



District Accountability System

September 3, 2025



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This presentation conforms to the following district policy(ies):

- Policy 308: Consistent Performance Standards
- Policy 307: Student Progression Plan



This presentation aligns to the following goals as part of the Volusia County Schools 2024-2027 Strategic Plan:

- Goal: All Students will engage in high levels of learning EVERY day.
 - Guardrail 1: Recruit, support, develop and retain high-quality staff.
 - **Guardrail 2: Provide conditions that enhance student learning.**
 - Guardrail 3: Improve operational efficiency and maximize resources to support student learning.
 - Guardrail 4: Ensure high-quality community engagement with all stakeholders.

Historic Achievement

A

District Grade

Volusia County Schools earned an "A" for the first time under Florida's current district grade calculation model, making this the fourth "A" overall since district grades were implemented in 2004.

16

Years

The last "A" was earned in the 2008-09 school year, making this achievement the first in 16 years.

#1

Ranking

The district earned its highest total points ever under Florida's school grade calculation system.



Historic Highs Across the Board!

HIGHEST EVER

ELA ACHIEVEMENT

**MATHEMATICS
ACHIEVEMENT**

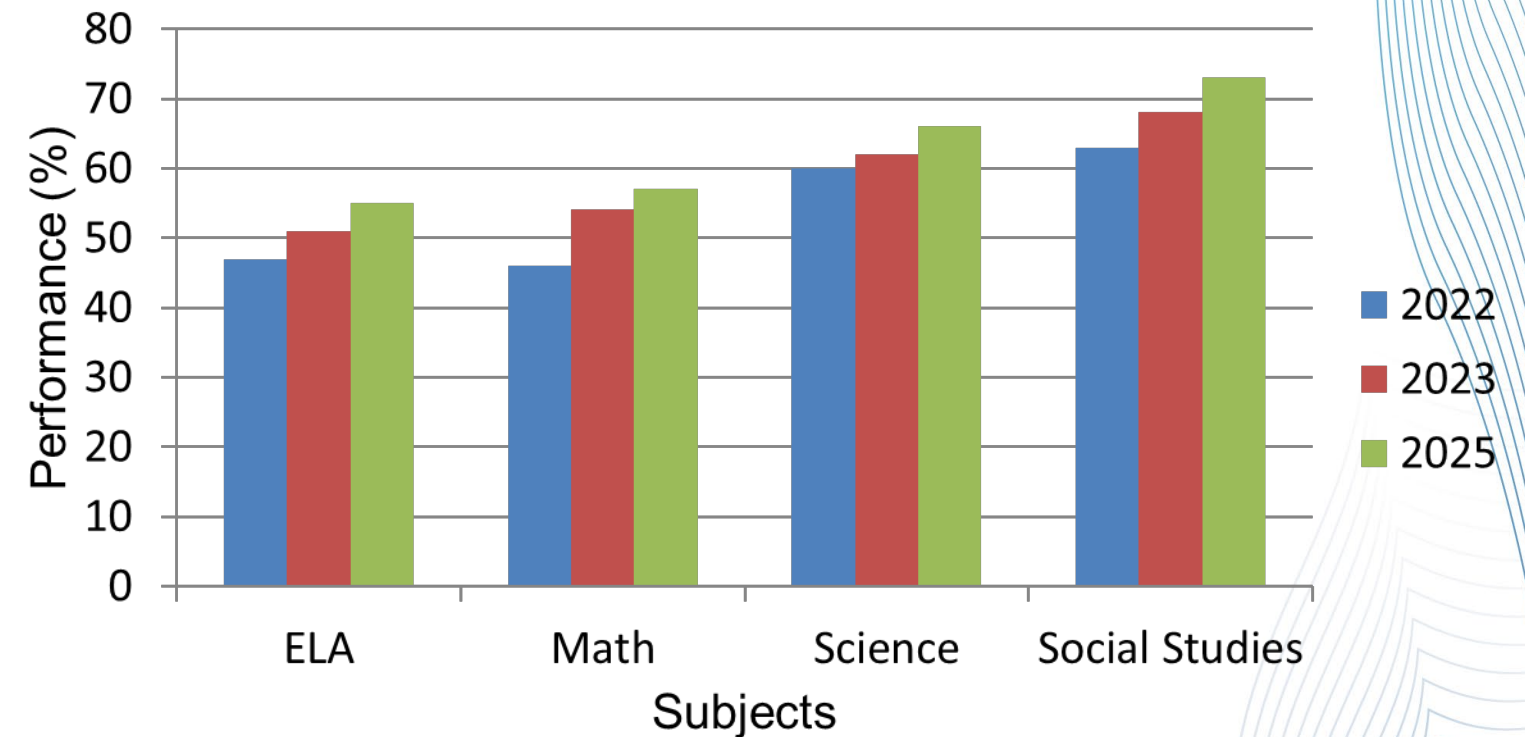
SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT

