



# Marking Period 3 Benchmark Data Presentation

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# K-5 ELA MP2 BENCHMARK DATA

## Grades K & 1

Grade	Participation Rate	Notables
K	95% (out of 706 students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strength in identifying letter names, rhyming, and word reading in isolation.</li> <li>• Opportunity to improve in identifying individual words from a set.</li> </ul>

Grade	Participation Rate	Notables
1	94% (out of 787 students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strength in reading irregular (“tricky”) words with automaticity and correctly identifying parts of speech.</li> <li>• Opportunity to improve at asking and answer questions about key details in a literary text.</li> </ul>

# K-5 ELA MP2 BENCHMARK DATA

## Grades 2 - 5

### 2-5 Notables:

- Strength in determining the main idea/theme of an informational/literary text.
- Students show great gains in language standards including using context clues to determine meaning and effect of morphology on meaning.
- Opportunity to improve in instructing how to close read the questions to ensure students are answering the questions being asked.
- Area for growth: determining the impact of perspective or point of view on the retelling of events.

Grade	Participation Rate
2	95% (out of 765 students)
3	90% (out of 751 students)
4	92% (out of 810 students)
5	90% (out of 844 students)

# K-2 MATH BENCHMARKS

Grade	Participation Rate
K	92% (out of 706 students)
1	95% (out of 787 students)
2	91% (out of 770 students)

## K-2 Notables:

- **Concrete math concepts are solid e.g. composing shapes (K), place value understanding (1<sup>st</sup>), and number sense (2nd)**
- **Base-10 understanding is a strength and students are performing well as number sense gets more complex**
- **Procedural understanding remains strong**
- **Opportunity to improve with multi-step word problems and conceptual understanding of clocks (2nd/3rd)**

# 3-5 MATH BENCHMARKS

Grade	Participation Rate
3	94% (out of 754 students)
4	93% (out of 804 students)
5	94% (out of 844 students)

## 3-5 Notables:

- **Conceptual entry points are strong e.g. concept of area, use of models, etc...**
- **Early concepts of multiplicative thinking are a strength e.g. arrays, repeated addition, understanding multiplication as rows/groups**
- **Strong number sense from lower grades is continuing as students progress**
- **Opportunity to improve with application of math concepts independently e.g. do the math vs. choose the math**



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# Secondary ELA Data Dive

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# 6-12 ELA Benchmark Overview

## Participation Rate and Proficiency

Grade	Participation Rate	Proficiency	Grade	Participation Rate	Proficiency
6	88% (out of 835 students)	97%	10	89% (out of 864 students)	85%
7	94% (out of 710 students)	85%	11 (AP only)	94% (out of 255 students)	95%
8	89% (out of 828 students)	93%	12	88% (out of 642 students)	82%
9	92% (out of 753 students)	97%	12 AP	96% (out of 237 students)	58%

# Secondary ELA Notables

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Challenges</b>
<b>6th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Compare and contrast informational texts</b></li><li>• <b>Understanding of text structure</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Use context clues</b></li></ul>
<b>7th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Citing textual evidence</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Determining unique qualities of different mediums</b></li><li>• <b>Tracing development of an argument</b></li></ul>
<b>8th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Determining author's purpose</b></li><li>• <b>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Compare and contrast informational texts</b></li></ul>



## Secondary ELA Notables Cont.



<b>Grade</b>	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Challenges</b>
<b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Rhetorical analysis</b></li><li>• <b>Author's craft - structure and reasoning</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Writing arguments with precise claims</b></li></ul>
<b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Citing and evaluating appropriate evidence</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Describe and evaluate an author's argument</b></li></ul>
<b>11</b>	<b>No benchmark due to NJGPA</b>	
<b>12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Evaluate author's choices</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Analyze author's perspective and point of view</b></li></ul>



