

School District of Wabeno Area

Badger State Test Results

The Badger Examination is a standardized achievement test required by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and was administered to all students in grades third through eight in the spring of 2015. These tests are a part of the requirement for No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The Department of Public Instruction implemented the Badger state test for the first and only time during the spring of 2015. The Badger, ACT, and DLM assessments replace Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations and Wisconsin Alternate Assessments for Students with Disabilities that were administered in grades three through eight and grade 10 during the fall, in prior years. The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) is an alternate assessment given to Wisconsin students with severe cognitive disabilities and is used in grades three through 11. Because the 2014-15 assessments were taken in spring rather than fall and are based on different standards, comparisons to results from prior years are not advised.

Overall, the School District of Wabeno Area had 171 students assessed on the Badger and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) exams in grades three through eight. Among those students, 39.8 percent of students were proficient or advanced in English language arts compared to 51.2 percent at the state level. In mathematics, 28.7 percent of students were proficient or advanced compared to 43.7 percent statewide.

At 11th grade, 35 students took the ACT or DLM. The ACT is the same college admissions exam taken by students nationwide. Overall results show 28.6 percent of students achieved at the proficient or advanced performance levels in English language arts compared to 45.7 percent statewide. In mathematics, 31.4 percent were proficient or advanced compared to 35.9 percent of juniors statewide. According to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the differences in the numbers of students, the multiple times students may have taken the ACT, and the fact that many students take the test during their final year of high school make comparisons between statewide and multiple school year ACT results invalid and flawed.

Badger Test Results

Percent of All Students at Proficient/Advanced Levels in Reading Grades 3-8

	3	4	5	6	7	8
2014-15 Wabeno student results	26.6	69.5	43.4	42.3	33.4	31.6
2014-2015 State comparison	51.7	50.4	54.5	46.4	51.6	52.7

Badger Test Results
Percent of All Students at Proficient/Advanced Levels in Math
Grades 3-8

	3	4	5	6	7	8
2014-15 Wabeno student results	20	65.2	30	34.6	16.7	15.8
2014-2015 State comparison	51.4	47.6	40.4	41.1	43	39

This spring our students will take the new Forward Exam, which will continue to measure learning based on standards. The state of Wisconsin has a six-year contract for test development, administration and scoring of the Forward Exam. The consistency of using the Forward Exam for more than one year will allow the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to return to reporting trend data for school districts in the state.

We will use this piece of information in addition to our MAP testing results to review, develop and implement new academic goals to help us increase student academic achievement in the areas of reading and math. We are working hard to prepare our students for the vast changes in education. We believe communication is the key to our successful relationships and that this helps us maintain these viable and necessary partnerships between home and school. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with our great School District of Wabeno Area!

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