

Achieving proficiency ensures students are prepared for success after high school. However, proficiency expectations vary by state and differ widely National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) proficiency expectations. This discrepancy in expectations is called a "proficiency gap." States with large proficiency gaps set the bar too low, leading parents and teachers to believe students are performing better than they actually are. State proficiency should reflect if students truly have the knowledge and skills to be successful. Find out more at **WhyProficiencyMatters.com**.

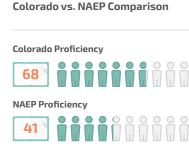


Colorado Proficiency Gap





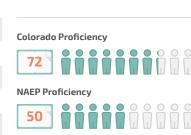










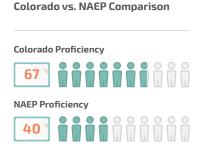


Colorado vs. NAEP Comparison

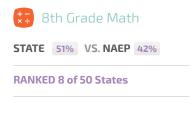












By Demographic		
POINTS	RANK	DEMOGRAPHIC
-	-	Disabled
9	6	Low Income
10	10	White
15	12	Black
10	6	Hispanic



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