

WASL Grades 4 – 1997 to 2009

WASL: Overview

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) is a criterion-referenced test specifically aligned to state standards. Unlike most standardized tests, which are all multiple choice, the WASL is a mix of multiple-choice, short-answer and extended-response questions. The WASL is used to meet testing requirements under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. WASL scores determine whether a school, a district or the state has met Adequate Yearly Progress.

WASL: Grade 4 Test

The fourth-grade WASL tests mathematics, writing and reading skills and was first made operational in 1997.

The mathematics test will consist of 35 items, resulting in 55 points. The mathematics section consist of concepts and procedures (number sense, measurement, geometric sense, probability and statistics, and algebraic sense) and four fundamental processes (solves problems, reasons logically, communicates understanding, and makes connections).

The fourth-grade reading test will consist of 29 items, resulting in 42 points. On every Reading WASL at every grade level, each test form includes six passages-50% literary passages and 50% informational passages. Each Reading WASL always has one "pair" that can be a poem and a story, an informational passage and another informational passage or a literary passage and an informational passage. Whatever the pairing, the two passages are all linked by a similar subject or idea. Students are then asked to compare and contrast ideas across texts.

Fourth-grade students are asked to write to two prompts, one designed to elicit an expository response and the other, a narrative response.

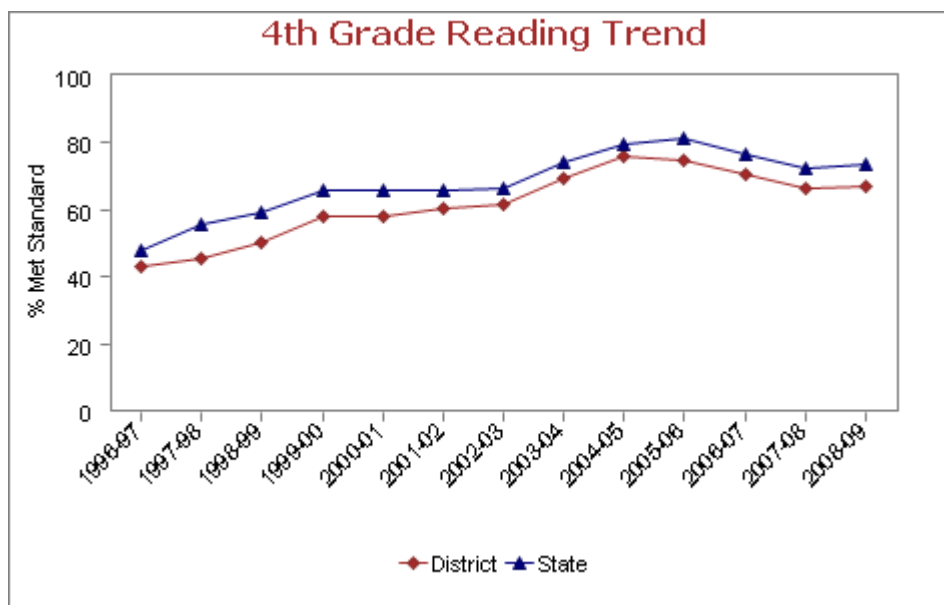
Frequently Asked Questions about the WASL:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/FAQ.aspx>

