

Where WASL scores are rising, declining

Scores on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning were released Tuesday. Below is an analysis of data showing the public schools in King and Snohomish counties where scores climbed or dropped the most (very small schools and special-purpose programs were not included in this analysis). More detailed school-by-school data are available at www.seattletimes.com.

FOURTH GRADE

The five schools with the greatest gains in meeting three standards

School (district)	% meeting standard	% point change from '04	% free/reduced lunch
Southwood (Enumclaw)	55.2	39.7	24
Thornton Creek (Seattle)	62.5	31.9	9
Madrona K-8 (Seattle)	44.9	28.6	68
Glenwood (Lake Stevens)	64	28.3	16
Tukwila (Tukwila)	47.9	28.2	59

The five schools with the greatest losses in meeting three standards

School (district)	% meeting standard	% point change from '04	% free/reduced lunch
Lynnendale (Edmonds)	46.9	-42.5	40
Southern Heights (Highline)	22.2	-41.4	68
Gatewood (Seattle)	16.7	-39.7	27
Brighton (Seattle)	16.3	-37.5	79
McMicken Heights (Highline)	8.2	-34.4	65

SEVENTH GRADE

The five schools with the greatest gains in meeting three standards

School (district)	% meeting standard	% point change from '04	% free/reduced lunch
Terrace Park (Edmonds)	51.1	37.8	30
Madison (Seattle)	45.8	26.1	41
McClure (Seattle)	46.3	18.5	42
Environmental (Lake Wash.)	97.1	17.7	2
North Lake (Lake Stevens)	50	16.9	15

The five schools with the greatest losses in meeting three standards

School (district)	% meeting standard	% point change from '04	% free/reduced lunch
International (Bellevue)	77.1	-12.2	4
Madrona (Edmonds)	47.7	-11.5	5
10th Street (Marysville)	40	-11.1	9
Meadowdale (Edmonds)	43.5	-10.1	22
Pathfinder K-8 (Seattle)	17.1	-9.1	37

10th GRADE

The five schools with the greatest gains in reading

School (district)	% meeting standard	% point change from '07	% free/reduced lunch
Global Connections (Highline)	81.2	21.9	51
Big Picture (Highline)	69.2	13.6	61
Lindbergh (Renton)	83.2	11.2	34.3
Sealth (Seattle)	76	11.1	57.7
Summit K-12 (Seattle)	78.7	9.3	47.8

The five schools with the greatest gains in writing

School (district)	% meeting standard	% point change from '07	% free/reduced lunch
Summit K-12 (Seattle)	93.6	30.1	47.8
Global Connections (Highline)	83.1	21.3	51
Rainier Beach (Seattle)	91.1	19.1	60.6
Highline (Highline)	80.5	17.8	39.9
Sealth (Seattle)	79.9	16.2	57.7

The five schools with the greatest gains in math

School (district)	% meeting standard	% point change from '07	% free/reduced lunch
Global Connections (Highline)	32.4	14.5	51
Eagle Harbor (Bainbridge)	68.2	13.7	11
Sealth (Seattle)	42.7	13.4	57.7
Mount Si (Snoqualmie Valley)	68	9.3	7.1
Renton (Renton)	35.7	9.2	49.8

KEY TO TEST SCORES

Met three standards: Percent of students, based on total enrollment, who met or exceeded the standard in three subjects on the test: math, reading and writing.

Percentage point change: Comparison to 2004 shows gain or loss after four years, smoothing out one-year anomalies. In 10th grade, scores are compared to 2007 because of a change in the way data were reported.

Free and reduced-price lunch: Percent of students who qualify for federal subsidized-lunch program in October 2007. Schools with more students from low-income families tend to have lower test scores.

HIGHLIGHTS

■ Sealth in Seattle and Global Connections in Highline are the only two high schools to show the greatest gains in all three subjects, year over year. Summit K-12 in Seattle is the only school to make the greatest-gains list in reading and writing two years in a row.

■ The greatest gains, year over year, among elementary schools where more than 50 percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch: Madison in Everett, Tukwila and Cascade View in Tukwila and Concord and T.T. Minor in Seattle.

■ Statewide science scores climbed noticeably from 2007. Fifth-grade scores jumped 6.4 percentage points, and eighth- and 10th-grade, 3.3 percentage points each.

■ For the second straight year at Lake Washington's International Community School, 100 percent passed the reading and writing portions of the 10th-grade WASL. The school's math score slipped – from 100 percent to 98 percent.

Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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