

Title I Annual Meeting 2025 - 2026

First Ward Creative Arts Middle School

September 25, 2025

Everyone should have signed in upon entering.



Welcome & Agenda

- Meet our Staff
- Share School-wide Data
- Share Title I Information
 - Explain the requirements of Title I
 - Benefits of being in a Title I School
 - Getting involved
 - School Leadership Team
- PTA Announcements

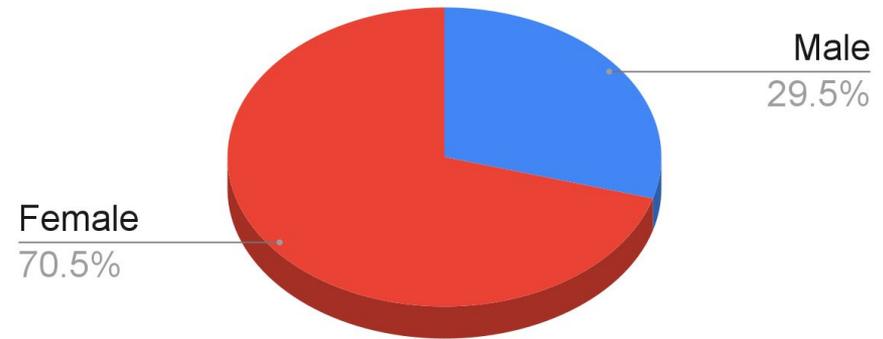
Current FWCA Middle School Data



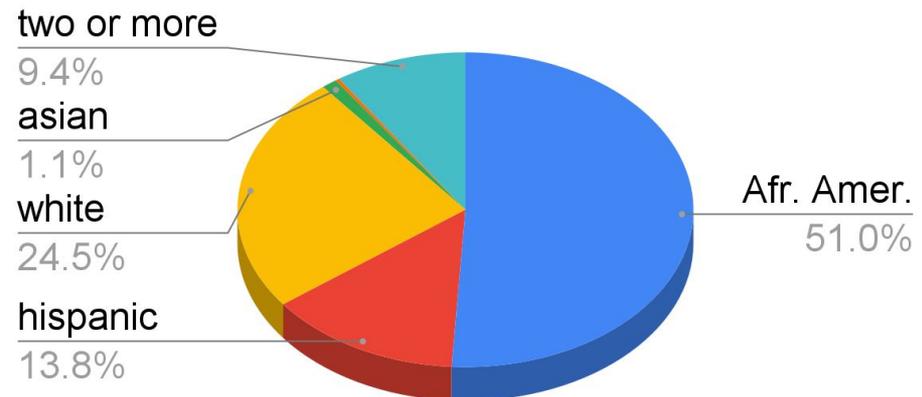
School Demographics

- 68% of students attended NWSA in 2024-25
- 8% of Students attended FWCAA or UPCA
- 24% from another CMS school, new to CMS or no data

FWCA Gender Demographic Makeup



FWCA Racial Demographic Makeup



EOG Tested Areas

- Reading 6-8
- Math 6-8
- 8th Grade Science

EOC Tested Area (HS)

- Math 1

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Grade Level ELA Data



ELA Proficient, CCR, Non-Proficient & No Score

6th Grade ELA

No Score

5.8%

Not Proficient

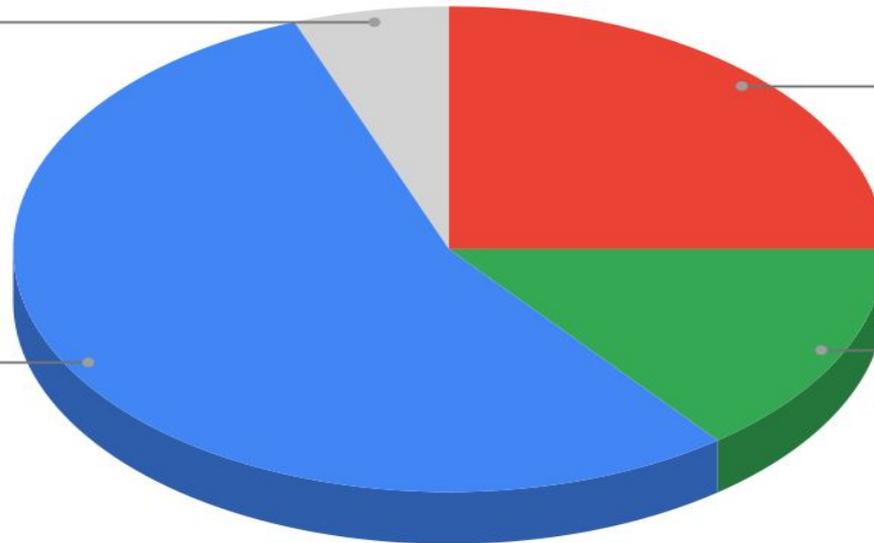
Lower than 3

CCR

4 & 5

Proficient

3



Grade Level Proficient (GLP) = Score 3, 4 and 5	69.2%
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College and Career= Score 4 & 5	54.8%
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Not Proficient	25%
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ELA Proficiency, CCR, Non-Proficient and No Score

