
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOKLINE

PSB Spring 2017 MCAS Results

Grades 3-8 & 10

November 30, 2017 -- PSB School Committee

Objectives for Tonight's Presentation

- Provide background on Next-Generation MCAS assessment
- Review persistent pattern of overall high MCAS scores paired with significant gaps between subgroups of students
- Show how two schools are breaking our pattern of achievement gaps between subgroups of students on MCAS
- Understand the writing skills and concepts MCAS requires of our students
- Discuss PSB actions at school and district level

Next-Generation MCAS: An Overview

Updated version of the nearly 20 year old MCAS assessment; **According to DESE:**

- Focuses on students' **critical thinking abilities, application of knowledge**, and ability to make **connections between reading and writing**
- Gives **clearer signal of readiness** for next grade level or college and career
- Designed to be given on a computer
- First given in spring 2017 in grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and math
 - Will eventually replace all older legacy MCAS tests in grades 3-10

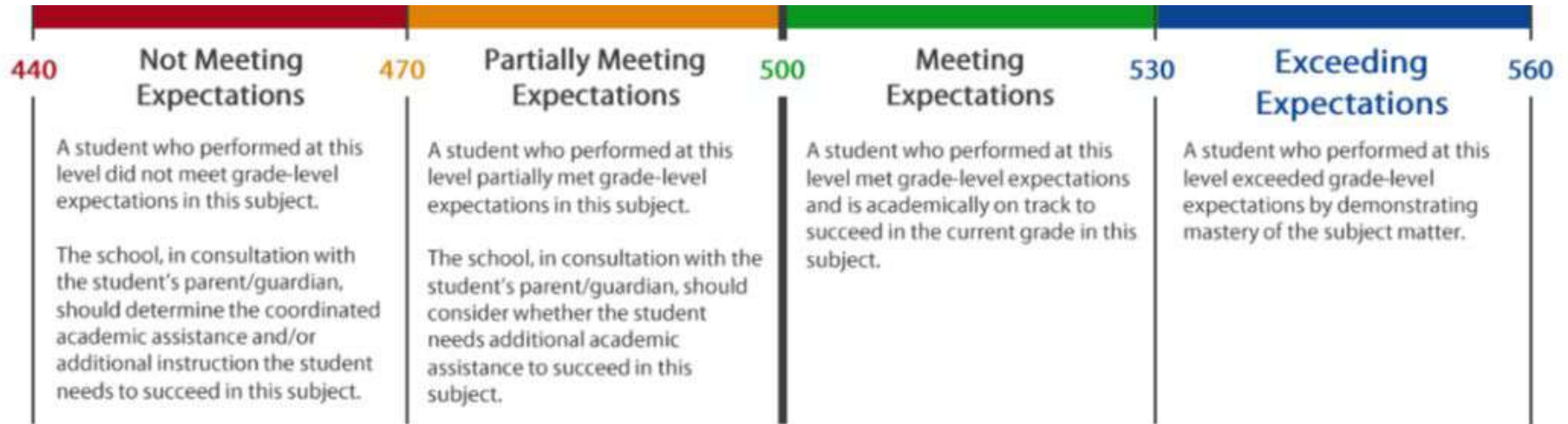
Next-Generation MCAS: Achievement Levels

Achievement Level	Definition
Exceeding Expectations	A student who performed at this level exceeded grade-level expectations by demonstrating mastery of the subject matter.
Meeting Expectations	A student who performed at this level met grade-level expectations and is academically on track to succeed in the current grade in this subject.
Partially Meeting Expectations	A student who performed at this level partially met grade-level expectations in this subject. The school, in consultation with the student's parent/guardian, should consider whether the student needs additional academic assistance to succeed in this subject.
Not Meeting Expectations	A student who performed at this level did not meet grade-level expectations in this subject. The school, in consultation with the student's parent/guardian, should determine the coordinated academic assistance and/or additional instruction the student needs to succeed in this subject.

*New achievement levels do not replace old levels (e.g. Not Meeting Expectations is not the same as Warning).

Next-Generation MCAS: New Scaled Scores

New scaled scores are on a continuous scale and can be averaged to obtain district, school, or subgroup average.



School Growth Percentile (SGP)

- District, schools, grades, subgroups and classroom growth is measured in a Median SGP
- An SGP of 50: The point at which 50% of the students in the group have a higher growth percentile and half lower

Low Growth	Below 40
Typical Growth	40-60
High Growth	Above 60

*Source: DESE Growth Model Presentation: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/growth/>

Next-Generation MCAS: Item Example

Legacy MCAS

In the selection, the spaces between paragraphs 9 and 10, 44 and 45, and 49 and 50 all show a change in

- A. plot.
- B. time.
- C. theme.
- D. narrator.

Next-Generation MCAS: Item Example

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Part A

Which statement **best** describes the main character between paragraph 4 and paragraph 10 in the story?

- ☐ A. The main character is angry because the shoes make her walk quickly.
- ☐ B. The main character is frustrated because the shoes seem more clever than she is.
- ☐ C. The main character is scared because the shoes seem to be in control of her.
- ☐ D. The main character is jealous because the shoes have been tricked by other people.

Next-Generation MCAS: Item Example

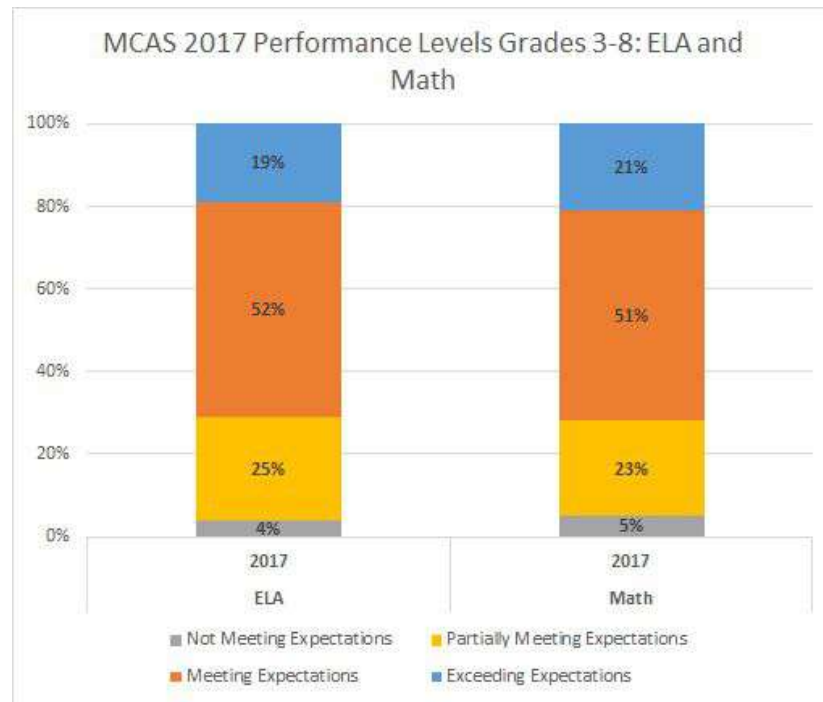
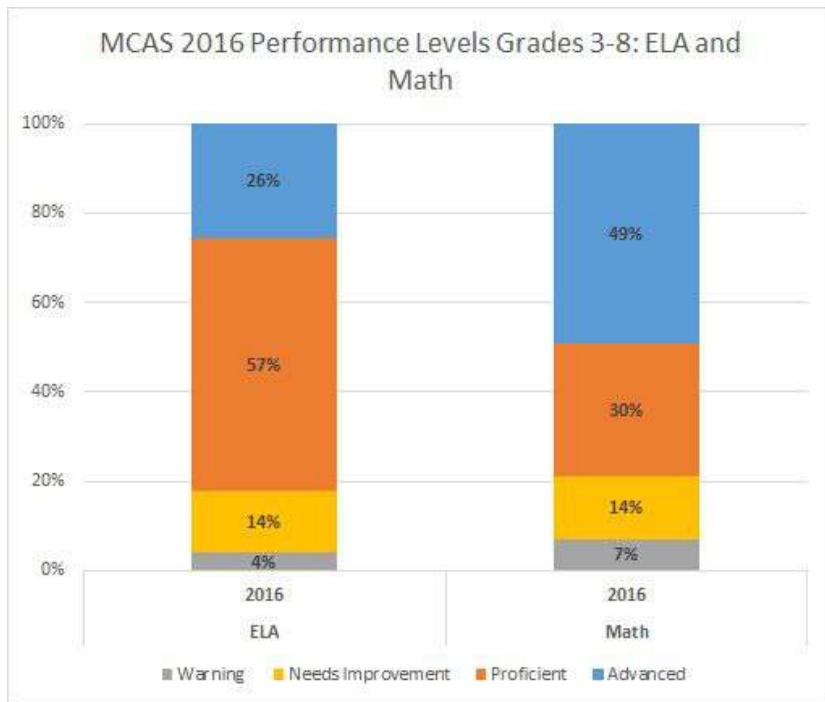
MCAS 2017

