Methacton Student Achievement Report

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A Story of Achievement and Growth

Across every stage of their academic journey, Methacton students demonstrate high levels of proficiency and consistently exceed state averages. This achievement is coupled with significant year-over-year academic growth, showcasing the effectiveness of our educational programs.



Foundational Excellence:
Elementary and middle school students consistently outperform state proficiency averages in PSSA ELA and Math.



High School Mastery:
High school students surpass state benchmarks on Keystone Exams in Literature, Biology, and Algebra I.



National Recognition:
An exceptional 96% of AP exam scores were 3 or higher, demonstrating college-level readiness on a national scale.

Staying Ahead of State Mandates

Online Testing: Methacton is fully prepared for the state's Spring 2026 online testing mandate, having successfully used online administration for the past five years.

Science Standards: We are proactively aligning with the new STEELS standards, including the shift of the Science PSSA from 4th to 5th grade.

PSSA and Keystone Assessments

Building the Foundation: Performance in Grades 3-8

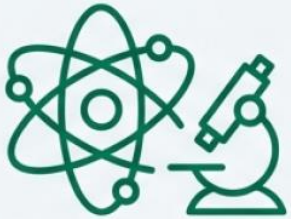
Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)



English Language Arts



Mathematics



Science

Purpose

PSSAs are annual exams assessing proficiency in Pennsylvania State Standards for students in grades 3 through 8.

Subjects & Grades

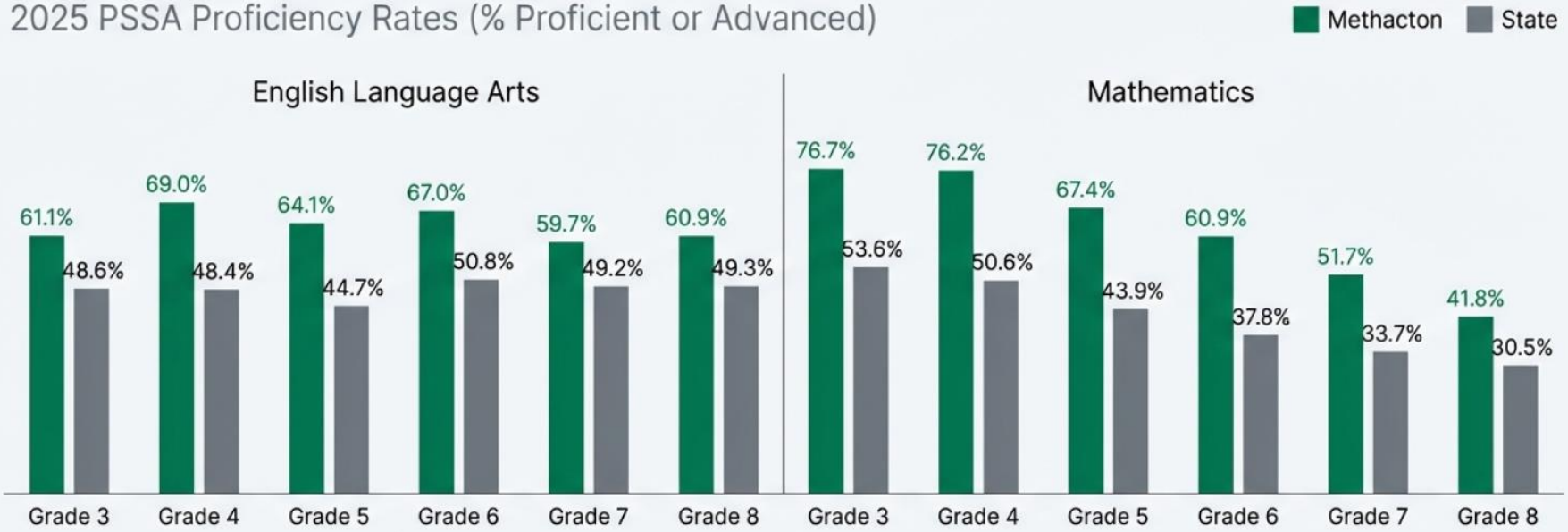
- English Language Arts (ELA) & Math: Grades 3-8
- Science: Grades 5 & 8

Data Note

All proficiency percentages shown in this report represent the combined total of students scoring “Proficient” and “Advanced”.

Methacton Students Consistently Outperform State Averages in ELA and Math

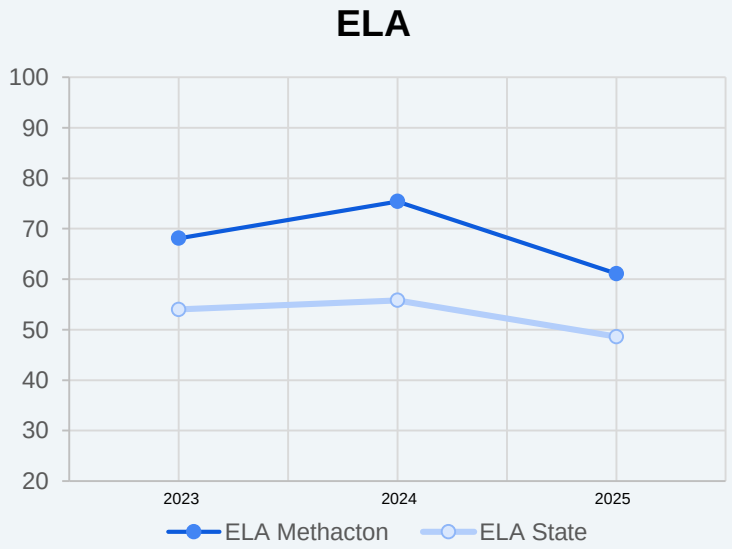
2025 PSSA Proficiency Rates (% Proficient or Advanced)