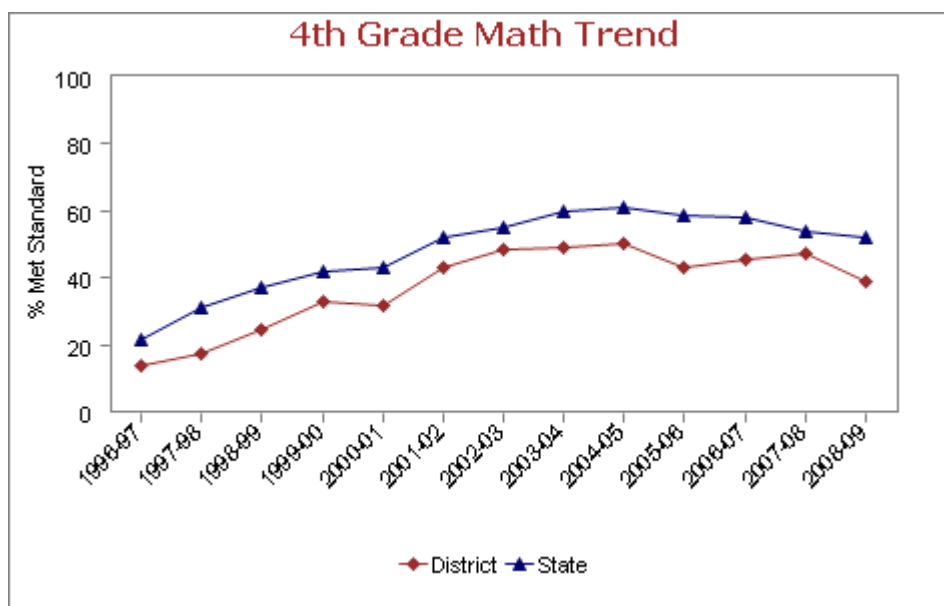
Information regarding WASL test and item specifications:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/testspec.aspx>

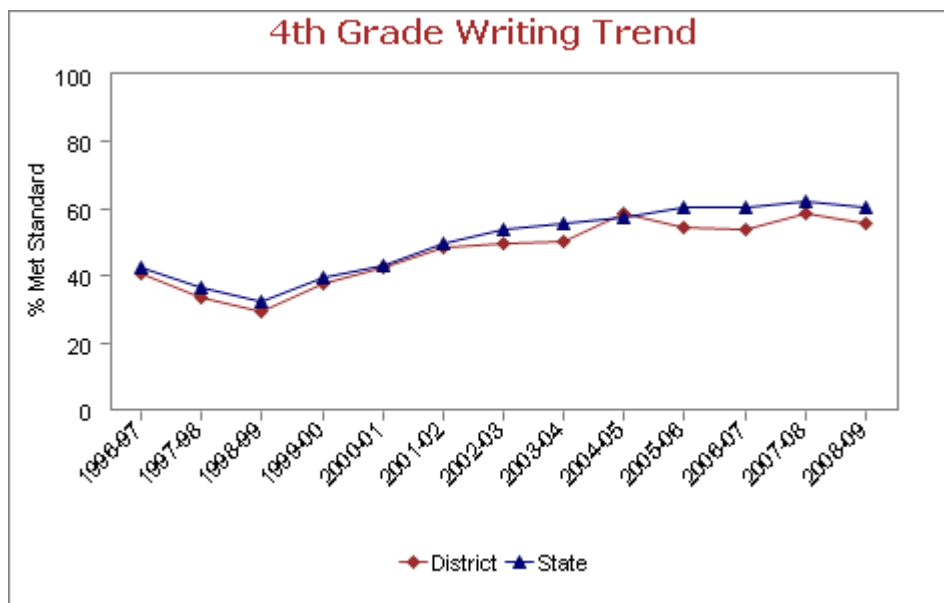
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**Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)
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**Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard 4th Grade Reading – Spring 1997 to 2009**

