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Blue Valley makes AYP for seventh consecutive year

There is great reason to celebrate in Blue Valley.

Not only did the district's students excel once again on the Kansas State Assessments, but the district and each one of its schools have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act. This is the seventh year in a row Blue Valley has made AYP.

"We are thrilled with these outstanding results," said Tom Trigg, superintendent. "I am extremely proud of our students, teachers and principals for their hard work. It is times like this that we must stop and not only celebrate our success, but reflect on how and why we have reached this success. We're committed to excellence and doing what is necessary to take *Education Beyond Expectations*. These results are excellent, but it's important to know that in Blue Valley, we're focused on more than just test scores."

On the reading assessment, 97.2 percent of Blue Valley students scored proficient or higher and 96.4 percent scored proficient or higher on the math assessment.

In reading, 54.1 percent of students scored in the exemplary category. In math, 51.6 percent of students scored in exemplary.

Trigg said he attributes the AYP results and student success as a whole to a well-defined mission of unprecedented academic success and unparalleled personal growth, along with the strong commitment of the district to school improvement. Blue Valley has implemented numerous strategies for school improvement including Professional Learning Communities, which emphasizes greater teacher collaboration.