



# Reading Matters: Read to Learn, Read to Earn December 7, 2011



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Idaho KIDS COUNT



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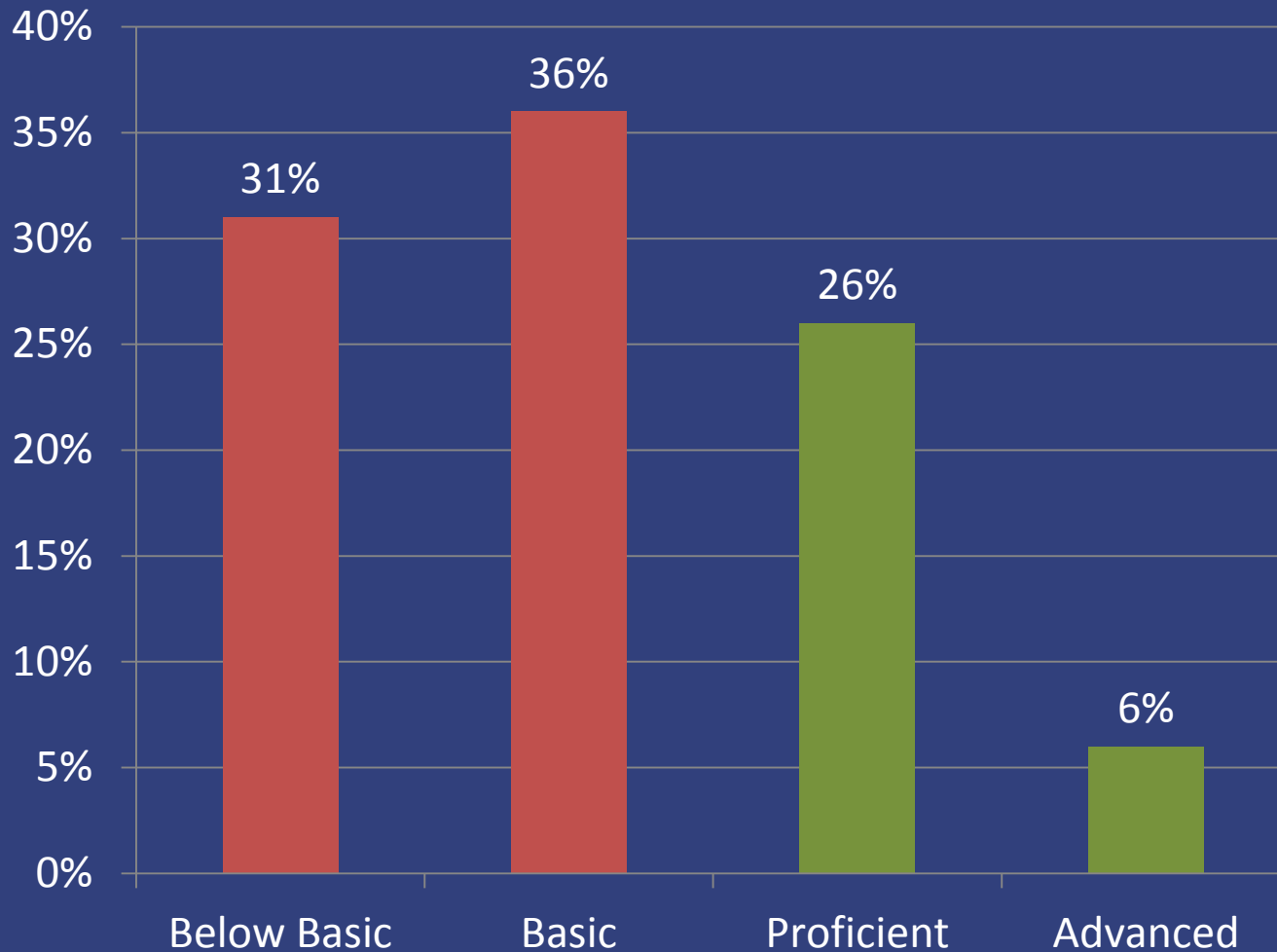
A nonprofit organization engaging citizens and policy makers in nonpartisan, research-based discussions to improve outcomes for Idaho's children.



