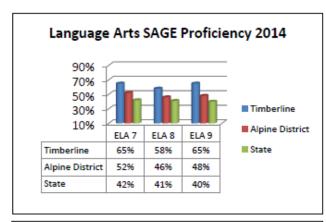
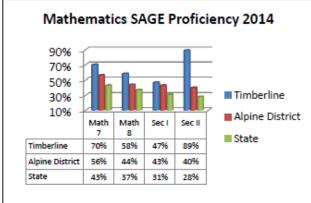
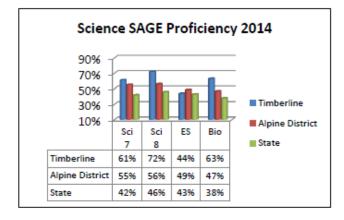
Timberline Middle School Report Card







TIMBERLINE RECEIVES AN A GRADE

The State recently announced a grade for each school in Utah based on last year's test results. We are pleased to report that Timberline received an "A" grade. This grade is calculated using both proficiency and growth scores in Language Arts, Math, and Science. In comparison to other schools throughout the state, Timberline performed well, scoring in the top five of all middle schools in language arts and math and in the top ten in science.

For several years, over 90% of Timberline students have reached proficiency in all areas of testing. When studying last year's test results, a significant decrease in the number of students reaching proficiency will be noted. It is important to keep in mind that this is a new test with a new benchmark. We expect our scores will improve over time as they have in the past. When the math core was revised and a new test was administered in 2009, for instance, scores predictably dropped, but have consistently risen each year. We expect the same will happen with the SAGE test as our teachers work in collaborative teams to improve instruction to ensure high levels of proficiency and significant levels of growth for each student.

Proficiency in tested subjects is just one of many desired outcomes of schooling. We must keep testing in proper perspective—while it is important, we remain dedicated to educating the whole child so that each will become responsible, caring individuals who know how to continually learn.