**SOCIAL STUDIES
ACHIEVEMENT**

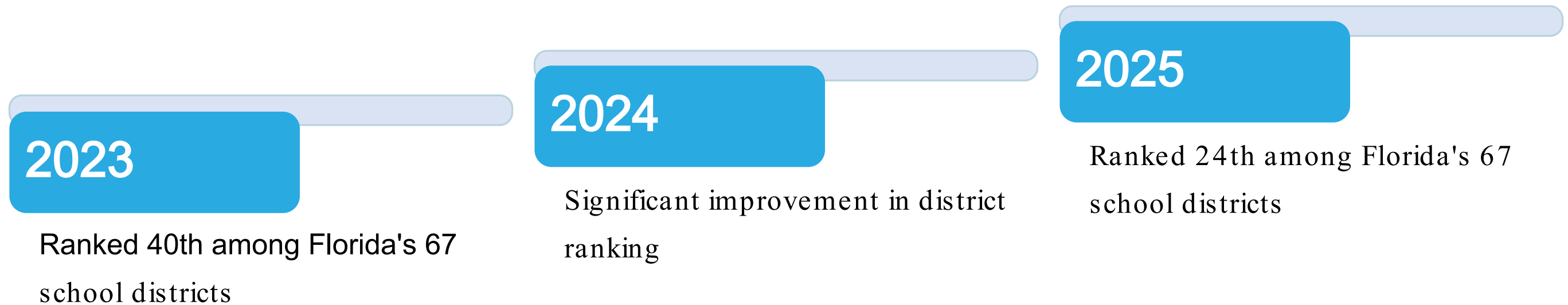
GRADUATION RATE

**ELA LEARNING GAINS
OF THE LOWEST 25%**

Achievement Growth by Subject (2022-2025)