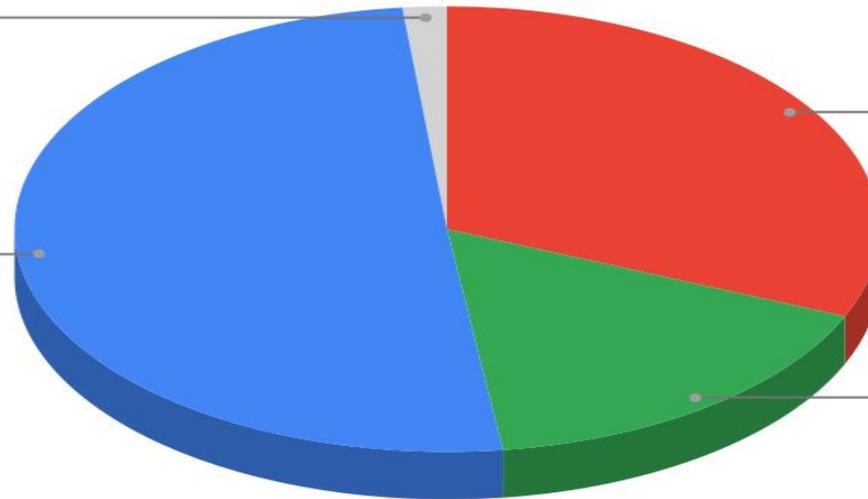
7th Grade ELA

No Score

1.7%

CCR

4 & 5



Not Proficient

Lower than 3

Proficient

3

Grade Level Proficient (GLP) = Score 3, 4 and 5

66.9%

College and Career = Score 4 & 5

50.4%

Not Proficient

31.4%

ELA Proficiency, CCR, Non-Proficient and No Score

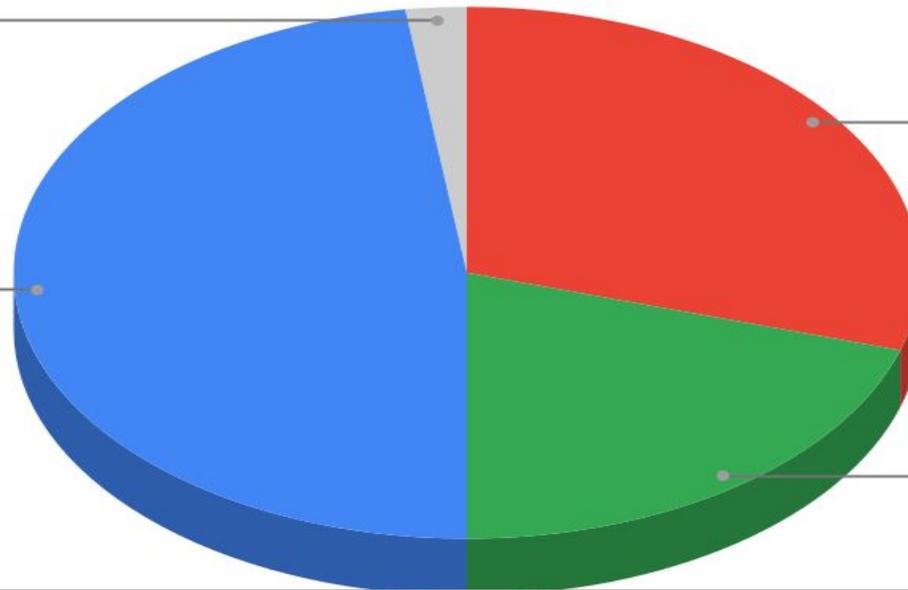
8th Grade ELA

Not Proficient

2.2%

CCR

4 & 5



Not Proficient

Lower than 3

Proficient

3

Grade Level Proficient (GLP) = Score 3, 4 and 5

