

## OUR STUDENTS

2016-17

41,732 Students

- 284 Preschool
  - 18,454 Elementary
  - 9,909 Middle
  - 12,656 High
  - 429 Special Programs
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- 69.4% White
  - 17.6% Hispanic
  - 7.4% Black
  - 3.5% Multiracial
  - 1.8% Asian
  - .3% Other



13%

GIFTED

5.4%

ELL/ESOL

30.35%

FREE OR REDUCED  
PRICE LUNCH

11.6%

STUDENTS WITH  
DISABILITIES

52

LANGUAGES  
SPOKEN

115

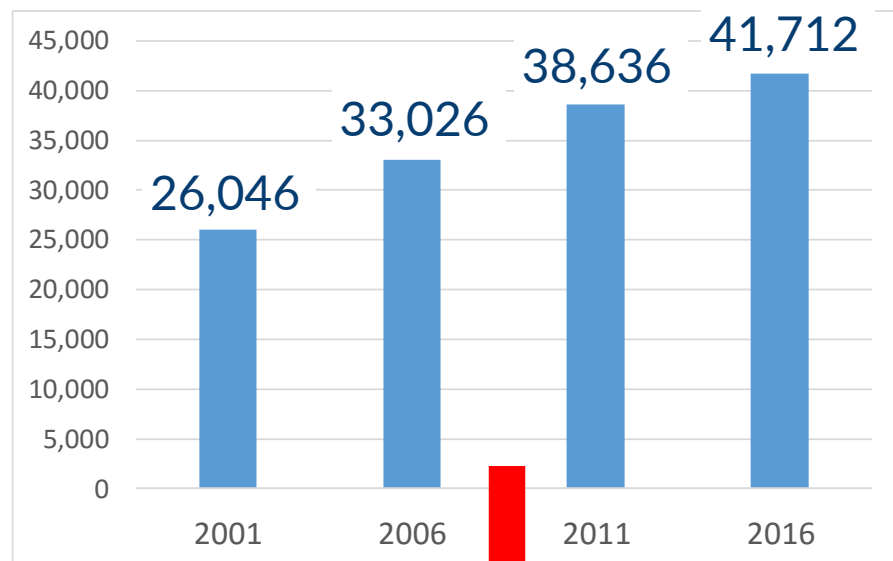
COUNTRIES OF  
ORIGIN

*74% born here in Georgia!*

## ENROLLMENT GROWTH

### 10 Largest GA Districts

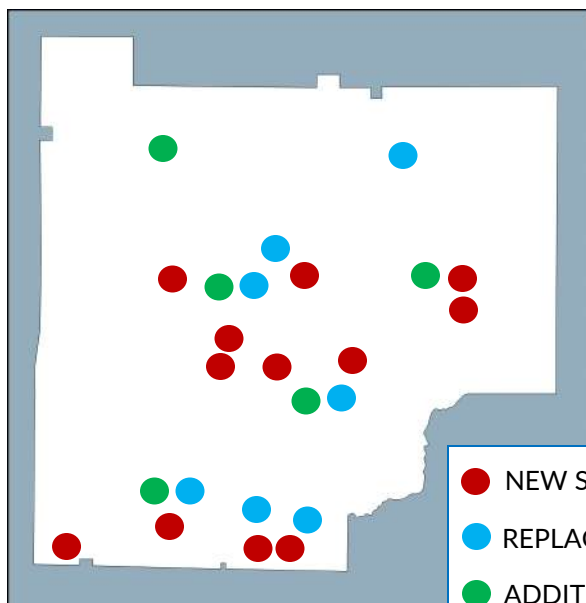
1. Gwinnett
2. Cobb
3. DeKalb
4. Fulton
5. Clayton
6. Atlanta
7. Forsyth
8. Henry
9. Cherokee
10. Chatham



### CCSD STUDENT MOBILITY RATE ("CHURN"- CHANGING SCHOOLS)

- 2012-13 12.4%
- 2013-14 12.0%
- 2014-15 10.2%

The Great Recession (2007-2009) slowed the residential construction that serves as the engine of growth for Cherokee County. Growth has slowly returned to the bedroom community, and housing starts are on the rise. Student "churn" rate is dropping as widespread foreclosures have slowed and families are stabilizing.



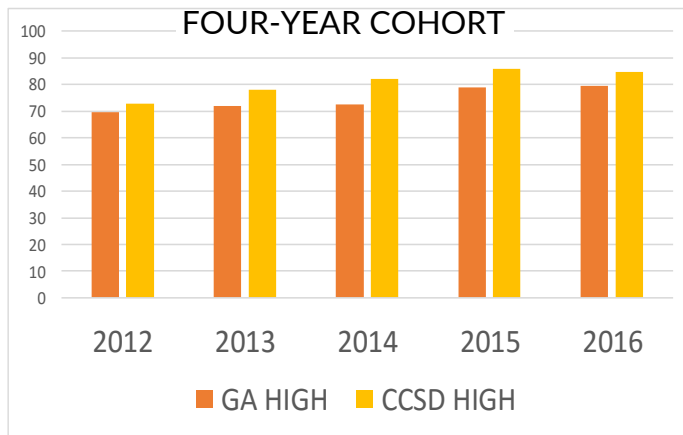
### 15-YEAR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHES ITS MISSION

In 2001, CCSD embarked on an aggressive construction plan as recommended by a citizen review panel. More than 5,000 students were housed in trailers, and the District was growing by 1,000+ students per year. Over the course of three penny sales tax renewals approved by voters, CCSD built 12 new schools and 7 replacement schools, along with 5 major renovations and additions that doubled classroom capacity.