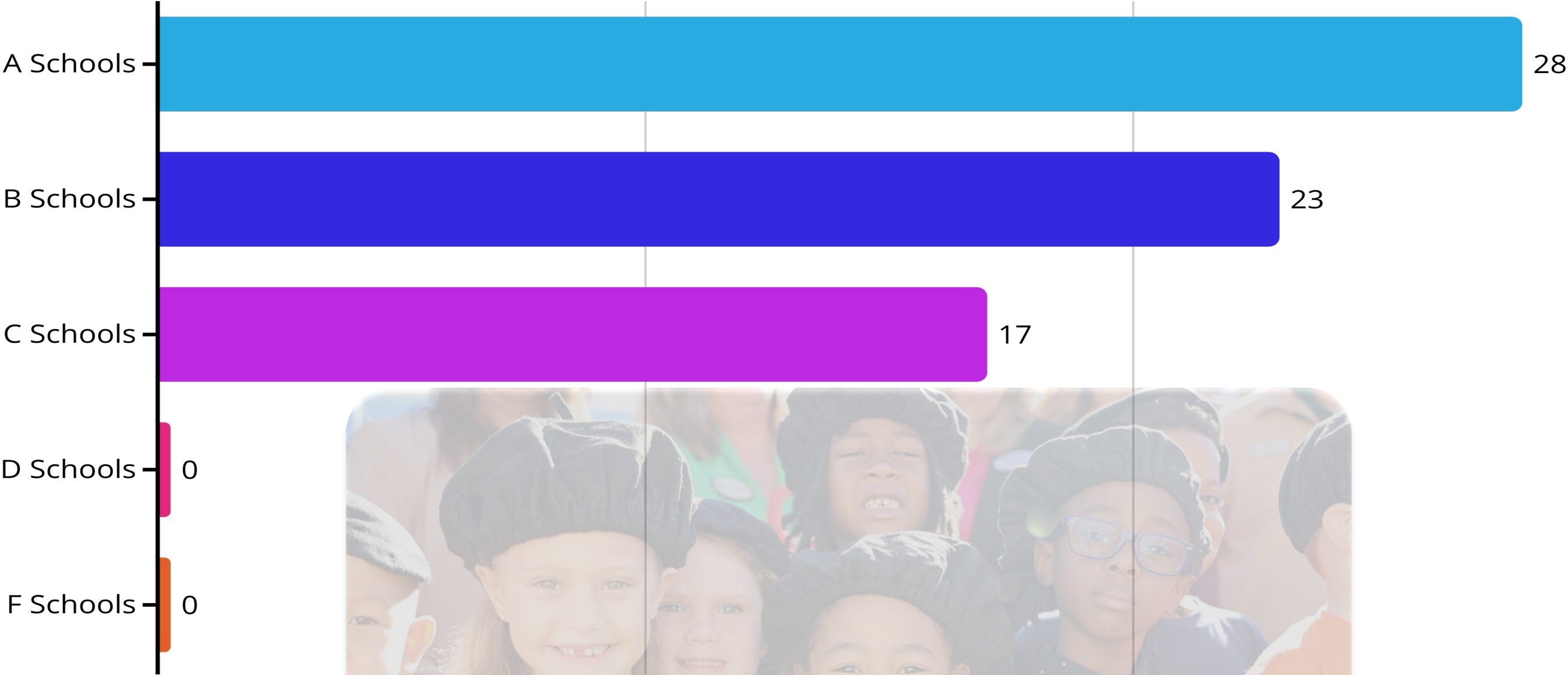
District Ranking Improvement



Volusia County Schools has improved in district grade ranking among all Florida counties every year for the past 3 years, moving from 40th in 2023 to 24th in 2025.

This steady upward trajectory in district ranking demonstrates the effectiveness of our long-term strategic planning and the successful implementation of multiple improvement initiatives across all schools. Moving from the bottom half to the top third of Florida districts in just three years represents one of the most significant district-wide improvements in the state.

School Grade Distribution (2024-2025)





Historic Milestones

0

D or F
Schools

A11

High Schools
“A” or “B”

