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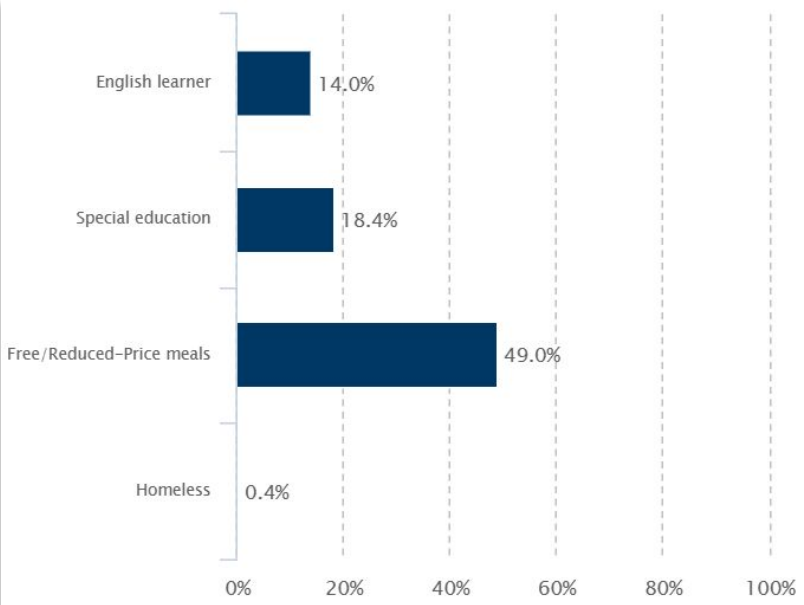
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Student Demographics

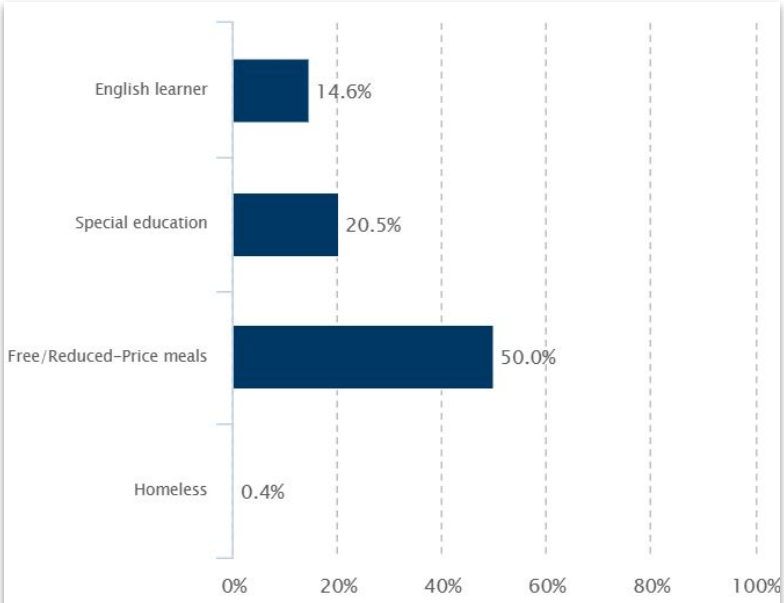


District Student Demographics



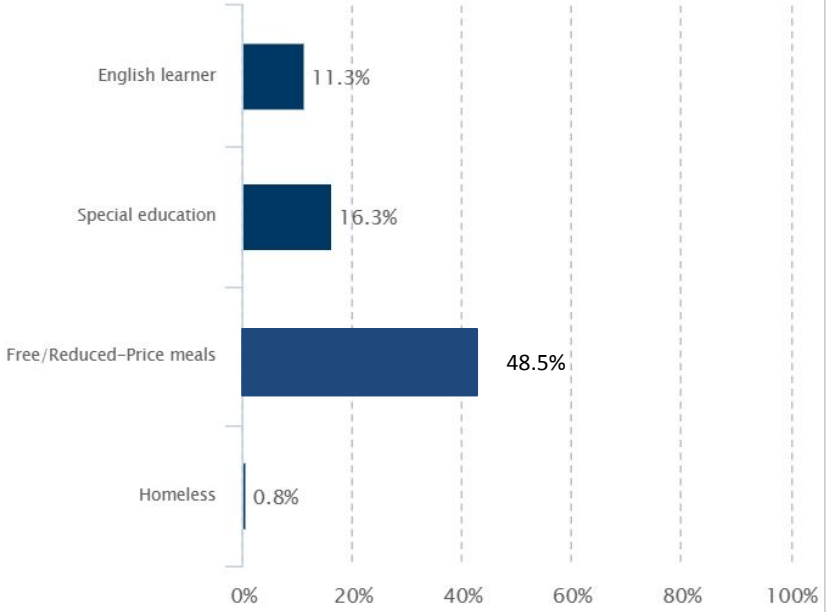
	Count	Percent
English learner	157	14.0%
Special education	206	18.4%
Free/Reduced-Price meals	549	49.0%
Homeless	4	0.4%

Elementary Student Demographics



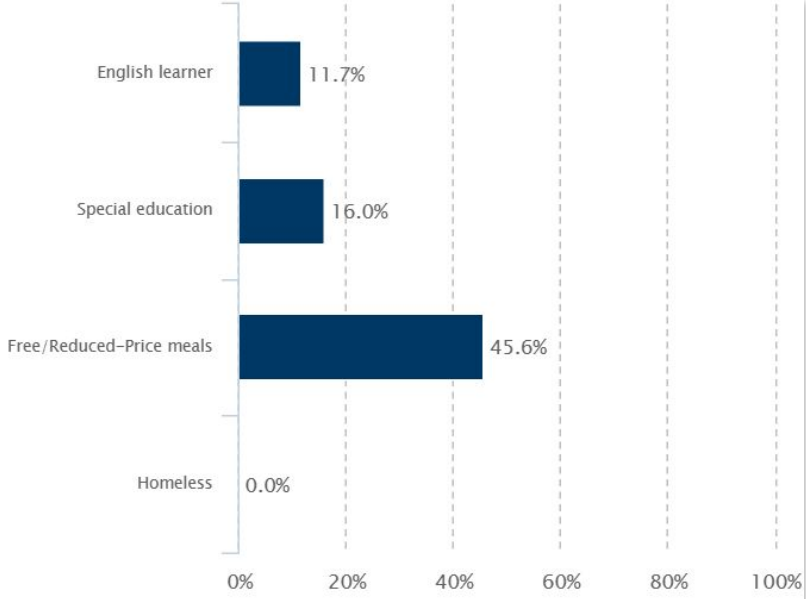
	Count	Percent
English learner	82	14.6%
Special education	115	20.5%
Free/Reduced-Price meals	280	50.0%
Homeless	2	0.4%

Middle School Student Demographics



	Count	Percent
English learner	27	11.3%
Special education	39	16.3%
Free/Reduced-Price meals	117	48.5%
Homeless	2	0.8%

High School Student Demographics



	Count	Percent
English learner	36	11.7%
Special education	49	16.0%
Free/Reduced-Price meals	140	45.6%
Homeless	0	0.0%

District and State Level MCA-IV Reading Data

Grades 3 - 8, 10



Reading MCA-IV

- MN Academic Standards in Reading were revised in 2020
- Full implementation of Reading standards in 2025-2026 school year
- New series of assessments (MCA-IV) aligned with 2020 standards
- Assessments are substantially different
  - Results cannot be compared with MCA-III assessments
- New Performance Levels
  - Beginning
  - Intermediate
  - Meets
  - Advanced