68.1%

College and Career = Score 4 & 5

47.8%

Not Proficient

29.7%

Subgroup Data

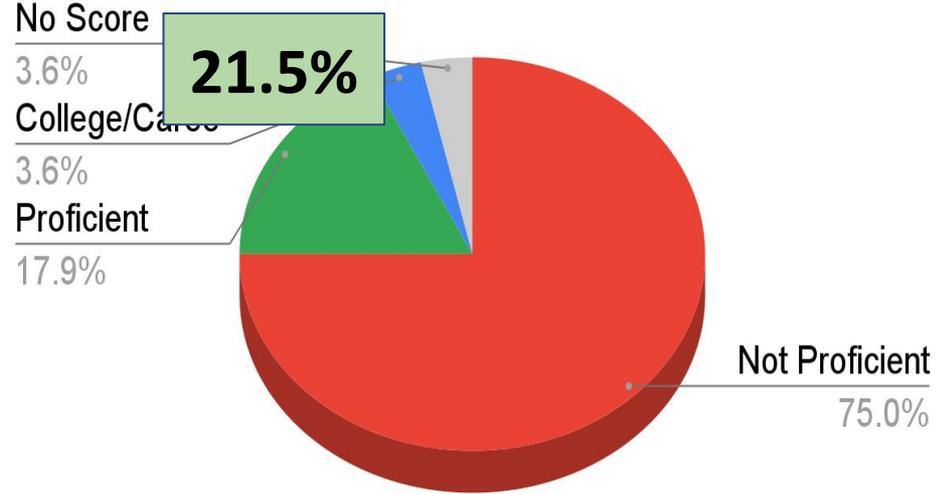


ELA

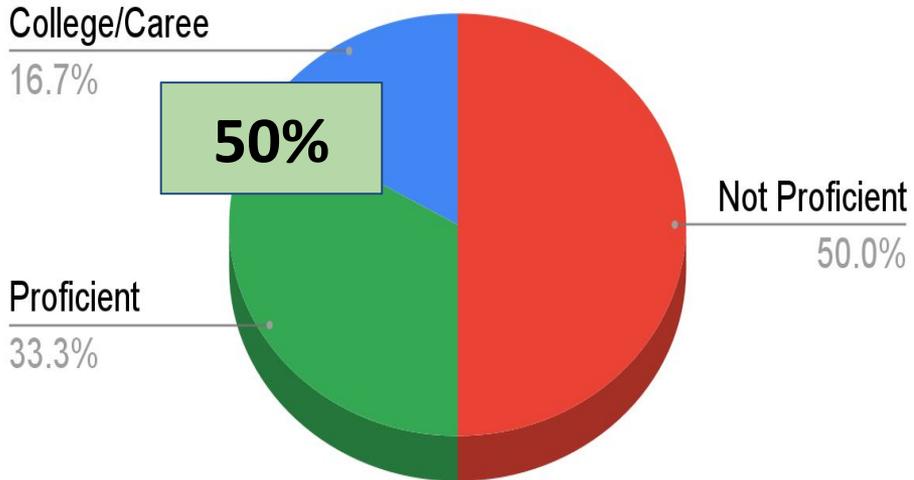
Subgroup Data

28 Students with IEP Plans

ELA: Students with IEPs



ELA: Multilingual Learners



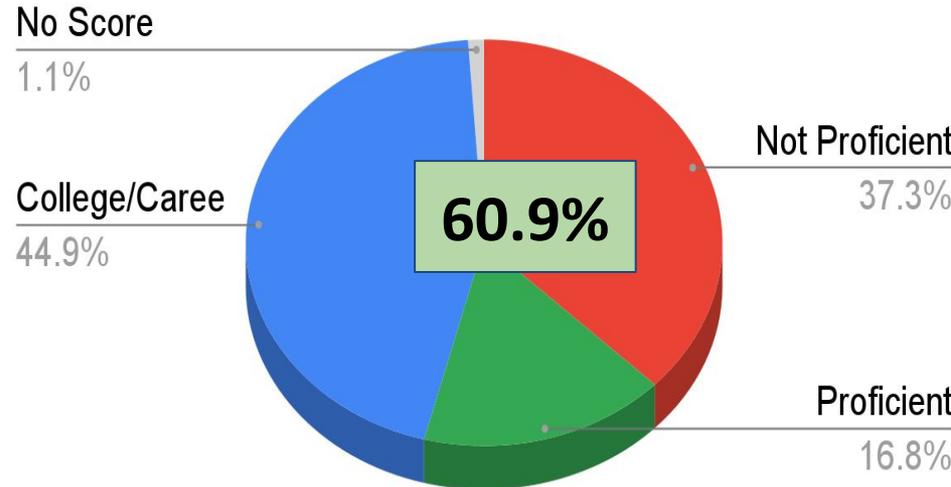
13 Students with Multi-Language Plans

ELA

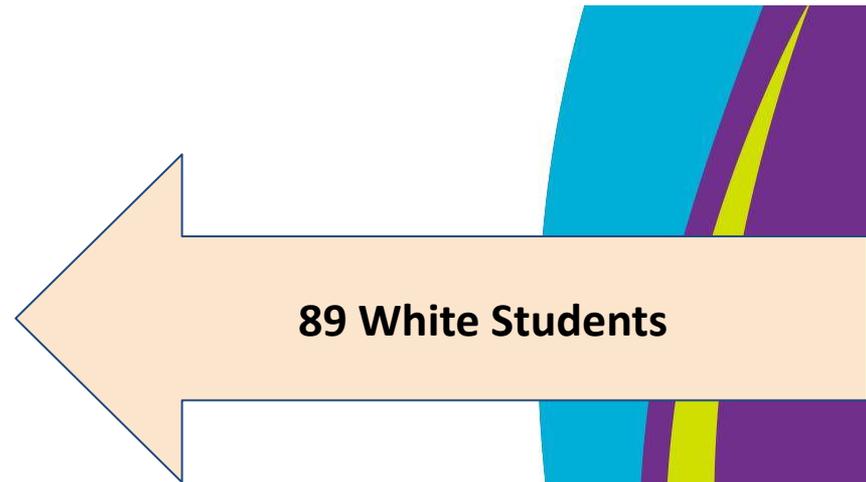
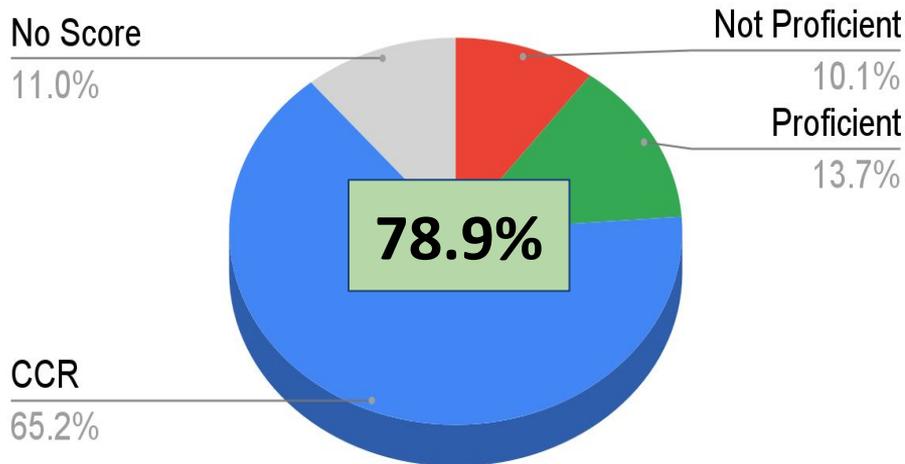
Subgroup Data