#2

Grad Rate in
Central Florida

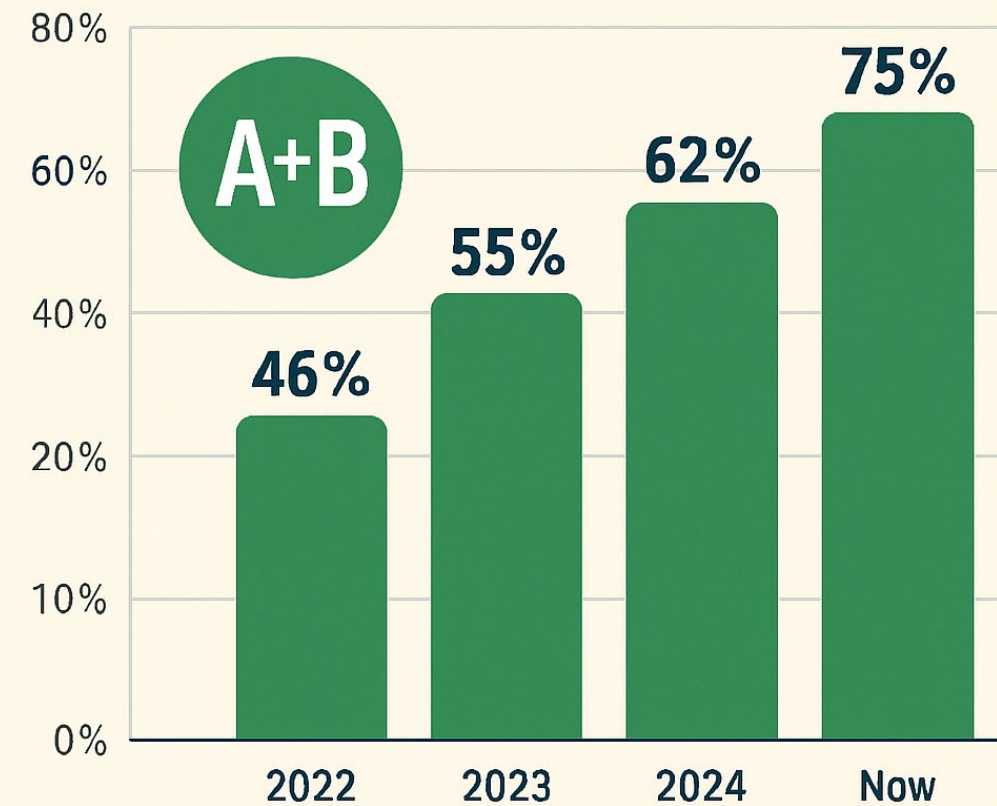


Consistent Growth

↑ 4x
“A” Schools

The number of “A” Volusia County Schools has increased 4x, from 7 in 2022 to 28 in 2025!

VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS WITH AN A OR B GRADE



School Success Stories



Edith I. Starke Elementary



D → A

1 of only 2 schools across the entire state to accomplish this growth!



Mainland High School



1st Ever “A”



