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Wayne County School District meets NCLB Goal

Wayne County Schools' student assessment results for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and the Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT) were amongst schools across the state whose results were released by the Kentucky Department of Education on September 23.

The Wayne County School District was pleased to report that they made their Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Wayne County met 100 percent of its target goals in order to qualify as having made AYP. In addition, Wayne County was amongst the 60.2 percent, or 696 of Kentucky's 1,157 public schools that made AYP in the 2008-09 school year.

During the KCCT 2008-09 testing year, the annual measurable objective for Wayne County students was for 60.86 percent of the students to perform at the proficient or distinguished level in Reading. According to the newly released data from the Kentucky Department of Education, Wayne County students exceeded that goal with 71.90 percent of the student falling in the proficient or distinguished range in Reading.

In Mathematics, the goal was for 49.73 percent of the students to fall in the proficient or distinguished range. The data release showed 63.99 percent reached proficiency or above in Mathematics.

AYP is the term used in NCLB to refer to the minimum improvement required of each school and district over the course of one year. It is measured by:

- *measuring growth in the percentage of students scoring proficient or above in Reading and Mathematics in grades 3-8, Reading grade 10 and Mathematics grade 11.

- *assessing improvement on the "other academic indicator"

- *testing at least 95 percent of enrolled students and student subpopulations of sufficient size

There are major changes in the mandated assessment for Kentucky schools since the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) was dropped by the state General Assembly last spring. So, interpreting this round of scores is not consistent or comparable to previous cycles. The newer version based on more focused curriculum standards will not be ready until the 2011-12 school year.

For additional information on these assessments go to <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE> or the Wayne County Schools website at <http://wayne.ky.schoolwebpages.com> and navigate over to the latest news column on the right side of the page which includes more specific links.