ELA: African American Students



ELA: White Students

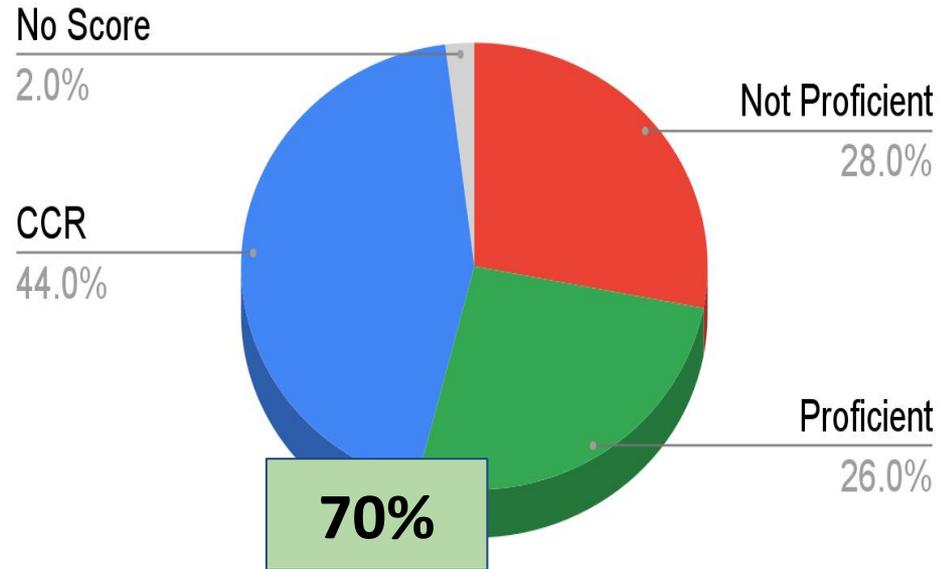


ELA

Subgroup Data

50 Hispanic Students

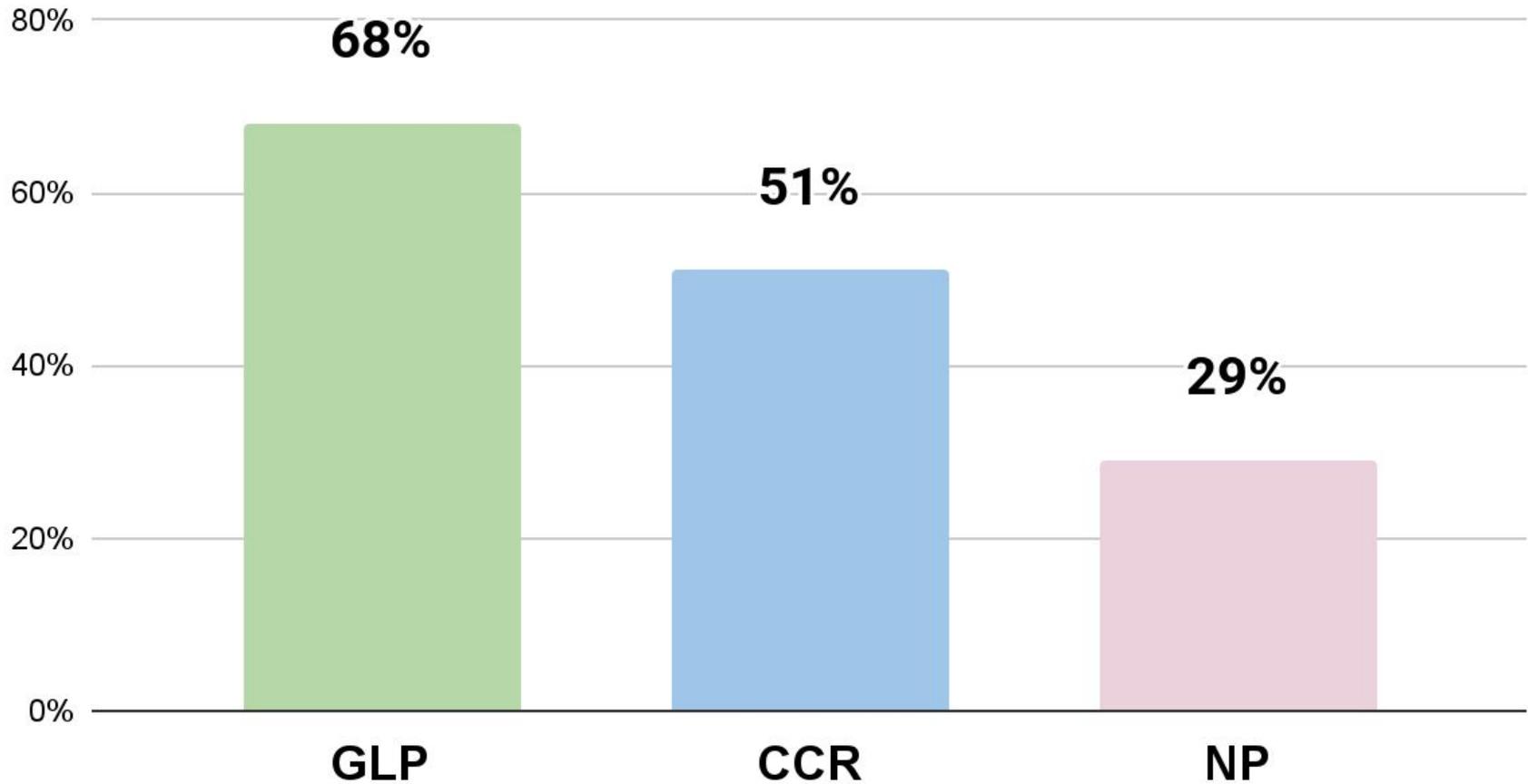
ELA: Hispanic Students



ELA SCHOOL-WIDE (6, 7 & 8)