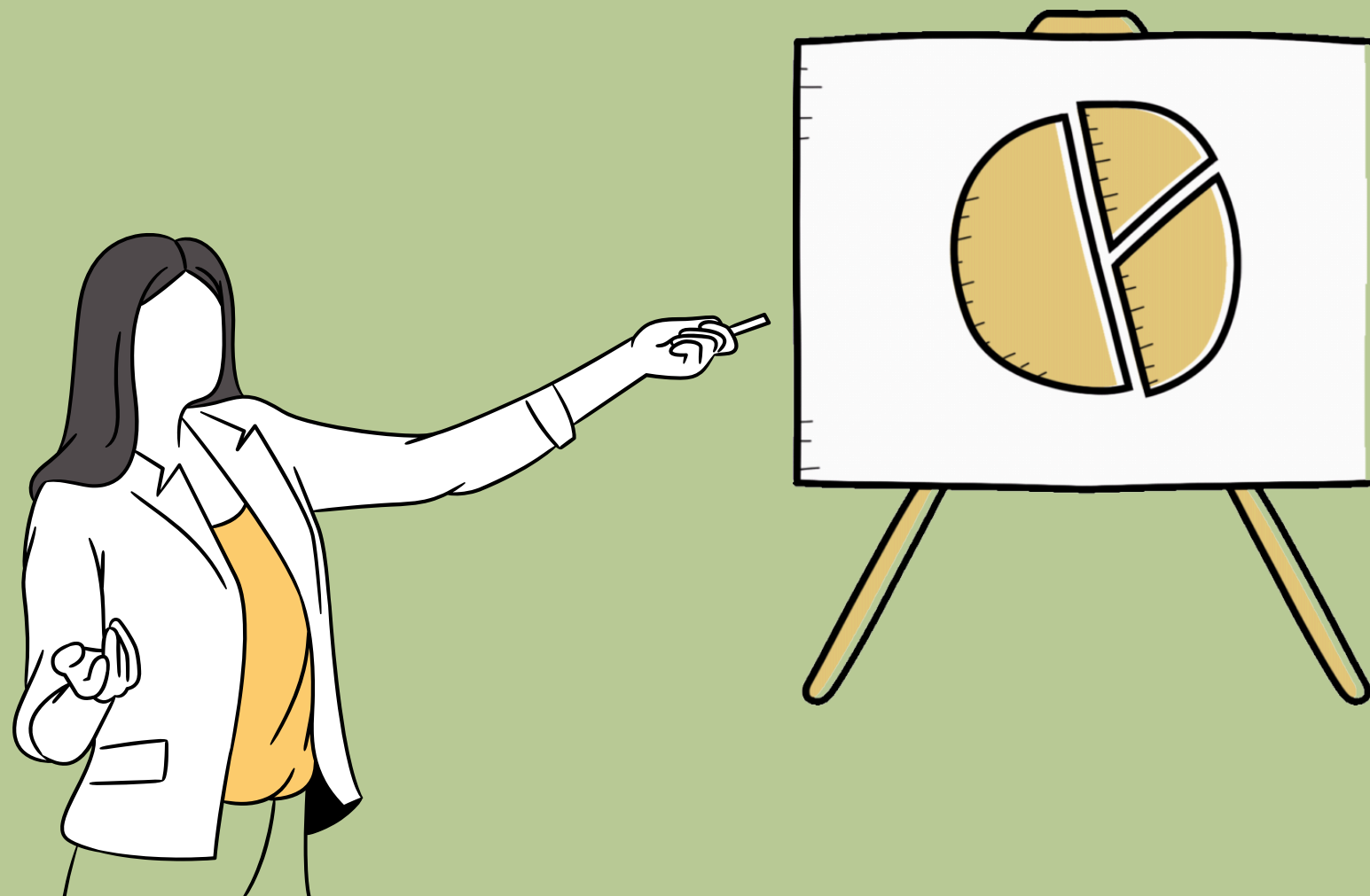
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<b>Grade</b>	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Challenges</b>
<b>11 AP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Analyze explicit and inferential evidence in informational text</b></li><li>• <b>Interpret figures of speech and figurative language</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Analyze and evaluate the effect of text structure</b></li></ul>
<b>12 AP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Analyze connotation and development of a key word or idea</b></li><li>• <b>Analyze and write about the resolution of a literary work</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Analyze the impact of author's choices</b></li></ul>