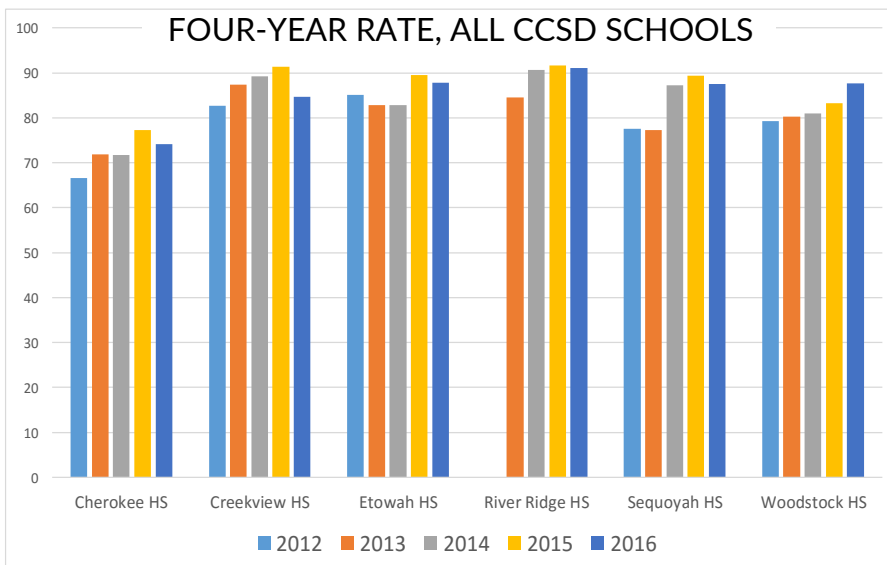
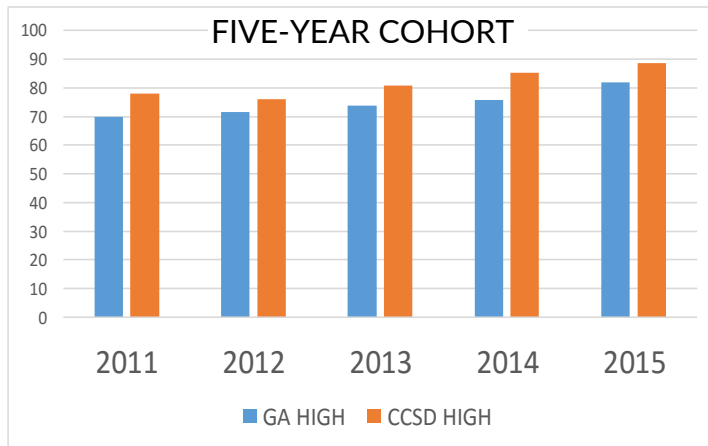
- NEW SCHOOL
- REPLACEMENT SCHOOL
- ADDITION/RENOVATION

# High School Graduation Rate

CCSD's 4-year graduation rate has risen from 72.7% in 2012 to 84.7% in 2016.



CCSD's 5-year graduation rate has risen from 77.9% in 2012 to 88.7% in 2015.



# SAT 2016



	READING	MATH	WRITING	TOTAL SCORE	
<b>CCSD</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>1577</b>	
<b>STATE</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>1459</b>	
<b>NATION</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>1484</b>	

## CONSISTENT QUALITY

All six CCSD High Schools are in the top 50 scoring high schools in Georgia, with total scores less than 3 percent apart:

- 26. Woodstock HS
- 29. Cherokee HS
- 30. Creekview HS
- 32. Sequoyah HS
- 40. Etowah HS
- 44. River Ridge HS

There are 448 public high schools in Georgia

## TOP 5 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN GA BY SAT SCORE

1. Oconee County Schools	1603
2. Forsyth County Schools	1584
<b>3. Cherokee County School District</b>	<b>1577</b>
4. Decatur City Schools	1571
5. Fayette County School District	1567

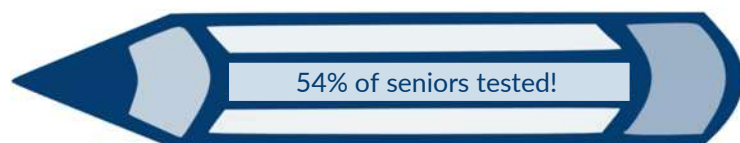


Number One Among Metro Atlanta School Districts!

By subject area, CCSD ranks

- 2nd in Writing
- 3rd in Mathematics
- 4th in Critical Reading

Among 180 public school districts in Georgia



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County  
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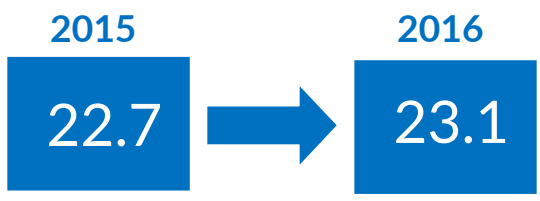
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## ACT Results for CCSD's Class of 2016

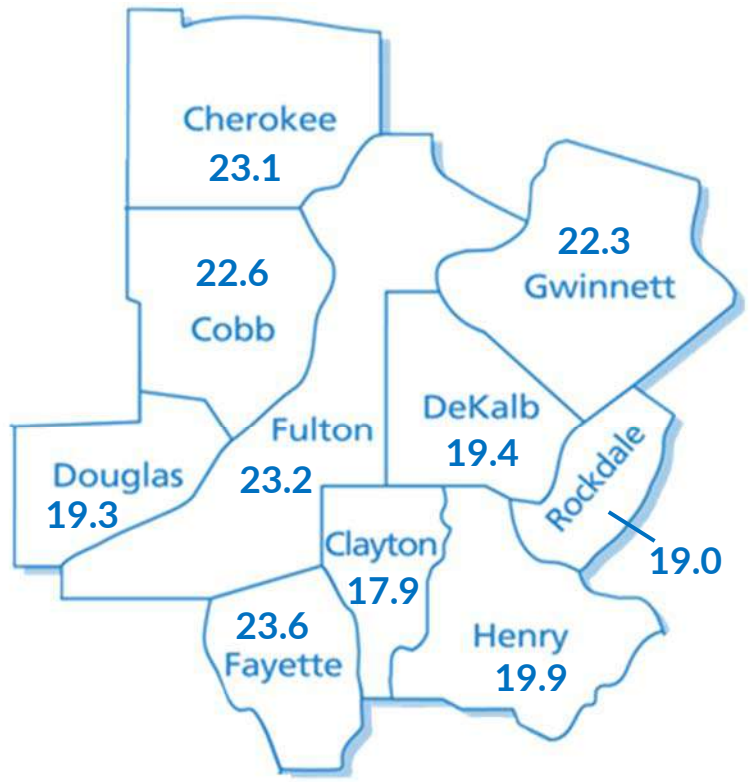


**CCSD's 2016 ACT SCORE IS OUR HIGHEST EVER!**

CCSD saw a **12%** increase in the number of students taking the ACT compared to 2015; and, more CCSD students took the ACT in 2016 than took the SAT in 2015.



## ACT in the ARC



- ⇒ The average ACT score for CCSD's six traditional high schools varies by less than 6%, indicating a consistent quality of education and preparation across the county for all students.
- ⇒ All six CCSD high schools ranked in the top 60 (of more than 400 high schools in Georgia), placing them all in the top 15% statewide; and,
- ⇒ Even the CCSD high school with the lowest score would rank 10th in the State if compared as a school district.



