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Madison County Schools students, teachers, and staff continued to promote academic achievement in the 2021-2022 school year as they dealt with the impacts felt from a global pandemic.

Madison County Schools scored a 60% level of proficiency ranking for all subjects and all students. This places us 13th in the state out of 115 districts. The state level of proficiency average was 51.4%. Schools throughout the district contributed to the above-average performance:

- All Madison County Schools are 9 points above the state average in grade level proficiency at all levels.
- Madison County Schools has no low performing schools under the North Carolina accountability model.
- Madison County Schools' **rank 1st** in the state of NC for the 4-Year Graduation Rate of >95%. The state's average graduation rate is 86.3%.
- Combined scores in all subject areas increased by 25.7 points in 2021-2022 compared to 2020-2021.

Madison County Schools rank 3rd overall in the Western Region in student proficiency:

Polk County Schools	67.5
Haywood County Schools	63.4
Madison County Schools	60
Clay County Schools	59
Henderson County Schools	56
Asheville City Schools	54.2
Buncombe County Schools	54
Rutherford County Schools	54
Transylvania County Schools	53.6
Macon County Schools	52.5
Cherokee County Schools	52.4
Swain County Schools	48.2
Jackson County Schools	48
Graham County Schools	40

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent of Madison County Schools, states that “Madison County Schools continue to maintain a high standard in our academic accountability results, and we continue to rank among the best school systems in North Carolina. The achievement of our students and staff is remarkable, and it underscores our vision that when we all pull together as a learning community, even through a pandemic, we can achieve anything. The success of our students can be credited to our amazing administrators, teachers and staff who are Making it Happen in every classroom, in every school, every day.”

Even as state officials acknowledged the disruption to public education that students and staff faced over the last two years, Madison County Schools has continued to perform above state averages. Results for the 2021 - 2022 school year are not objectively comparable to previous years due to the many factors that came into play throughout the academic year.

The student achievement data for the 2021 - 2022 school year is based on analysis of all end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of-course (EOC) tests, which are aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in English Language Arts (Reading) and Mathematics and the Essential Standards in Science for all public schools in North Carolina.

Madison County Schools will continue to implement an intervention model of instruction at all schools to support student learning for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

“I continue to be amazed at the true grit of our students and staff in Madison County Schools. When faced with adversity, they work hard and perform at a level to be extremely proud of. We are a school family that cares for the well-being of our students and staff academically, socially and emotionally. Together, we Make it Happen!” stated Lisa Gahagan, Assistant Superintendent of Madison County Schools.

Please see the following comparison for MCS student performance from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022.

	570 - All Students 20-21	570 - All Students 21-22	Comparison
All Subjects	34.3	60	+25.7
Grades 3-8	36.1	63.5	+27.4
Grade 3	33.1	66	+32.9
Grade 4	33.8	59	+25.2
Grade 5	46.4	66	+19.6
Grade 6	27.3	63.5	+36.2
Grade 7	34.9	57.8	+22.9
Grade 8	36.2	65.3	+29.1

Reading Grades 3-8	36.3	58.5	+22.2
	570 - All Students 20-21	570 - All Students 21-22	Comparison
Reading Grade 3	40.7	58.4	+17.7
Reading Grade 4	37.7	58	+20.3
Reading Grade 5	41.4	60.1	+18.7
Reading Grade 6	26.2	56.9	+30.7
Reading Grade 7	42.3	53.2	+10.9
Reading Grade 8	29.1	63.8	+34.7
Math Grades 3-8	26	62.4	+36.4
Math Grade 3	25.5	73.6	+48.1
Math Grade 4	29.9	60.7	+30.8
Math Grade 5	35.7	61.4	+25.7
Math Grade 6	28.4	70.1	+41.7
Math Grade 7	27.5	62.4	+34.9
Math Grade 8	9.9	47	+37.1
Science Grades 5&8	66	80.8	+14.8
Science Grade 5	62.1	76.6	+14.5
Science Grade 8	69.5	85.2	+15.7
Grades 9-12	28.8	49.6	+20.8
NC Math 1 (9-12)	14.7	29.9	+15.2
NC Math 3 (9-12)	21	53	+32
Biology	37.7	61.1	+23.4
English II	41.1	50.9	+9.8