District and State Proficiency Comparison in Reading

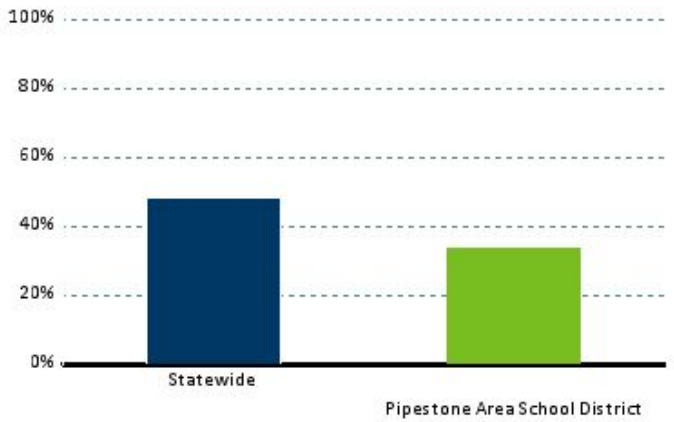
2025 Summary Proficiency



Summary Proficiency

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students



Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	48.6%	207,441	427,254
Pipestone Area School District	33.8%	180	533

District and State Performance Comparison in Reading

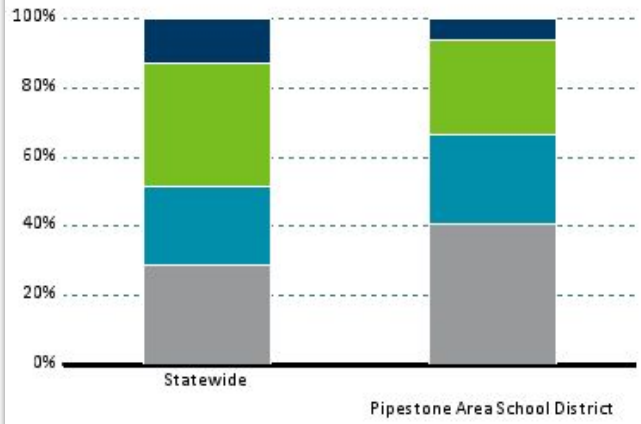
2025 Student Achievement Level



Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	56,221	151,220	97,623	122,190
Percent	13.2%	35.4%	22.8%	28.6%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	33	147	135	218
Percent	6.2%	27.6%	25.3%	40.9%

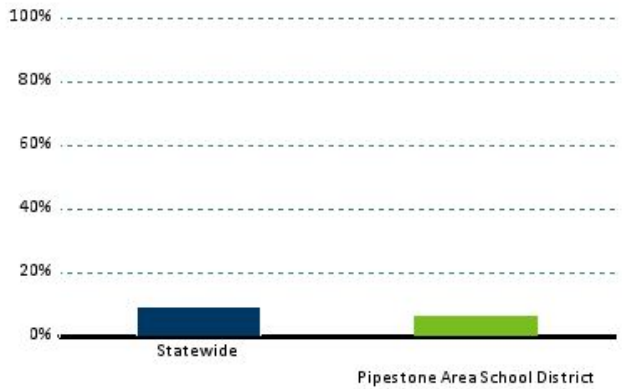
EL District and State Proficiency in Reading

Summary Proficiency

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

English Learner



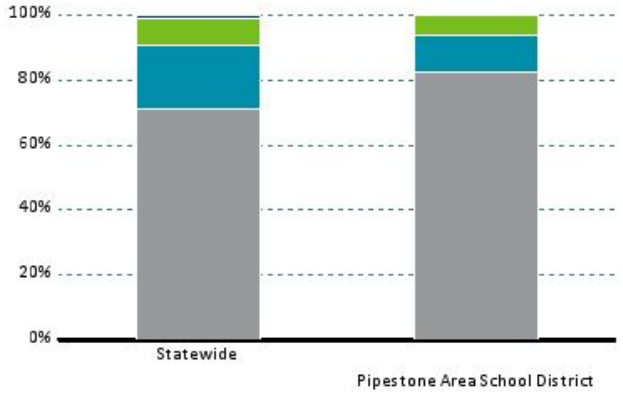
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	9.6%	4,262	44,527
Pipestone Area School District	6.3%	5	80

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

English Learner



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	423	3,839	8,585	31,680
Percent	0.9%	8.6%	19.3%	71.1%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	0	5	9	66
Percent	0.0%	6.3%	11.3%	82.5%

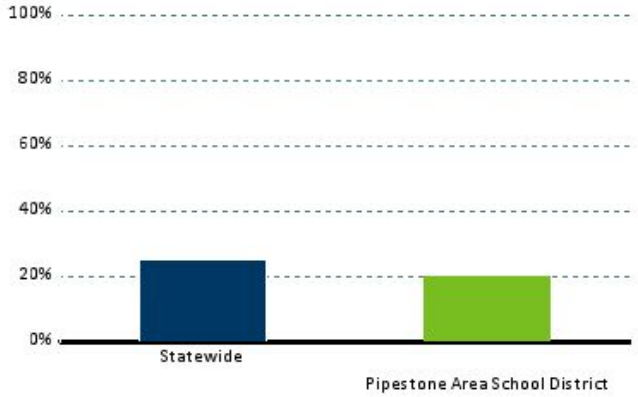
SPED District and State Proficiency in Reading

Summary Proficiency

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Special Education



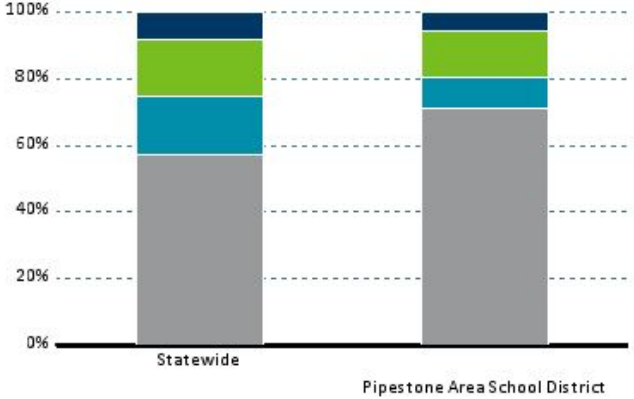
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	25.5%	19,000	74,385
Pipestone Area School District	19.8%	20	101

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Special Education



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	6,014	12,986	12,769	42,616
Percent	8.1%	17.5%	17.2%	57.3%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	6	14	9	72
Percent	5.9%	13.9%	8.9%	71.3%

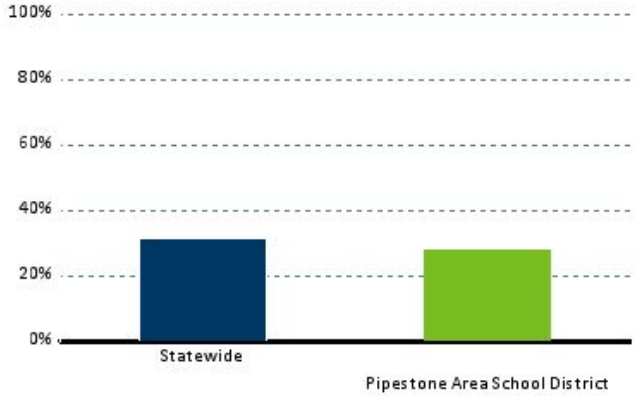
FRP District and State Proficiency in Reading

Summary Proficiency

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Free/Reduced-Priced Meals



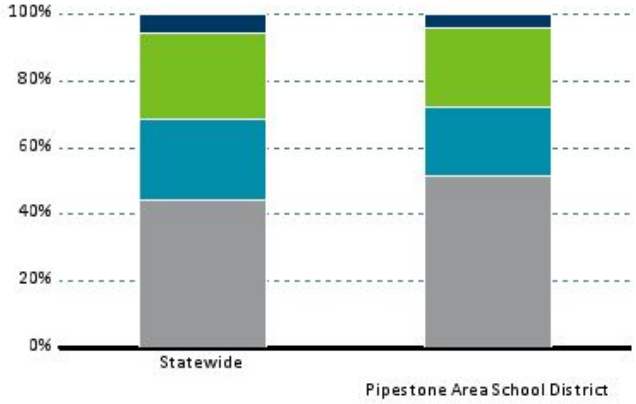
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	31.6%	52,681	166,793
Pipestone Area School District	28.0%	71	254