Part B

Which statement from paragraphs 4 through 10 supports the answer to Part A?

- ☐ A. “‘Yep,’ I hurried along at the pace of a speed-walker.”
- ☐ B. “‘I was stuck in those shoes once,’ she said.”
- ☐ C. “*Someone tells me to outsmart a pair of shoes, and I can’t.*”
- ☐ D. “I put my hands over my face, certain I’d smash right into that tree.”

2016 vs 2017 - Performance Levels Grades 3-8 ELA and Math



2017 Performance Levels on Next Generation MCAS for ELA and Math are much similar compared to 2016



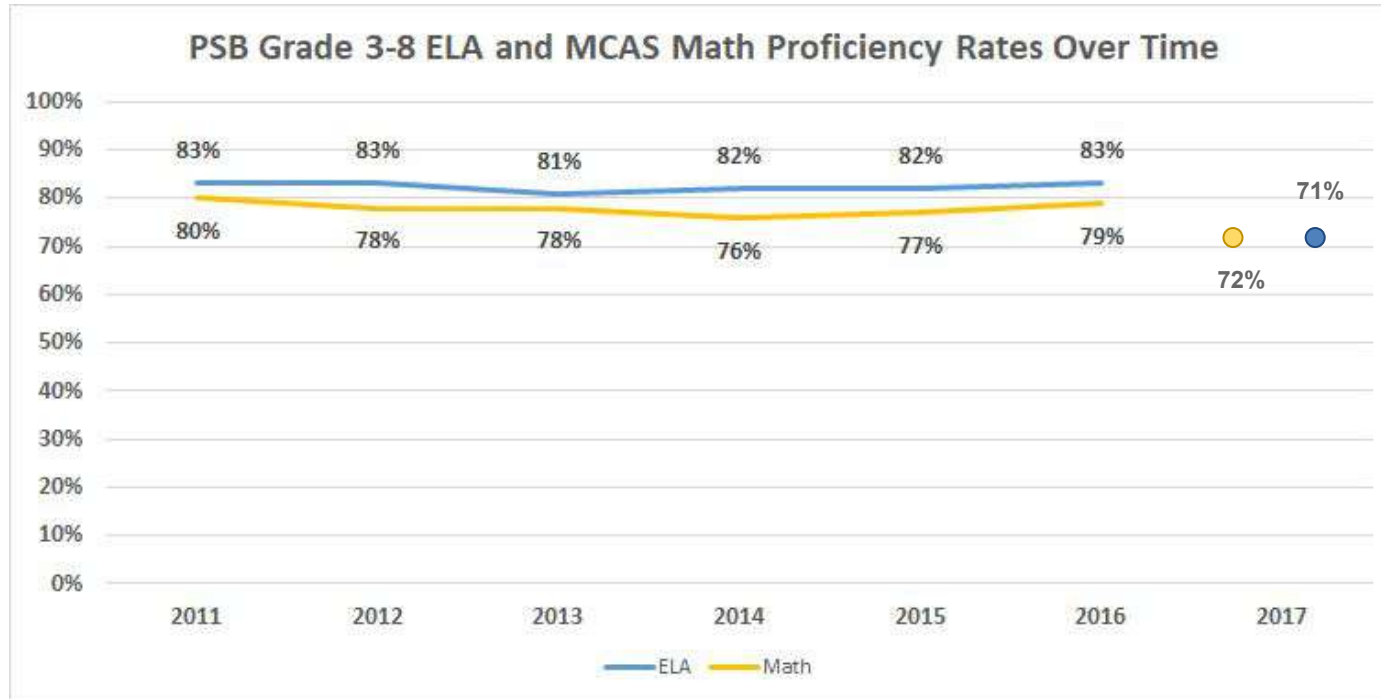
PSB Results: Grades 3-8, 10 ELA and Math

Sources: MA Department of Education Student and District Profiles; PSB 2017 MCAS file given to us from the MA Department of Education



