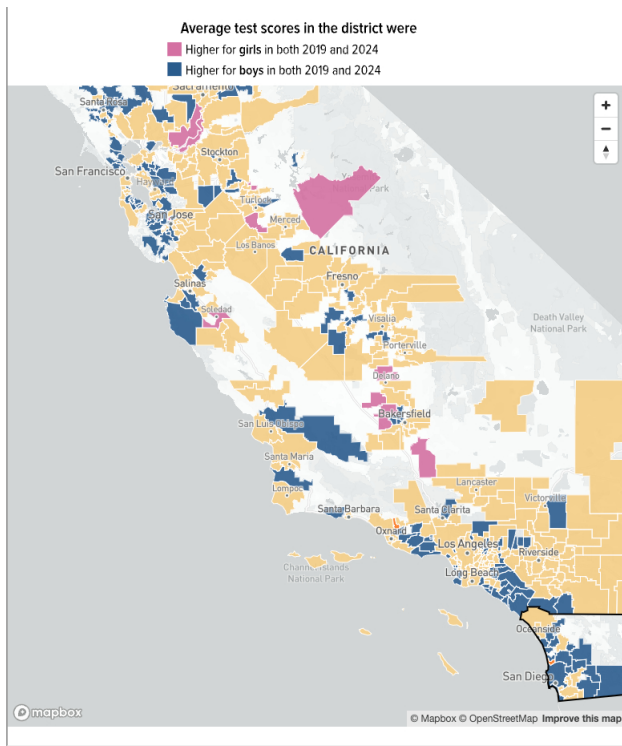


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In 2018-19, girls scored higher than boys in math across 60% of California's school districts, according to data from the Stanford Education Data Archive that the Associated Press analyzed.

Last year, that number was 4%. And nationwide, boys on average outsourced girls in math at roughly nine out of every 10 districts.

The statistics are from state data, which does not track test scores among non-binary students.

Experts have yet to confirm what factors could be contributing to the widening gap, EdSource [reported](#).

Some research found a [gap forming in boys' favor](#) after just four months of schooling. Other research links the gap to girls who have reported more anxiety and lower confidence in their math abilities.

Fieberg said it's important to help students with their perception of math, especially if they're already struggling with it, on top of providing access to quality education and intervention support, she said.

"I think that math identity plays a role," said Fieberg.

Del Mar Union serves about 3,500 students living in Del Mar, Carmel Valley and parts of Pacific Highlands Ranch. Last year, roughly 10% of the district's students were considered socioeconomically disadvantaged, state data shows.

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