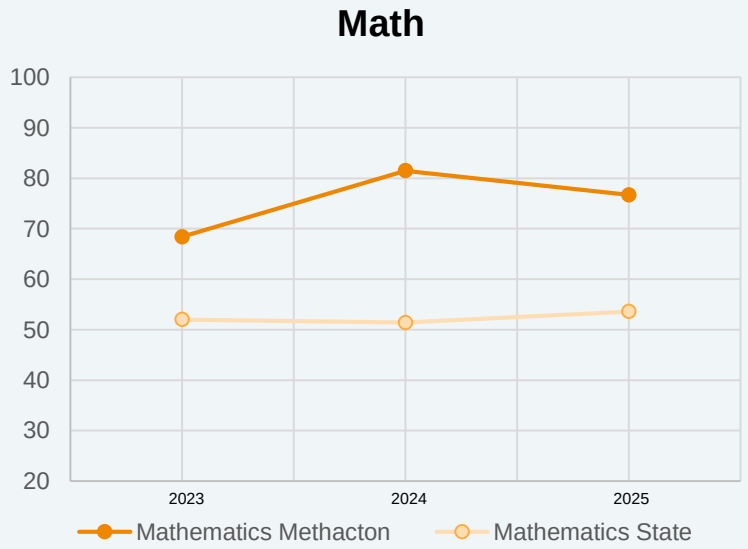


Key Insight Callout

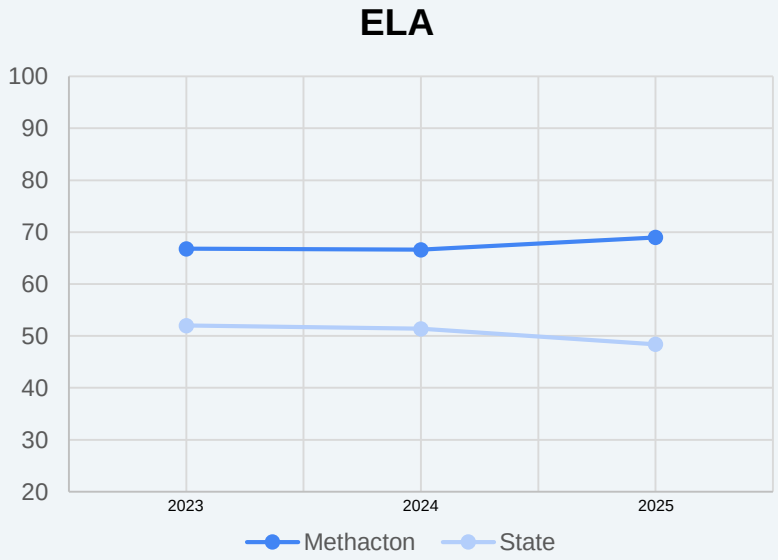
In 2025, Methacton's proficiency rates surpassed the state average in every subject and at every grade level tested, with gaps as large as 25 percentage points.