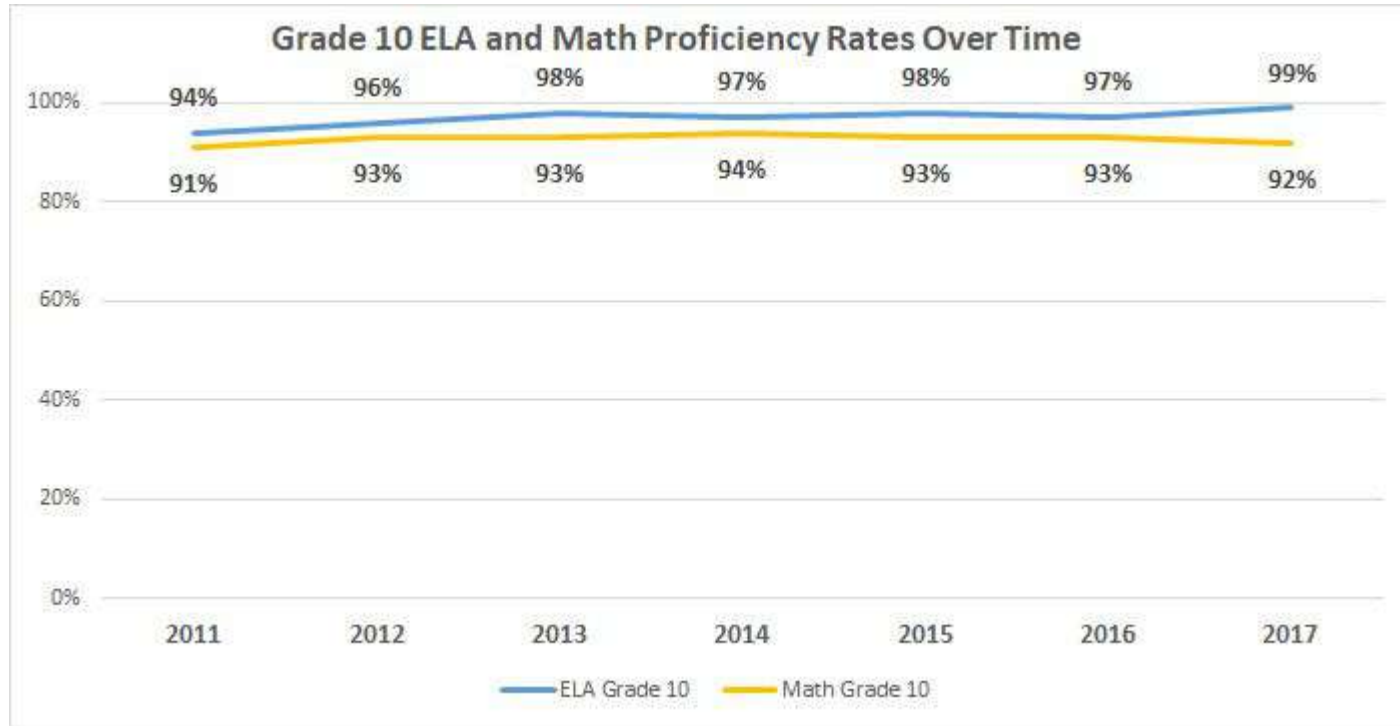
In aggregate, students perform well

Grade 3-8 Longitudinal ELA and Math Proficiency Rates (2011-2017)

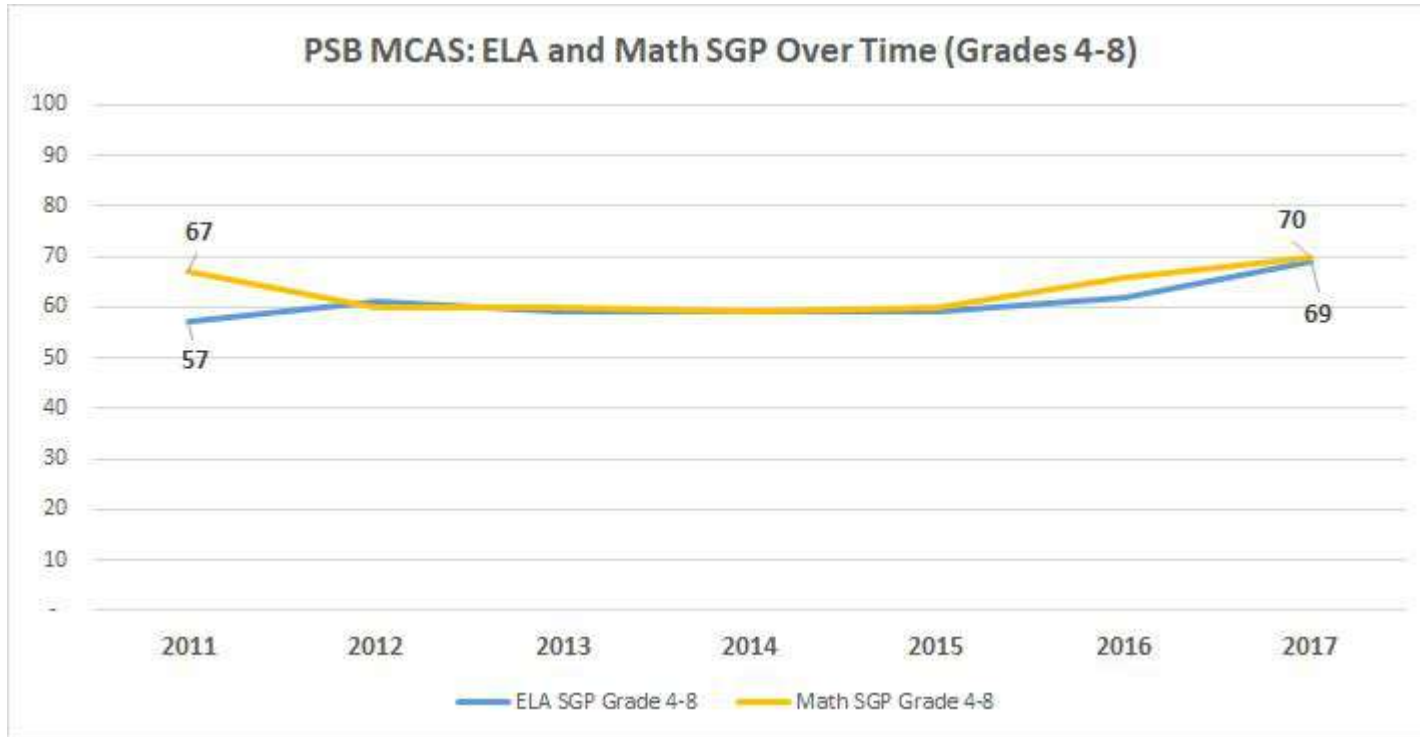


2017 is using the new MCAS 2.0 test and uses “Meeting and Exceeding Expectations” in replace “Proficient and Advanced”

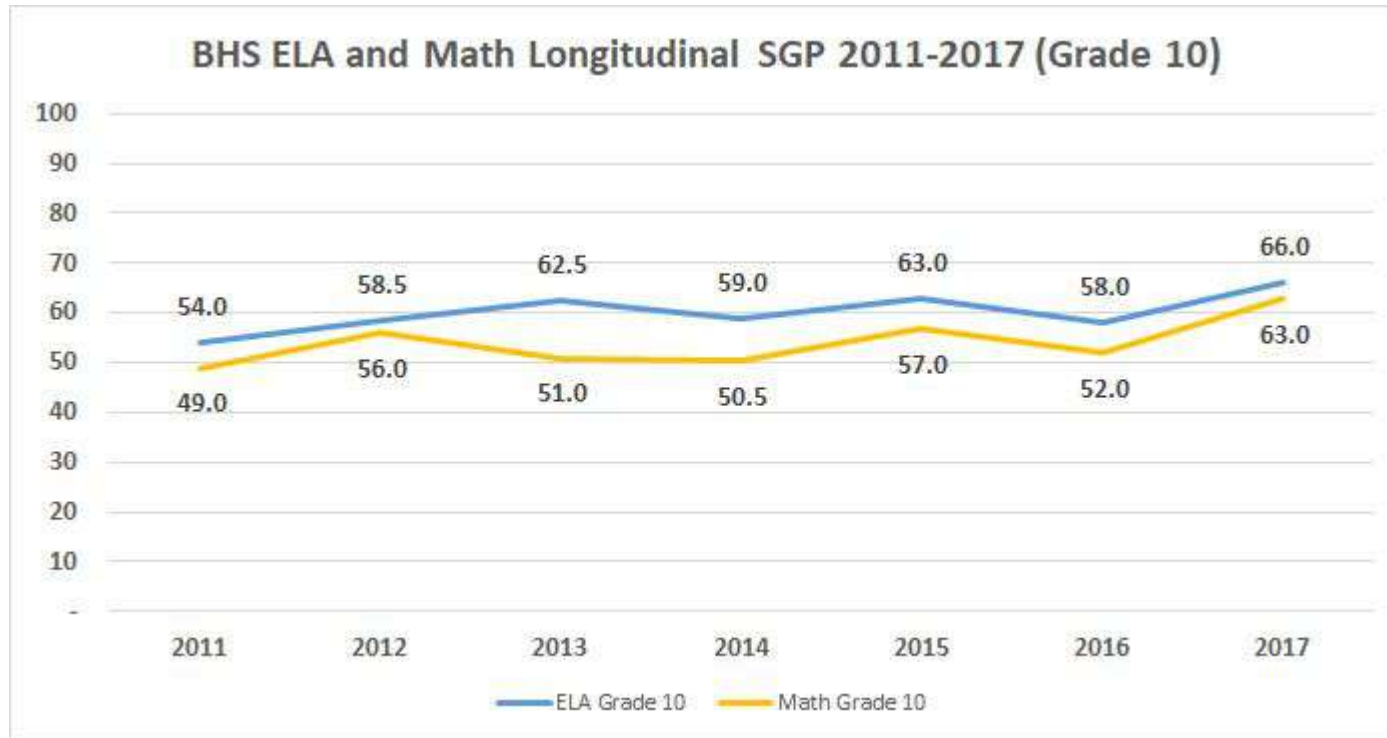
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Longitudinal SGP for Grades 4-8: ELA and Math (2011-2017)



