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STATE	MATH	READING
Arizona	30	23
<b>California</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>61</b>
Colorado	6	7
Delaware	25	28
Idaho	30	33
Illinois	20	35
Indiana	35	27
Kansas	30	35
Maine	43	37
Maryland	NA	26
Massachusetts	68	55
Michigan	6	16
Minnesota	30	26
Montana	43	26
Nevada	50	46
New Hampshire	41	33
New Jersey	13	15
New Mexico	46	33
North Dakota	20	22
Ohio	20	21
Rhode Island	41	33
South Carolina	71	43
Texas	30	12
Vermont	41	33
Wisconsin	29	14
Washington	36	37
State Median	30	30.5

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\*Maryland did not participate in the MAP test in math.

## Proficiency Standards Vary from State to State

An Article in the October 10, 2007 *Education Week* focuses on the wide variation in cutoff points for state proficiency standards utilized in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) federal law. According to the article, *The Proficiency Illusion*, released by the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation shows that states set widely differing cutoff points for determining how well a student must perform in order to qualify as "proficient" in reading and math under NCLB. The table to the left lists the estimated percentile rank needed to meet the third grade standard in 26 states, based on the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), a computerized diagnostic test. ***California standards are comparatively extremely high.***

## Enter the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Education Program

The CTA Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Education Program will provide recognition for students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which Cesar E. Chavez lived his life. Group and individual awards are available.

The Awards Program will honor the memory of this great man and ensure that the spirit of his work continues in the classrooms of California. Entries are due **Tuesday, February 29**. Applications are available at the MTA office and at [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org).

## CTA Offers Disaster Relief to Members

The CTA Disaster Relief Fund is a special fund designed for members who have experienced significant losses due to disasters in California. Members who were affected by the wildfires may be eligible to receive up to \$1,500 grants. Applications and brochures are available at [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org).

Members may contribute to the Fund by sending a check made out to : **CTA Disaster Relief**, 1705 Murchison Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010. Members may also contribute through CTA's authorized payroll deduction plan. Contact the Membership Accounting Department at (650) 552-5278 or [membership@cta.org](mailto:membership@cta.org) to receive a payroll deduction form.

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