# Secondary Math

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# 6-12 Math Benchmark Overview

## Participation Rate and Proficiency

Grade	Participation Rate	Proficiency
<b>6</b>	98% (out of 799 students)	67%
<b>7</b>	93% (out of 515 students)	53%
<b>8</b>	97% (out of 784 students)	40%

# 6-12 Math Benchmark Overview

## Participation Rate and Proficiency

Course	Participation Rate	Proficiency
<b>Algebra 1</b>	62% (out of 773 students)	53%
<b>Geometry</b>	85% (out of 661 students)	79%

# 6-12 Math Benchmark Overview

## Participation Rate and Proficiency

Course	Participation Rate	Proficiency
<b>Algebra 2 / Trig H</b>	90% (out of 262 students)	89%
<b>Algebra 2 A</b>	77% (out of 423 students)	79%
<b>Algebra 2 R</b>	60% (out of 208 students)	69%

# Secondary Math Benchmark Notables

Grade	Strengths	Challenges
6	Using equations to solve real world and mathematical problems	Write equations in two variables for a real-world problem that has an independent and dependent variable
7	Solve multi-step real-life and mathematical problems involving the use of positive and negative rational numbers in any form  Formulas for area and circumference of a circle	Develop a probability model assigning equal probabilities to all outcomes and use the model to determine the probability of events  Solve word problems using inequalities
8	Interpret the equation $y=mx+b$ as defining a linear function	Construct a function to model a linear relationship between two quantities

# Secondary Math Benchmark Notables

Course	Strengths	Challenges
<b>Algebra 1</b>	Interpret key features of graphs and tables of functions in terms of quantities	Use the process of factoring and completing the square to highlight features of the graph of a quadratic function
<b>Geometry</b>	Use the definition of similarity to determine if 2 triangles are similar and explain the meaning of similarity of 2 triangles	Understand and apply the Law of Sines and the Law of Cosines to real-world problems  Use trigonometric ratios and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve problems with right triangles.

# Secondary Math Benchmark Notables

Course	Strengths	Challenges
<b>Algebra 2 Trig H</b>	Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling	Compare properties of 2 different functions represented in different ways
<b>Algebra 2 A</b>	Rewrite expressions with radicals and rational exponents using the properties of exponents	Add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational expressions
<b>Algebra 2 R</b>	Calculate and interpret the average rate of change of a function	Solve rational and radical equations in one variable

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# Secondary Science

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# 6-12 Science Benchmark Overview

## Participation Rate and Proficiency

Grade	Participation Rate	Proficiency	Course	Participation Rate	Proficiency
<b>6</b>	96% (out of 819 students)	97%	<b>Biology</b>	94% (out of 772 students)	84%
<b>7</b>	93% (out of 704 students)	89%	<b>Chemistry</b>	89% (out of 832 students)	82%
<b>8</b>	97% (out of 784 students)	90%	<b>Physics</b>	91% (out of 598 students)	82%

# 6-12 Science Benchmark Notables

<b>Course</b>	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Challenges</b>
<b>6</b>	Develop a model to demonstrate that temperature changes affect particle motion, speed, and kinetic energy, with low temperature typically represented by slower, more clustered particles	Structures and processes: Evidence for the role of photosynthesis in the cycling of matter and flow of energy

# 6-12 Science Benchmark Notables

Course	Strengths	Challenges
7	<p>Cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem</p> <p>Energy transfer within a food web</p>	<p>Structures and processes: Evidence for the role of photosynthesis in the cycling of matter and flow of energy</p> <p>Decomposition in the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem</p>
8	<p>Use mathematical representations to describe a simple model for waves that includes how the amplitude of a wave is related to the energy in a wave</p>	<p>Use graphs and diagrams to identify and compare physical properties of waves, such as frequency</p>

# 6-12 Science Benchmark Notables

Course	Strengths	Challenges
<b>Biology</b>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms