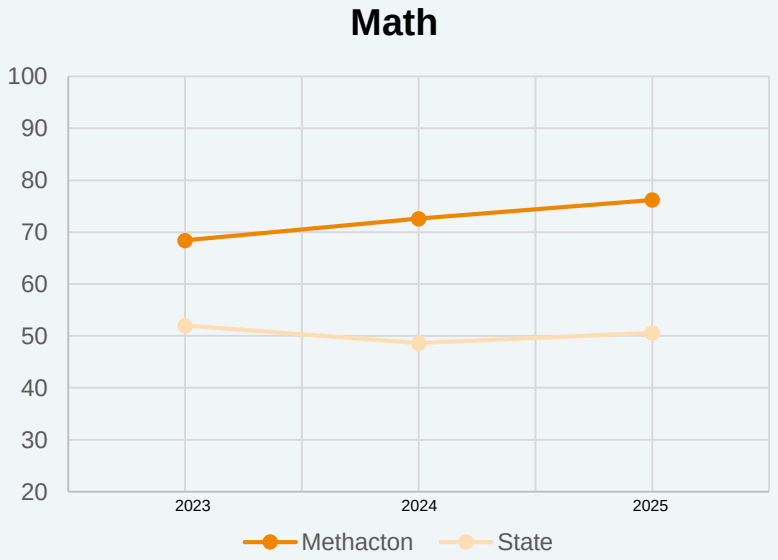
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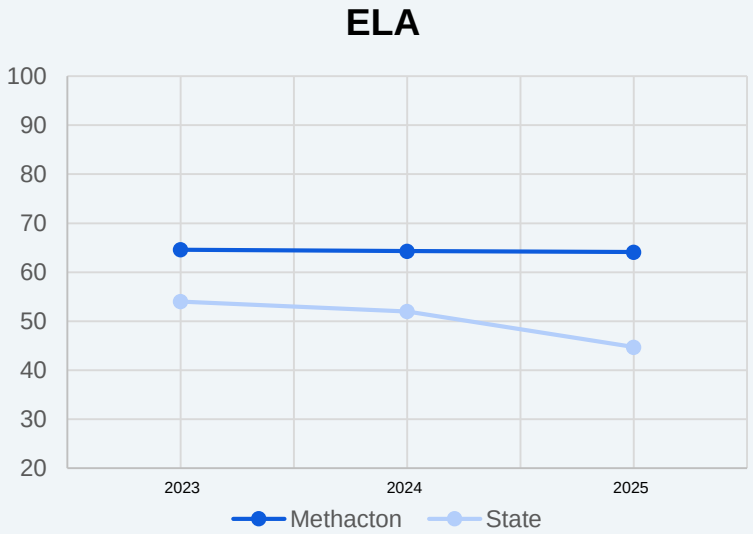


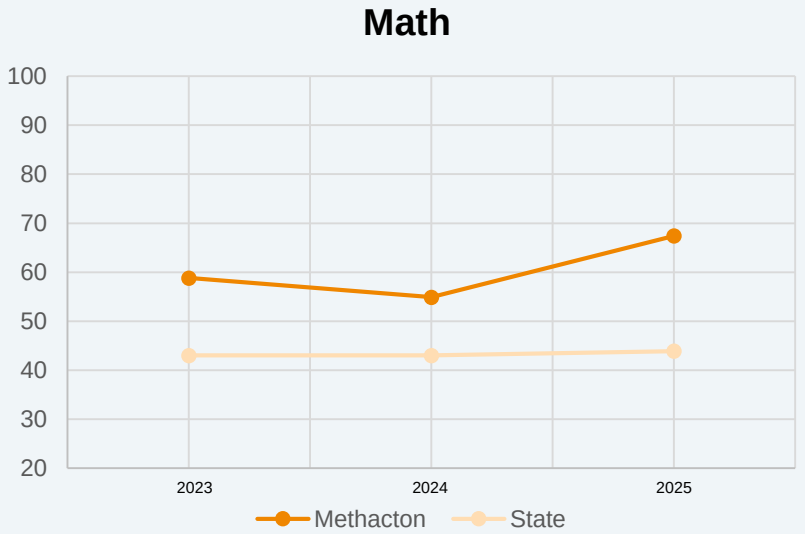
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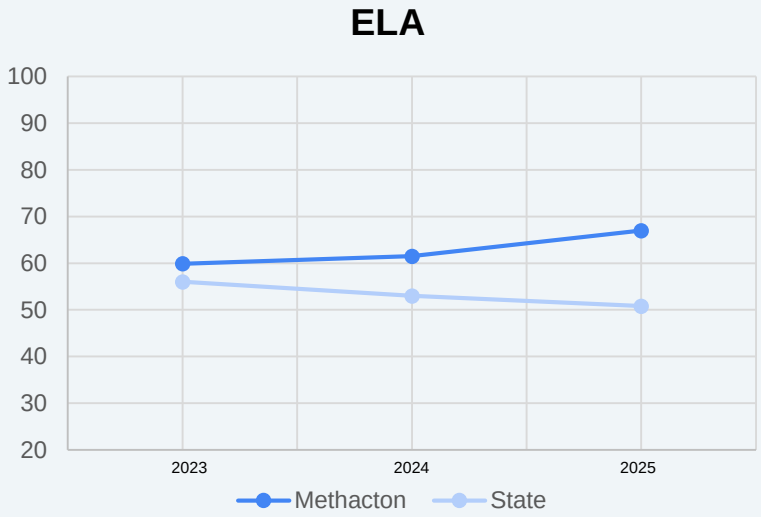


