

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Question

ACARA NAPLAN Results 3

Senator MASON: In the last NAPLAN results what percentage of year 9 students are falling below the national minimum standards for year 5? And in the last NAPLAN results what percentage of year 9 students are falling below the national minimum standards for year 7? In the last NAPLAN results what percentage of year 7 students are falling below the national minimum standards for year 3? In the last NAPLAN results what percentage of year 7 students are falling below the national minimum standards for year 5? And finally, in the last NAPLAN results what percentage of year 5 students are falling below the national minimum standards for year 3?

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

NAPLAN Assessment scales are underpinned by the proficiency scale consisting of ten performance bands which in turn represent the increasing complexity of the skills and knowledge assessed by NAPLAN. Reporting in NAPLAN is designed to provide information on what students have achieved in terms of developmental learning progressions rather than a simple numerical pass or fail score.

Results for the 2011 NAPLAN tests are currently being validated, however the requested analysis based on plausible values for the 2010 NAPLAN tests is provided below.

Student cohort	% below National Minimum Standard for:	Test domain				
		Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Writing
Year 9	Year 7	0.68%	1.1%	2.2%	1.6%	3.7%
	Year 5	0.092%	0.13%	0.39%	0.27%	1.7%
	Year 3	0.0025%	0.0082%	0.020%	0.040%	0.18%
Year 7	Year 5	0.35%	0.37%	1.2%	1.4%	2.0%
	Year 3	0.017%	0.021%	0.050%	0.083%	0.31%
Year 5	Year 3	0.097%	0.22%	0.28%	0.360%	0.67%