

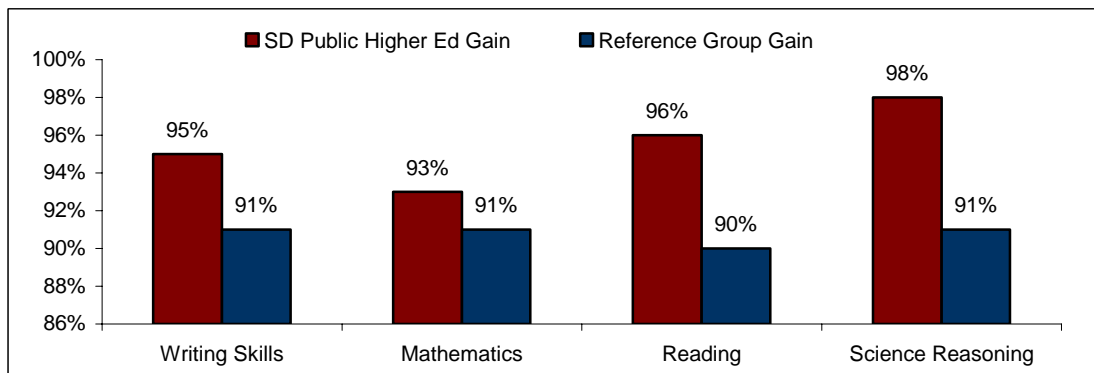
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South Dakota Public University Students Excel in All Subjects

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - According to the latest ACT/COMPASS gains report presented today to the Board of Regents, South Dakota public university students showed a higher percentage of gain in achievement in all four subjects tested than students in a national comparison group.

The report shows the gains in achievement expected from students by comparing their ACT or COMPASS placement test scores to their proficiency exam scores. Proficiency exams are administered to students during their sophomore year.

"Our students continue to score higher than expected. That shows us we are doing our job well," said Regents President Harvey C. Jewett.



"The purpose of this report is to ensure we provide quality education to our students," said Regents Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry. "By exceeding the academic expectations of our national comparison group we continue to raise the bar."

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