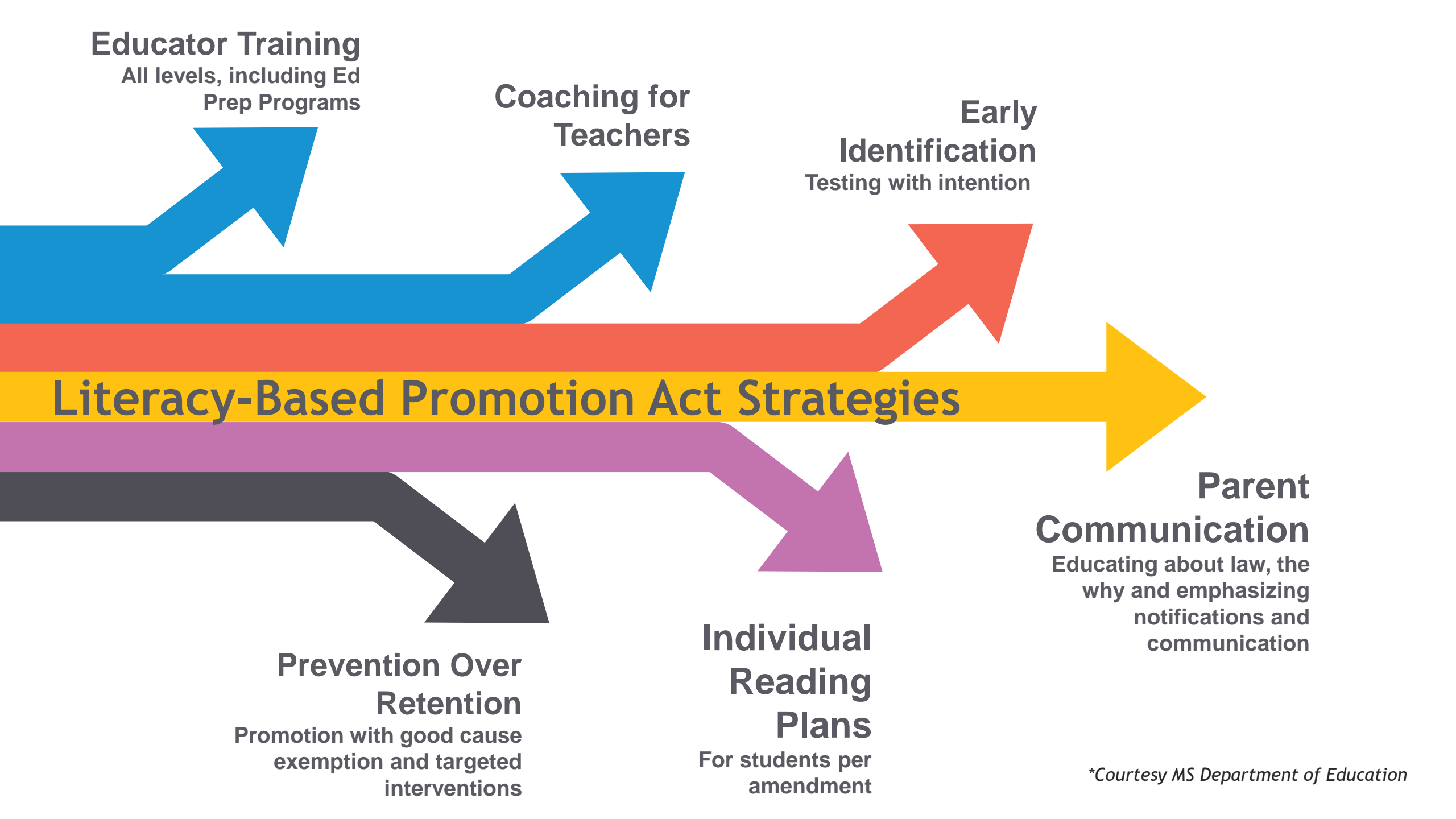




Mississippi's Comprehensive Approach to Improving Literacy Outcomes

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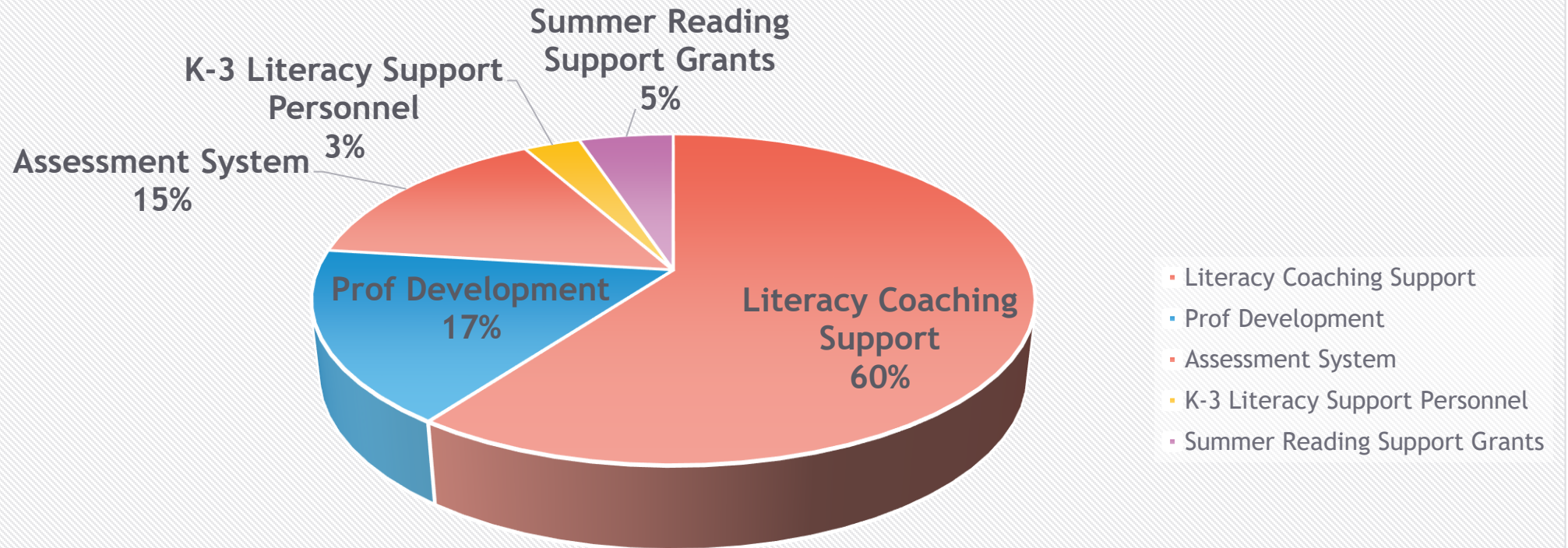
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Literacy-Based Promotion Act Funding Priorities



