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## 9 Characteristics of High Performing Schools

Student Edition v4.2

### South Whidbey School District

2023  
N=466

2024  
N=623

2025  
N=491





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## Introduction

### **Educational Effectiveness Survey, Student SEL Edition**

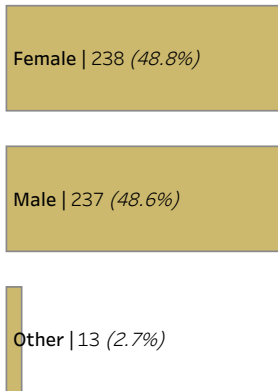
While there is no single solution for all schools, research on effective schools identified common characteristics of high-performing schools known as the 9 Characteristics. Successful schools engaged in improvement activities focus on these characteristics of “organizational and educator capacity” to create and improve the system(s) that ultimately drive performance outcomes. Understanding the perceptions of your student population is essential to inform changes for improvement.

Student voice is an integral part of compiling an accurate view of these school improvement constructs. In both stand-alone reporting and through common questions between staff, students, and families, the EES Student survey brings this voice to the table. Beyond the value for school staff to learn from student perspectives, CEE can make the EES Student data available to student leadership through the interactive tools. This allows students to take ownership of the school culture, efforts to improve this culture, and the ability to monitor growth over time.

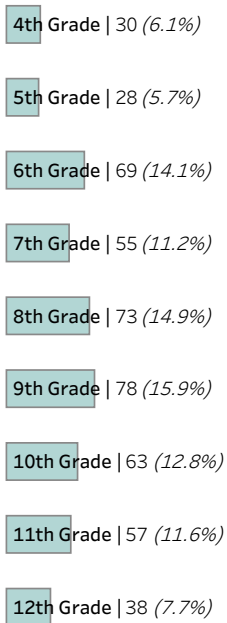
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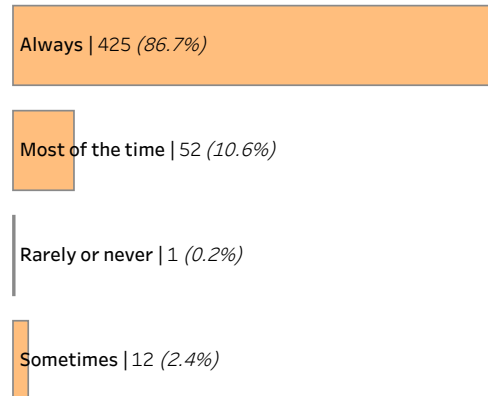
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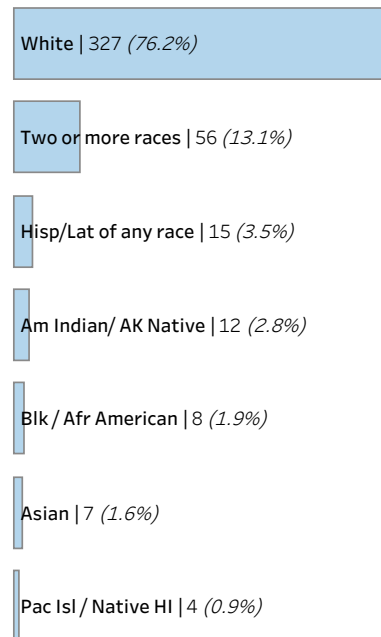
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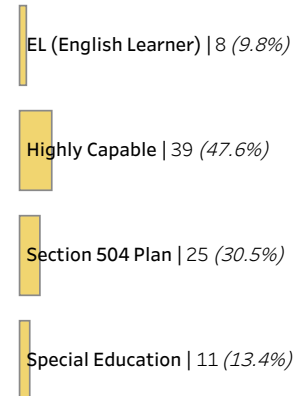
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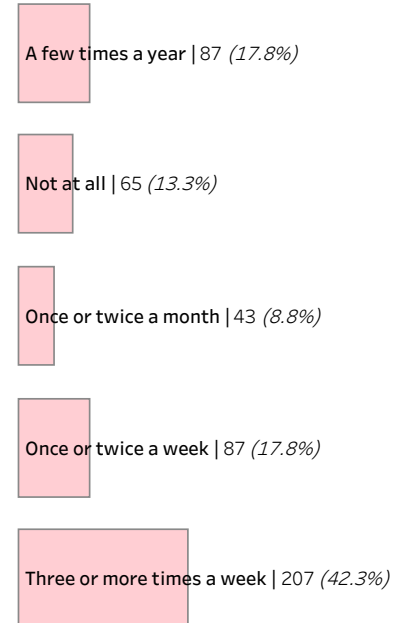
## Ethnicity



## Services

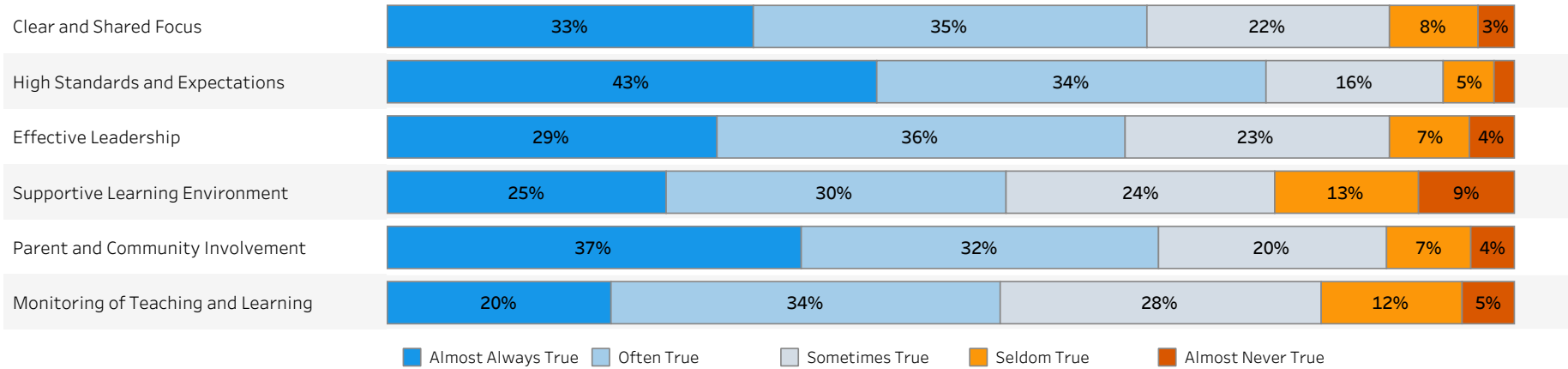


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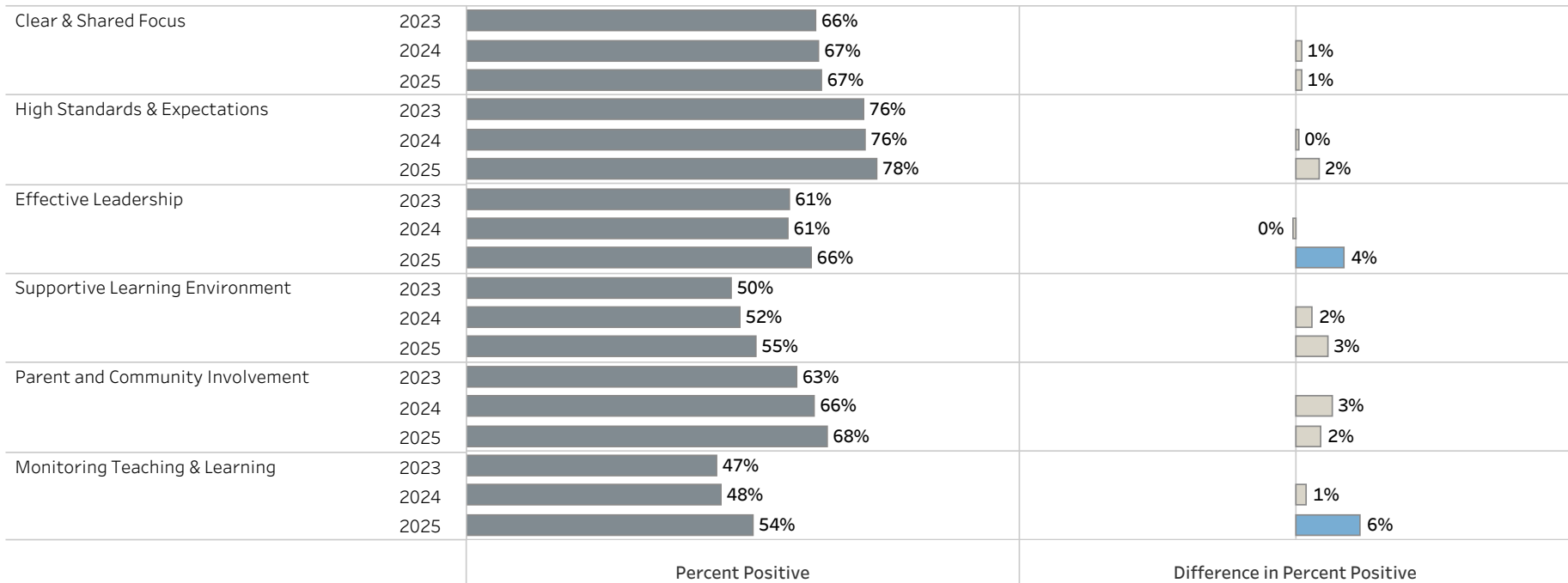


## 9 Characteristics Summary

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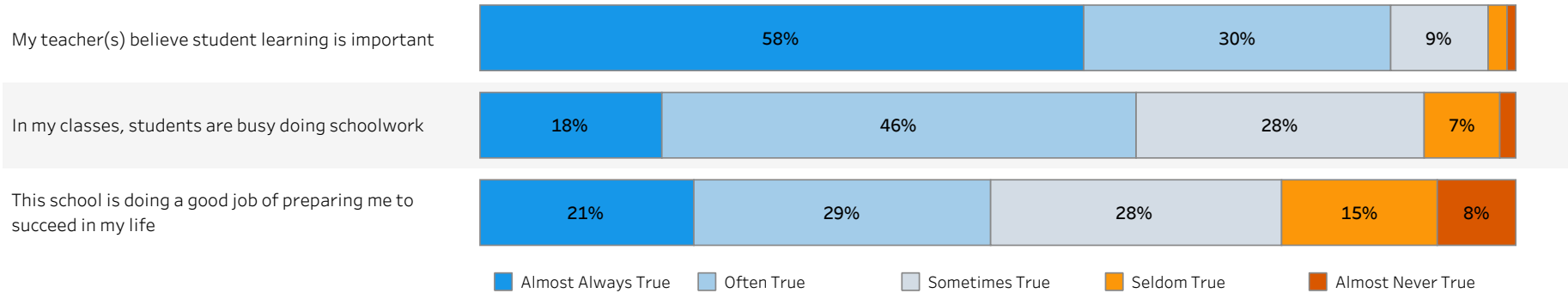


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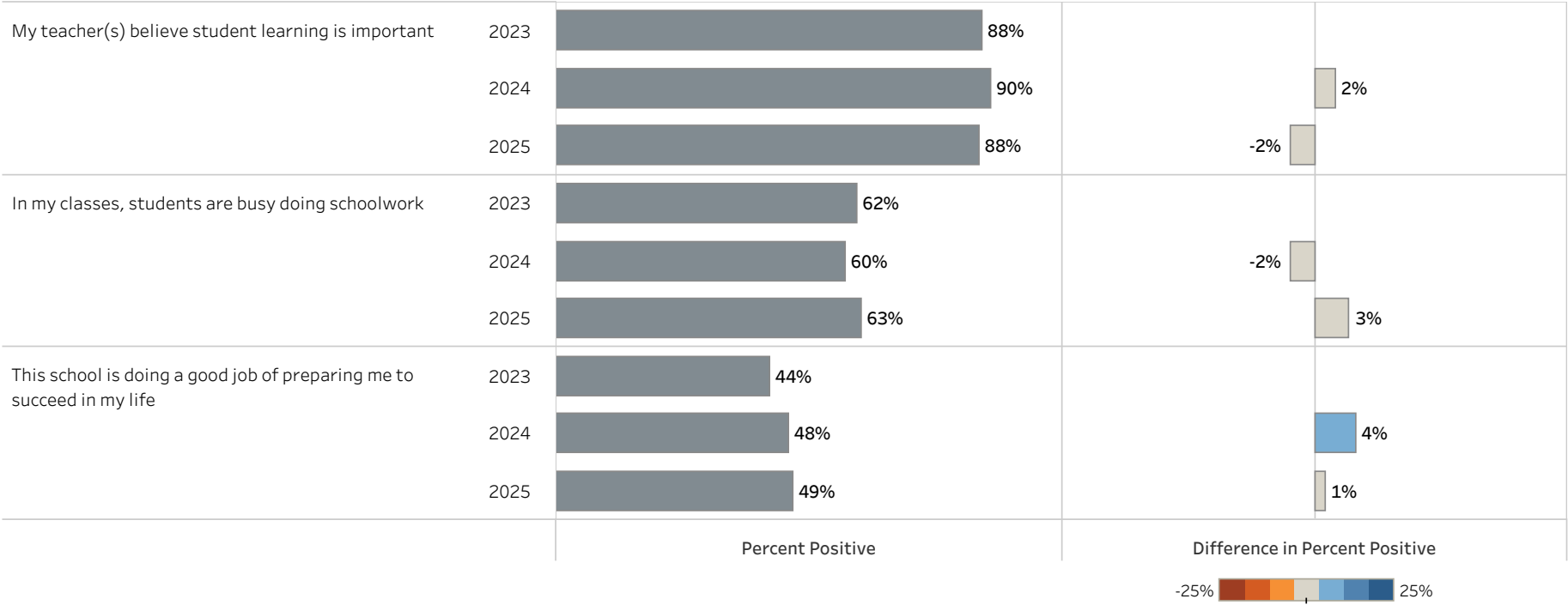