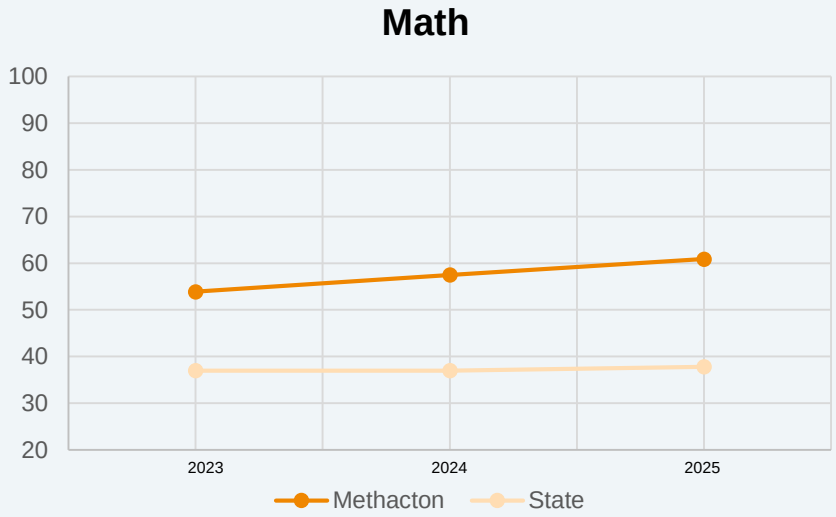
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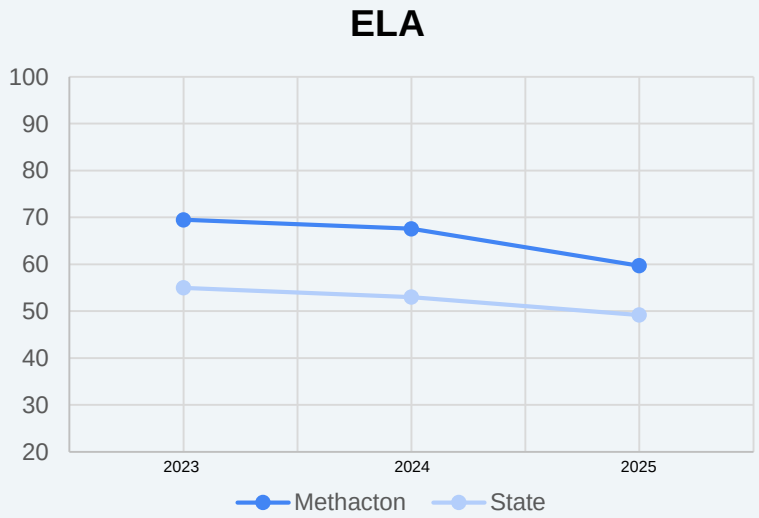


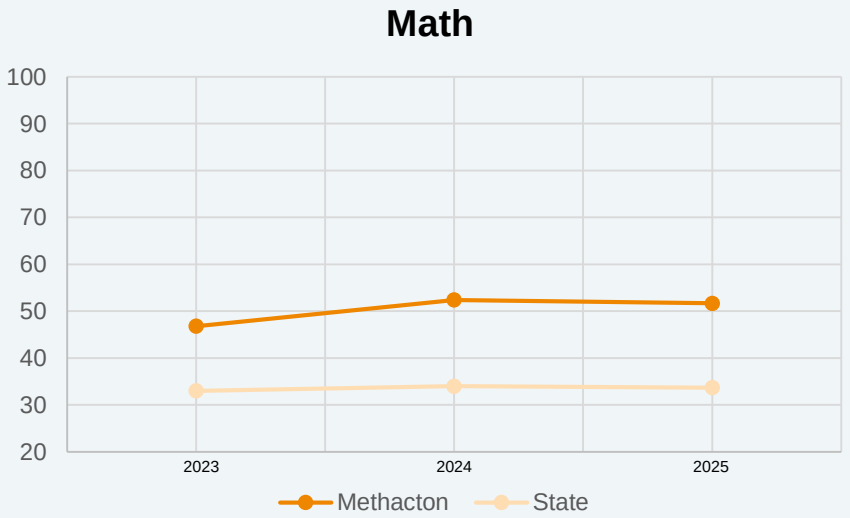
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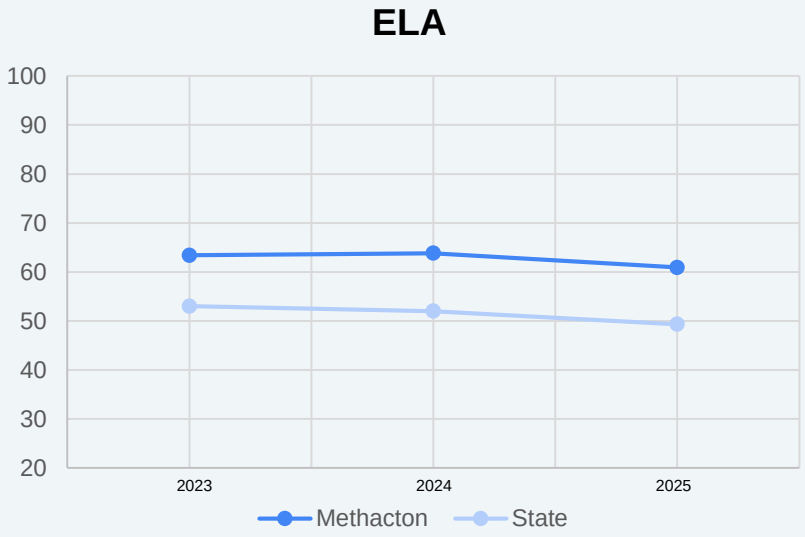


