The percent of students that met standard in English language arts and math on state assessments.

**How is it calculated?**

The percentage of students, grades 3-8 and 11, that score level 3 or level 4 in English Language Arts (ELA) or Mathematics on the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) or Washington Access to Instruction & Measurement Alternative Assessment (WA-AIM) over the last three years.

Proficiency = [among students in the denominator, the number that achieved Level 3 or 4 on the assessment] / [95 percent of the number of enrolled students or the number of tested students (whichever is greater)]

**Which grades are included?**

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**UPDATES**

- Science will be included for accountability in the 2020 release.
- For calculations prior to 2017-18 school year, ELA and Math were assessed in 11th grade.

**Why is Proficiency included? Why does it matter?**

School districts and communities are different across the state. Families have the right to know how their child is progressing toward college and career readiness. Districts also need to know if the curriculum they've chosen teach their students to the state learning standards is working, or if they should make adjustments. State testing is required by state law and federal law.

State test results are used to make improvements in teaching and learning. Parents, students, and educators use the results to:

- Follow student progress, identify strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in curriculum/instruction, and identify students who may need additional help.

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