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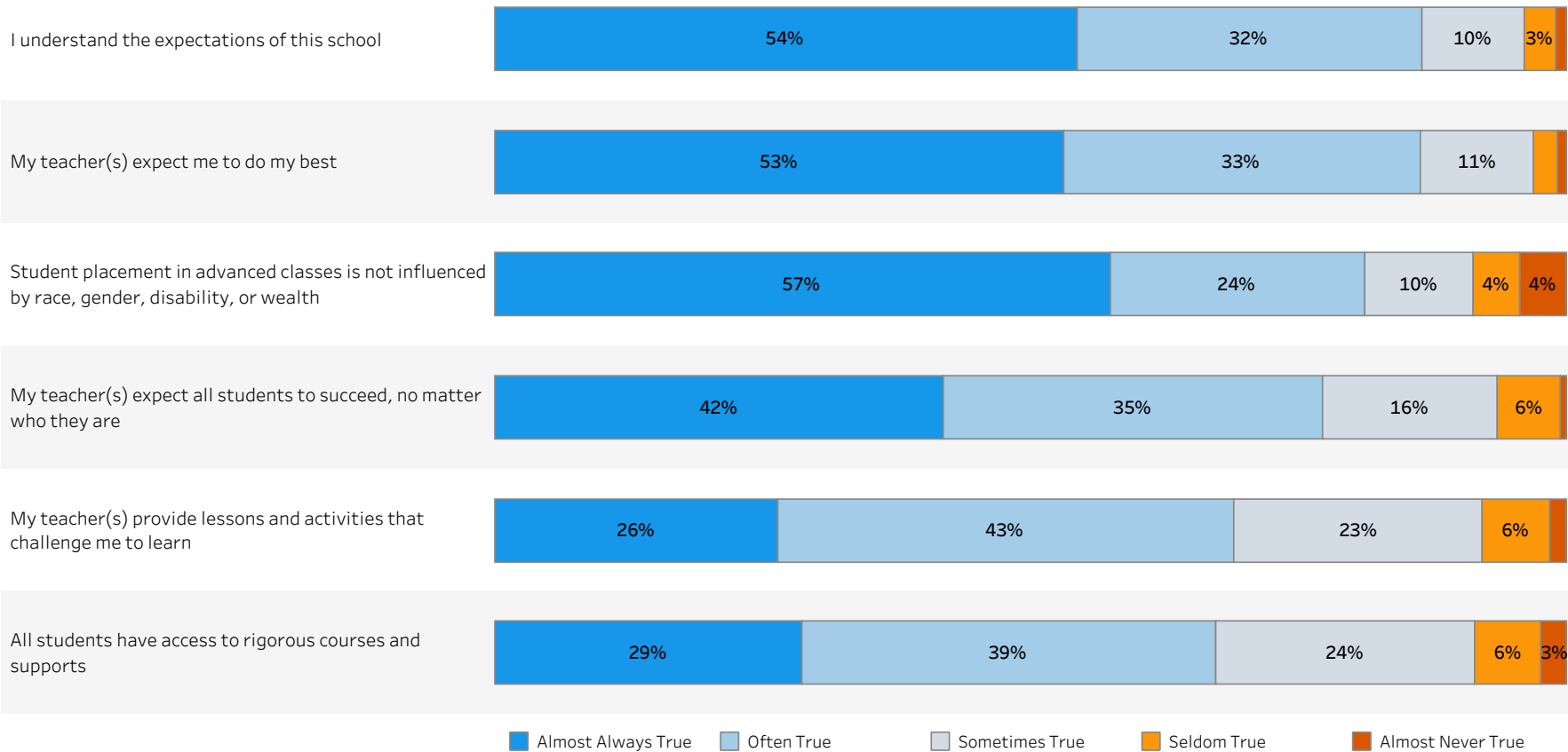


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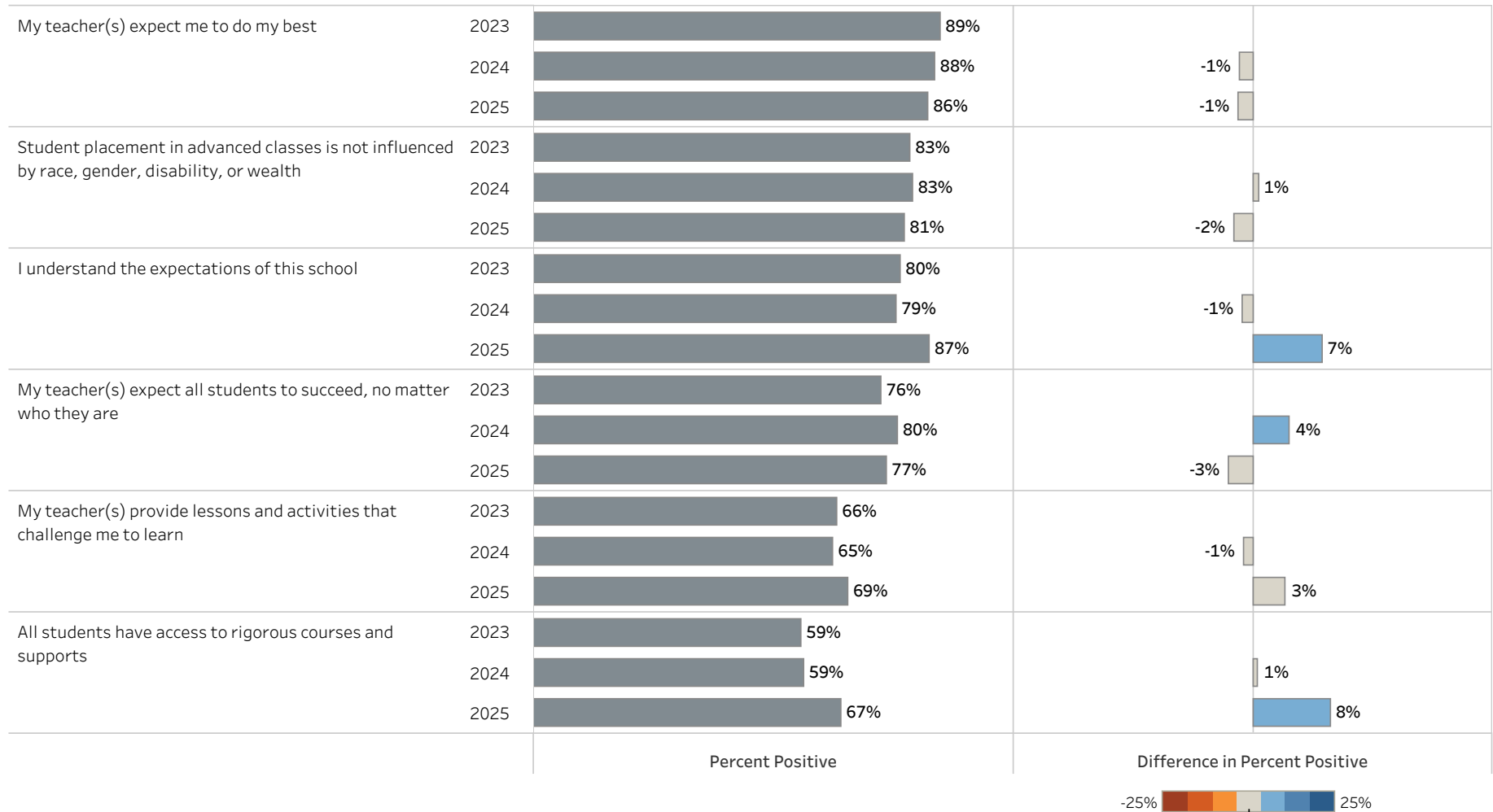
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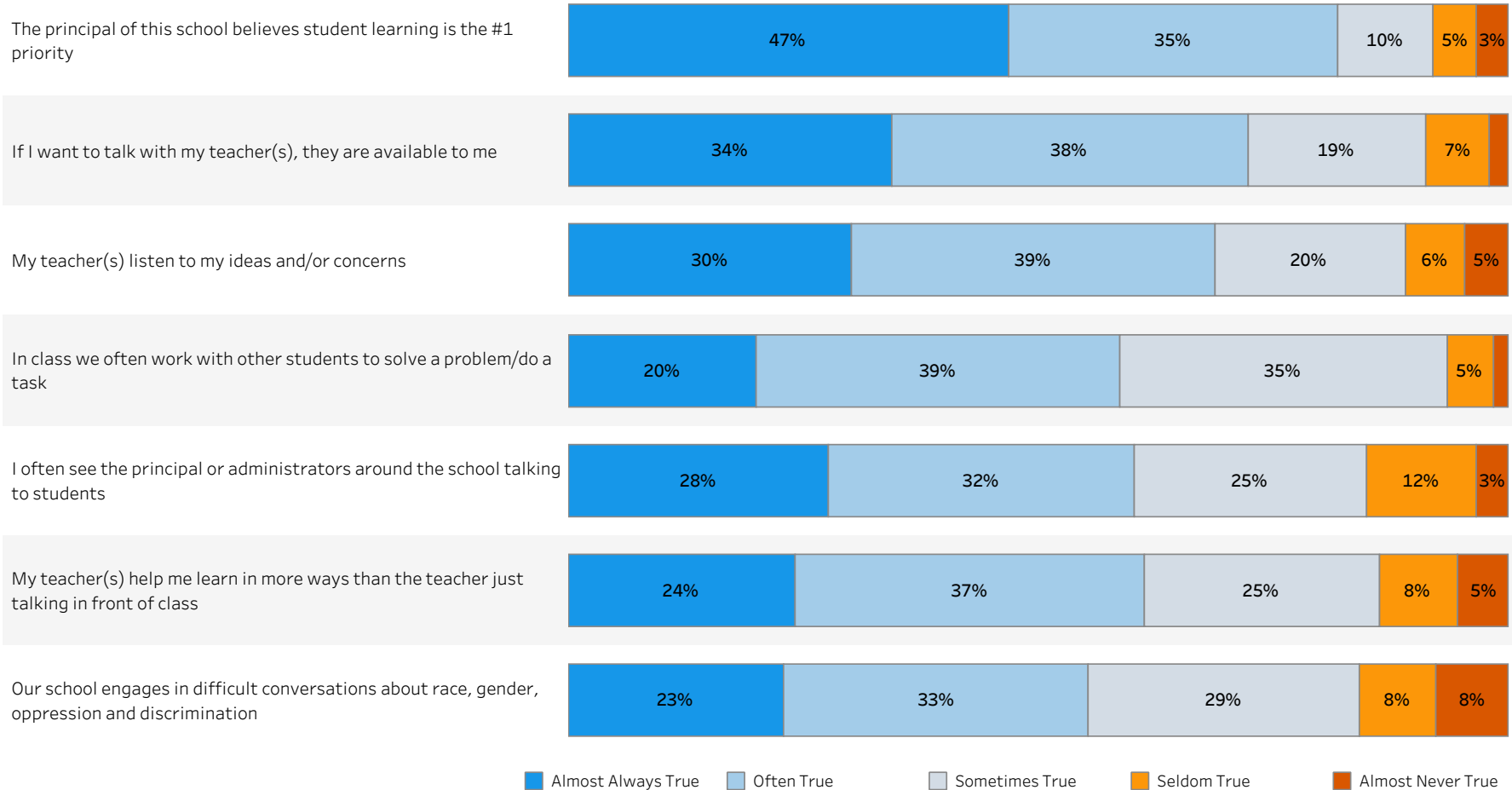
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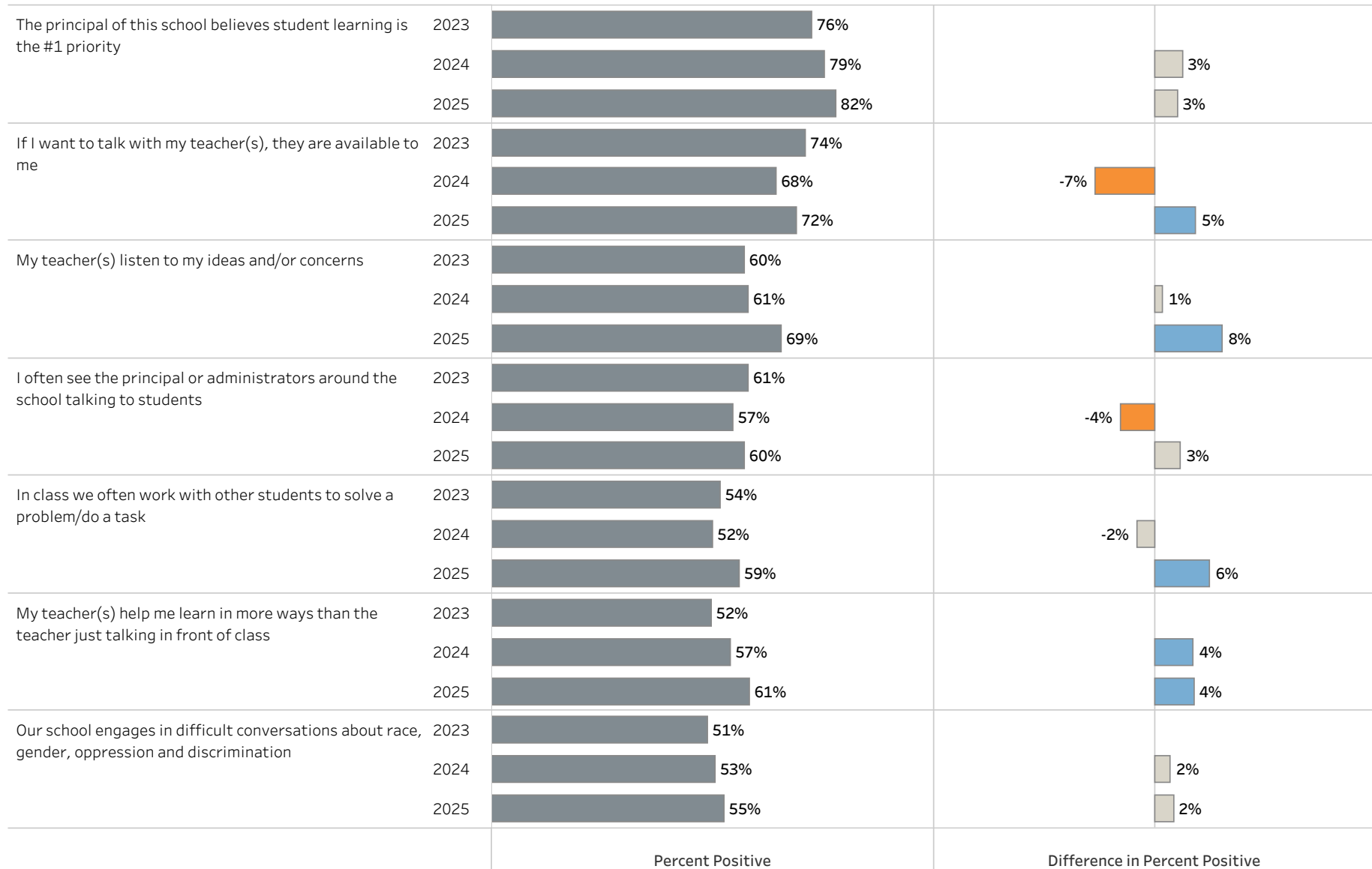
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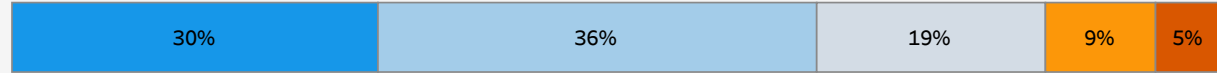
# Supportive Learning Environment

