

# English, Reading, & Libraries Departments: Update

Presentation to the  
Manhasset Board of Education  
January 4, 2024

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# Manhasset Learner Profile: Programmatic Focus Areas



## Curious

We encourage students to “stay curious” and pursue their passions and interests.

## Reflective

We reflect to become better communicators and information consumers.

## Expressive

We support student voice, whether through creative or information-based pursuits.

## Open-minded

We teach that every story can be told from multiple perspectives and the importance of civil discourse.

## Empathetic

We read the stories of others to “walk in their shoes” and expand our worlds.





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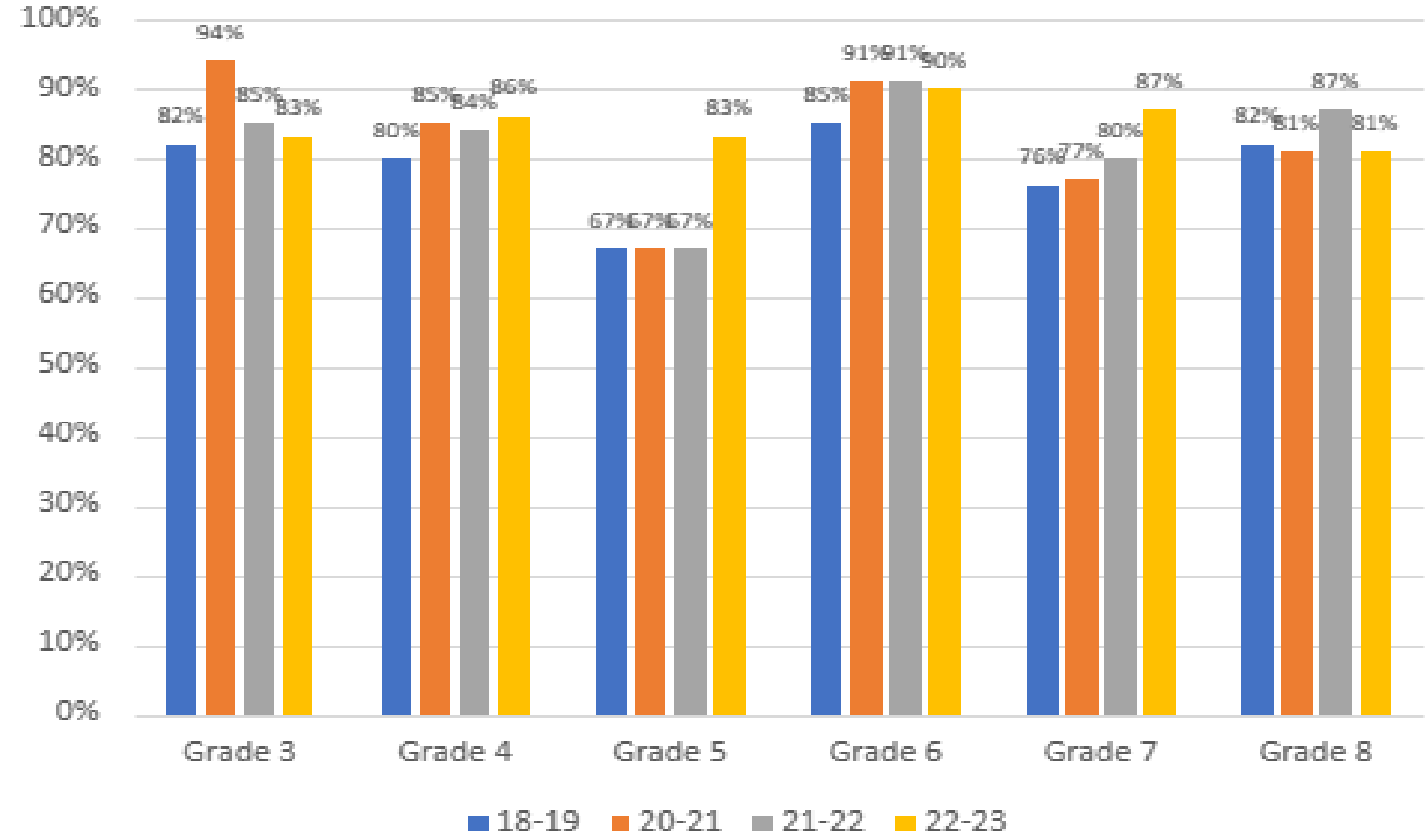
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## Departmental Philosophy in Action: Guiding Tenets for 2023-24

- Deepening our work with flexible and responsive learning systems to support all learners
- Collaborating with other departments, community stakeholder groups, and organizations to maximize our collective impact on our students' 21<sup>st</sup> century literacy skills
- Refining curriculum, assessment, & progress monitoring systems for teachers ("sane and sustainable")

