**Sciences**

The Georgia Board of Education initiated the Georgia Assessment of Sciences Project to assess and report upon the achievement levels of Grade 9 students throughout the state. The following four subject areas were assessed:

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| Physics |
| Chemistry |
| Biology |
| Earth Sciences |

Students in the Georgia school districts scored well in all areas of the Sciences test, with the exception of Physics. The bar chart below compares the District and State scores.

The following table compares the average scores attained by students in all the Georgia school districts to the average scores attained by students state-wide.

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| **Subject Area** | **District Score** | **State Score** | **Difference** |
| Physics | 42 | 70 | -28 |
| Chemistry | 78 | 70 | 8 |
| Biology | 70 | 68 | 2 |
| Earth Sciences | 90 | 70 | 20 |

The scores in all areas except Physics are consistently higher; however, only the score for Earth Sciences is significantly higher—by 20 points.