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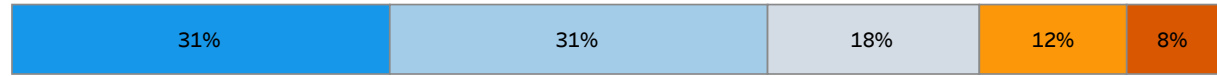
In this school, there is at least one adult who knows and cares about me



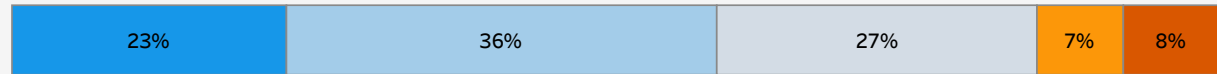
I feel safe at this school



The rules against bullying are enforced by all adults in this school



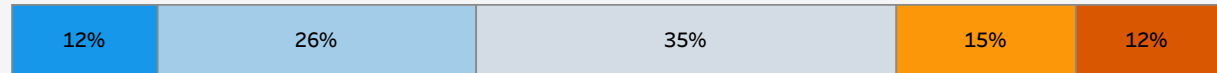
Student success is celebrated in this school



All students are held to the same behavior rules and expectations



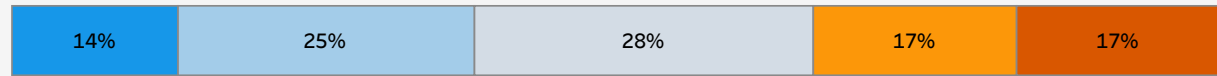
Work I do in this school is useful and interesting to me



Most students are respectful of others at this school



I enjoy coming to this school

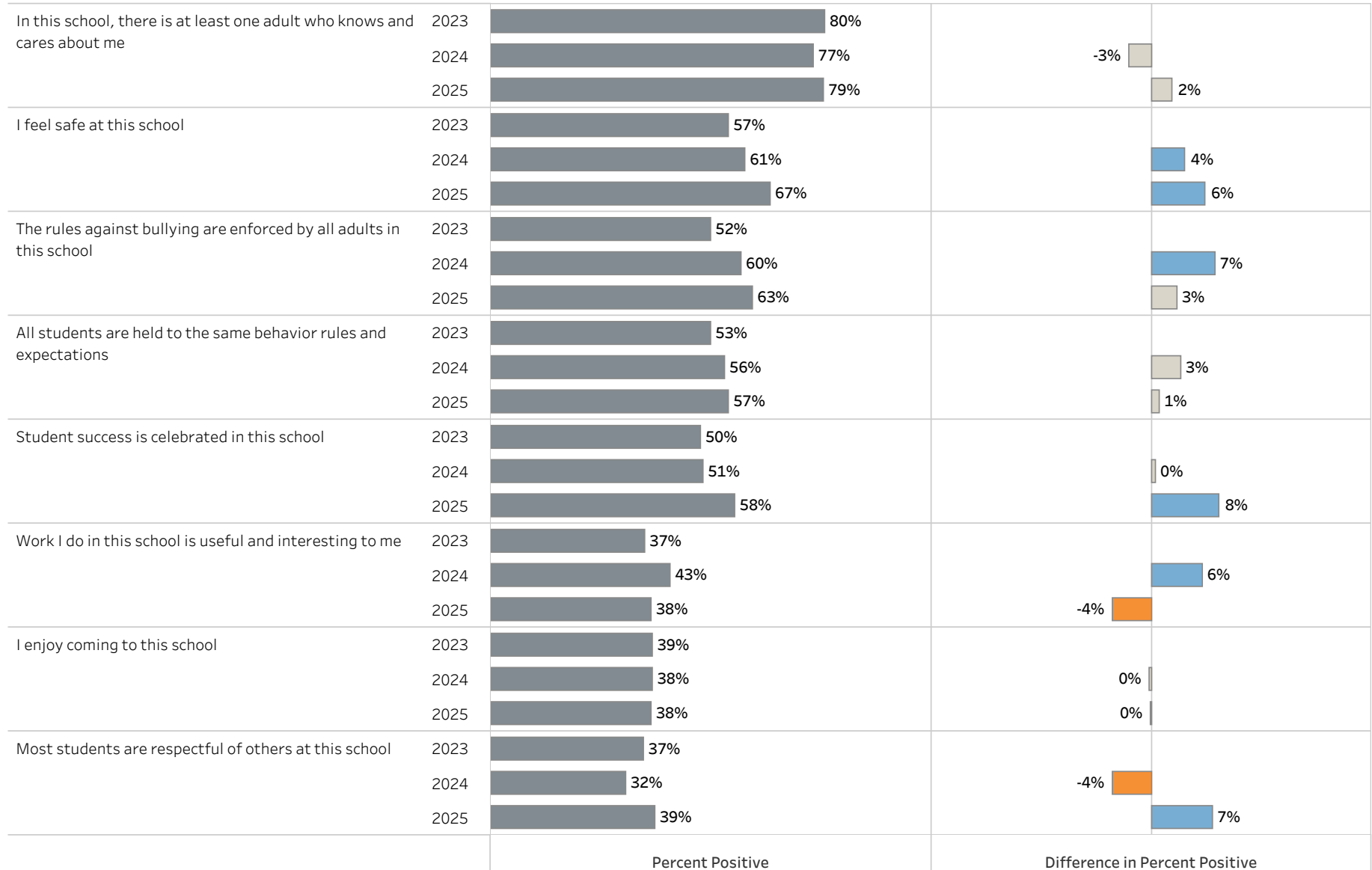


■ Almost Always True
 ■ Often True
 ■ Sometimes True
 ■ Seldom True
 ■ Almost Never True

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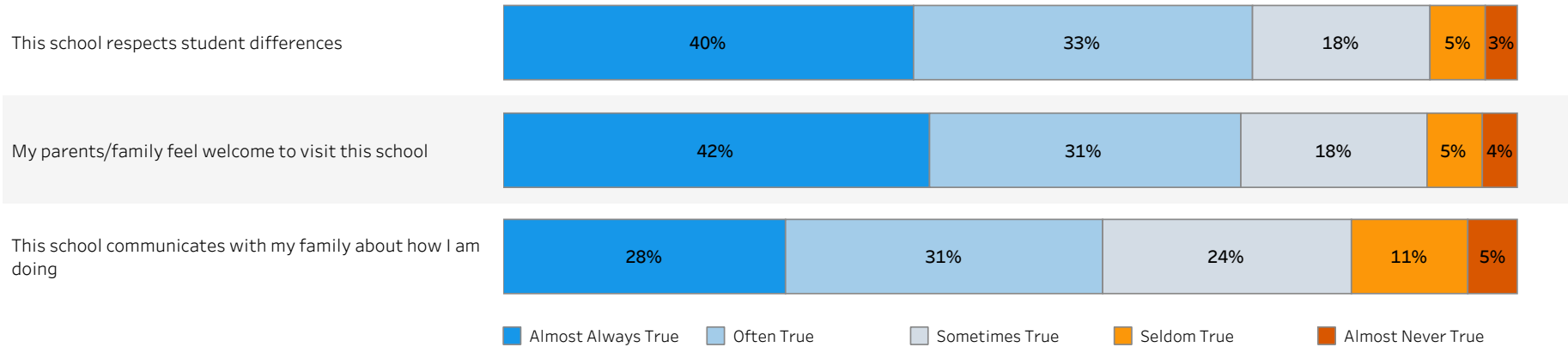
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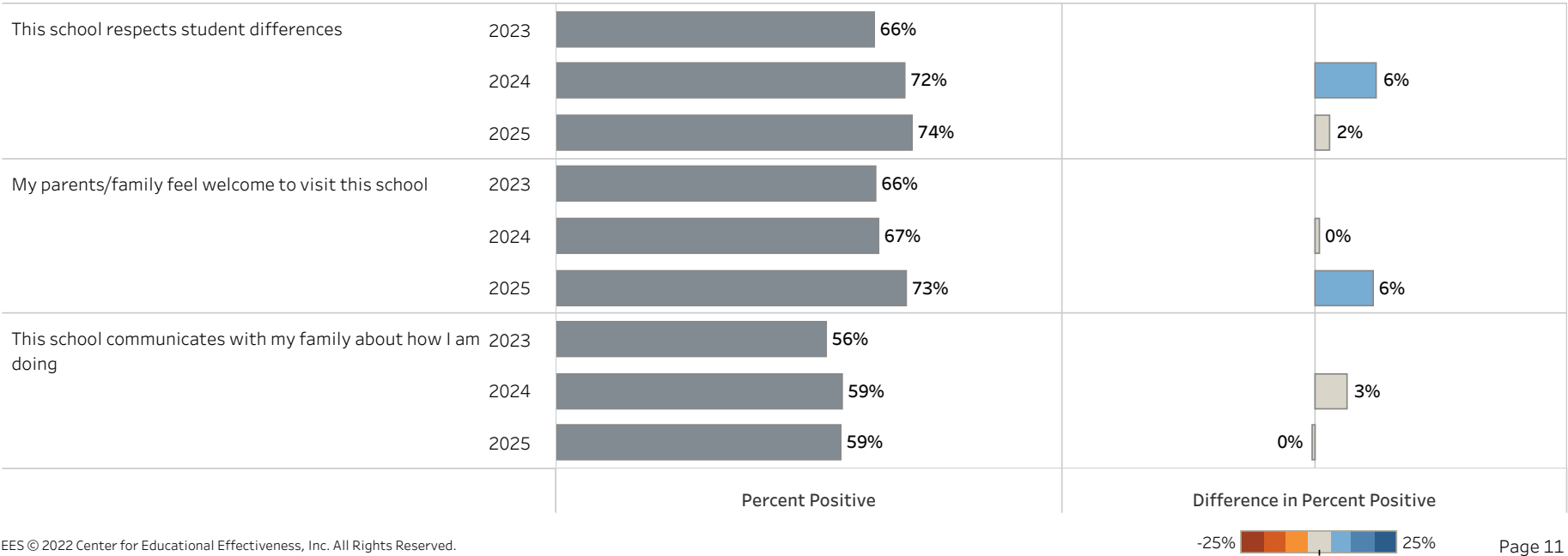


