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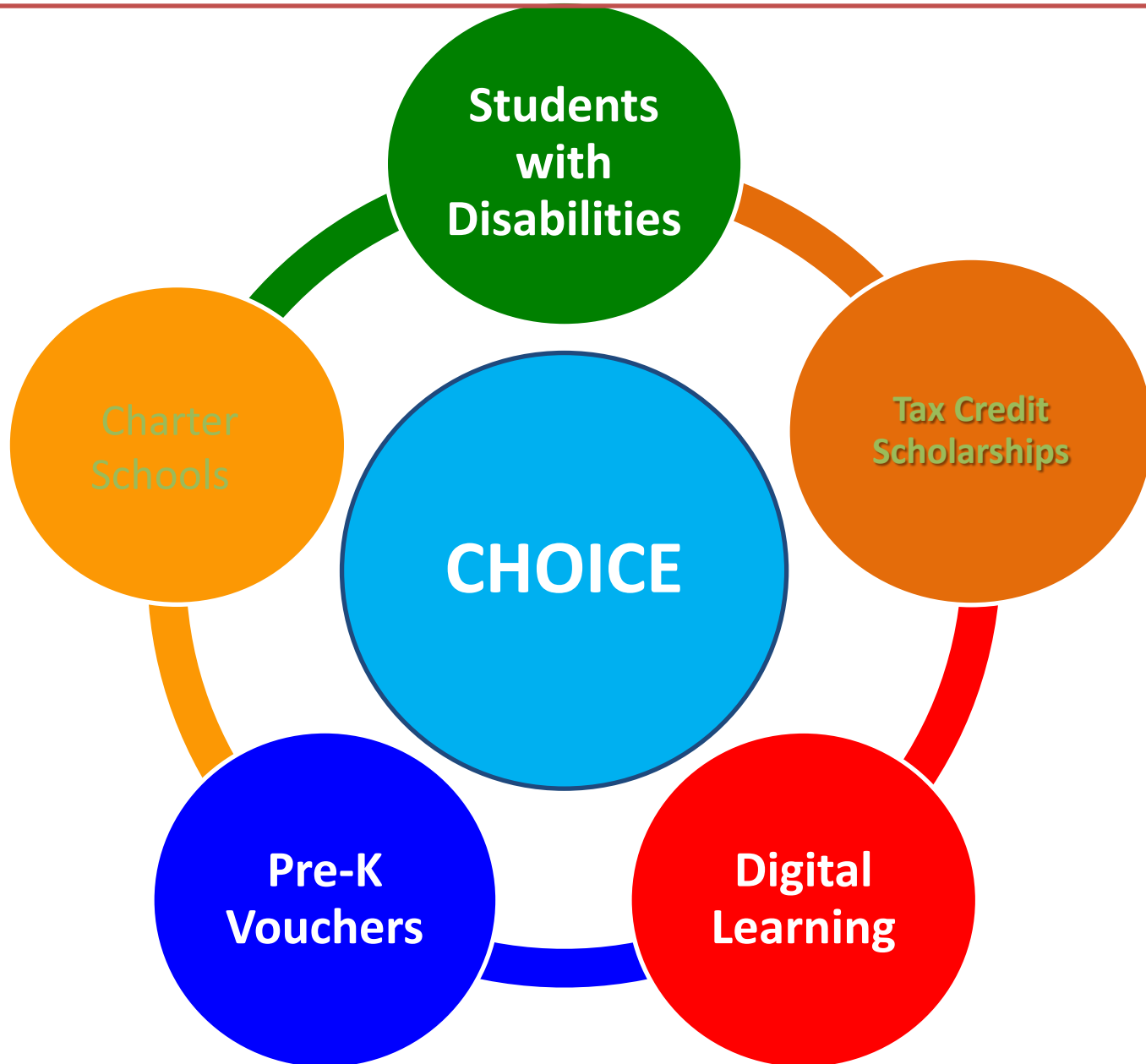


