

## NC keeps up math and reading scores

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North Carolina's fourth and eighth graders are right on track, national test results released yesterday say.

A larger percentage of North Carolina students who participated in the biennial National Assessment of Educational Progress also performed at or above a basic skill level in the two subjects compared to 2005, in keeping with national trends. The results also showed boys recorded reading scores that were 8 points lower than girls in fourth grade and 11 points lower in eighth grade. Math scores showed no significant difference. Students from low-income families scored 21 to 28 points less than those who weren't eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.