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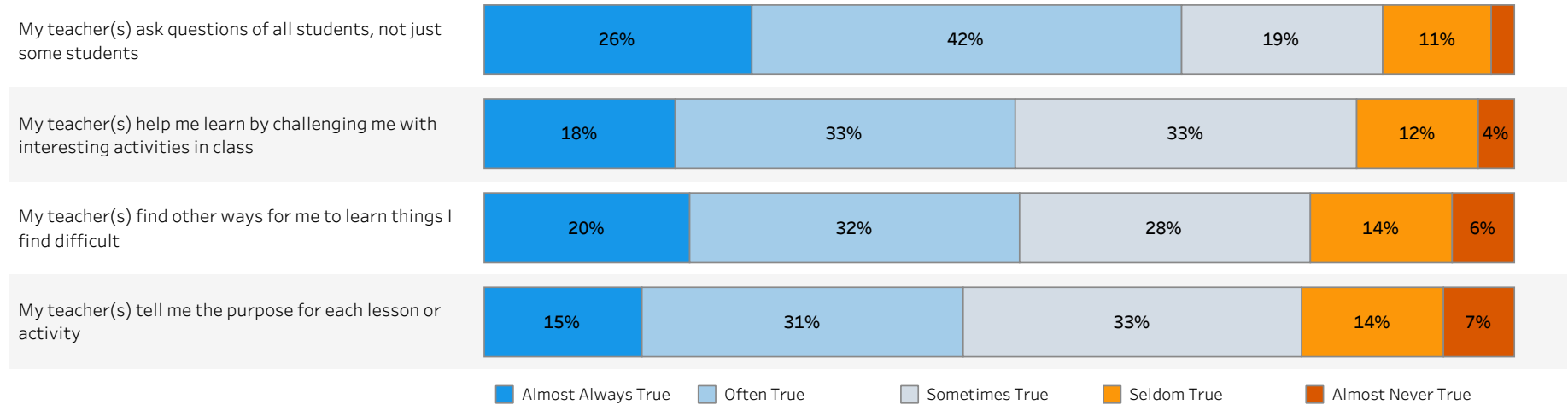


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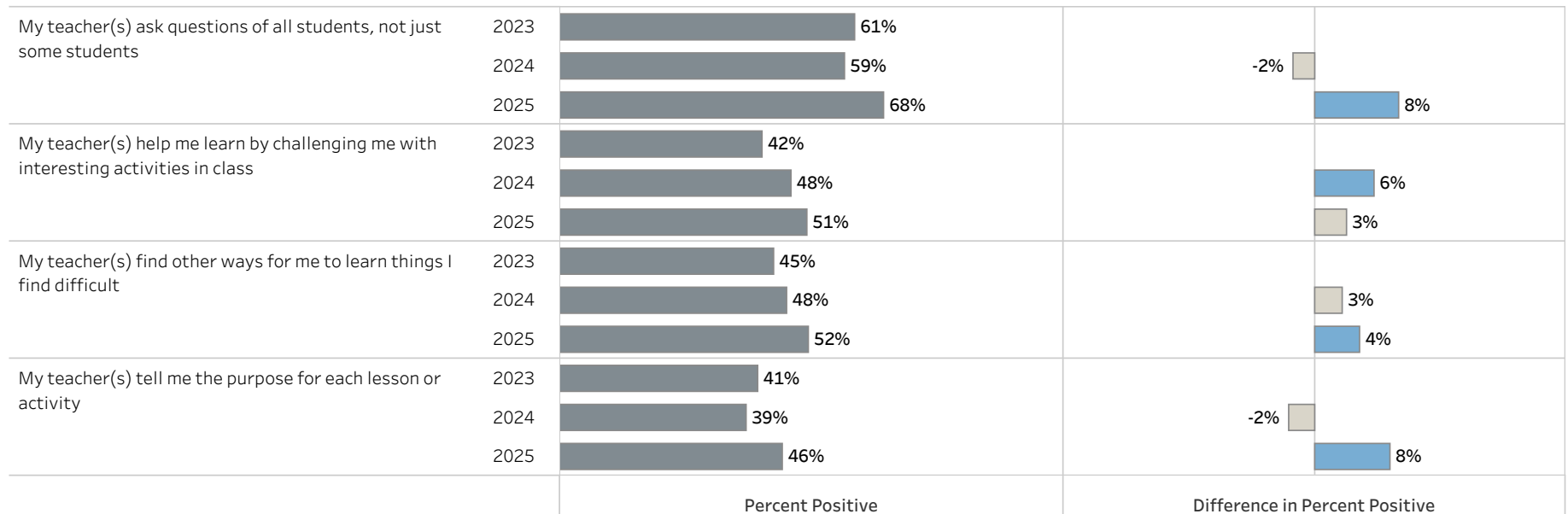


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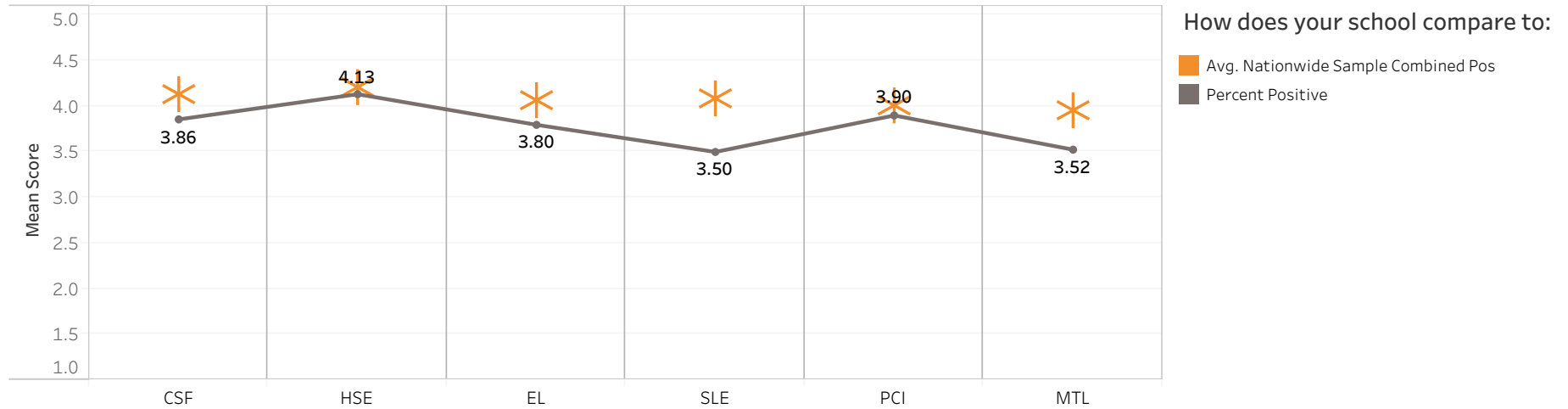


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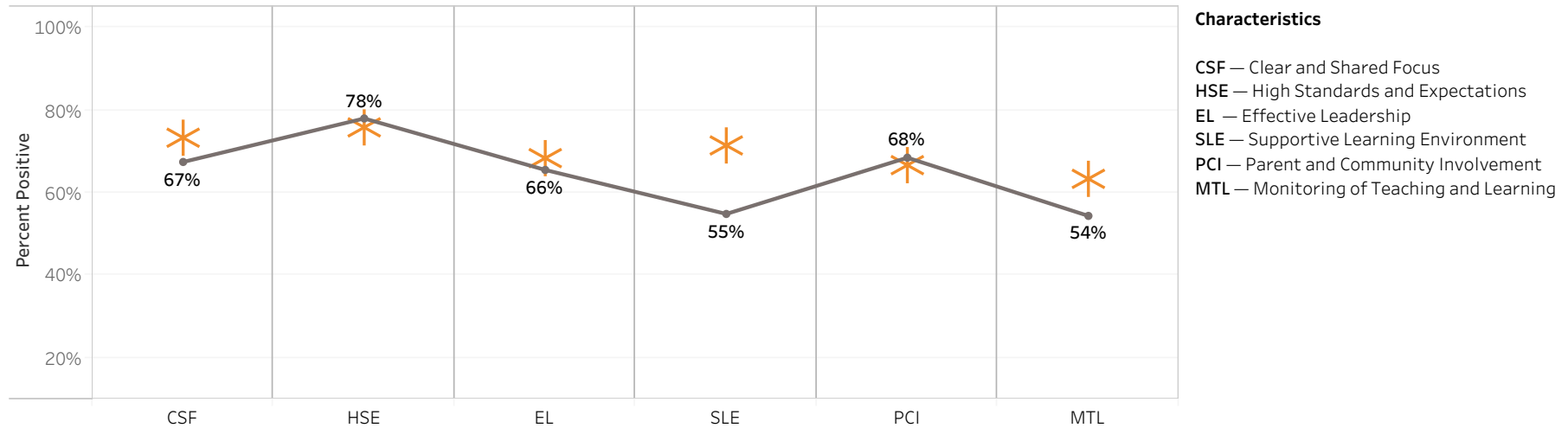


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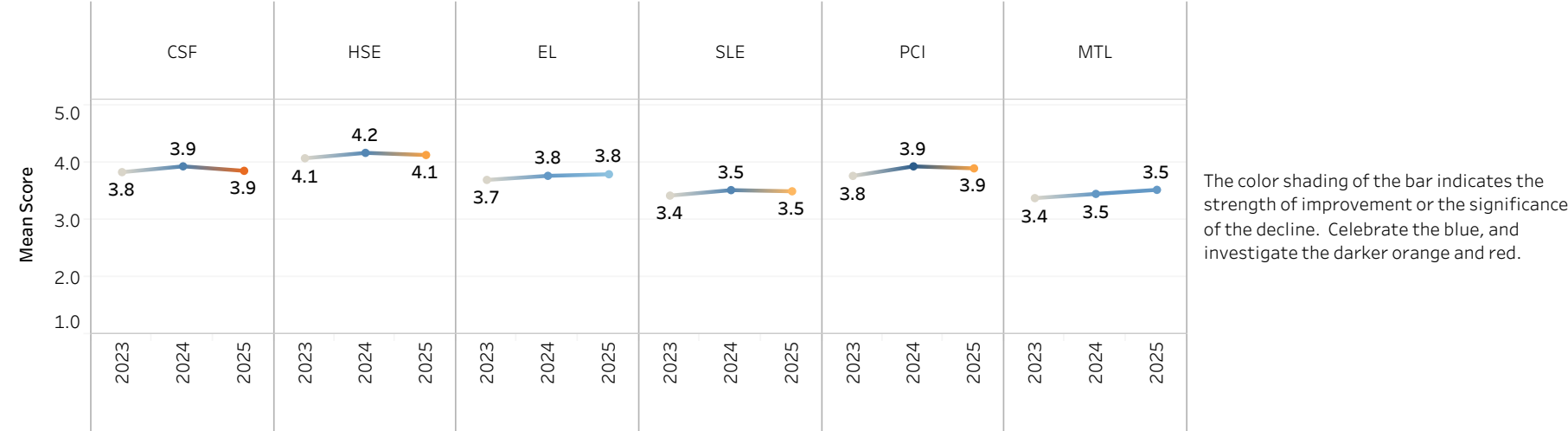


