Carteret Public Schools Assessment Presentation

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2025-2026 NJSLA-A Results

New Jersey has upgraded its state testing to the NJSLA-Adaptive (NJSLA-A)! Launched in Spring 2026, this computer-adaptive test adjusts to each student's level—delivering a more personalized testing experience, more accurate results, and faster turnaround times aligned with today's academic standards.

NJSLA-A Performance Levels

NJSLA-A uses five performance levels to determine student attainment of grade level expectations				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Not yet meeting grade-level expectations	Partially meeting grade-level expectations	Approaching grade-level expectations	Meeting grade-level expectations	Exceeding grade-level expectations

NJSLA-A-25-26 Analysis

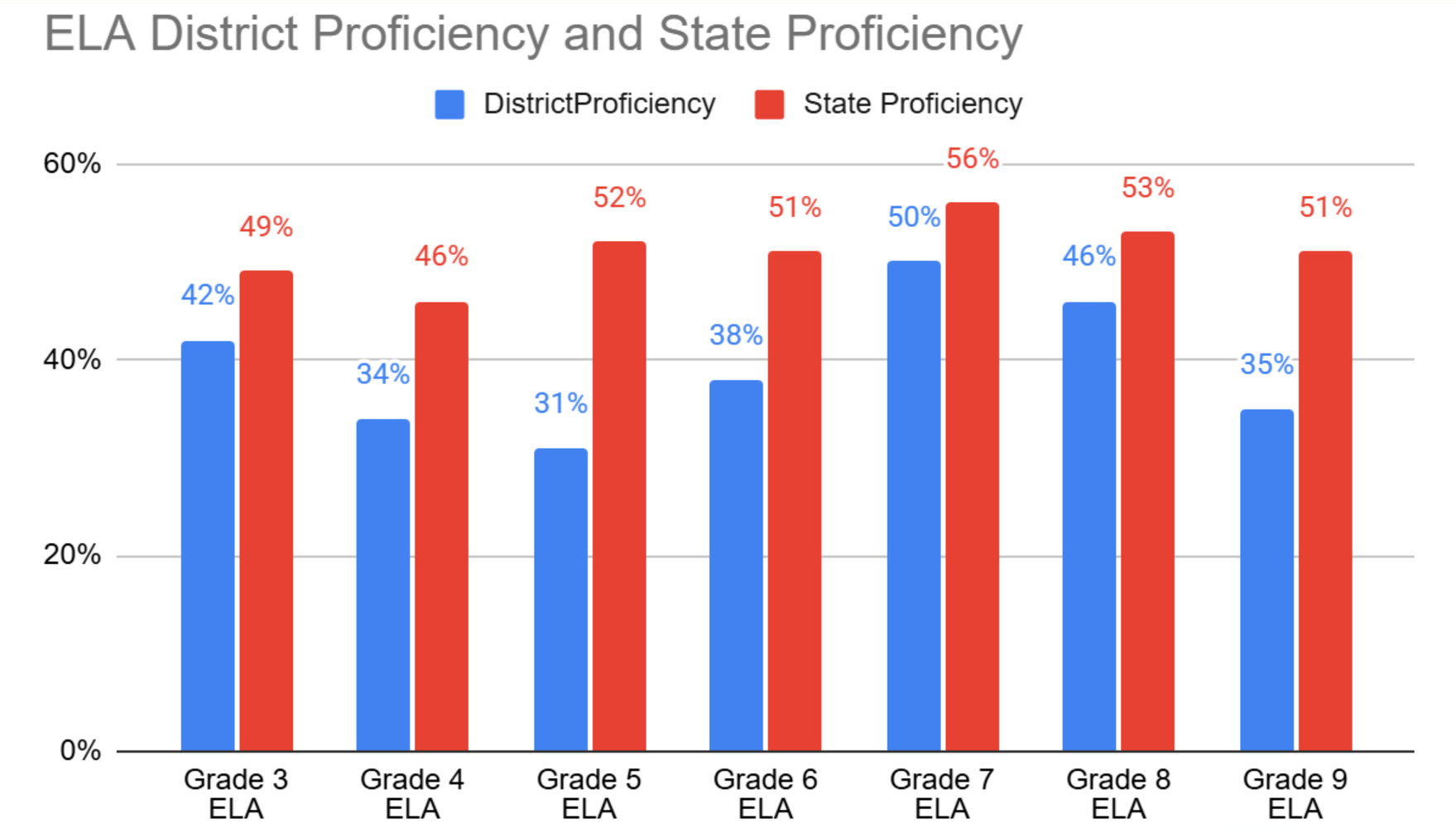
Test	Not meeting	Partially Meeting	Approaching	Meeting	Exceeding	Proficiency
Grade 3 ELA	10%	27%	22%	32%	10%	42%
Grade 3 Math	23%	25%	13%	29%	10%	39%
Grade 4 ELA	13%	23%	30%	21%	13%	34%
Grade 4 Math	17%	17%	27%	31%	8%	39%
Grade 5 ELA	15%	33%	20%	29%	3%	32%
Grade 5 Math	24%	20%	26%	26%	4%	30%
Grade 6 ELA	13%	24%	26%	30%	8%	38%
Grade 6 Math	17%	29%	27%	19%	8%	27%

NJSLA-A-25-26 Analysis

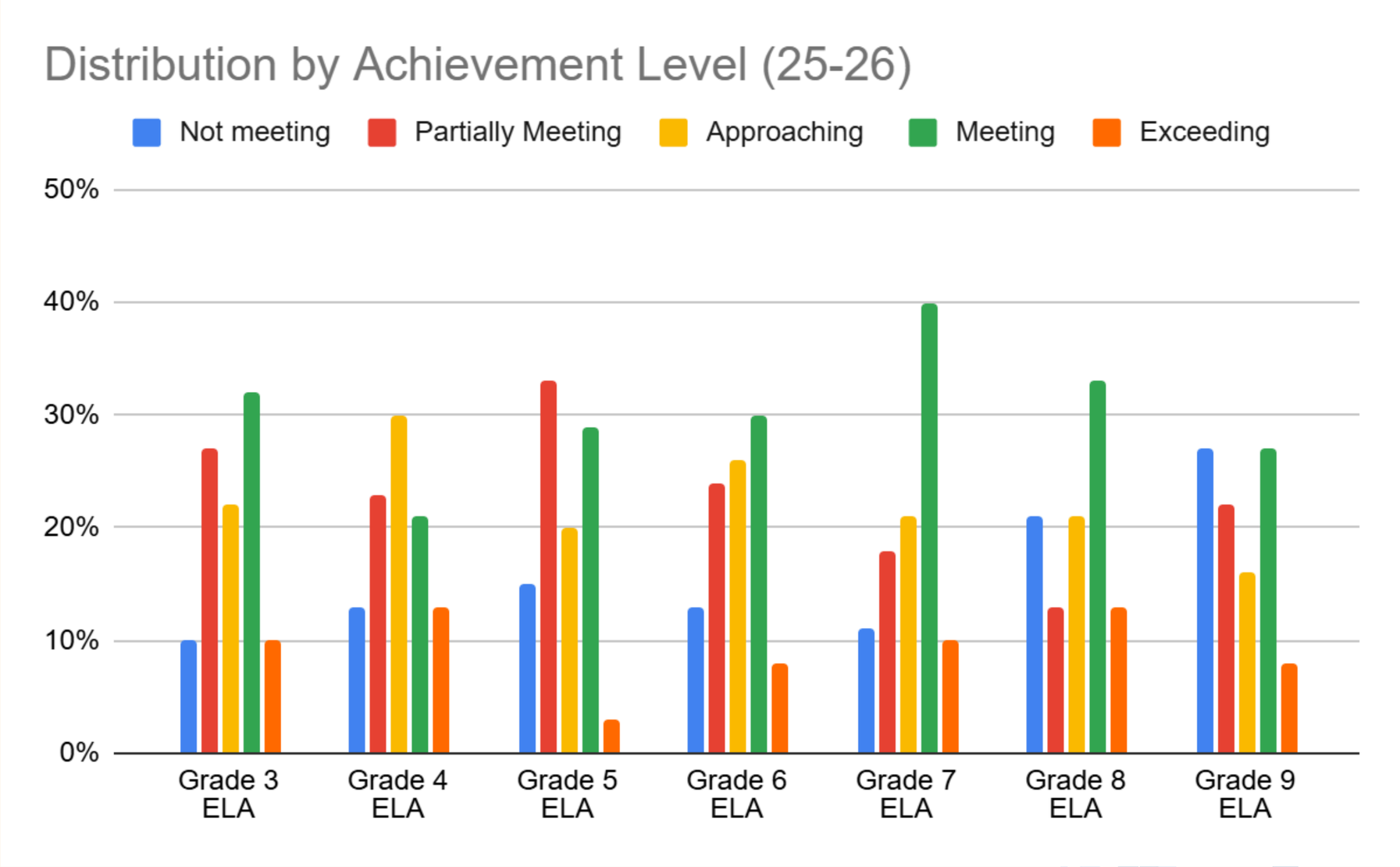
Test	Not meeting	Partially	Approaching	Meeting	Exceeding	Proficiency
Grade 7 Math	16%	27%	39%	17%	1%	18%
Grade 8 ELA	21%	13%	21%	33%	13%	46%
Grade 8 Math	37%	25%	30%	6%	1%	7%
Grade 9 ELA	27%	22%	16%	27%	8%	35%
Alg. 1	14%	35%	30%	17%	4%	21%
CHS Alg. 1	18%	45%	28%	7%	1%	8%
CJHS Alg. 1	0%	3%	27%	46%	14%	60%
Geom	2%	32%	39%	21%	6%	27%
CHS Geo	4%	50%	42%	4%	4%	4%
CJHS Geo	0%	6%	35%	44%	15%	59%
Alg. 2	26%	13%	43%	13%	4%	17%

