

Watauga Schools Score Well

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Watauga schools are passing along the good news over the School Report Cards, showing that student achievement in the WCS system continues to exceed that of most students in North Carolina.

For the school system as a whole, 85.8% of students in grades 3-8 scored at or above grade level proficiency on the end-of-grade tests in reading compared to 70.1% statewide. In math, 91.4% of WCS students in grades 3-8 scored at or above grade level proficiency compared to 81.8% statewide. In the fifth grade science test, 88.4% of WCS students scored at or above proficiency versus 68.9% of students statewide. For the eighth grade science test, 87.2% of WCS students scored at or above proficiency compared to 72.8% statewide.

For high schools, end-of-course tests in eight academic subjects are North Carolina's principal measure of student performance. At Watauga High School, 88.9% of all end-of-course test results were in the proficient range or higher compared to 80.7% statewide. Students at Watauga High School outperformed their statewide peers on each of the eight subjects tested: English I, Algebra I, Algebra II, U.S. History, Geometry, Civics and Economics, Biology, and Physical Science.

Watauga High School students also compare favorably on SAT scores and the graduation rate. The average Watauga High School SAT score of 1096 (critical reading and mathematics combined) was significantly above the state average of 1008. The high school's graduation rate increased to 82.0% for 2009-10 while the statewide rate was 74.2%.

The complete Report Card results for schools across the state are available online at www.ncreportcards.org.