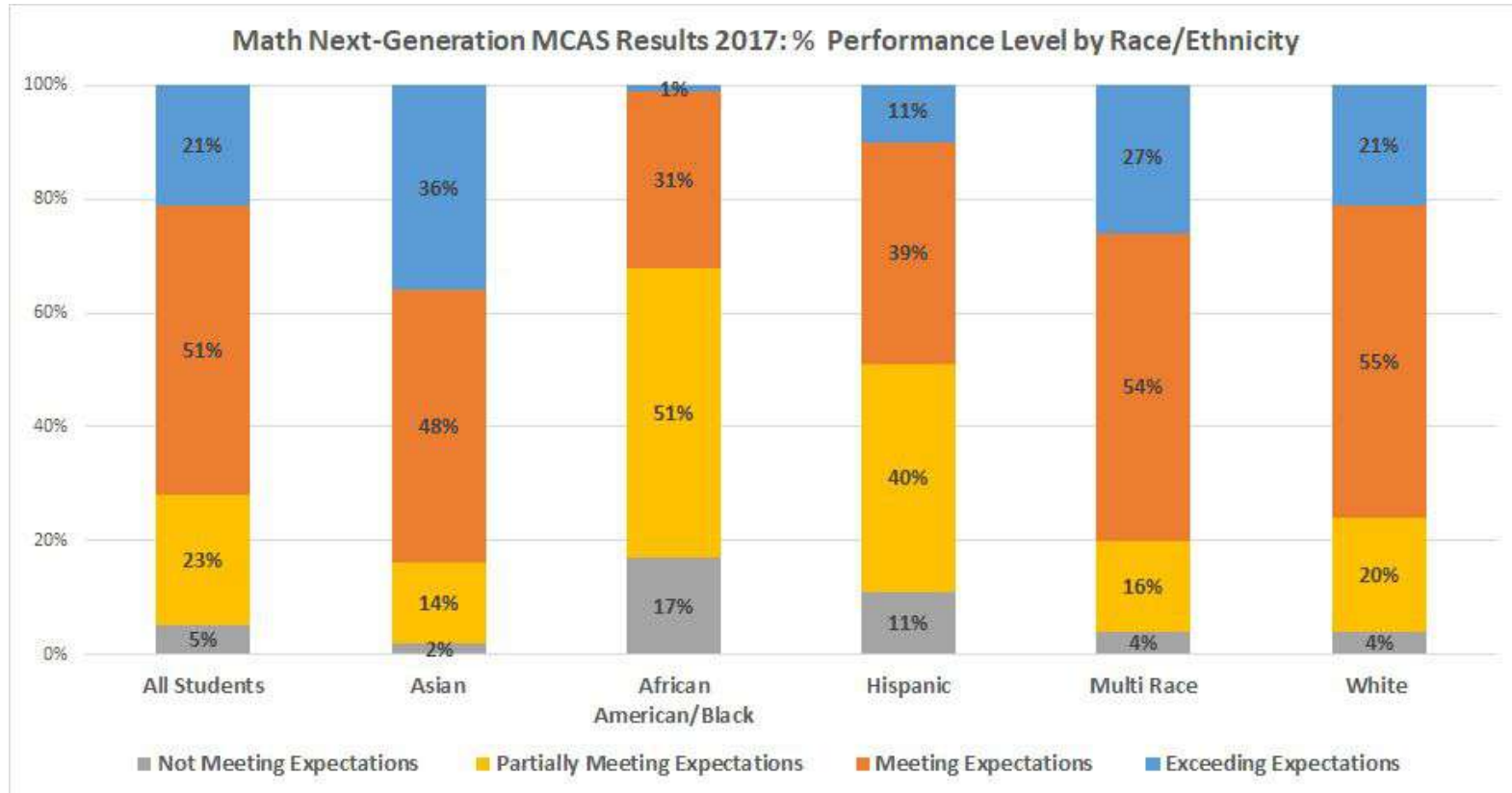
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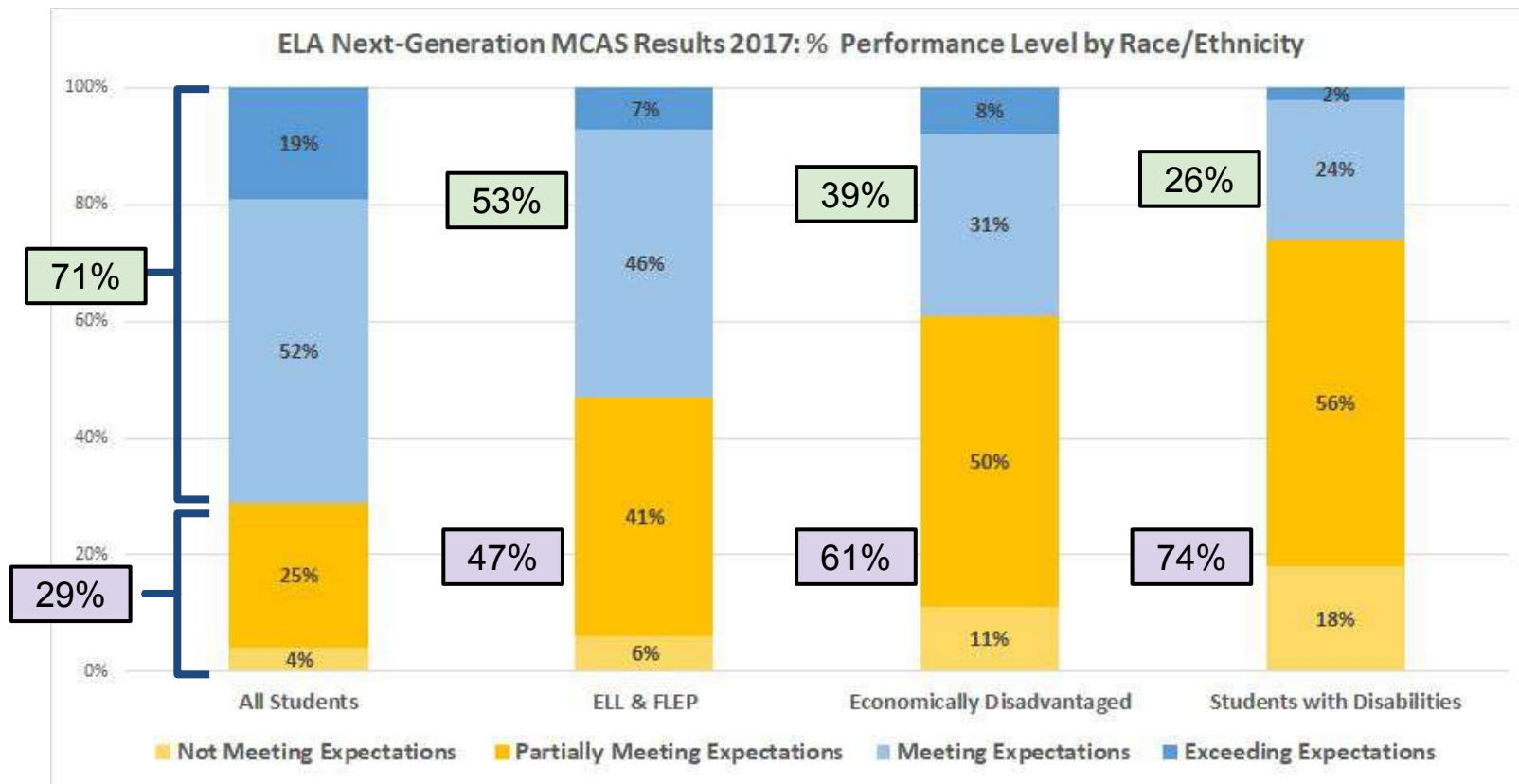


