

Western School of Technology & Env. Science

Baltimore County (03:0175)

	School		County		State	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Attendance Rate %						
Elementary	*	*	≥ 95.0	≥ 95.0	95.4	95.7
Middle	*	*	94.8	≥ 95.0	95.0	95.4
High	≥ 95.0	≥ 95.0	92.1	93.3	92.4	92.7

Cohort Graduation Rate%						
	School		County		State	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Class of 2014 (4-Year Rate)	≥ 95.00		87.63		86.39	
Class of 2014 (5-Year Rate)	≥ 95.00		88.89		88.70	

	School		County		State	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Teacher Qualifications						
% of certificates:						
Standard Professional	22.0	22.0	28.2	28.2	27.4	27.4
Advanced Professional	76.0	76.0	66.9	66.9	65.2	65.2
Resident Teacher	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	1.1	1.1
Conditional Teacher	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5

% of classes NOT taught by highly qualified teachers						
	School	County	State			
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
All Quartiles	3.0	4.8	7.4	5.9	8.4	7.6
Elementary Low Poverty	*	*	2.7	1.5	2.9	3.0
Elementary High Poverty	*	*	0.6	2.1	10.5	11.4
Secondary Low Poverty	*	*	8.7	7.5	6.7	6.0
Secondary High Poverty	*	*	12.4	10.4	17.7	15.7

“*” indicates no students or fewer than 10 students in category.

Attendance Rate

Attendance Rate is the percentage of students in school for at least half of the average school day during the school year. Attendance is a school accountability measure for elementary and middle schools. Yearly targets were set for attendance so that by the end of school year 2013-14, the State, schools, and school systems would achieve and maintain an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

Cohort Graduation Rate

The U.S. Department of Education now requires each state to use an adjusted cohort graduation rate for school accountability. The adjusted cohort graduation rate ensures that all students who entered 9th grade together are counted in the graduation rate at the end of 4 years and at the end of 5 years.

The cohort graduation rate data for 2014 is the 4-year rate for the student cohort entering grade nine for the first time in fall 2010 and graduating no later than 2014. The 2014 5-year rate is the same cohort graduating no later than 2015.

Teacher Qualifications

The percentage of teachers in each category is based on the number of teachers who have credentials and are teaching core academic subjects as defined by the federal government under the No Child Left Behind Act. The core academic subjects are English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography. Teachers who are teaching other subjects are not included in the totals.

Standard Professional Certificate: A Standard Professional Certificate indicates the teacher meets all certification requirements.

Advanced Professional Certificate: The Advanced Professional Certificate requires three years of satisfactory professional school-related experience, and a master's degree or a minimum of 36 semester hours of post baccalaureate course work.

Resident Teacher Certificate: The Resident Teacher Certificate is issued to a teacher in an approved alternative preparation program at the request of a local school system superintendent.

Conditional Teacher Certificate: The Conditional Certificate is issued only at the request of a local school system superintendent to an applicant who has a bachelor's degree but does not meet all certification requirements.

Highly Qualified Teachers: “Highly qualified” is specifically defined by federal law. Teachers must meet minimum requirements both in content knowledge and teaching skills. Teachers must have a bachelor's degree, full State certification, and demonstrate content knowledge in the subjects they teach.

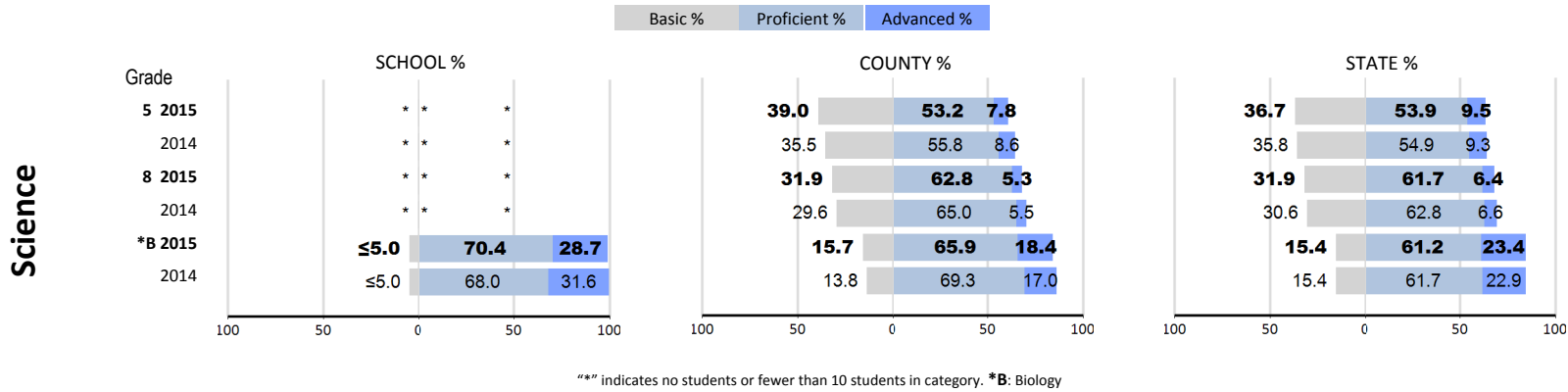
School Progress and Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs)

