

# Chattooga County Schools



## Evaluation of the 2013-2014 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant

# Evaluation

## OVERVIEW

The McKinney-Vento Act defines and protects the rights of students in transition to enroll in, attend, and succeed in our public schools. Chattooga County Schools was approved by the State Board of Education for a grant cycle ending September 30, 2014. The Evaluation summarizes the assistance provided during the 2013-2014 grant cycle.

## DEFINITION

The McKinney-Vento Act provides educational services to any pre-school or school-aged student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term transient includes:

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason—“doubled up”
- Children and youth who are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of alternative housing
- Living in emergency shelters or transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Awaiting foster care placement—temporary (approximately one year or less)
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Migratory children described in the above situations
- Unaccompanied youth are youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

## CHATTOOGA COUNTY NUMBERS

- 2007-2008 identified 286 HCY (Homeless Children & Youth)
- 2008-2009 identified 322 HCY
- 2009-2010 identified 312 HCY
- 2010-2011 identified 347 HCY
- 2011-2012 identified 346 HCY
- 2012-2013 identified 426 HCY
- 2013-2014 identified 461 HCY

## **EVALUATION**

Professional counseling proved to be the most successful activity providing counseling services to nearly 40% of the HCY population and serving more than double the HCY than the estimated 15% in the original grant. Dr. Jennings met individually with 14 HCY at four schools, 21 HCY received art therapy at three schools, 16 HCY participated in Extended Family for Kids group at two schools, and 21 HCY met with Shannon Bond. In addition, School Counselors regularly served 106 HCY.

The distribution of school and hygiene supplies continued to be utilized. School supplies and hygiene products helped 186 HCY participate in school activities and projects; nearly 25% more than the estimated 15% in the original grant.

## **SURVEY RESULTS**

A survey was created on Survey Monkey this year to survey Program Directors, Principals, Assistant Principals, School Counselors, Parent Coordinators, School Nurses, and Teachers. Approximately 113 individuals participated. The top five needs rated in Chattooga County were school supplies, clothing assistance, hygiene supplies, individual counseling, and field trip assistance. A randomly selected group of 79 McKinney-Vento students completed a Student Survey to assess their own individual needs. The top five needs rated by students were school supplies, field trip assistance, after-school tutoring, hygiene products, and group counseling with other students. A group of 12 Family Connection representatives completed an anonymous community organization survey. The top needs rated were clothing assistance, school supplies, field trip assistance, individual counseling, hygiene products, transportation to school events, and club fees. Parent Surveys are sent to every family identified by the Homeless Liaison and enclosed with a letter and brochure. 27 surveys were returned. The top 5 needs rated were field trip assistance, school supplies, clothing assistance, athletic/club uniforms, and transportation to school activities.

# School Data 2013-2014

## Chattooga County identified 461 transient students in 2013-2014

### TUTORING

- 28 transient students out of 461 at two schools utilized tutoring. **(This is 6%)**
- From the letter grades recorded in Excel, our school found that 24 (**85.7%**) of students receiving tutoring assistance increased at least one letter grade quarterly (primarily in Math, Language Arts, and Reading or in the area being tutored).
- Of the 17 participating in tutoring that took the CRCT, 15 Met or Exceeded the standard in Language Arts (88.2%), 13 in Math (76.5%), and 11 in Reading (84.6%).
- In the original grant we strived for 10% of the total HCY to receive tutoring services with 85% of those receiving tutoring to improve one letter grade.

### ASSISTANCE

- 76 transient students received field trip assistance.
- 186 transient students received school supplies/hygiene products.
- 14 transient students received caps and gowns.
- 19 transient students received assistance to participate in band, sports, FFA, or Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).
- 11 transient students received emergency clothing or athletic uniforms.
- 1 transient student received supplemental transportation services to remain in their school of origin.
- 7 transient students received regular food packs at Chattooga High School.
- 11 transient students received lockers at high school or middle schools.

