BUCKEYE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-26 State Assessment Results

Smarter Balanced ELA and Mathematics · California Science Test

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Districtwide at a glance

Two measures of the same 2025-26 results

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

% Proficient or Advanced	Distance from Standard*
70.3%	+45
	Very High
-1.7 pts vs 2025-26	-3 pts vs 2025-26
+0.6 pts vs 2022-23	+5 pts vs 2022-23

2,758 students tested

MATHEMATICS

% Proficient or Advanced	Distance from Standard*
64.1%	+34
	High
-2.6 pts vs 2025-26	-2 pts vs 2025-26
+0.4 pts vs 2022-23	+10 pts vs 2022-23

2,765 students tested

SCIENCE (CAST)

% Proficient or Advanced	Distance from Standard*
62.7%	Very High
+1.6 pts vs 2025-26	-5 pt vs 2025-26
+4.6 pts vs 2022-23	+6 pts vs 2022-23

964 students tested

Fifth and 8th grade Science combined reached a four-year high. ELA and Math each stepped back from last year's 3 yr. peak. Scaled score performance reveals overall performance to be in the high or very high performance ranges as defined on the California Dashboard.

*Distance From Standard is measured in scaled score points. It is the average scale score minus the grade’s Proficient cut.

Two things to know

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The State renamed the achievement levels

For 2025-26 reporting, Level 1 is Minimal, Level 2 Developing, Level 3 Proficient, Level 4 Advanced. These replace Standard Not Met, Nearly Met, Met and Exceeded. The cut scores did not change, so multi-year comparisons remain valid. Only the labels are new.

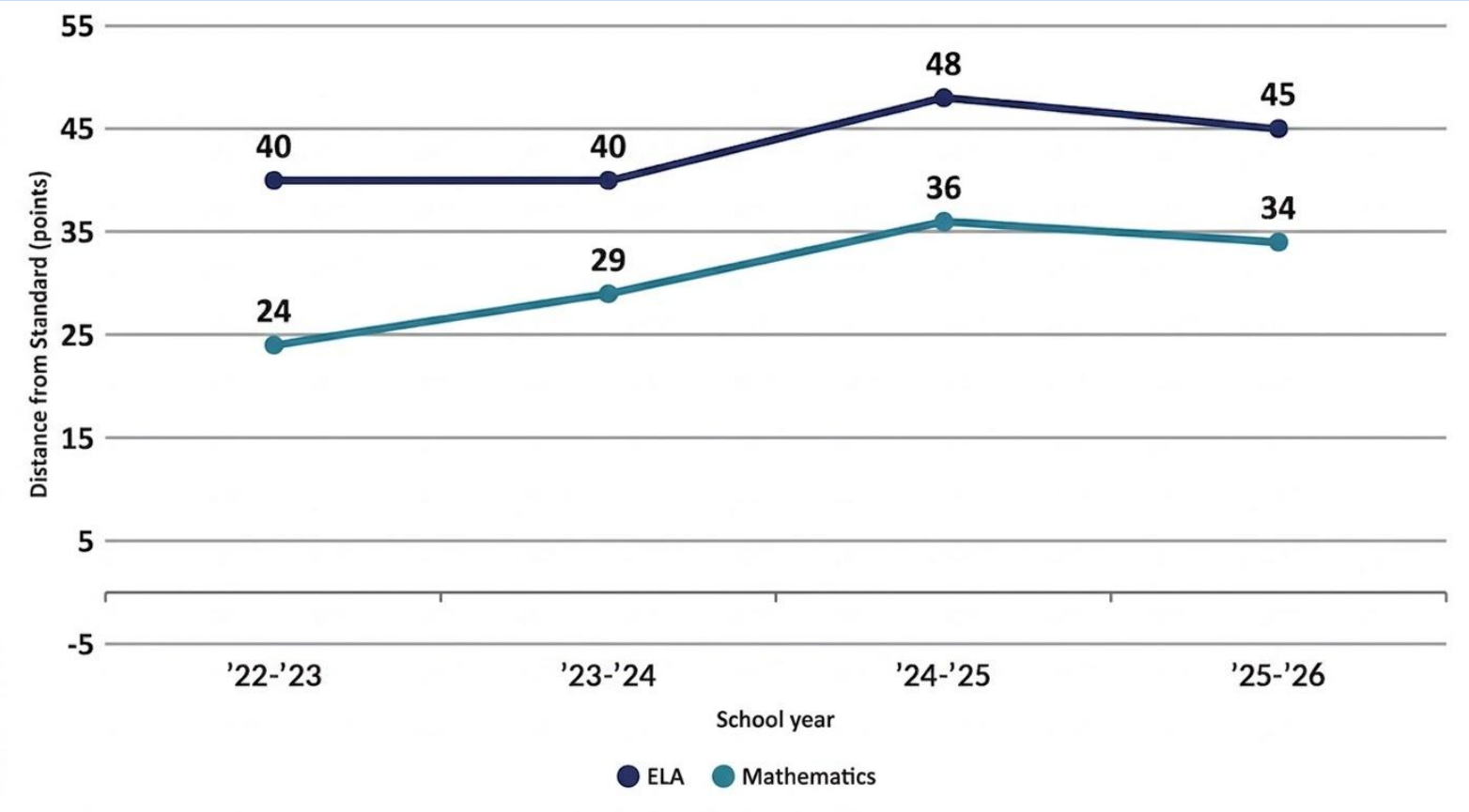
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Two measures, two different questions