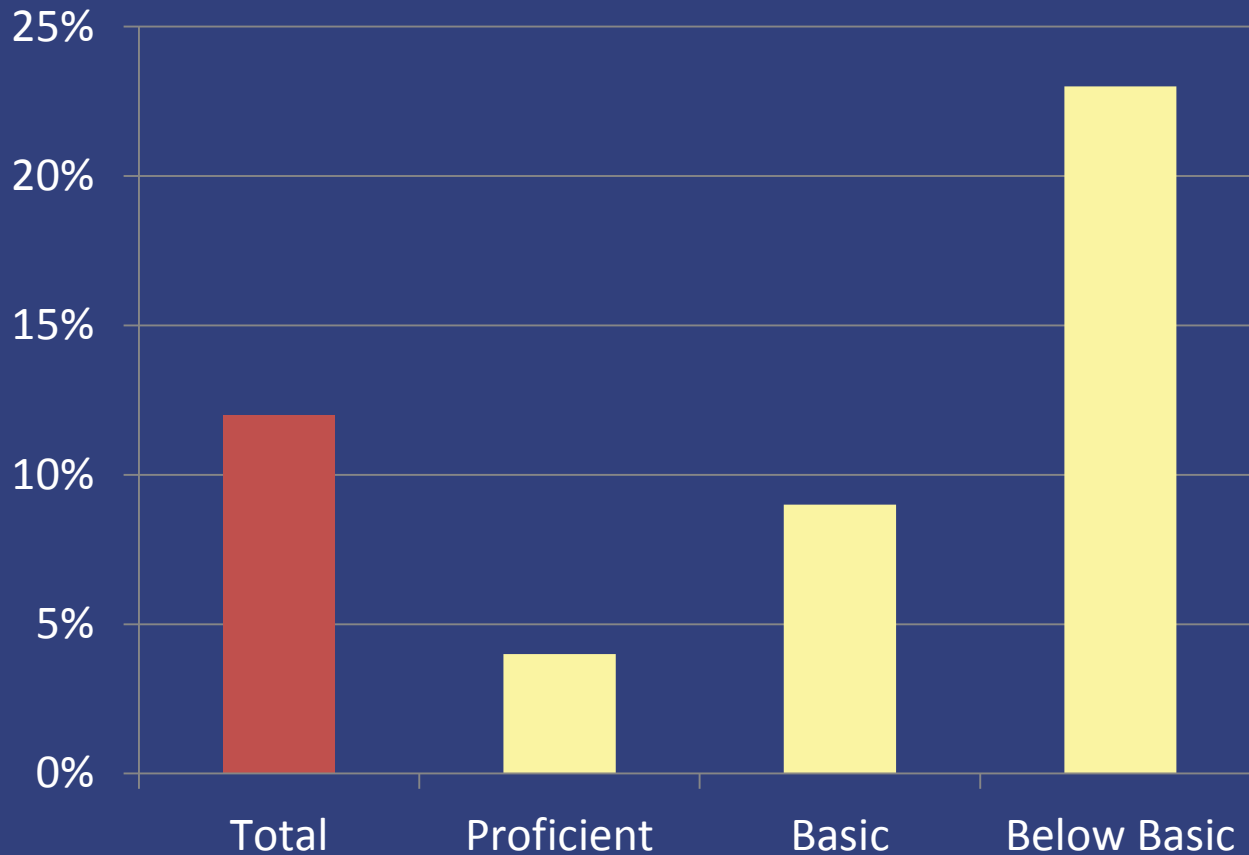
# Why are we here today?

- Present data and research
- Get energized around the importance of reading skills
- Share ideas about what data and research are needed to move forward

# Idaho's NAEP Reading Scores



# Percentage of Students Failing to Graduate on Time, by Fourth Grade NAEP Scores





## What does this mean for Idaho?

By 2018, it is projected that **61%** of jobs in Idaho will require postsecondary education.

Only **32%** of adults ages 25 to 34 have an associate's degree or higher.

# How does Idaho compare?



Idaho's scores similar to U.S. averages.

# How does the U.S. compare?

Internationally, U.S. is outperformed by Russia, Hong Kong, Singapore, among other countries.





# Singapore's story

Singapore made rapid gains to become 5th ranked educational system.

(The U.S. system is ranked 17<sup>th</sup>.)

How did Singapore do it?....



Singapore:

*“We took your research and implemented it.”*