# NYS ELA Proficiency Levels

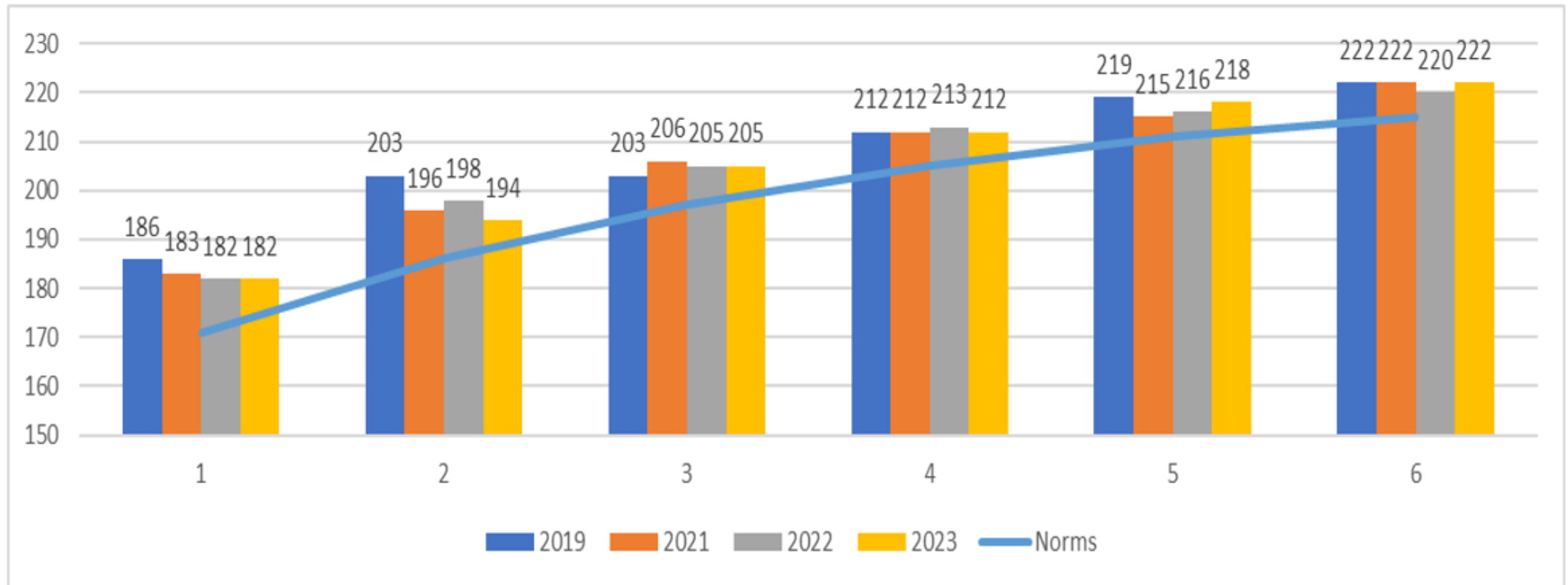


# 2023 Grades 3–8 ELA Proficiency

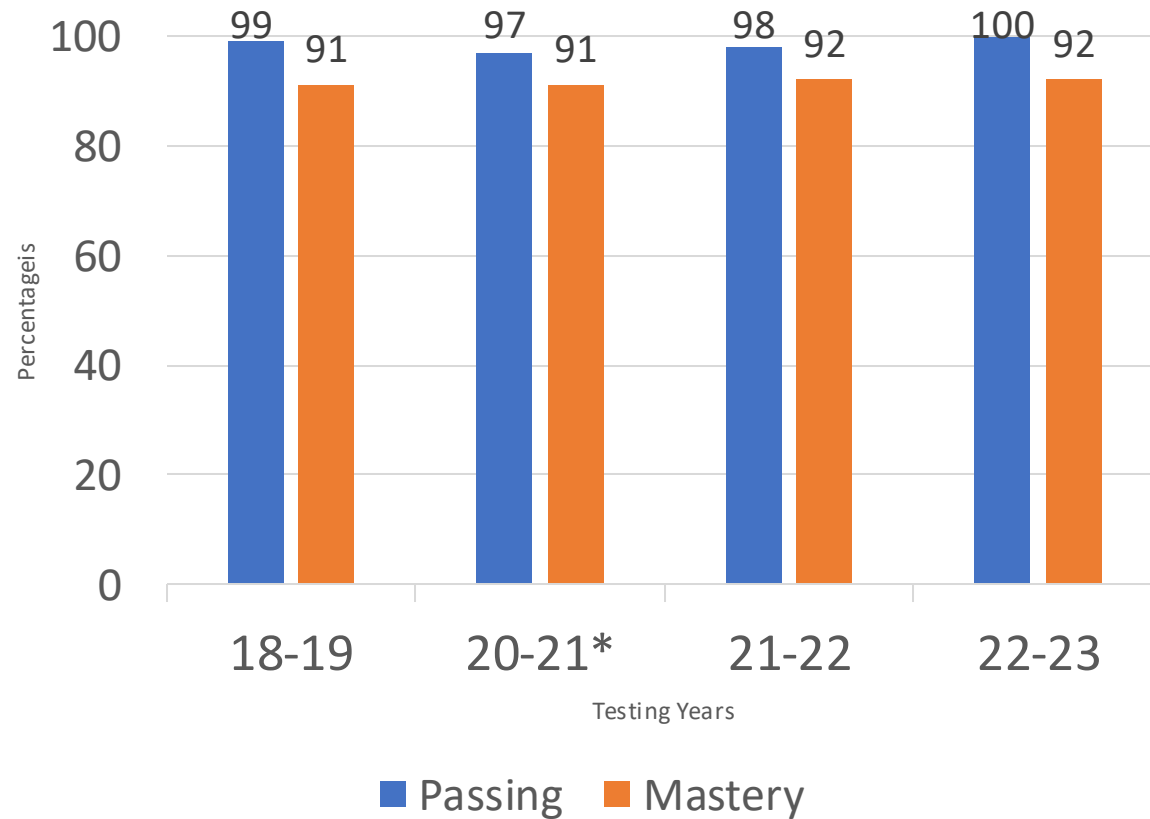
District	Level 3–4 Proficient or Advanced	Total % Tested	Total # Tested
East Williston	86	84.1	652
Manhasset	85.1	79.2	1205
Jericho	80.2	86.6	1329
Herricks	80	93.8	1922
Garden City	73.8	90	1777

