Calif. students' test scores flatline

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Is there something weird about California's standardized test scores?

Last year, 49 percent of California students who took the test scored as meeting the state's reading and writing standards. This year, that number flatlined at 49 percent.

So despite most teachers and students having an additional year to get familiar with the exam, and an additional year of instruction conceivably tailored to improve on student weaknesses identified in the test, California public schools are no better at getting students to master state English standards.

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