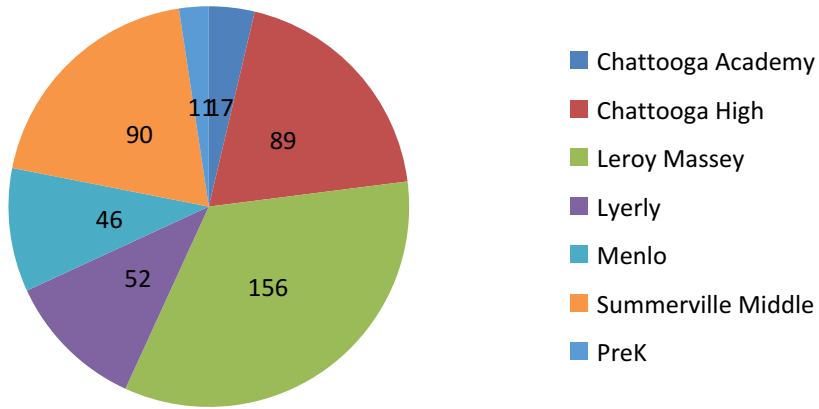
### COUNSELING SERVICES

- 178 transient students were provided counseling services. **(This is 38.6%)**
- 106 transient students were served consistently by School Counselors
- 21 transient students received art therapy through Blythe Mayfield at four schools.
- 14 transient students received individual counseling through Dr. Jennings at four schools.
- 16 transient students received group therapy through Extended Family for Kids at two schools.
- 21 transient students received small group communication building skills through Shannon Bond.
- Professional counseling was the most successful, far surpassing the goal of 15% of total HCY receiving professional counseling.

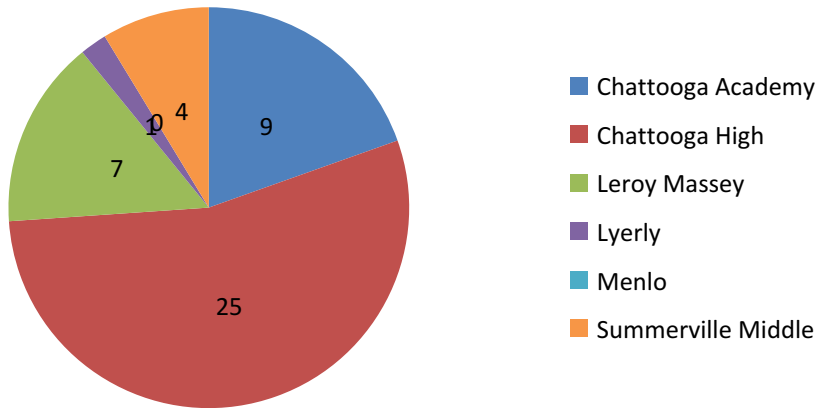
### ATTENDANCE

- 66 transient students had over 15 absences this school year. (This is **14.3%**)