**Nassau Proficiency = 61.3%    Suffolk Proficiency = 42.7%    New York State Proficiency = 47.9%**

# NWEA ELA RIT Scores



# Comprehensive English Regents Results



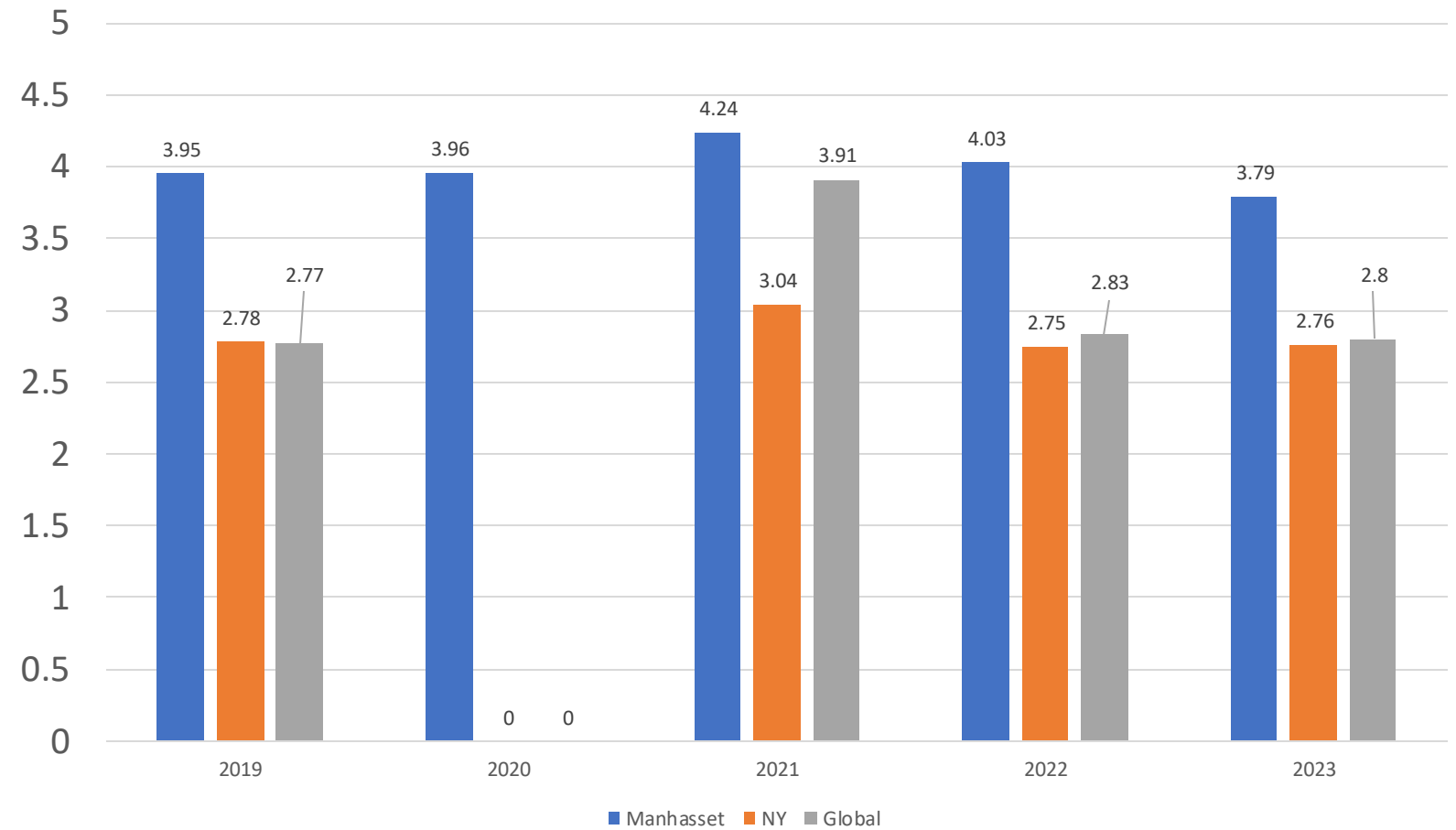
Passing Rates	NYS	Nassau
2019	84%	90%
2021	86%	N/A
2022	81%	89%
2023	77%	85%

\*Note: In 20-21 only 13% (34 of 255) eligible 11<sup>th</sup> graders took the June Regents.



