



Quick Facts on the new North Dakota State Assessment

On Oct. 27, Superintendent Baesler announced the first public release of test scores from the new North Dakota State Assessment, which was administered to students in the spring of 2015.

Based on the number of tests scored to that date, about 46 percent of the North Dakota students who sat for the exams were proficient in English. About 40 percent were proficient in mathematics.

By early November, about 80 percent of the assessments had been processed. The publicly released statewide averages should be a fair representation of the final results.

Annual assessments in English and mathematics are given to students in grades three through eight, and to 11th graders. They are required by state law. Most of the assessments were taken online, and those results were released to schools earlier.

More than 56,000 students took the test. Almost all of the assessments were taken online, and most of those have been processed. Test scoring has not been finished for about 3,700 students who used paper and pencil to take the exam. Results are also pending for another 6,600 tests that were taken by computer and not completed.

Students told Baesler they preferred taking the assessment online, rather than using paper and pencil. Of the more than 56,000 students who were required to take the test, 416 refused.