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Free/Reduced-Priced Meals



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	9,913	42,768	40,753	73,359
Percent	5.9%	25.6%	24.4%	44.0%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	11	60	52	131
Percent	4.3%	23.6%	20.5%	51.6%

District and State Level MCA-III Math Data

Grades 3 - 8, 11

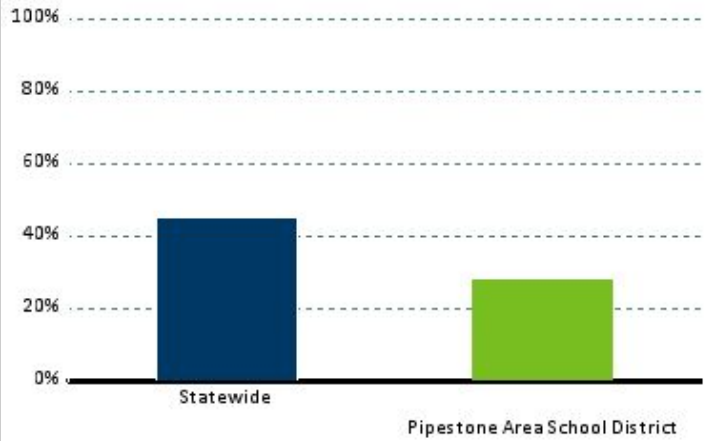


District and State Proficiency Comparison in Math

Summary Proficiency

2025 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

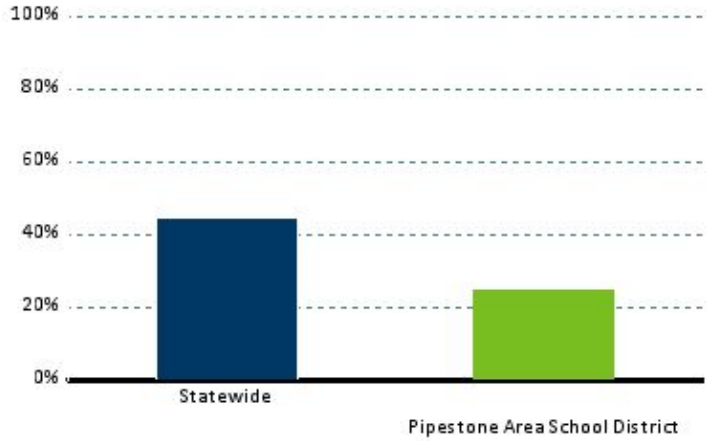


Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	45.2%	189,929	420,110
Pipestone Area School District	28.1%	159	566

Summary Proficiency

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students



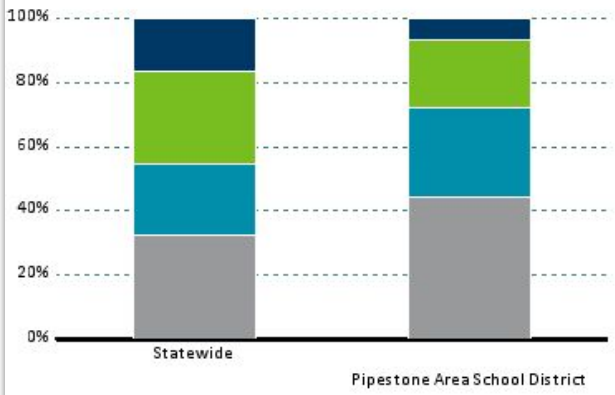
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	44.9%	188,540	419,660
Pipestone Area School District	24.9%	133	535

District and State Achievement Comparison in Math

Student Achievement Level

2025 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

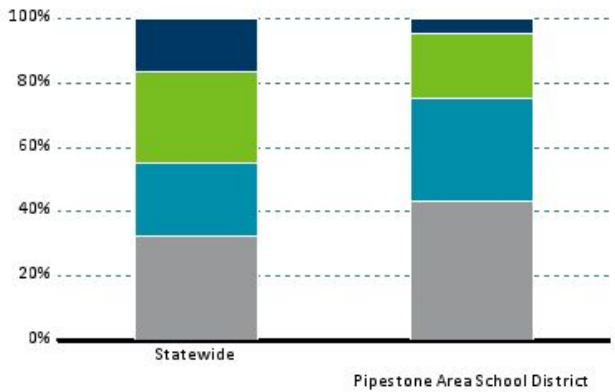


Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	70,063	119,866	94,698	135,483
Percent	16.7%	28.5%	22.5%	32.2%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	38	121	155	252
Percent	6.7%	21.4%	27.4%	44.5%

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students



Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	69,214	119,326	94,092	137,028
Percent	16.5%	28.4%	22.4%	32.7%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	26	107	171	231
Percent	4.9%	20.0%	32.0%	43.2%

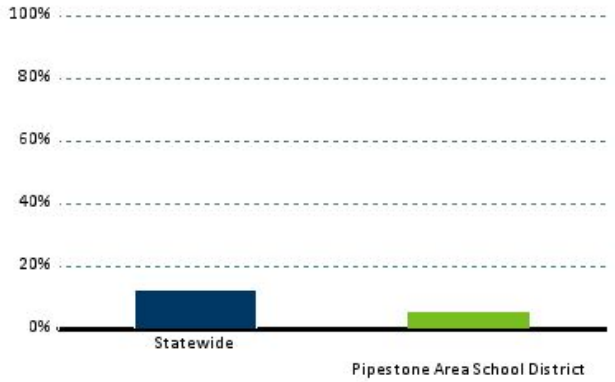
EL District and State Proficiency in Math

Summary Proficiency

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

English Learner



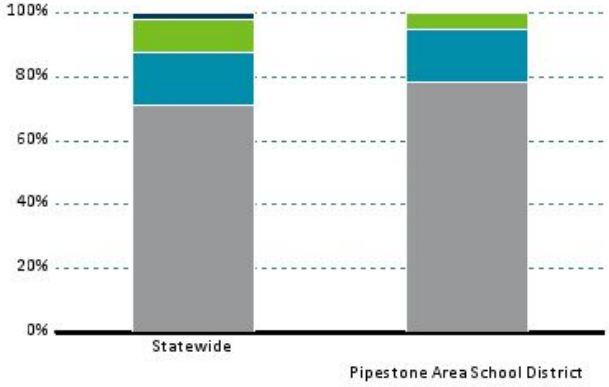
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	12.5%	5,431	43,608
Pipestone Area School District	5.1%	4	78

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

English Learner



Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	821	4,610	7,148	31,029
Percent	1.9%	10.6%	16.4%	71.2%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	0	4	13	61
Percent	0.0%	5.1%	16.7%	78.2%

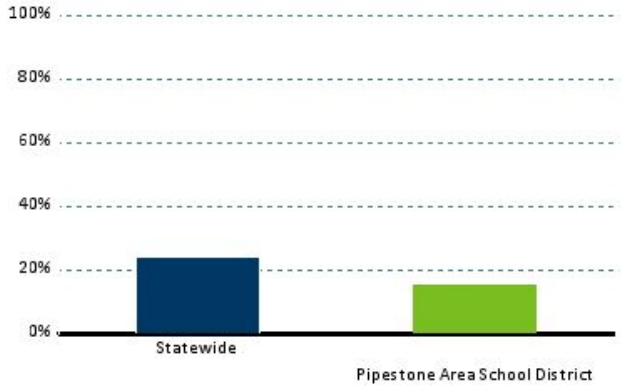
SPED District and State Proficiency in Math