Parental Choice and Education Reform in Florida

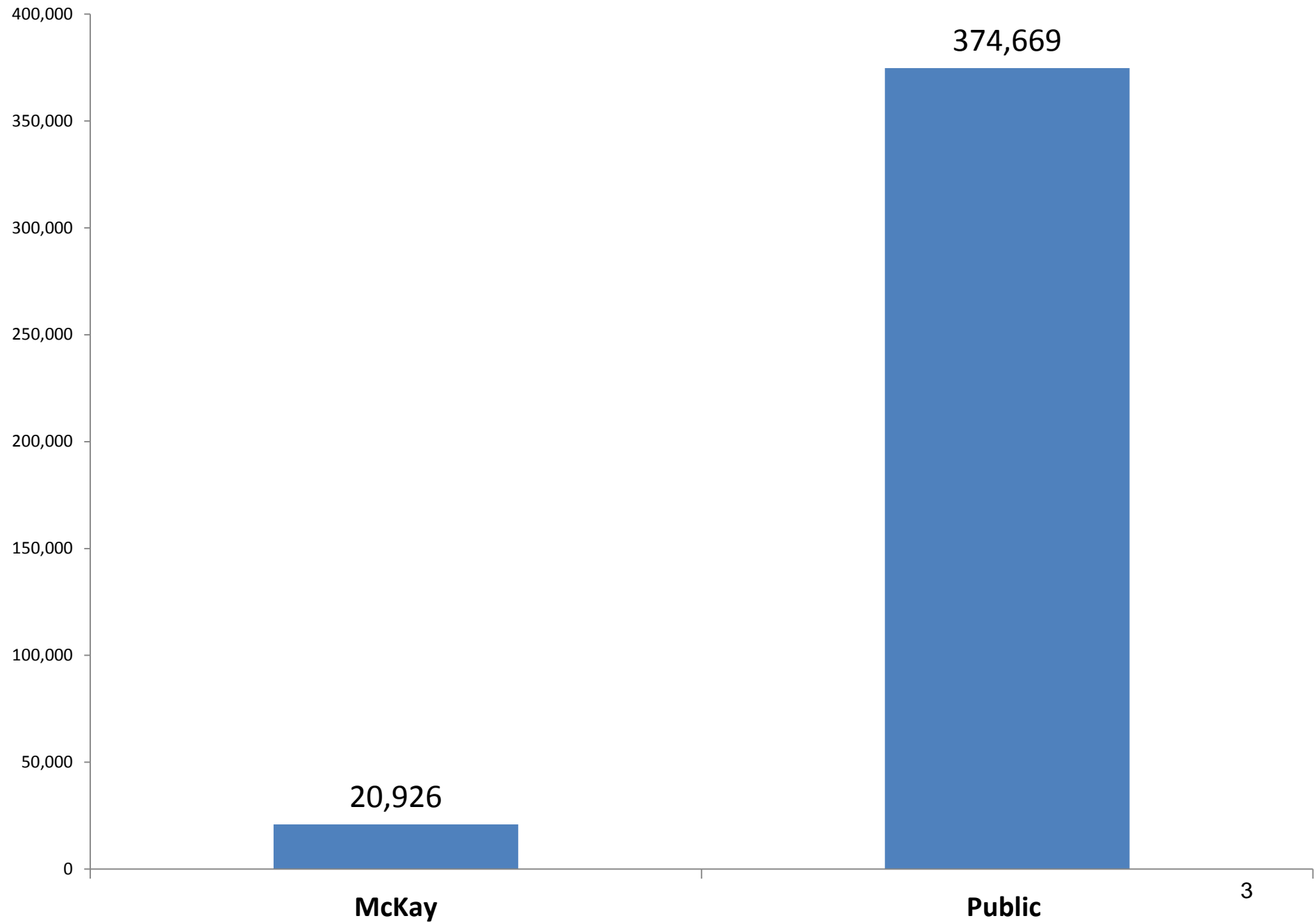
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Florida's Education Reform