## # of Transient Students

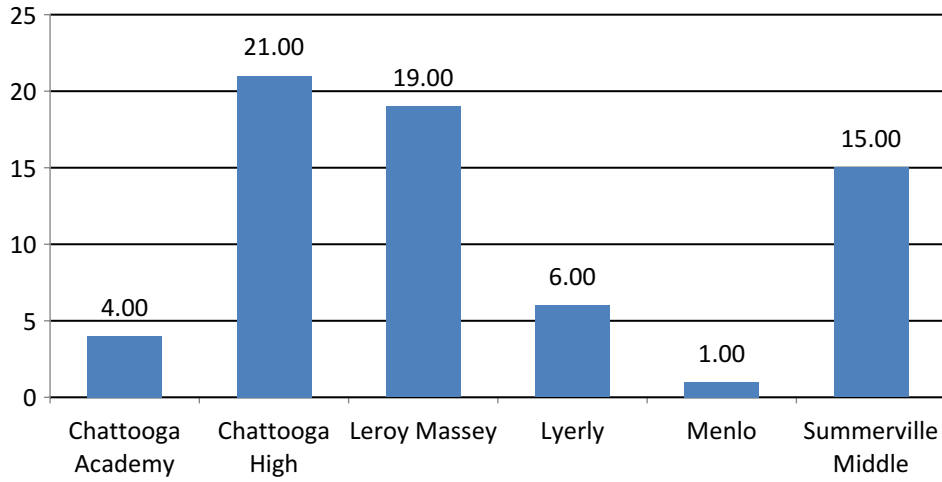


## # of Unaccompanied Youth

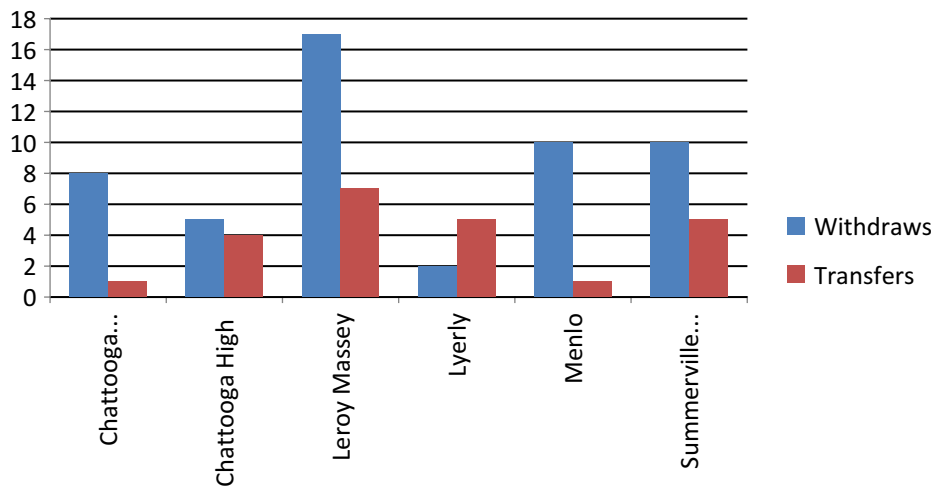


School Name	Total Transient	Doubled Up	Hotel	Shelter	Unsheltered
Chattooga Academy	17	17	0	0	0
Chattooga High	89	85	1	3	0
Leroy Massey	156	139	0	17	0
Lyerly	52	44	0	8	0
Menlo	46	43	0	3	0
Summerville Middle	90	76	6	8	0
PreK	11	10	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>

