



## ACE State Summary – Wyoming

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### Key Academic Findings

- **A higher rate of ACE scholars are proficient at reading and math** – a higher proportion of ACE students are proficient in third-grade reading compared to their public school peers (ACE 73%, public school 51%). Likewise, a greater proportion of ACE students are proficient in math in the eighth grade compared to Wyoming eighth-graders (ACE 60%, Public School 52%).
- **ACE schools report higher college matriculation rates than the state of Wyoming** – More students at ACE-affiliated schools went onto college (95%) approximately 41.2 points higher than the matriculation rate for the entire state of Wyoming.

### Key Findings from Parents

- **Academics and safety are driving factors for choice** – most ACE parents choose private schools due to the better academics (91.8%), the faith-based curriculum (87.8%), and the safer environment (85.7%). These were the top reasons why parents chose these schools (among the parents who selected these three reasons).
- **Wyoming ACE parents cited access to teachers as another key reason for choosing schools** – approximately 83.7% of ACE parents cited access to teachers as a deciding factor for choosing these schools.
- **ACE household income is half that of households with school-aged children** – Median annual household income in ACE households is approximately half of that of the average Wyoming household with school-aged children (ACE, \$38K compared to Wyoming, \$74K).

### ACE-affiliated Building Findings

- **ACE-affiliated schools are at 74.6% capacity** – exactly 568 seats at ACE-affiliated Wyoming schools are empty – nearly one-fourth of all seats at these schools.
- **Teacher and principal tenure are comparable to public school educators** – On average teachers at ACE affiliated schools have seven years of experience, compared to nearly ten years for public school teachers.