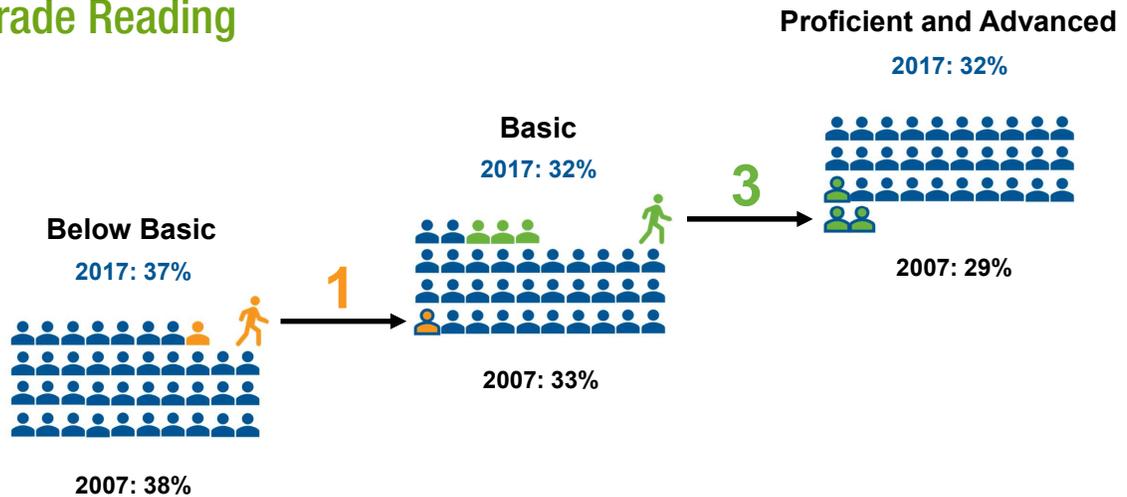


Moving Students Across NAEP Performance Levels

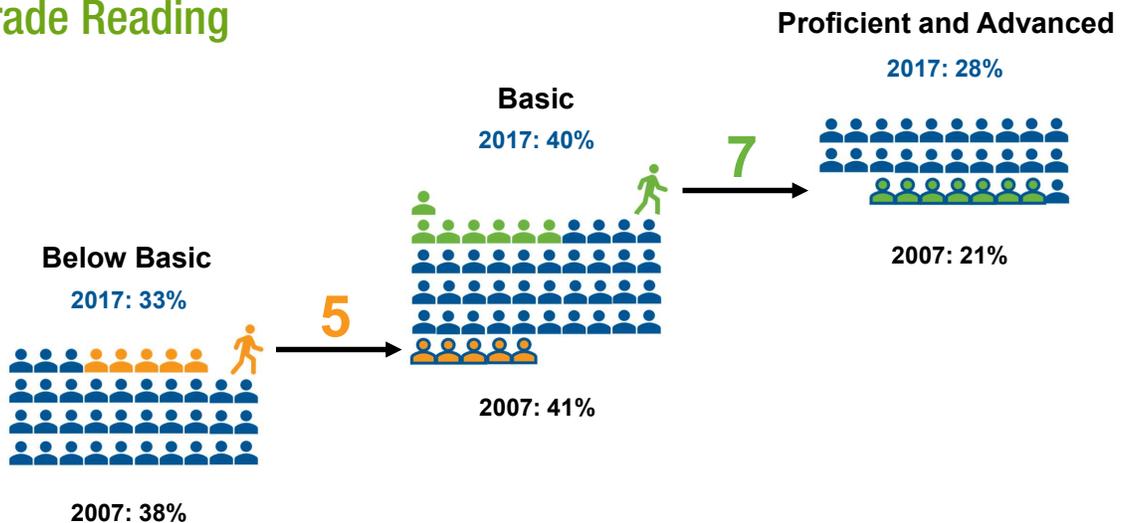
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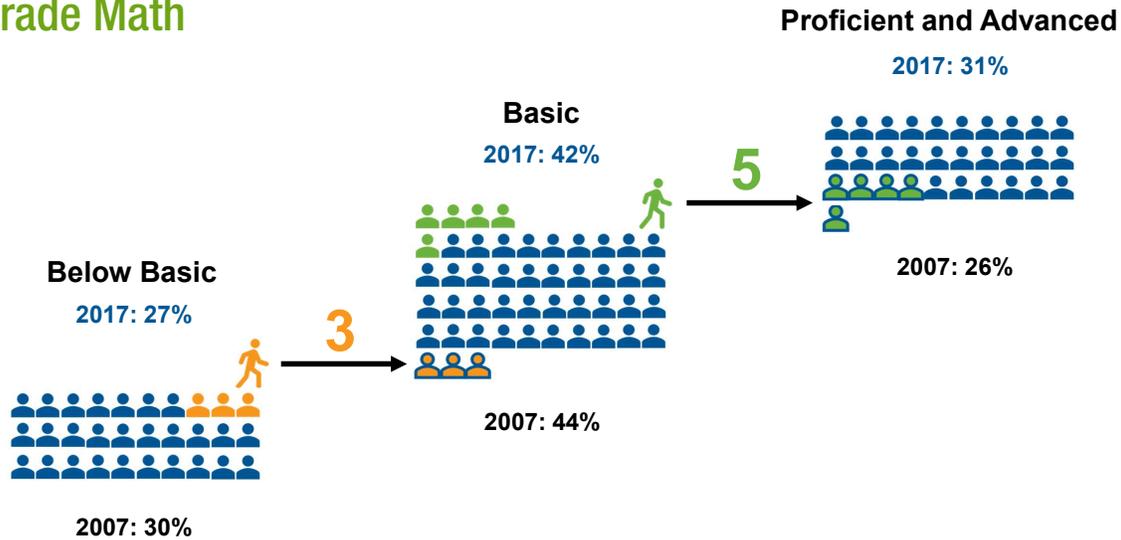
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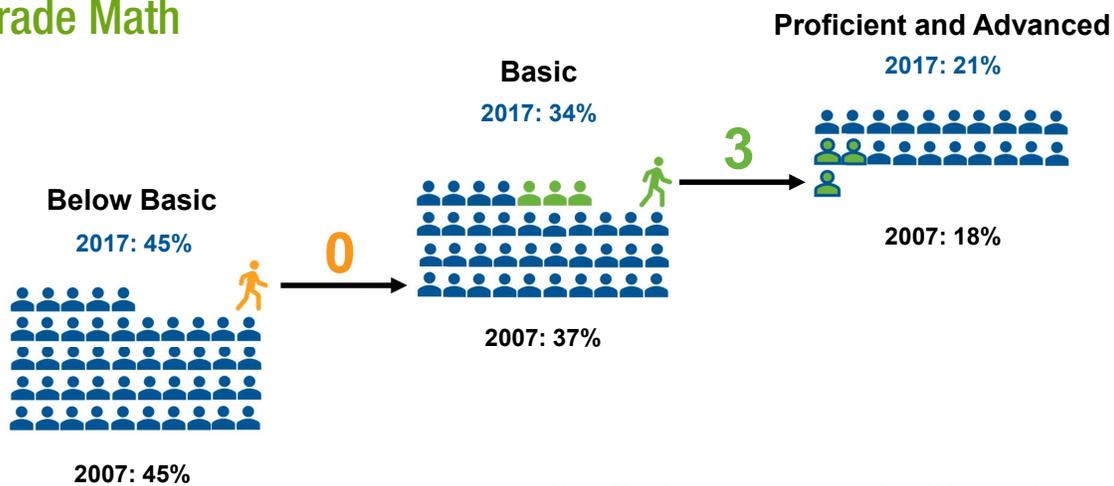
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4th Grade Math



8th Grade Math



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NAEP Achievement Level Definitions

Basic: Partial mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at the grade level assessed.

Proficient: Solid academic performance for the grade level assessed. Students reaching this level have demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter, including subject-matter knowledge, application of such knowledge to real-world situations, and analytical skills appropriate to the subject matter.

Advanced: Superior performance for the grade level assessed.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics. The NAEP Glossary of Terms. www.nces.ed.gov

Research shows that the NAEP Proficient level is associated with college and career readiness. Challenge to Lead 2020 goals call for regular increases in the percentages of fourth graders and eighth graders in SREB states scoring at or above the Proficient level on NAEP in reading and math. The goals also call for these percentages to exceed national averages, which in 2017 were 33 percent for fourth grade reading, 31 percent for eighth grade reading, 36 percent for fourth grade math and 28 percent for eighth grade math.