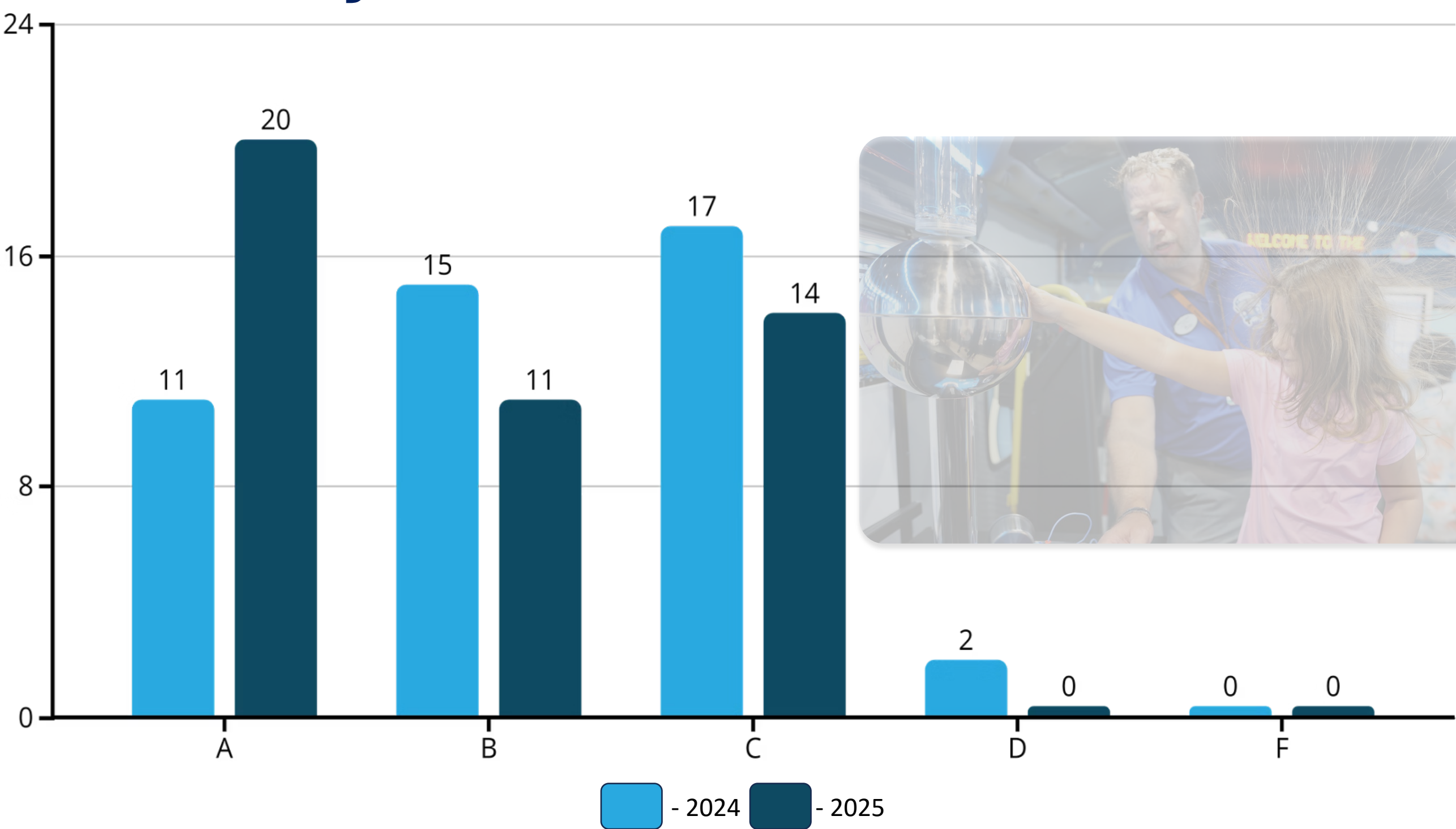
T. Dewitt Taylor Middle-High