

NAEP: The Nation's Report Card

What about English Language Learners?

We have seen the headlines ...

Massachusetts students are again tops in national testing

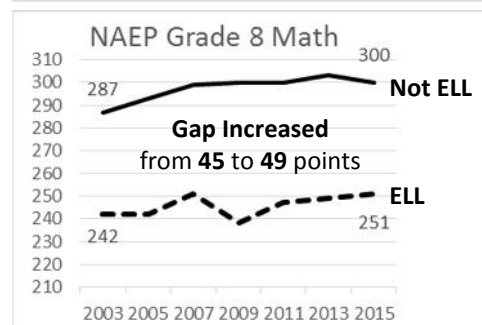
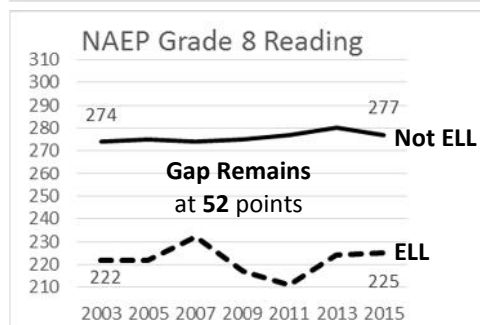
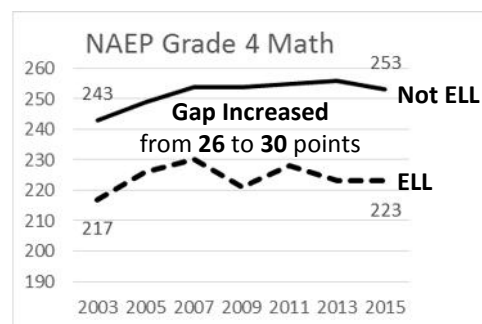
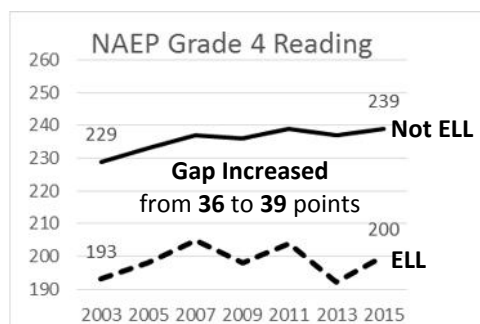
OCTOBER 28, 2015—Massachusetts ranked first in the country in student performance on a closely watched national test, and Boston scored near the top among large cities, according to results being released Wednesday.

- *The Boston Globe*

... but they don't tell the whole story.

Every two years the United States Department of Education announces the results of the "Nation's Report Card" — National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

There is a large gap between English Language Learner (ELL) students and other students, a gap that has not narrowed since 2002 when current restrictive ELL education policies came into effect.



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2015 Assessment.

While non-ELL students in Massachusetts rank #1, English Language Learners trail behind their peers in other states.

National NAEP Ranking	Not ELL	ELL
Grade 4 Reading	# 1	# 11
Grade 4 Math	# 1	# 10
Grade 8 Reading	# 1	# 20
Grade 8 Math	# 1	# 10

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