Florida Special Needs Students Attendance, 2009-2010



National Assessment of Educational Progress

THE NATION'S REPORT CARD



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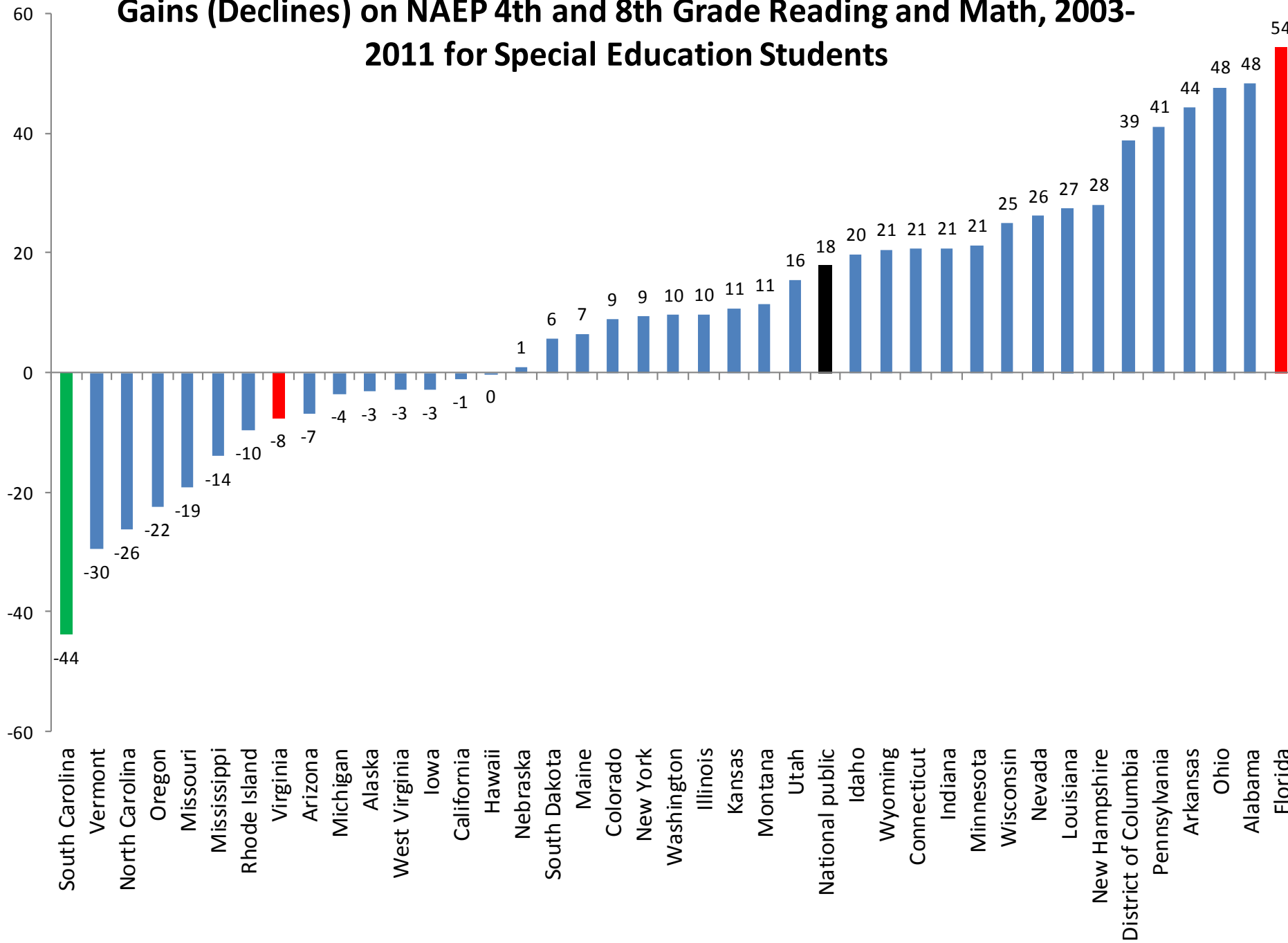
The results of the 2009 reading assessment for our nation's 4th- and 8th-graders have just been released.