2025-2026 NJSLA-A ELA Results

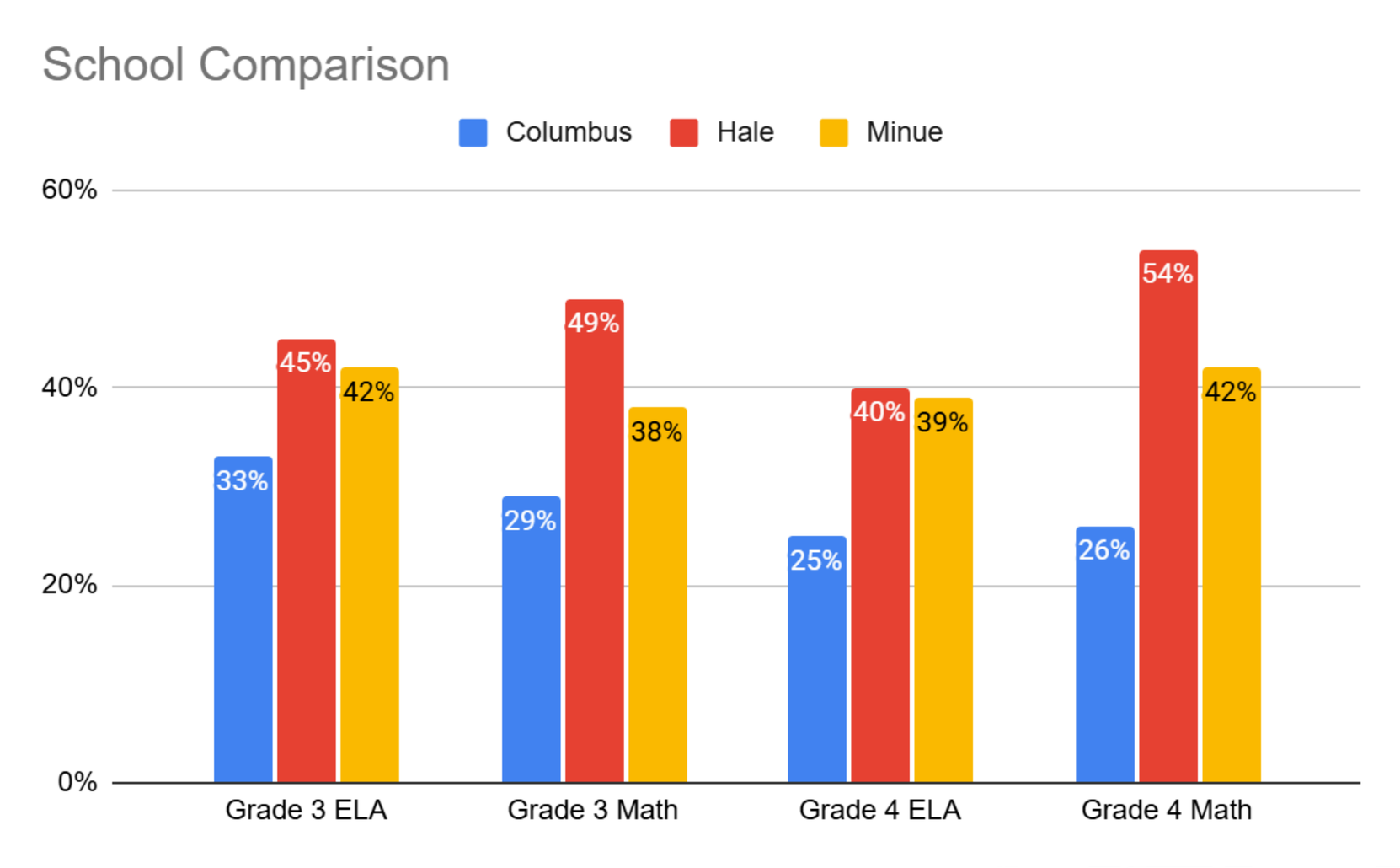
25-26 Carteret to State Comparison



25-26 Distribution by Level



25-26 School Comparison



ELA Next Steps

- Update Writing Benchmarks to align with NJSLA-A
- Analyze Skills and Reporting Categories to make decisions that impact grade levels and curriculum
- Tier 1 intervention plans for K-6
- Test Prep Tuesdays to prepare students for the functionality of the test

2025-2026 NJSLA-A Math Results

- Grade 8 data: Some students in grade 8 participated in the Algebra I or Geometry assessment in place of the 8th grade Math assessment. Math 8 outcomes do not represent grade 8 performance as a whole.

- Algebra 1, 2, and Geometry data: Students in grades 11 and 12 were not included.

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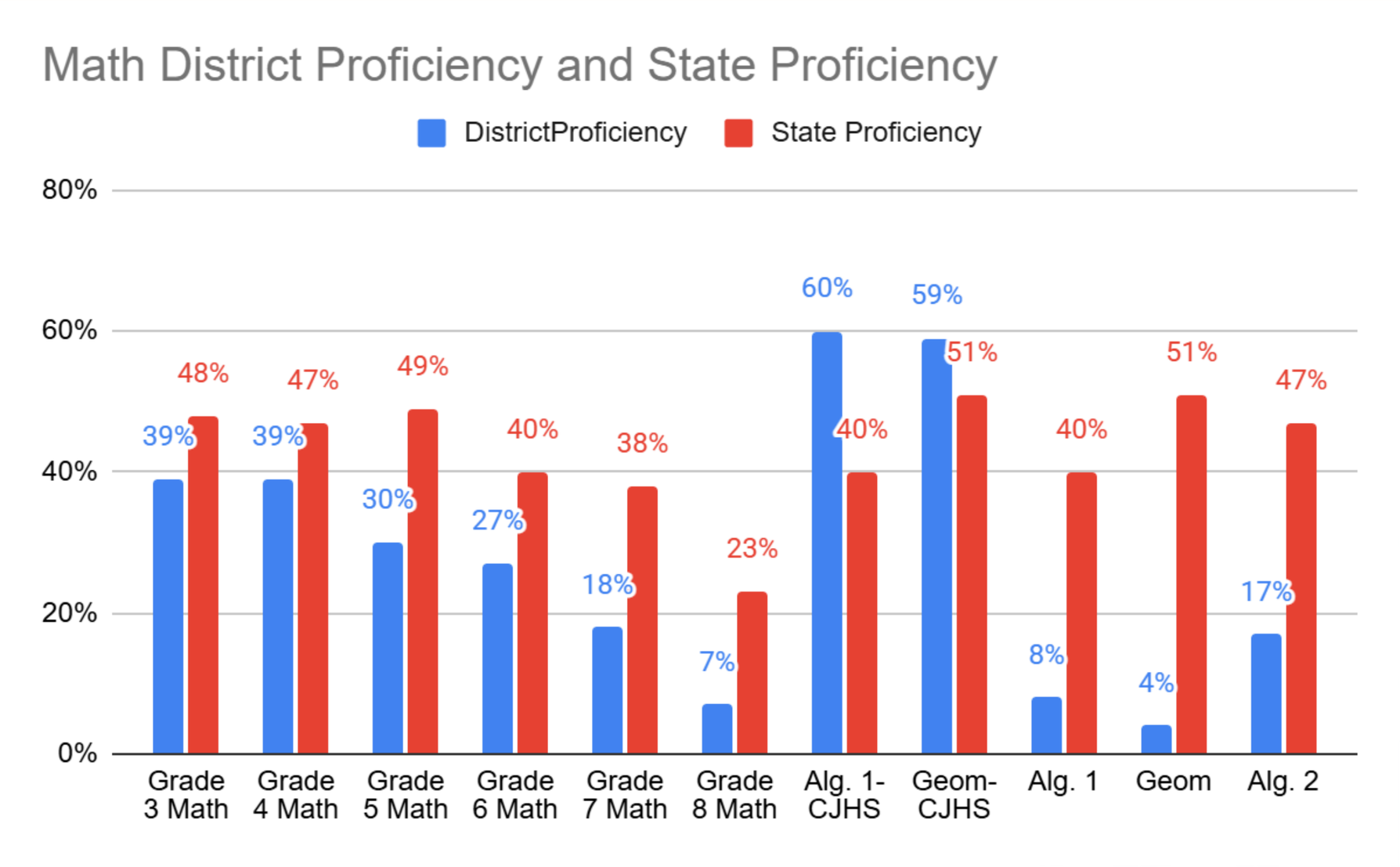

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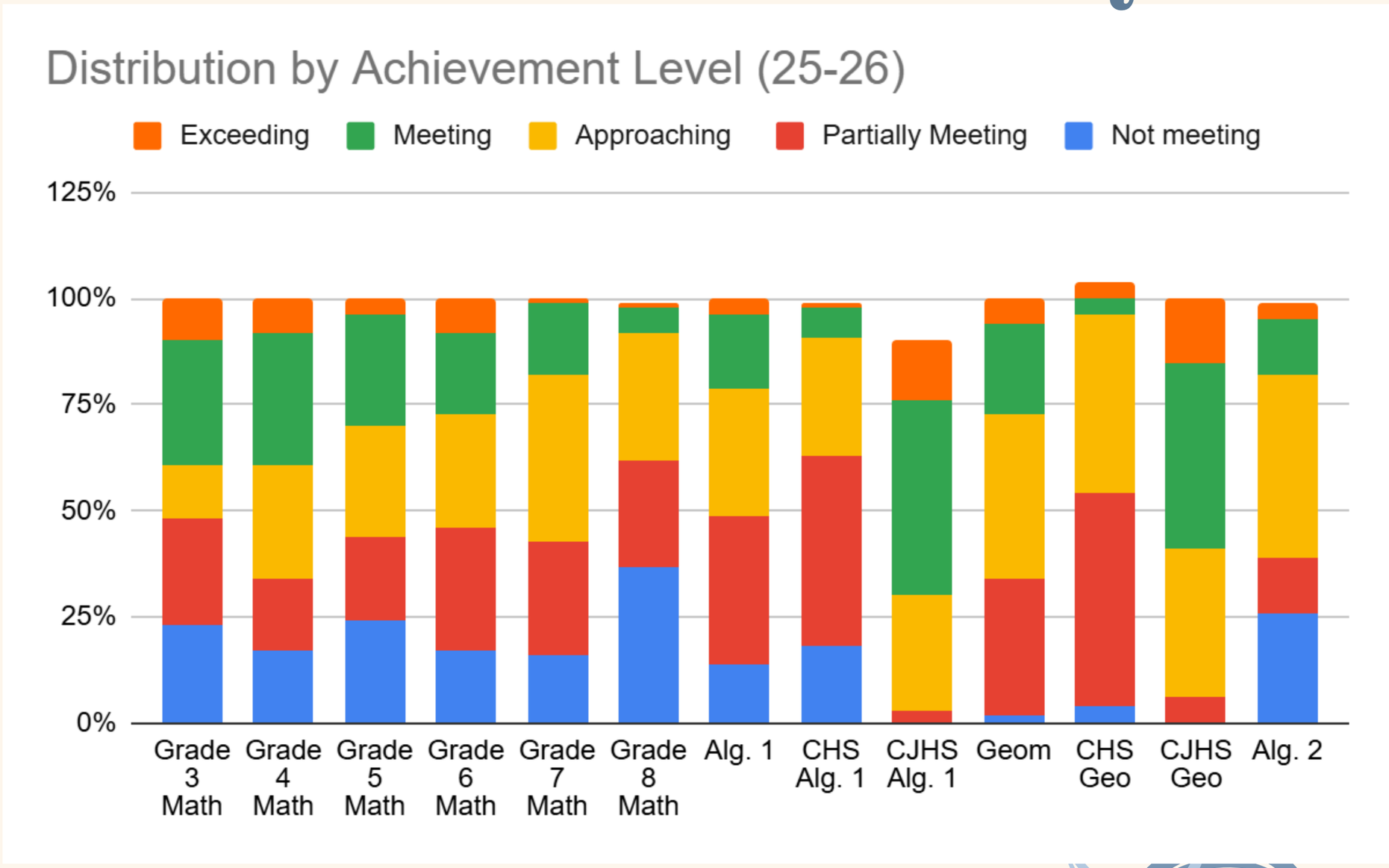