Proficiency CCR & Non-Proficient

ELA Schoolwide



Grade Level Math Data



Math Proficiency, CCR, Non-Proficient & No Score

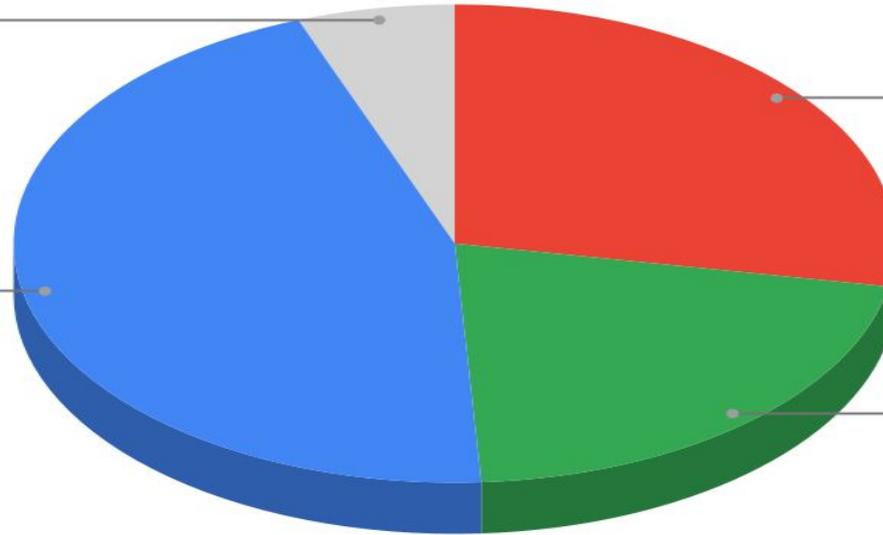
6th Grade Math

No Score

5.8%

CCR

4 & 5



Not Proficient

Lower than 3

Proficient

3

Grade Level Proficient (GLP) = Score 3, 4 and 5

66.4%

College and Career = Score 4 & 5

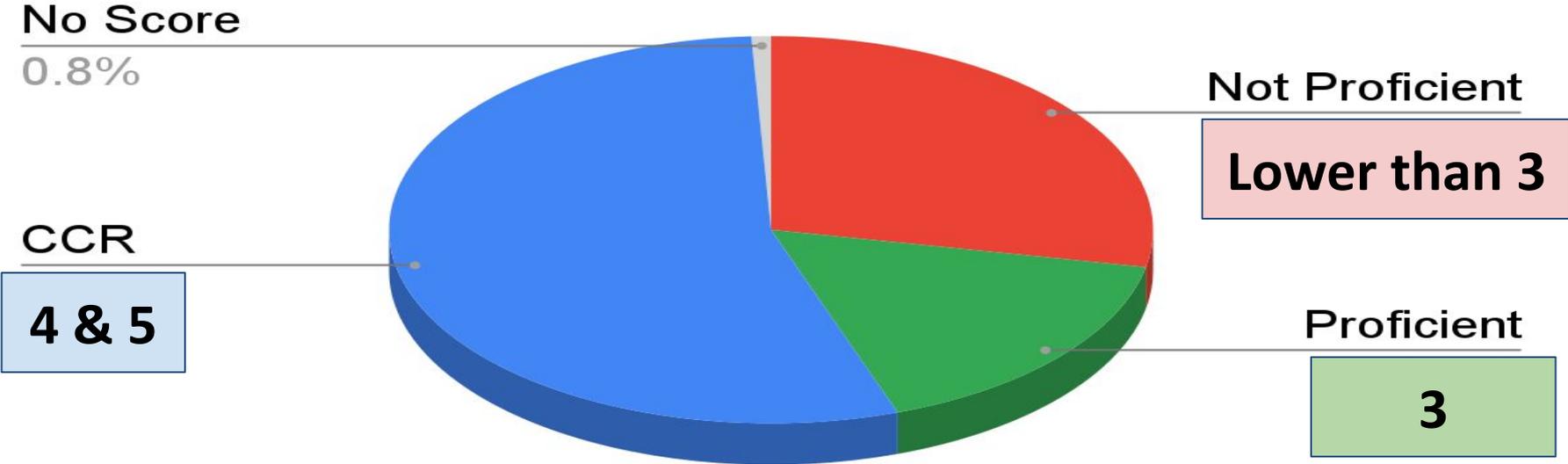
45.2%

Not Proficient

27.9%

Math Proficiency, CCR, Non-Proficient & No Score

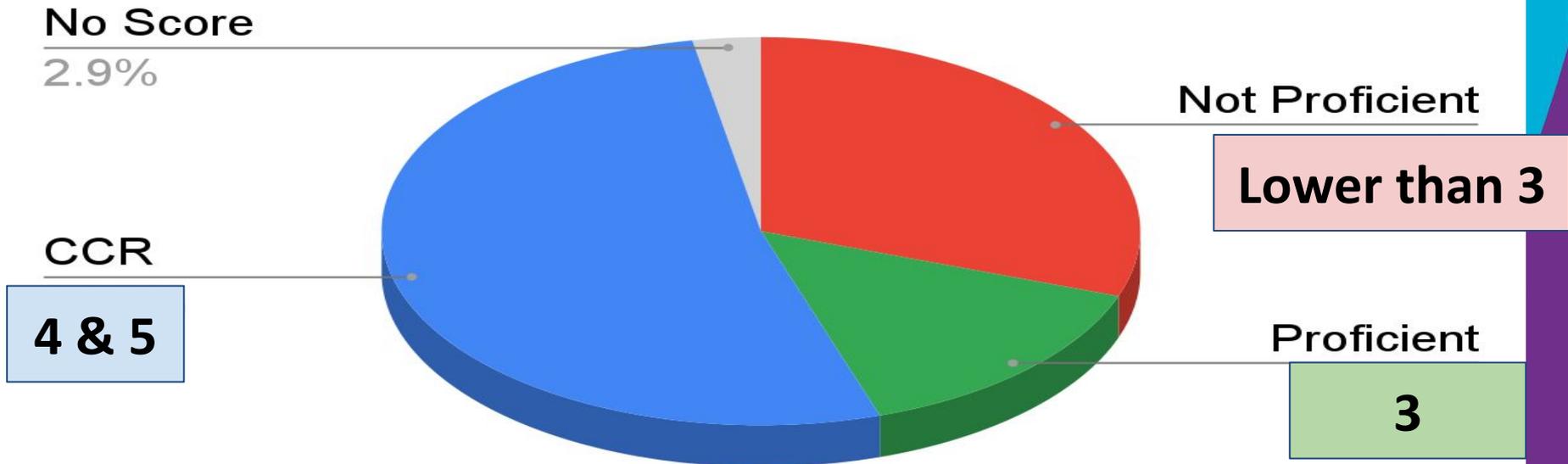
7th Grade Math



Grade Level Proficient (GLP) = Score 3, 4 and 5	71%
College and Career= Score 4 & 5	54.5%
Not Proficient	52.5%

Math Proficiency, CCR, Non-Proficient and No Score

8th Grade Math



Grade Level Proficient (GLP) = Score 3, 4 and 5	66.7%
College and Career = Score 4 & 5	52.2%
Not Proficient	30.4%