	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Arlington	42.9	41.1	44.9	64.9	56.9	50.0	53.1	58.5	83.7	69.7	52.2	63.6	54.4
Birney	38.6	35.9	54.7	60.3	41.0	50.0	41.7	74.3	76.5	81.3	86.5	52.7	65.6
Blix ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	38.0	30.1	72.4	69.4	65.0	50.0	54.4
Boze	30.1	35.6	46.2	57.7	75.4	63.9	49.5	46.9	54.2	60.0	69.2	71.9	67.2
Browns Pt	65.0	79.8	72.7	75.9	77.8	67.1	79.7	85.3	87.3	88.1	88.2	88.3	90.7
Bryant	28.2	25.5	13.5	27.6	54.1	41.9	66.7	61.9	76.7	86.4	68.2	62.8	59.1
Crescent Hts	-	-	-	75.9	80.2	71.0	85.4	80.4	85.0	91.1	87.1	87.2	73.1
DeLong	40.7	44.3	53.6	59.6	69.3	74.2	67.9	84.4	75.0	82.6	91.2	75.4	83.6
Downing	58.7	58.1	59.4	62.1	80.0	68.9	76.9	76.1	74.0	79.6	81.1	76.2	68.4
Edison	31.1	41.5	41.4	32.5	42.4	39.4	48.5	56.3	66.3	73.1	75.3	69.0	54.7
Fawcett	45.5	39.6	44.0	65.1	43.4	55.8	56.0	60.3	72.3	71.7	58.6	59.4	81.4
Fern Hill	42.1	35.8	47.6	51.4	52.9	46.0	53.8	70.6	76.4	73.5	61.7	70.2	60.0
Franklin	44.7	35.6	35.7	66.7	66.2	74.2	67.1	76.8	76.0	75.0	70.7	46.7	51.0
Geiger	50.0	49.2	53.2	61.2	58.2	65.4	54.4	60.0	72.5	62.5	67.6	61.3	59.1
Grant	38.9	42.0	34.5	65.4	69.4	58.3	81.3	78.4	86.5	83.1	81.4	76.3	92.2
H Stafford ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68.2	62.2	65.6
Jefferson	60.0	57.7	42.5	63.5	72.9	69.8	84.3	83.3	72.0	77.5	62.5	58.6	73.1
Larchmont	65.9	51.0	74.7	67.4	62.9	55.7	59.8	76.9	75.0	73.1	71.7	74.0	66.0
Lister	38.0	37.7	52.2	59.4	53.9	60.0	47.8	64.1	76.0	70.4	69.3	53.6	63.3
Lowell	65.7	62.5	73.5	70.1	81.1	73.6	75.0	83.3	91.9	90.6	86.2	82.8	86.3
Lyon	29.4	47.7	25.0	41.1	30.3	55.6	49.0	53.7	73.7	73.7	68.2	50.0	53.7
Manitou Pk	33.3	48.8	43.3	67.0	43.4	69.0	54.5	67.7	80.0	76.1	62.2	59.8	64.9
Mann	25.4	32.5	36.8	45.3	46.5	46.1	64.2	56.8	63.9	70.3	54.5	48.7	50.0
McCarver	22.1	22.6	19.3	32.5	35.9	25.0	45.7	70.0	71.9	54.3	81.0	57.7	66.2
McKinley	18.6	18.2	39.7	39.7	30.4	49.3	45.8	66.7	62.2	47.8	46.9	59.0	42.9
NE Tacoma	69.7	62.7	53.0	60.2	78.7	66.3	73.3	81.6	81.0	70.1	69.7	63.4	75.3
Pt Defiance	42.7	46.3	64.9	40.5	56.0	56.9	74.6	84.3	86.2	83.6	66.1	72.0	78.5
Reed	32.5	43.5	49.4	68.8	75.6	72.0	73.4	59.3	74.3	82.1	64.3	61.5	40.3
Roosevelt	37.8	37.9	44.4	31.7	34.0	62.3	44.9	45.9	62.1	73.0	61.5	60.6	58.1
Sheridan	18.6	31.3	39.0	41.5	40.4	44.3	53.2	71.8	60.0	68.2	64.0	56.6	61.6
Sherman	50.0	47.6	62.2	64.4	52.6	60.3	45.2	75.8	91.5	91.7	73.8	81.4	62.1
Skyline	64.0	56.9	69.8	70.5	66.7	73.8	56.3	68.2	80.0	82.1	83.7	80.5	85.0
Stanley	12.5	19.7	31.5	43.3	47.0	63.8	59.3	58.3	65.6	75.0	60.0	61.1	50.8
Wainwright	59.6	65.6	61.8	78.8	67.6	67.1	87.3	80.4	92.1	74.6	71.2	77.0	64.1
Wash/Hoyt	68.9	67.9	71.2	81.6	67.9	87.0	89.1	91.8	92.0	85.9	87.9	83.3	96.1
Whitman	42.9	40.0	57.4	52.4	66.1	73.8	58.7	71.2	75.7	78.1	67.3	69.0	51.5
Whittier	54.9	68.4	65.4	77.3	69.7	82.8	77.4	86.1	86.4	86.5	69.4	76.4	89.4