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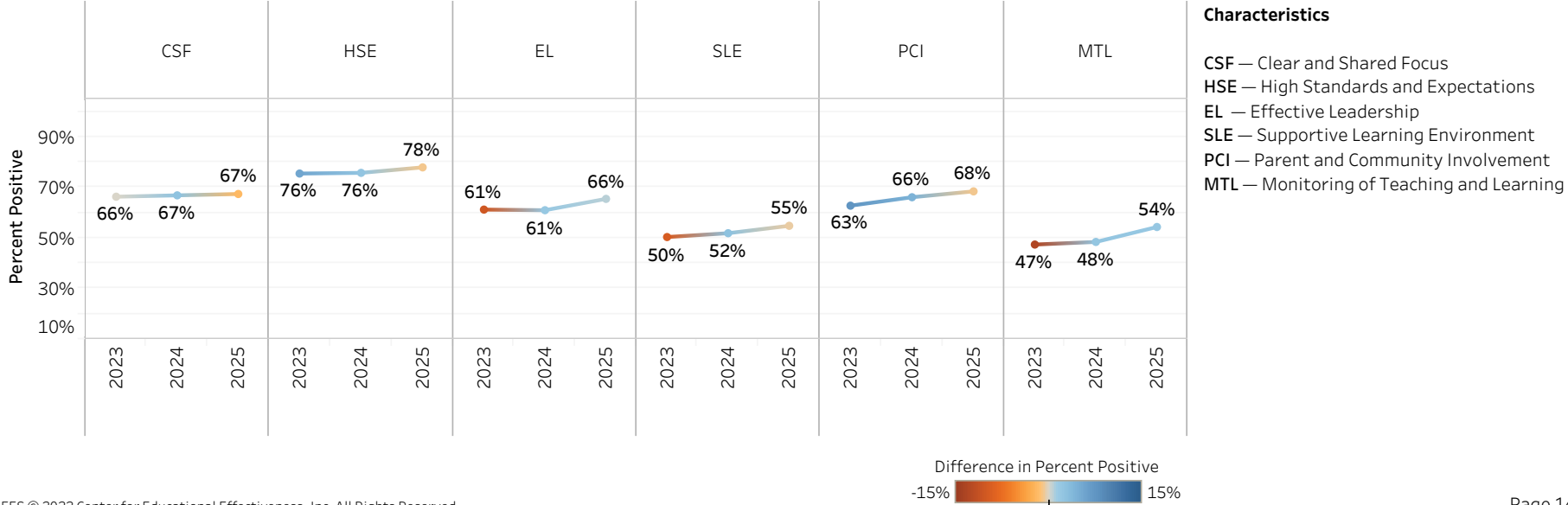
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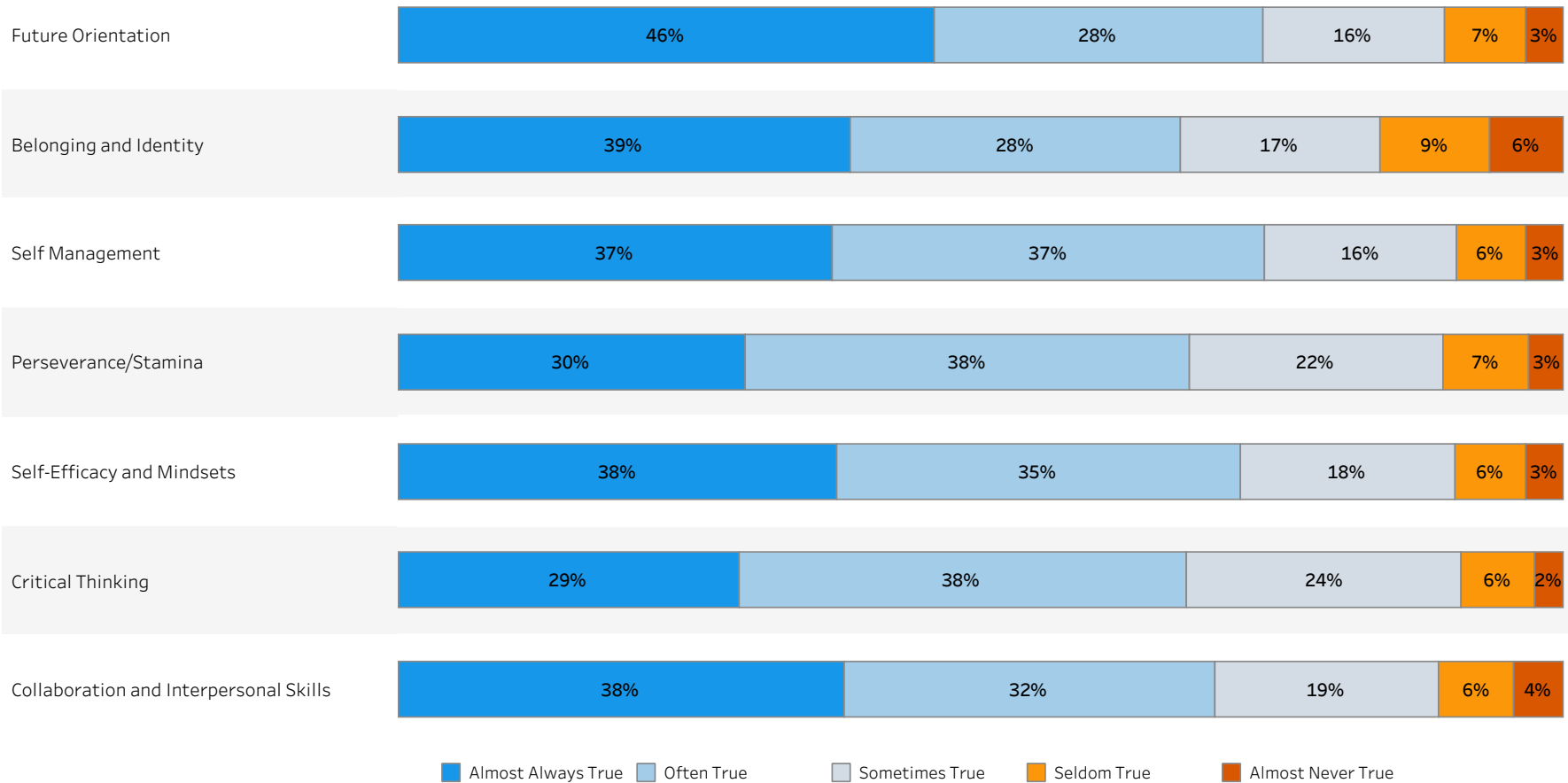
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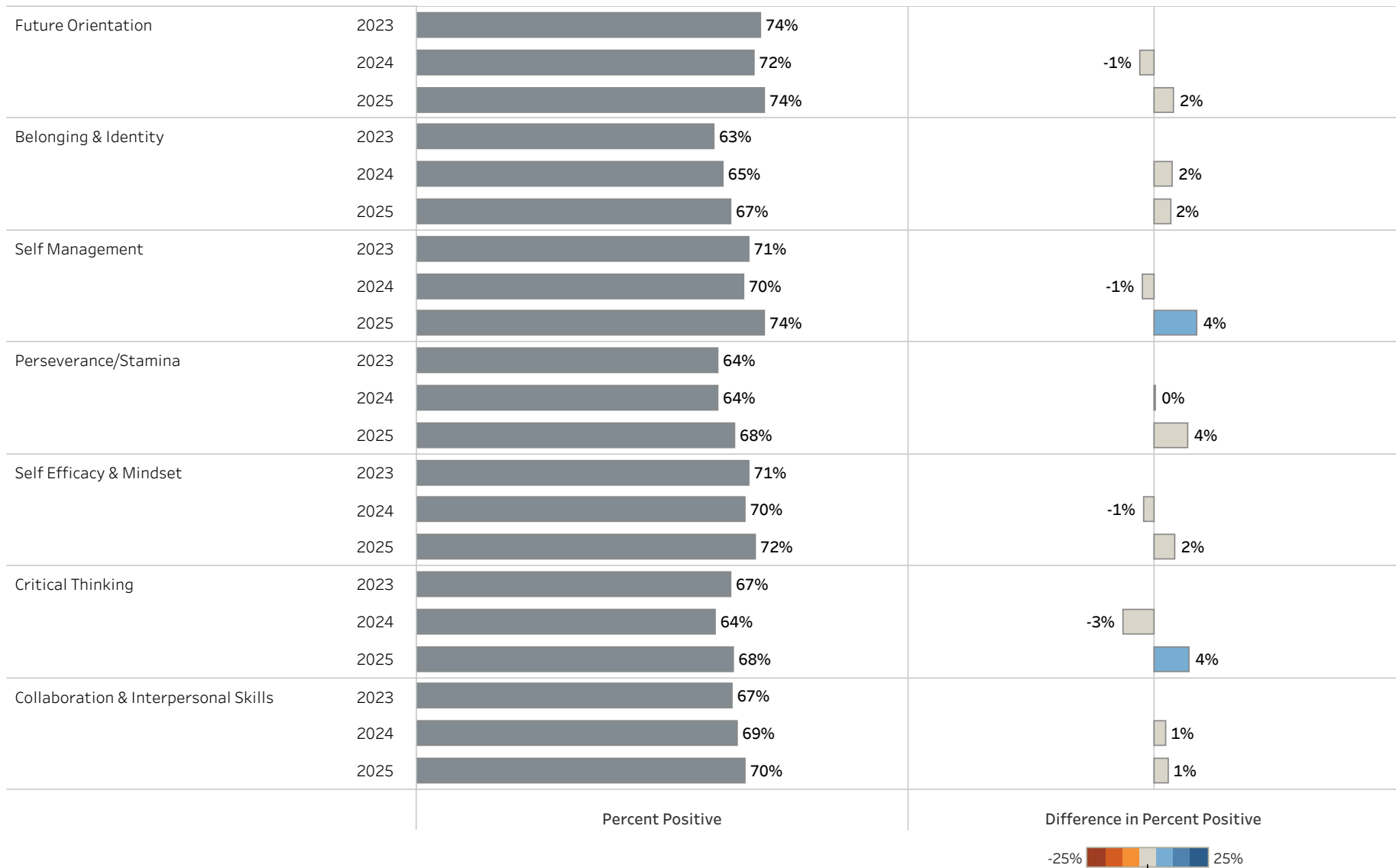
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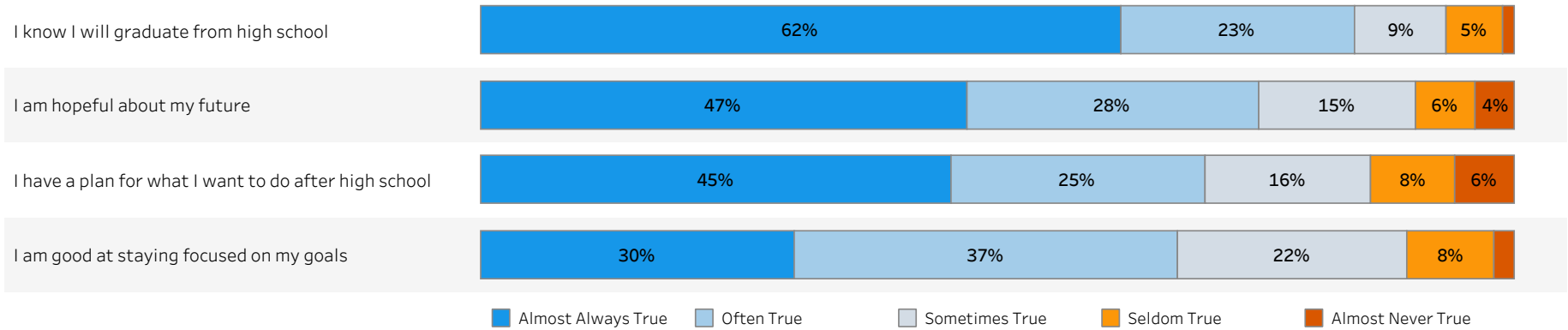
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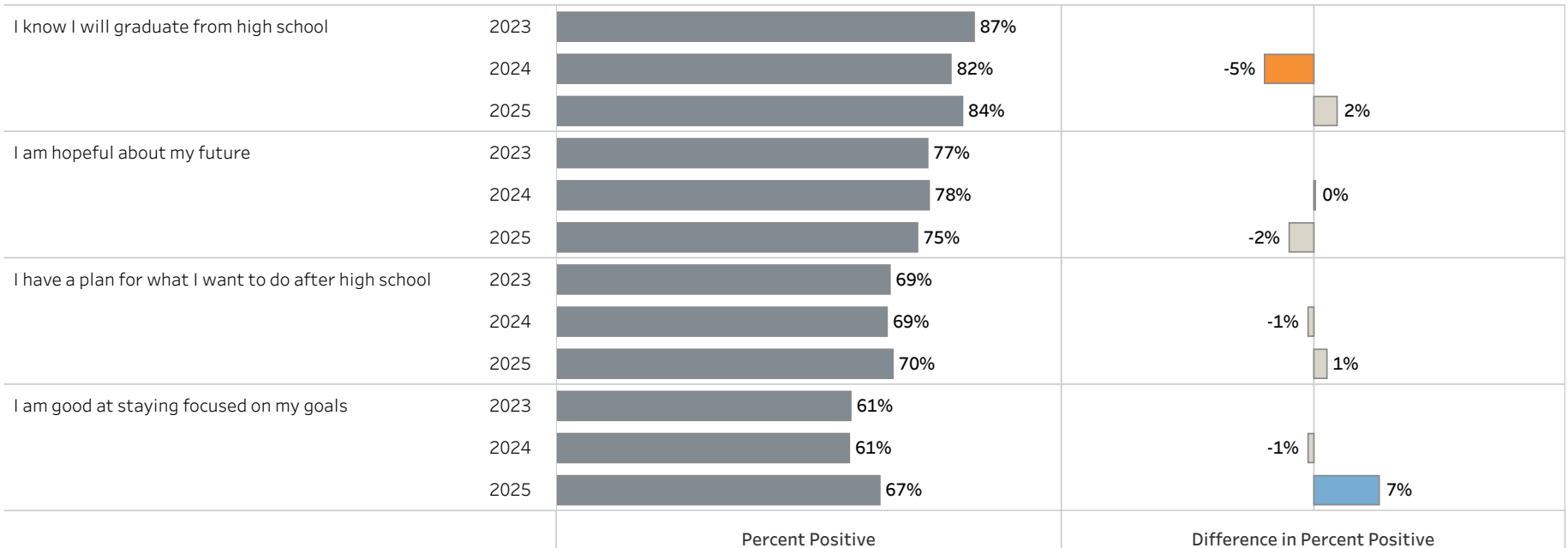
# Future Orientation