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## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

### 7th Annual AP<sup>®</sup> District Honor Roll

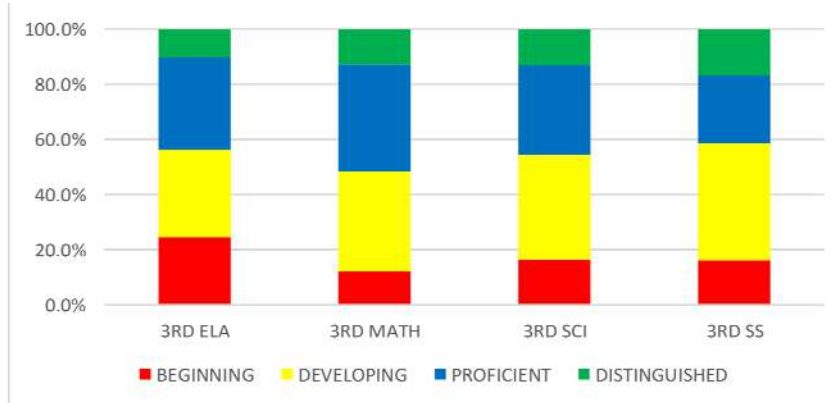
- CCSD's passage rate (students scoring a 3, 4 or 5) on AP exams administered in 2016 is 70%— which exceeds the State rate of 58% and the National rate of 57%.
- The number of exams given in CCSD increased 16% over last year, from 4,125 to 4,784.
- CCSD expanded AP course offerings from 26 to 30 in 2016.
- The number of students taking at least one AP exam increased 17% from 2015 to 2016.
- CCSD was named to the **College Board's AP Honor Roll**. Only 10 school districts in Georgia were named to the AP Honor Roll for 2016, and this was CCSD's fourth consecutive year to earn the distinction.
- Georgia named all six CCSD schools as AP STEM and AP STEM Achievement Schools.

	CHS	CVHS	EHS	RRHS	SHS	WHS	CCSD
Total AP Exams	631	829	1,063	652	614	995	4,784
Total AP Courses	21	22	22	22	23	25	30
AP Scores 3, 4 or 5	63%	71%	67%	55%	80%	80%	70%
No. of students tested	375	445	561	377	347	491	2,596
% of student population	16%	24%	24%	23%	20%	23%	22%



## 2016 GEORGIA MILESTONES RESULTS: CHEROKEE COUNTY GRADES 3-5

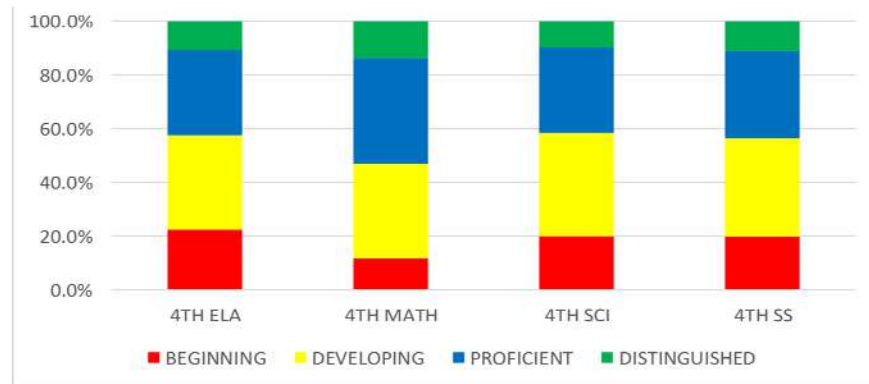
### 3RD GRADE MILESTONES



#### DEVELOPING LEARNER & ABOVE

- GA ELA 66.8%
- CCSD ELA 75.5%
- GA MATH 79.2%
- CCSD MATH 87.6%
- GA SCI 75.8%
- CCSD SCI 83.5%
- GA SS 75.3%
- CCSD SS 83.3%

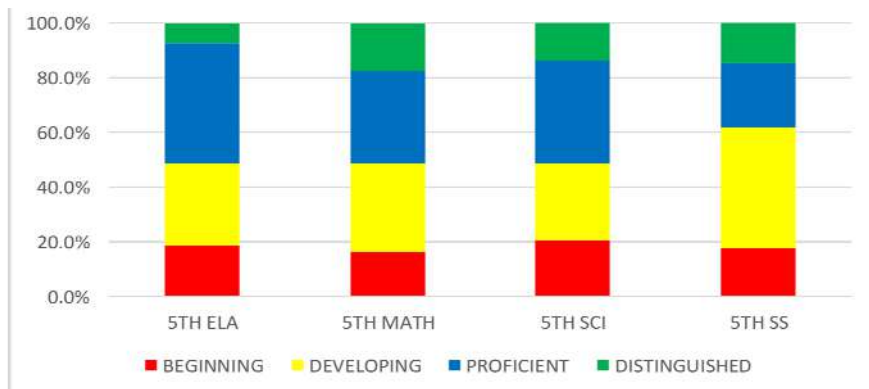
### 4TH GRADE MILESTONES



#### DEVELOPING LEARNER & ABOVE

- GA ELA 69.5%
- CCSD ELA 77.6%
- GA MATH 79.6%
- CCSD MATH 88.4%
- GA SCI 71.2%
- CCSD SCI 80.1%
- GA SS 70.4%
- CCSD SS 80.4%

### 5TH GRADE MILESTONES



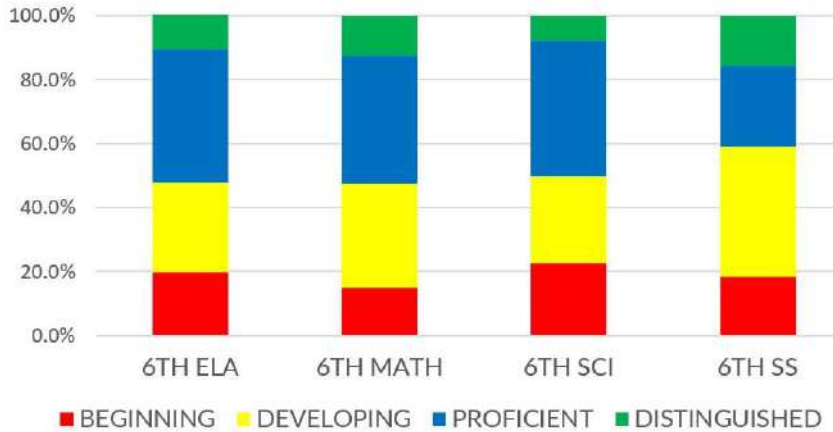
#### DEVELOPING LEARNER & ABOVE

- GA ELA 75.0%
- CCSD ELA 81.6%
- GA MATH 74.1%
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- GA SS 74.6%
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## 2016 GEORGIA MILESTONES RESULTS: CHEROKEE COUNTY GRADES 6-8

