

**Overall Results**

- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in South Dakota was 291. This was higher than the average score of 282 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in South Dakota in 2009 (291) was higher than their average score in 2007 (288) and was higher than their average score in 2003 (285).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in South Dakota at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 41 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 2003 (41 points).
- The percentage of students in South Dakota who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 42 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (39 percent) and was greater than that in 2003 (35 percent).
- The percentage of students in South Dakota who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 83 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (81 percent) and was greater than that in 2003 (78 percent).

**Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results**

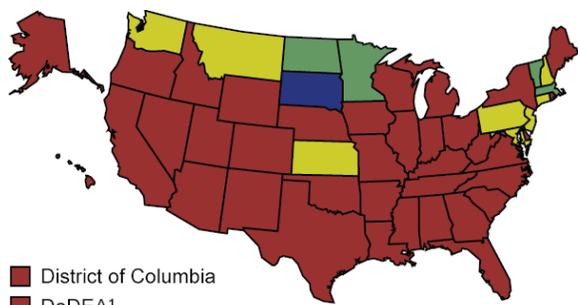
Year	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Average Score
South Dakota					
2003	22*	43	30*	5*	285*
2005	20*	44	30*	6	287*
2007	19	42	32	7	288*
2009	17	41	34	7	291
Nation (public)					
2009	29	39	25	7	282

Percent below *Basic* and at *Basic*      Percent at *Proficient* and *Advanced*

■ Below Basic    □ Basic    ■ Proficient    ■ Advanced

\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from state's results in 2009.  
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

**Compare the Average Score in 2009 to Other States/Jurisdictions**

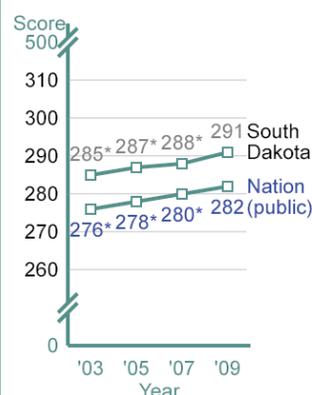


<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

In 2009, the average score in **South Dakota** was

- lower than those in 4 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 39 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 8 states/jurisdictions

**Compare the Average Score to Nation (public)**



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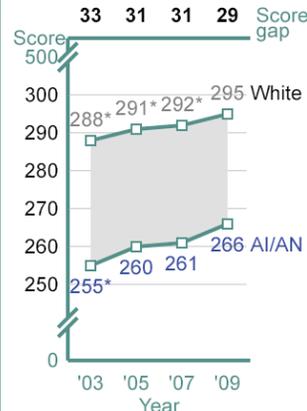
**Results for Student Groups in 2009**

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above		
			Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Gender					
Male	51	292	83	44	9
Female	49	289	82	39	5
Race/Ethnicity					
White	84	295	87	46	8
Black	2	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hispanic	2	268	62	13	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	11	266	55	17	1
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	32	276	69	24	3
Not eligible	68	297	89	49	9

‡ Reporting standards not met.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, and the "Unclassified" category for race/ethnicity are not displayed.

**White – American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Score Gap**



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