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Utah Math Scores Rise on Nation's Report Card

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah was one of only 15 states to see eighth grade math scores rise from 2007 levels in 2009, according to data released today by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card. Utah's eighth graders saw their average score rise from 282 in 2007 to 284 in 2009. Utah fourth graders math scores rose to 240 from 2009 from 239 in 2007, NAEP reported.

Utah fourth and eighth graders have both seen score increases from 1992. Utah eighth graders scored 274 in 1992 while fourth graders scored 224.

"It's good to see the arrow continuing to point in the right direction for mathematics achievement," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Larry K. Shumway. "I extend my thanks and congratulations to our elementary and early secondary math educators out there and to the students themselves. Their hard work is acknowledged in this report and will benefit them and Utah in years to come."

Utah's fourth grade math score of 240 is one point higher than the national average. Utah fourth graders performed better than their peers in 17 states, about the same as their peers in 19 states and not as well as their peers in 15 other states. Utah's eighth grade math score of 284 is two points

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Achievement gaps persist in the performance between white and minority students.

Fourth Grade NAEP Math Scores for 2009

	Utah	Nation
All students	240	239
American Indian	219	227
Asian/Pacific Islander	241	255
Black	221	222
Hispanic	219	227
White	246	248

Eighth Grade NAEP Math Scores for 2009

	Utah	Nation
All students	284	282
American Indian	263	267
Asian/Pacific Islander	276	300
Black	n/a	260
Hispanic	259	266
White	289	292

For more information on NAEP, please visit http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/.

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