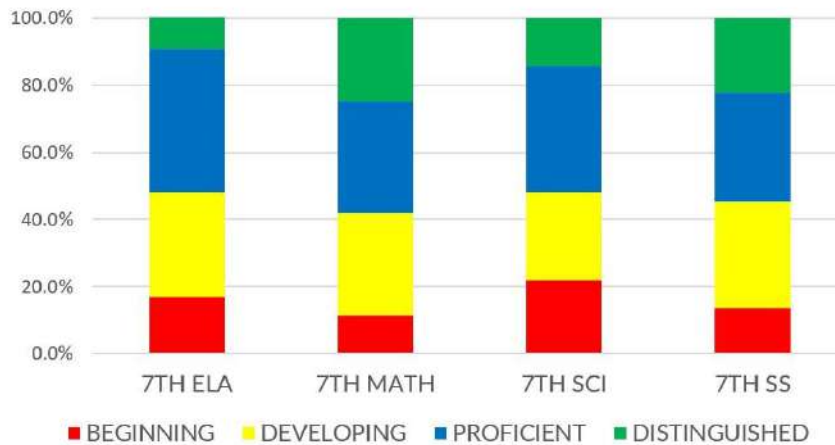
### 6TH GRADE MILESTONES



#### DEVELOPING LEARNER & ABOVE

- GA ELA 68.5%
- CCSD ELA 80.4%
- GA MATH 75.1%
- CCSD MATH 85.2%
- GA SCI 65.8%
- CCSD SCI 77.4%
- GA SS 70.5%
- CCSD SS 81.5%

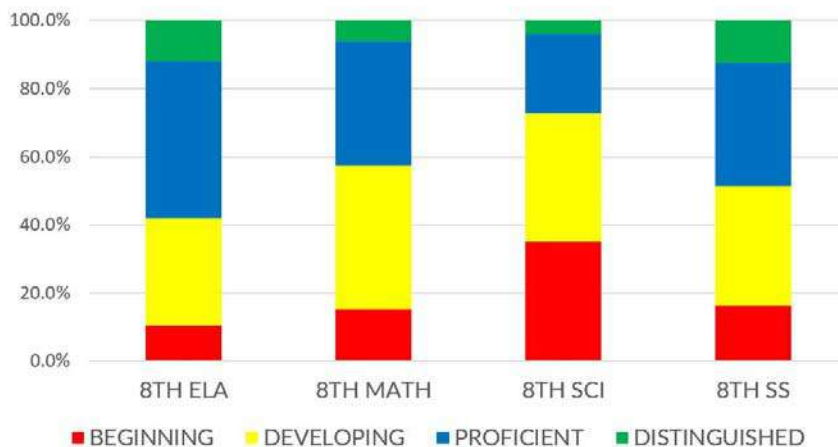
### 7TH GRADE MILESTONES



#### DEVELOPING LEARNER & ABOVE

- GA ELA 72.8%
- CCSD ELA 83.0%
- GA MATH 76.3%
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- GA SCI 66.8%
- CCSD SCI 78.2%
- GA SS 74.4%
- CCSD SS 86.4%

### 8TH GRADE MILESTONES



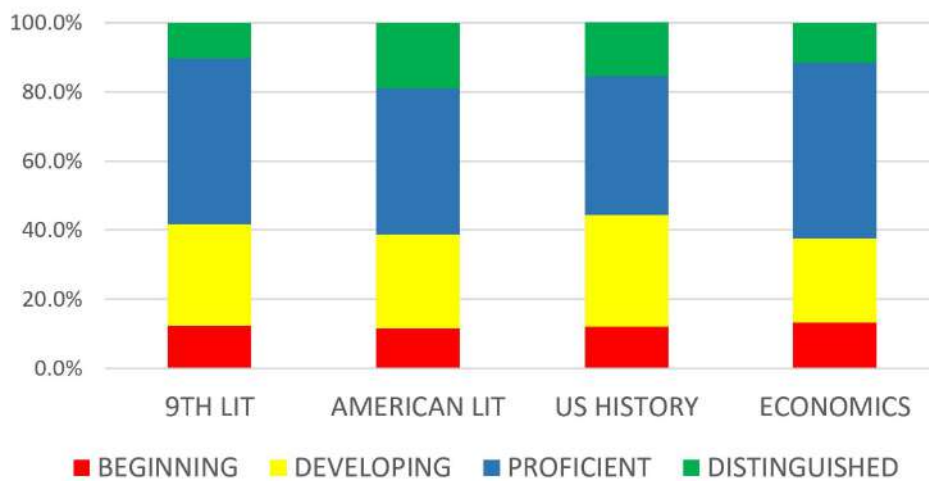
#### DEVELOPING LEARNER & ABOVE

- GA ELA 79.9%
- CCSD ELA 89.5%
- GA MATH 75.6%
- CCSD MATH 84.9%
- GA SCI 59.6%
- CCSD SCI 65.0%
- GA SS 74.6%
- CCSD SS 83.9%