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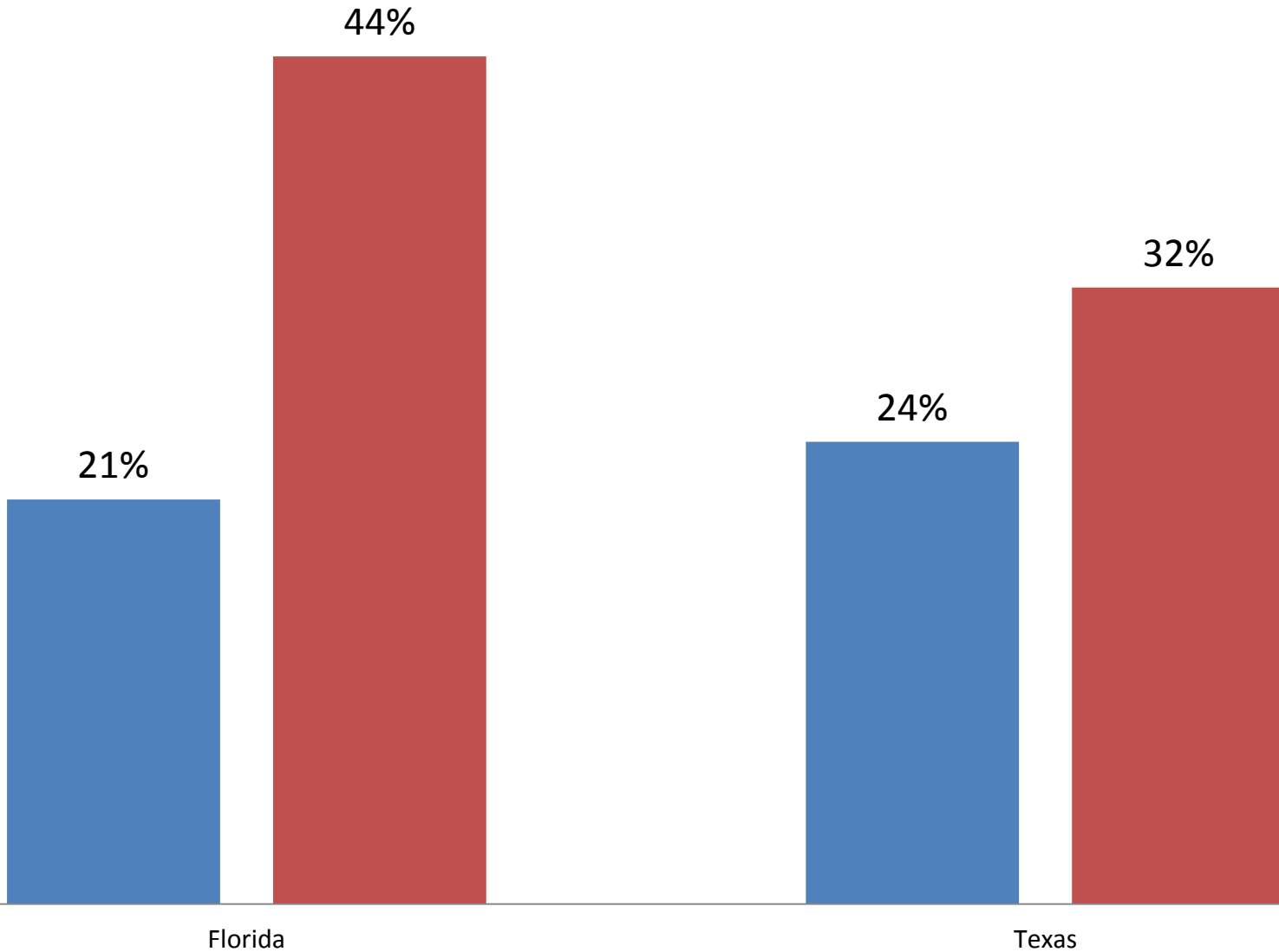