Summary Proficiency

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All Students

Special Education



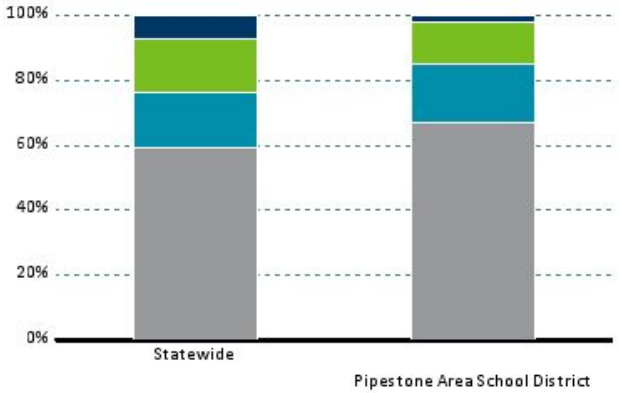
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	24.0%	17,638	73,602
Pipestone Area School District	15.2%	15	99

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Special Education



Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	5,447	12,191	12,394	43,570
Percent	7.4%	16.6%	16.8%	59.2%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	2	13	18	66
Percent	2.0%	13.1%	18.2%	66.7%

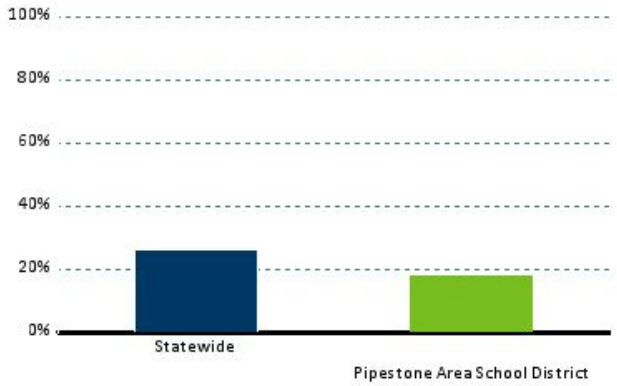
FRP District and State Proficiency in Math

Summary Proficiency

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Free/Reduced-Priced Meals



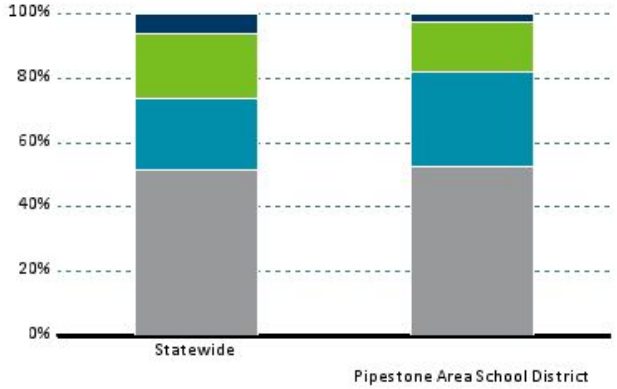
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	26.1%	42,682	163,284
Pipestone Area School District	18.1%	46	254

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Free/Reduced-Priced Meals



Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	10,367	32,315	36,959	83,643
Percent	6.3%	19.8%	22.6%	51.2%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	7	39	74	134
Percent	2.8%	15.4%	29.1%	52.8%

District and State Level MCA-IV Science Data

Grades 5, 8, Biology

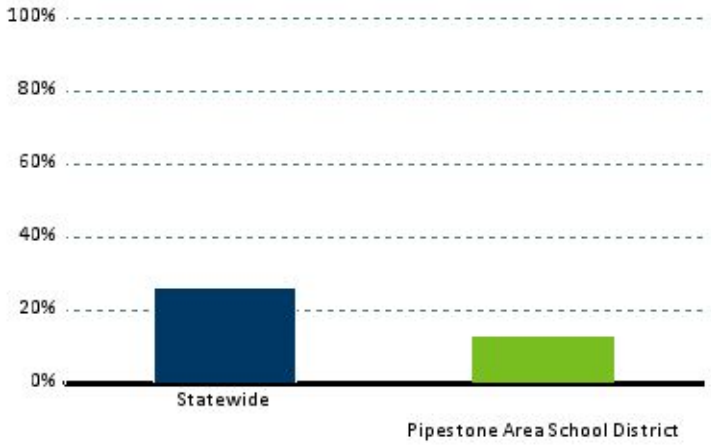


District and State Proficiency Comparison in Science

Summary Proficiency

2025 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

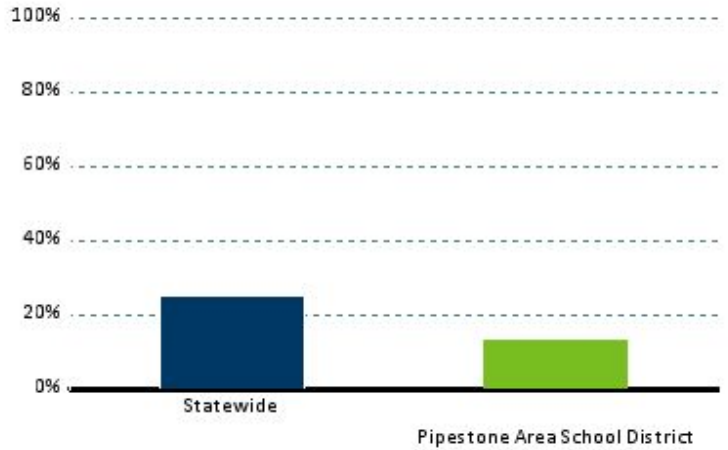


Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	26.2%	45,393	173,569
Pipestone Area School District	12.6%	31	247

Summary Proficiency

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students



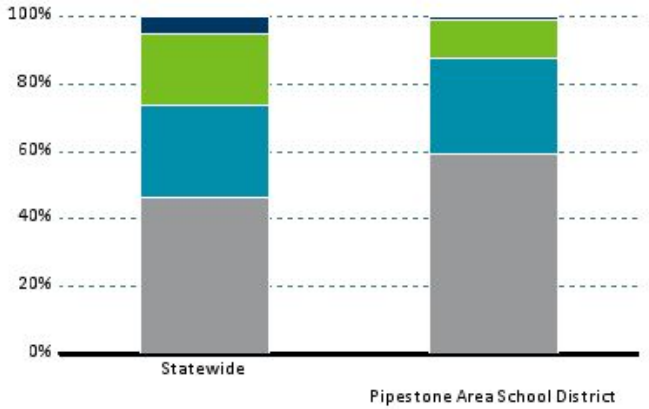
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	25.5%	44,373	173,922
Pipestone Area School District	13.1%	28	214

District and State Achievement Comparison in Science

Student Performance Level

2025 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

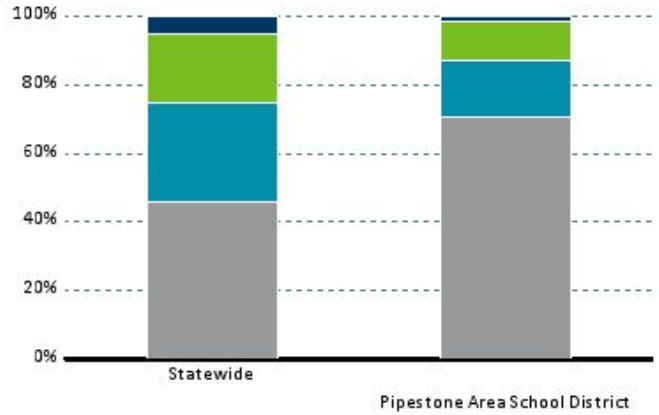


Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	9,390	36,003	48,226	79,950
Percent	5.4%	20.7%	27.8%	46.1%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	3	28	70	146
Percent	1.2%	11.3%	28.3%	59.1%

