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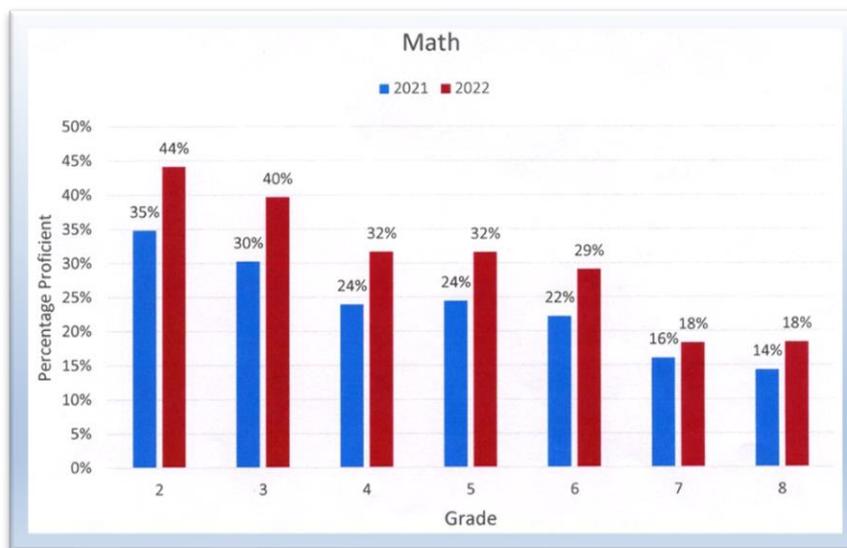
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Alabama Students Show Increase in All Content Areas on the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) Results

Students Show Gains in English Language Arts, Math, and Science from 2021 to 2022

Montgomery, AL – Today, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) released the outcome of the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) assessments in English Language Arts, Math, and Science given to students across the state this past spring. Overall, Spring 2022 saw increases in the percentage of students scoring as proficient for all three contents areas, with math showing the biggest increase at 6 percentage points.



Math scores improved from 2021 to 2022 in all grades tested with 30% of Alabama students meeting proficiency expectations in math. This is up 5 to 8 points across all racial groups, as well as for English language learners (up 4%) and students with disabilities (up 2%).

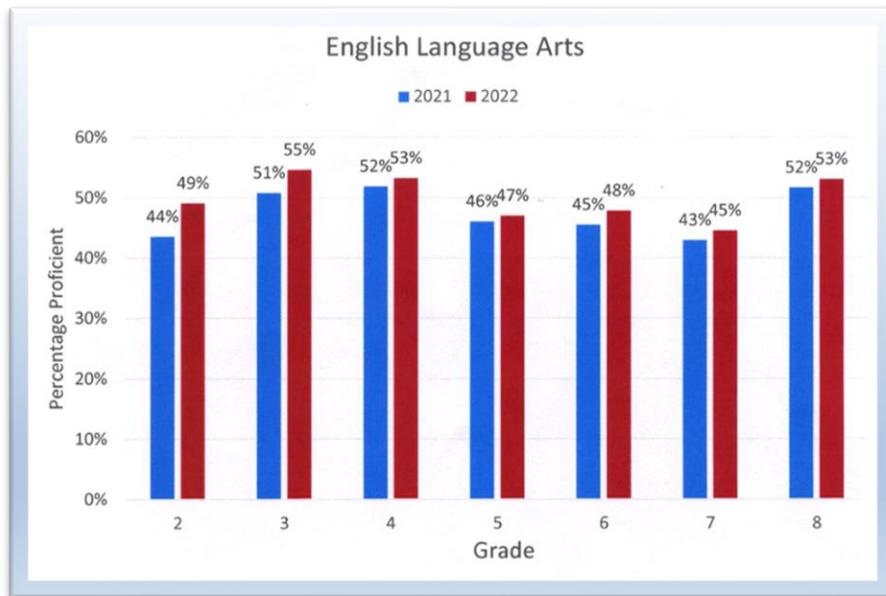
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proficiency rate is highest for second and third graders (44% and 40% respectively) and lowest for seventh and eighth graders at 18%. Second and third graders show the greatest increase in proficiency from 2021 with a 9-point increase for grade 2 and a 10-point increase for grade 3. Overall, 95% (138) of Alabama school districts improved their percentage proficient in math from 2021 to 2022.

In English Language Arts (ELA), overall proficiency increased by 3 percentage points from spring, 2021. Overall, 50% of Alabama students met proficiency expectation in ELA. This includes 36% of economically disadvantaged students meeting proficiency expectations. The proficiency rates of ELA students increased from 2 to 3 points across all racial groups except the “mixed race” category which saw no change from 2021 to 2022. English language learners and students with disabilities improved by 2% and 1% respectively.

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The ELA proficiency rate is highest for third graders at 55% and lowest for seventh graders at 45%. In terms of the greatest gains from 2021 to 2022, second and third graders show largest increase in proficiency with a 5 point increase for grade 2 and a 4 point increase for grade 3.