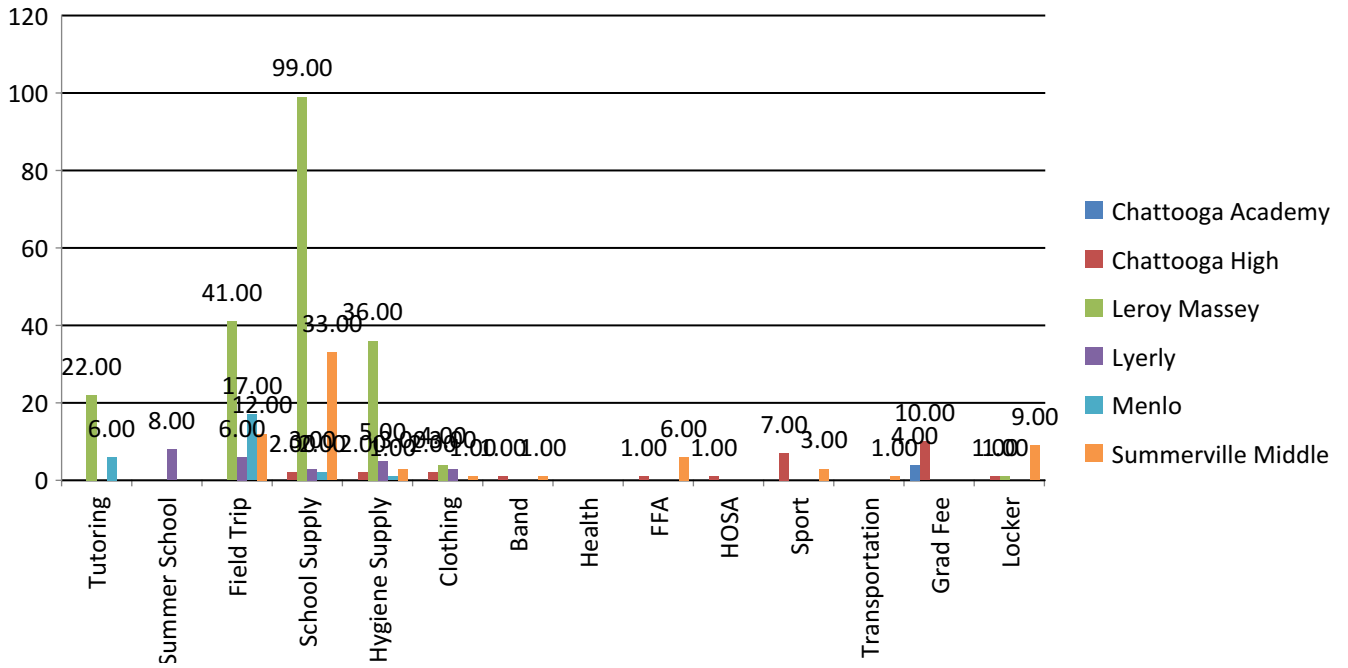
## HCY with 15+ Absences



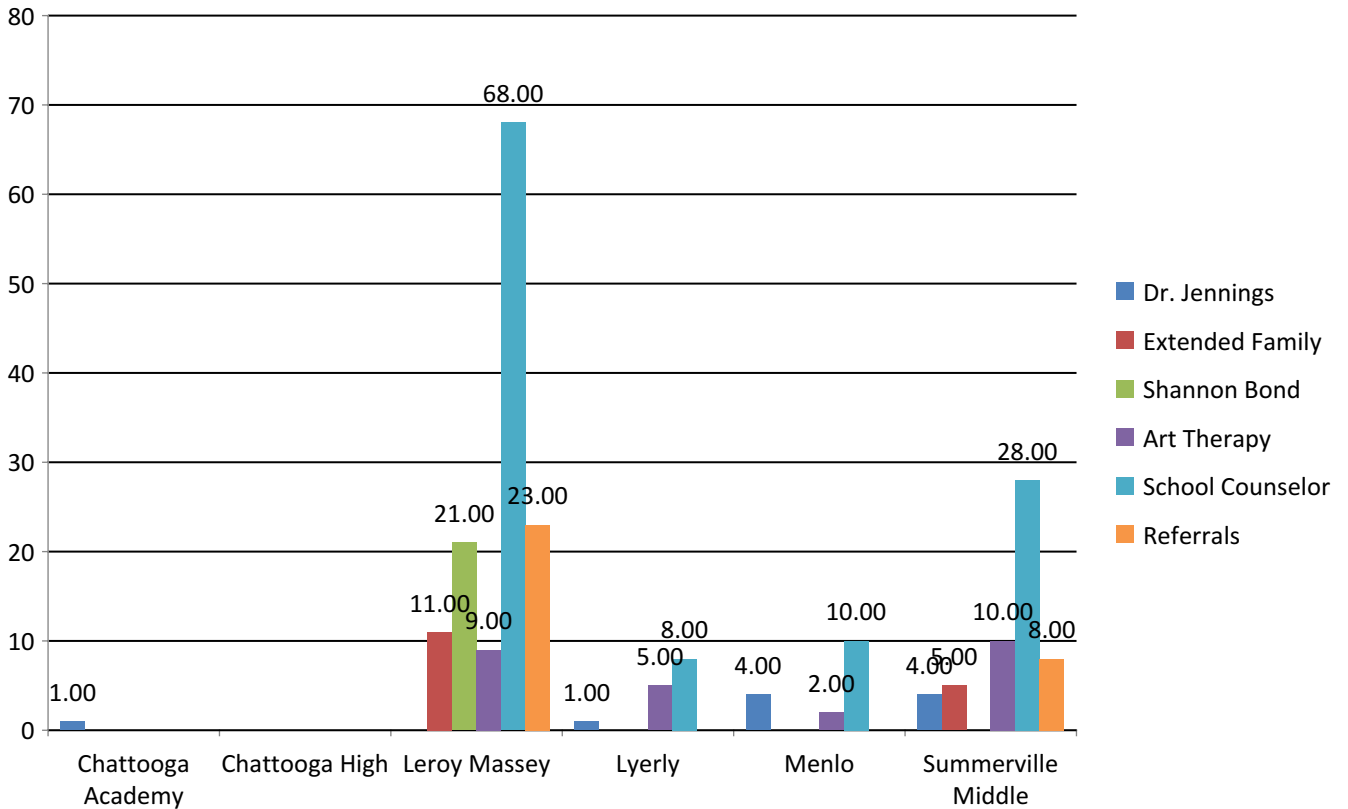
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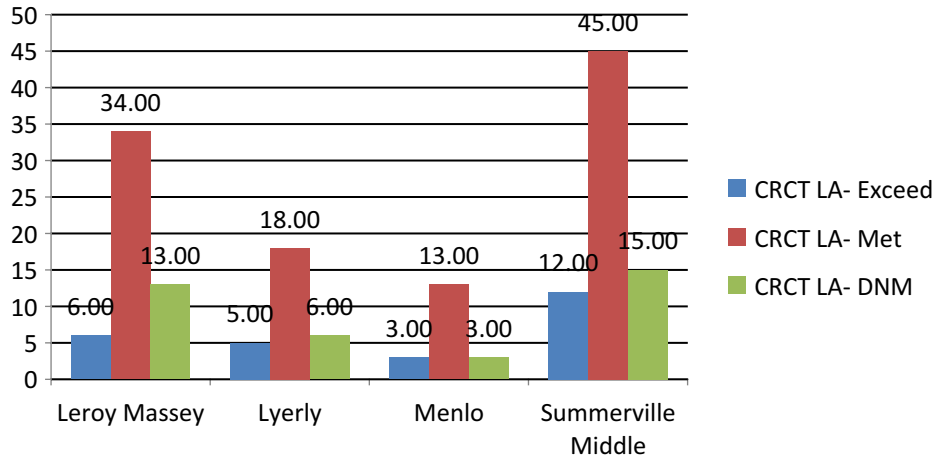