10 points approximately equals a
grade level worth of progress

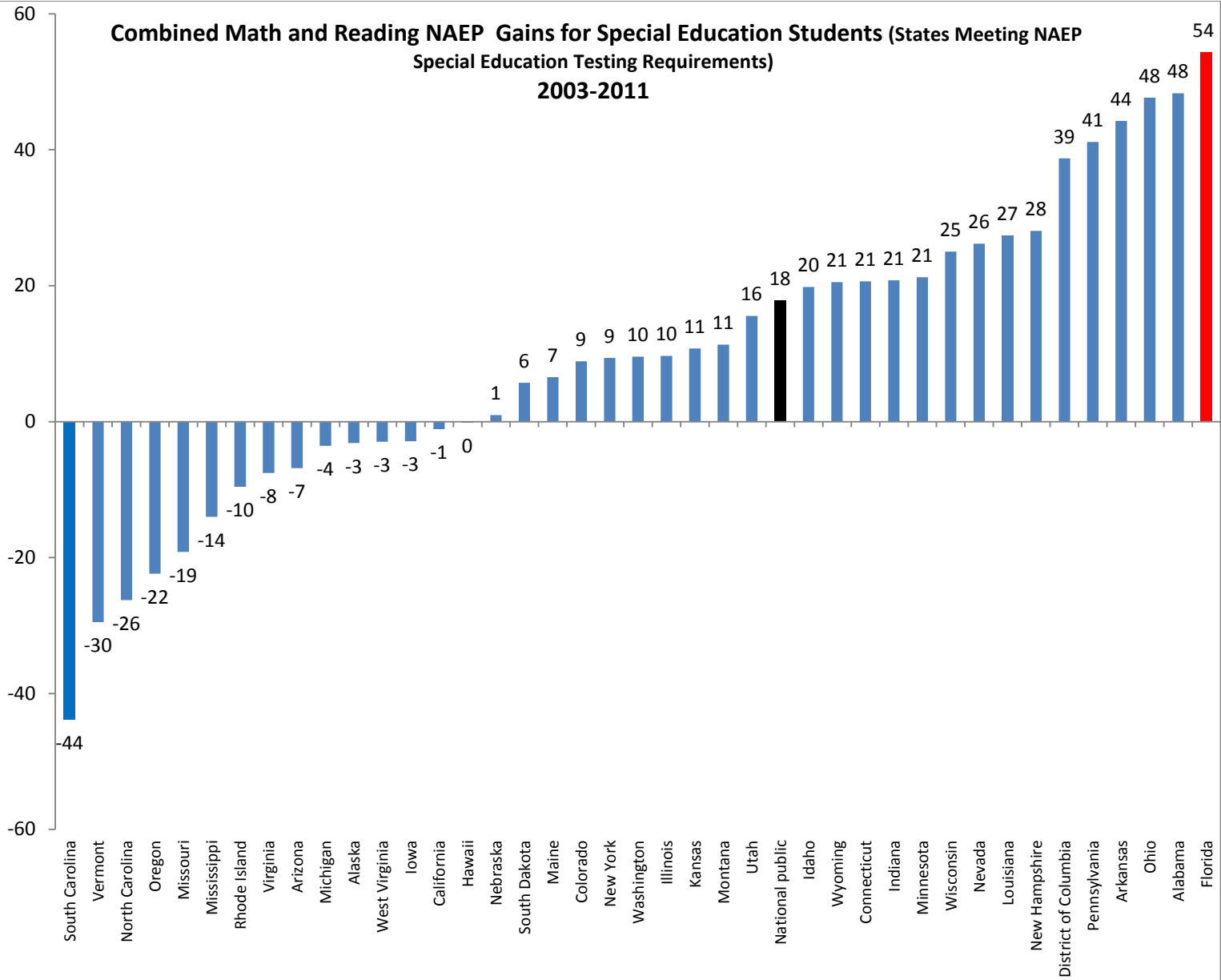
Gains (Declines) on NAEP 4th and 8th Grade Reading and Math, 2003-2011 for Special Education Students