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- **Goal management**—Setting short- and long-term goals and monitoring progress
- **Hope and optimism**—Positive beliefs regarding one's future potential, goals and choices

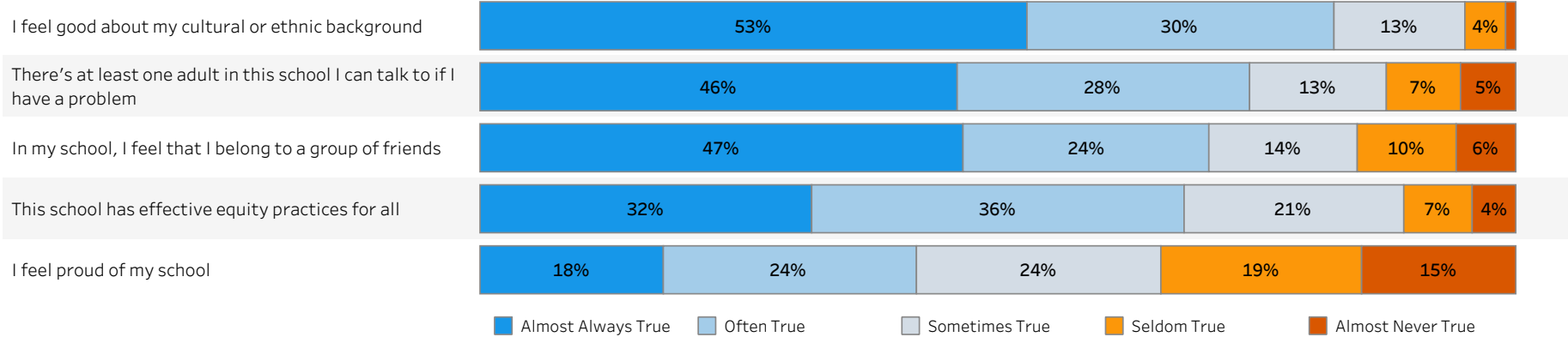


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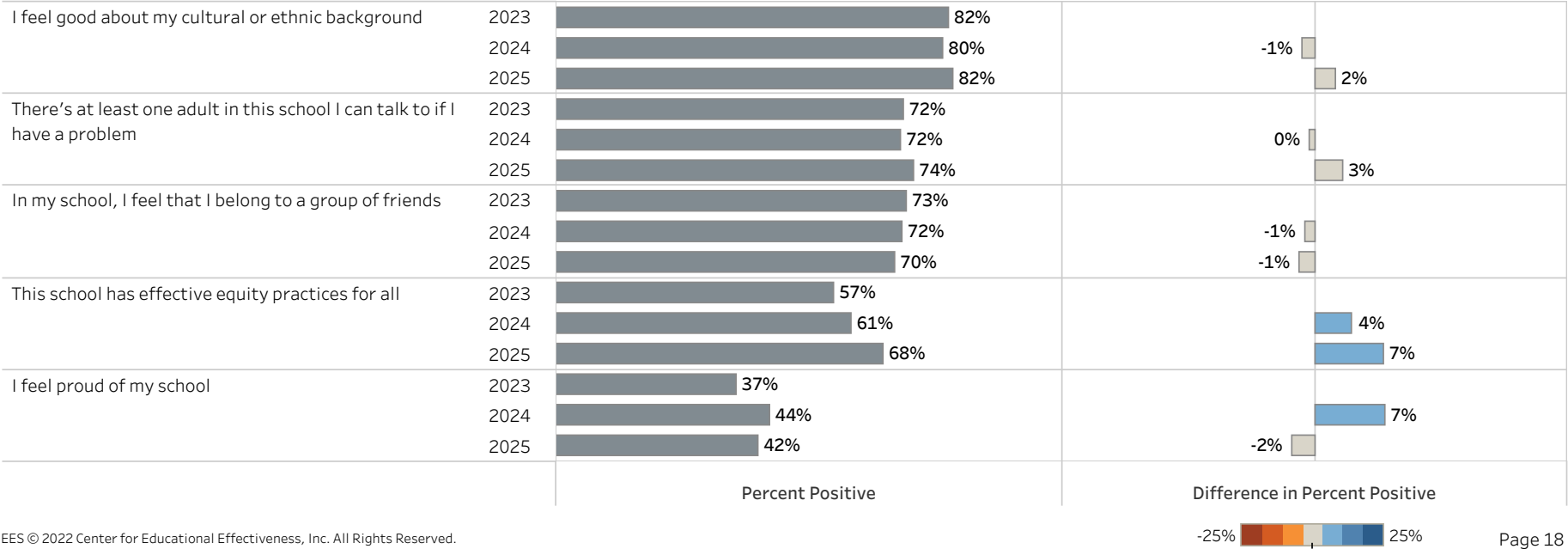


# Belonging and Identity

- **Sense of belonging**—Perception of acceptance and support in a learning community
- **Relationship building**—Establishing and maintaining positive relationships with adults and peers in school setting
- **Personal identity**—Understanding and valuing one’s own culture and beliefs
- **Social capital**—Recognizing and using family, school, and community resources; asking for help when needed

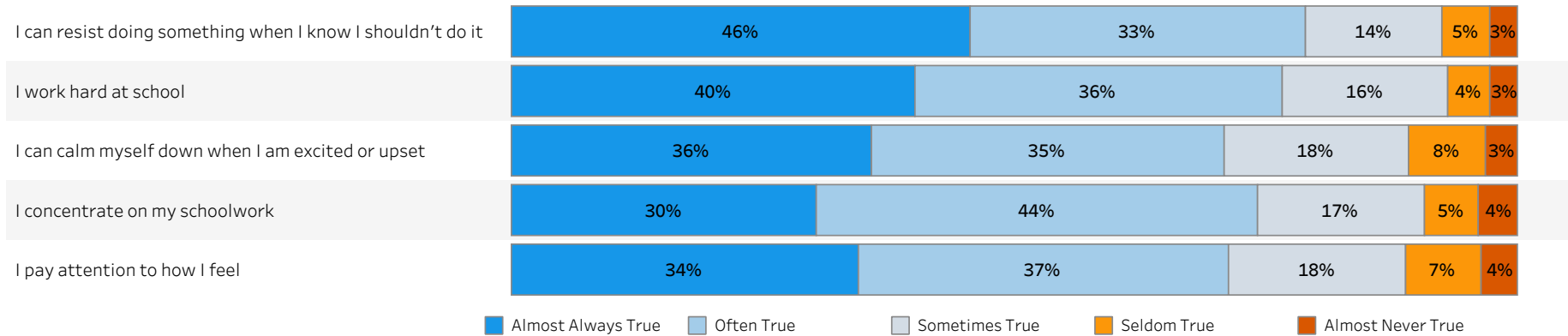


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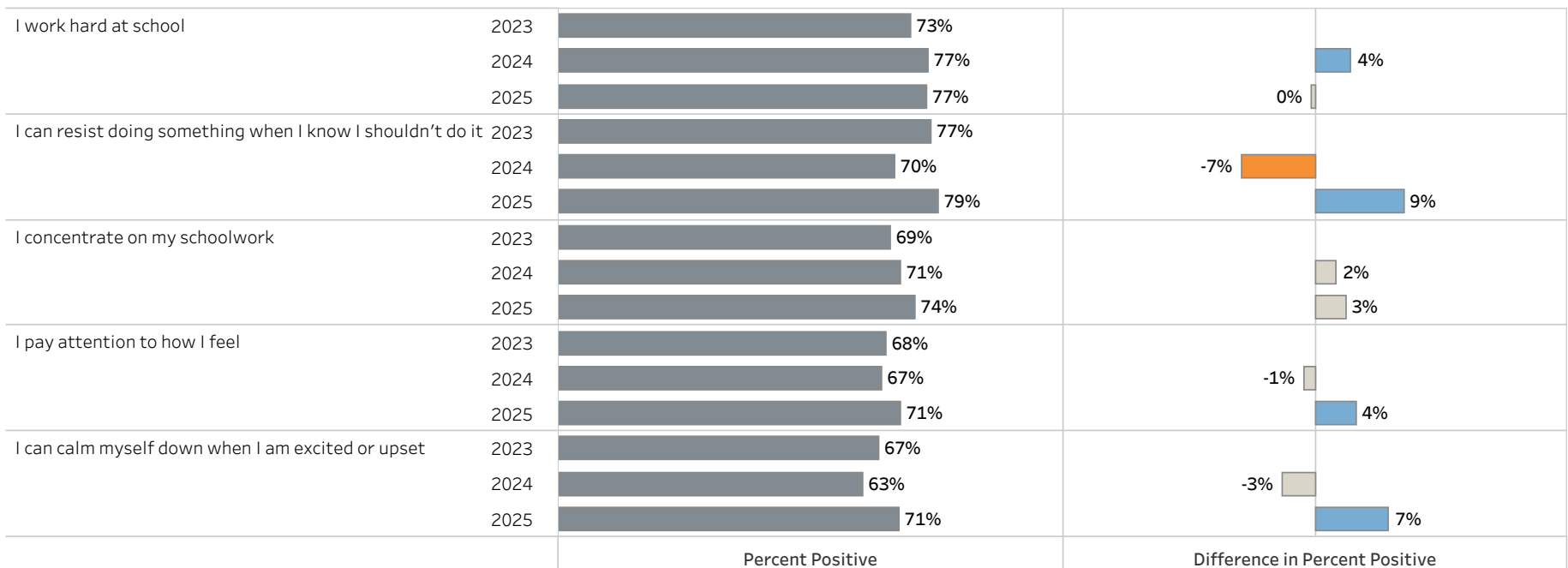


## Self Management

- **Emotional regulation**—Assessing and regulating one's feelings and emotions
- **Self-discipline**—Ability to focus on a task in spite of distractions



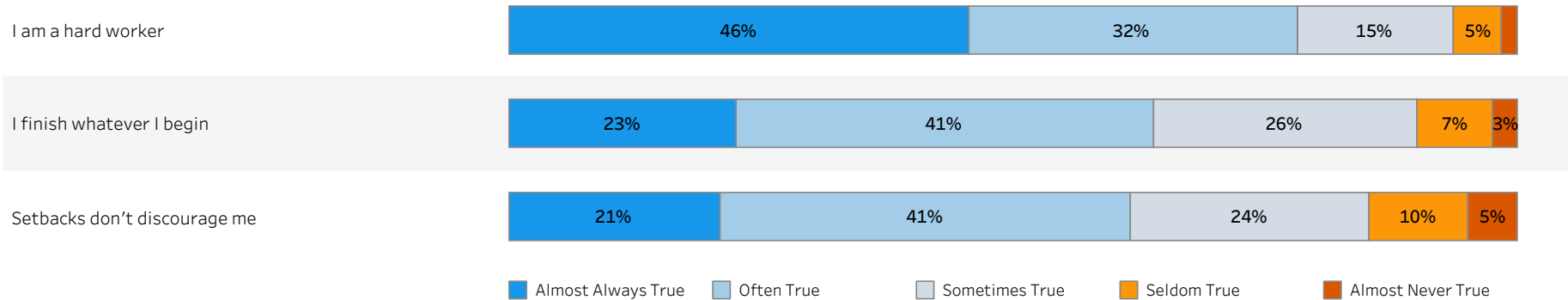
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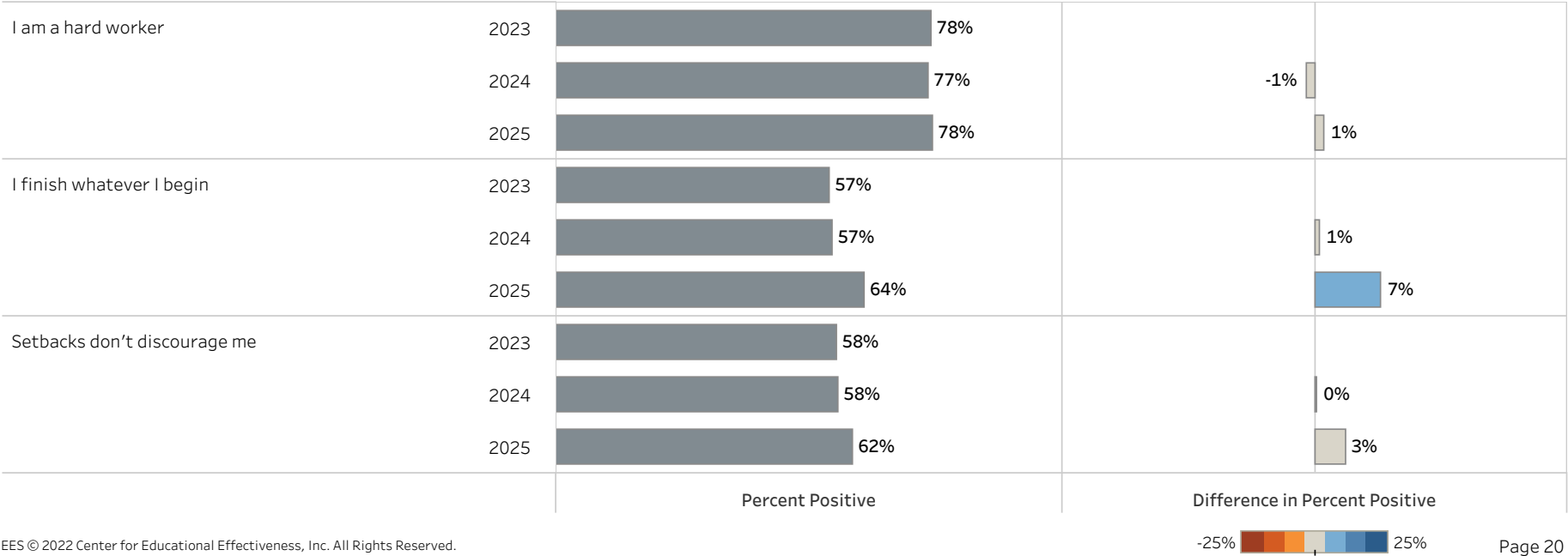
# Perseverance/Stamina

