

FIVE STAR PROUD

★ Achievement Results ★

Five Star District students demonstrate achievement gains

Gains seen at all levels — elementary through high school

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The Five Star community has much to celebrate with the recent release of achievement scores on a variety of student assessments. Performance on statewide assessments in English language arts, math and science; along with results on the ACT and Advanced Placement exams demonstrate student achievement is moving in the right direction within Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

CMAS PARCC English Language Arts

This is the second year of the CMAS PARCC statewide assessments in English language arts and math. The tests are given to students in grades three through nine. There are early indicators, especially at the elementary level, that the district's focus on literacy is positively impacting student achievement. While two years of data from the new CMAS PARCC assessments is not enough to signify a trend, the results are encouraging.

The percentage of students meeting and exceeding expectations in English language arts increased in five of seven grade levels from 2015 to 2016. At the elementary level, every grade saw increases in performance. The district's overall growth in performance outpaced the state's growth.

CMAS PARCC Math

Similarly, the Five Star District saw performance gains in nearly every grade level tested in math. The percentage of students meeting and exceeding expectations in math increased in six of seven grade levels from 2015 to 2016.

When looking at the performance of "cohorts" of students from 2015 to 2016 (e.g. third-graders in 2015 to fourth-graders in 2016), three of four cohorts improved in their performance (the other was flat); while two of four statewide cohorts improved.

CMAS Science

This is the third year for the CMAS science assessment. Compared to 2015, the district saw the percentage of students meeting and exceeding expectations increase in both fifth and eighth grade. It was the first year for the science test in 11th grade.

ACT

The average composite ACT score for the Five Star District increased 0.3 of a point to 19.6 from 2015 to 2016, which is the highest in the district's history.

Advanced Placement

Over the past several years, Adams 12 Five Star Schools has seen both the total number of Advanced Placement (AP) tests taken and the scores earned increase.

The total number of AP exams taken has increased from 2,100 in 2010 to 3,258 in 2016.

During that same time period, the overall percentage of students earning a passing score of three or higher has increased from 43 percent to 55 percent. The 55 percent of students earning a score of three or higher is the highest in the Five Star District's history. Additionally, between 2010 and 2016, the percentage of students scoring a one has decreased by 11 percent, and the percentage of students scoring either a four or five has increased 9 percent.

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