Student Performance Level

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	9,039	35,334	49,601	79,948
Percent	5.2%	20.3%	28.5%	46.0%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	3	25	35	151
Percent	1.4%	11.7%	16.4%	70.6%

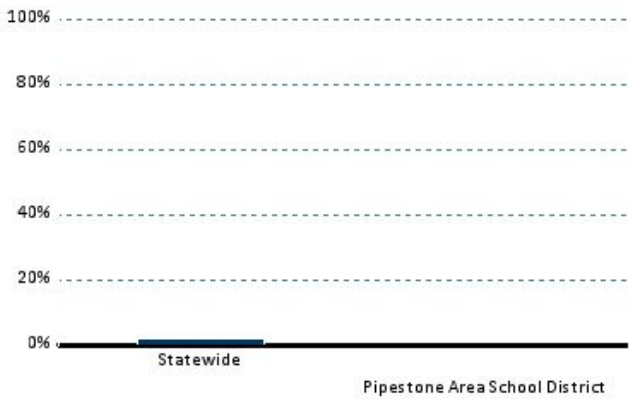
EL District and State Proficiency in Science

Summary Proficiency

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All Students

English Learner



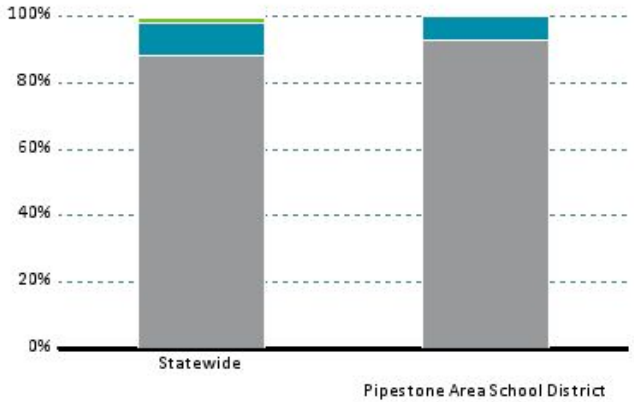
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	2.0%	320	15,960
Pipestone Area School District	0.0%	0	28

Student Performance Level

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

English Learner



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	71	249	1,601	14,039
Percent	0.4%	1.6%	10.0%	88.0%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	0	0	2	26
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	92.9%

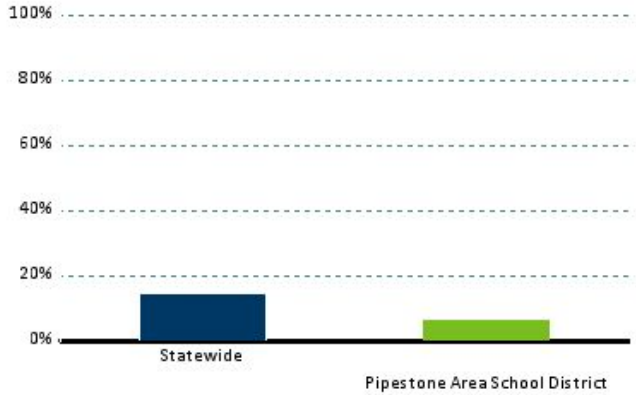
SPED District and State Proficiency in Science

Summary Proficiency

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All Students

Special Education



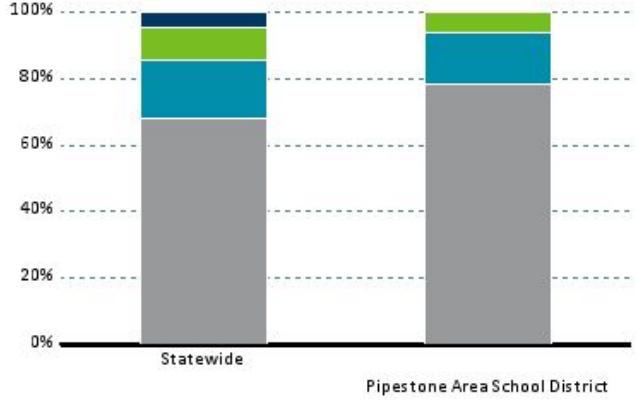
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	14.7%	4,036	27,529
Pipestone Area School District	6.3%	2	32

Student Performance Level

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Special Education



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	1,310	2,726	4,790	18,703
Percent	4.8%	9.9%	17.4%	67.9%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	0	2	5	25
Percent	0.0%	6.3%	15.6%	78.1%

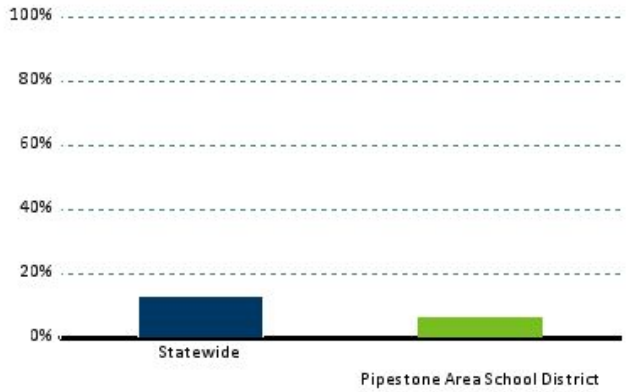
FRP District and State Proficiency in Science

Summary Proficiency

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All Students

Free/Reduced-Priced Meals



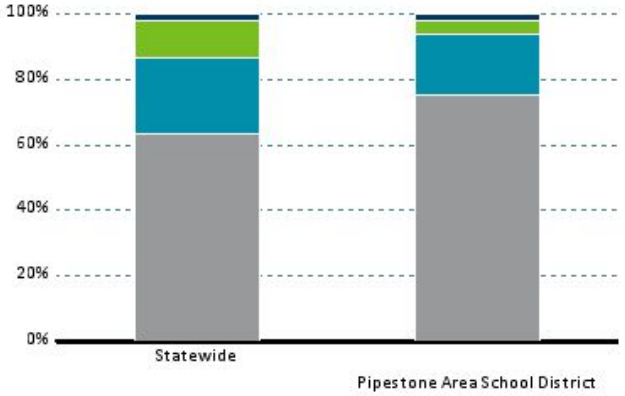
Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	13.4%	8,726	65,162
Pipestone Area School District	6.5%	6	93

Student Performance Level

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade All Grades

All Students

Free/Reduced-Priced Meals



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	1,503	7,223	15,160	41,276
Percent	2.3%	11.1%	23.3%	63.3%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	2	4	17	70
Percent	2.2%	4.3%	18.3%	75.3%

Grade Level MCA-IV Reading, MCA-III Math, and Science-IV Data

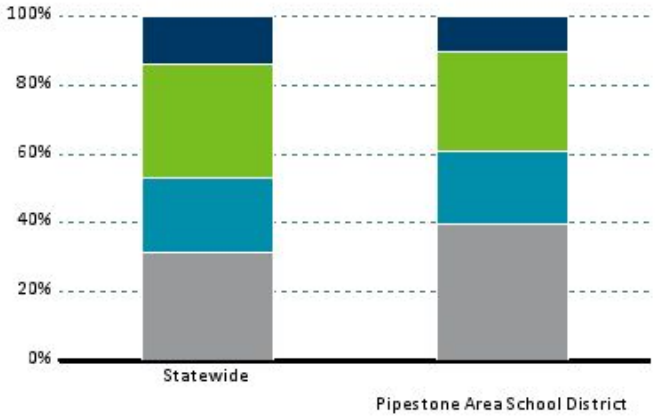


Third Grade Reading and Math

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 03

All Students

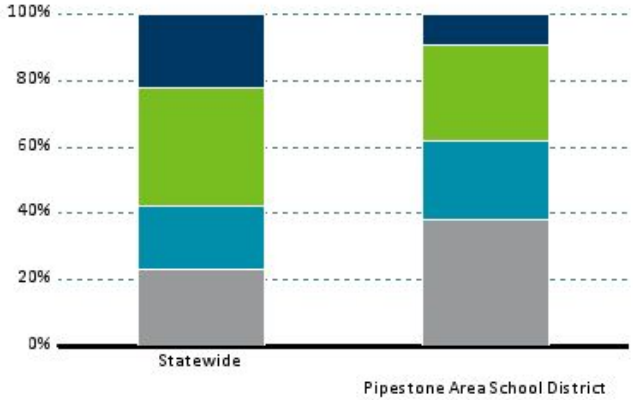


Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	8,620	19,969	13,257	19,281
Percent	14.1%	32.7%	21.7%	31.5%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	8	22	16	30
Percent	10.5%	28.9%	21.1%	39.5%

