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## **PAWS and PAWS-Alt Scores Released Today...It's Good News!**

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Department of Education released the statewide scores for the Proficiency Assessment of Wyoming Students (PAWS) and Proficiency Assessment of Wyoming Students – Alternative (PAWS-ALT) today in Cheyenne.

The PAWS outcomes released today continue a two-year upward achievement trend. According to historical PAWS data, the percentages of students testing proficient or advanced in each of the tested subject areas, math, reading and science, are the best performances recorded by Wyoming's students. That is statewide across all tested grades. Among the highlights of the information release was 90.3 percent of third graders were measured at proficient and above proficient.

“When you see statewide improvement like we are seeing here, you know that it is not just one person or group making results like this happen,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Cindy Hill. “You know students, teachers and parents are working hard—also know that bus drivers, our cafeteria staff, secretaries, support staff, our administrators, are all working together. When you see this kind of improvement you know communities are coming together around education.”

All scores are available on the Department of Education's [Fusion](#) site. Student-level data used in the Assessment Resource Tool (ART) for aggregate scores is being updated to include banked scores from 2010-2011 for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students tested as 10<sup>th</sup> graders in 2010-2011.

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