# AP Language & Composition (Grade 11)

**2023-24  
enrollment=  
156 students**

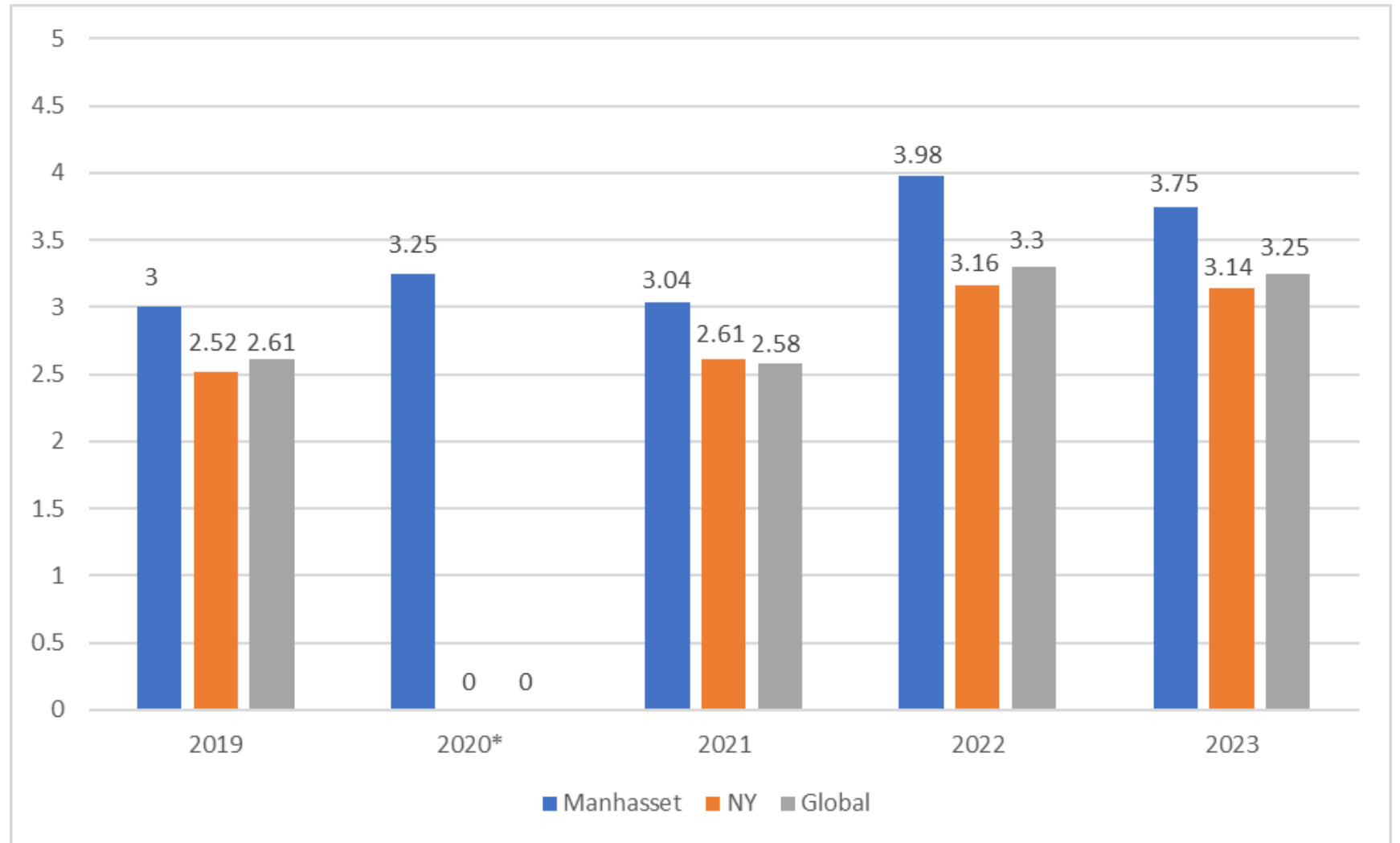


\*Note: In 2021, exams were optional.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Total Exams</b>	169	112	87	119	130
<b>% Passing</b>	95.80%	94.60%	93.0%	94.10%	88.50%

## AP Literature & Composition (Grade 12)

**2023-24  
enrollment=  
131 students**



\*Note: In 2021, exams were optional. No NYS or Global data available.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Exams	146	99	118	96	119
% Passing	71.20%	80.10%	57.60%	94.70%	91.50%



# Elementary Highlights



145+

Students serviced in  
Academic Intervention  
Services.

21

Students participated in  
the Summer AIS Reading  
Services.

25

Students will participate  
in Humanities Enrichment  
classes (Explorers, grade  
5; Mythology, grade 6).

19

Students will join our new  
Graphic Novel enrichment  
module taught by our  
elementary librarians.

346,881+ IXL questions

7,041 skills proficient

6,463 skills mastered

in less than two months.

Preparation for the  
summer 2024 Munsey  
Park Library update is  
underway!

# Secondary Highlights

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21

Courses offered in the English department.

134

Students participate in Academic Intervention Services.

55

Writing and Broadcast awards in won 22-23.

162

Peer Responders providing over 1259 sessions with MS students so far.

12.15.23

100<sup>th</sup> episode of *Good Morning Manhasset*.

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First MBC podcast:  
*The Career Spotlight with Carson Daly*.

