





★ A National Comparison

2022: HOW TEXAS COMPARES

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted approximately every two years, evaluates a sample of 4th- and 8th-grade students nationwide in reading and math. Between 2019 and 2022, COVID-19 dramatically and negatively impacted student learning throughout the country, especially in mathematics. In Texas, the impact was somewhat more muted, as many state policies helped our schools remain focused on student learning during the pandemic.²²

4 th Grade Reading				8 th Grade Reading			
	2019	2022	Change	2019	2022	Change	
Scale Score 	219	216	-3	262	259	-3	
	216	214	-2	256	255	-1	
Texas Rank: Unadjusted	42nd	33rd	+9	47th	41st	+6	

4 th Grade Math				8 th Grade Math			
	2019	2022	Change	2019	2022	Change	
Scale Score 	240	235	-5	281	273	-8	
	244	239	-5	280	273	-7	
Texas Rank: Unadjusted	12th	14th	-2	32nd	25th	+7	

2022: HOW TEXAS STUDENT GROUPS COMPARE

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation. When analyzing NAEP data, Texas schools are typically more successful in educating most student groups than schools in other states. The following NAEP data show Texas's 2022 rank by student group in 4th- and 8th-grade reading and math, as well as its adjusted national rank based on an analysis conducted by the Urban Institute that assumes all states have identical student demographics.²³

Student Group	Reading		Math	
	4 th Grade	8 th Grade	4 th Grade	8 th Grade
African American	6th	6th	1st	1st
Asian/Pacific Islander	2nd	6th	4th	13th
Hispanic	21st	26th	4th	7th
White	15th	40th	2nd	24th
English Learners	4th	1st	2nd	2nd
Special Education	19th	22nd	5th	26th
Low Income	20th	22nd	6th	9th
Non-Low Income	13th	6th	2nd	20th
Texas Rank: Adjusted	2nd	5th	2nd	10th