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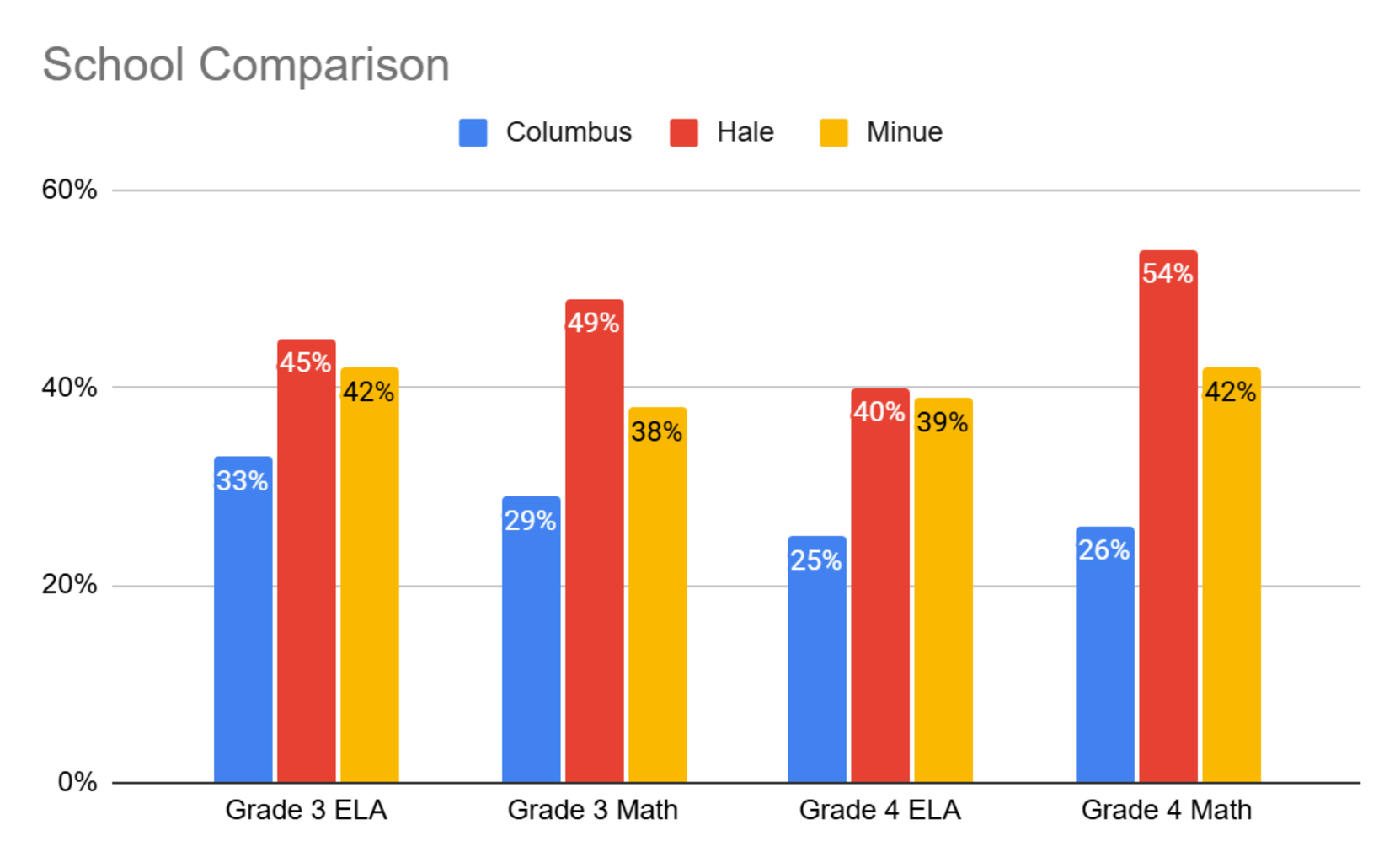
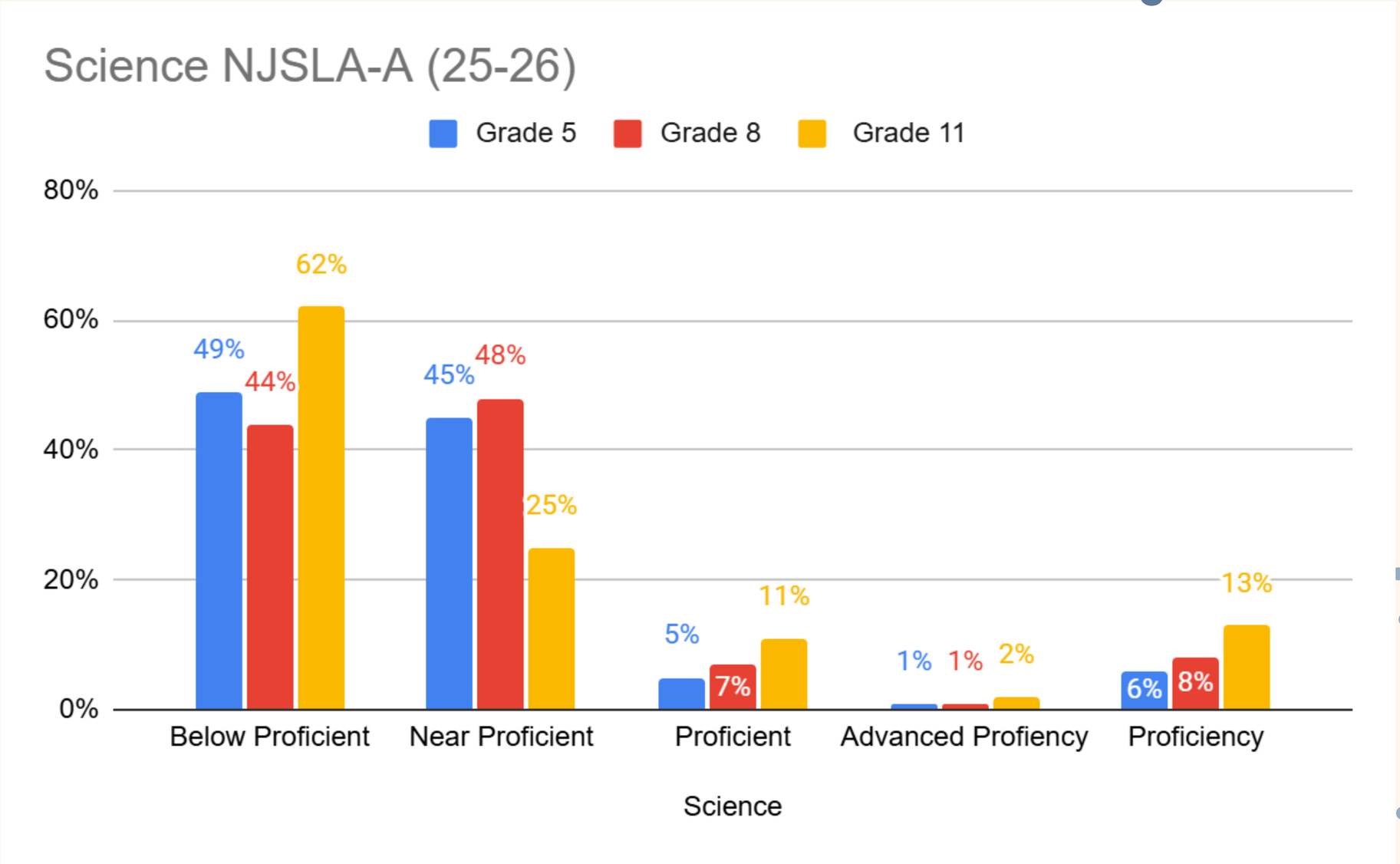


Math Next Steps

- Implemented Innovamat 5-6
- Adopting a cohesive math program for grades 7-11
- Analyze Skills and Reporting Categories to make decisions that impact grade levels and curriculum
- Tier 1 intervention plans for K-6
- Continued PD

