

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Adequate Yearly Progress – Updated Reading Scores for 2007-08

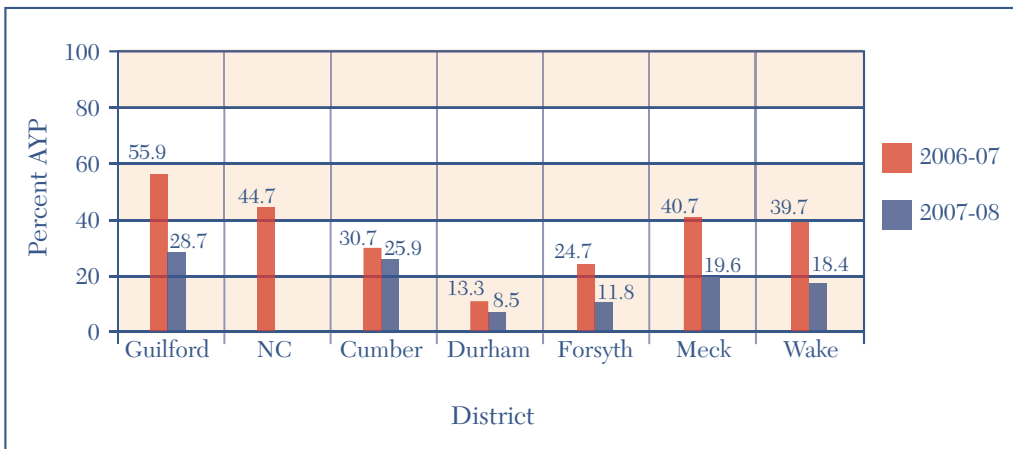
North Carolina set new, increased standards for reading in 2008, resulting in fewer students earning passing scores on the state’s end-of-grade tests in reading. North Carolina has been working to raise standards over time because students must perform at higher levels in order to be competitive in today’s labor market and at the community colleges or universities. These higher standards also better align North Carolina’s expectations with the National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as “The Nation’s Report Card.” This effort marked the first comprehensive increase in reading proficiency standards since 1996. Mathematics standards were increased in 2006.

When there are new assessments, additional analyses to set the achievement levels means results are reported later than usual. District scores were released on Nov. 6, 2008, for the new edition of the reading test that was introduced in 2007-08 for grades 3-8. These reading scores, along with updated AYP results, were not available at the time of Education Matters 2008 was printed and are included below.¹

Final AYP Results for Guilford County 2007-08²

	Total # Schools	% of Schools Making AYP	# of Schools Making AYP	# of Schools Not Making AYP	# of Schools Missing AYP by 1 or 2 Categories
Total	115	28.7%	33	82	27
Elementary	67	32.8%	22	45	13
Middle	20	15.0%	3	17	5
High	26	30.8%	8	18	9
Special	2	0%	0	2	0

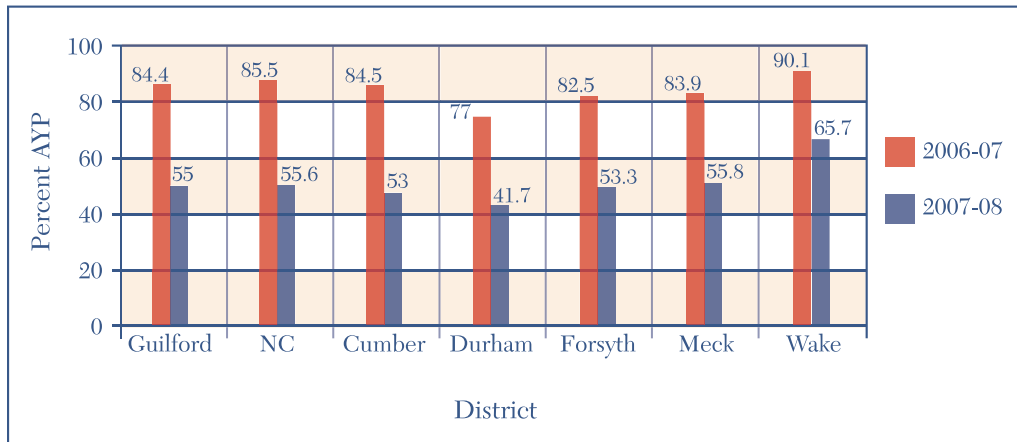
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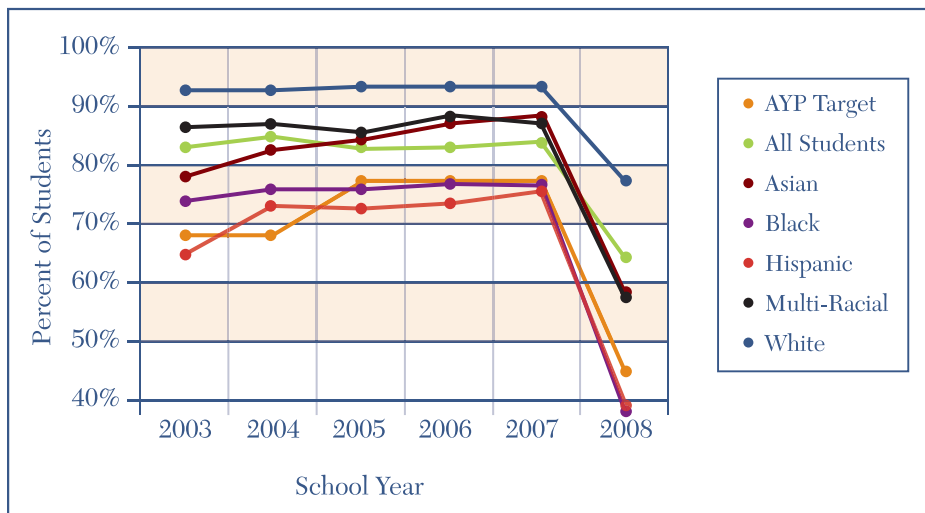
¹ For more information about the new reading test scores, see the press release from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/newsroom/news/2008-09/20081106-01>.

² All AYP data in charts for this insert downloaded from <http://ayp.ncpublicschools.org/2008/>. Numbers in total schools column do not match totals for GCS because not all 120 GCS schools qualified for measure in 2007-08 under the NCLB standards for AYP.

Percentage of Students Making AYP in Reading Grades 3-8



Percentage of GCS Students Making AYP in Reading Grades 3-8 by Race/Ethnicity from 2003-2008



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