

FCSU NECAP Results

Students in the St. Albans City, St. Albans Town, Fairfield, and Bellows Free Academy/Northwest Technical Center school districts, which make up Franklin Central Supervisory Union (FCSU), were assessed in October, 2009 on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests. The results from the NECAP are valuable and are one set of data we use to inform our continuous improvement efforts.

The NECAP reading, math and writing tests measure students' academic knowledge and skills relative to the Vermont Grade Expectations (GEs), which represent the knowledge and skills students should have achieved by the end of the previous school year. NECAP performance is broken up into four levels of achievement: Proficient with Distinction (4), Proficient (3), Partially Proficient (2), and Substantially Below Proficient (1).

Currently, educators throughout FCSU are reviewing the fall 2009 NECAP results to monitor individual student performance and analyze trends within specific content areas and within and across grade levels. Results will be used for school improvement and accountability.

At the high school level, NECAP reading, math, and writing tests are administered in grade 11. In reading, 63% of students were proficient or above. The state average for 11th grade students, scoring proficient or above in reading was 69%. In mathematics, 40% of students were proficient or above. The state average for 11th grade students, scoring proficient or above in math was 35%. In writing, 50% of students were proficient or above. The state average for 11th grade students, scoring proficient or above in writing was 51%.

At the elementary and middle school levels, NECAP reading and math tests are administered in grades three through eight.

At St. Albans City School, 64 percent of students scored proficient or above in reading, and 56 percent scored proficient or above in math.

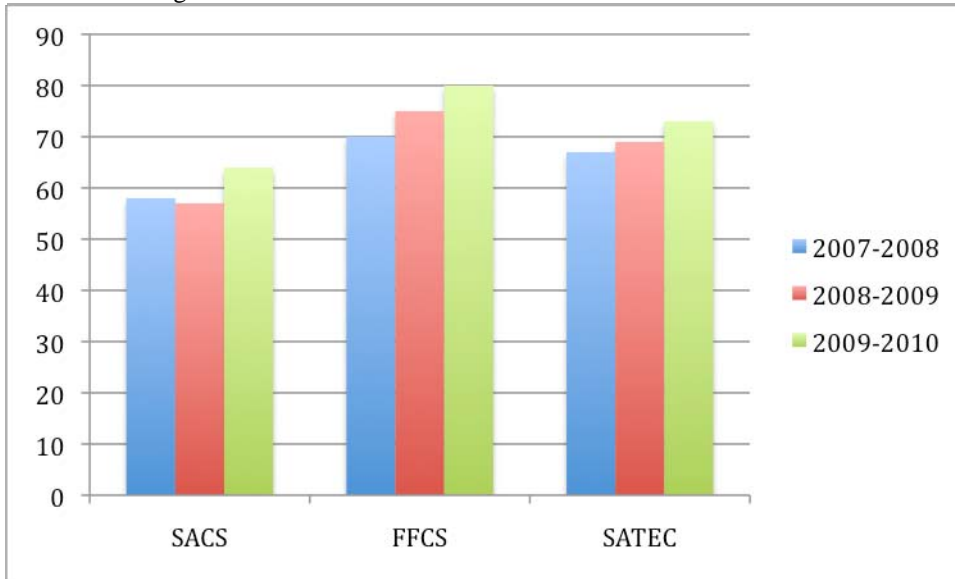
At St. Albans Town School, 73 percent of students scored proficient or above in reading, and 64 percent scored proficient or above in math.

At Fairfield Center School, 80 percent of students were proficient or above in reading, and 70 percent were proficient or above in math.

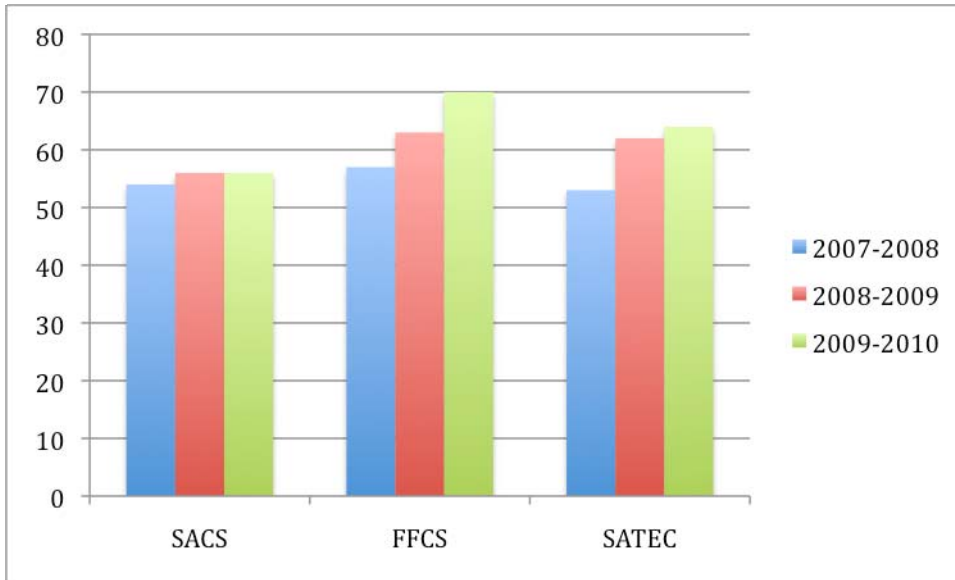
The state average for students in grades 3 through 8 scoring proficient or above in reading was 72% and the state average for students in grades 3 through 8 scoring proficient or above in math was 66%.

The VT DOE compares the results from each year of NECAP scores to determine adequate yearly progress. The graphics below show comparisons of scores for all students in grades 3-8 from 2007-2009 in Reading and Math. It is important to note that each year the group of students changes resulting in a different cohort of students and their assessment results.

NECAP Reading Assessment Results – All Students Grades 3-8 Proficient and Above



NECAP Math Assessment Results – All Students Grades 3-8 Proficient and Above



In March, the administrative team will be examining results to look at system-wide trends and individual student performance. The results will be used to identify strengths and areas of need in professional development and instruction to improve learning outcomes for students.