Math Subgroup Data



Math, # of Students, Proficient, CCR, Non-Proficient

28 Students with IEP Plans

Math: Students with IEPs

No Score

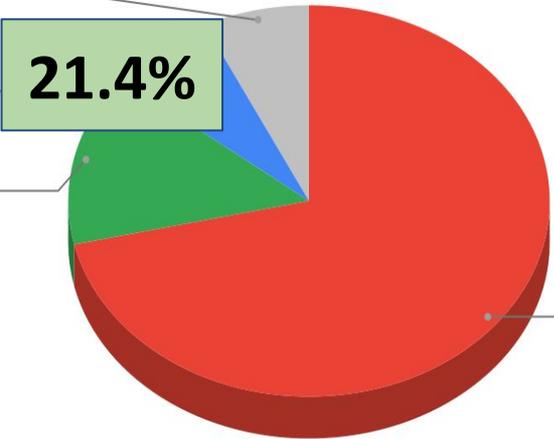
7.1%

CCR

7.1%

Proficient

14.3%



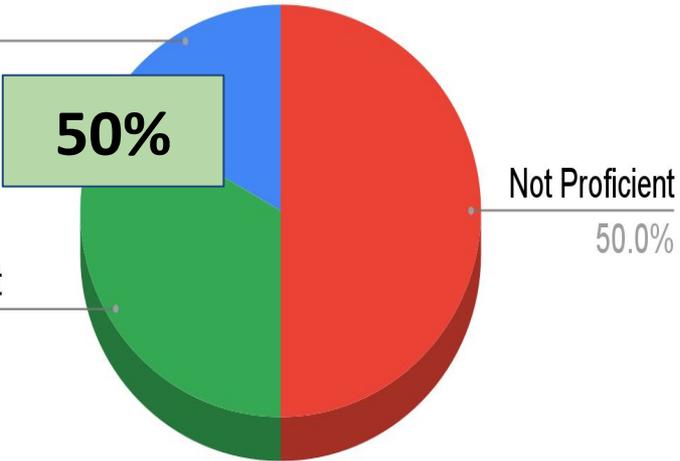
Math: Multilingual Plan Students

CCR

16.7%

Proficient

33.3%

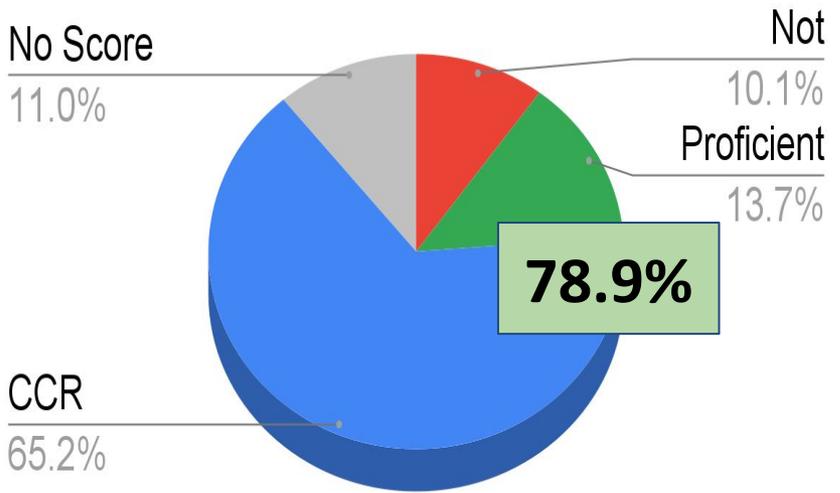


13 Students with Multi-Language Plans

Math # of Students, Proficient, CCR, Non-Proficient

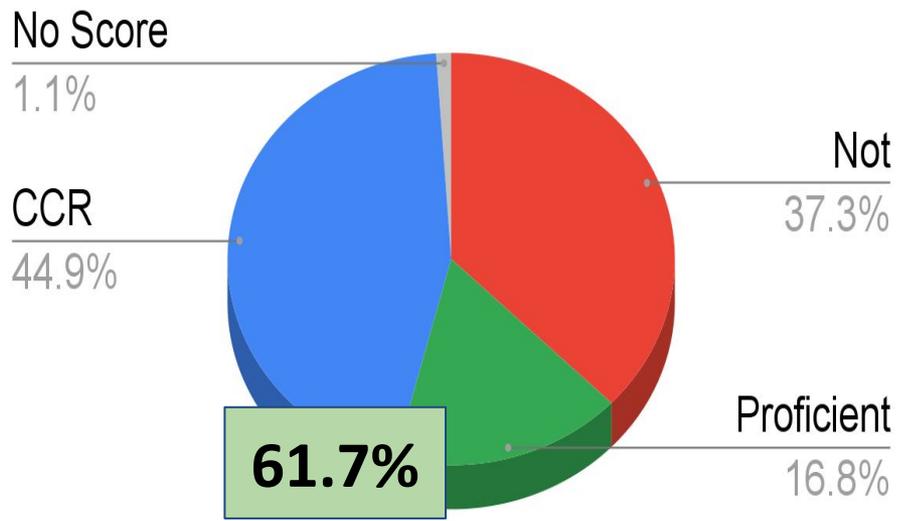
GLP

Math: White Students



89 White Students

African American Students



185 African American Students

Math # of Students, Proficient, CCR, Non-Proficient

GLP

Math: Hispanic Students

No Score

2.0%

Not

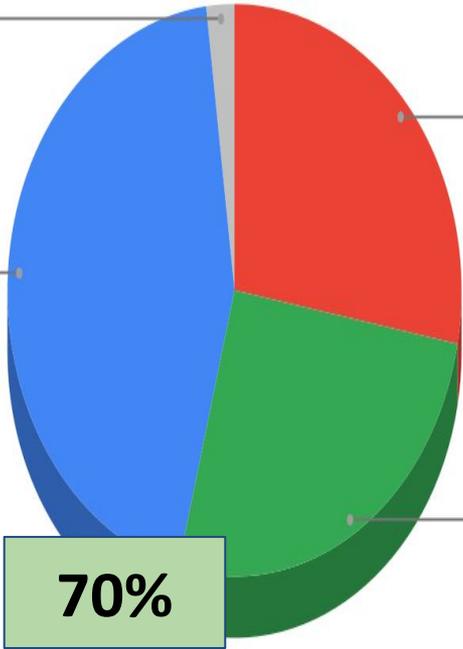
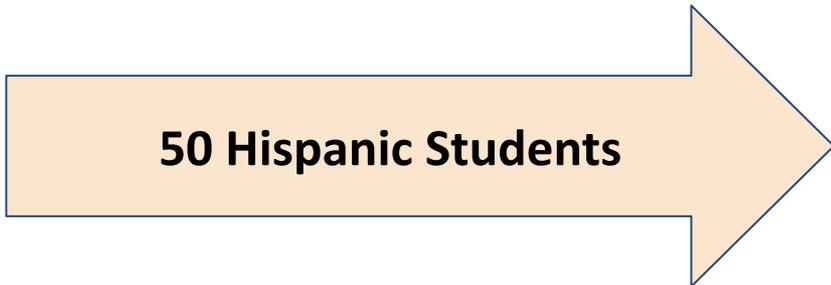
28.0%