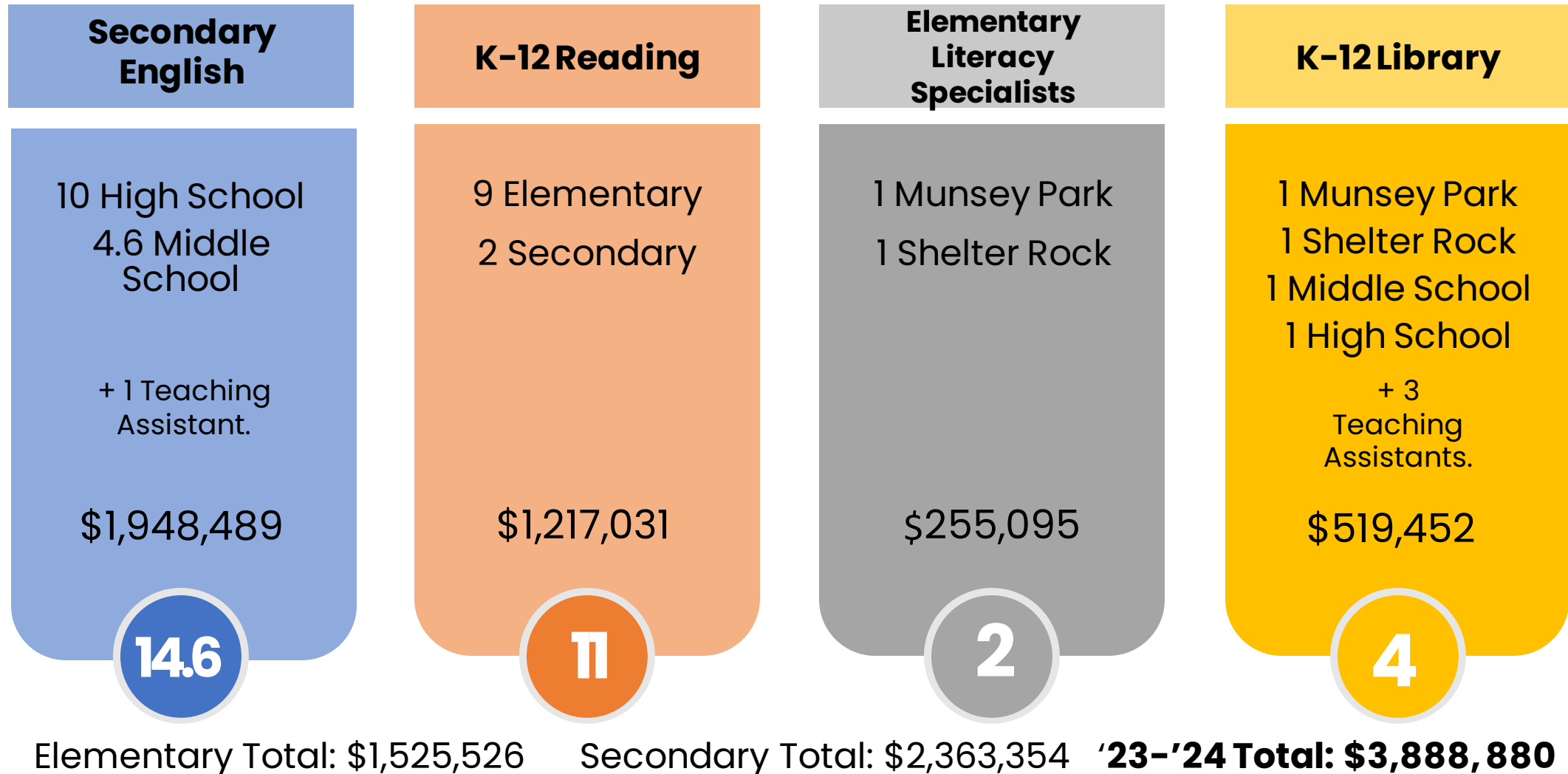
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First live show:  
*A Live Holiday Show*.

*Phoenix Literary Magazine* now accepting submissions for the 2023-24 edition.

# Departmental Information: Personnel\*

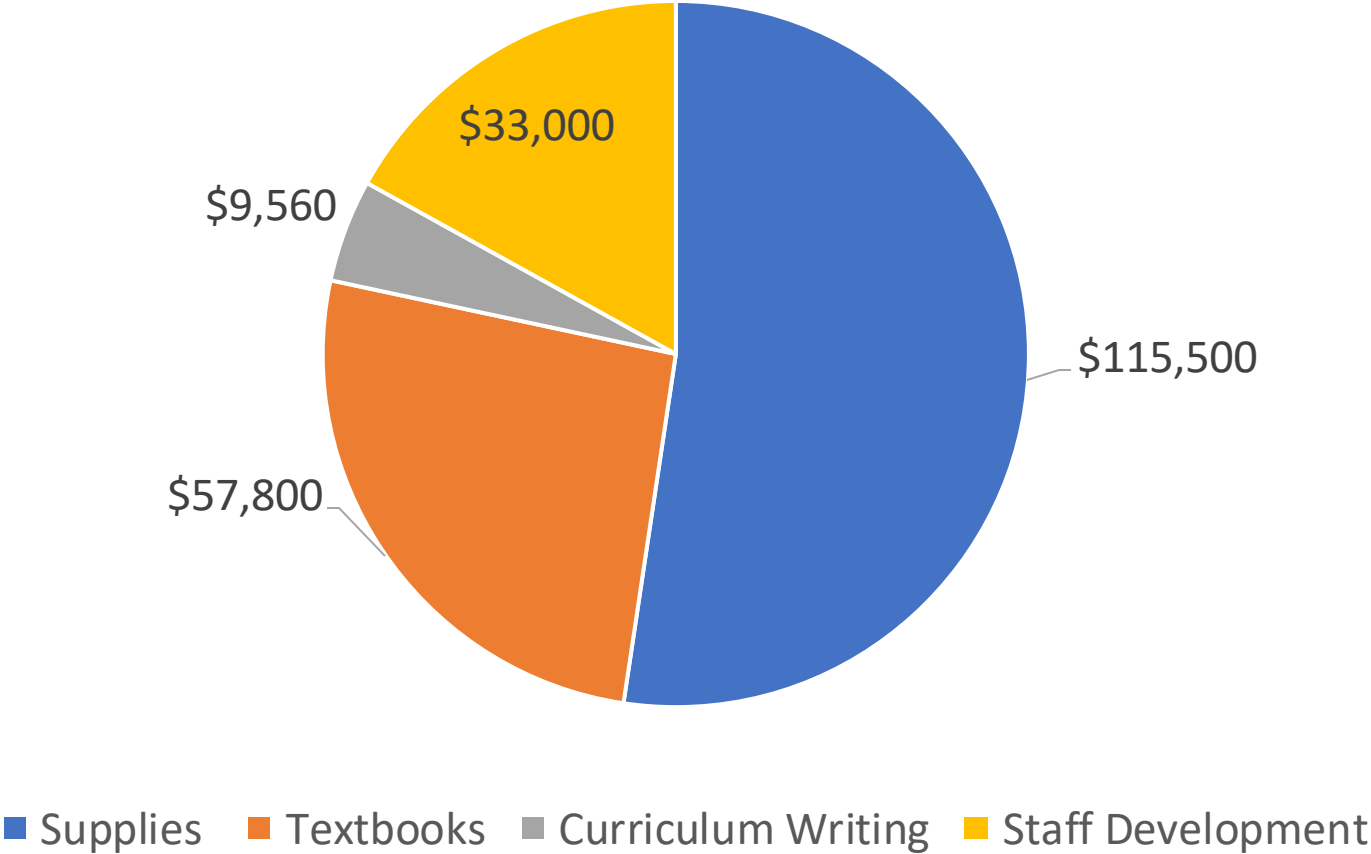
\*2024-25 Staffing will be finalized after course requests are evaluated on February 15, 2024.