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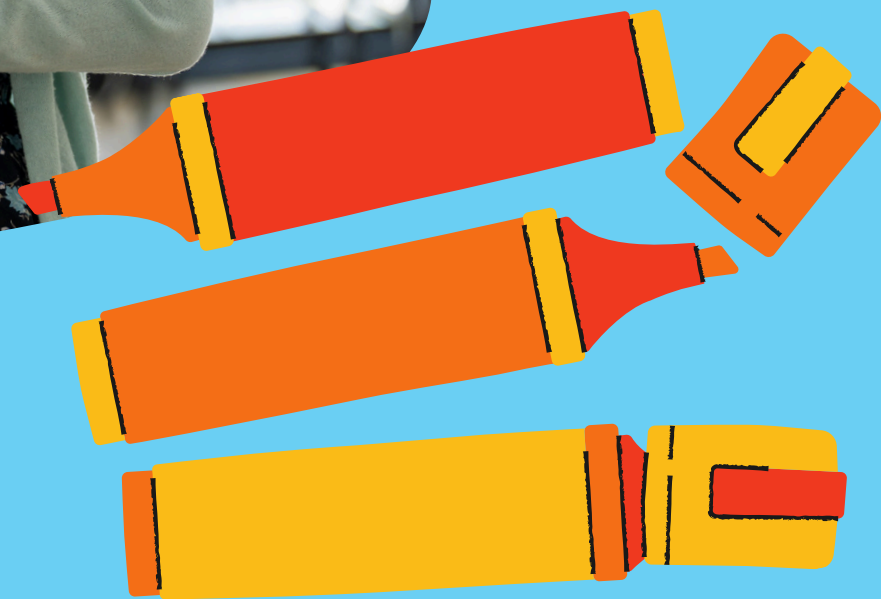
Course	Strengths	Challenges
<b>Chemistry</b>	<p><b>Concepts:</b> Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium</p> <p><b>A:</b> Analyze data regarding the relationship between gas temperature and pressure to understand particle behavior</p> <p><b>H:</b> Construct and revise an explanation for outcome of simple chemical equations</p>	<p><b>Concepts:</b> Use computational representations to illustrate the relationships among Earth systems and how those systems are being modified due to human activity</p> <p><b>A:</b> Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative positions of particles (objects)</p> <p><b>H:</b> Use periodic table as model to predict</p>

# 6-12 Science Benchmark Notables

Course	Strengths	Challenges
<b>Physics</b>	<p><b>Concepts:</b> Use mathematical or computational representations to predict the motion of orbiting objects in the solar system.</p> <p><b>OSE:</b> Develop a model to illustrate how Earth's internal and surface processes operate at different spatial and temporal scales to form continental and ocean-floor features.</p> <p><b>Traditional:</b> Plan and conduct investigations proving that thermal energy transfer between components of different temperatures leads to a more uniform energy distribution (second law of thermodynamics).</p>	<p><b>Concepts:</b> Use mathematical representations of Newton's Law of Gravitation and Coulomb's law.</p> <p><b>OSE:</b> Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration.</p> <p><b>Traditional:</b> Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system.</p>



# Secondary Social Studies



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# 6-12 Social Studies Benchmark Overview

## Participation Rate and Proficiency

Grade	Participation Rate	Proficiency
6	93% (out of 836 students)	96%
7	93% (out of 715 students)	95%
8	93% (out of 830 students)	96%

Course	Participation Rate	Proficiency
World Civ	99% (out of 708 students)	93%
US His I	87% (out of 839 students)	92%
US His II	95% (out of 772 students)	94%