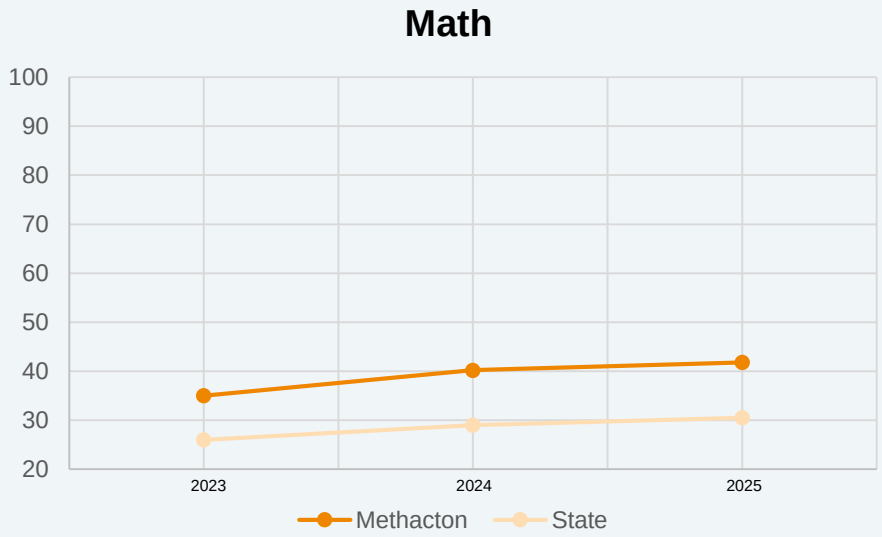
Grade 7 (2023-2025 results)





Grade 8 (2022-2025 results)





Beyond Proficiency: Demonstrating Significant Academic Growth

2025 Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS) Growth Indicators

PSSA English Language Arts - 2025 Growth	
Grade 4	Well Above
Grade 5	Well Above
Grade 6	Meets
Grade 7	Meets
Grade 8	Well Above

PSSA Math - 2025 Growth	
Grade 4	Well Above
Grade 5	Well Above
Grade 6	Well Above
Grade 7	Above
Grade 8	Above

PVAAS data indicates that Methacton **students are meeting or exceeding the standard for academic growth**, with evidence of **'Well Above' expected growth** in five grade-level cohorts for ELA and Math.

Keystone Information

- Keystone Exams are the high school version of the PSSAs
- Subject area specific and only taken at the end of the specific courses
  - ELA exam is taken at the end of 10th grade Literature
  - Math exam is taken at the end of Algebra I
  - Science exam is taken at the end of Biology
- Exams can be taken more than once in subsequent years if a student is unsuccessful in previous attempts
- All percentages in the Keystone data slide represent proficient and advanced scores
- First data slide shows the scoring percentages from students that took the exams last year
- Second data slide shows the “banked” scoring percentages that are attributed to all students in their 11th grade year
- Data is reviewed over a three (3) year period (2023, 2024, and 2025)

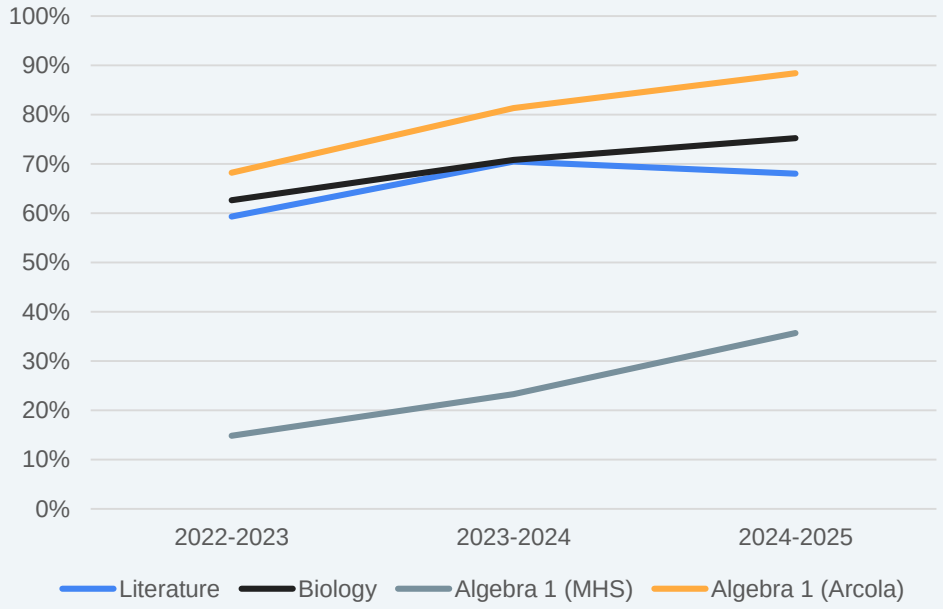
Building Background: Keystone Exams

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11
							Literature (all)	**Literature** (retakes & new students)
						Biology (some)	**Biology** (majority)	**Biology** (some, retakes & new students)
				Algebra 1 (few)	**Algebra 1** (many)	**Algebra 1** (many & retakes)	**Algebra 1** (few & retakes)	**Algebra 1** (retakes & new students)