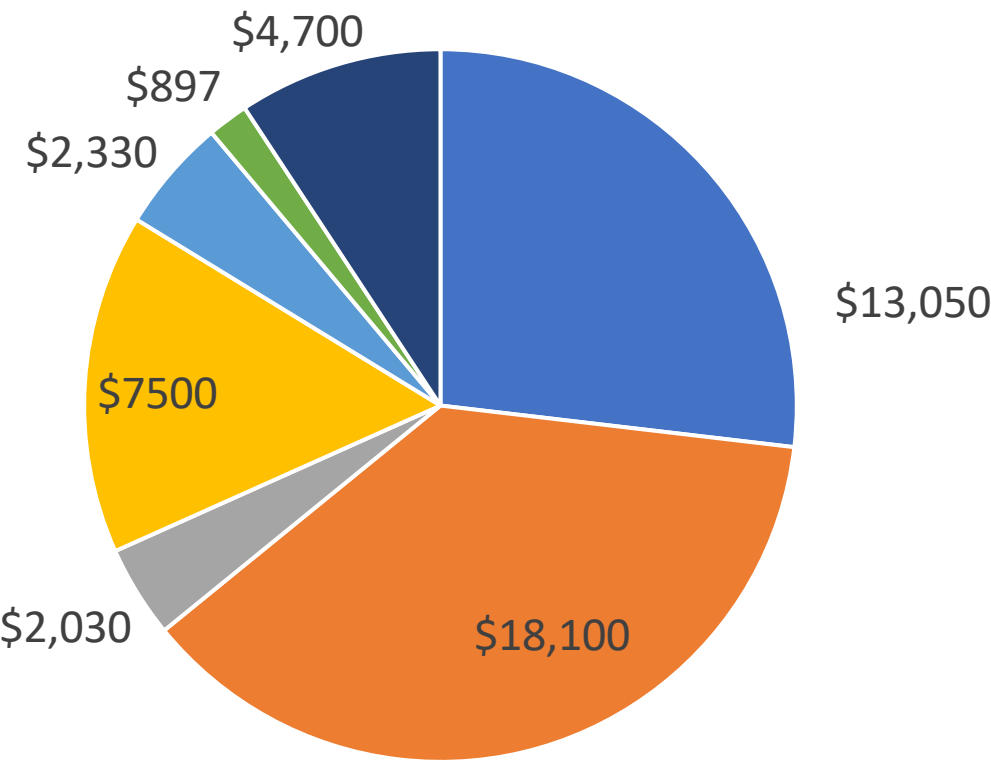
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Requested  
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-15% (\$37,440)



# 2024-25 Proposed Secondary ELA & Reading Budget

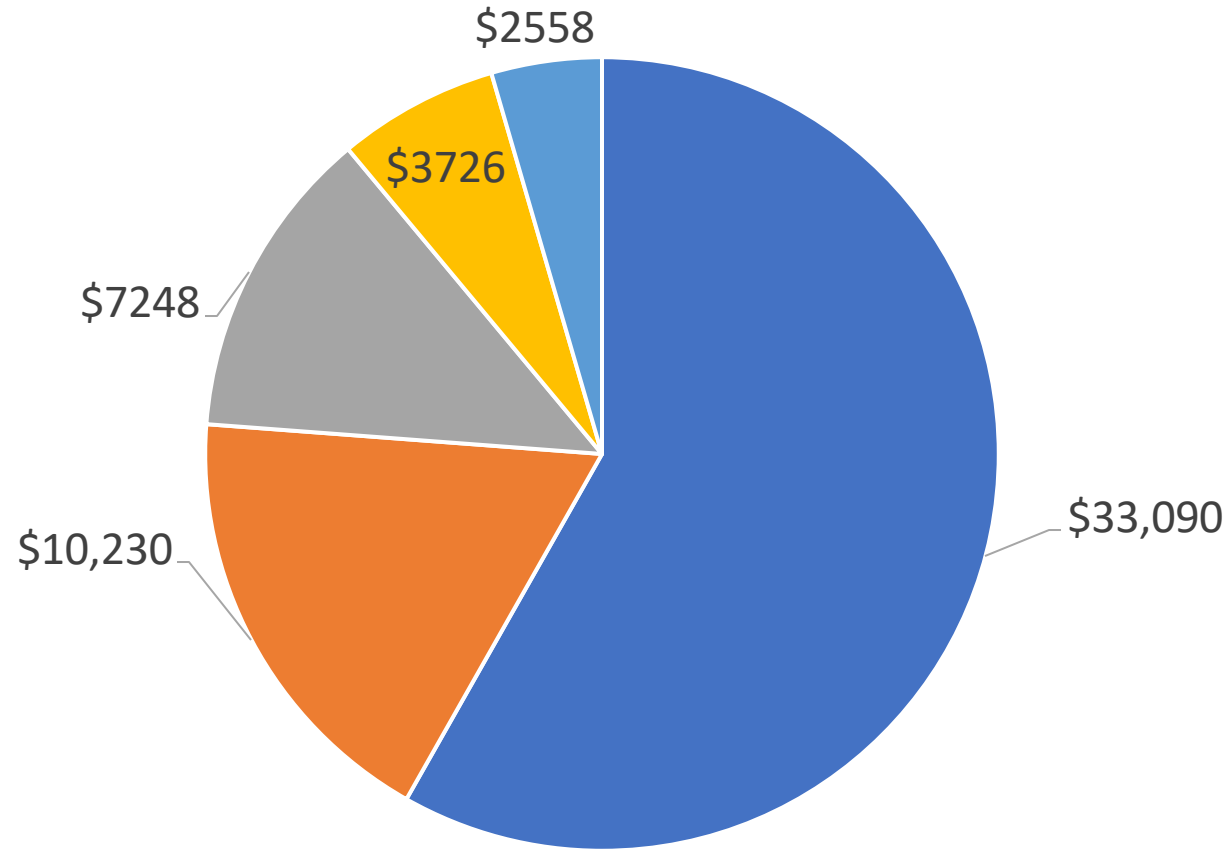
Requested  
budget increase:  
+ 3% (\$1,566)