CCR

44.0%

Proficient

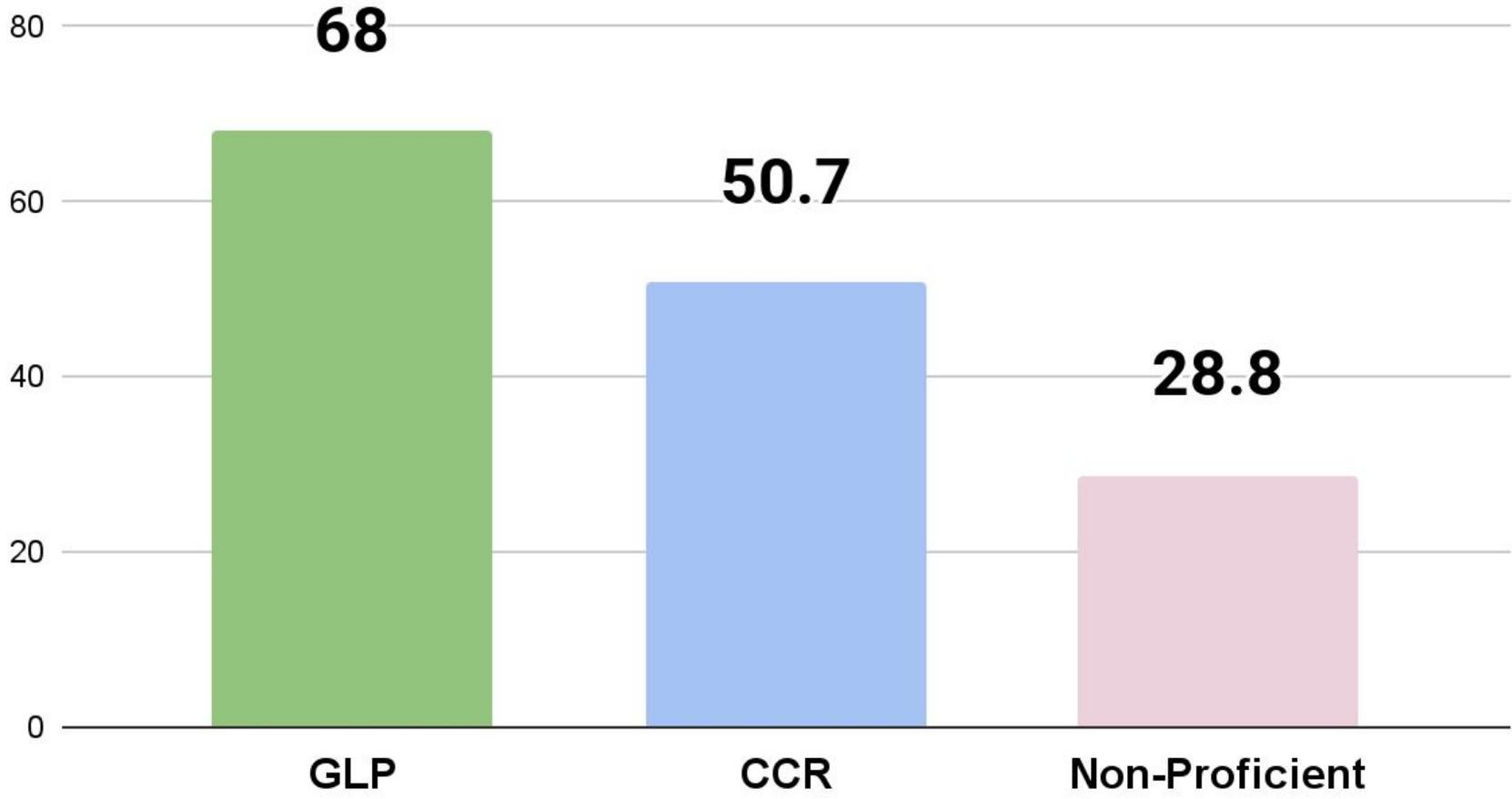
26.0%



Math SCHOOL-WIDE (6, 7 & 8)

Proficiency, CCR & Non-Proficient

Math School Wide



Science Data



SCIENCE Proficiency, CCR, Non-Proficient & No Score

Grade Level Proficient (GLP) = Score 3, 4 and 5	81.2%
College and Career= Score 4 & 5	64.7%
Not Proficient	18.8%

SCIENCE Proficiency, CCR, Non-Proficient & No Score

Grade Level Proficient (GLP) = Score 3, 4 and 5	81.2%
College and Career= Score 4 & 5	64.7%
Not Proficient	18.8%

Goals for 2025-2026

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- Reading: Reading Proficiency will increase from (GLP) 68% to 73% and will increase from (CCR) 51% to 56% as measured by the end-of-grade assessments/EOG.
- Math: Math Proficiency will increase from (GLP) 68% to 75% and will increase from (CCR) 50% to 55% as measured by end-of-grade assessments/EOG.

Our Strategies for Growth

- **Instructional Planning time**
- **SOAR block**
- **Small group instruction**
- **Focus on data analysis**
- **Targeted strategies for engagement (cold calling, turn and talks, student projects)**
- **Implementing scaffolds for students during instructional time**
- **Focus on high-level questioning and enrichment for high-fliers**
- **Focus on re-teaching misconceptions**
- **School visits-provide feedback**



Title I

Why are we here?

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* of 2015, requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting for parents/families/community members for the purpose of:

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I services
- Explaining the requirements of Title I, Part A
- Explaining your rights as parents to be engaged

What is a Title I school?

- Title I is the **largest federally funded** educational program.
- A Title I school is a school receiving federal **funds for students**.
- The basic principle of Title I is that schools with large concentrations of low-income students receive supplemental funds to **meet students' educational goals**.

What does it mean to be a Title I School?

- **Being a Title I school means receiving federal **funding** (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs. These dollars are used for the following:**
- **Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help students meet the state's challenging content standards.**
- **Purchasing supplemental staff/programs/materials/supplies**
- **Conducting parent and family engagement meetings/trainings/activities**
- **Recruiting/Hiring/Retaining Highly-Qualified Teachers**
- **Being a Title I school also means encouraging ongoing parent and family engagement and advocating for parents' rights**

How are Title I funds used in our school?

