

More students at expected curriculum levels

80% of Year 8 students at or above the expected curriculum level for their age in reading, writing and maths by December 2030.

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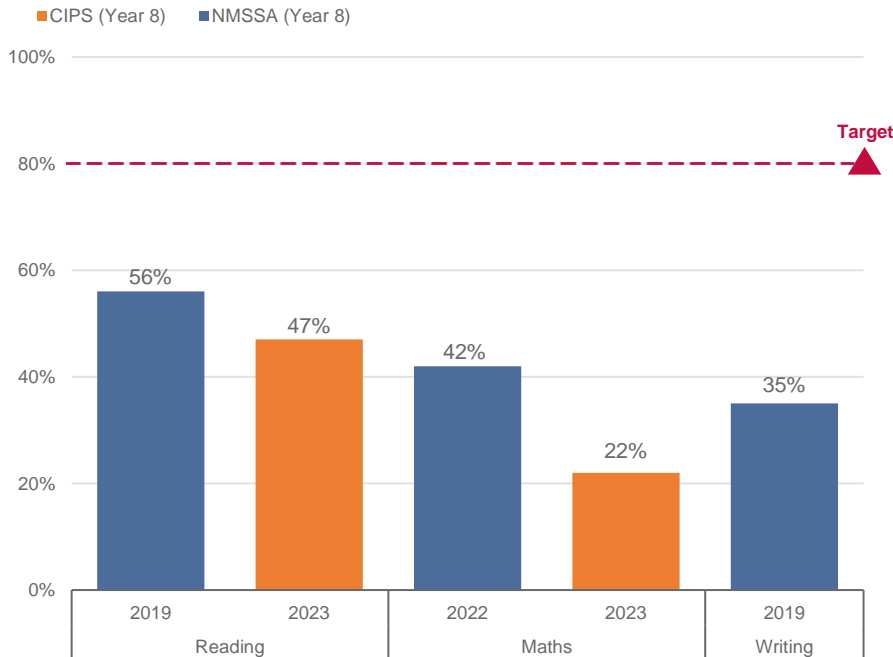
TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2024

Target	Baseline (Term 4, 2023)	Current (Term 4, 2023)	Status
80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22% Maths 47% Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22% Maths 47% Reading 	 At Risk

PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

Percentage of students at or above the expected curriculum level, by subject*

* The CIPS data is benchmarked against the 2023 draft curriculum and the results reflect the redesign to a more specified and rigorous curriculum.



TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

The Government is committed to students receiving a world-leading education with six priorities focused on lifting progress and achievement for all students.

- **Clearer curriculum** – The sector received Year 0-6 English, 0-6 Te Reo Rangatira, 0-8 Mathematics and 0-8 Pāngarau learning areas of the curriculum for classroom use throughout New Zealand. Curriculum writing groups have been established for other learning areas/subjects and wāhanga ako and processes have been streamlined for 2025.
- **Better approach to literacy and numeracy** – As part of the Maths Action Plan the Government has allocated an additional \$20m for professional development (PLD) and delivering new Maths resources and supports for up to 500,000 students in Term 1 2025. There are 860 schools scheduled for Maths PLD training as of January 2025. To date, 12,225 teachers have been trained in Structured Literacy and a further 10,369 were in training as of January 2025.
- **Smarter assessment and reporting** – The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) completed a trial of an early-years Phonics Check in English and Te Reo Māori for after 20 and 40 weeks, readying it for implementation from Term 1, 2025.
- **Develop Workforce of the Future** – Established School Onsite Training Programme funding teacher trainees at host schools. The 2025 Cohort: 234 teacher trainees onsite across 134 unique participating host schools (8 further places to be delivered mid-year). Statement of Government Policy on teaching standards issued to the Teaching Council.
- **Stronger and earlier learning support** – The Government announced the Maths Acceleration Pilot for 3,000 Y7-8 students to begin in Term 1; and \$33 million for structured interventions to support young readers in both English and te reo Māori settings, reaching 966 schools and 310 FTE (replacing Reading Recovery). Funding was also announced to deliver support to 10,000 students with NZCEA Co-requisite.
- **Greater use of data** – The Ministry is enhancing its contracting and performance reporting processes, and approach to a collective evaluation and research work programme.

Improving student achievement supports the Government’s Going For Growth approach to ensure young people have the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to succeed.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

Curriculum Insights and Progress (CIPS) study results will be published on:

- Ministry’s Education Counts website:
educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/series/curriculum-insights-and-progress-study
- National Monitoring Study for Student Achievement (NMSSA) website:
<https://nmssa.otago.ac.nz/>

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