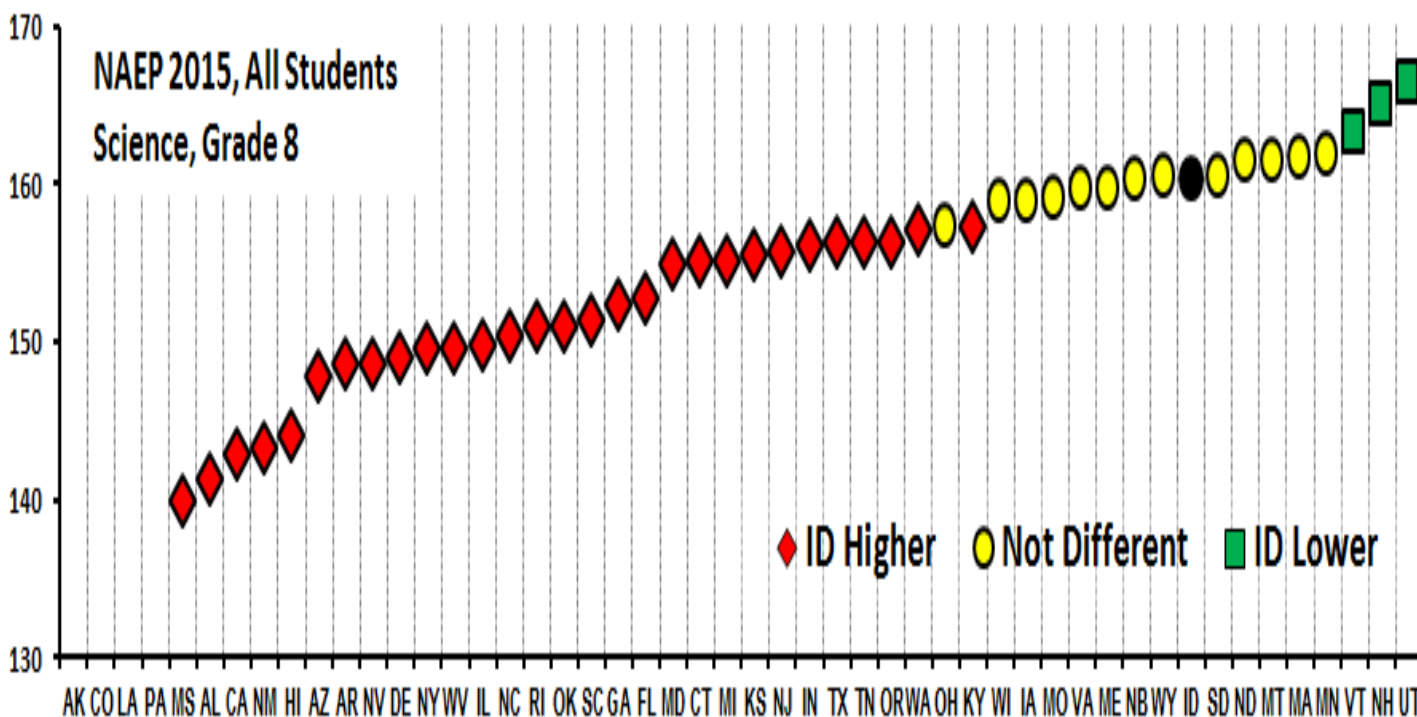




Idaho Average Score vs. the Other States—All Students NAEP 2015 Science, Grade 8

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) science assessment used multiple-choice and constructed-response items to examine student knowledge and skills in the earth, life and physical sciences. Scores range from zero (0) to 300, where 141 is Basic (grade C or B, i.e., meets grade-level expectations), 170 is Proficient (grade A, i.e., higher than grade level performance), and 215 is Advanced. NAEP did not sample students enrolled in virtual charter schools.



NAEP 2015 Science Assessment, Grade 8:

- Idaho's eighth graders had a NAEP 2015 average science score that was *higher* than their peers in twenty-nine (29) states: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, MD, MI, MS, NC, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OK, OR, RI, SC, TN, TX, WA, and WV. (29).
- Idaho's eighth graders had a NAEP 2015 average science score that was *not significantly different* from their peers in thirteen (13) states: IA, MA, ME, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, OH, SD, VA, WI, and WY.
- Idaho's eighth graders had a NAEP 2015 average science score that was *lower* than their peers in three (3) states: NH, UT, and VT.
- Idaho's eighth graders in 2015 scored higher in science knowledge and skills from their peers in the nation's public schools.

Note: Comparisons based on statistical tests (.05 level) using unrounded numbers that considered the magnitude of difference and standard errors. **Source:** U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2015 Science Assessment.