Percent Proficient/Advanced counts how many students cleared the bar. Distance from Standard (DFS) measures how far the average student sits above or below it, in scale-score points. DFS moves even when students do not cross a level line, so it often shows growth the percentage hides.

Four-year districtwide trend

Average Distance from Standard, all grades combined (scale-score points above or below the Proficient cut)



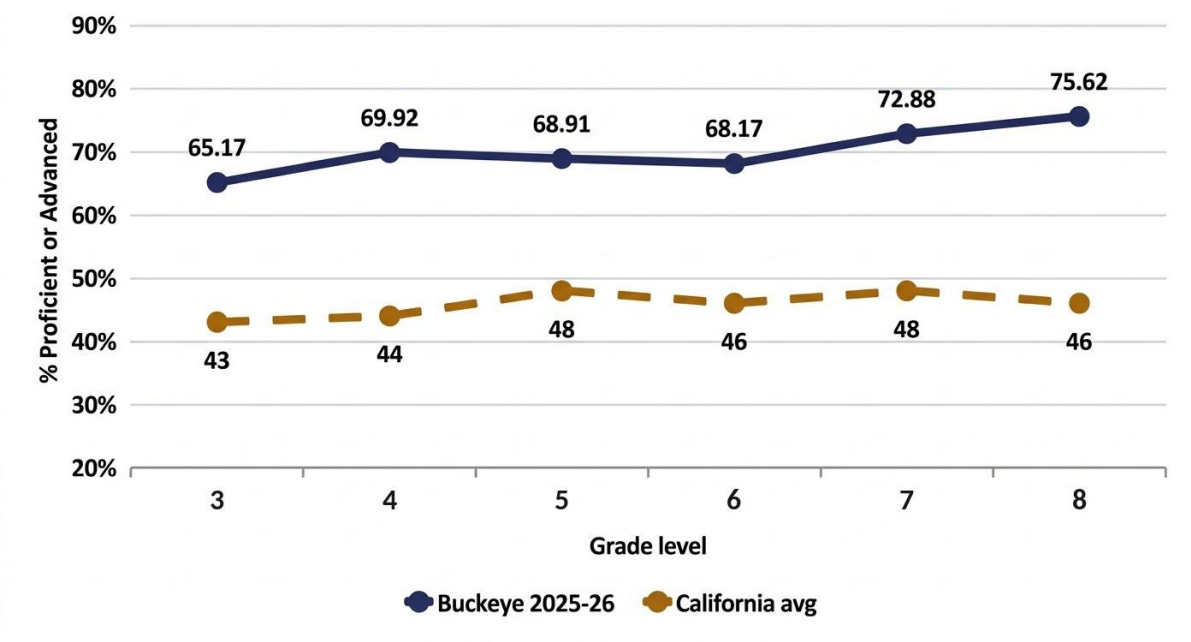
PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED

- ELA: 69.8%, 69.0%, 72.0%, 70.3%. DFS finished 5 points above the 2022-23 baseline while the percentage stayed nearly flat.
- Math: 63.6%, 65.2%, 66.6%, 64.1%. DFS gained 10 points across four years, a larger move than the percentage shows.
- Why DFS moves more: much of the gain happened inside achievement levels rather than across the Level 3 line, which the percentage cannot capture.
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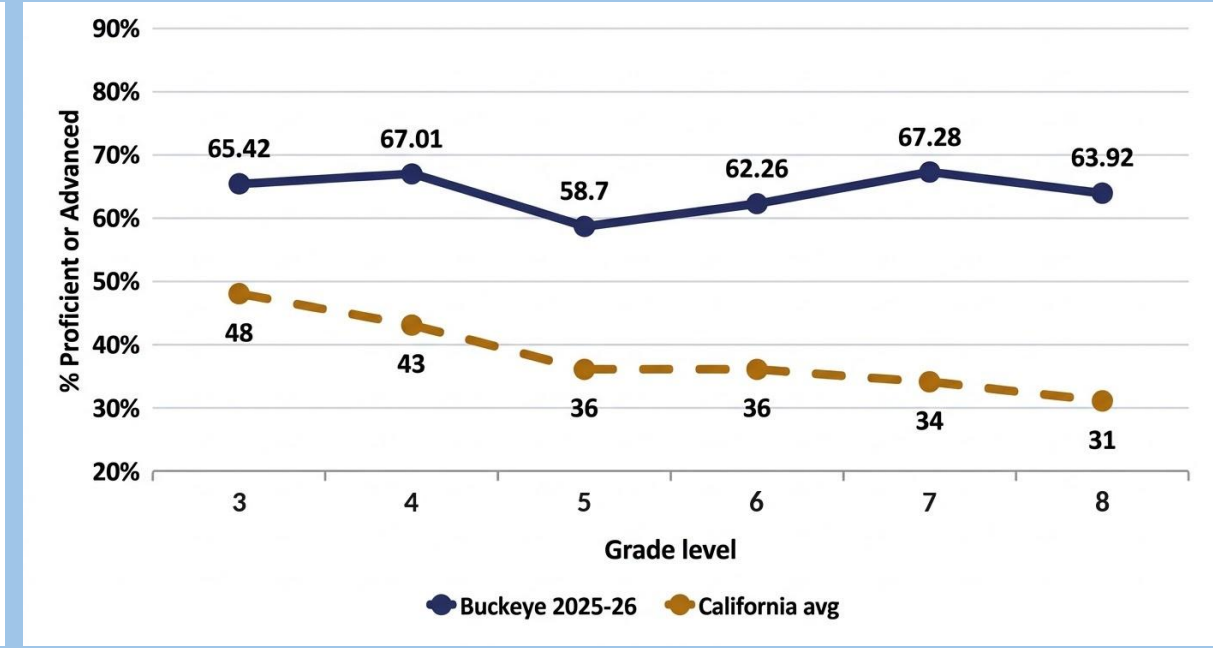
How Buckeye compares with California

Percent Proficient or Advanced by grade, 2025-26 district results against the state three-year average (’22-’23 - ’24-’25)