School



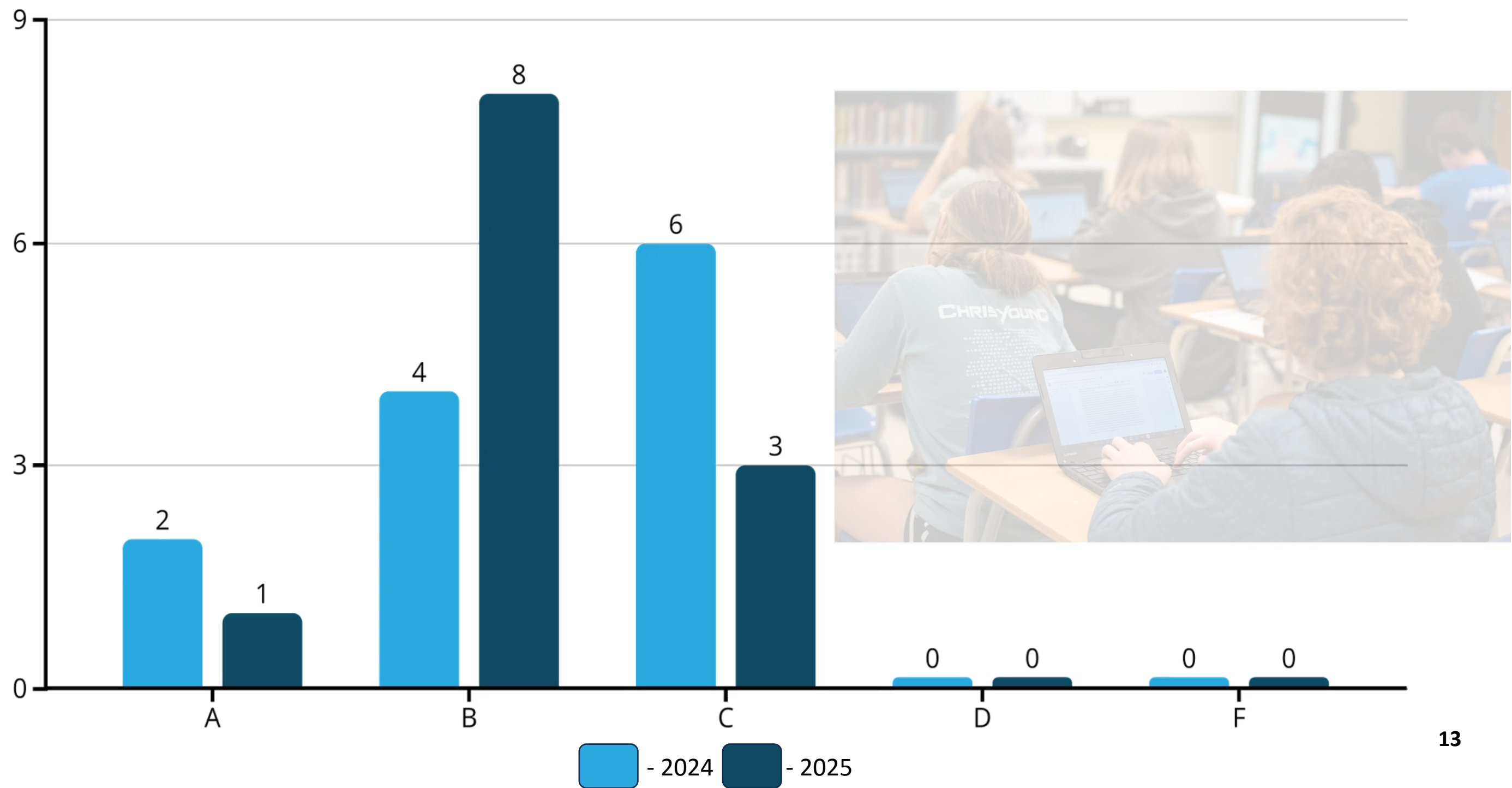
1st Ever “B”