- Supplies
- Textbooks
- Participation Fees
- Equipment Repairs
- Equipment
- Curriculum Writing
- Staff Development & Conferences

# 2024-25 Proposed Elementary Library Budget

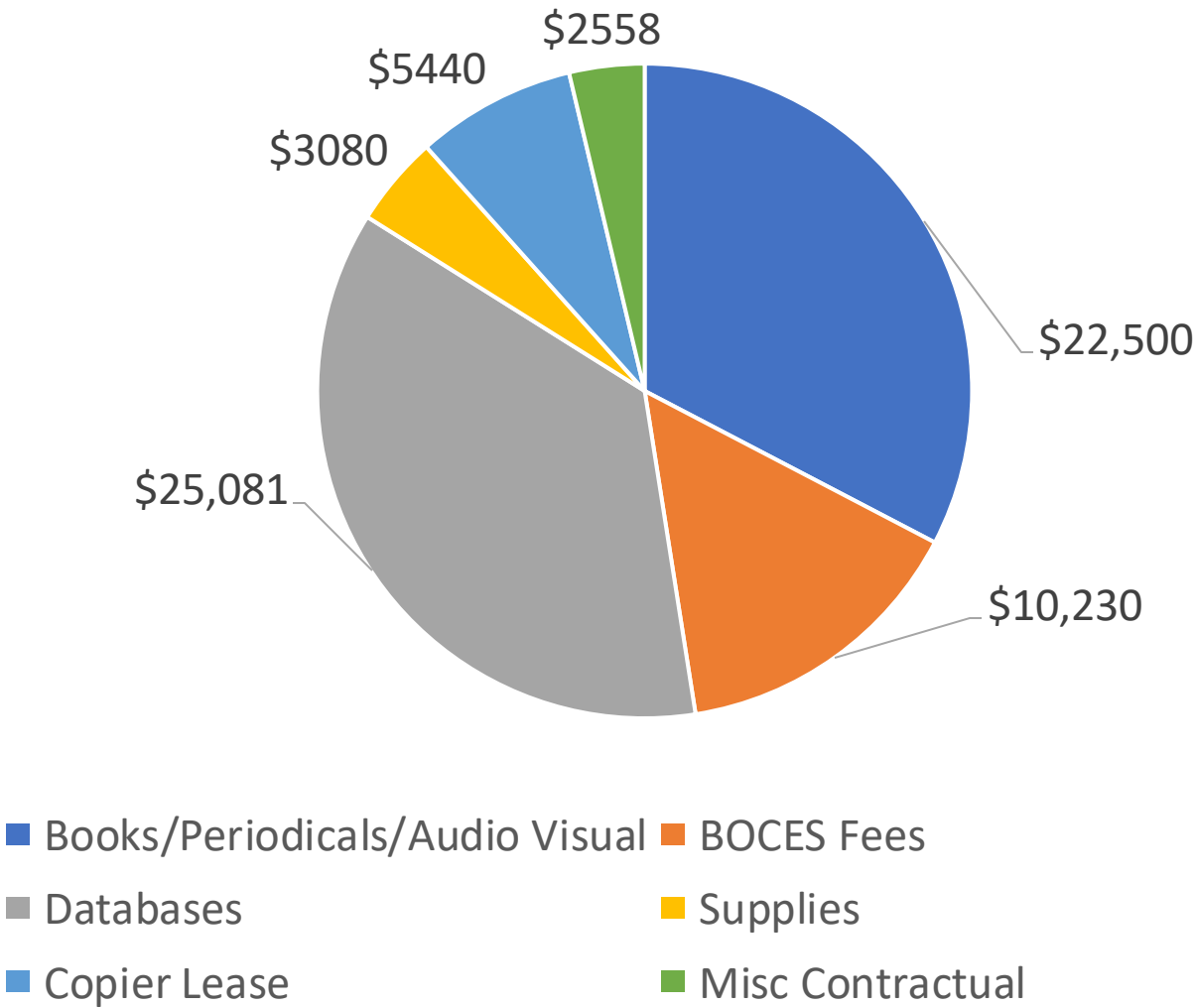
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secondary services.



