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Nation's Report Card: 2017 Utah Fourth, Eighth Grade Mathematics, Reading Scores Steady

SALT LAKE CITY – Much like students nationally, Utah fourth and eighth grade students held steady in their performance on National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests in mathematics and reading in 2017 compared to performance in 2015, according to data NAEP released today. Utah fourth and eighth graders continue to outperform students nationally in both mathematics and reading, the data also showed.

“The NAEP report shows Utah students are performing well compared to the majority of states, but not well enough,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson.

“While our top performing students are outperforming their peers in the nation, we are deeply concerned about gaps in achievement among various student groups. We will be working closely with our local school districts and charter schools to ensure every student has the knowledge and skills needed to ensure they have choices about their future”.

NAEP biennially tests a sampling of fourth and eighth grade students in all 50 states in the subjects of reading and mathematics. There is no individual district or school data; only state and national results. Based on results the state and demographic subgroups are given a scale score and students are categorized as “below basic,” “basic,” “proficient,” and “advanced.” Students in the “proficient” and “advanced” are both considered proficient.

Here are state level proficiency results from NAEP for 2015 and 2017 and national proficiency levels from 2017 for comparison:

Fourth Grade Mathematics

	Scale Score	Rank	% Proficient	Rank
Utah 2015	243	14	43	14
Utah 2017	242	12	45	11
Nation 2017	239		40	

Eighth Grade Mathematics

	Scale Score	Rank	% Proficient	Rank
Utah 2015	286	13	38	11
Utah 2017	287	14	39	10

Nation 2017	282		34	
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Fourth Grade Reading

	Scale Score	Rank	% Proficient	Rank
Utah 2015	226	13	41	9
Utah 2017	225	10	41	7
Nation 2017	221		36	

Eighth Grade Reading

	Scale Score	Rank	% Proficient	Rank
Utah 2015	269	9	38	9
Utah 2017	269	11	39	10
Nation 2017	265		35	

More information about 2017 NAEP results can be found [here](#).

[Utah fourth grade mathematics results.](#)

[Utah eighth grade mathematics results.](#)

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