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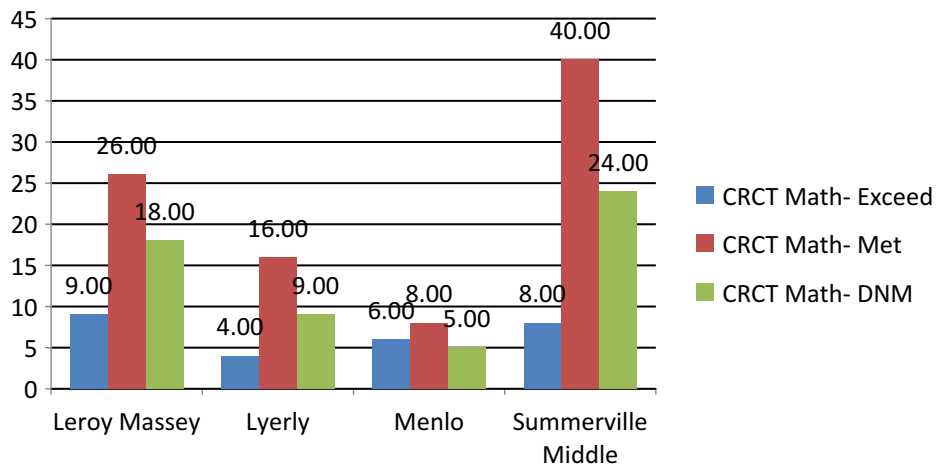
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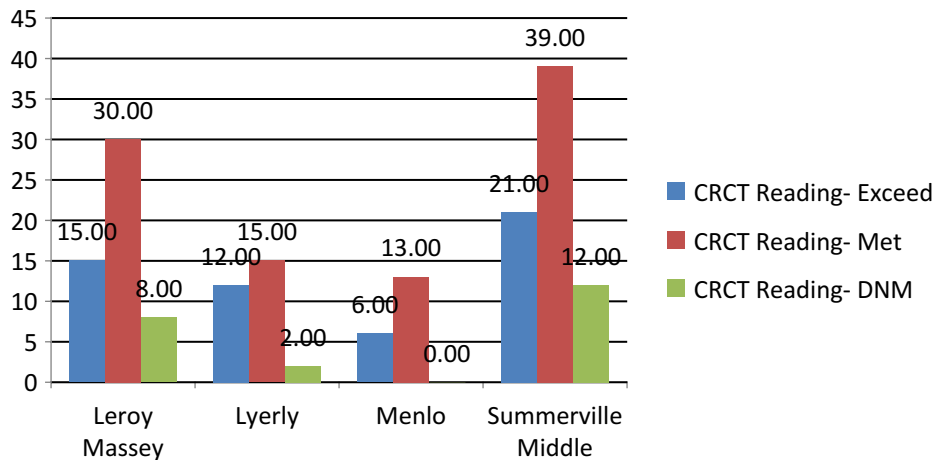
## Language Arts CRCT Results