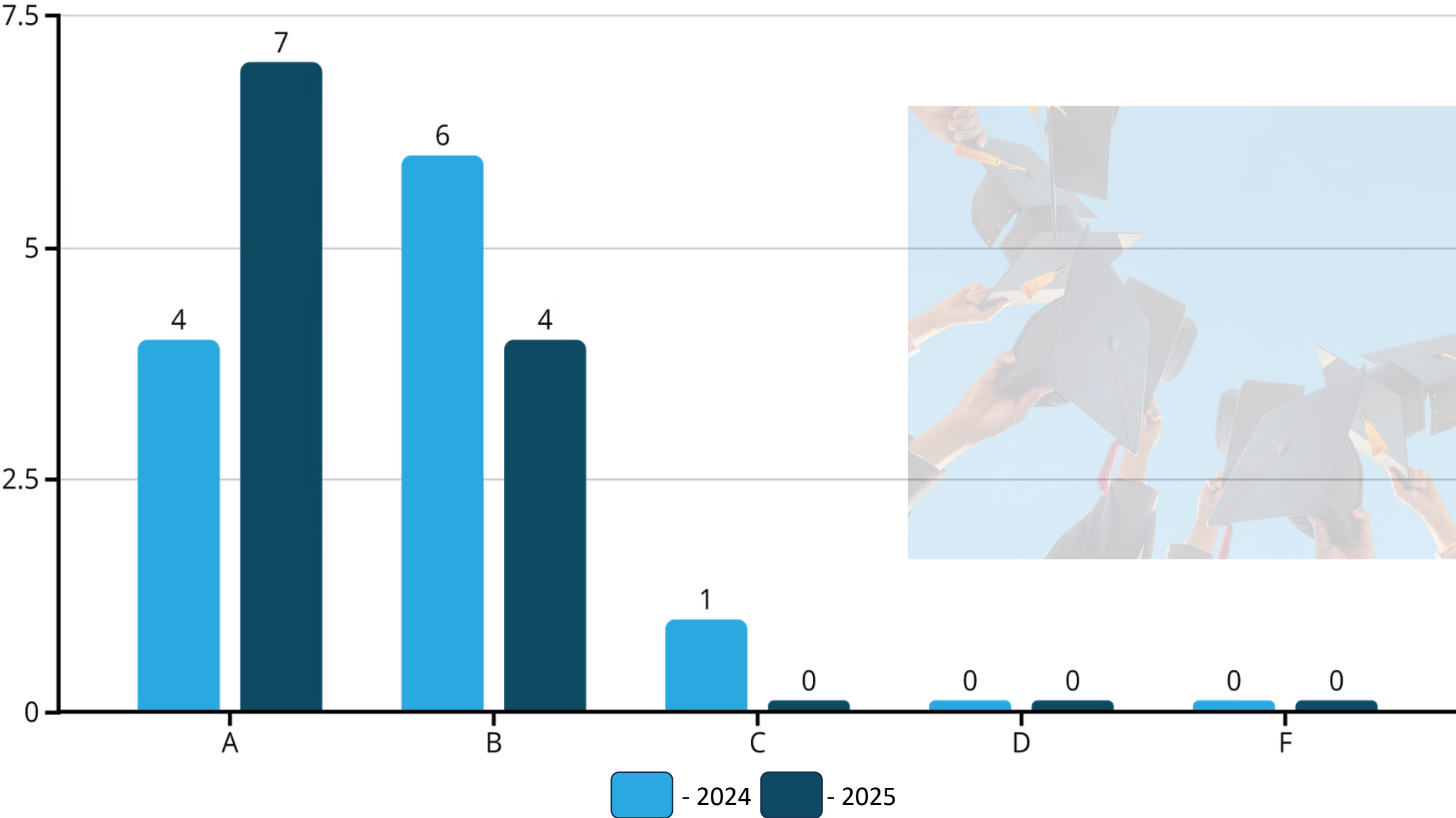
Elementary School Grade Distribution



Middle School Grade Distribution

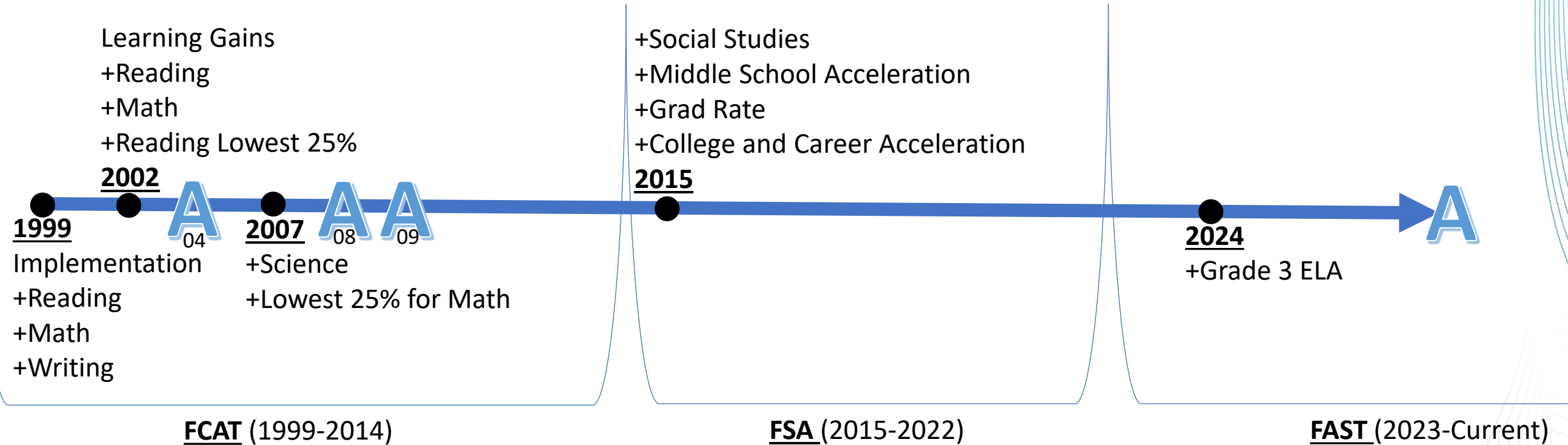


High School Grade Distribution





State Rule Over Time/ Accountability



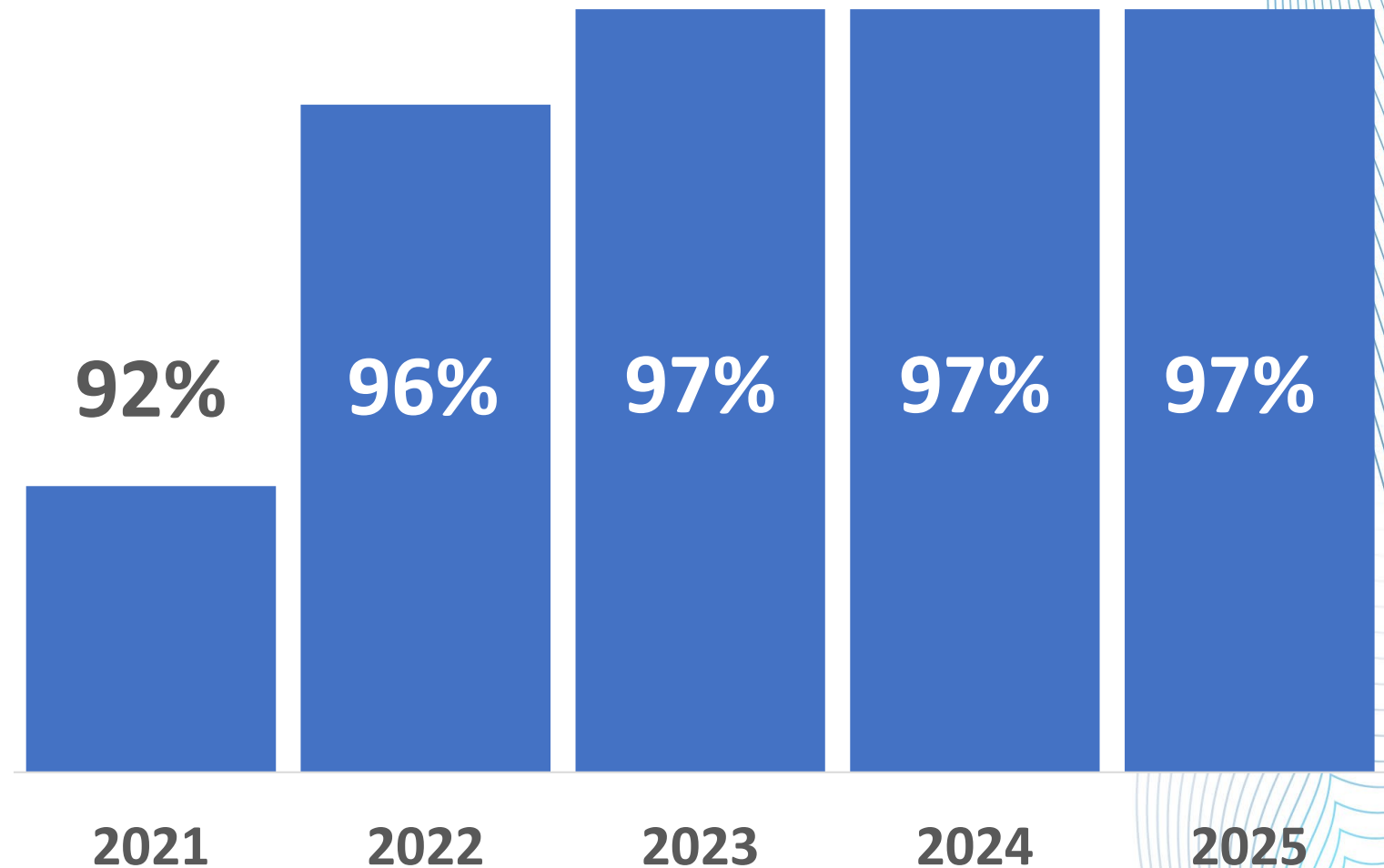
Rule 6A-1.09981, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and section (s.) 1008.34, Florida Statutes (F.S.) govern school and district grade calculation.



State Rule

- Schools and Districts **must** test at least 95% of students to earn a grade
 - This includes ALL students
 - **Charter** and alternative school students
 - English Language Learners
 - Hospital homebound students

Percent Tested in Volusia County Schools





Volusia County Schools- Aiming Higher

- ▶ **More than 75% of high schools and combination schools earned an “A” or “B” in 2025**
 - ▶ Grading scale for high schools, combination and districts will change for 2026.
 - ▶ Elementary and middle school scales will be consistent from prior year.

Grading Scales for High Schools, Combination Schools and Districts

Grade	Current 2024-25 Scale		New 2025-26 Scale	
A	64%-100%		65%-100%	
B	57%-63%		60%-64%	
C	44%-56%		45%-59%	
D	34%-43%		35%-44%	
F	0%-33%		0%-34%	



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