2025-2026 NJSLA-A Science Results

25-26 Distribution by Level



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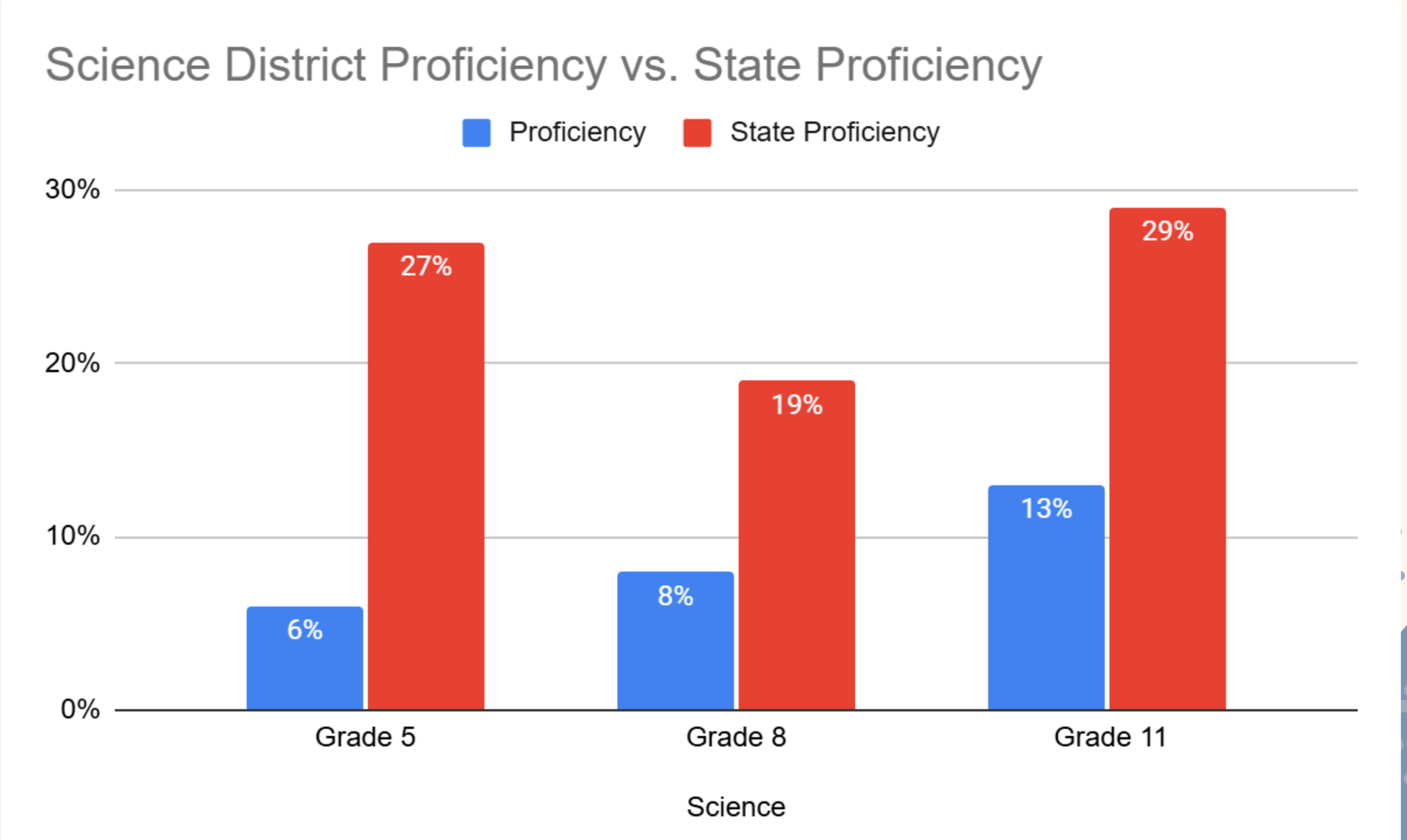
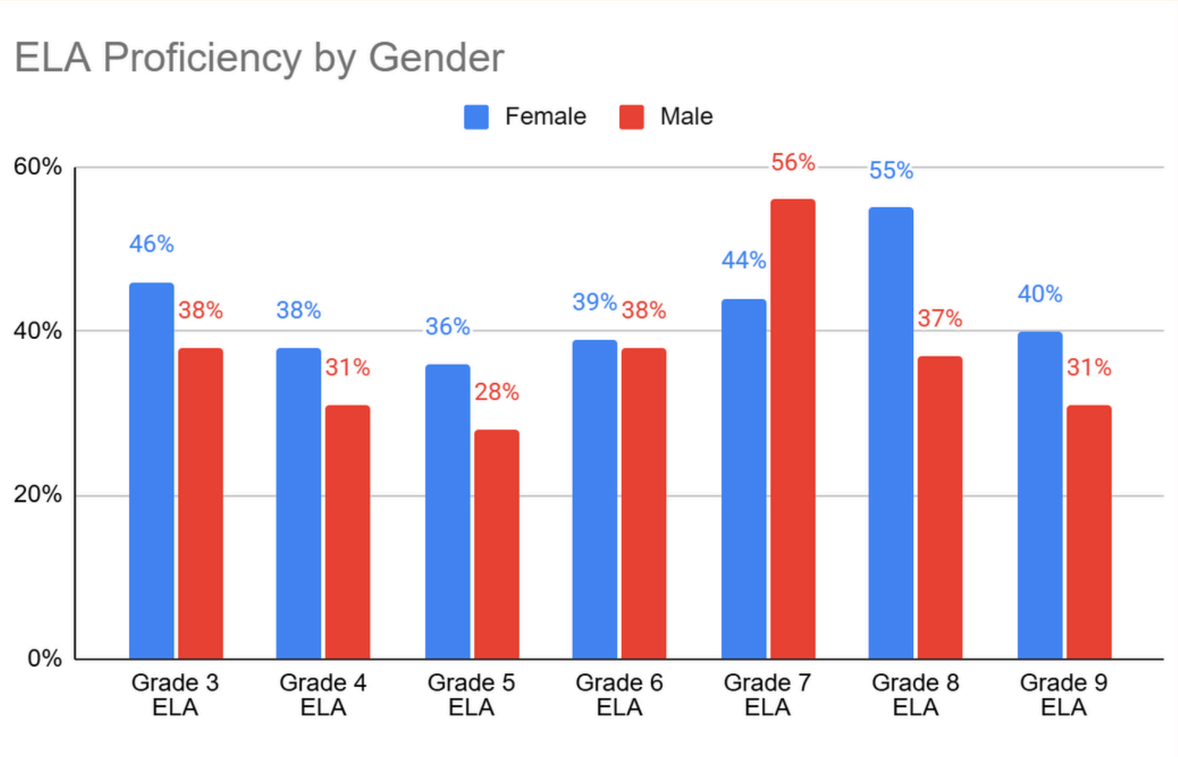


NJSLA-A Subgroup Data

Gender


ELA Proficiency by Gender
Female
Male
60%
40%
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Grade 3 ELA
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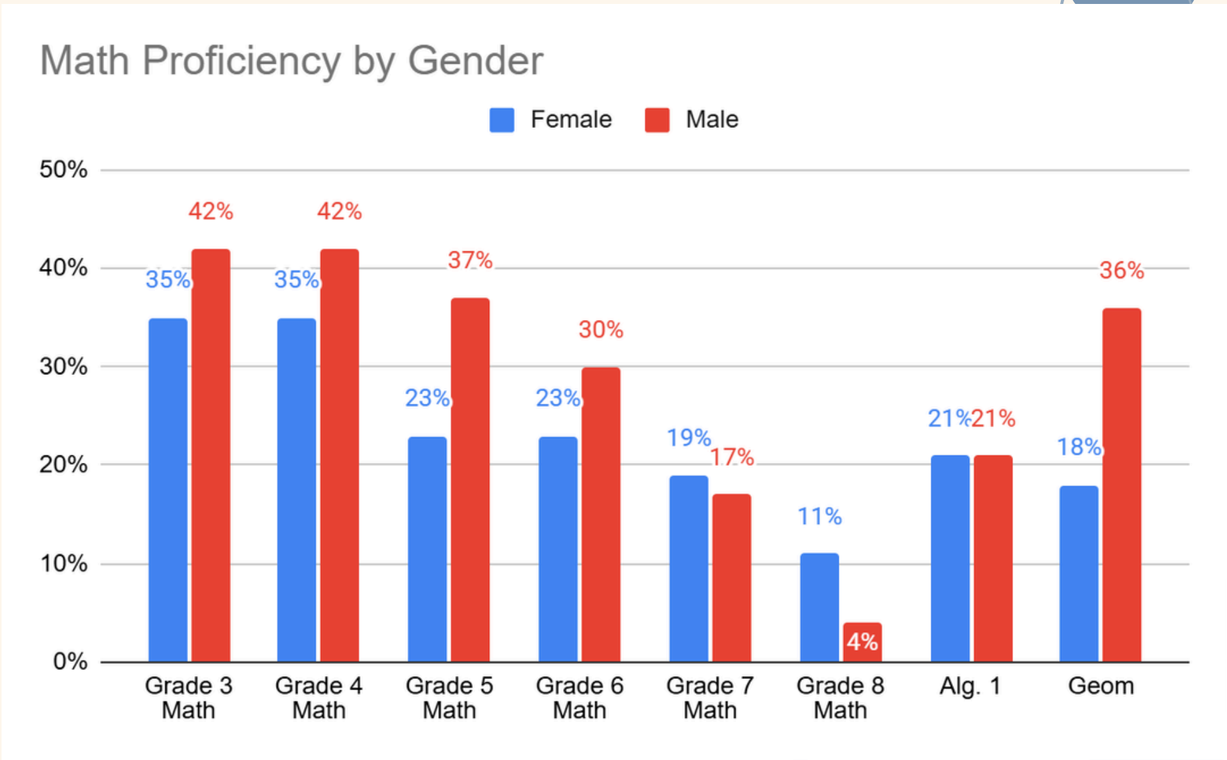
Grade 5 ELA
Grade 6 ELA
Grade 7 ELA
Grade 8 ELA
Grade 9 ELA


Math Proficiency by Gender
Female
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50%
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17%
11%
4%
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Grade 3 Math
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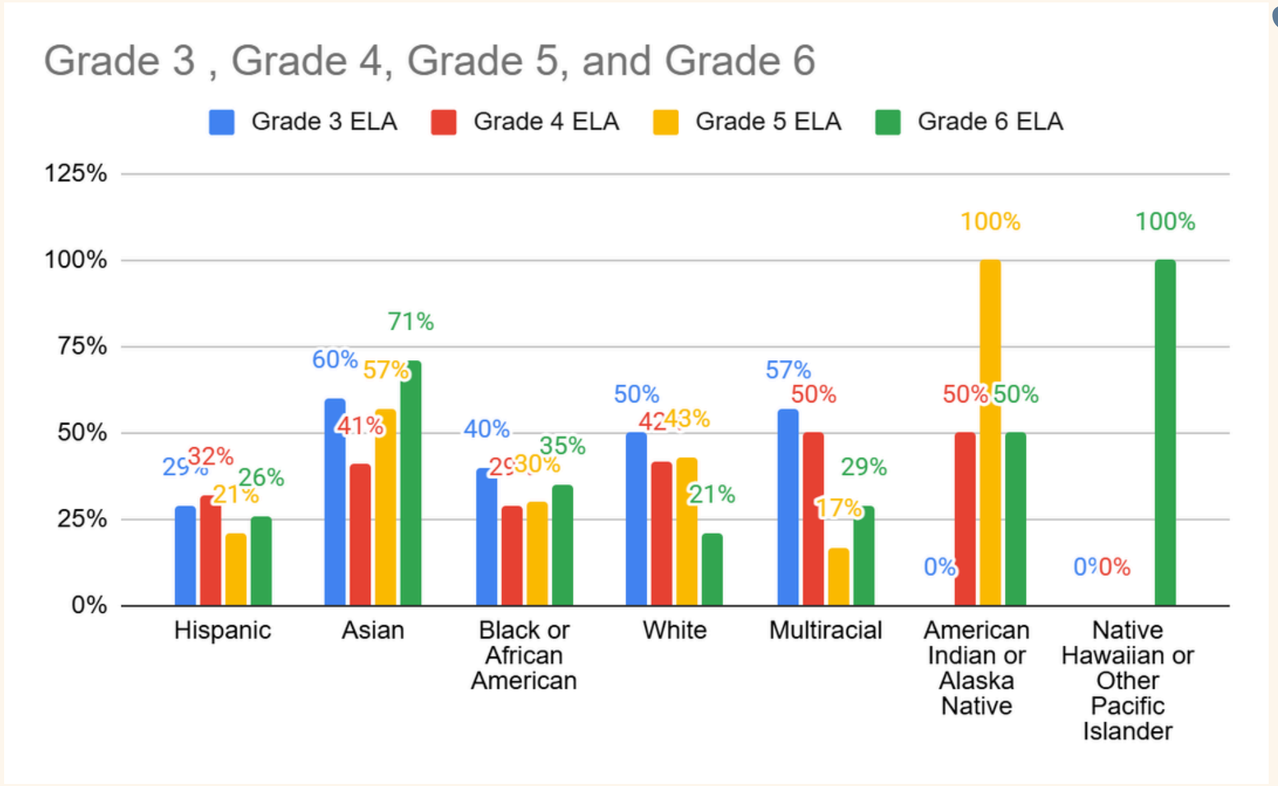
Grade 5 Math
Grade 6 Math
Grade 7 Math
Grade 8 Math
Alg. 1
Geom