# Secondary Social Studies Notables

Grade	Strengths	Challenges
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzing multiple-perspectives across socio-economic and cultural groups</li><li>• Determining central ideas and summarizing informational text</li><li>• Identifying authors perspective and supporting ideas with evidence</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applying geographical reasoning e.g. how natural resources influenced early civilizations</li><li>• Synthesizing information across formats e.g. comparing text to multi-media sources</li></ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzing historical impacts, including demographic and economic effects of major events</li><li>• Using textual evidence to support analysis and draw inferences</li><li>• How religion and economics shape societies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comparative analysis across civilization, specifically when evaluating similarities and differences e.g. feudal societies</li><li>• Using context clues for unknown vocabulary</li></ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comparing foundational government documents</li><li>• Evaluating civic principles and their application</li><li>• Using evidence-based reasoning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluating sources and synthesizing information from multiple texts</li><li>• Gaps in content-specific understanding related to governmental structures e.g. judiciary vs. legislature</li></ul>

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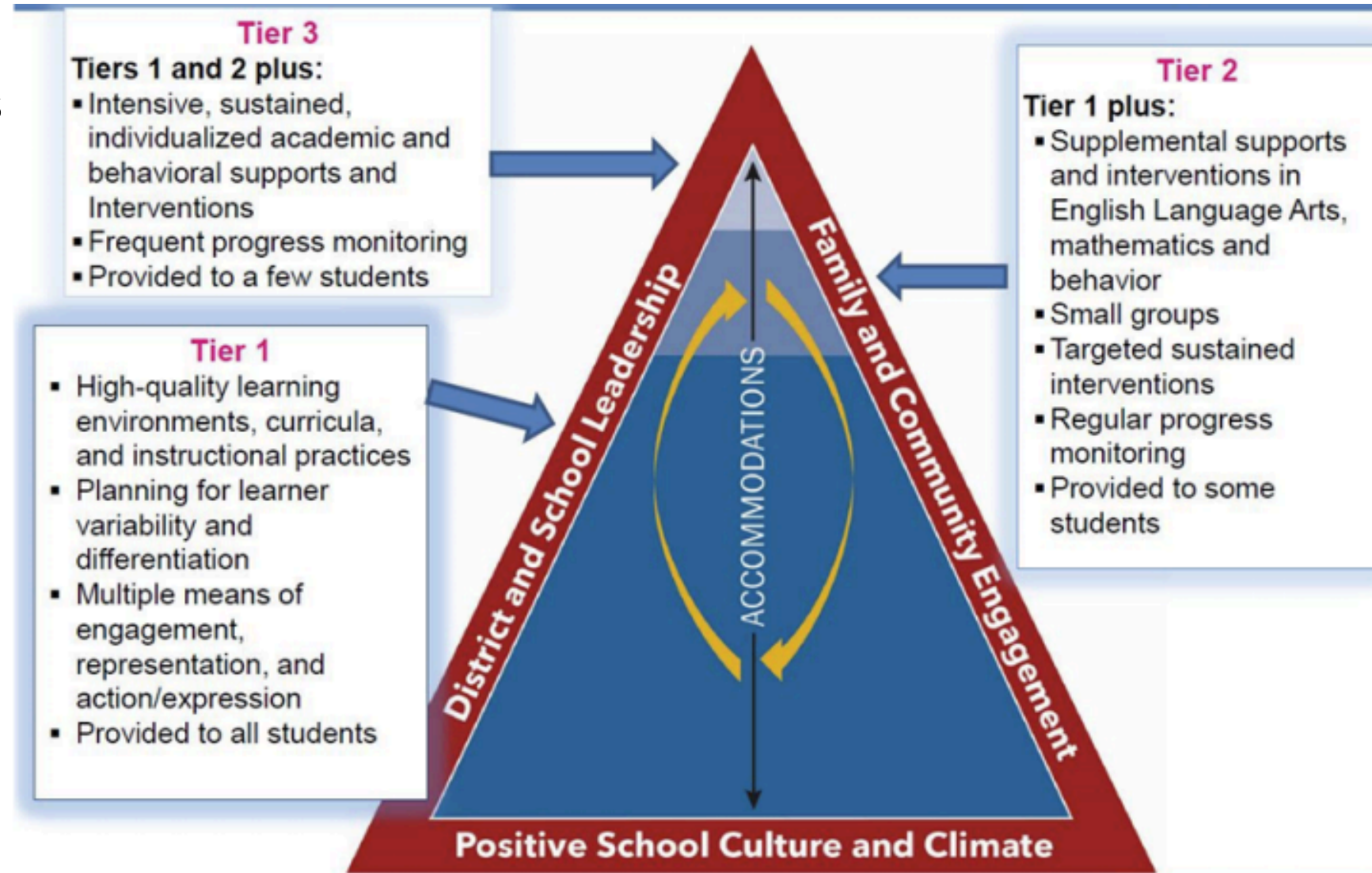
Course	Strengths	Challenges
World Civ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying and analyzing central ideas in complex texts</li><li>• Using academic vocabulary and writing tasks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzing how ideas develop across a text in historic narratives</li><li>• Long-term vs. short-term causes of historical events (WWI)</li></ul>
US His I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Argumentation and evaluation of historical claims</li><li>• Analyzing language, tone, and author's purpose</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Articulating civic principles and explanatory writing</li></ul>
US His II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cold War dynamics and constitutional issues</li><li>• Historical analysis and interpretation of complex</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzing the global impact of U.S. foreign policy re: independence movements</li><li>• Close reading and decision making on complex multiple-choice items i.e. determining the <u>best</u> answer</li></ul>