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 03

All Students



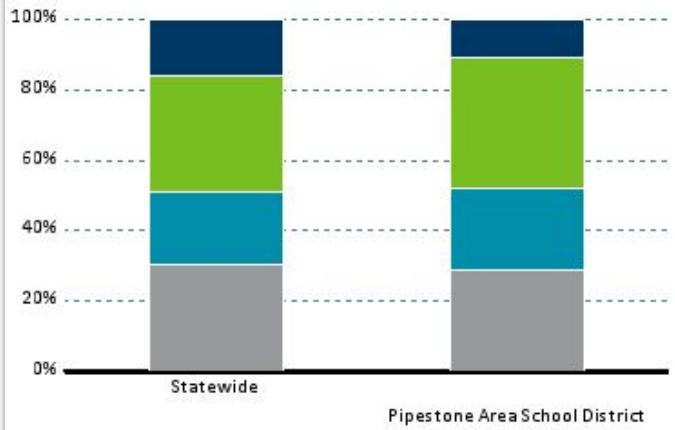
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Statewide				
Count	13,589	21,824	11,481	14,287
Percent	22.2%	35.7%	18.8%	23.4%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	7	22	18	29
Percent	9.2%	28.9%	23.7%	38.2%

Fourth Grade Reading and Math

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 04

All Students

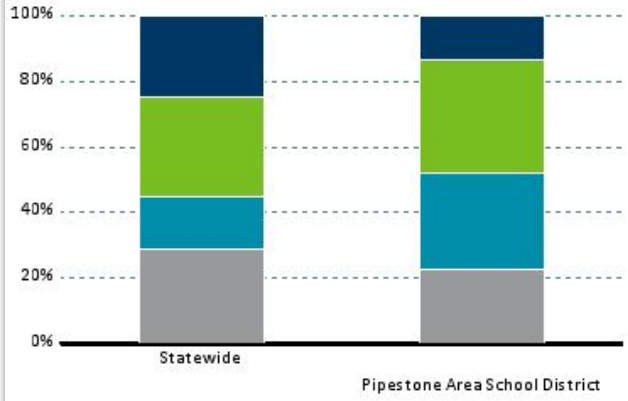


Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	10,015	20,740	13,047	19,241
Percent	15.9%	32.9%	20.7%	30.5%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	9	31	19	24
Percent	10.8%	37.3%	22.9%	28.9%

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 04

All Students



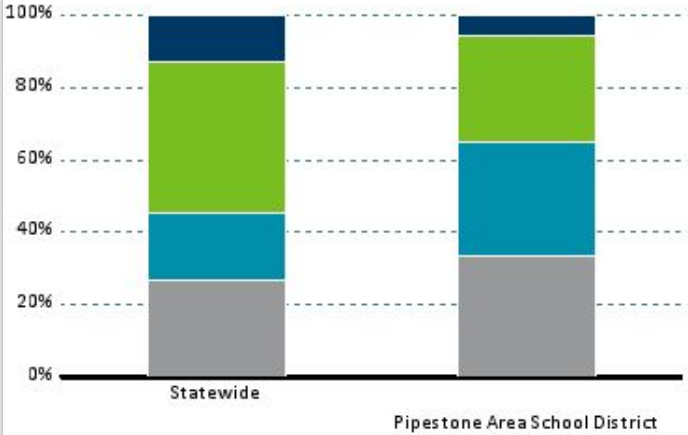
Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	15,573	19,259	10,137	18,099
Percent	24.7%	30.5%	16.1%	28.7%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	11	29	24	19
Percent	13.3%	34.9%	28.9%	22.9%

Fifth Grade Reading and Math

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 05

All Students

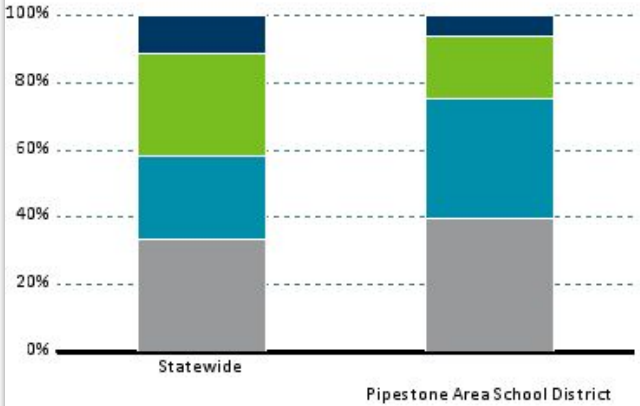


Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	7,898	25,476	11,517	16,398
Percent	12.9%	41.6%	18.8%	26.8%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	5	24	26	28
Percent	6.0%	28.9%	31.3%	33.7%

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 05

All Students



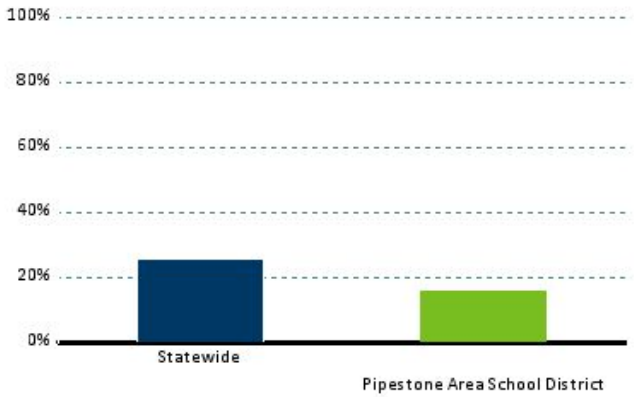
Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	7,050	18,608	15,226	20,372
Percent	11.5%	30.4%	24.9%	33.3%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	5	15	29	32
Percent	6.2%	18.5%	35.8%	39.5%

Fifth Grade Science

Summary Proficiency

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 05

All Students



Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	25.9%	15,751	60,885
Pipestone Area School District	16.0%	13	81

Student Performance Level

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 05

All Students



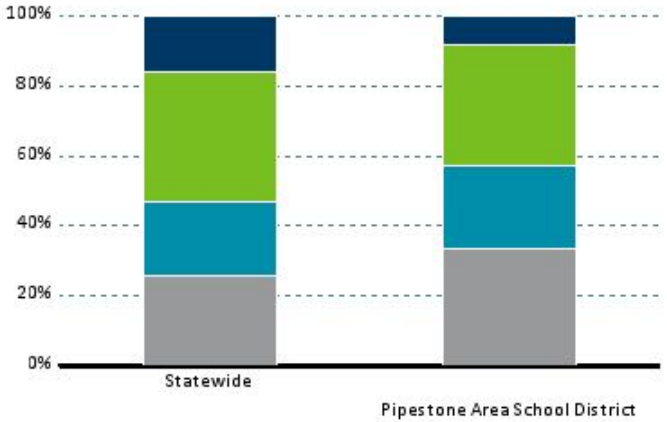
Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	2,461	13,290	19,090	26,044
Percent	4.0%	21.8%	31.4%	42.8%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	2	11	20	48
Percent	2.5%	13.6%	24.7%	59.3%

