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## WASL Grades 8 – 2003 to 2009

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### WASL: Overview

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) is a criterion-referenced test specifically aligned to state standards. Unlike most standardized tests, which are all multiple choice, the WASL is a mix of multiple-choice, short-answer and extended-response questions. The WASL is used to meet testing requirements under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. WASL scores determine whether a school, a district or the state has met Adequate Yearly Progress.

### WASL: Grade 8 Test

The eighth-grade WASL tests mathematics, reading (operational in 2006) and science skills (operational in 2003).

The mathematics test will consist of 42 items, resulting in 65 points. The mathematics section consist of concepts and procedures (number sense, measurement, geometric sense, probability and statistics, and algebraic sense) and four fundamental processes (solves problems, reasons logically, communicates understanding, and makes connections).

The eighth -grade reading test will consist of 35 items, resulting in 50 points. On every Reading WASL at every grade level, each test form includes six passages-50% literary passages and 50% informational passages. Each Reading WASL always has one "pair" that can be a poem and a story, an informational passage and another informational passage or a literary passage and an informational passage. Whatever the pairing, the two passages are all linked by a similar subject or idea. Students are then asked to compare and contrast ideas across texts.

The eighth grade science WASL consists of 45 items, resulting in a 66-point test. Tests include about six scenarios with five to eight items associated with each and several stand alone items.

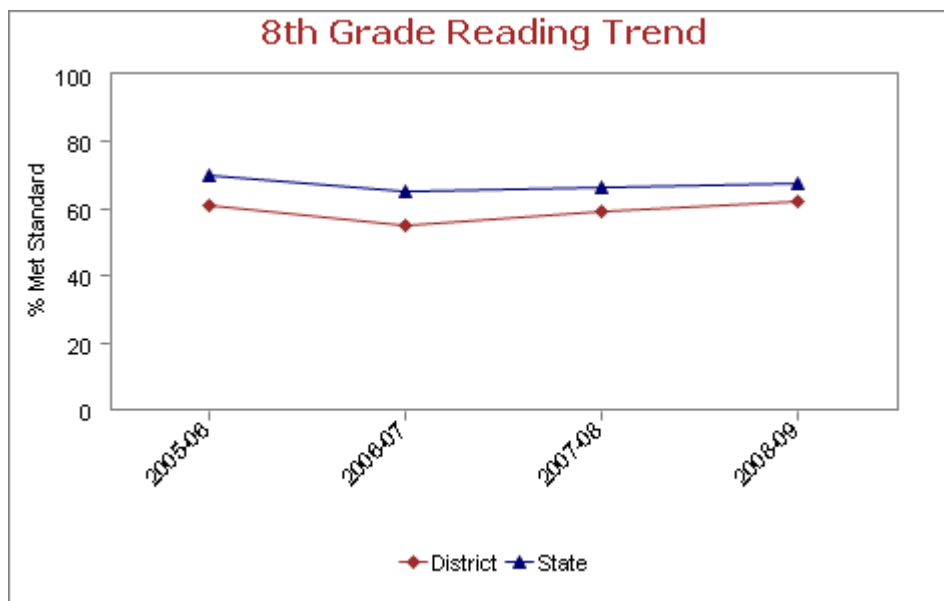
Frequently Asked Questions about the WASL:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/FAQ.aspx>

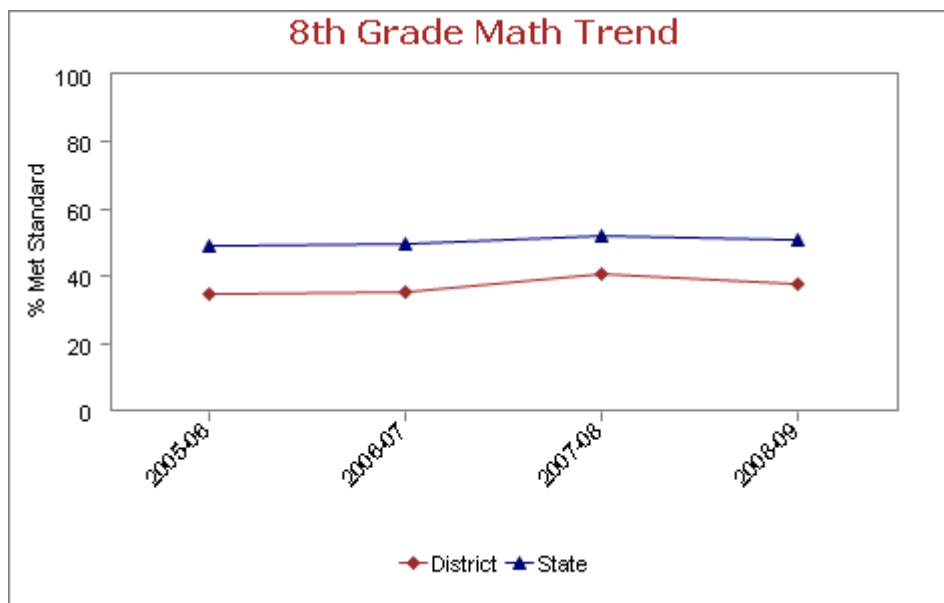
Information regarding WASL test and item specifications:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/testspec.aspx>