Florida and Texas Special Education Students Scoring "Basic or Better" on NAEP 4th Grade Reading, 1998 and 2011



**Combined Math and Reading NAEP Gains for Special Education Students (States Meeting NAEP
Special Education Testing Requirements)
2003-2011**



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Figure 1: Florida Special Needs Students and McKay Scholarship Students, 2009-10

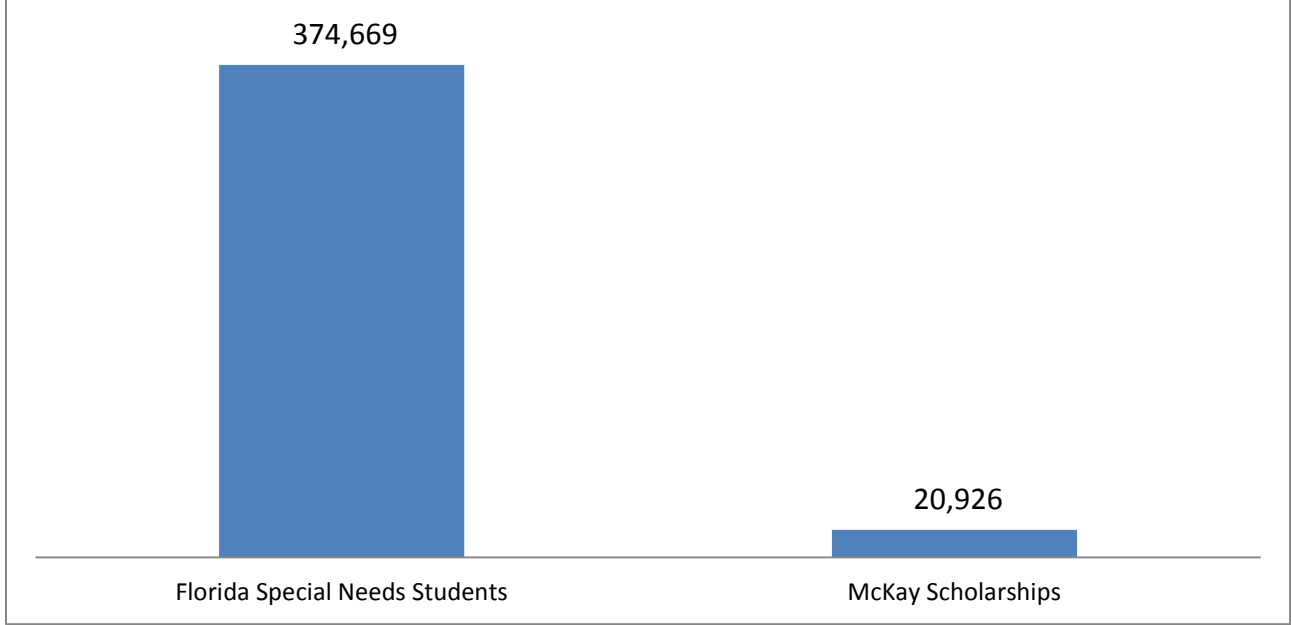


Figure 2: Combined Math and Reading NAEP Gains for Special Education Students, 2003-2011