We continue to struggle to meet the
academic needs of specific subgroups

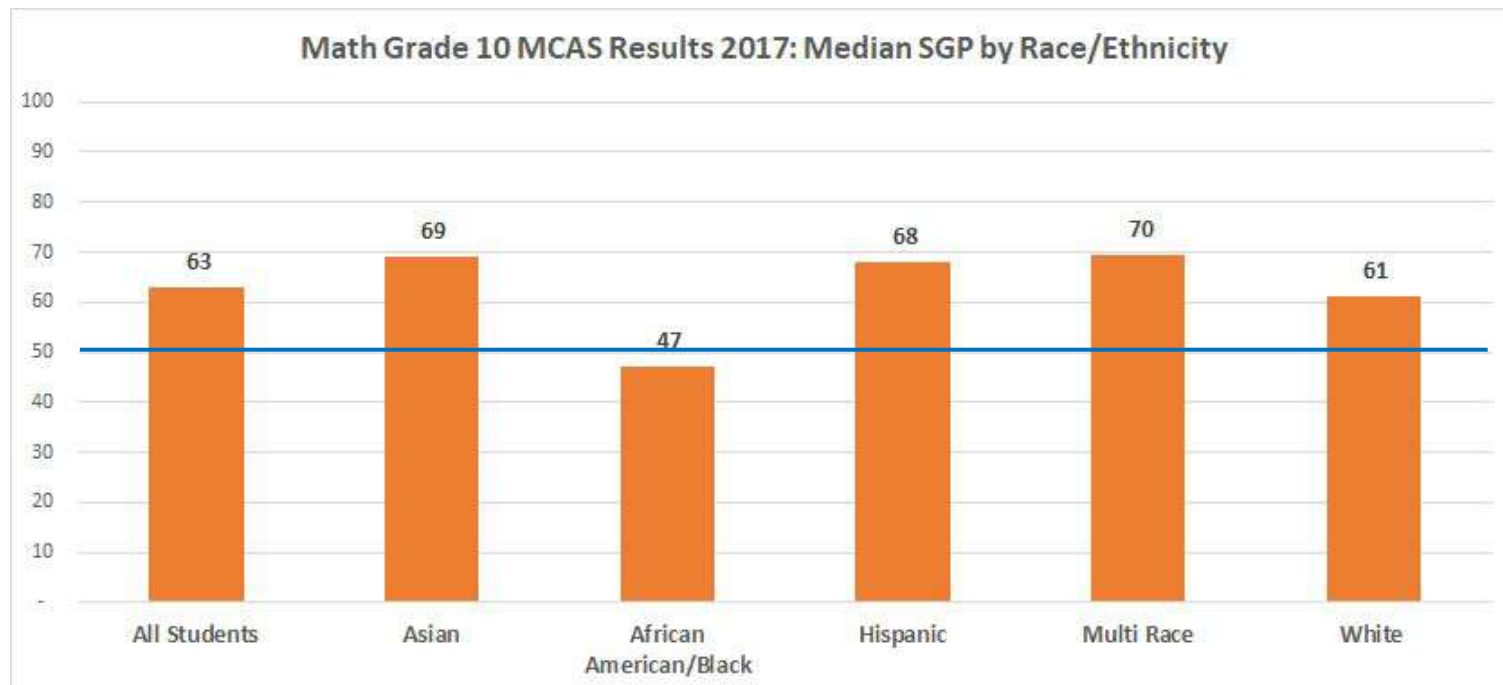
Grade 3-8 Math Performance Level by Race/Ethnicity (2017)



Grade 3-8 ELA Performance Level by Subgroup (2017)