On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education's (USED) authority to ensure an orderly transition to ESSA, USED will not require States to identify AMOs for school years 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 for USED's review and approval, nor will USED require States to report performance against AMOs for the 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 school years.

Due to this direction, Maryland will not measure LEAs and schools against AMOs.

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MSA Proficiency Levels



Maryland School Assessment (MSA)

The MSA measures what students in grades 5 and 8 know about Science. High school performance is measured by the Biology High School Assessment (HSA). Performance is reported as the percent of students in each grade who achieved the Basic, Proficient, or Advanced standard. All students should be achieving at the Proficient or Advanced standard.

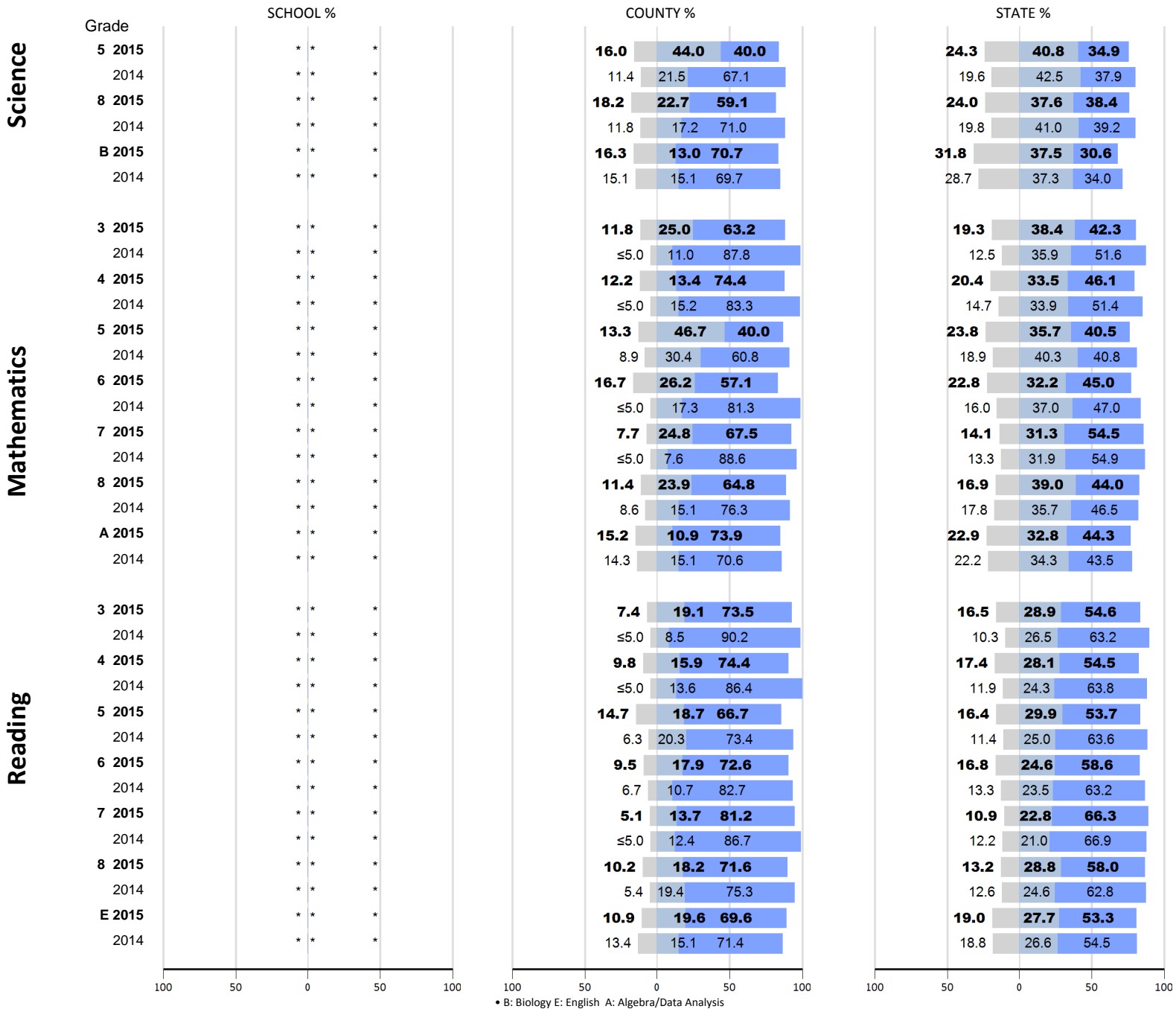
Description of Proficiency Levels

Proficiency Level	Science:	Biology:
Basic %	Students show they need more work to attain proficiency. They use minimal supporting evidence, and responses provide little or no synthesis of information.	Students demonstrate a minimal understanding of biology concepts, principles, and/or skills. Student responses indicate limited synthesis of information and understanding of scientific terminology.
Proficient %	Students use supporting evidence that is generally complete with some integration of scientific concepts, principles, and/or skills.	Students demonstrate a realistic and rigorous level of achievement by providing evidence of an understanding of biology concepts and the ability to use scientific evidence to generally integrate scientific concepts, principles, and/or skills. Student responses indicate some synthesis of information and understanding of scientific terminology.
Advanced %	Students use scientific evidence to demonstrate a full integration of scientific concepts, principles, and/or skills.	Students demonstrate an exemplary level of achievement by providing evidence of a complete understanding of biology concepts and the ability to use scientific evidence to fully integrate scientific concepts, principles, and/or skills. Student responses indicate a complete synthesis of information and understanding of scientific terminology.

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Alt-MSA Proficiency Levels