- Keystone exams are given at the end of the course
- Students' "best" score is banked until 11th grade
- Algebra 1 exam is typically given in grade 8 or 9
- Biology and Literature exams are typically given in grade 10

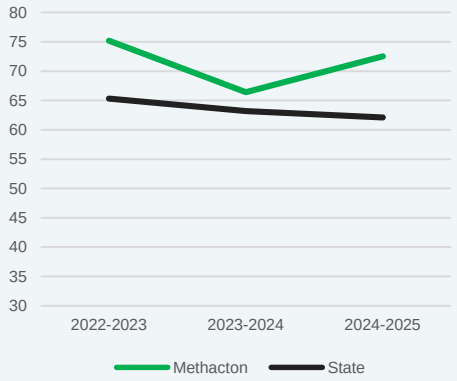
Annual Keystone Trend – Proficiency Scores

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Literature	59.3%	70.5%	68.0%
Biology	62.6%	70.8%	75.2%
Algebra 1 (MHS)	14.8%	23.3%	35.7%
Algebra 1 (Arcola)	68.2%	81.3%	88.4%

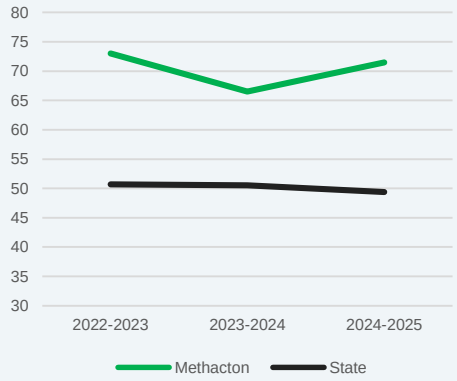


Banked Keystone Comparison: Methacton & the State

Literature		
Year	Methacton	State
2022-2023	75.2	65.3
2023-2024	66.4	63.2
2024-2025	72.5	62.1

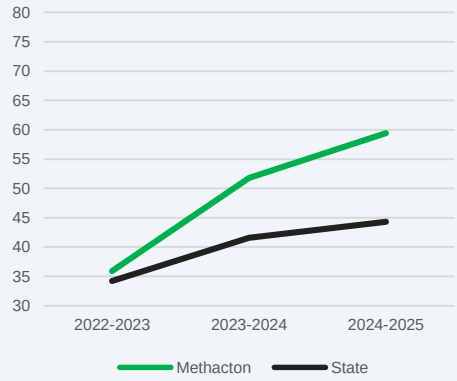


Biology		
Year	Methacton	State
2022-2023	73	50.7
2023-2024	66.5	50.5
2024-2025	71.5	49.4



Algebra I		
Year	Methacton	State
2022-2023	35.9	34.2
2023-2024	51.8	41.6
2024-2025	59.4*	44.3

* Last year of pandemic effect in Algebra (7th grade scores not banked)



Accelerating Success: Significant Growth in Core High School Subjects

2025 PVAAS Growth Indicators for Keystone Exams



Keystone Algebra I: Well Above



Keystone Biology: Well Above



Keystone Literature: Well Above

In all three Keystone subject areas, Methacton students demonstrated the highest possible level of academic growth, indicating our programs are highly effective at advancing student learning.

Advanced Placement (AP)

A Culture of AP Excellence: 2025 Performance at a Glance

727
Total AP Exams Taken

96%
of Scores were 3 or Higher

73%
of Scores were 4s or 5s

AP Scholar Recognition

85 Students
AP Scholar with Distinction
(Avg. Score: 4.34)

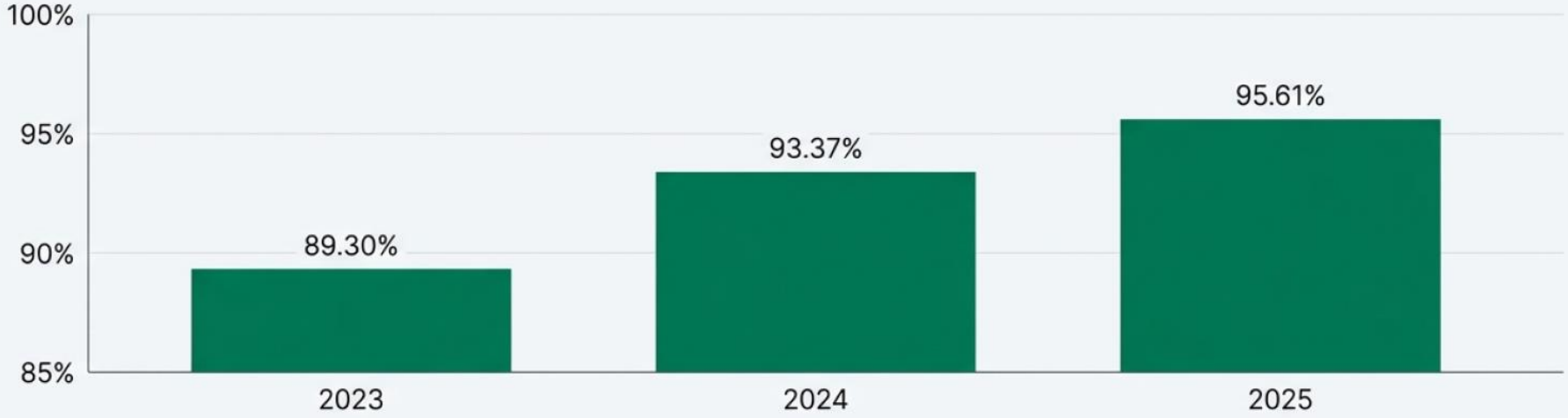
35 Students
AP Scholar with Honor
(Avg. Score: 4.03)

