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Sept. 14, 2009 -- Test results released Thursday show that 78 percent of Pennsylvania public schools are meeting federal academic performance targets, an increase of 4 percentage points over last year.

“Overall, we did great,” Karen Quinn, director of curriculum and instruction for the Carlisle Area School District, said. “We made AYP in every building, every subject, every sub-group we have.”

State education officials said 2,443 of 3,115 total schools achieved what is known as “adequate yearly progress” under the No Child Left Behind Act in the 2008-09 school year. That’s up from just under 2,300 in the prior term.

Schools can meet the academic achievement standard in various ways. They can have at least 63 percent of students read at grade level and at least 56 percent at grade level in math; have a 10 percent reduction in students below grade level; or make progress that would have the school reach its targets in two years.

Read more at <http://www.cumberlink.com/articles/2009/09/04/news/local/doc4aa11095b3733751766135.txt>