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

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Reading

How do Delaware's reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 map onto the NAEP scale?

	NAEP scale equivalent	NAEP achievement level
Grade 4	199	below *Basic*
Grade 8	236	below *Basic*

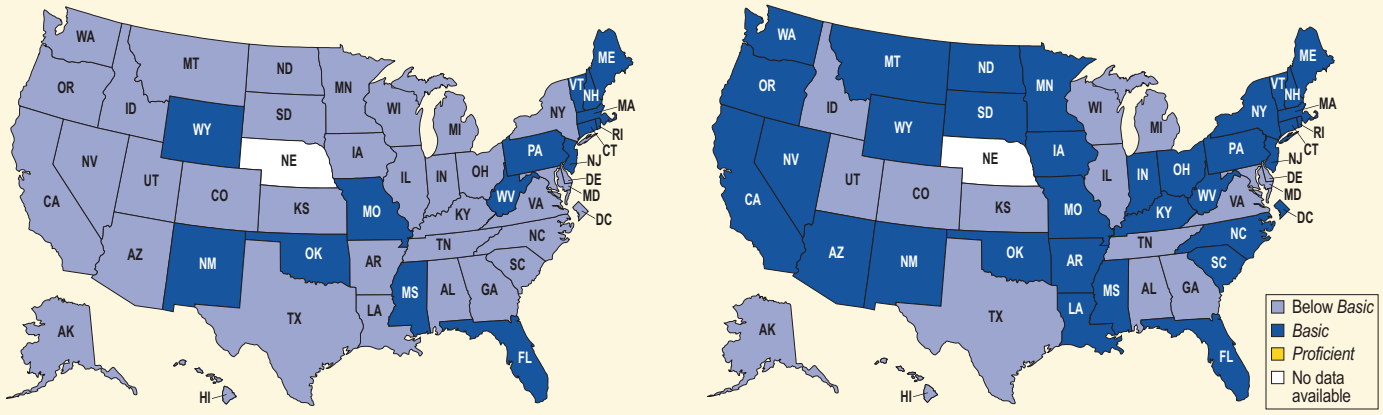
How do Delaware's reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2005 and 2007 map onto the NAEP scale?

	2005 NAEP scale equivalent	2005 NAEP achievement level	2007 NAEP scale equivalent	2007 NAEP achievement level
Grade 4	–	–	202	below *Basic*
Grade 8	242	*Basic*	240	below *Basic*

How do Delaware'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 *Basic*	States at *Basic*	States at *Proficient*
Grade 4	35	15	0

	States below *Basic*	States at *Basic*	States at *Proficient*
Grade 8	16	34	0



How do Delaware'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	199	202	-3.8 *	Yes
Grade 8	236	240	-3.3 *	Yes

Although no substantive changes in the reading assessments from 2007 to 2009 were indicated by the state, the NAEP scale equivalent of both its grade 4 and grade 8 standards decreased.

Changes from 2005

	2009	2005	Change from 2005	Comparable to 2005
Grade 4	199	–	–	No
Grade 8	236	242	-5.5 *	No

Delaware made substantive changes to its reading grade 8 assessment between 2005 and 2009, and the NAEP scale equivalent of its grade 8 standards decreased.

– State assessment data not available; * Statistically different from zero ($p < .05$).

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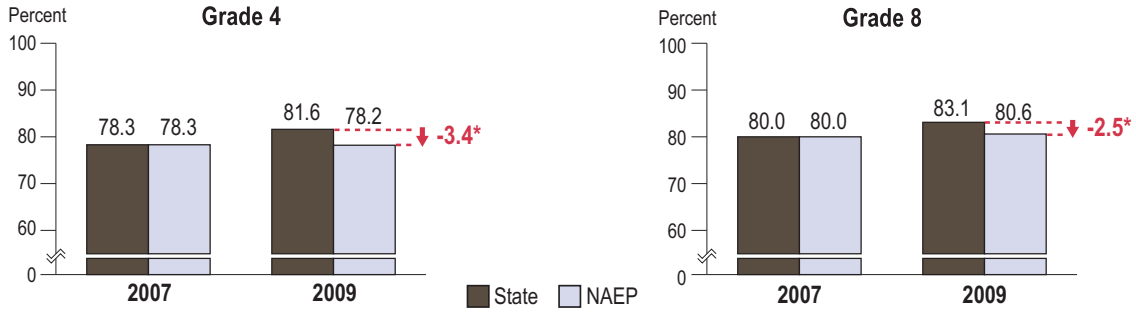
Reading

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

In both grades, Delaware state assessment results showed more positive changes in achievement than NAEP results.

	State percent at the standard in 2007	State percent at the standard in 2009	Change from 2007 to 2009	NAEP percent at the 2007 standard in 2007	NAEP percent at the 2007 standard in 2009	Change from 2007 to 2009	Difference between NAEP and state measures of change
Grade 4	78.3	81.6	3.3	78.3	78.2	-0.1	-3.4 *
Grade 8	80.0	83.1	3.1	80.0	80.6	0.6	-2.5 *



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NOTE: Significance tests were performed only for the difference between NAEP and state measures of change.

