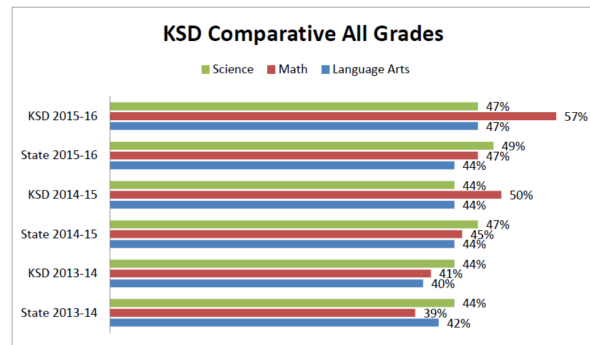
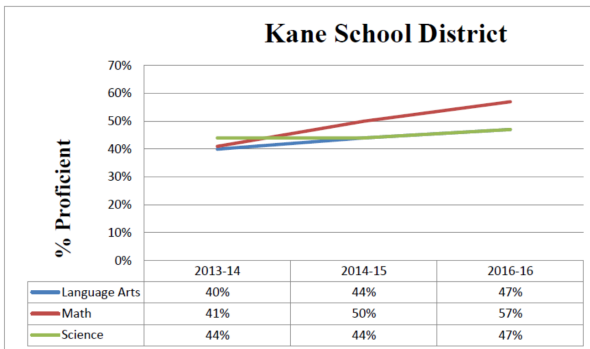


School Letter Grades and What Counts

On September 15, 2016 the Utah State Board of Education released student proficiency scores and School Letter Grades for the 2015-2016 school year. The state of Utah saw more students proficient in Math and Science, while English Language Arts remain steady.

Kane School District continues to see an increase in the majority of our schools. As a comparison, I have included the student proficiency level for the past three years and accompanying state comparisons for your reference.



Additionally, School Letter Grades were released for each school in the district by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). To quote a news release from the USBE, “Due to a technicality in the state law governing school grading, fewer Utah Schools earned grades of A or B. Utah law requires that in an academic year in which 65% of schools receive an A or a B grade, the Utah State Board of Education must raise the range for grades by 5%. This year 74% of Utah elementary schools received an A or B, and 66% of high schools received an A or B requiring a recalculation.” Essentially, the grading percentages were changed to lower the number of schools who receive A and B letter grades and increase the number of schools who receive lower grades. Since the adoption of the school letter grades in 2011, the requirements have been amended every year. Because of the term “technicality” the district has decided to release letter grades before and after the changes were made by the USBE.

Before the USBE changes

BIG WATER HIGH High School Grade	
BIG WATER SCHOOL Elementary Grade	C
KANAB HIGH High School Grade	B
KANAB MIDDLE Elementary Grade	B
KANAB SCHOOL Elementary Grade	A
LAKE POWELL HIGH SCHOOL High School Grade	
LAKE POWELL SCHOOL Elementary Grade	
VALLEY HIGH High School Grade	B
VALLEY SCHOOL Elementary Grade	B

After the USBE changes

BIG WATER HIGH High School Grade	
BIG WATER SCHOOL Elementary Grade	D
KANAB HIGH High School Grade	B
KANAB MIDDLE Elementary Grade	B
KANAB SCHOOL Elementary Grade	B
LAKE POWELL HIGH SCHOOL High School Grade	
LAKE POWELL SCHOOL Elementary Grade	
VALLEY HIGH High School Grade	C
VALLEY SCHOOL Elementary Grade	B

Thank you teachers, administrators, and support staff for all of your hard work and efforts to improve your schools and your students’ experiences. Also, thanks to the parents and

community members who help students with homework and school responsibilities. Kane School District is progressing in the right direction thanks to the committed stakeholders in all of our communities.

On a separate note, on September 29th, 2016, the Kane County School Board will be hosting a community forum titled “What Counts” which will begin at 7:00 pm at Kanab Middle School. Everyone is invited. The results from the meeting will help the Kane Board of Education, the district administration, and our individual schools make future decisions, policies, and board goals.

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