48 Students
AP Scholar
(Avg. Score: 3.80)

In total, 168 students earned an AP Scholar award for their outstanding performance.

An Upward Trend of Excellence in Advanced Placement

Percentage of Total AP Students with Scores of 3 or Higher (2023-2025)



Year	Total AP Students	Number of Exams	AP Students with Scores 3+
2023	355	746	317
2024	347	770	324
2025	342	727	327

Excellence Across the Curriculum: Widespread AP Success

Exceptional Pass Rates: 16 Courses with 90%+ of Students Scoring 3 or Higher

2-D Art and Design, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, English Language and Comp, English Literature and Comp, Human Geography, Psychology, Seminar, Spanish, Statistics, US Government and Politics, US History.

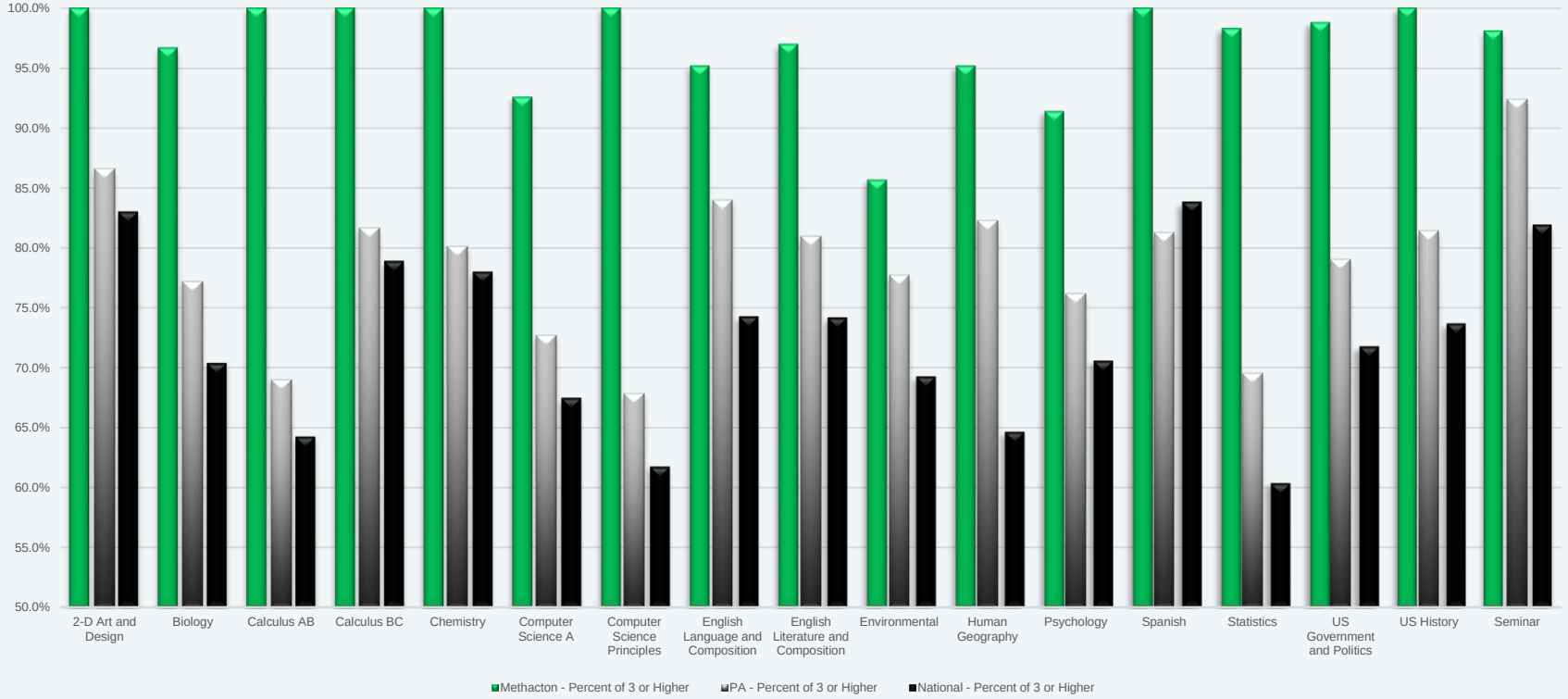
100% Perfect Performance: 7 Courses with 100% of Students Scoring 3 or Higher

2-D Art and Design, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, Spanish, US History.