Sixth Grade Reading and Math

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 06

All Students

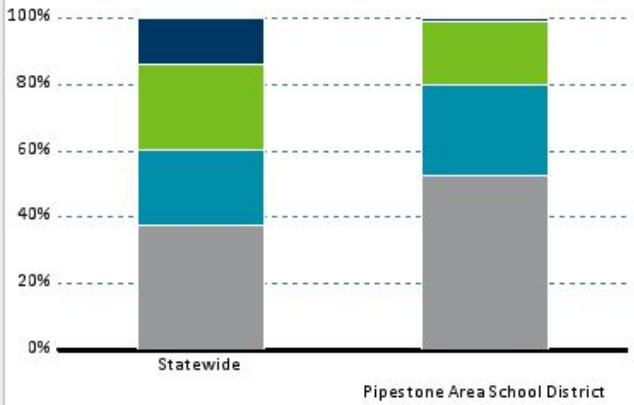


Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	10,034	23,413	13,228	16,017
Percent	16.0%	37.3%	21.1%	25.5%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	7	29	20	28
Percent	8.3%	34.5%	23.8%	33.3%

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 06

All Students



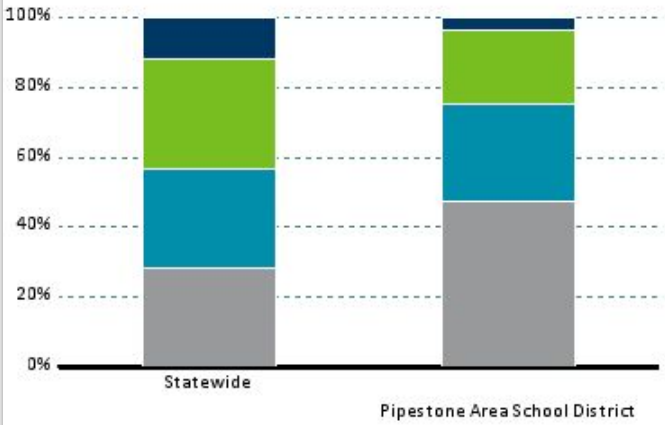
Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	8,639	16,120	14,461	23,406
Percent	13.8%	25.7%	23.1%	37.4%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	1	16	23	44
Percent	1.2%	19.0%	27.4%	52.4%

Seventh Grade Reading and Math

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 07

All Students

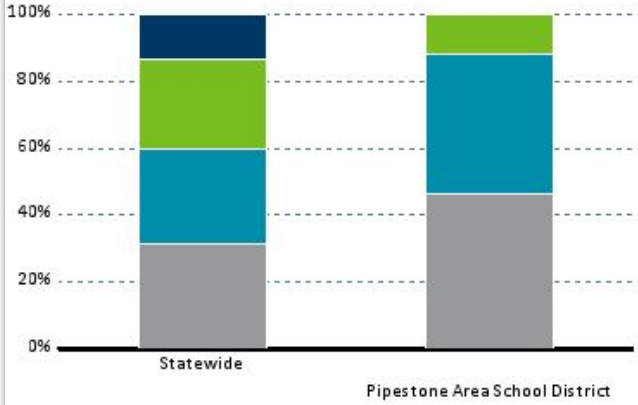


Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	7,257	19,514	17,552	17,283
Percent	11.8%	31.7%	28.5%	28.1%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	3	16	21	36
Percent	3.9%	21.1%	27.6%	47.4%

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 07

All Students



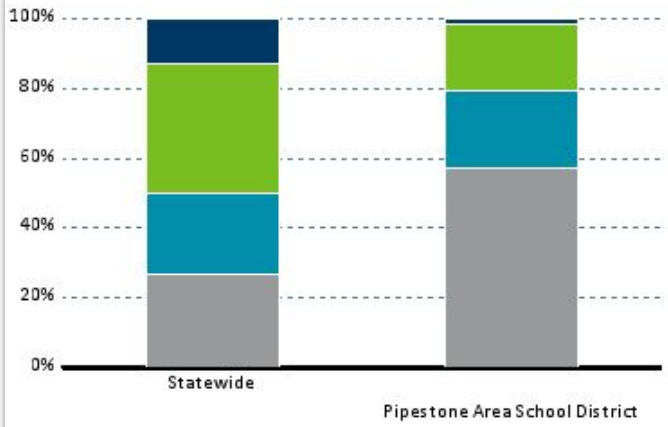
Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	8,242	16,533	17,276	19,392
Percent	13.4%	26.9%	28.1%	31.6%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	0	9	32	35
Percent	0.0%	11.8%	42.1%	46.1%

Eighth Grade Reading and Math

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 08

All Students

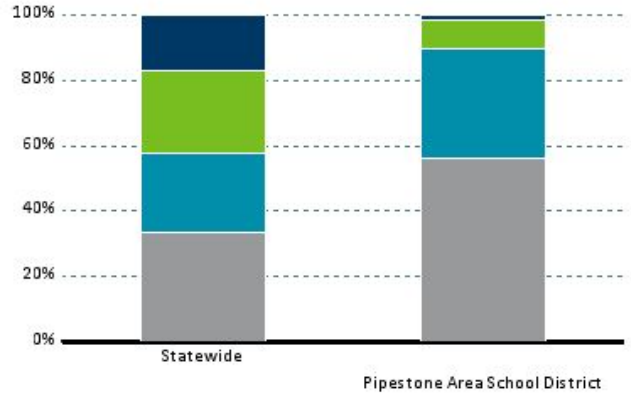


Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	8,022	22,446	14,279	16,191
Percent	13.2%	36.8%	23.4%	26.6%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	1	13	15	39
Percent	1.5%	19.1%	22.1%	57.4%

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 08

All Students



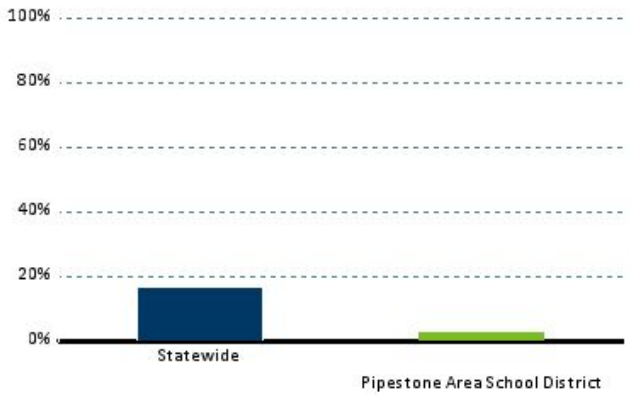
Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	10,335	15,304	14,612	20,298
Percent	17.1%	25.3%	24.1%	33.5%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	1	6	23	38
Percent	1.5%	8.8%	33.8%	55.9%

Eighth Grade Science

Summary Proficiency

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 08

All Students

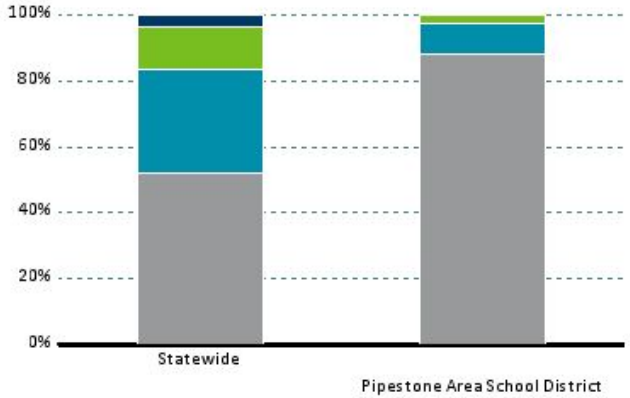


Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	16.7%	10,021	59,838
Pipestone Area School District	2.9%	2	68