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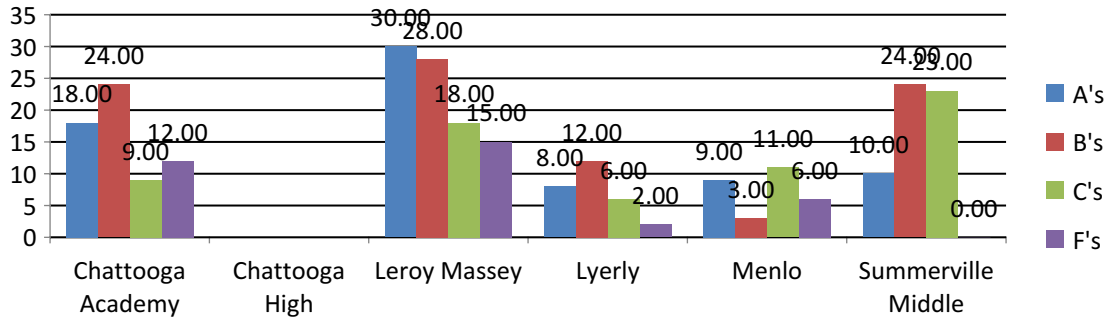


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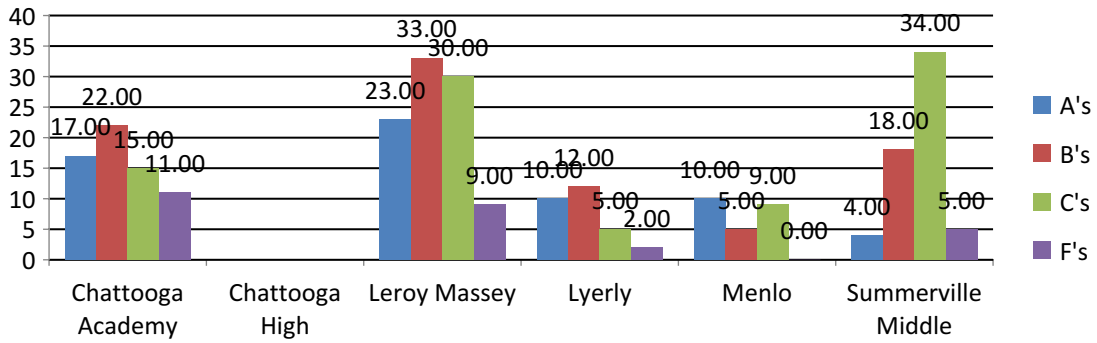