ELA by Race


Grade 3 , Grade 4, Grade 5, and Grade 6
Grade 3 ELA
Grade 4 ELA
Grade 5 ELA
Grade 6 ELA
125%
100%
75%
50%
25%
0%
29%
32%
21%
26%
60%
41%
57%
71%
40%
29%
30%
35%
50%
42%
43%
21%
57%
50%
17%
29%
0%
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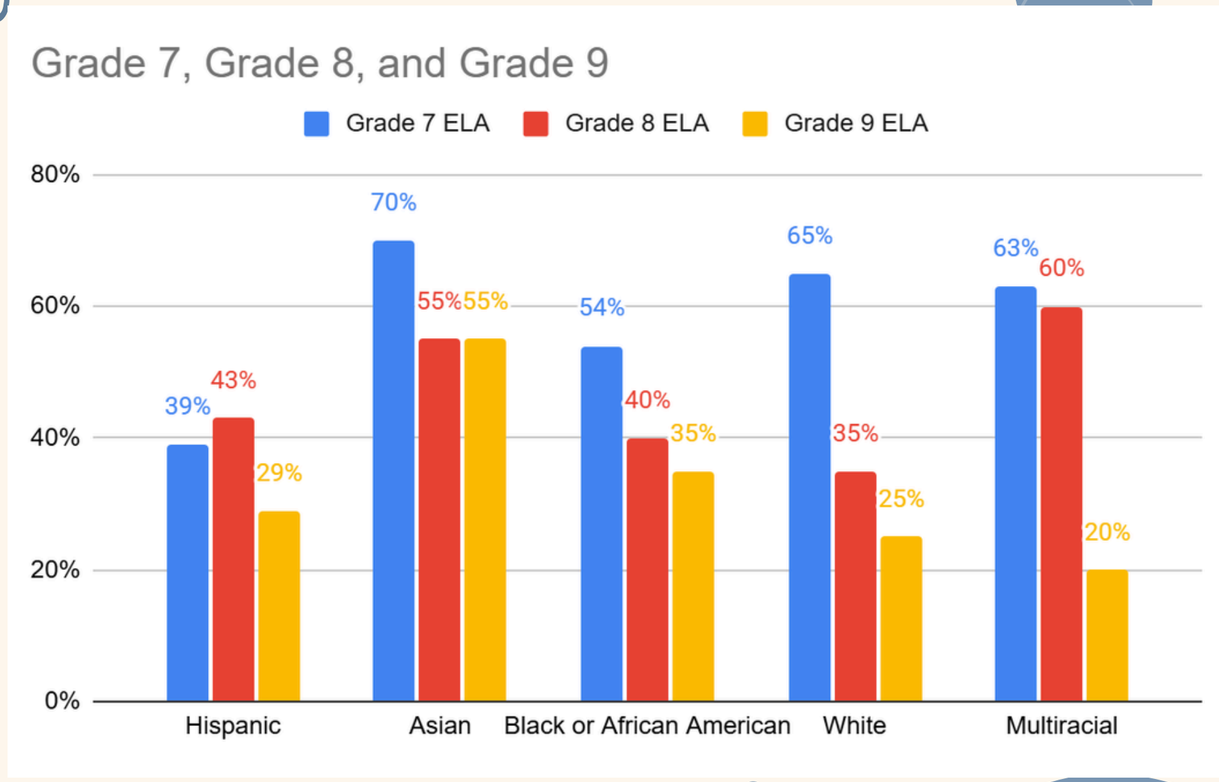
Hispanic
Asian
Black or African American
White
Multiracial
American Indian or Alaska Native
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander


Grade 7, Grade 8, and Grade 9
Grade 7 ELA
Grade 8 ELA
Grade 9 ELA
80%
60%
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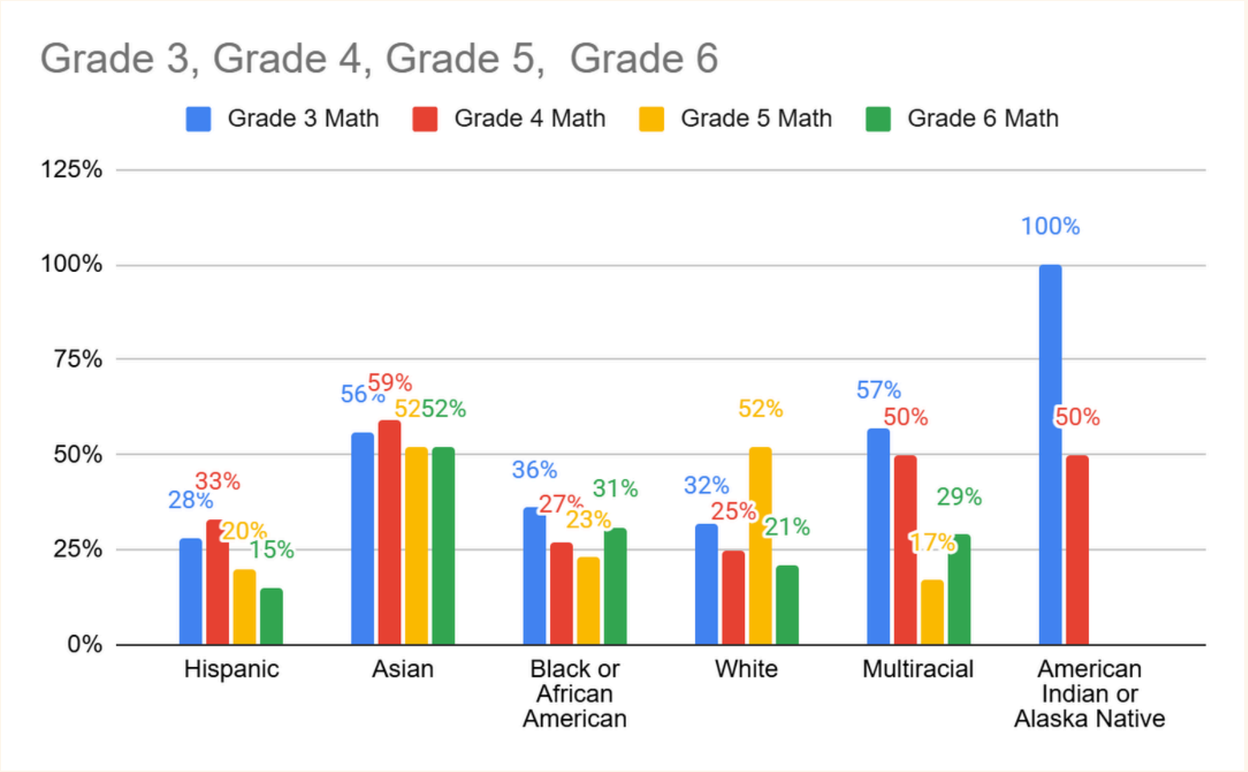
Black or African American
White
Multiracial