District	43.2	45.8	50.5	57.9	58.0	60.4	61.4	69.6	76.3	74.6	70.4	66.5	66.8
State	47.9	55.6	59.1	65.8	66.1	65.6	66.7	74.4	79.5	81.2	76.4	72.6	73.6

**Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard 4th Grade **Mathematics** – Spring 1997 to 2009**

	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Arlington	10.2	16.1	26.5	44.6	25.5	42.2	30.6	36.6	61.2	33.3	39.1	25.7	23.2
Birney	11.4	10.3	36.0	33.8	21.7	28.3	26.3	51.4	50.0	46.0	60.8	35.1	29.5
Blix ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.3	19.2	32.8	30.6	33.3	37.0	38.6
Boze	2.4	8.2	10.3	26.0	31.9	35.7	22.7	17.3	27.7	23.5	46.2	49.1	26.9
Browns Pt	21.4	35.1	48.4	53.0	47.2	48.6	62.5	69.5	64.6	67.2	60.5	66.7	64.0
Bryant	5.3	4.3	5.6	20.7	20.5	9.1	22.2	45.0	43.3	45.5	40.9	48.8	25.0
Crescent Hts	-	-	-	40.5	49.4	55.9	59.8	57.9	67.3	60.9	55.9	72.3	52.7
DeLong	12.8	15.6	25.8	38.4	44.0	69.4	64.1	59.4	57.4	66.7	60.3	46.4	52.2
Downing	29.3	22.6	25.4	45.5	53.0	54.1	63.1	60.6	58.0	46.3	69.8	71.4	40.4
Edison	8.1	4.3	20.2	21.3	21.7	19.2	38.8	32.0	34.9	33.0	37.1	48.5	29.1
Fawcett	9.9	5.3	29.7	29.1	12.1	44.2	40.7	64.1	56.6	53.3	37.7	43.8	50.0
Fern Hill	8.4	6.2	20.7	19.8	24.8	20.7	50.0	55.3	50.9	32.5	40.4	45.8	33.3
Franklin	12.8	22.6	19.6	33.8	17.6	62.1	54.3	63.8	40.0	33.3	48.8	26.7	19.6
Geiger	18.8	29.2	33.9	36.7	28.6	63.5	45.6	46.0	48.0	33.3	51.4	22.6	36.4
Grant	3.7	10.0	19.0	43.1	39.5	40.4	70.8	52.9	48.1	40.0	62.8	49.2	49.0
H Stafford ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.8	36.5	40.6
Jefferson	17.6	13.4	23.8	44.2	44.9	34.1	78.4	53.3	44.0	45.0	50.0	44.8	50.0