# Data and the Role of the Coach

- **District coaches are teacher facing. They work with teachers in a variety of ways including data analysis, pedagogical techniques, and assessments.**
- **Coaches include:**
  - **Elementary Literacy Teacher Coaches (LTC) and Secondary ELA Coach**
  - **Elementary and Secondary Math Coaches**
- **Coaches look at data with staff, including interventionists, and work through several processes:**
  - **Determination of where our strengths are**
  - **Evaluation of where our challenges are and opportunities to address them**
  - **Assistance with the Multi-Tiered System of Supports Process(MTSS)**
- **Coaches develop protocols with administration and teachers to support data analysis and next steps.**

# Data and MTSS

**TIER III-1%-5% of students**



**TIER II- 5%-10% of students**

**TIER I= 80-85% of students**

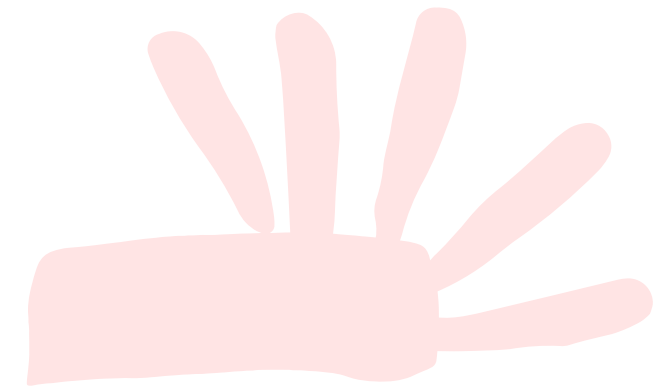


- Flexibility in movement between the tiers
- Necessary accommodations through all tiers



# Data Dives and MTSS

- **We collect data from a variety of sources.**
  - **Local Assessments**
  - **Common District Benchmark Assessments**
  - **Behavior**
  - **Attendance**
- **These data are used to identify students who may need additional supports through intervention.**
  - **Ways to group students across a grade level for Tier I, II and III interventions**
  - **Identification of common teaching strategies to support foundational learning**
- **Interventionists have been working throughout the year to establish a system of interventions. Their work includes:**
  - **A universal tracking system**
  - **A mechanism to enter and exit students through the MTSS Process**
  - **Commonalities for grouping students through the I&E period**



# Overall Impact

**As a result of continual focus on data we have:**

- **Identified opportunities to build the capacity of building-based administrators in partnership with the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.**
- **Established a system of intervention programming that connects all interventionists throughout the district**
  - **Results in common:**
    - **Planning**
    - **Documentation**
    - **Strategies**
- **Focused on how to strengthen the MTSS process using the coaches and interventionists in a more streamlined manner**
- **Refocused the Intervention and Enrichment (I&E) Period at the elementary level to lead to targeted learning opportunities for both intervention and enrichment.**

# Questions?