■ Books/Periodicals/Audio Visual ■ BOCES Fees ■ Databases ■ Supplies ■ Misc Contractual

# 2024-25 Proposed Secondary Library Budget

Anticipated +2.5 % for BOCES databases and Follett Destiny Service. No more than \$487 increase for both elementary and secondary.



# Next Steps: 2024-25



Deepening collaboration and alignment between Reading and Special Education departments to support students' literacy-based disabilities.



Shift to internally led professional development model.

Focus: Enhancing current programs and differentiation strategies.



Continued work to expand library collaboration with classroom instruction.

Focus:

- Independent Reading
- Research process
- Information literacy



Continuing ongoing K-6 ELA/Social Studies curriculum alignment. Grades 1 and 3 completed.



Maximizing use of current broadcast technology to support 21<sup>st</sup> century informational literacy:

- More live broadcasting
- Expanded sports
- Podcasting
- Film festival

**Reading/SE**

**K-6 ELA PD Prep**

**Library Program Review**

**K-6 Humanities Alignment**

**Broadcast/Film Program**



# Coming Soon: Upcoming Collaborations and Events

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- SCA/PASE Sponsored Summer College Essay Workshop Registration (begins January 5)
- Gold Coast Film Festival Humanities Speaker Series (January 8)
- Long Island Coaching Collaborative (January 18)
- *'Set at Night* (February 15)
- CAANH Sponsored Author Visit: Johanna Ho (Elementary Schools, February 16)
- Poetry Coffee House (February 29)
- Secondary Film Festival (April 16)







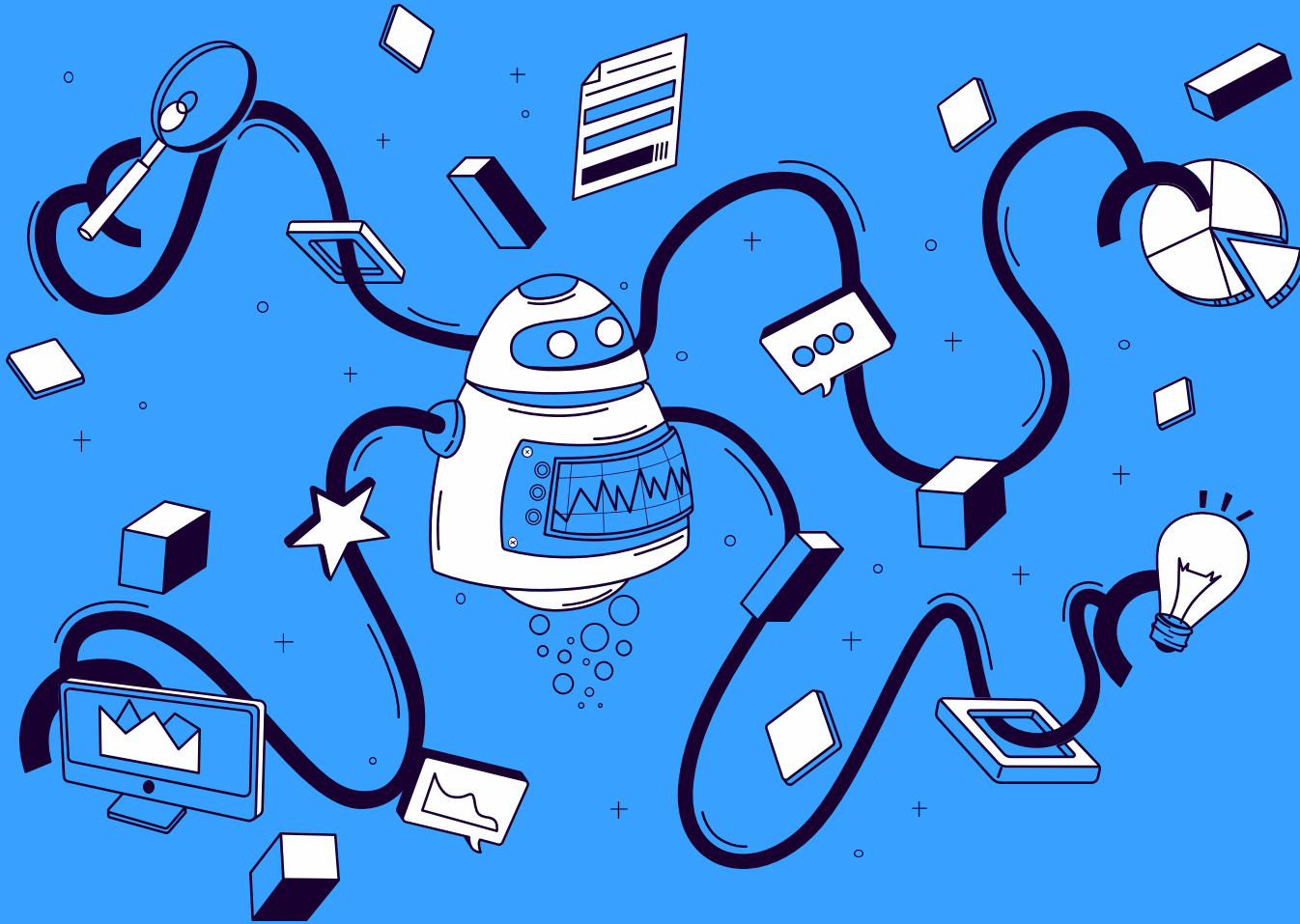
# Thank you!

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# Ongoing: Impact of AI on Instruction & Assessment



**Assessment Review**

**Differentiation  
Opportunities**

**Information Literacy**