## 2016 GEORGIA MILESTONES RESULTS: END OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS (HIGH SCHOOL)

### LANGUAGE ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES



#### DEVELOPING LEARNER & ABOVE

##### 9TH LIT

- CCSD 87.6%
- GEORGIA 77.5%

##### AMERICAN LIT

- CCSD 88.4%
- GEORGIA 76.4%

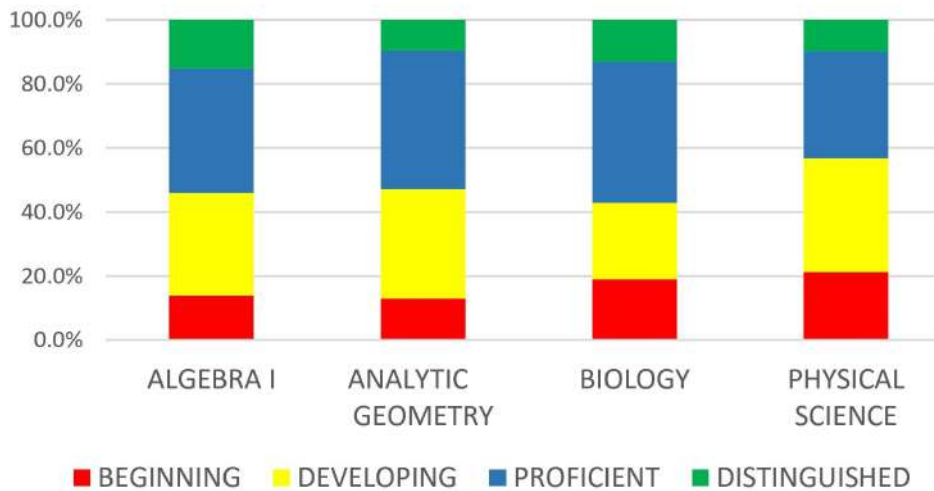
##### US HISTORY

- CCSD 87.9%
- GEORGIA 76.7%

##### ECONOMICS

- CCSD 86.7%
- GEORGIA 72.5%

### MATH & SCIENCE



#### DEVELOPING LEARNER & ABOVE

##### ALGEBRA I

- CCSD 86.2%
- GEORGIA 70.0%

##### ANALYTICAL GEOMETRY

- CCSD 87.0%
- GEORGIA 70.3%

##### BIOLOGY

- CCSD 81.1%
- GEORGIA 68.0%

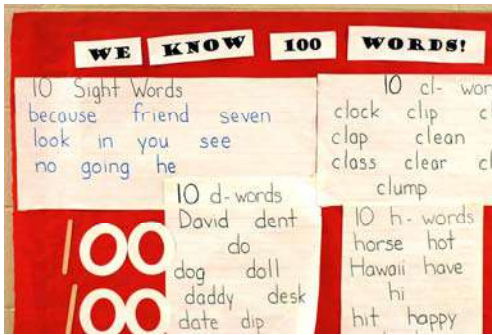
##### PHYSICAL SCIENCE

- CCSD 78.8%
- GEORGIA 65.9%



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## LITERACY: 2016 MILESTONES



### READING ON/ABOVE GRADE LEVEL

GRADE LEVEL	CCSD	GEORGIA
3RD GRADE	79%	72%
4TH GRADE	67%	58%
5TH GRADE	77%	68%
6TH GRADE	72%	59%
7TH GRADE	84%	74%
8TH GRADE	87%	76%
9TH GRADE	88%	78%
10TH GRADE	86%	73%





# CCRPI: Georgia Metric for Success

## College & Career Ready Performance Index

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>CCSD</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>81.6</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>73.6</b>

*A 2016 survey conducted by the Atlanta Regional Commission regarding quality of life issues in the 13-county area revealed that more than 76% of Cherokee County respondents rated their public school system as “excellent” or “good”!*

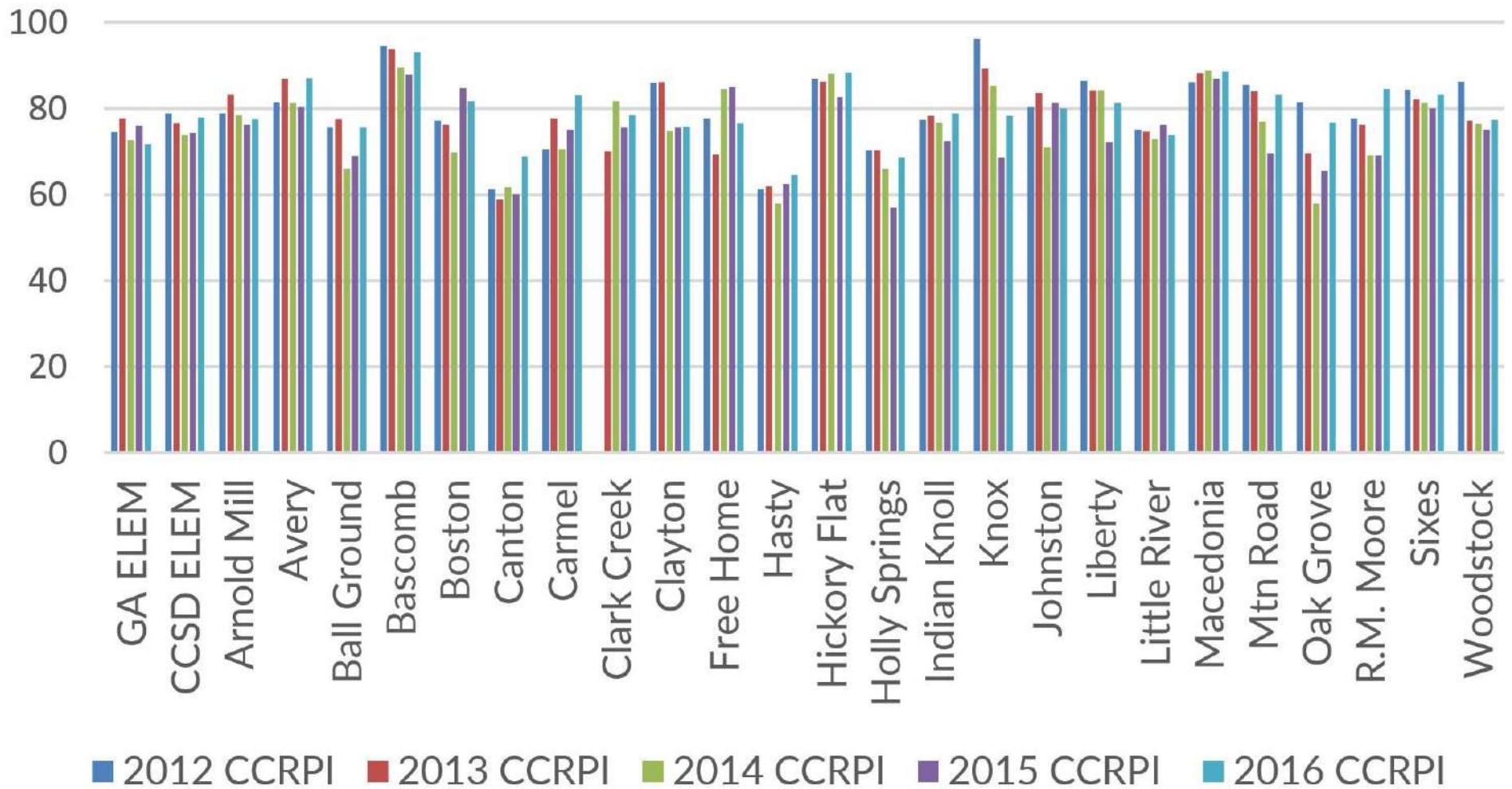
### 2015 CCRPI SCHOOL CLIMATE STAR RATINGS:

