

Post-Secondary Success Department

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Post-Secondary Department

Our mission is to provide every student with opportunities to explore their interests and graduate with a strong post-secondary plan.

Post-Secondary Department

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Impact

100% of our students will graduate with a post-secondary plan.

100% of our students will graduate with an Early College Experience.

- Advanced Placement Class
- International Baccalaureate Class
- Dual Credit Class
- State Seal of Biliteracy
- Industry Recognized Certification
- Internship/Work-Based Learning Experience
- College and Career Pathway Endorsement (CCPE)

Post-Secondary Department

- Counseling and Post-Secondary Teams
- AVID
- Magnet Academies
- Pathways and Dual Credit
- Summer Connections

► Counseling and Post-Secondary Teams

Goals:

- Every student will graduate with a viable post-secondary plan
- Every student will complete an early college and/or a career experience
- Every student will complete the FAFSA

Each of our seven high schools' post-secondary teams meet quarterly to receive professional learning on post-secondary best practices, track progress and develop action plans for their building teams.

This past summer, counselors worked with recent graduates to help them solidify their post-secondary plans and to follow-up on their progress.

New this year: School Counselor at Harriet Gifford Elementary.

► SchoolLinks

Our college and career platform in use with grades 7-12

School Counselors are utilizing SchoolLinks to:

- Supplement classroom lessons
- Conduct grade-level presentations
- Assist with post-secondary planning
- Track post-secondary plan progress

New this year:

- Students will work with School Counselors and Parents in SchoolLinks Course Planner to create 4-year plans and select courses for 25-26 school year
- Onboarding Parents

▶ AVID

AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

- Enrollment increased by 10% districtwide 2024-2025 from 1,440 to 1,673 in the AVID elective
- Launched AVID Student Summit to promote student voice and leadership

New this year:

- Pilot program in AVID in 3rd grade and science at McKinley Elementary School
- Two sections of AVID for 7th grade English Learners at Ellis and Kimball Middle Schools - allows us to include newcomers in our AVID classes

2024 AVID graduates were awarded:

- Dell Scholar (1)
- U-46 Superintendent Scholarship (4)
- Keeping the Promise Scholarship (2)
- Ronald D. O'Neal Scholarship (2)
- Golden Apple Scholars (2)

► **AVID Team Professional Learning**

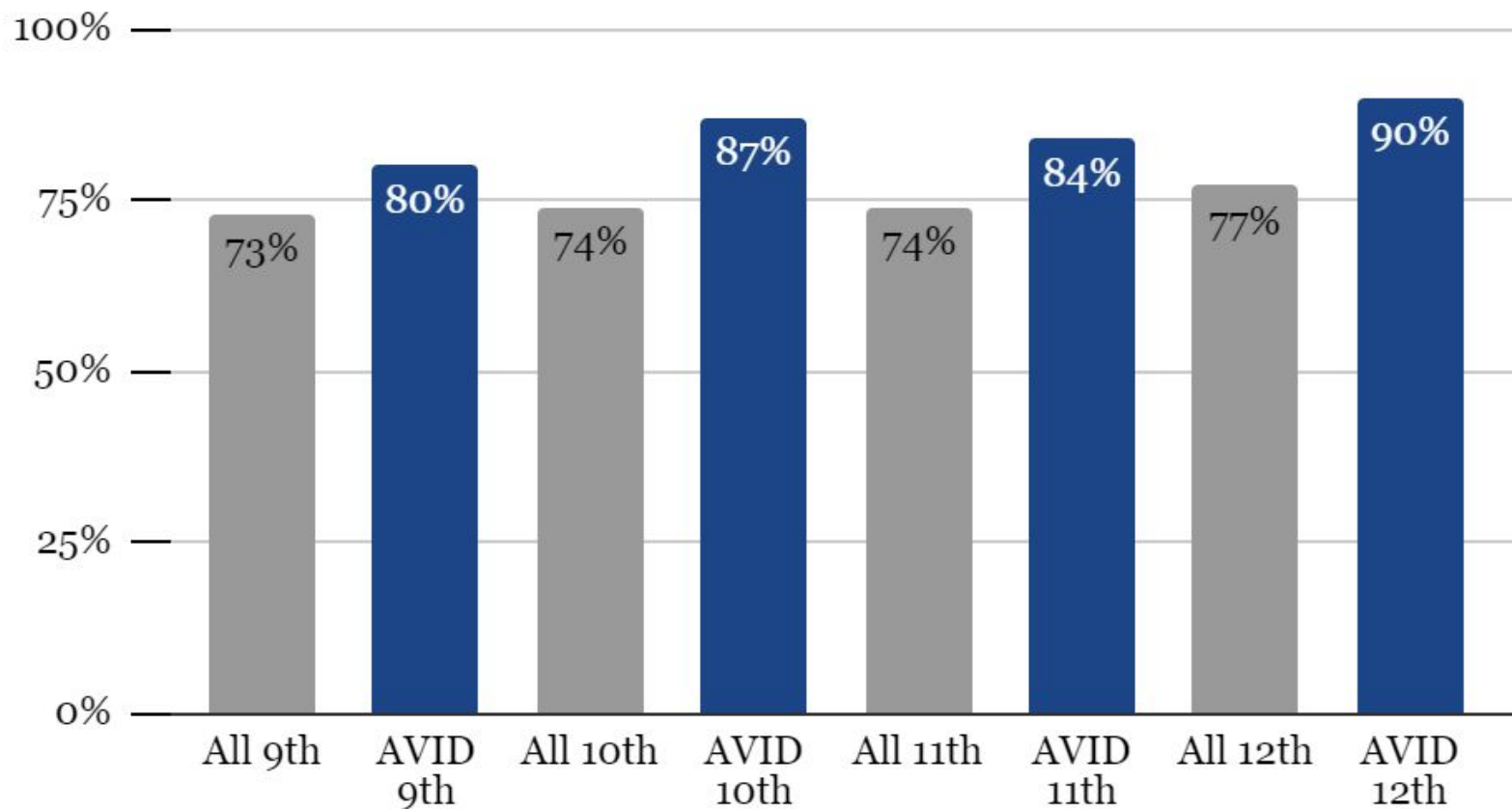
Highlights:

- Staff from McKinley and all secondary sites attended AVID Summer Institute
- Developed site team goals and action plans to support School Improvement Plans (SIP) and School Improvement Leadership Team (SILT) plans

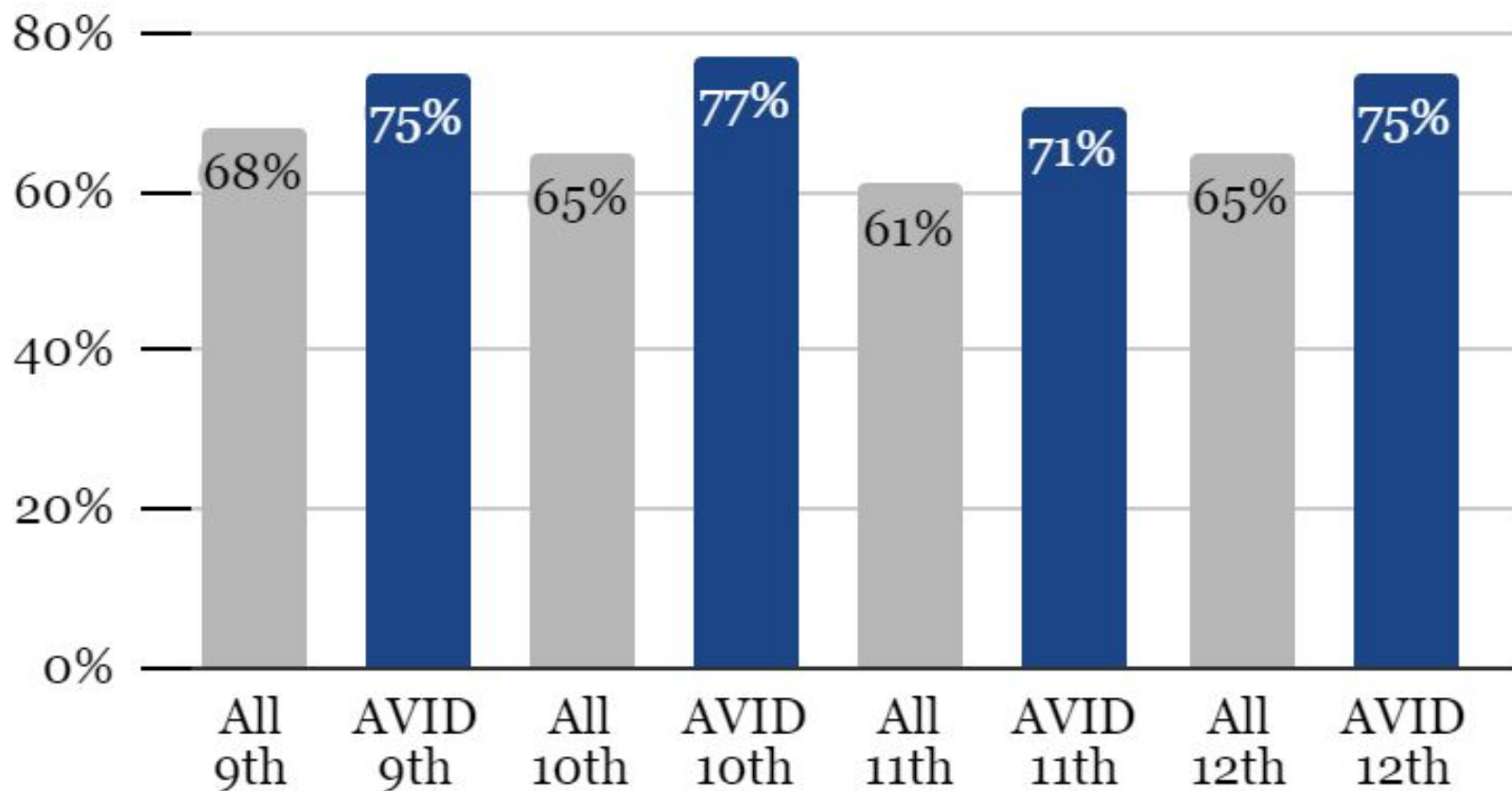
Upcoming:

- AVID Summer Institute 2025 in Chicago July 21-23 - amazing opportunity for more staff professional learning

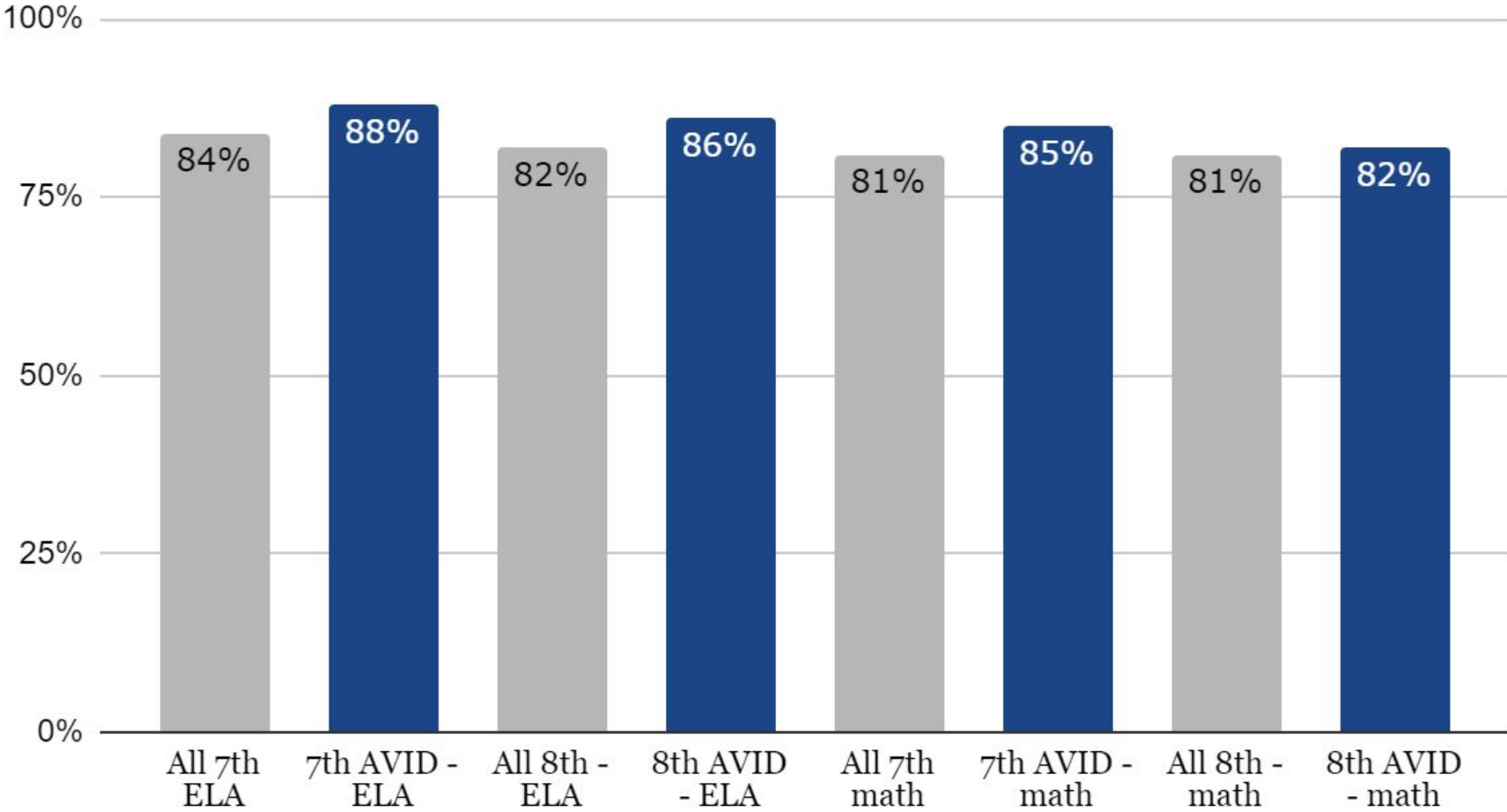
Grade Comparison - High School ELA



Grade Comparison - High School Math



Grade Comparison - Middle School ELA & Math



► Magnet Academy

Highlights:

Beacon Academy - South Elgin High School

- Anchor Team won first place at the Student Television Network in Long Beach, CA last spring
- Students from Beacon served as summer interns for the School and Community Relations Department this past summer

VPA Academy - Larkin High School

- 100% of Senior Art Academy students who submitted an Advanced Placement Portfolio scored a three or higher

► Magnet Academy Celebrations

Highlights:

LEAD Academy - Streamwood High School

- Top four teams in the INCubator course presented their business concepts to a panel of judges
- Three teams received funding to launch their companies this year
 - 1st Place - \$2,500
 - 2nd Place - \$1,500
 - 3rd Place - \$1,500

► Magnet Academy Celebrations

Highlights:

STEM Academy - Bartlett High School

- Two seniors were selected to present at the Illinois Science and Technology Coalition Student Research Showcase at Google
- Established Academy Parent Boosters

Gifted/IB Academy - Elgin High School

- Academy Senior Awards Dinner
- Current seniors will be completing Full IB Diploma Program

▶ Magnet Academy GPA Update

Gradually increase the required GPA at the time of application from 2.0 to 2.8 over the course of three application cycles.

This will ensure that we meet the Magnet Schools of America Standards and College and Career Readiness Indicators.

- Application SY 2024-2025 - 2.2 GPA
- Application SY 2025-2026 - 2.5 GPA
- Application SY 2026-2027 - 2.8 GPA

▶ Magnet Academy GPA Update

- Students in 7th grade will need to earn the minimum GPA required to be eligible to apply in the Fall of the following year.
- Students in 8th grade, who were offered and accepted a seat at one of the Magnet Academies, will maintain or improve that GPA by the completion of 8th grade.

▶ Magnet Academy Exit Update

- Students in academies must pass all graduation and/or magnet requirements.
- If a student does not meet graduation and/or magnet requirements, the student's academic placement is adjusted. *This adjustment could include exiting the academy program and attending their home school.*

► Pathways Update

College and Career Pathway Endorsement (CCPE)

- Two career experiences
- Two team-based challenges
- Four semesters of career-focused instruction
- 60 hours of work-based learning
- Six hours of early college credit
- College ready in Math and English
- Individualized post-secondary plan

Upcoming:

- Align the U-46 Educational Pathways to the ISBE CCPE Model
- Finalize the Health Science CCPE
- Submit Precision Manufacturing CCPE for approval

► Full Time Dual Credit

School Year	Students Graduated with Associate's	Number of Juniors	Number of Seniors
2024-2025		50	61
2023-2024	34	48	49
2022-2023	40	40	70
2021-2022	34	40	44

U-46 Lead Counselor travels to ECC to support students

- Academic
- Social/Emotional
- College and Career

► In-High School Dual Credit

High School Dual Credit Enrollment	
School Year	Number of Students
2024-2025	1,499
2023-2024	1,017
2022-2023	524
2021-2022	205

Highlights:

- Larkin offering all dual credit classes in-person
- More opportunities for students

▶ In-High School Dual Credit

Highlights:

- Offer students dual credit opportunities in English, Math, and Spanish Classes
- CTE - CNA, Autos, Welding, and Precision Manufacturing
- Elgin High School CNA at Elgin Community College

New for 2025-2026:

- Fire Science and Safety (FSS) Courses for seniors
- FSS 101 Principles of Emergency Services
- FSS 115 Emergency Medical Responder

► Summer School Enrollment

High School: 1,200 students

Middle School: 119 students

Elementary : 1,205 students

ESY HS: 96 students

ESY MS: 114 students

ESY ES: 277 students

Elementary Newcomers: 129 students

Gifted: 78 students

Students also participated in after school programs with Boys and Girls Club of Elgin and Right at School.

► Summer Connections Enrollment

Highlights:

- Brothers Rise Up - 143 students
- I am LEAD - 110 students
- Middle School Experience - 980/2380 students participated
- Freshman Connection - 903/2839 students participated
- College Jump Start - 249/2792 students participated

▶ 111 Summer High School Graduates

Bartlett High School	6 students
Elgin High School	26 students
Larkin High School	46 students
South Elgin High School	21 students
Streamwood High School	12 students

Summer School

June 2 - July 2, 2025



THANK YOU