Changes to Delaware'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										
Grade 8	Yes										

Composition of Delaware'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	55	64%	8	18%	4	18%	0	0%	0	0%
Grade 8	52	65%	8	20%	4	15%	0	0%	0	0%

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Mathematics

How do Delaware's mathematics standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 map onto the NAEP scale?

	NAEP scale equivalent	NAEP achievement level
Grade 4	220	*Basic*
Grade 8	269	*Basic*

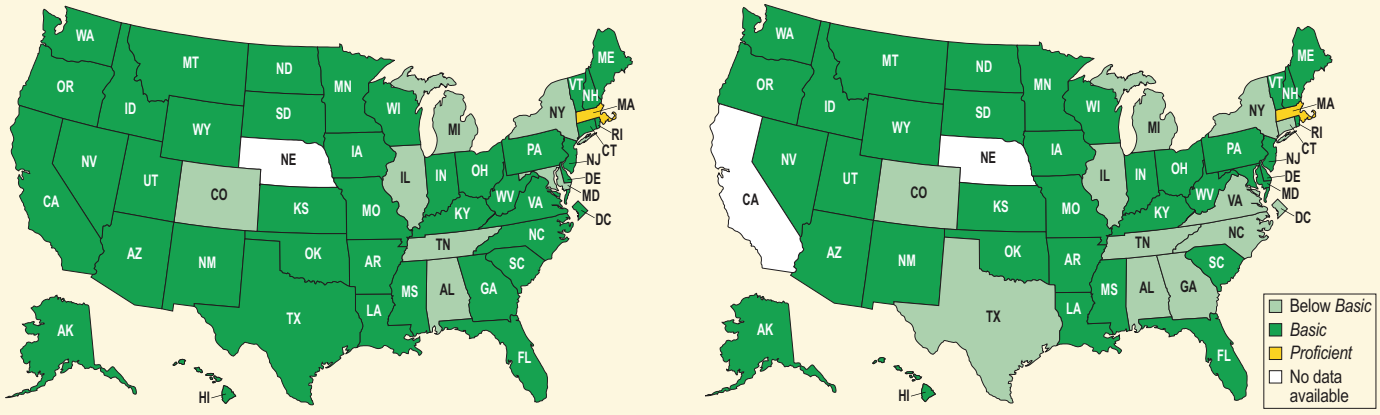
How do Delaware's mathematics standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2005 and 2007 map onto the NAEP scale?

	2005 NAEP scale equivalent	2005 NAEP achievement level	2007 NAEP scale equivalent	2007 NAEP achievement level
Grade 4	–	–	225	*Basic*
Grade 8	275	*Basic*	272	*Basic*

How do Delaware'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



How do Delaware's NAEP scale equivalent scores of mathematics 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	220	225	-4.9 *	Yes
Grade 8	269	272	-3.3 *	Yes

Although no substantive changes in the mathematics assessments from 2007 to 2009 were indicated by the state, the NAEP scale equivalent of both its grade 4 and grade 8 standards decreased.

Changes from 2005

	2009	2005	Change from 2005	Comparable to 2005
Grade 4	220	–	–	No
Grade 8	269	275	-6.5 *	No

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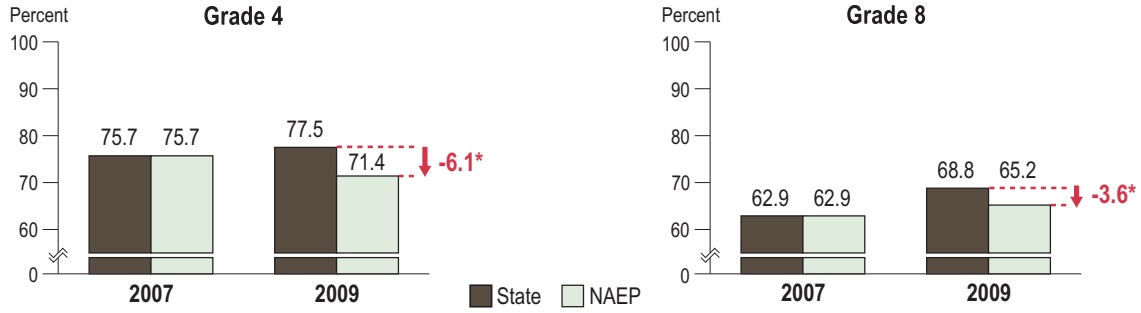
Grade 4	75.7	77.5	1.7	75.7	71.4	-4.3	-6.1 *
Grade 8	62.9	68.8	5.9	62.9	65.2	2.3	-3.6 *



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Composition of Delaware's main mathematics test in 2008–09

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	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	47	63%	8	21%	3	16%	0	0%	0	0%
Grade 8	48	66%	8	22%	3	12%	0	0%	0	0%

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