Across the state, 108 of Alabama's 149 school districts improved their percentage in ELA proficiency from 2021 to 2022.

In Science, the overall proficiency rate for the state increased by 4 percentage points from spring 2021. A total of 36% of Alabama students met proficiency expectation in science. Among student considered economically disadvantaged, 25% met proficiency expectations in science. Ultimately, Alabama tested 377,620 students in English Language Arts (ELA); 378,213 in math, and 163,248 in science.

State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Eric Mackey, said while increases in academic achievement are celebrated, and the state is heading in the right direction, it is understood that there is much more work ahead for education in Alabama.

"Our legislature, governor, educators, parents, and communities have truly invested in education in Alabama, and it is crucial that we provide a positive return on that investment in the form of a highly educated citizenry that is prepared to excel in college, the workforce, and business," Mackey said. "Our trajectory is positive, but we continue to stay focused on making sure every student in Alabama receives a quality education that truly prepares them for life after high school."

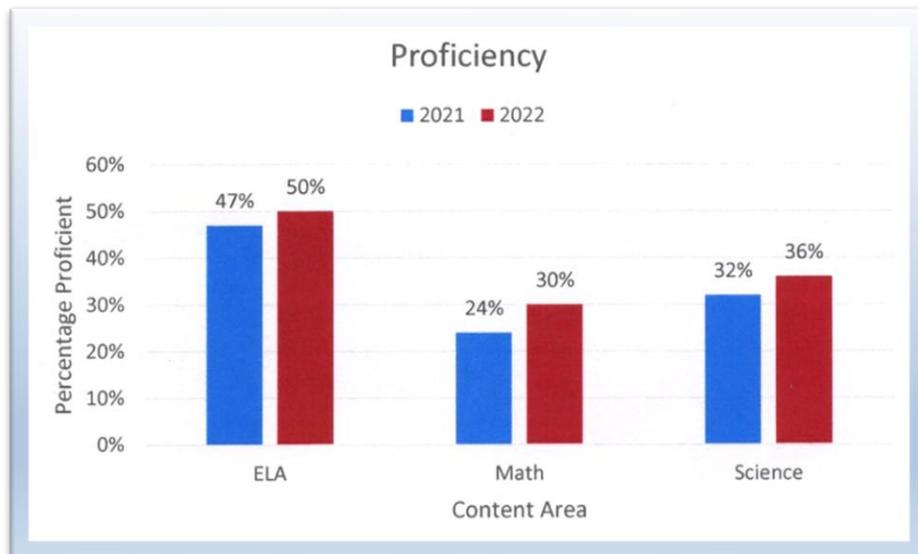
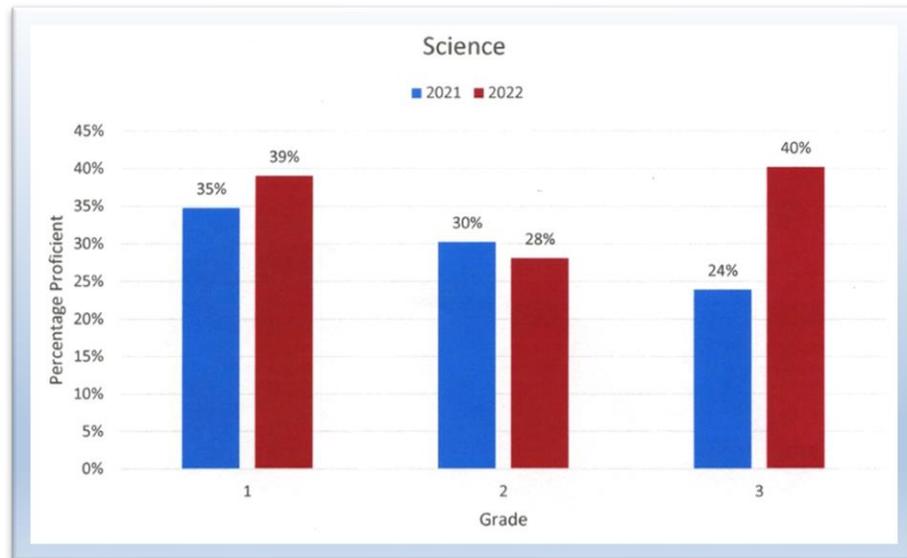
Major educational initiatives such as the Alabama Literacy Act and the Alabama Numeracy Act have funneled unprecedented resources, and expectations, into school systems around the state in an effort to bolster the state's academic performance. Mackey said he expects the impact of these initiatives, and many others, will yield positive results over the coming years.

Now that Alabama has the ACAP as a high-quality, consistent assessment tool, we can more clearly see the progress and areas of need to better prepare Alabama students for the future.

(See charts below for exact percentage increase in each grade level/content area. Visit www.alabamaachievers.org for detailed ACAP Data)

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