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- **Perseverance**—Tendency to persist in spite of obstacles or setbacks
- **Goal orientation**—Commitment to the achievement of goals over time

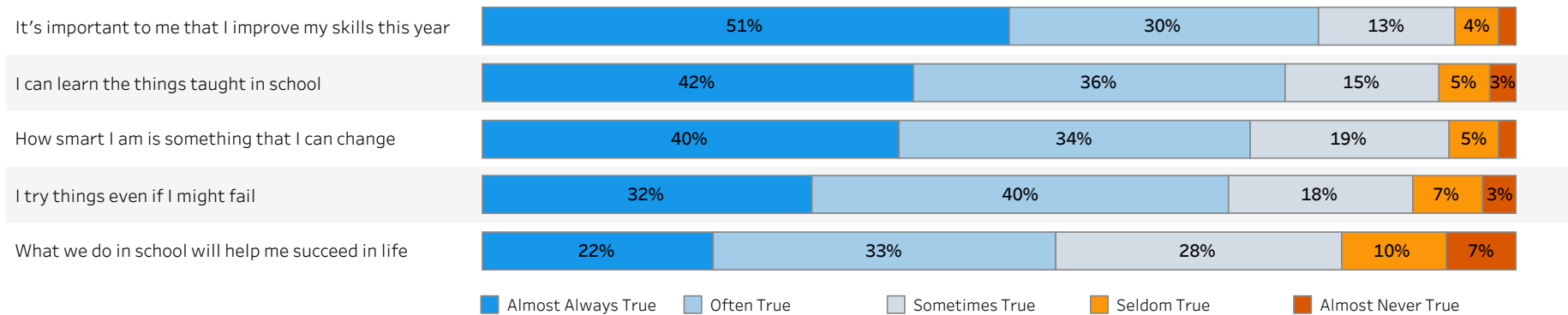


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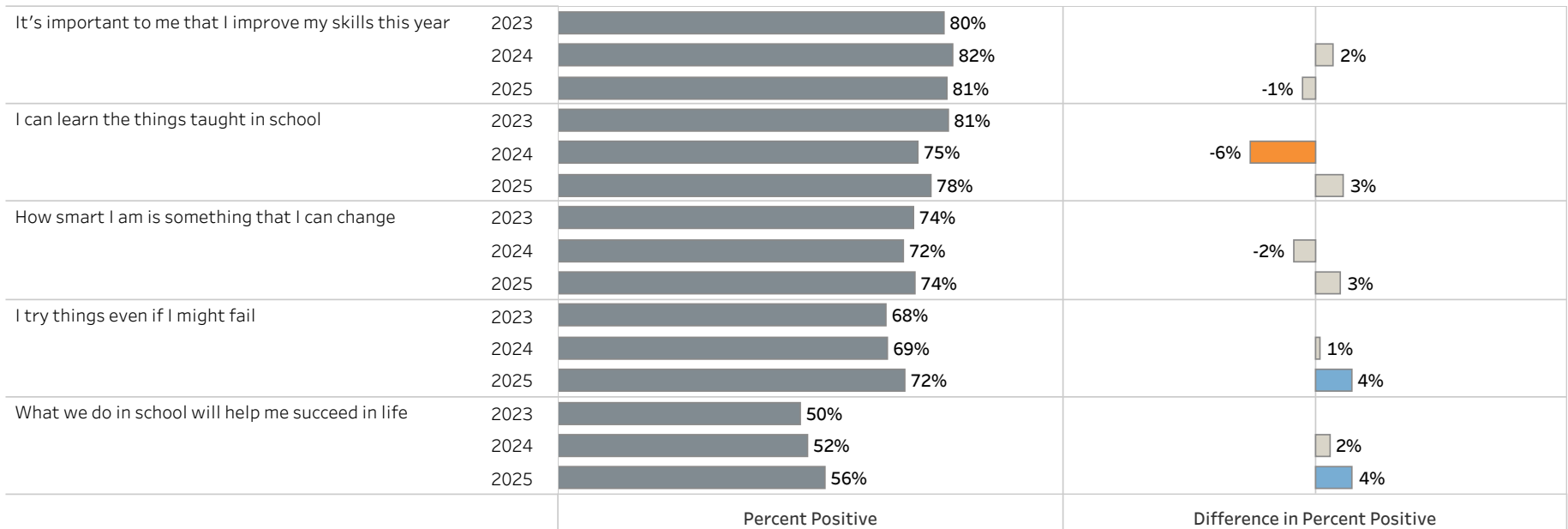


## Self-Efficacy and Mindsets

- **Self-Efficacy**—Belief in one's own capabilities and capacity to learn and succeed
- **Growth mindset**—Belief that intelligence and ability can increase through effort
- **Mastery orientation**—Enjoyment of learning and desire to master new skills; willingness to try new things
- **Relevance**—Belief that work done in school is related to personal aspirations

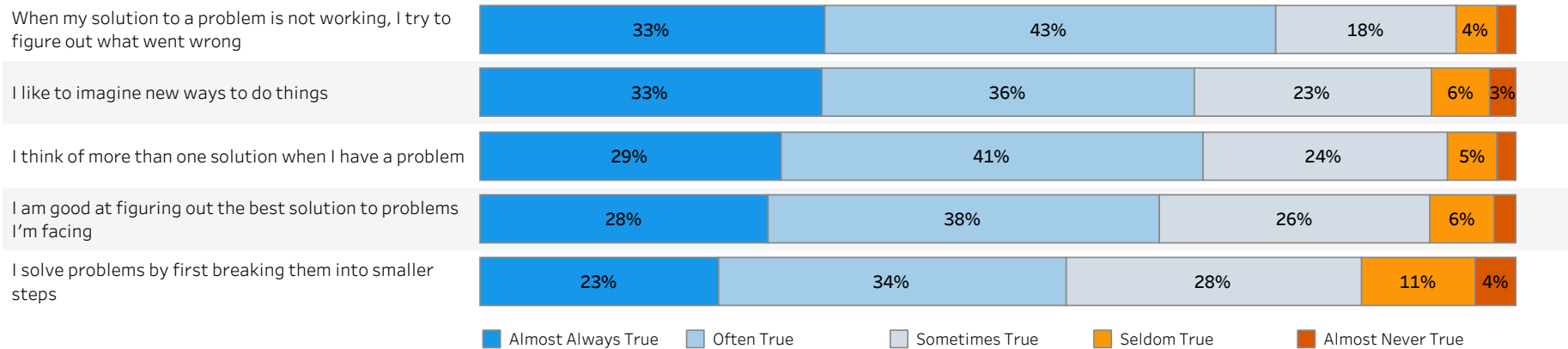


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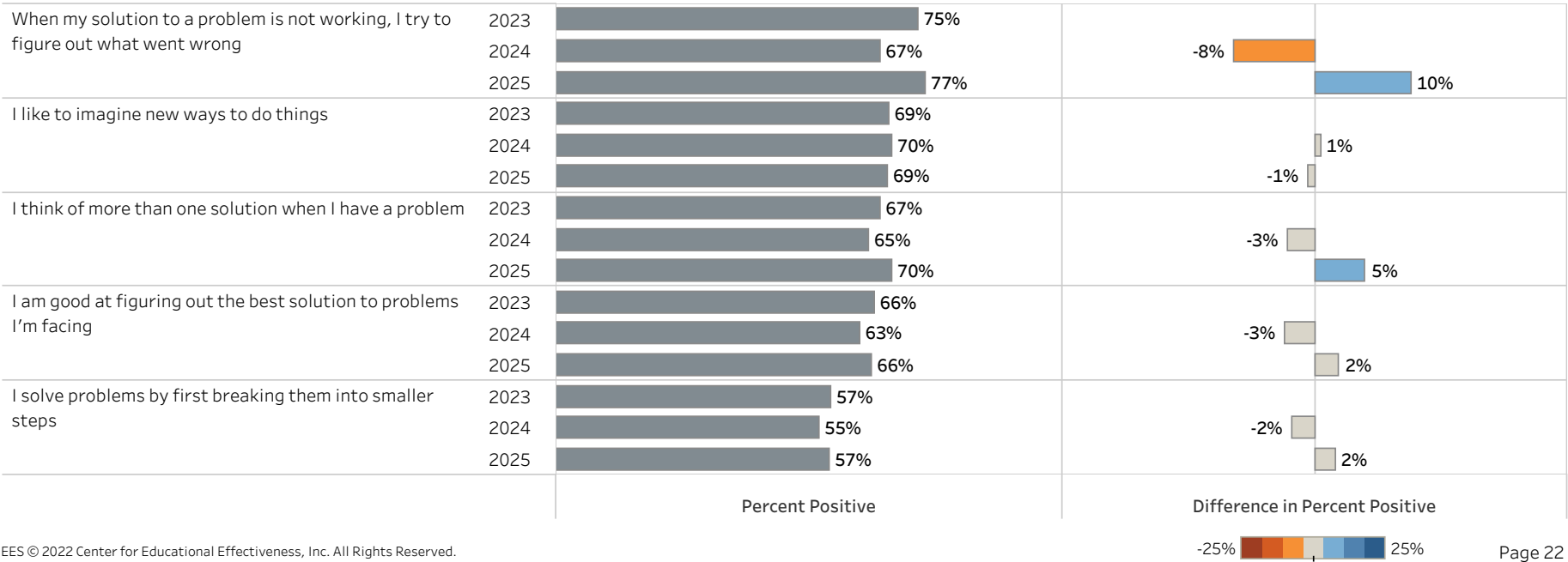


# Critical Thinking

- **Metacognition**—Ability to reflect on one’s assumptions and thinking for the purposes of deeper understanding and self-evaluation.
- **Problem solving**—Generating and selecting from alternatives based on desired outcomes
- **Analytical thinking**—Separating problems or issues into their component parts