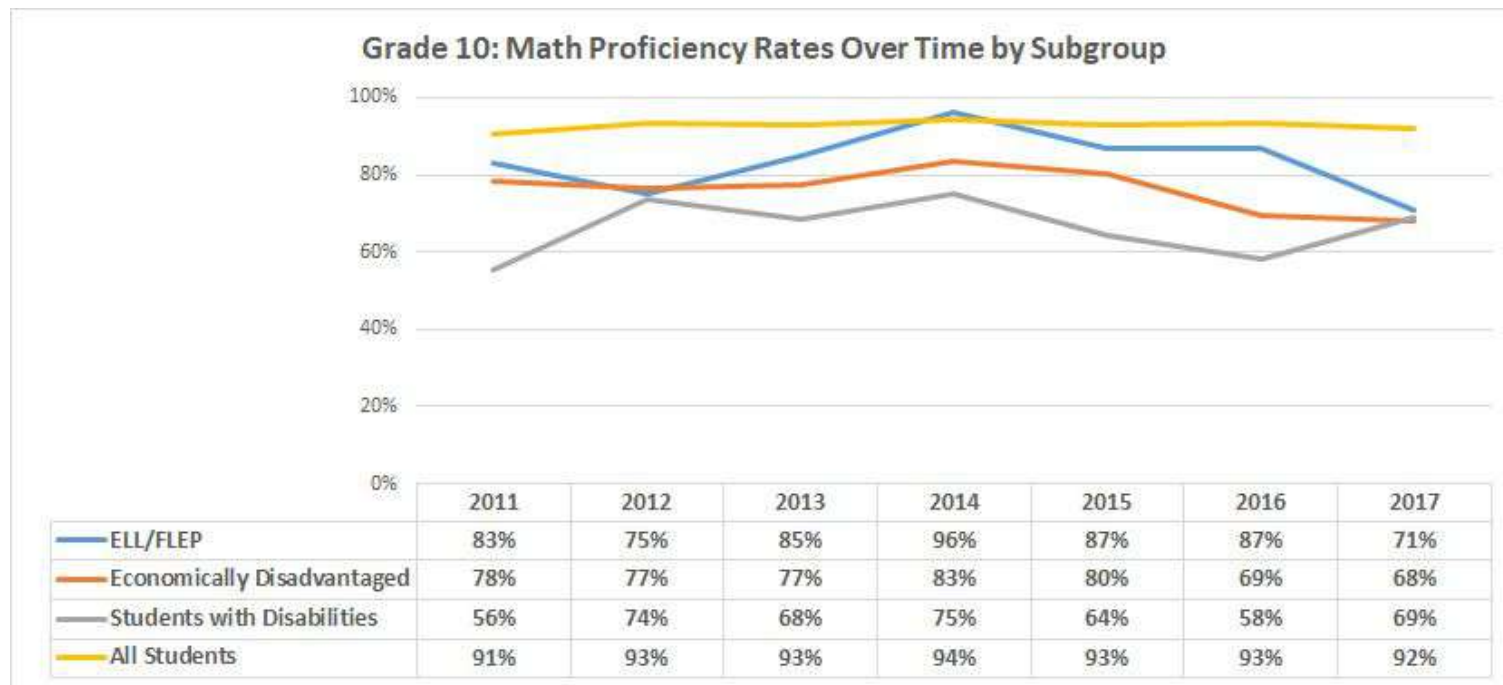


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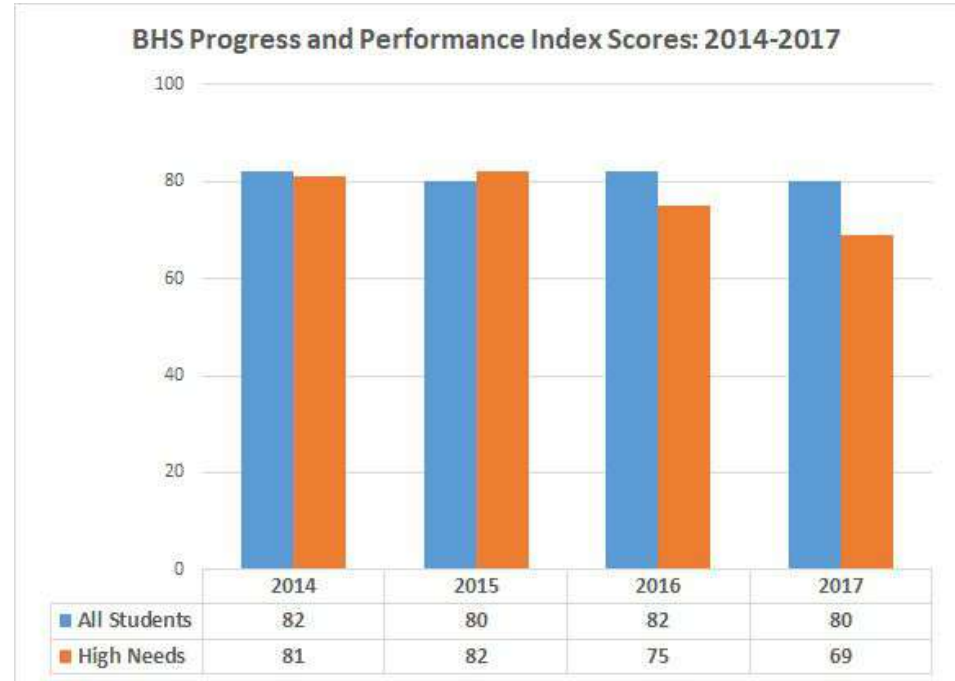
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Grade 10 Longitudinal Math Proficiency Rates by Subgroup (2011-2017)



BHS Moved Down to Accountability Level 2

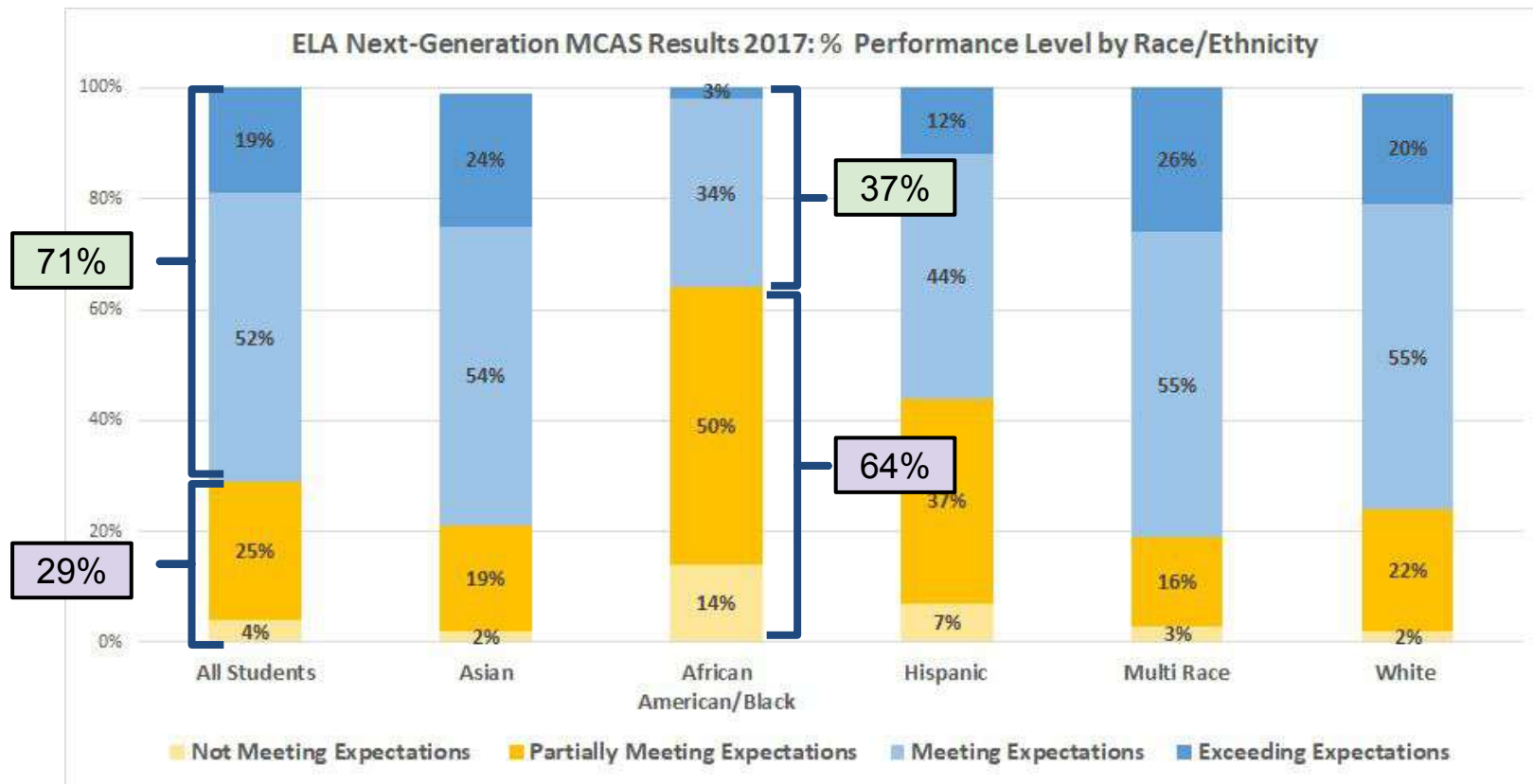
- Did not meet gap narrowing goals for High Needs students
 - High Needs Students: economically disadvantaged, English language learner, or student with disabilities
 - 75 points is considered on target
- Low participation by English Language Learner students in Science
 - 95% of students in subgroup must participate