Math by Race


Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6
Grade 3 Math
Grade 4 Math
Grade 5 Math
Grade 6 Math
125%
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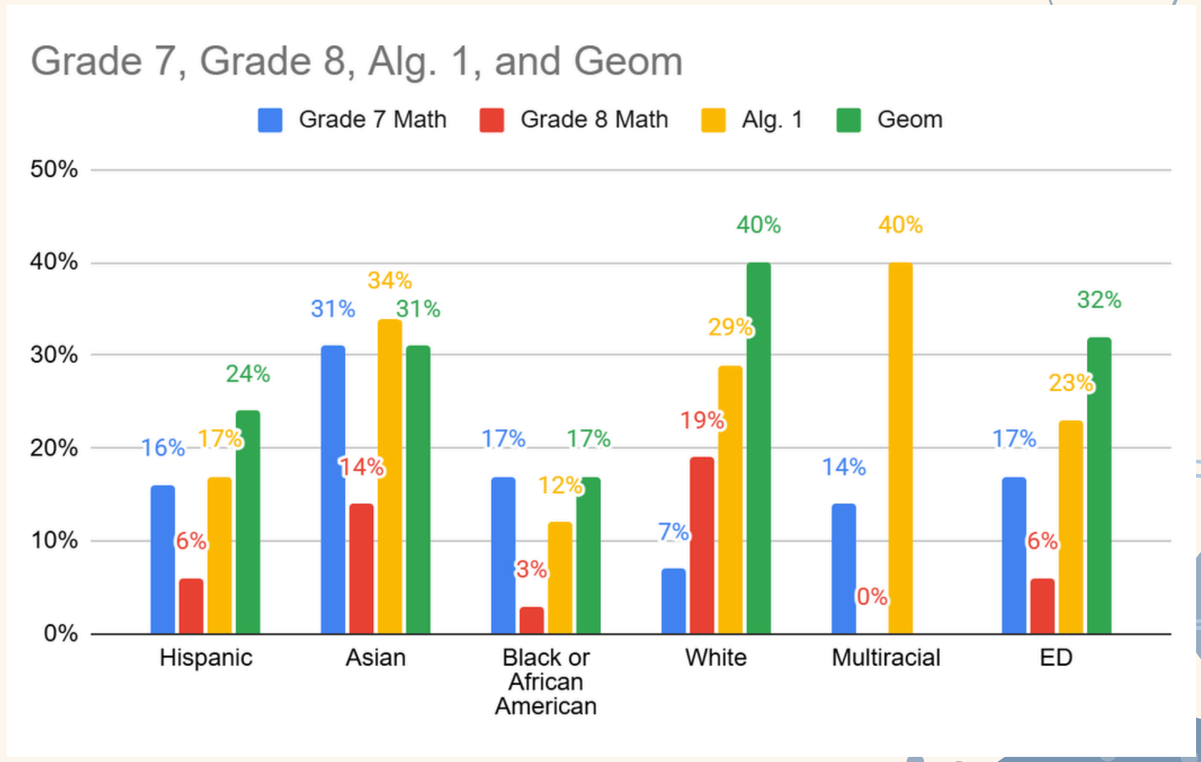
Grade 7, Grade 8, Alg. 1, and Geom
Grade 7 Math
Grade 8 Math
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Geom
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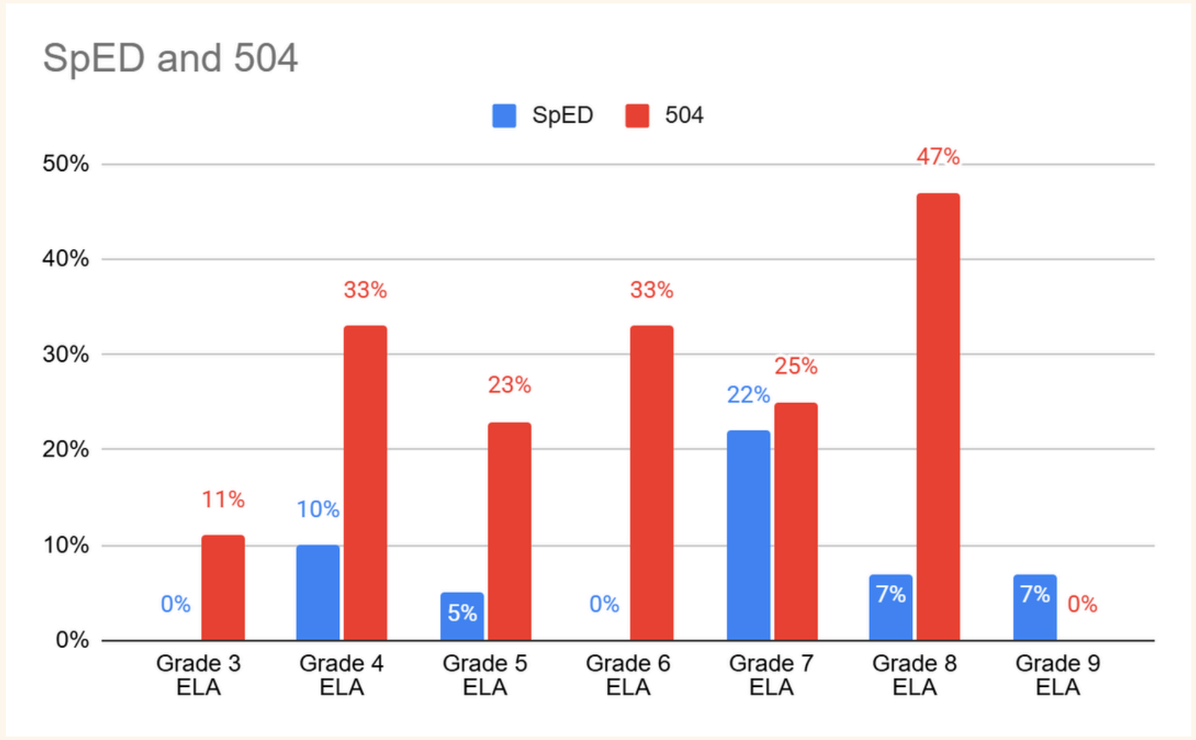
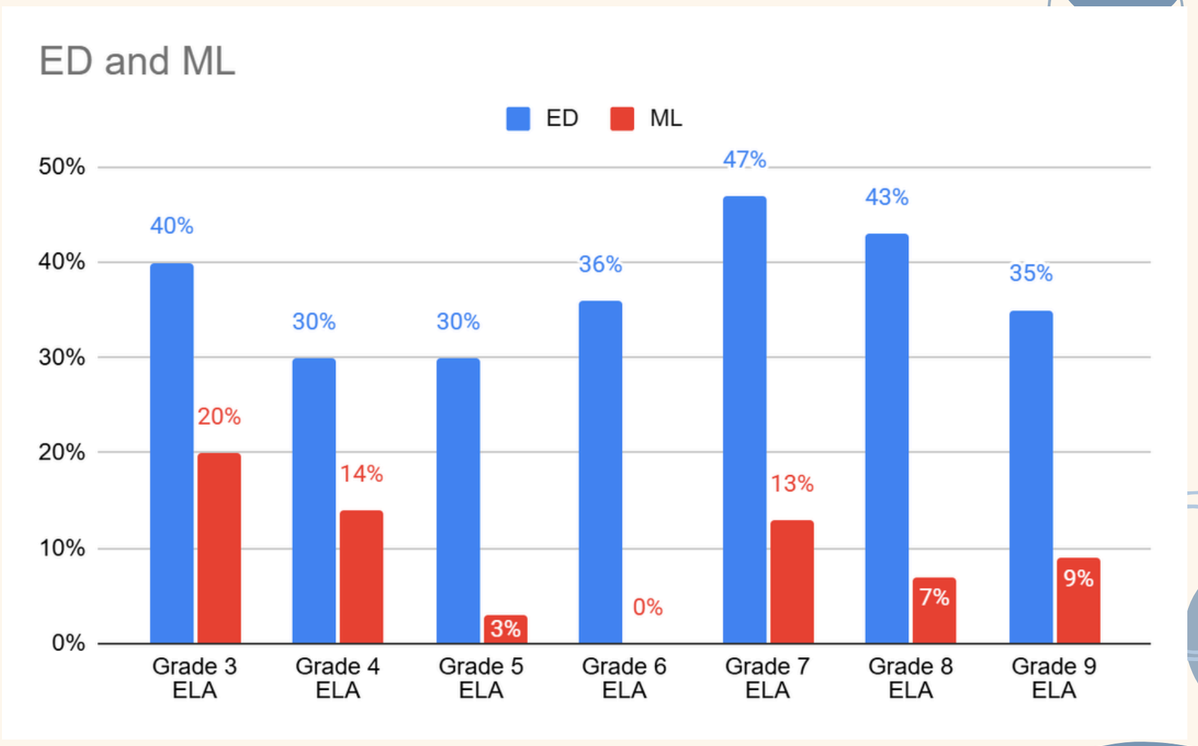
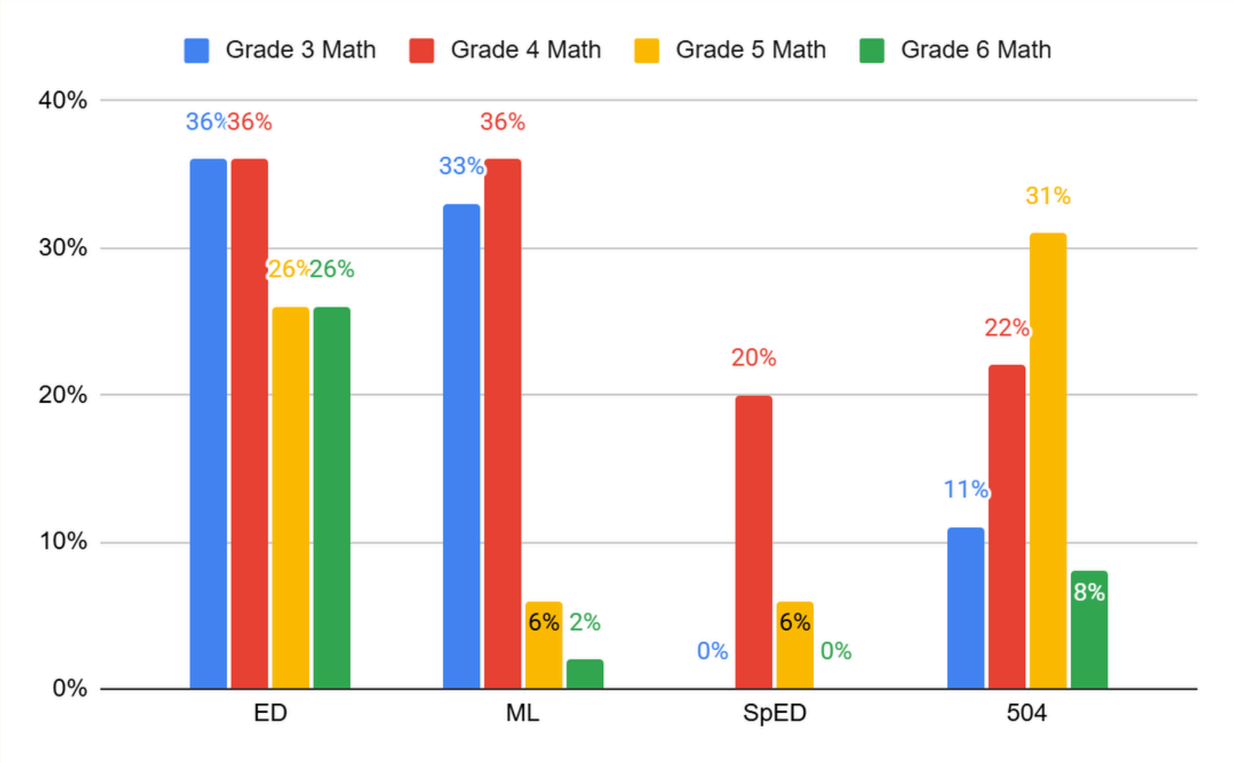
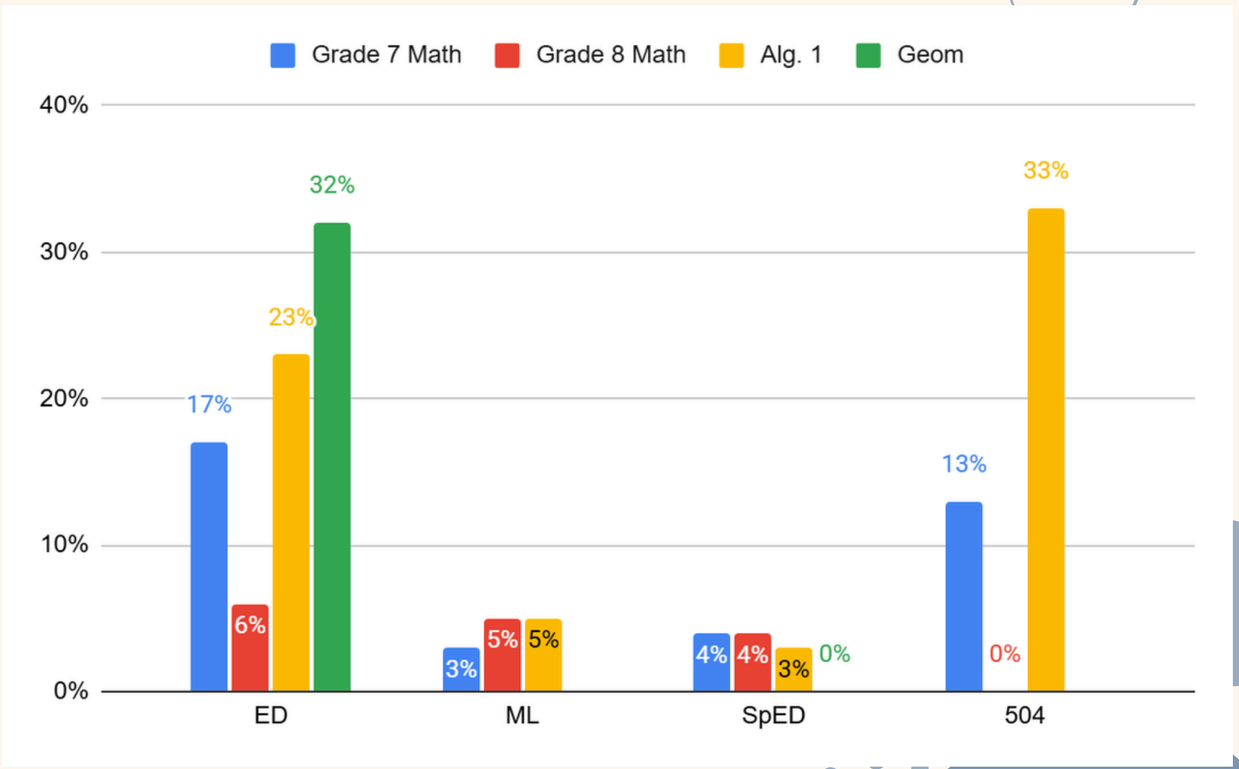
ELA by Program