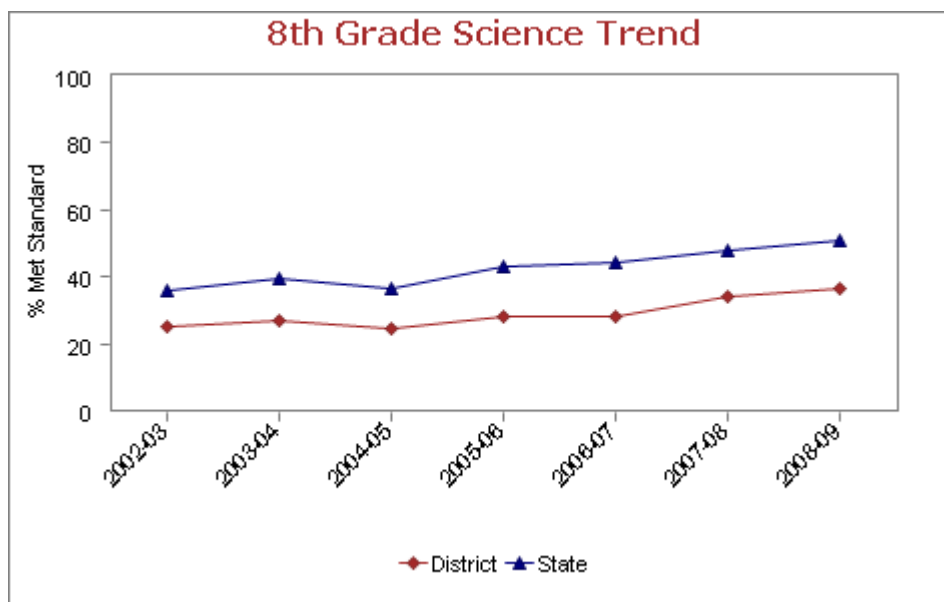
Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)  
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading  
District and State Comparison – Spring 2006 to 2009



Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)  
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard 8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Mathematics**  
District and State Comparison – Spring 2006 to 2009



Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)  
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard 8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Science**  
District and State Comparison – Spring 2003 to 2009



**Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)  
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard 8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Reading** and **Mathematics** – Spring 2006 to 2009**

	<b>Reading</b>				<b>Math</b>			
	06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09
A. Giaudrone	62.9	48.1	52.7	<b>55.4</b>	39.5	32.7	29.4	<b>26.2</b>
Baker	60.5	51.3	49.1	<b>55.5</b>	32.2	24.1	33.6	<b>39.2</b>
Gault	53.3	46.5	32.5	<b>44.4</b>	18.8	16.5	13.3	<b>18.3</b>
Gray	41.3	49.2	54.5	<b>55.3</b>	20.7	31.5	38.0	<b>29.6</b>
Hunt	69.5	59.7	60.7	<b>58.4</b>	35.8	34.1	25.9	<b>22.8</b>
Jason Lee	58.5	41.0	60.7	<b>60.5</b>	31.9	28.3	33.7	<b>27.4</b>
Mason	78.4	71.0	73.6	<b>79.8</b>	60.2	60.0	66.0	<b>62.1</b>
McIlvaigh	52.2	43.5	55.1	<b>50.8</b>	20.0	21.7	28.7	<b>34.4</b>
Meeker	78.7	74.8	77.0	<b>76.6</b>	51.4	52.9	60.2	<b>53.5</b>
Stewart	57.3	56.9	62.1	<b>54.7</b>	20.2	27.1	32.9	<b>29.8</b>
Truman	62.3	57.0	53.7	<b>68.1</b>	38.9	44.2	46.3	<b>40.4</b>
Bryant**			72.7	<b>82.8</b>			45.5	<b>65.5</b>
<b>District</b>	61.0	<b>55.3</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>37.7</b>
<b>State</b>	70.1	<b>64.8</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>50.8</b>

**Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)  
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard 8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Science** – Spring 2003 to 2009**

	<b>Science</b>						
	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A. Giaudrone*	-	19.0	19.4	38.6	27.9	29.6	<b>31.2</b>
Baker	20.6	21.9	21.3	21.0	19.6	21.7	<b>27.5</b>
Gault	17.5	12.5	14.4	20.2	22.0	10.8	<b>23.9</b>
Gray	16.7	14.5	18.3	15.0	17.3	17.9	<b>19.9</b>
Hunt	27.1	24.2	20.2	20.4	26.1	25.6	<b>23.9</b>
Jason Lee	16.3	19.4	15.4	20.0	18.6	27.9	<b>21.7</b>
Mason	51	47.6	45.0	55.7	46.4	63.0	<b>64.6</b>
McIlvaigh	8.9	16.6	9.0	10.0	9.9	23.5	<b>28.8</b>
Meeker	45.3	47.9	43.0	40.7	47.5	51.6	<b>57.8</b>
Stewart	8.3	21.6	11.5	15.1	23.2	27.8	<b>23.2</b>
Truman	34.3	40.9	36.7	37.7	38.2	39.3	<b>47.4</b>
Bryant**						36.4	<b>69.0</b>
<b>District</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>36.8</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>51.1</b>

\*Angelo Giaudrone Middle School opened in 2003-04, new boundaries altered enrollments at Baker, Gray and Stewart.

\*\*State first reported scores for grade 8 at Bryant in 2007-08.

Numbers represent the percent of all enrolled students, less those students exempt from testing, scoring at or above the state performance standard.