- **Technology Associate (Full Time)**
- **10 Month-Part-Time Tutor**
- **Substitutes for staff professional development**
- **Professional Development Funding**
- **Instructional Materials**
- **Technology Software**
- **Field Trips**
- **Supplies and materials (books, bulletin board materials classroom supplies, etc.)**

*****Parent Engagement/Involvement-**

- **Schools must set-aside money for parent involvement/engagement**

How do I request the qualifications of my child's teachers?

- **Requests should be completed by the school within 30 days.**
- **Being Highly Qualified in NC means you have successfully passed the licensure exams required or received alternate licensure in a way set out by NC law.**
- **Parents can request information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher in writing to Ms. Young**

How can Parents help?

- Make sure your child is reading daily and completing his/her homework
- Check grades on Infinite Campus
- Make sure your child comes to school-all day (Attendance is important towards your child's success)
- Know your child's strengths and areas to improve
- Parent Teacher Conference are coming soon-schedule a time to meet with your child's teachers
- Reach out to the teacher if you have questions

Parent Square Communication

To reach 100% contactability, all parents should have a first name, last name, email address, and phone in their **S**tudent **I**nformation **S**ystem (**SIS**) and have the indicators so that their data pulls from the SIS to ParentSquare.



ParentSquare™

Parent Concerns or Questions?

- **Contact your child's teacher first**
 - **Parent Square**
 - **Send a written note to your child's teacher**
 - **Call the office and leave a message**
- **Email or call the office if you need a Principal's support**

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MEET THE FIRST WARD PTO BOARD



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SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH THE PTO

WHO WE ARE

We are parents and staff members committed to supporting students, staff and parents of First Ward Creative Arts Middle School.

WHAT WE DO

- School support & staff appreciation
- Enriching the academic experience
- Fostering a community culture

HOW WE DO IT

- Raise funds in order to support staff meals, student programs (like HAT and Houses) and general school support
- Enlist volunteers to help with school needs and at school events

WHY JOIN

Happy staff + happy students = success in academics and our community culture

Example: Your donation helps us feed staff members today that have been here since 8:30 am

GIVE OUR DREAMS WINGS

1

ENRICHMENT

Examples: House support, Field trip support

2

STAFF APPRECIATION/SUPPORT

Examples: Staff meals, classroom supplies, staff shirts

3

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Examples: Community closet, critical needs, Meet & Eat nights

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OPERATIONS

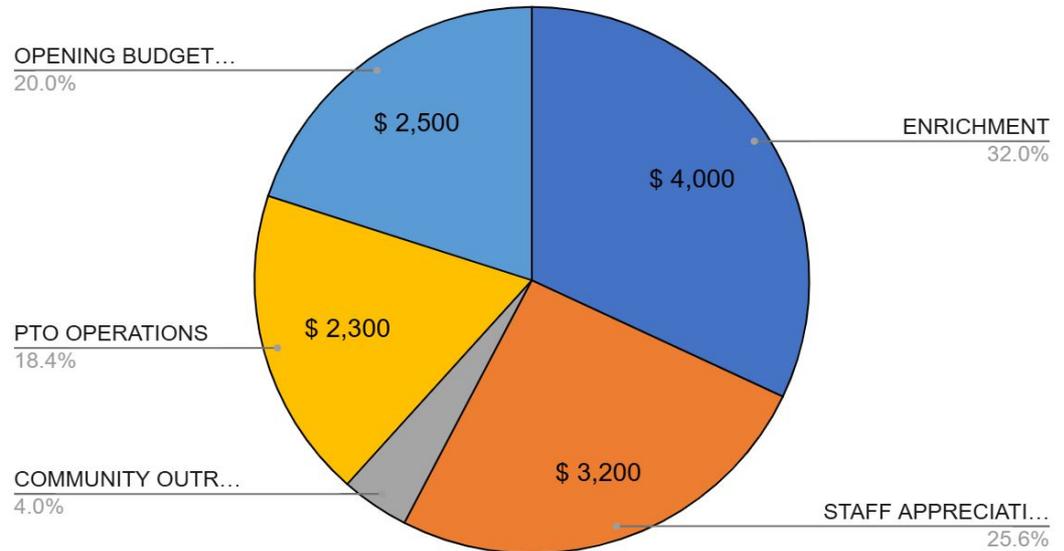
Examples: Set up and licensing fees, software, taxes, banking

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OPENING BUDGET FOR 2026-27

Carryover from this school year to start the following school year

2025-26 PROPOSED PTO BUDGET



TOGETHER WE CAN HELP OUR KIDS FLY

BECOME A MEMBER

- Annual membership fees are: \$25 per Family, \$15 per Individual; \$5 per Staff
- Become a member today and be entered into a raffle to win firebird spiritwear! (Existing members will also be entered into the raffle.)



VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

- Sign up to be our Audit Chairperson!
- Nominate yourself as a member of the School Improvement Team (meets monthly, virtually)
- Be added to our list to be called upon for special one-off volunteer opportunities



DONATE

- TODAY WE ARE KICKING OFF OUR INAUGURAL DONATION CAMPAIGN!
- Our goal is to raise \$5000
- Double your chances of winning spiritwear by earning another raffle ticket by donating after you become a member



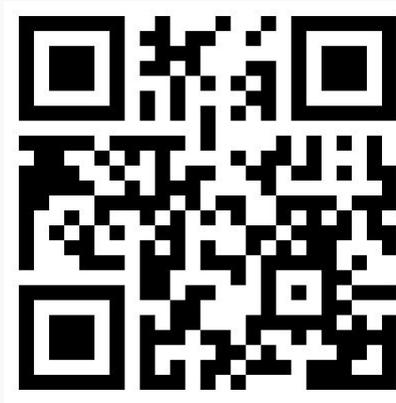
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FIREBIRD SPIRITWEAR
new online store!
ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 26

and more!

Orders are produced in bulk once the store is closed.
Orders will be ready between 10-14 business days AFTER THE STORE IS CLOSED.
NOTE: Please order carefully, as each item is made-to-order.

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ORDER NOW! Sales close TOMORROW!

- Items can be shipped directly to your home or will be available for pick up from Cotton Gin in Matthews around October 10th.
- The next online spiritwear shop will be available in the Spring.

What questions do you have?





What's Next:

Start in your child's homeroom class.