Basic % Proficient % Advanced %



Alternate Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA)

The Alternate Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA) is taken by students with disabilities who cannot take the MSA in Science or PARCC in ELA or Mathematics even with the special accommodations they receive as part of their regular classroom instruction. The test measures the student's mastery of reading and mathematics content standards or appropriate access skills. Eligible students take the test in grades 3-8 and once during the high school grade band. Performance is reported as the percent of students in each grade who achieved the Basic, Proficient, or Advanced standard.

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PARCC Assessment Performance Results Summary

		Performance Level										
		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Level 5		
		Did not yet meet expectations		Partially met expectations		Approached expectations		Met expectations		Exceeded expectations		
TESTED		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
<i>English/Language Arts 10</i>	State	55651	11886	21.4	10044	18.0	11628	20.9	15650	28.1	6443	11.6
	County	7083	1679	23.7	1242	17.5	1396	19.7	1846	26.1	920	13.0
	School	229	*	≤5.0	15	6.6	40	17.5	113	49.3	55	24.0
<i>Algebra I</i>	State	61842	8047	13.0	17712	28.6	16757	27.1	18194	29.4	1132	1.8
	County	8271	1461	17.7	2744	33.2	2205	26.7	1776	21.5	*	≤5.0
	School	12	*	≤5.0	3	25.0	7	58.3	2	16.7	*	≤5.0
<i>Algebra II</i>	State	40580	13057	32.2	10917	26.9	8430	20.8	7820	19.3	356	0.9
	County	3774	2120	56.2	1047	27.7	465	12.3	*	≤5.0	*	≤5.0
	School	137	14	10.2	56	40.9	53	38.7	14	10.2	*	≤5.0

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

In 2015 Maryland implemented the new Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) state assessments in reading and mathematics. The new assessments replace the Maryland School Assessments in English and Mathematics in grades 3-8, and replace the High School Assessments in Algebra and English 10 for all students not graduating in 2015.

PARCC Performance Level Descriptors (PLD)

Performance level descriptors for English language arts/literacy and Mathematics describe what a typical student at each level should be able to demonstrate based on his/her command of grade-level standards.

Level 1: Did not yet meet expectations

Level 2: Partially met expectations

Level 3: Approached expectations

Level 4: Met expectations

Level 5: Exceeded expectations