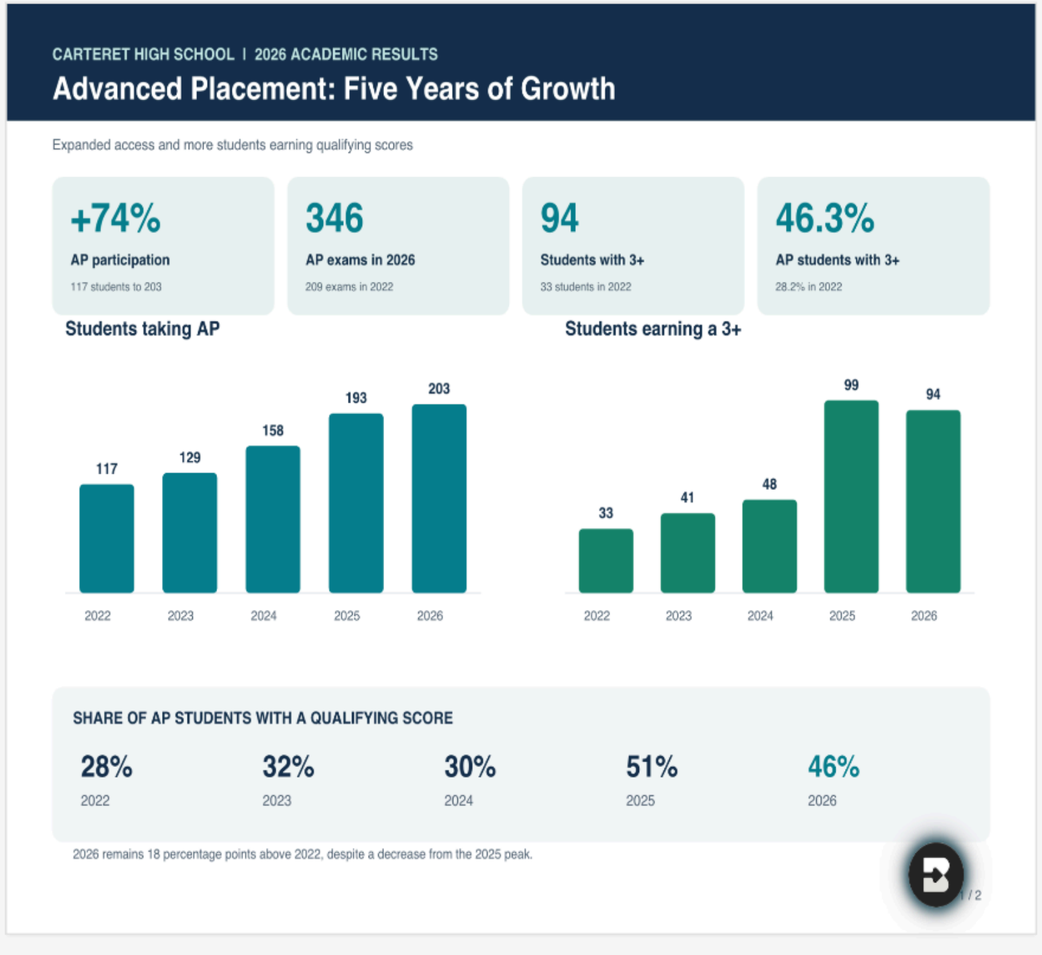
Math by Program

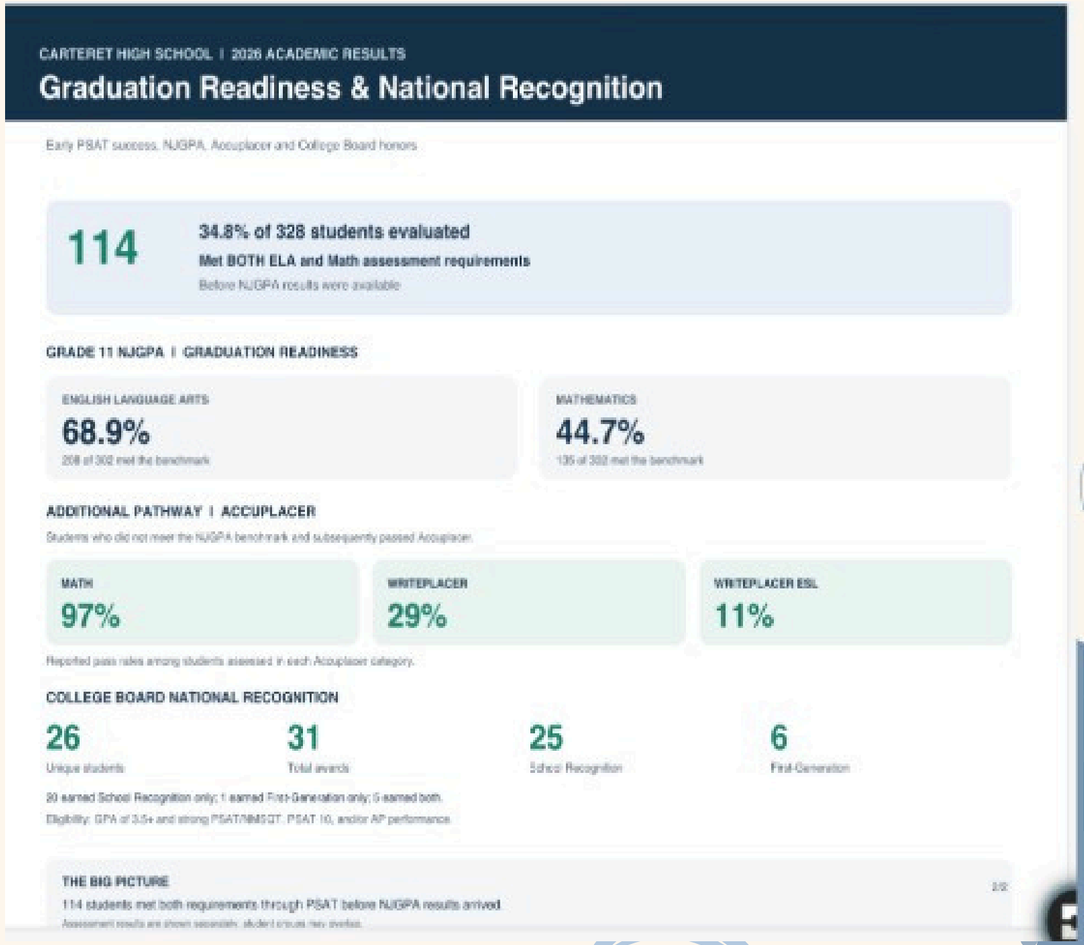




School Level Testing Highlights

CHS Highlights

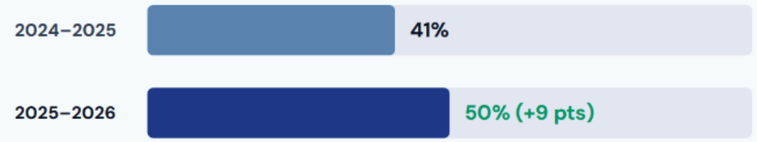




CJHS Highlights

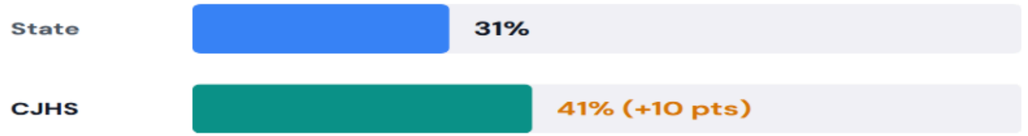
PROFICIENCY COMPARISON

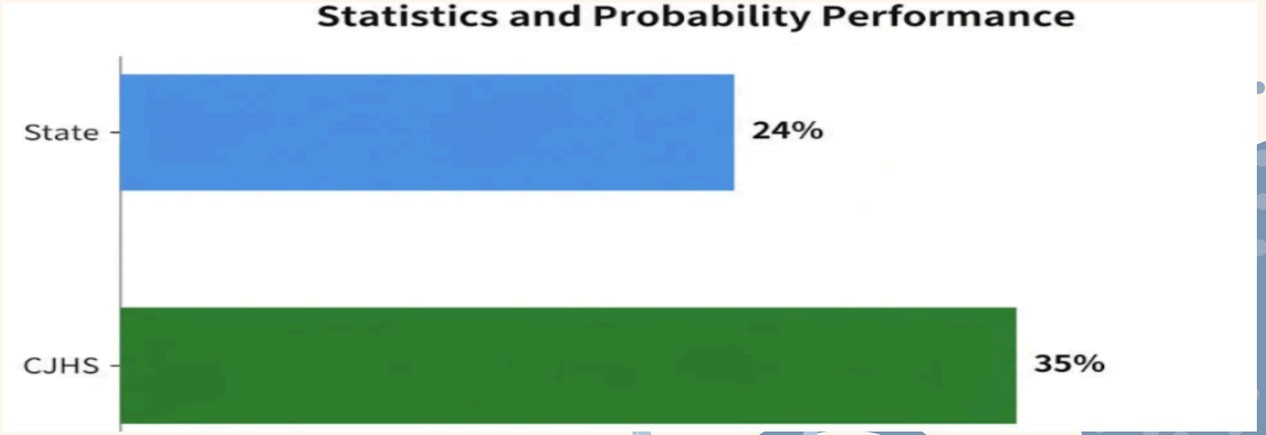
Grade 7 ELA Proficiency Rate



ALGEBRA 1 · 8TH GRADE

Number, Quantity, and Algebra





CMS Highlights

ELA NJSLA-A GLOWS

GRADE 5 (n = 257)

High Growth

25.7%

66 students (a quarter)

Typical or High Growth

54.5%

140 students (over half)

GRADE 6 (n = 244)

High Growth

38.9%

95 students (over a third)

Typical or High Growth

68.4%

167 students (nearly 7 in 10)

