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**GOAL 1 Ready to Learn**

1. Has the percentage of infants born in the state with 1 or more of 4 health risks decreased? (1990 vs. 1997)  
   - 1990: 48%  
   - 1997: 35%  
   - Improvement: Yes

2. Has the percentage of fully immunized 2-year-olds increased? (1994 vs. 1997)  
   - 1994: 73%  
   - 1997: 76%  
   - Improvement: Yes

3. Has the percentage of infants born at low birthweight decreased? (1990 vs. 1997)  
   - 1990: 15%  
   - 1997: 13%  
   - Improvement: Yes

4. Has the percentage of mothers receiving early prenatal care increased? (1990 vs. 1997)  
   - 1990: 56%  
   - 1997: 67%  
   - Improvement: Yes

5. Has the number of children with disabilities in preschool (per 1,000 3- to 5-year-olds) increased? (1991 vs. 1998)  
   - 1991: 19  
   - 1998: 18  
   - Improvement: No

**GOAL 2 School Completion**

6. Has the high school completion rate increased? (1990 vs. 1997)  
   - 1990: 82%  
   - 1997: 85%  
   - Improvement: Yes

7. Has the high school dropout rate decreased? (1992 vs. 1995)  
   - 1992: 12%  
   - 1995: 11%  
   - Improvement: Yes

**GOAL 3 Student Achievement and Citizenship**

8. Reading: Has the percentage of students scoring at or above Proficient increased  
   - In Grade 4 (1992 vs. 1998)  
     - 1992: 10%  
     - 1998: 12%  
   - Improvement: Yes

9. Writing: Has the percentage of students scoring at or above Proficient increased  
   - In Grade 8 (1998)  
     - 1998: 11%  
     - Improvement: Yes

**Children’s Health Index**

- Percentage of infants born with 1 or more of 4 health risks  
  - 1990: 48%  
  - 1997: 35%  
  - Improvement: Yes

**High School Completion**

- Percentage of all 18- to 24-year-olds who have a high school credential  
  - 1990: 82%  
  - 1997: 85%  
  - Improvement: Yes

**Notes and Resources**

- Comparable national data are not available.
- 1. Rises one: late (after third trimester) or no prenatal care, low maternal weight gain (less than 21 pounds), mother smoked during pregnancy, or mother drank alcohol during pregnancy.
- 2. Includes traditional high school diplomas and alternative credentials.
- 3. Interpret with caution. Change was not statistically significant.
### GOAL 3: Student Achievement and Citizenship (continued)

10. Mathematics: Has the percentage of students scoring at or above Proficient increased
   - in Grade 4 (1992 vs. 1996)?
     - 1992: 5%
     - 1996: 18%
   - in Grade 8 (1990 vs. 1996)?
     - 1990: 3%
     - 1996: 15%

11. Science: Has the percentage of students scoring at or above Proficient increased
   - in Grade 8 (1996)?
     - 1996: 5%

12. Has the number of Advanced Placement examinations receiving a grade of 3 or higher (per 1,000 11th and 12th graders) increased? (1991 vs. 1999)
   - 1991: 177
   - 1999: 244

### GOAL 4: Teacher Education and Professional Development

13. Has the percentage of public secondary school teachers who hold a degree in their main teaching assignment increased? (1991 vs. 1994)
   - 1991: 85%
   - 1994: 66%

14. Has the percentage of public school teachers participating in professional development programs on 1 or more selected topics increased? (1994)
   - 1994: 92%

15. Has the percentage of public school teachers with training to teach limited English proficient students increased? (1994)
   - 1994: 25%

16. Has the percentage of public school teachers participating in formal teacher induction programs during their first year of teaching increased? (1991 vs. 1994)
   - 1991: 37%
   - 1994: 22%

### Student Achievement

- **Student Achievement Percentage of public school students scoring at or above Proficient in reading and mathematics (indicators 8 & 10)**
  - **Mathematics Grade 4**
    - 1992: 10%
    - 1996: 16%
    - **1998: 8%**
  - **Reading Grade 4**
    - 1992: 5%
    - 1996: 16%
    - **1998: 9%**

### Professional Development

- **Professional Development Percentage of public school teachers participating in professional development on the following topics, 1994 (Indicator 14)**
  - **One or more topics**
    - **1992: 5%**
  - **Use of educational technology**
    - **1992: 1%**
  - **Methods of teaching subject field**
    - **1992: 3%**
  - **In-depth study in subject field**
    - **1992: 4%**
  - **Student assessment**
    - **1992: 5%**

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**Student list, guide to pages, notes & resources**
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#### GOAL 5  Mathematics and Science

17. Has the state’s international standing improved in
   - Grade 8 mathematics achievement? (1996)
   - Grade 8 science achievement? (1996)

18. Has the percentage of public school 8th graders whose mathematics teachers report that they
   - have students work in small groups or with a partner increased? (1996)
   - address algebra and functions increased? (1996)
   - address reasoning and analytical ability increased? (1996)

19. Has the percentage of public school 8th graders who have computers available in their mathematics classroom increased? (1996)

20. Has the percentage of mathematics and science degrees awarded to
   - all students increased? (1991 vs. 1996)
   - minority (Black, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native) students increased? (1991 vs. 1996)
   - female students increased? (1991 vs. 1996)

#### GOAL 6  Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning

21. Has the percentage of adults scoring at the 3 highest levels in prose literacy increased? (1992)

22. Has the percentage of U.S. citizens who report that they
   - registered to vote increased? (1988 vs. 1996)
   - voted increased? (1988 vs. 1996)

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### Key

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- **Significantly worse**
- **Interpret with caution. Change was not statistically significant.**

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See pages 245-246 for an explanation of statistical significance. See pages 16-19 for a Guide to Reading the State Pages. See Appendix B for technical notes and sources.
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#### Goal 6: Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning (continued)

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<td>33%</td>
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#### Goal 7: Safe, Disciplined, and Alcohol- and Drug-free Schools

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<td>24. Has student marijuana use decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>25. Has student alcohol use (5 or more drinks in a row) decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>26. Has the availability of drugs on school property decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>27. Has the percentage of students threatened or injured with a weapon while on school property decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>28. Has the percentage of students involved in physical fights on school property decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>29. Has the percentage of students carrying weapons on school property decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>30. Has the percentage of students who do not feel safe at school decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)</td>
<td>11%</td>
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#### Goal 8: Parental Participation

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<td>33. Has the percentage of schools with minimal parental involvement decreased, according to</td>
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<td>- public school teachers? (1991 vs. 1994)</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>→</td>
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<td>- public school principals? (1991 vs. 1994)</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>34. Has the influence of parent associations on school policy increased? (1991 vs. 1994)</td>
<td>34%</td>
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**Alcohol- and Drug-free Schools**

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<td>Had 5 or more drinks in a row</td>
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<td>Were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property</td>
<td>16%</td>
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**Parent-School Partnerships**

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<td>One or more areas</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Establishing curriculum</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Hiring new full-time teachers</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Setting discipline policy</td>
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<td>Defined as a response to the top two points.</td>
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1. During the past 30 days.
2. During the past 12 months.
3. Interpret with caution. Change was not statistically significant.