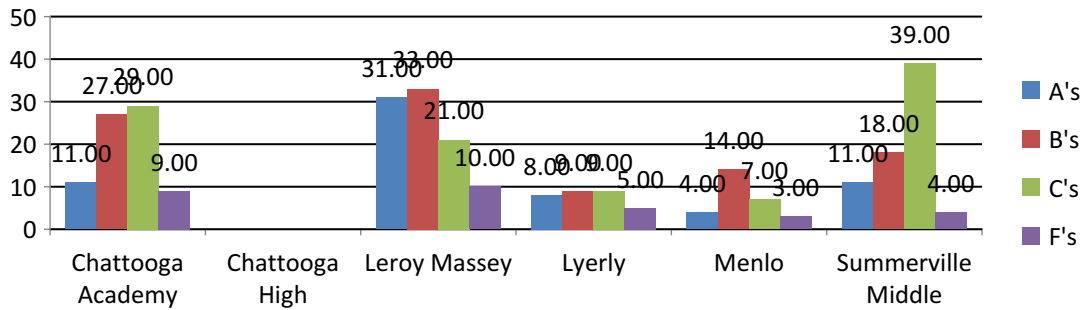
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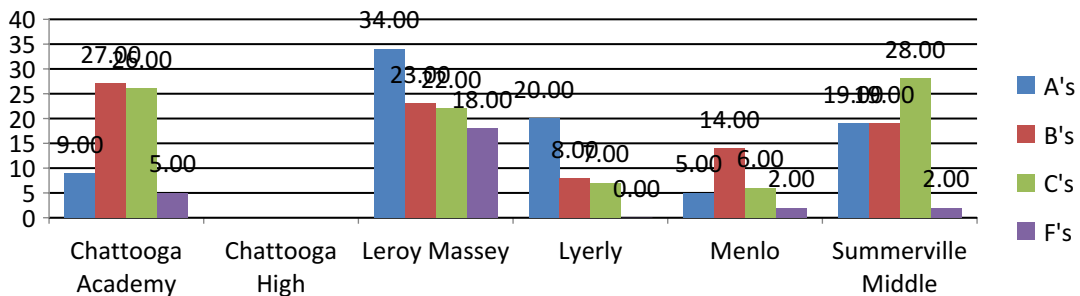
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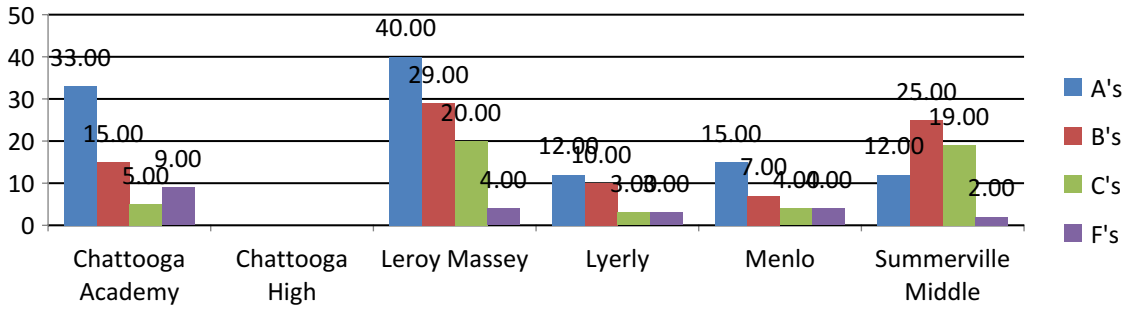
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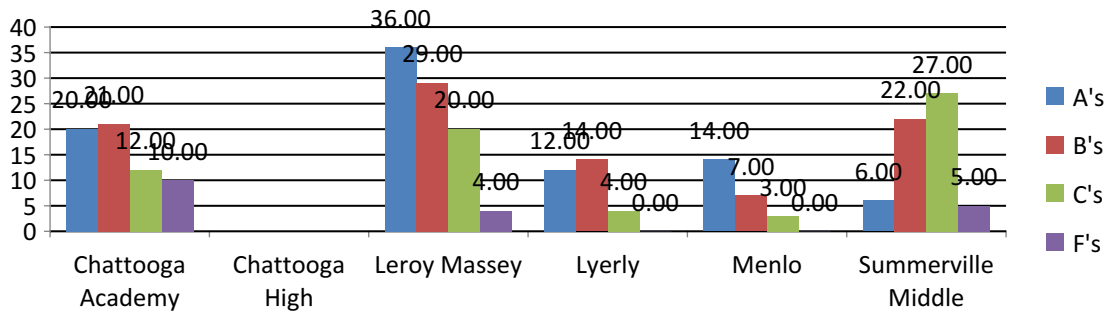
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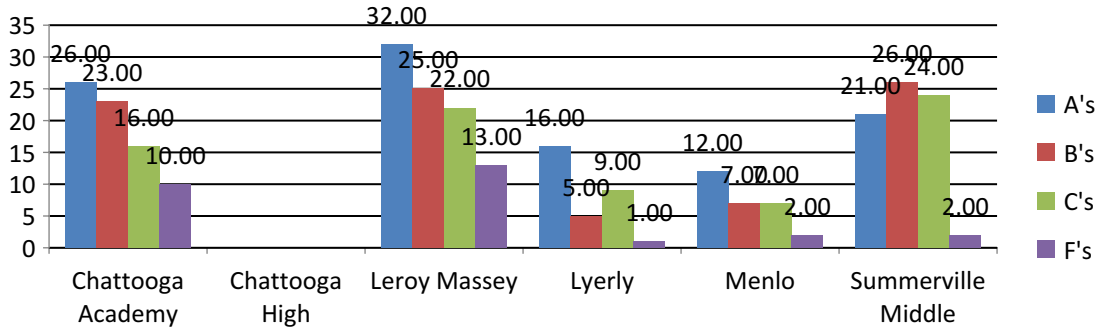
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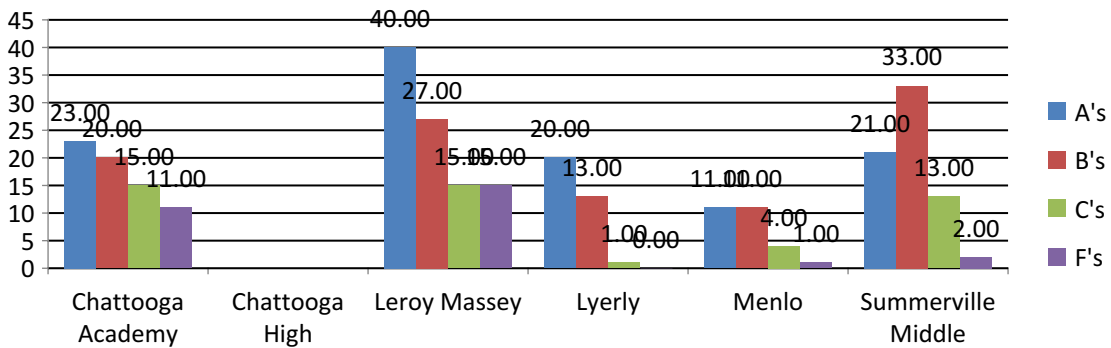