MATH NJSLA-A GLOWS

GRADE 5

Met / Exceeded

30.4%

82 of 270 students

Typical or High Growth

58.6%

154 of 263 w/ growth data

GRADE 6

Met / Exceeded

26.4%

69 of 261 students

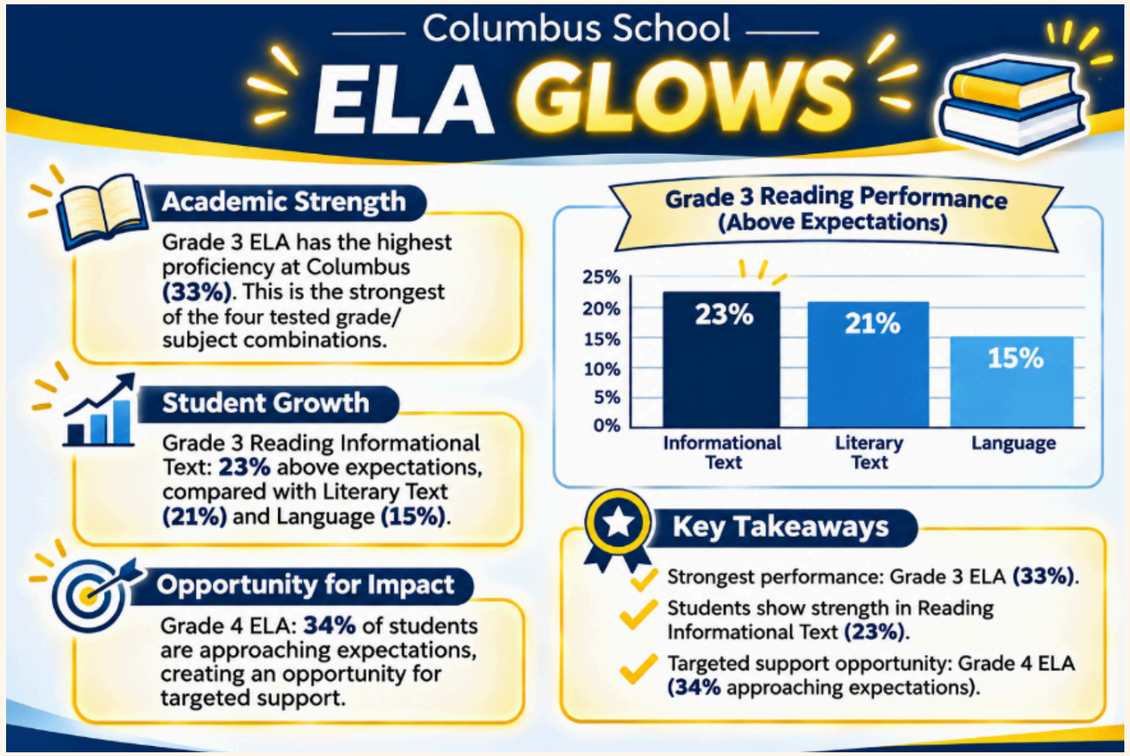
Typical or High Growth

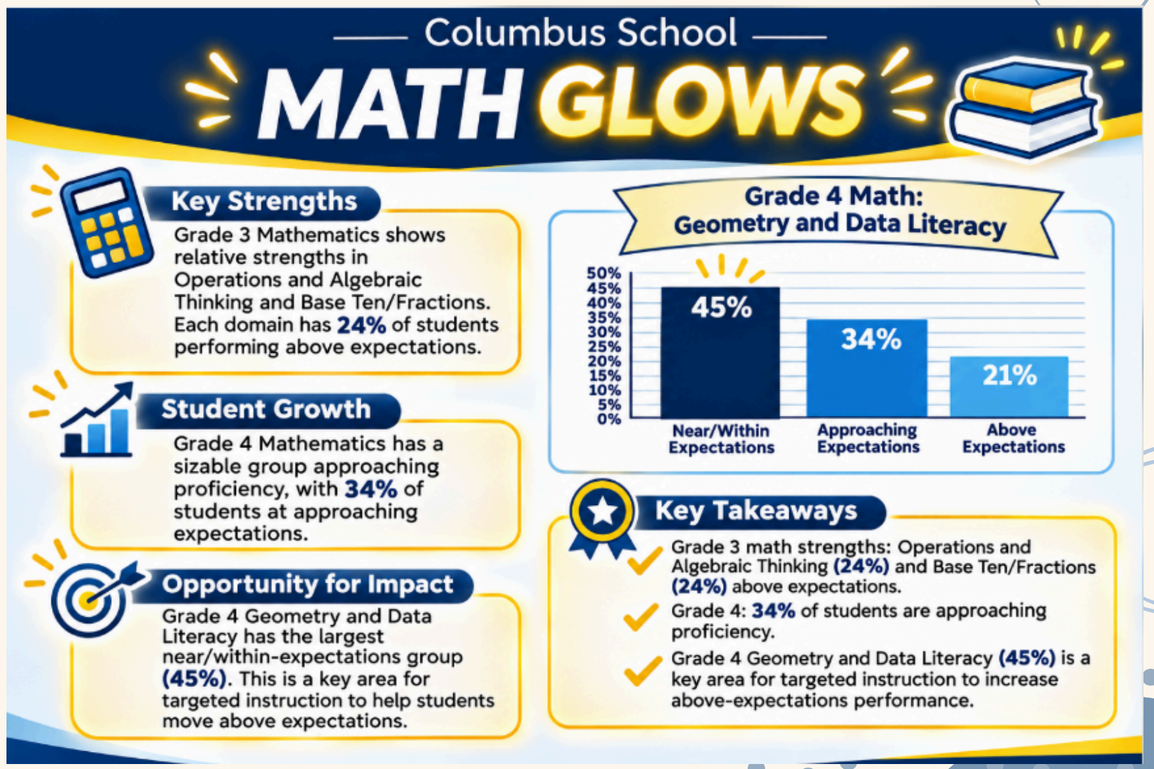
66.0%

163 of 247 w/ growth data

THE BIG GLOW: 307 ELA students and 317 Math students demonstrated Typical or High growth, led by Grade 6 in both subjects.

Columbus Highlights





Minue Highlights

Grade 3 ELA NJSLA-A

- Overall ELA-11% Exceeding
- Reading and Literary Text -30% Near or Within which was same as State Average
- Narrative Writing 4% received 4 pts as compared to State Average of 2%

Grade 4 ELA NJSLA-A

- Overall ELA 13% Exceeding
- Informative /Explanatory Writing 43% scoring 3 points as compared to state average of 37%
- Opinion writing 33% scoring 3 points as compared to state average of 30%

Grade 3 Math NJSLA-A

- Overall Math-10% exceeding
- Operations and Algebraic Thinking 26% at Performance Level Above
- Numbers & Operations in Base Ten & Numbers and Operations Fractions 22% at Performance Level Above

Grade 4 Math NJSLA-A

- Overall Math 13% Exceeding
- Operations & Algebraic Thinking & Measurement 33% at Above Performance Level
- Numbers & Operations in Base Ten 30% at Above Performance Level

Nathan Hale Highlights

Hale's 2025–26 Highlight Reel

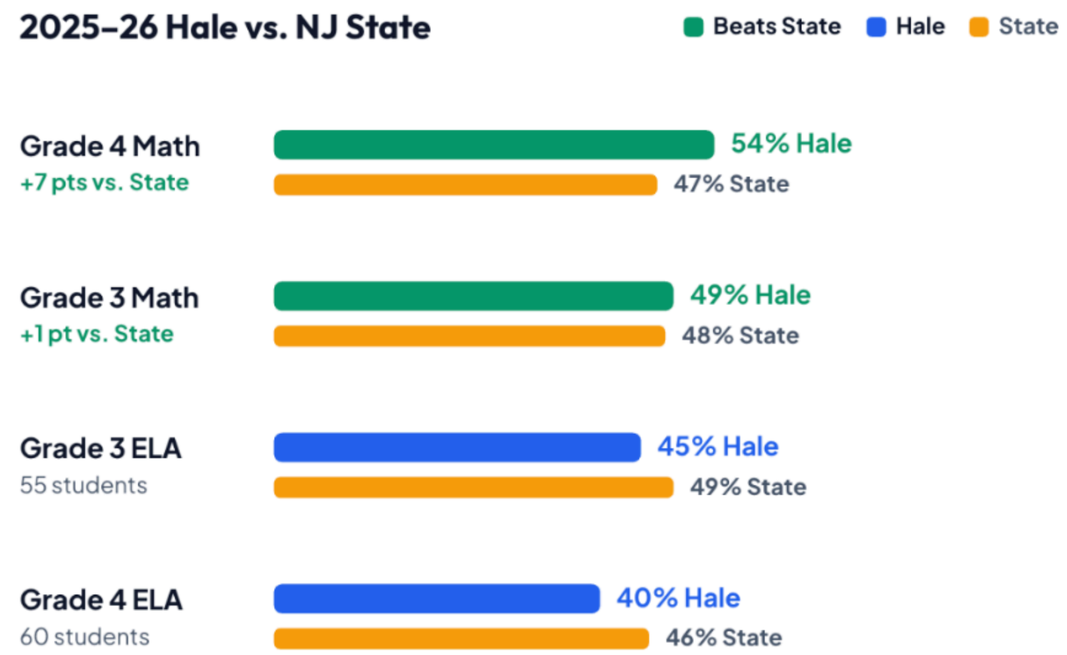
122 Math & 115 ELA Test Takers
4 Years of Uninterrupted Math Growth

2 of 4
Beat NJ State Average
Gr. 3 & Gr. 4 Math topped state

+28.5 pts
4-Year Math Surge
23.1% → 51.6% school-wide

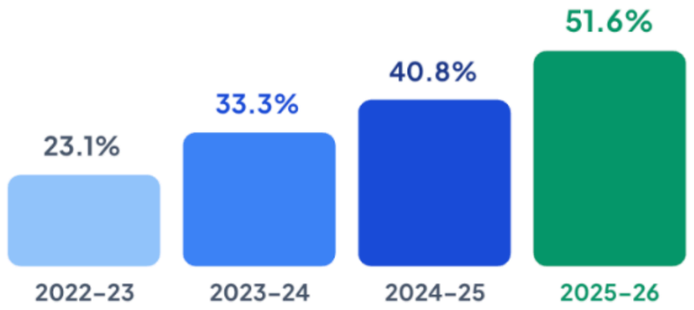
+13.8 pts
4-Year ELA Gain
28.6% → 42.4% school-wide

2025–26 Hale vs. NJ State



Math More Than Doubled

School-wide proficiency climbed every single year



-5.9 pts
Absenteeism Down
Dropped from 22.8% to 16.9%

55.7%
ELP Progress Surged
Up +24.9 pts through 2024–25

Sources: NJ School Performance Reports (SPR 2024–25) & 2025–26 Preliminary NJSLA-A Data (weighted across Grades 3 & 4).

2025-2026 ACCESS for ELLs

School	Tested Grades	Total Tested	Entering (Level 1)	Emerging (Level 2)	Developing (Level 3)	Expanding (Level 4)	Bridging (Level 5)	Reaching (Level 6)
Columbus	K–4	58	26%	16%	16%	24%	16%	3%
Nathan Hale	K–4	128	32%	10%	24%	22%	10%	1%
Nicholas Minue	K–4	79	18%	9%	25%	30%	18%	0%
Carteret MS	5–6	71	6%	17%	46%	26%	6%	0%
Carteret JHS	6–8	72	6%	28%	50%	17%	0%	0%
Carteret HS	9–12	171	12%	17%	49%	22%	1%	0%
District Total	**K–12**	**579**	**17%**	**16%**	**37%**	**24%**	**7%**	**1%**

2025-2026 Seal of Biliteracy

2026 Seniors who attained the Seal of Biliteracy: 28

2026 Juniors who passed the Seal of Biliteracy: 5

Languages:

Spanish, Urdu

Punjabi, French, and Hindi

2025-2026 AP Scores

AP Test	# of students who tested	# of 3 scores	# of 4 scores	# of 5 scores
African-American Studies	21	4	2	0
Biology	16	6	1	1
Calculus AB	29	3	2	2
Calculus BC	10	2	0	3
Computer Science A	23	0	0	0
Computer Science Principles	47	9	0	0
English Lang & Comp	57	23	13	2
English Lit & Comp	52	12	8	1
Environmental Science	24	9	3	0
Physics 1	14	1	1	1
Psychology	38	5	16	3
Statistics	8	1	1	0
US History	8	2	3	0

2025-2026 AP Recognition

AP Scholars	21
AP Scholars with Honors	3
AP Scholars with Distinction	4

Local Assessments for 26-27

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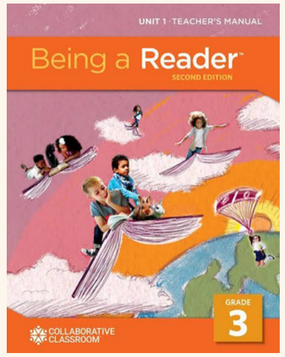

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