

MISSISSIPPI STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT  
VERSUS TOP 10 "SCHOOL CHOICE" STATES\*

INCREASE OR DECREASE IN AVERAGE SCALE SCORE  
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) - GRADE 4 READING

Over the past decade, while Mississippi's Grade 4 Reading scores have soared, reading scores in the Top 10 States for School Choice\* have plummeted.

2025 EdChoice Ranking*		Increase or Decrease in Scale Score 2013 to 2024	Increase or Decrease in Scale Score 2005 to 2024	2024	2022	2019	2017	2015	2013	2011	2009	2007	2005
				All Students	All Students	All Students	All Students	All Students	All Students	All Students	All Students	All Students	All Students
	Jurisdiction			Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score
	National	(7)	(4)	215	217	220	222	223	222	221	221	221	219
	Mississippi	10	14	219	217	219	215	214	209	209	211	208	204
1	Florida	(9)	(1)	218	225	225	228	227	227	225	226	224	219
2	Arizona	(5)	1	208	215	216	215	215	213	212	210	210	207
3	Wisconsin	(6)	(6)	215	217	220	220	223	221	221	220	223	221
4	Ohio	(8)	(7)	216	219	222	225	225	224	224	225	226	223
5	Indiana	(5)	2	220	217	222	226	227	225	221	223	222	218
6	Vermont	(15)	(14)	213	217	222	226	230	228	227	229	228	227
7	Iowa	(9)	(6)	215	218	221	222	224	224	221	221	225	221
8	Arkansas	(9)	(7)	210	212	215	216	218	219	217	216	217	217
9	West Virginia	(9)	(9)	206	205	213	217	216	215	214	215	215	215
10	North Carolina	(9)	(4)	213	216	221	224	226	222	221	219	218	217

\*EdChoice 2025 Rankings: School choice states ranked by private school choice spending (education savings accounts/ESAs, vouchers, tax-credit scholarships, and refundable tax credits) as a percent of combined private choice and public K-12 total current expenditures.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022, and 2024 Reading Assessments.