Larchmont	32.9	38.2	50.0	51.1	37.1	52.6	43.7	54.9	48.1	44.8	51.7	52.0	36.0
Lister	27.8	21.7	20.8	30.3	31.5	40.0	32.6	46.9	60.0	38.0	46.7	37.7	39.2
Lowell	29.9	25.0	42.6	43.3	52.2	54.2	62.7	71.2	73.0	66.0	73.8	66.7	71.1
Lyon	5.9	15.9	8.3	26.8	13.6	51.1	47.1	43.9	44.7	57.9	45.5	38.9	34.1
Manitou Pk	3.2	18.3	9.6	25.2	16.3	27.6	35.2	34.3	43.2	39.8	34.1	33.3	18.1
Mann	9.9	6.3	12.3	13.3	12.7	28.6	45.3	37.5	45.9	31.3	33.3	43.6	28.3
McCarver	1.5	5.7	7.0	5.0	14.3	16.4	47.1	50.0	28.1	15.2	34.9	34.6	32.4
McKinley	3.4	1.3	20.6	18.7	14.3	34.3	50.0	46.2	31.1	26.1	18.8	41.0	28.6
NE Tacoma	33.3	33.6	23.9	33.3	41.6	40.7	48.8	51.3	45.6	39.5	43.9	51.2	33.7
Pt Defiance	13.3	13.8	21.3	21.6	38.7	46.6	67.8	68.7	52.3	49.2	51.8	54.0	44.6
Reed	3.5	24.2	19.5	44.0	36.5	62.7	48.9	34.1	37.1	30.6	18.6	29.2	20.9
Roosevelt	10.8	8.5	9.5	11.1	6.4	37.7	26.5	21.6	27.6	29.7	30.8	36.4	29.0
Sheridan	0.0	9.4	14.6	33.0	21.3	26.8	34.0	42.7	29.5	32.7	29.0	36.4	33.3
Sherman	26.0	23.8	20.0	28.8	26.3	51.7	25.8	61.3	84.7	77.8	59.5	59.3	37.9
Skyline	22.7	13.8	37.5	32.8	34.9	42.9	22.9	42.4	62.0	67.9	72.1	73.2	50.0
Stanley	1.4	8.2	14.8	28.4	33.3	73.5	54.1	28.6	34.4	45.9	35.0	39.6	41.0
Wainwright	38.5	40.6	42.4	59.1	53.5	61.8	87.3	58.9	61.9	62.7	46.2	75.4	53.8
Wash/Hoyt	24.4	41.5	48.1	59.2	53.6	69.6	73.9	69.4	82.0	60.9	67.2	65.2	70.6
Whitman	7.8	8.0	18.0	17.5	41.4	49.2	54.0	38.4	51.4	37.5	38.2	40.8	29.9
Whittier	19.7	25.3	31.3	61.3	59.1	48.9	75.0	76.4	62.7	52.7	73.5	56.9	60.6
District	13.9	17.6	24.8	33.0	31.5	43.1	48.3	48.9	50.0	43.0	45.7	47.1	39.2
State	21.4	31.2	37.3	41.8	43.4	51.8	55.2	59.9	60.8	58.9	57.9	53.6	52.3

**Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard 4th Grade Writing – Spring 1997 to 2009**

	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Arlington	32.7	33.9	18.4	39.3	41.2	40.6	32.7	39.0	59.2	57.6	39.1	44.1	16.1
Birney	34.3	20.5	33.3	42.6	38.6	50.0	37.5	51.4	55.9	53.1	59.5	45.3	41.0
Blix ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.4	16.4	32.8	30.6	31.7	35.2	45.6
Boze	30.1	24.7	14.1	35.6	39.1	53.0	33.0	25.9	20.5	30.3	44.6	56.1	55.2
Browns Pt	62.1	44.7	47.7	61.4	69.4	56.8	57.8	71.6	62.0	84.1	80.3	88.3	94.7
Bryant	10.3	12.8	5.4	17.2	21.6	23.3	50.0	57.1	60.0	50.0	56.8	60.5	38.6
Crescent Hts	-	-	-	51.2	54.3	63.2	65.9	67.3	73.8	72.6	76.3	72.3	74.2
DeLong	30.2	32.6	34.0	35.4	50.7	69.4	56.4	53.1	75.0	60.0	69.1	79.7	91.0
Downing	58.7	35.5	35.9	37.9	69.7	60.7	71.2	63.4	66.0	66.7	71.7	73.8	42.1
Edison	29.7	21.3	24.2	22.5	22.8	39.4	33.0	36.9	39.8	44.9	40.4	55.0	30.2
Fawcett	39.6	37.9	40.0	37.2	33.3	42.9	58.2	53.8	67.5	61.7	50.7	59.4	54.3
Fern Hill	57.9	29.6	24.4	35.5	45.1	39.1	46.2	51.8	56.6	57.8	46.8	66.0	66.7
Franklin	40.4	47.2	30.4	27.4	33.8	54.5	60.0	62.3	58.0	57.1	56.1	40.0	68.6
Geiger	51.6	31.1	30.6	53.1	50.9	69.2	44.1	60.0	58.0	60.0	70.3	29.0	31.8
Grant	29.6	28.0	27.6	50.0	44.2	39.6	62.5	56.9	51.9	59.3	51.2	57.6	58.8
H Stafford ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.0	45.9	37.5
Jefferson	54.1	42.3	31.3	34.6	42.0	60.5	56.9	40.0	60.0	45.0	43.8	41.4	76.9
Larchmont	51.2	24.8	22.8	25.0	39.3	55.1	48.3	48.4	57.7	55.9	56.7	72.0	36.0
Lister	31.6	31.9	38.9	34.8	49.4	54.3	41.3	46.9	58.1	62.3	57.3	52.2	55.7
Lowell	40.9	37.5	39.7	59.7	60.0	44.4	59.2	54.5	86.5	69.8	78.5	82.8	62.7
Lyon	35.3	27.3	20.8	19.6	27.3	42.6	39.2	41.5	50.0	42.1	31.8	55.6	46.3
Manitou Pk	45.2	24.4	16.3	35.9	30.3	40.5	47.7	40.4	58.9	50.5	51.2	50.0	58.5
Mann	33.8	22.5	14.0	25.3	31.0	41.3	44.2	31.8	42.6	57.8	37.9	39.7	43.5
McCarver	32.4	24.5	14.0	10.0	29.7	21.1	42.9	50.0	53.1	52.2	46.0	45.1	63.2
McKinley	6.8	26.3	14.3	25.7	10.7	35.8	45.8	59.0	57.8	51.1	43.8	35.9	52.4
NE Tacoma	38.4	55.5	46.2	33.3	43.8	44.2	53.5	48.7	50.6	53.8	50.0	54.9	56.2
Pt Defiance	37.8	33.8	33.0	32.4	46.7	34.5	67.8	51.8	64.6	46.2	53.6	58.0	66.2
Reed	41.2	44.4	54.3	56.0	51.2	64.0	50.0	42.9	64.3	60.7	32.9	56.9	44.8
Roosevelt	17.6	12.1	15.9	19.0	23.4	29.5	22.4	18.9	58.6	51.4	37.0	24.2	41.9
Sheridan	19.8	23.4	13.4	37.2	24.5	30.9	41.5	54.4	50.5	53.6	37.0	52.5	65.5
Sherman	44.0	30.2	24.4	39.0	22.8	53.4	35.5	64.5	79.7	61.1	64.3	76.3	36.2
Skyline	68.0	63.8	34.9	39.3	58.7	57.1	50.0	51.5	60.0	66.1	72.1	80.5	65.0
Stanley	29.2	16.4	18.5	22.4	35.3	61.8	54.1	38.1	48.4	66.7	67.5	64.8	63.9
Wainwright	57.7	67.2	39.7	57.6	67.6	59.2	67.6	57.1	73.0	55.9	51.9	65.6	76.9
Wash/Hoyt	68.9	47.2	30.8	57.1	50.0	71.7	69.6	67.3	68.0	59.4	77.6	87.9	88.2
Whitman	42.9	10.7	31.1	47.6	64.4	55.7	52.4	53.4	69.6	35.9	64.8	59.2	43.9
Whittier	62.0	55.7	48.8	66.7	56.1	69.9	73.8	72.2	74.6	63.5	73.5	73.6	50.0

District	40.8	33.3	29.6	37.9	42.3	48.8	49.9	50.1	58.8	54.7	53.9	58.5	55.7
State	42.8	36.7	32.6	39.4	43.3	49.5	53.6	55.8	57.7	60.4	60.1	62.3	60.4

¹Blix did not open until the 2002-03 school year.

²H Stafford did not open until the 2006-07 school year.