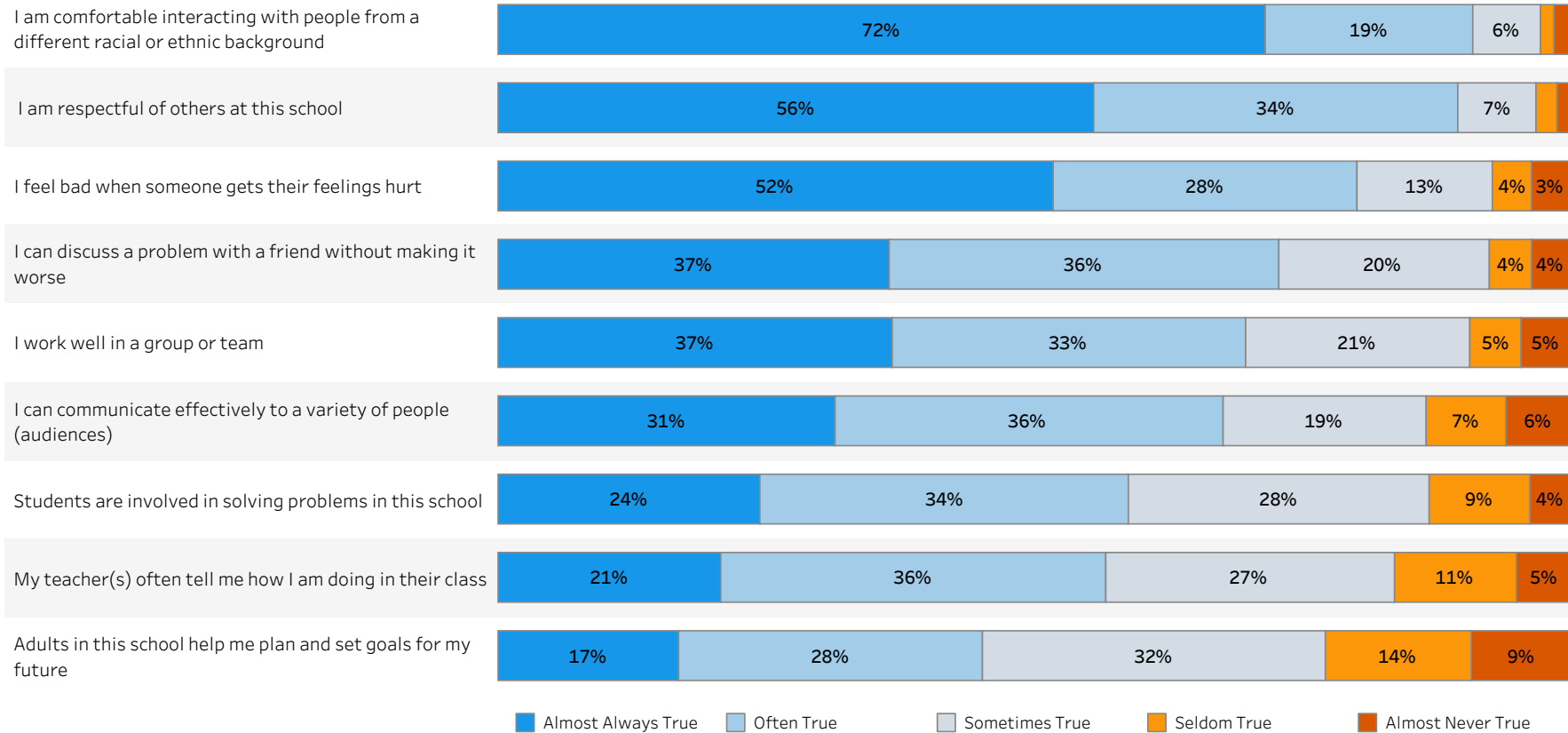


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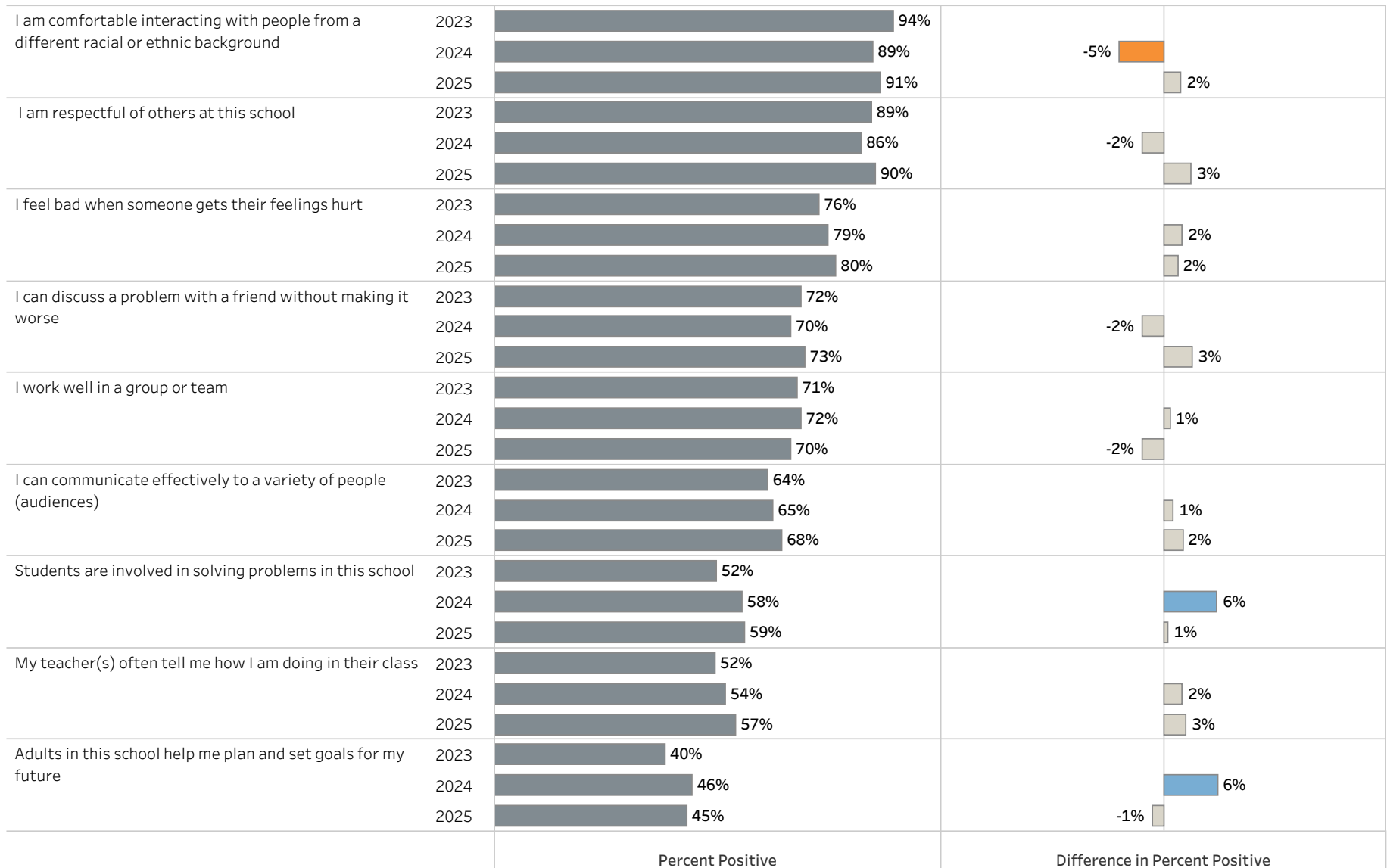
## Collaboration and Interpersonal Skills

- **Collaboration**—Negotiating and compromising when working in groups or pairs
- **Communication**—Communicating effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences
- **Cultural competence**—Ability to work effectively with people from different backgrounds; appreciation of diversity
- **Conflict resolution**—Preventing, managing, and resolving interpersonal conflict **Compassion:** Taking the perspective of and empathizing with others



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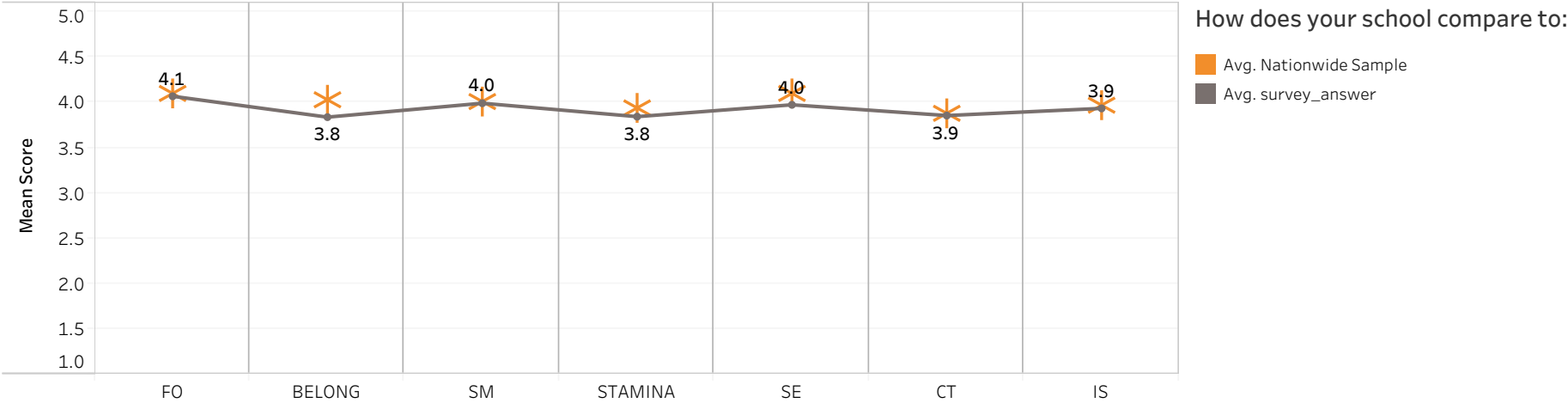
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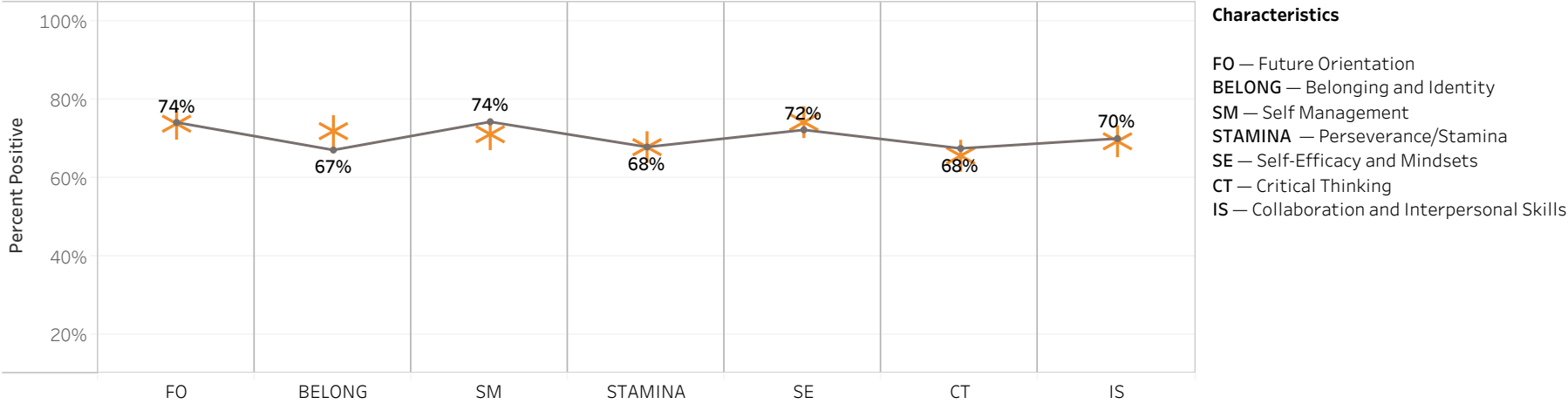
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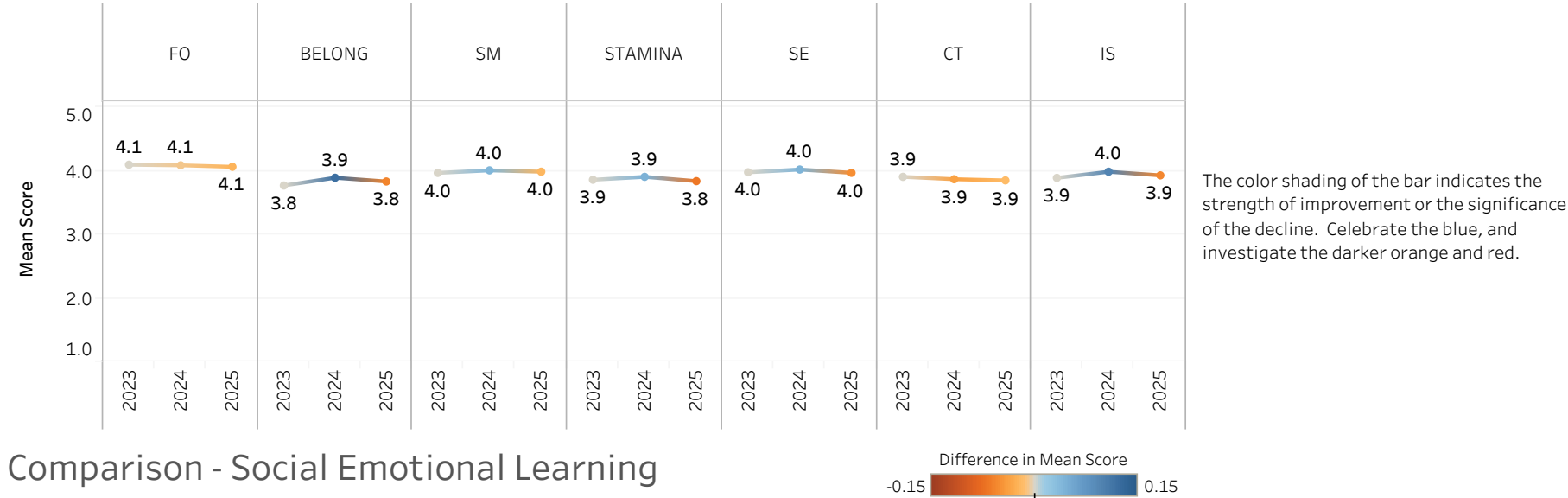
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