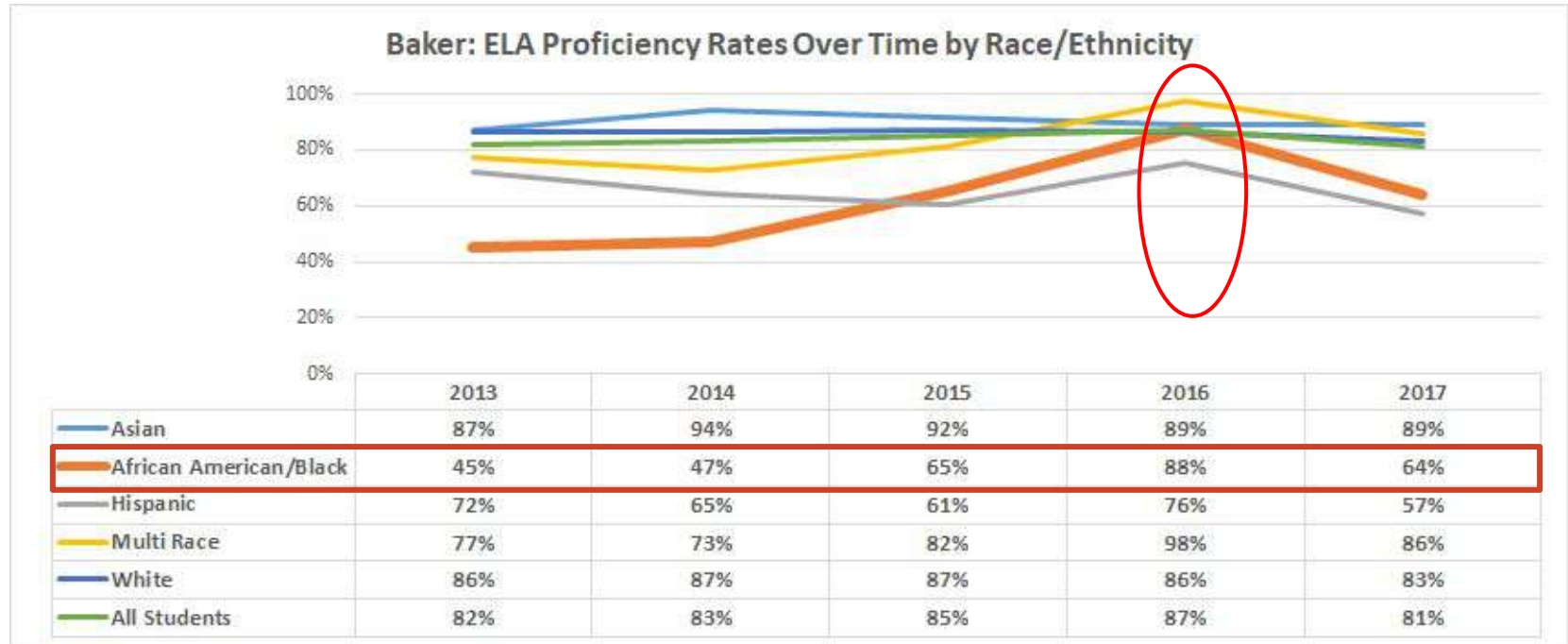


This pattern of achievement gaps on the
MCAS can be broken

Grade 3-8 ELA Performance Level by Race/Ethnicity (2017)



Baker School: ELA Proficiency Rates Over Time (Grades 3-8)

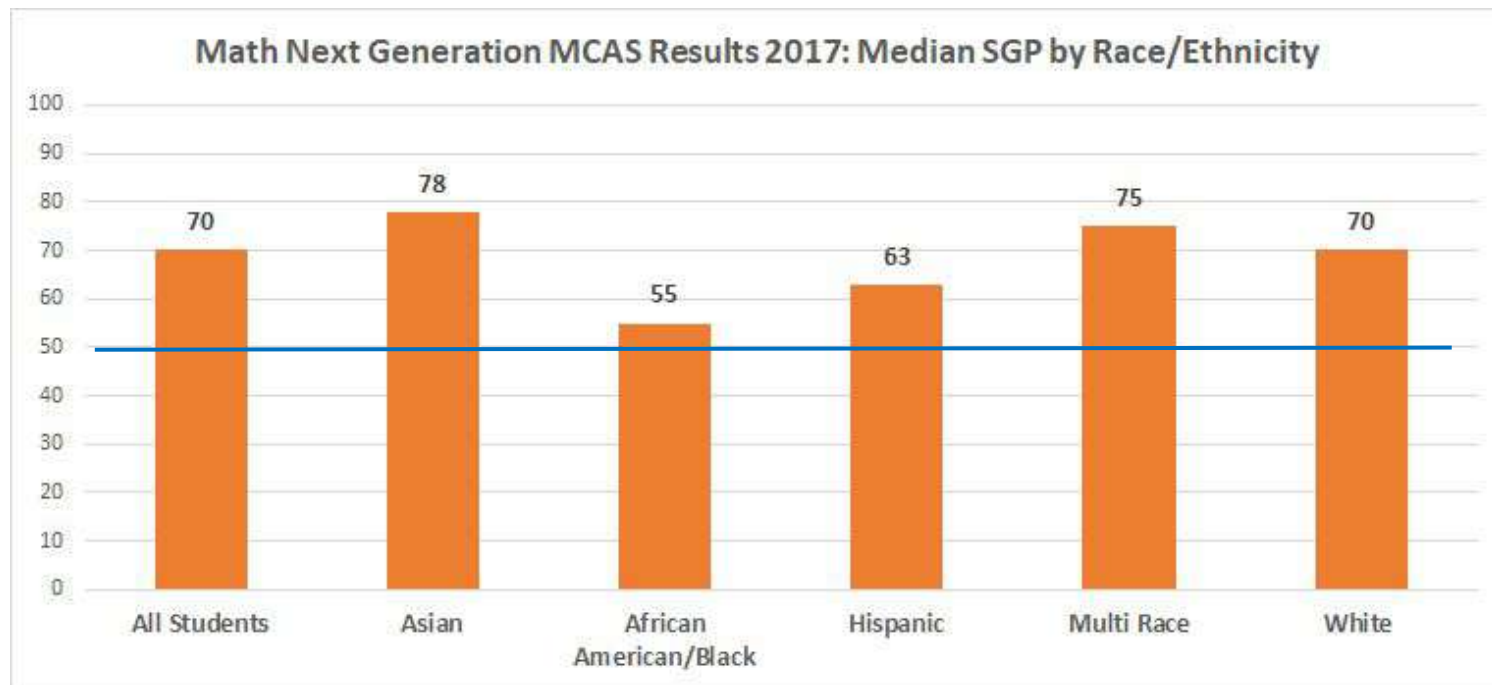


What has Baker been doing in ELA?

