

# NAEP

Academic Matters - February 2025

- The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is also called ‘The Nation’s Report Card’
  - Developed as a measure of the educational achievement and progress of students in grades 4 and 8
- In FCPS, NAEP testing was limited to 8 elementary and 13 middle schools in 2024.
  - **Only 466 FCPS students (less than 2% of FCPS 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) participated in NAEP testing in 2024**
  - **This represented just 0.25% of all enrolled FCPS students in K-12.**
- *FCPS does NOT receive student, school, or division results for NAEP.*
  - *NAEP results are reported at the state and national levels.*

Assessment Context		
	NAEP	SOL
<b>Time of Testing</b>	January - February	May - June
<b>Test Format</b>	Not Computer Adaptive	Computer Adaptive
<b>Content Revision</b>	Minimal since 1990	Every 7 years
<b>Measures</b>	Knowledge/skills on criteria considered important by identified experts	Knowledge/skills on Virginia standards established by the state Board with teacher input

# NAEP Proficient vs. SOL Pass Rates

## NAEP 2024

Grades 4 & 8

~ 466 tested  
in FCPS  
(1.8% of FCPS enrolled)

~3,600 tested in VA  
(1.9% of VA enrolled)

Sample from 4th and 8th graders statewide

## SOL 2024

Grades 4 & 8

~26,020 tested  
in FCPS  
(98% of FCPS enrolled)

~182,000 tested in VA  
(98% of VA enrolled)

Expected of all 4th and 8th graders statewide

	Reading Achievement			Math Achievement		
	NAEP Proficient	SOL Passing		NAEP Proficient	SOL Passing	
	VA	VA	FCPS	VA	VA	FCPS
4th graders	31%	73% pass	75%	40%	71%	74%
8th graders	29%	72% pass	79%	29%	70%	76%

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- NAEP was only conducted in 8 Elementary and 13 Middle Schools
- Less than 2% of FCPS 4th and 8th graders participated in the 2024 NAEP

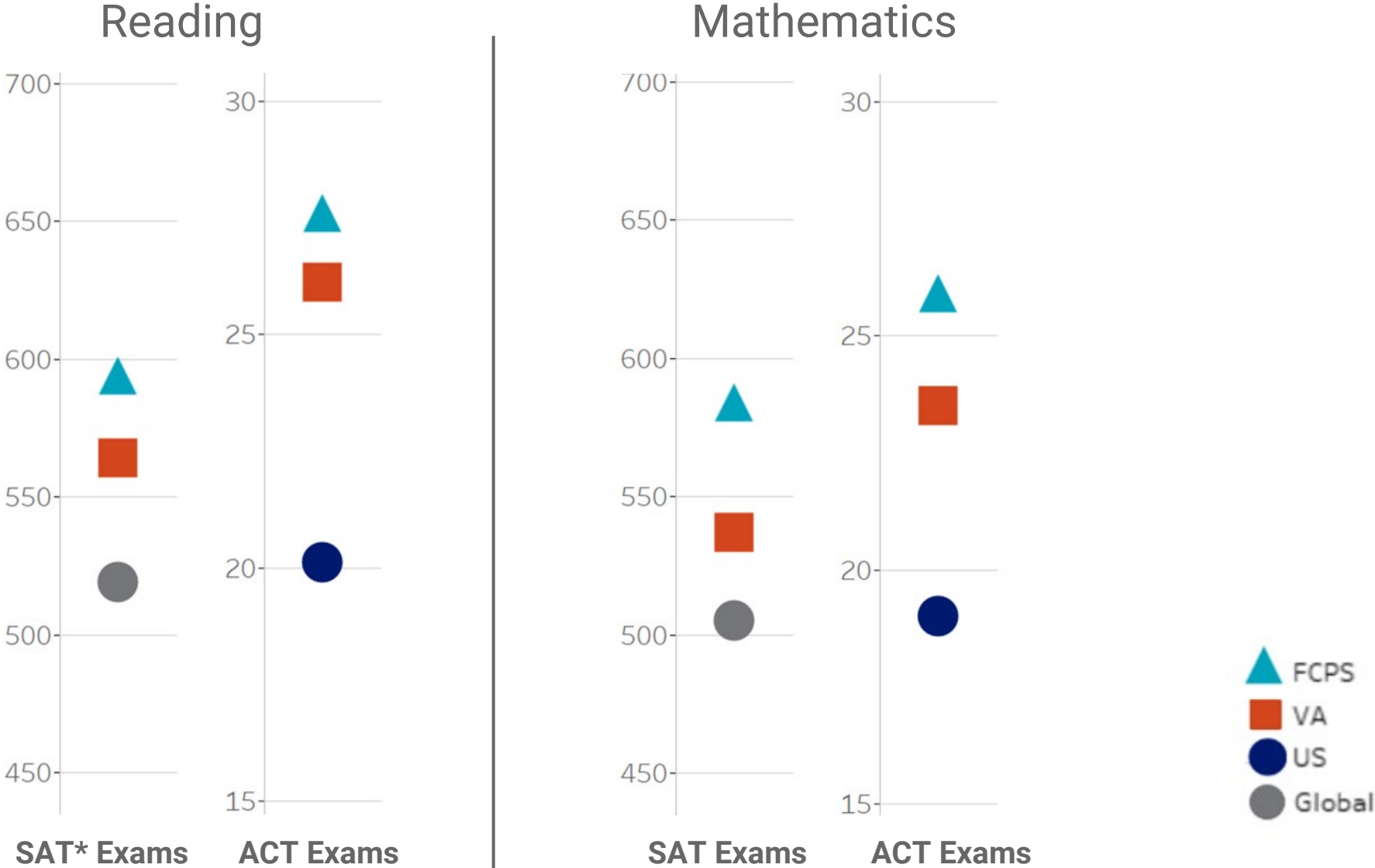
# Interpreting NAEP Results

- NAEP Proficient level represents “a solid academic performance for the given grade over challenging subject matter.”
- NAEP Basic level is roughly equivalent to passing most state assessments.
- Achievement Levels are evaluated by the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to determine if the levels are reasonable, valid, and informative.
  - The last evaluation in 2016 concluded further evidence was needed.
  - The NCES Commissioner has maintained the trial status of NAEP levels at this time.

<b>NAEP Basic vs. SOL Pass Rates</b>						
	<b>Reading Achievement</b>			<b>Math Achievement</b>		
	<b>NAEP Basic</b>	<b>SOL Passing</b>		<b>NAEP Basic</b>	<b>SOL Passing</b>	
	<b>VA</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>FCPS</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>FCPS</b>
<b>4th graders</b>	58%	73%	75%	76%	71%	74%
<b>8th graders</b>	66%	72%	79%	63%	70%	76%

# How Does FCPS Compare on Other National Measures?

Class of 2024  
SAT and ACT  
reading and  
mathematics  
outcomes



\*SAT reading scores are from the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing subtest