English Language Arts



Mathematics



+21 to +30

ELA advantage over the state at every grade

+17 to +33

Math advantage, widening as grades rise

+30

Grade 8 ELA, our largest margin

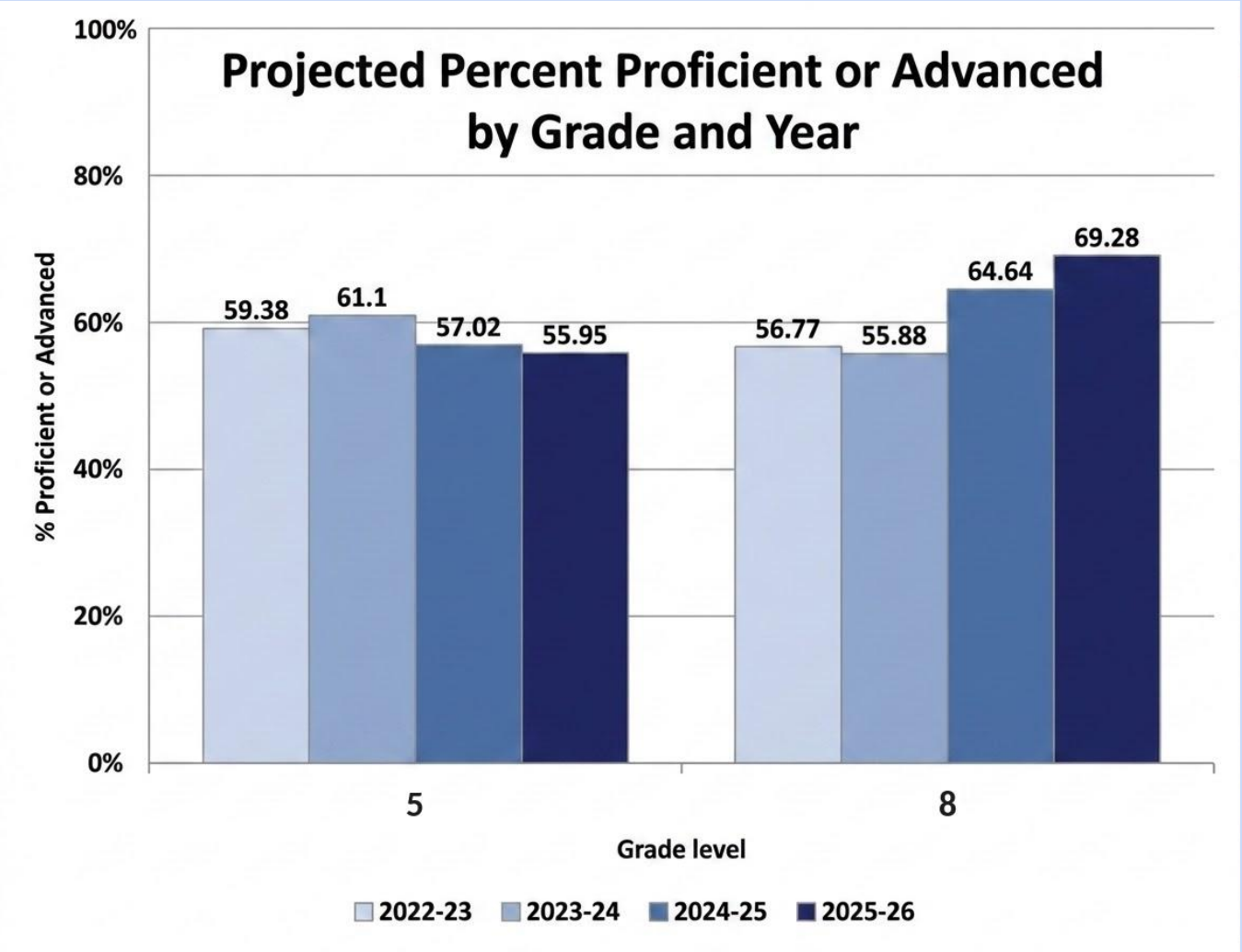
+23

Grade 5 Math, our weakest grade, still well ahead

California line is the three-year average of 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 state results from CDE Achievement Level Distribution tables. 2025-26 state results are not yet released.

Science (CAST): the year's clearest gain

Administered in grades 5 and 8 only



Source: CAASPP student score report extract, 2025-26. n = 964 students tested (479 in grade 5, 485 in grade 8).

Next Steps

1. **Complete CAASPP analysis** by school and student demographic groups
2. **Discuss school-specific results** with site leadership and teaching staff
3. **Integrate assessment findings** into LCAP and school site plan updates
4. **Identify targeted intervention needs** for students below proficiency