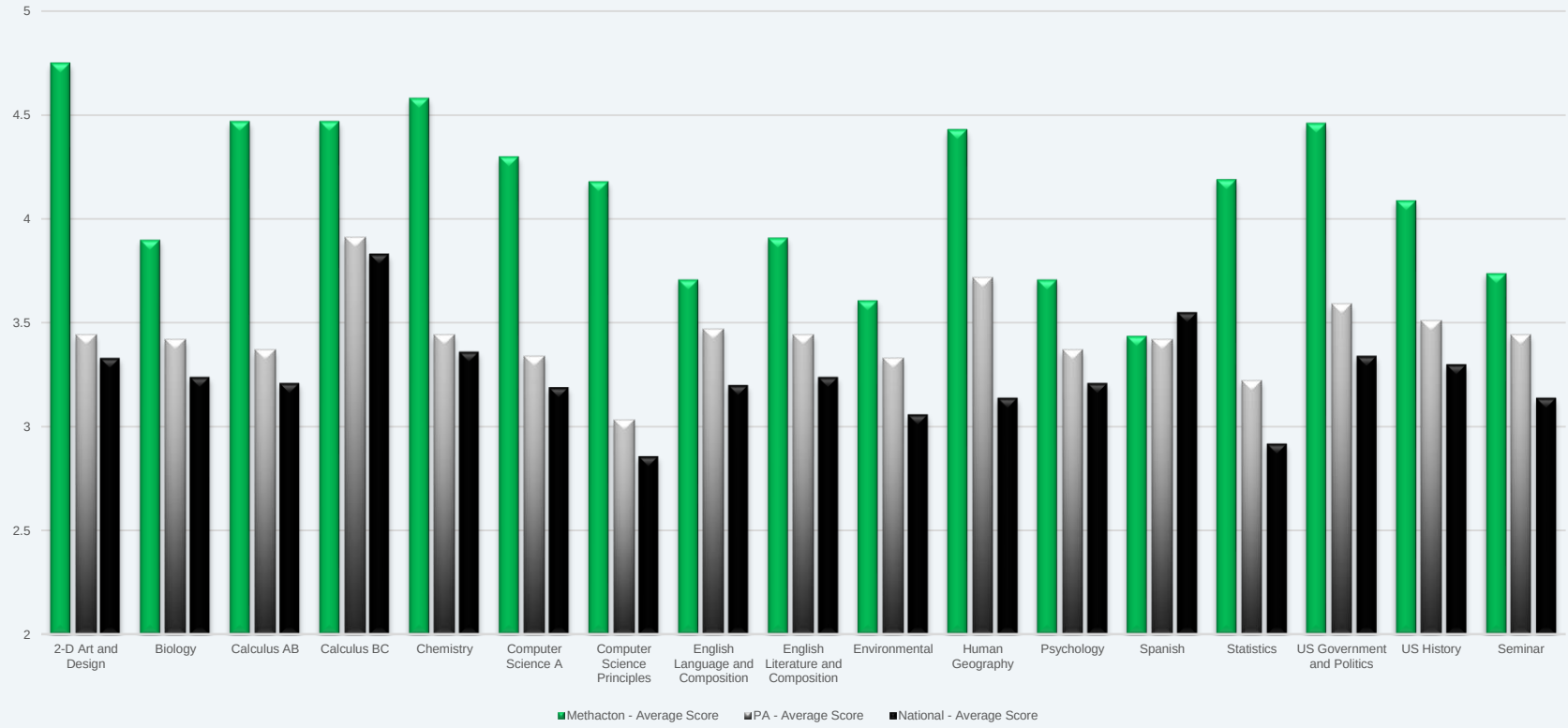
Top-Tier Achievement: 10 Courses with an Average Score of 4.0 or Higher

2-D Art and Design, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, Human Geography, Statistics, US Government and Politics, US History.

Percentage Comparisons of Students Scoring a 3+



Average Score Comparisons on Each Exam



The Path Forward: Our Commitment to Continuous Improvement

2025-2026 Continued Focus Areas



Planning & Assessment: Continued refinement of curriculum planning and assessment strategies.



Instructional Coaching: Deepening support for teachers through targeted coaching.



New Implementations: Successfully rolling out new state STEELS standards, Character Strong social-emotional learning, and district-wide PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports).



Addressing the Literacy Gap: A major focus on literacy through targeted Lab Schools in partnership with Schools Cubed / Keys to Literacy.

Building on Our Success: Key Initiatives for 2026-2027



1. **Deepening Literacy Focus:** Entering Year 2 of the Lab Schools initiative with Schools Cubed / Keys to Literacy to build on foundational work.
2. **Enhancing Assessment Quality:** Developing high-quality formative and common summative assessments across the district to better inform instruction.
3. **Strengthening Student Support:** Implementing a comprehensive Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) framework to ensure every student receives the academic and behavioral support they need to succeed.

Our focus remains fixed on a cycle of continuous improvement, ensuring that every student's journey through Methacton is one of growth, achievement, and preparation for the future.