Legislative appropriation: \$9.5M in 2013; \$15M annually thereafter

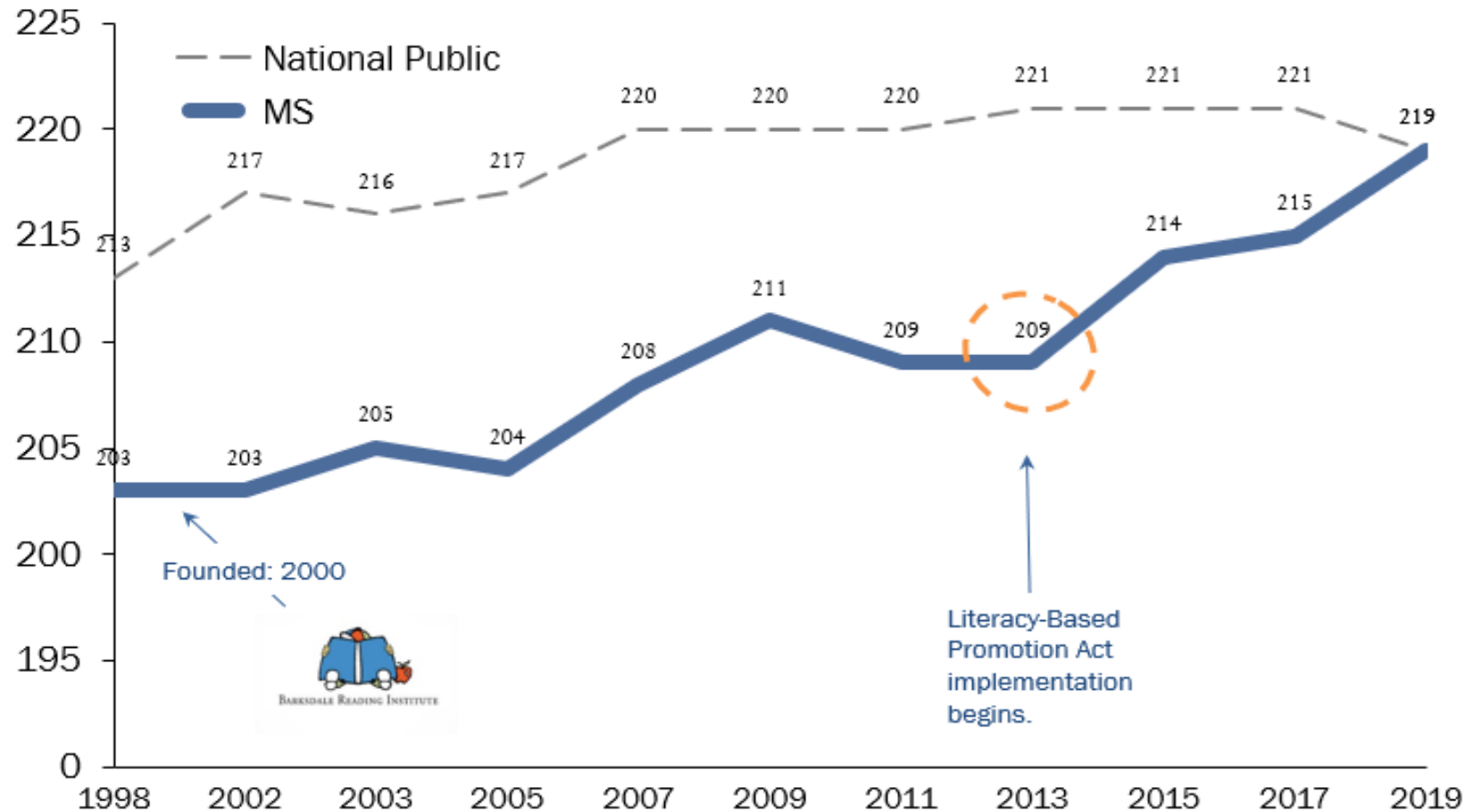


Why a comprehensive, state-led approach?



Earlier literacy efforts yielded successful “pilots” but did not advance sustainable statewide improvement.

Average Scale Score

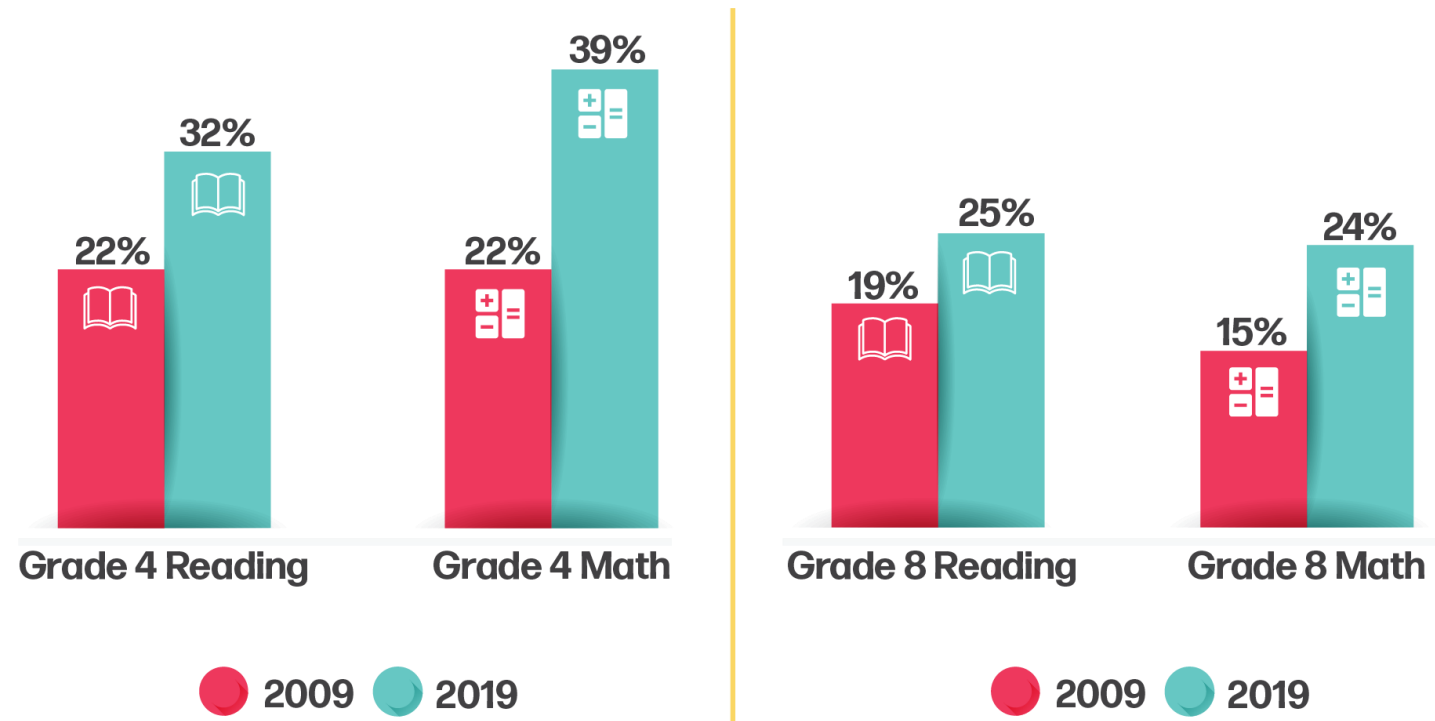


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In 2019, MS ranked 1st in the nation for gains in 4th Grade Reading and Math from 2017-2019.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Mississippi Students Scoring Proficient or Above





Thank You!

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