Arnold Mill Elementary	★★★★	Holly Springs Elementary	★★★
Avery Elementary	★★★★	Indian Knoll Elementary	★★★★
Ball Ground Elementary	★★★	Johnston Elementary	★★★★
Bascomb Elementary	★★★★	Knox Elementary	★★★
Boston Elementary	★★★★	Liberty Elementary	★★★★
Canton Elementary	★★★★	Little River Elementary	★★★★
Carmel Elementary	★★★★	Macedonia Elementary	★★★★
Cherokee High	★★★	Mill Creek Middle	★★★★
Clark Creek Elementary	★★★★	Mountain Road Elementary	★★★★
Clayton Elementary	★★★★	Oak Grove Elementary	★★★
Creekland Middle	★★★★	R.M. Moore Elementary	★★★★
Creekview High	★★★★	River Ridge High	★★★★
Dean Rusk Middle	★★★★	Sequoyah High	★★★★
E.T. Booth Middle	★★★★	Sixes Elementary	★★★★
Etowah High	★★★★	Teasley Middle	★★★★
Free Home Elementary	★★★★	Woodstock Elementary	★★★★
Freedom Middle	★★★★★	Woodstock High	★★★★
Hasty Elementary	★★★★	Woodstock Middle	★★★★
Hickory Flat Elementary	★★★★		



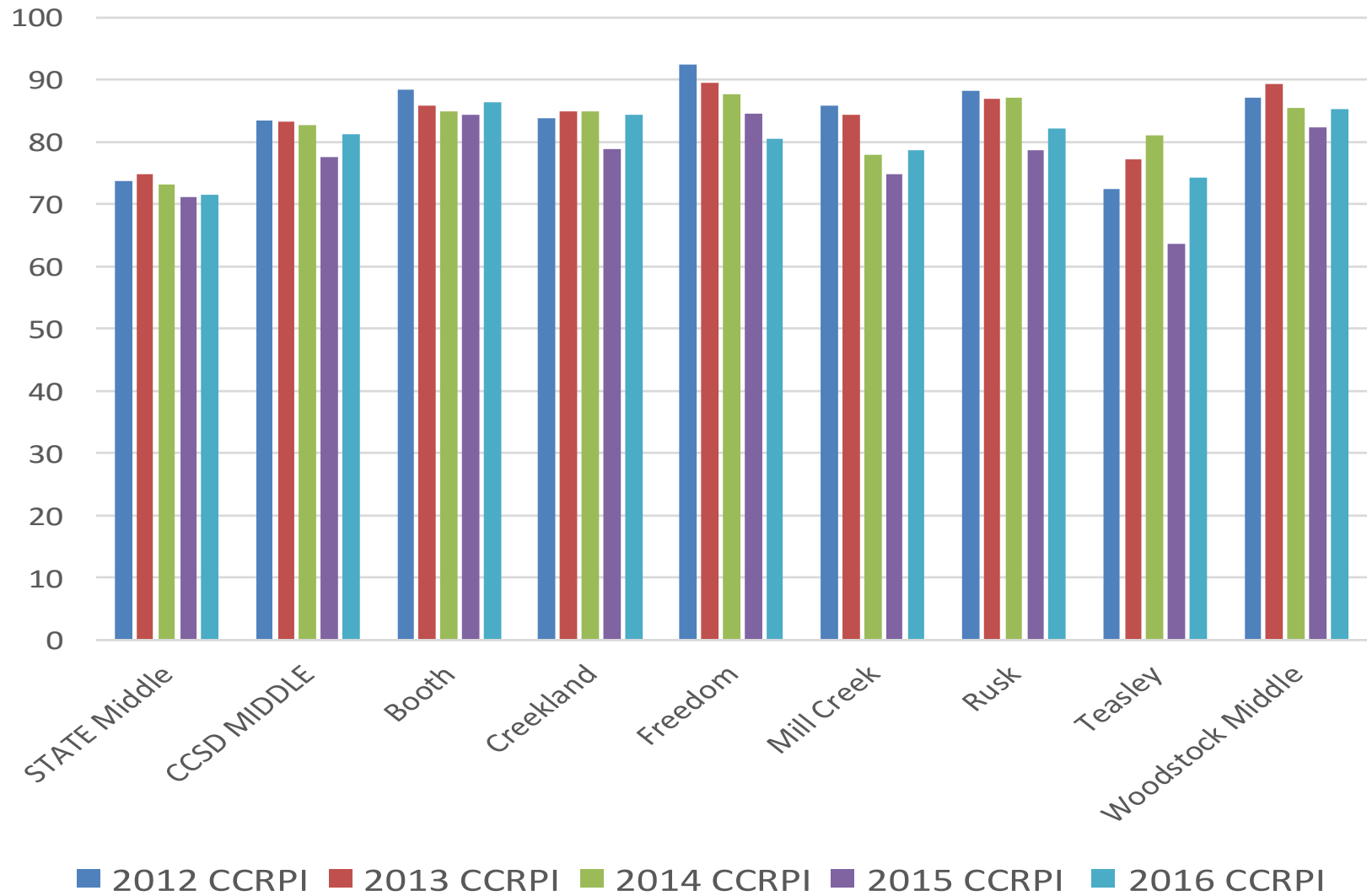
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## Elementary School CCRPI 2012-2016





