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ND Schools Surpass Assessment Participation Goals

BISMARCK, N.D., Sept. 18, 2015 – Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said Friday that North Dakota schools exceeded state goals for participation in the North Dakota state assessment during the 2014-15 school year.

The annual Adequate Yearly Progress report, issued Friday by the Department of Public Instruction, showed a student participation rate of 98.53 percent in the reading assessment during the last school year. The mathematics assessment participation rate was 98.63 percent. The state had a 95 percent participation goal.

The report showed a state high school graduation rate of 88.56 percent, which is above the past national average.

The report is the first issued under the new North Dakota State Assessment. The assessment was administered for the first time last spring to students in grades three through eight, and grade 11. Most North Dakota students took the new assessment online.

This year's North Dakota report does not include student academic achievement scores, which is normally an element of the annual AYP report, because the state was in its first year of using a new state assessment.

State, school and school district AYP reports can be viewed on the Department of Public Instruction's website [here](#):

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/assessment/accountability/>

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