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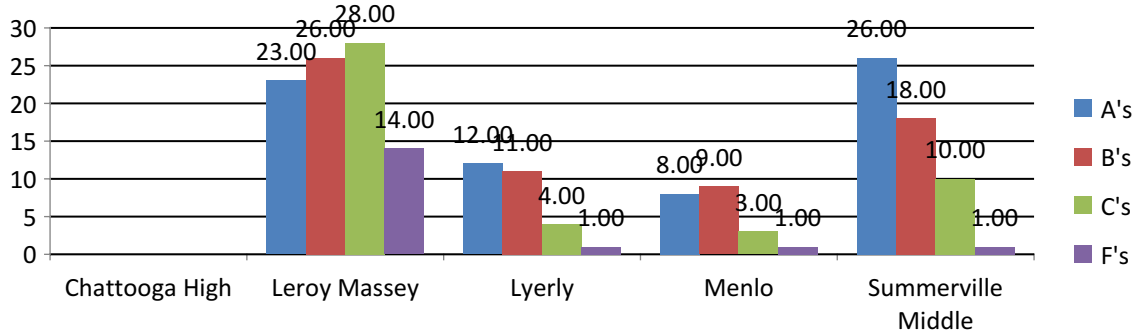
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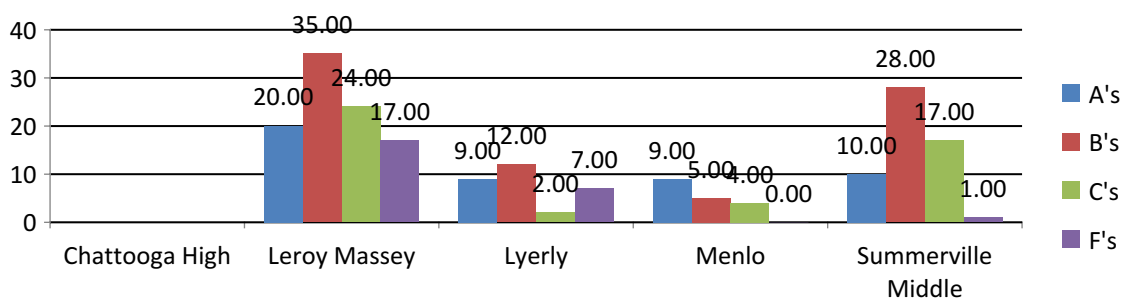
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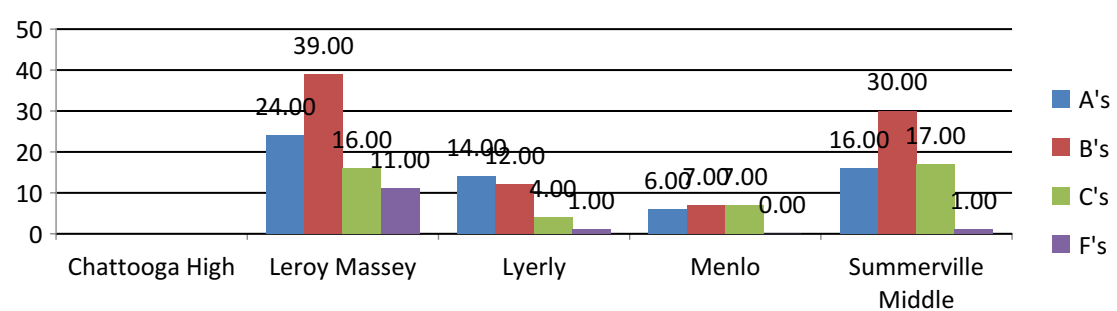
### 1st Quarter Reading Grades



### 2nd Quarter Reading Grades



### 3rd Quarter Reading Grades



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