Student Performance Level

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 08

All Students



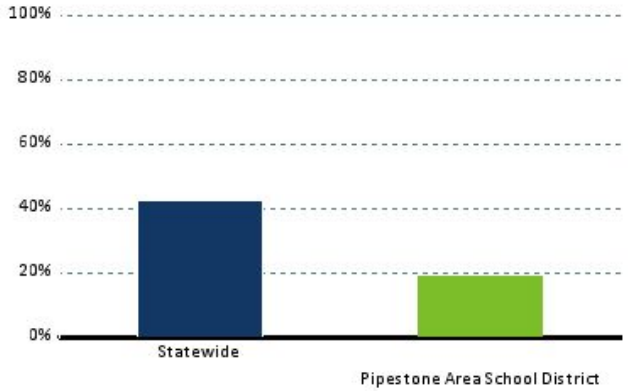
Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	2,226	7,795	18,819	30,998
Percent	3.7%	13.0%	31.4%	51.8%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	0	2	6	60
Percent	0.0%	2.9%	8.8%	88.2%

Tenth Grade Reading

Summary Proficiency

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 10

All Students

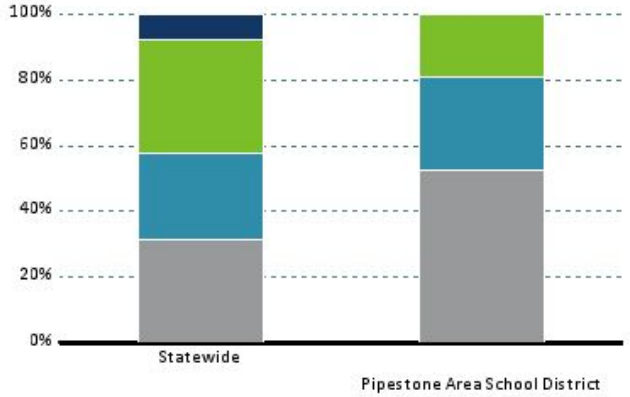


Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	42.5%	24,037	56,559
Pipestone Area School District	19.0%	12	63

Student Performance Level

2026 Reading All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 10

All Students



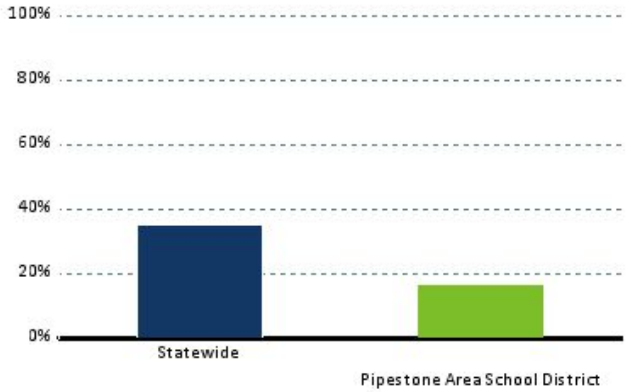
Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	4,375	19,662	14,743	17,779
Percent	7.7%	34.8%	26.1%	31.4%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	0	12	18	33
Percent	0.0%	19.0%	28.6%	52.4%

Eleventh Grade Math

Summary Proficiency

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 11

All Students

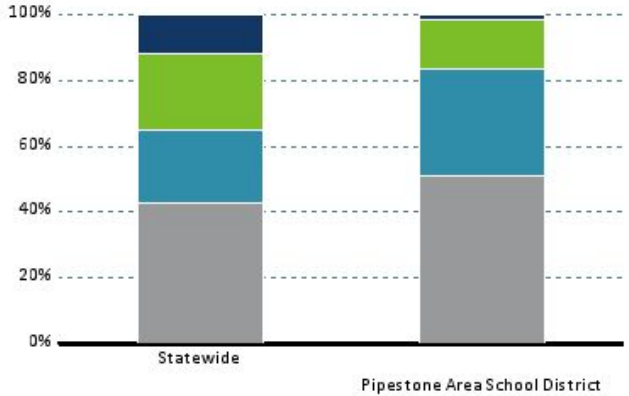


Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	35.3%	17,464	49,537
Pipestone Area School District	16.4%	11	67

Student Achievement Level

2026 Math All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade 11

All Students



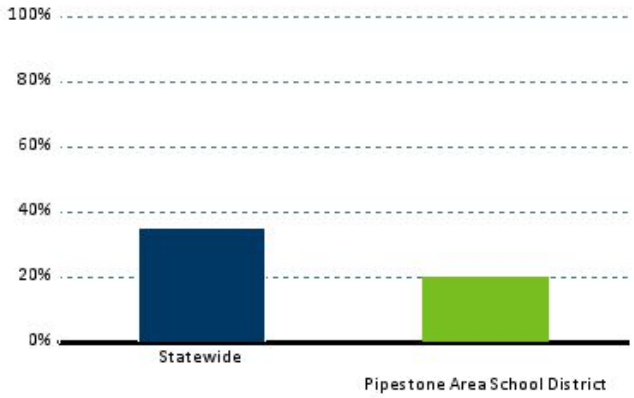
Measure	Exceeds	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
Statewide				
Count	5,786	11,678	10,899	21,174
Percent	11.7%	23.6%	22.0%	42.7%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	1	10	22	34
Percent	1.5%	14.9%	32.8%	50.7%

High School Science (Biology - Gr. 11)

Summary Proficiency

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade HS

All Students

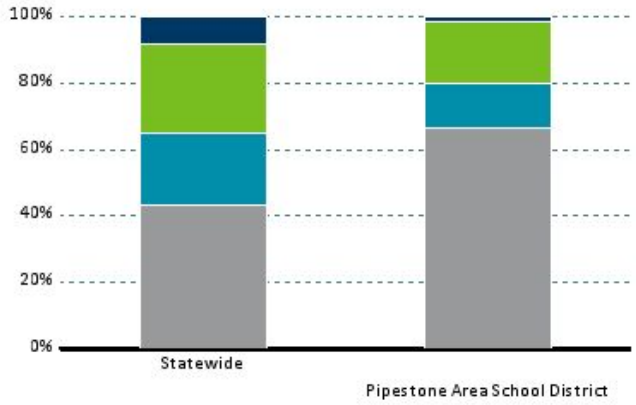


Organization	Percent Proficient	Count Proficient	Tested Count
Statewide	35.0%	18,601	53,199
Pipestone Area School District	20.0%	13	65

Student Performance Level

2026 Science All Standards-Based (MCA/MTAS/ALTMCA) Grade HS

All Students



Measure	Advanced	Meets	Intermediate	Beginning
Statewide				
Count	4,352	14,249	11,692	22,906
Percent	8.2%	26.8%	22.0%	43.1%
Pipestone Area School District				
Count	1	12	9	43
Percent	1.5%	18.5%	13.8%	66.2%

District Assessments



DIBELS Assessment

- DIBELS is short for “Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills”
- Measures early reading skills (Grades K - 3)
  - Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, & comprehension
- Given individually to track student progress throughout the year
- Helps identify students at risk for reading difficulties and guides early intervention
- Provides teachers with data to inform instruction and monitor reading growth

CAPTI Assessment

- CAPTI is short for “Comprehensive Assessment of Proficiency Toward Instruction”
- READ Act requirement for grades 4 - 12
- Evaluation of Literacy Skills
  - Foundational reading, comprehension, vocabulary
- Provides teachers with data to inform instruction and monitor reading growth

Next Steps…



Changes being implemented:

- Testing locations
  - MCA Reading assessments will be given during ELA class periods
  - MCA Math assessments will be given during Math class periods
  - MCA Science assessments will be given during Science class periods
    - * This is not a change for HS Science
- Reading and Math MCAs are divided into 4 sections
  - Students will complete one section per day
- Science MCAs are divided into 2 sections
  - Students will complete one section per day

Student engagement ideas?

- As a table, discuss potential student engagement ideas
  - Write your ideas on the notecard at your table