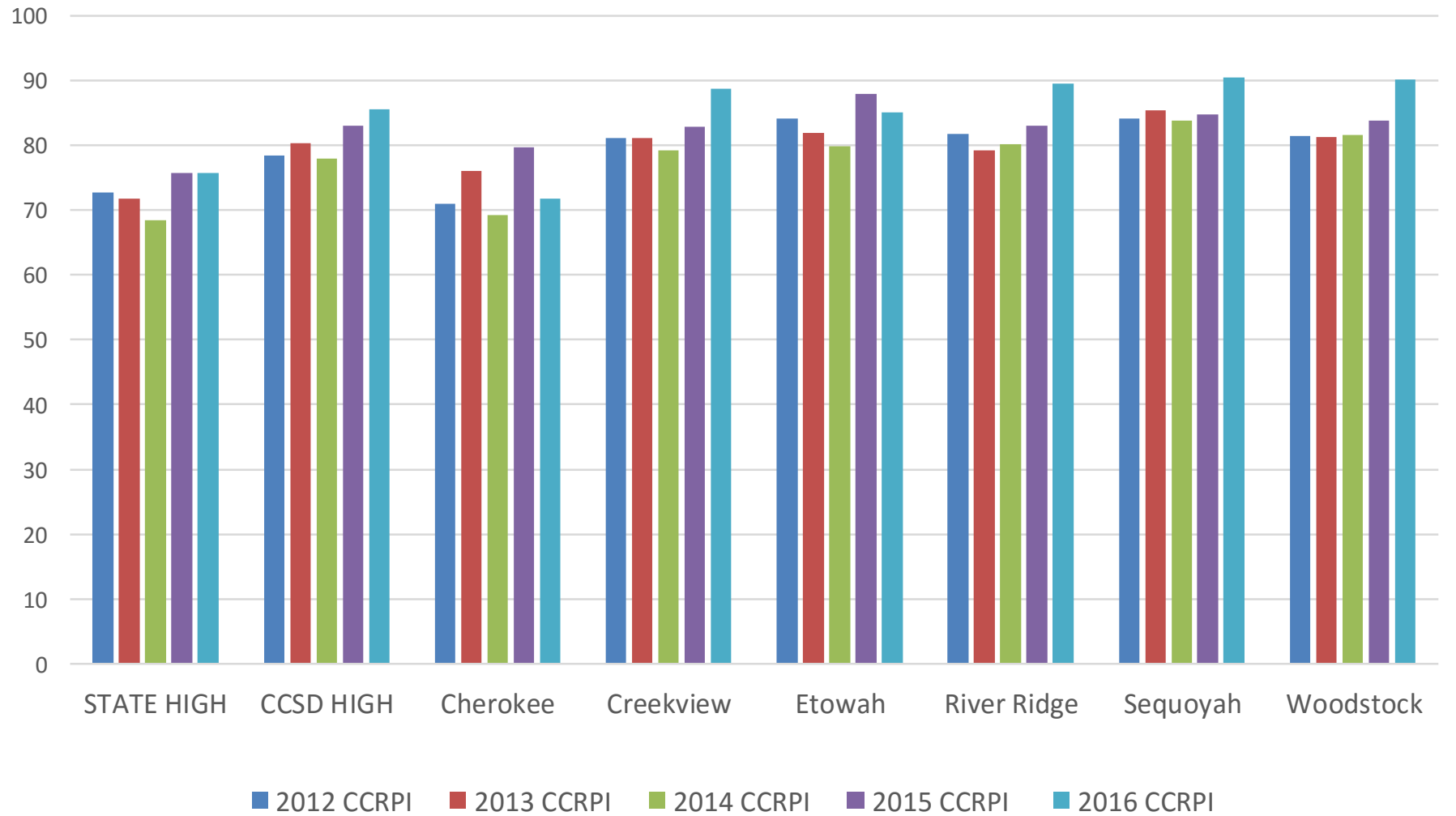
### Middle School CCRPI 2012-2016





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## High School CCRPI 2012-2016

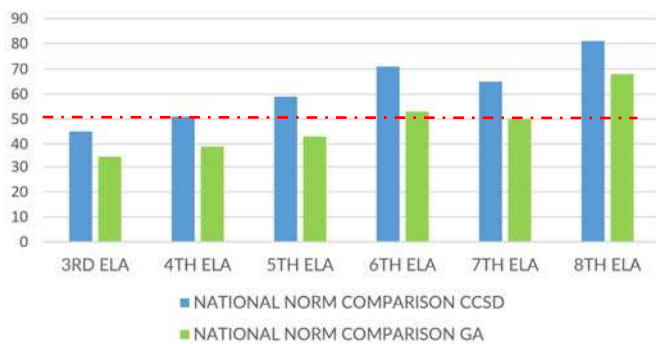


## NATIONAL NORM COMPARISONS: 2016

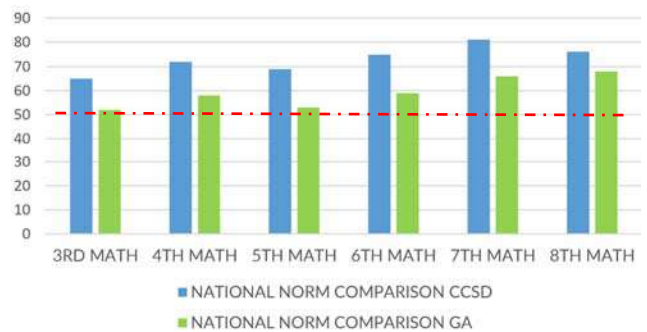
Georgia's Milestones assessments include norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses, to complement the criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison. CCSD students are outperforming their counterparts nationally in 31 of 32 areas according to this metric.

### END OF GRADE ASSESSMENTS (GRADES 3-8)

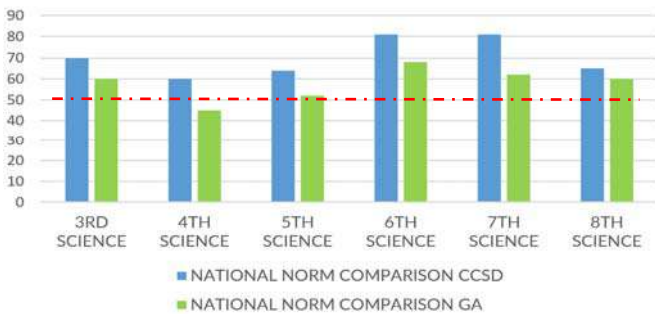
#### ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS



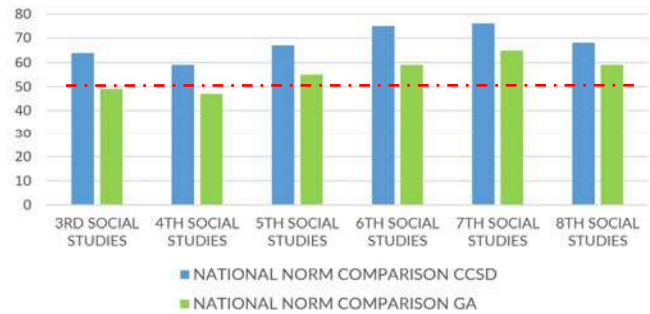
#### MATH



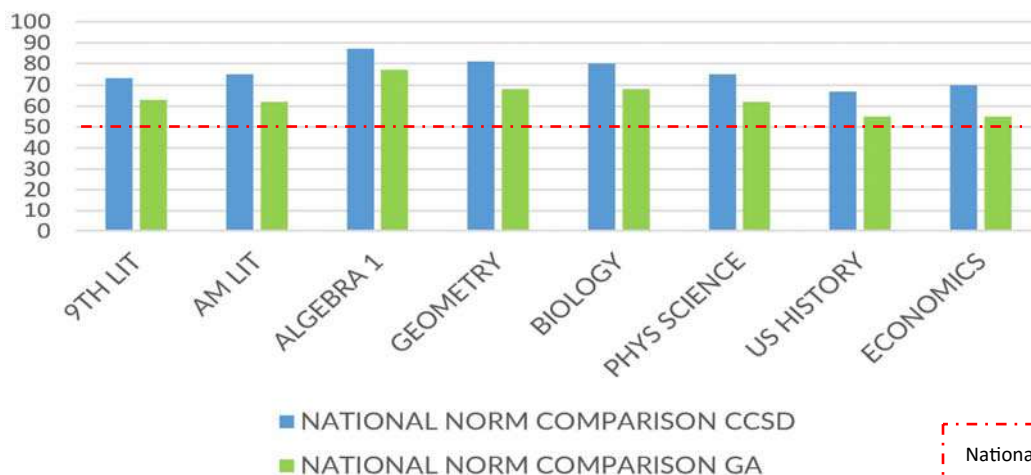
#### SCIENCE



#### SOCIAL STUDIES



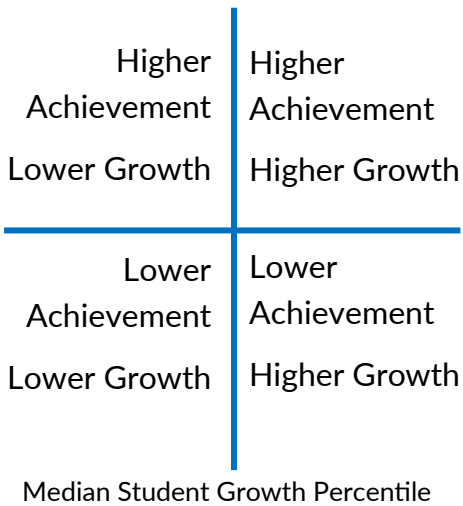
### END OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS (HIGH SCHOOL)



National Norm is 50th percentile

# STUDENT GROWTH PERCENTILES: GRADES 4-8

% of Developing Learner & Above



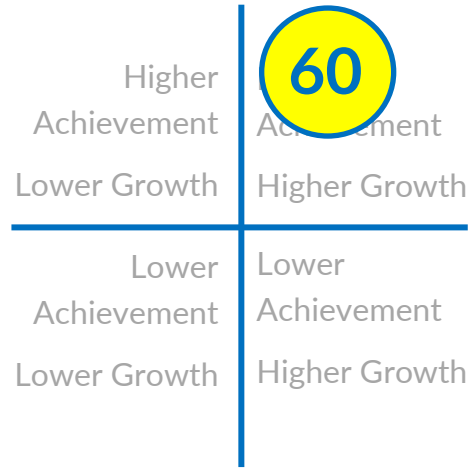
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***CCSD demonstrated increased growth rates in 19 of 20 End of Grade assessment areas from 2015 to 2016 and ranked first or second in Metro Atlanta for highest growth in all EOG subject areas.***

## 2016 ENGLISH/LANG ARTS: ALL GRADES



## 2016 MATH: ALL GRADES



## 2016 SCIENCE: ALL GRADES



## 2016 SOCIAL STUDIES: ALL GRADES





# STUDENT GROWTH PERCENTILES 2015-2016

## MILESTONES: END OF GRADE ASSESSMENT

### ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS: CCSD LEADS METRO ATLANTA\*

	2015	2016	CHANGE
ALL GRADES*	45%	54%	+ 9
4TH GRADE	39%	49%	+10
5TH GRADE	39%	51%	+12
6TH GRADE	52%	60%	+ 8
7TH GRADE	51%	55%	+ 4
8THGRADE	45%	54%	+ 9

Department of Education Range of Growth: 1-34 = LOW; 35-65 = TYPICAL; 66-99 = HIGH

### MATHEMATICS: CCSD LEADS METRO ATLANTA\*

	2015	2016	CHANGE
ALL GRADES*	56%	60%	+ 4
4TH GRADE	60%	62%	+ 2
5TH GRADE	56%	68%	+12
6TH GRADE	56%	59%	+ 3
7TH GRADE	58%	63%	+ 5
8THGRADE	50%	55%	+ 5

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# STUDENT GROWTH PERCENTILES 2015-2016

## MILESTONES: END OF GRADE ASSESSMENT

### SCIENCE: CCSD 2ND IN METRO ATLANTA\*

	2015	2016	CHANGE
ALL GRADES*	51%	55%	+ 4
4TH GRADE	50%	58%	+ 8
5TH GRADE	51%	58%	+ 7
6TH GRADE	54%	60%	+ 6
7TH GRADE	50%	51%	+ 1
8THGRADE	51%	45%	- 6

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### SOCIAL STUDIES: CCSD LEADS METRO ATLANTA \*

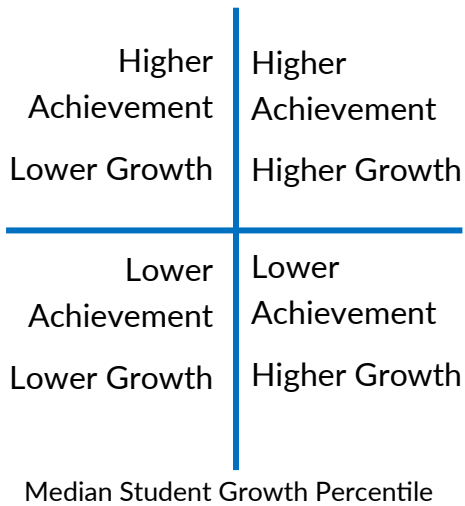
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# STUDENT GROWTH PERCENTILES: GRADES 9-12

% of Developing Learner & Above



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**CCSD demonstrated increased growth rates in 7 of 8 End of Course assessments from 2015 to 2016 and ranked first or second in Metro Atlanta for highest growth in 5 of 8 subject areas.**

**2016 9TH LIT**



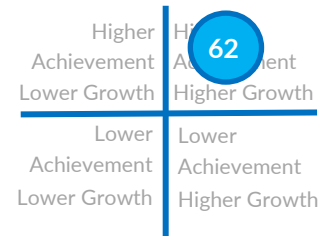
**2016 AM LIT**



**2016 ALGEBRA I**



**2016 GEOMETRY**



**2016 BIOLOGY**



**2016 PHYSICAL SCIENCE**



**2016 U.S. HISTORY**



**2016 ECONOMICS**





## STUDENT GROWTH PERCENTILES 2015-2016 MILESTONES: END OF COURSE ASSESSMENT

COURSE	2015	2016	CHANGE	NOTES
9TH GRADE LIT	58%	58%	—	LEADING METRO ATL
AMERICAN LIT	57%	58%	+1	LEADING METRO ATL
ALGEBRA	56%	61%	+5	2ND IN METRO ATL
GEOMETRY	58%	62%	+ 4	LEADING METRO ATL
BIOLOGY	49%	53%	+ 4	
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	51%	53%	+ 2	2ND IN METRO ATL
US HISTORY	51%	58%	+ 7	
ECONOMICS	51%	54%	+ 3	

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