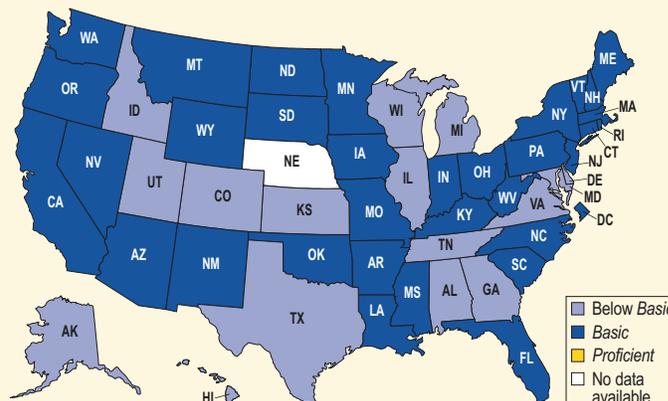
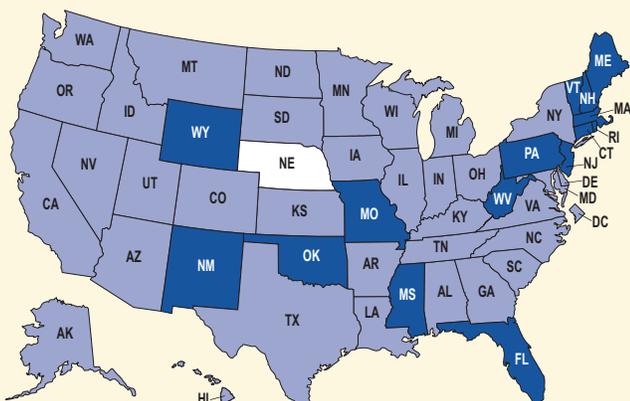
How do South Carolina's reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2005 and 2007 map onto the NAEP scale?

	2005 NAEP scale equivalent	2005 NAEP achievement level	2007 NAEP scale equivalent	2007 NAEP achievement level
Grade 4	228	<i>Basic</i>	223	<i>Basic</i>
Grade 8	276	<i>Basic</i>	281	<i>Proficient</i>

How do South Carolina's reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 compare with those of other states when expressed in terms of NAEP achievement levels?

	States below <i>Basic</i>	States at <i>Basic</i>	States at <i>Proficient</i>
Grade 4	35	15	0

	States below <i>Basic</i>	States at <i>Basic</i>	States at <i>Proficient</i>
Grade 8	16	34	0



How do South Carolina's NAEP scale equivalent scores of reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 compare with those estimated for 2005 and 2007?

Changes from 2007

	2009	2007	Change from 2007	Comparable to 2007
Grade 4	194	223	-28.9 *	No
Grade 8	245	281	-36.3 *	No

Changes from 2005

	2009	2005	Change from 2005	Comparable to 2005
Grade 4	194	228	-34.8 *	No
Grade 8	245	276	-31.5 *	No

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Reading

Do NAEP and the South Carolina reading assessments show the same changes in the proportion of students meeting the state proficiency standards from 2007 to 2009?

Because South Carolina made substantive changes to its reading assessments between 2007 and 2009, meaningful comparisons between measures of change in achievement cannot be made.

Changes to South Carolina's reading assessments between 2007 and 2009

	No significant changes	Changed cut scores	Changed the period of administration	Changed assessment items	Used entirely different assessment	Realigned to new content standards	Changed proficiency standards	Changed accommodation policy	Changed re-test policy	Changed test contractors	Other changes
Grade 4		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			
Grade 8		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			

Composition of South Carolina's main reading test in 2008-09

	Multiple choice		Short constructed response		Extended constructed response		Performance tasks		Other	
	Number of items	Proportion of score	Number of items	Proportion of score	Number of items	Proportion of score	Number of items	Proportion of score	Number of items	Proportion of score
Grade 4	36	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Grade 8	50	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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Mathematics

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	NAEP scale equivalent	NAEP achievement level
Grade 4	215	Basic
Grade 8	270	Basic

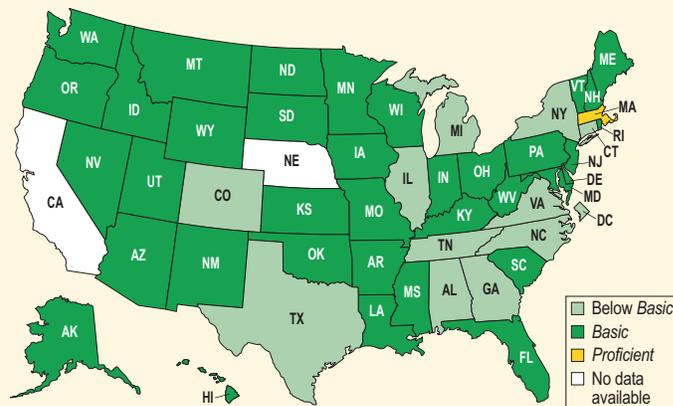
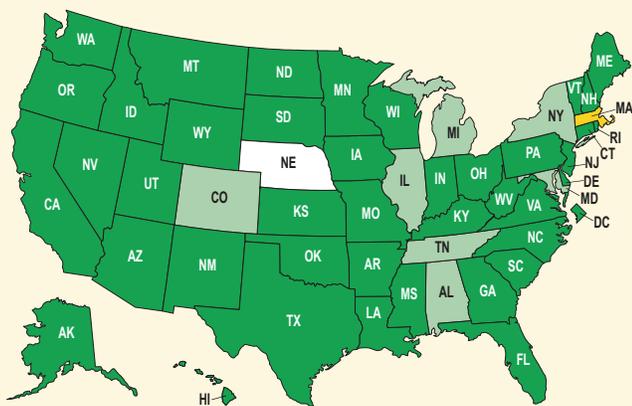
How do South Carolina's mathematics standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2005 and 2007 map onto the NAEP scale?

	2005 NAEP scale equivalent	2005 NAEP achievement level	2007 NAEP scale equivalent	2007 NAEP achievement level
Grade 4	246	Basic	245	Basic
Grade 8	305	Proficient	312	Proficient

How do South Carolina's mathematics standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 compare with those of other states when expressed in terms of NAEP achievement levels?

	States below Basic	States at Basic	States at Proficient
Grade 4	7	42	1

	States below Basic	States at Basic	States at Proficient
Grade 8	12	36	1



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Changes from 2007

	2009	2007	Change from 2007	Comparable to 2007
Grade 4	215	245	-29.8 *	No
Grade 8	270	312	-42.4 *	No

Changes from 2005

	2009	2005	Change from 2005	Comparable to 2005
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Grade 8	270	305	-35.6 *	No

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Grade 8		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			

Composition of South Carolina's main mathematics test in 2008–09

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Grade 4	50	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Grade 8	63	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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