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**NAEP**

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the national yardstick for assessing reading proficiency.

2013 RESULTS INDICATE:

1 OUT OF 3 4TH-GRADE STUDENTS IN NY STATE READ AT A PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED LEVEL.

- **African American**: 21%
- **Hispanic**: 22%
- **White**: 47%
- **Asian / Pacific Islander**: 54%

A 33% POINT DIFFERENCE SHOWS THE LARGEST GAP

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CAMPAIN FOR GRADE LEVEL READING

7 NY COMMUNITIES

4 STEPS TO READING SUCCESS

1. FAMILY LITERACY
   - Parenting programs help families learn ways to build their children’s literacy skills.
   - 65% of 4th graders are eligible for NSLP
   - 70% of 3rd graders are eligible for NSLP

2. SCHOOL READINESS
   - Quality early learning programs increase children’s ability to succeed.
   - 55% of 3-4 year olds enrolled in Pre-K
   - 46% of 3-4 year olds enrolled in Kindergarten

3. GOOD ATTENDANCE
   - Identify ways to engage students and families to improve school attendance.
   - Enrolled in Pre-K 46%
   - Low income 55%

4. SUMMER LEARNING
   - Summer learning opportunities help children maintain the academic gains they made during the school year.
   - Summer learning programs increase children’s ability to succeed.
   - 5% of 4th graders who read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade are more likely to graduate from high school & to be economically successful in adulthood.

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