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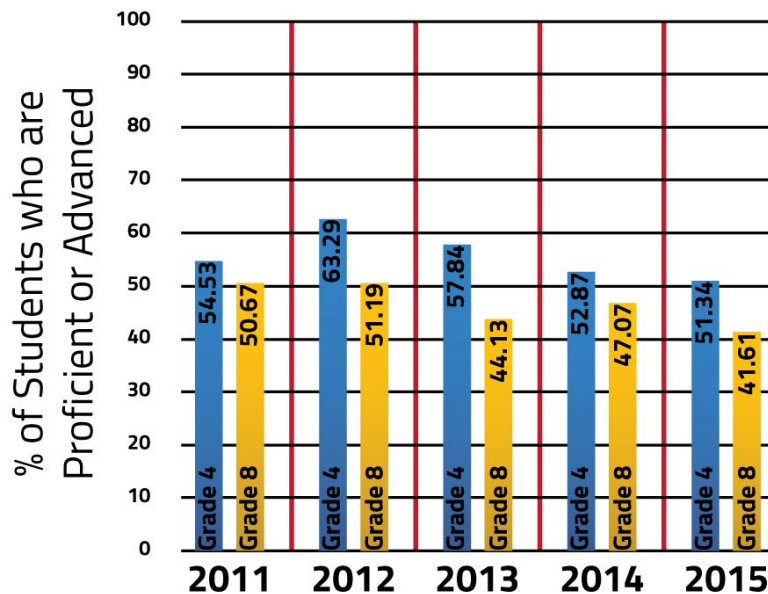
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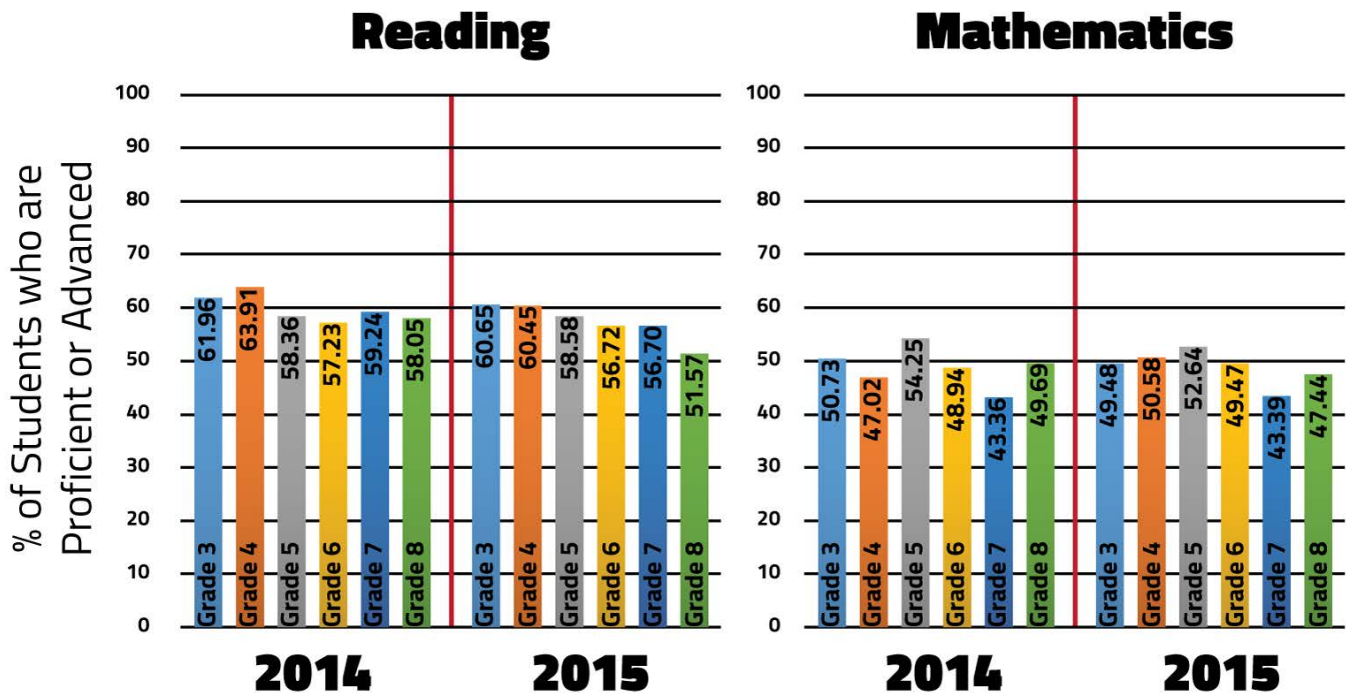
WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELEASES 2015 PAWS RESULTS

CHEYENNE - Spring 2015 statewide testing results were released today and are available on the Wyoming Department of Education's (WDE) [Fusion site](#). The scores are from the Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS) in reading and mathematics for students in grades 3 through 8, and in science for grades 4 and 8.

The 2015 PAWS proficiency rates declined across most grade levels and content areas when compared to results achieved on the 2014 exam. Major shifts were made in the content tested in Reading and Math before the 2014 PAWS, making direct comparisons to prior years invalid. Science content standards have not changed, so there have been no changes to the PAWS Science test.

Science





“These scores are only one measure of student success and the health of Wyoming’s education system,” said State Superintendent Jillian Balow. “We know that we need high standards, support for educators, and classroom engagement to see improvement and will be partnering with school districts to make that happen.”

The state accountability law requires the WDE and State Board of Education to develop a statewide system of support for school districts.

“The system of support will focus on school and district level leadership, practices that support educators in helping students meet these higher expectations, and the need to engage students in meaningful work,” said Chief Policy Officer Brent Young. “This will be a grassroots effort coming from those close to education in Wyoming. The WDE is looking forward to the opportunity to support and facilitate these efforts towards increased student success.”

The data produced from PAWS results will be used with data from ACT results for state and federal accountability determinations. ACT results will be released in August and accountability determinations will be released in September.

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