Adaptative Change Over Time

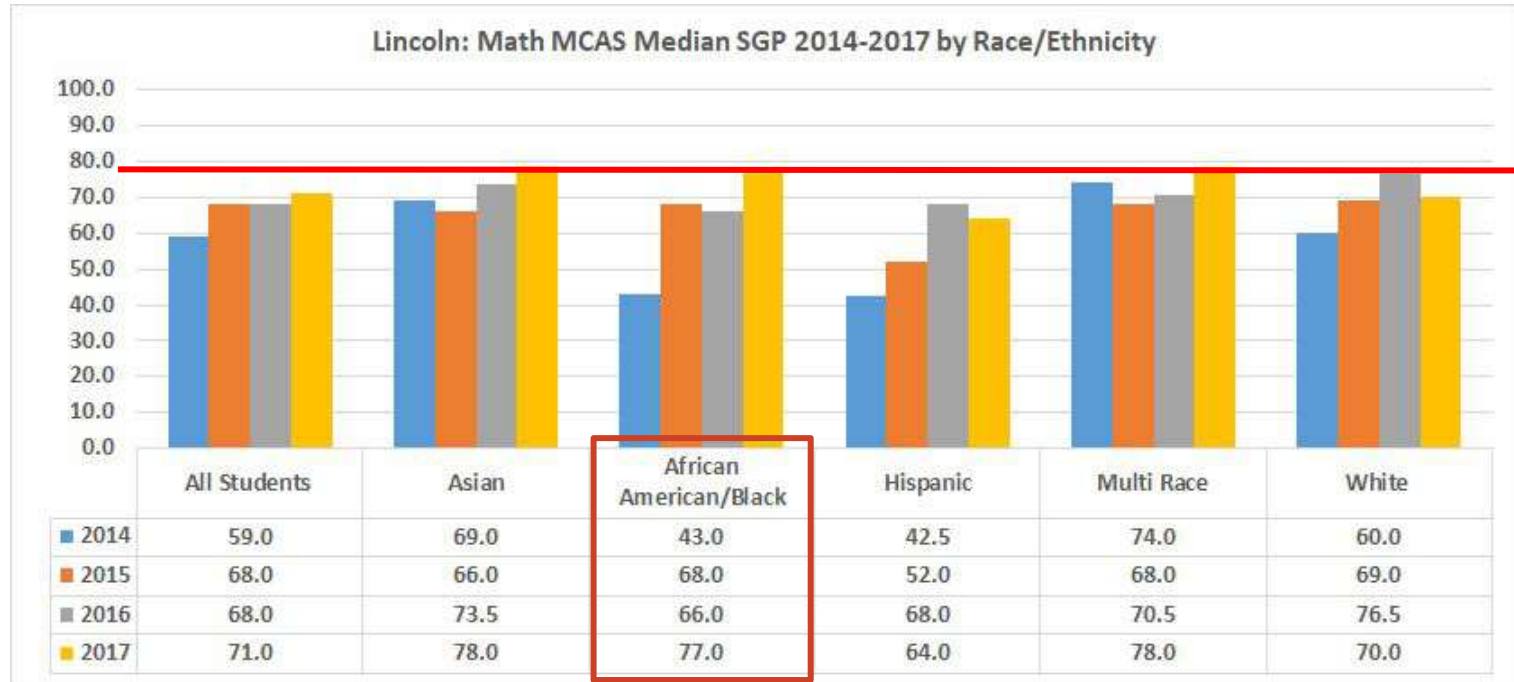
- Strengthened CST
 - Teacher run
 - Data driven decisions (with professional judgement)
 - Created a safe, problem solving environment
- Increased teacher capacity to address students' instructional needs
 - Tier-1 instructional practices were strengthened
 - Data collection integral part of teaching and learning
- Implemented a highly-effective RTI framework
 - Expanded/adjusted how specialists are used to support students instructionally
 - Reallocation of resources
 - Utilize data to inform decisions (universal screen, progress monitoring)

Grade 4-8 Math SGP by Race/Ethnicity (2017)



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Lincoln School: Math SGP Increasing Over Time (Grades 4-8)

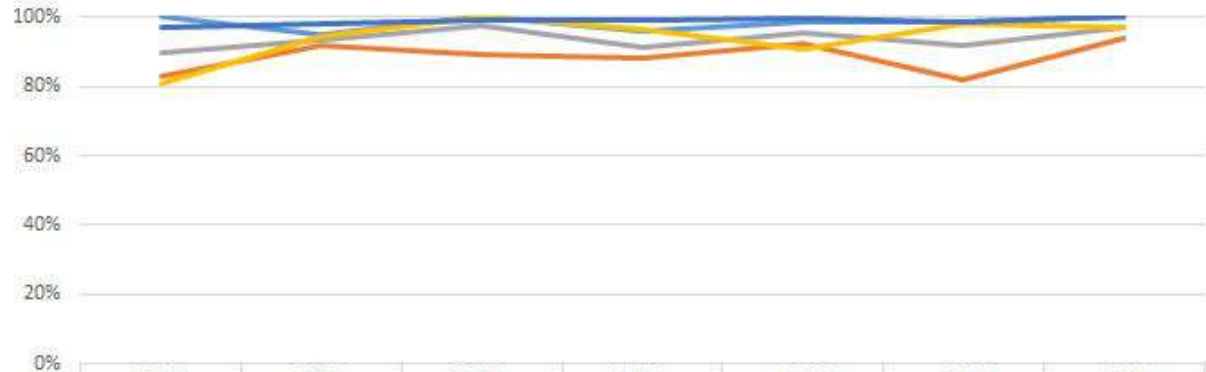


What has Lincoln been doing in Math?

- Coherent math instruction K - 8
 - Common language
 - Vertical alignment
- Teachers K - 5 have implemented math stations--as a way to differentiate instruction for all students
 - K - 5 Release Days were led by math specialists to build teacher capacity in implementing math stations and differentiation
- Using real-time data to provided targeted support for students

Grade 10 Longitudinal ELA Proficiency Rates by Race/Ethnicity (2011-2017)

Grade 10 ELA Proficiency Rates Over Time by Race/Ethnicity



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Asian	100%	95%	100%	96%	98%	99%	100%
African American/Black	83%	92%	89%	88%	93%	82%	94%
Hispanic	89%	93%	97%	91%	95%	92%	97%
Multi Race	81%	94%	100%	97%	91%	98%	97%
White	97%	98%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%

What has BHS been doing in ELA?

- Common midyear assessment for 9th grade courses that is well aligned with state standards.
- Stable co-teaching pairs for 10th grade may have made a real difference with the students with disabilities subgroup.
- Teachers teach both standard and honors sections, ensuring good teaching for all students.
- Familiarizing all students with the MCAS-type questions and format.



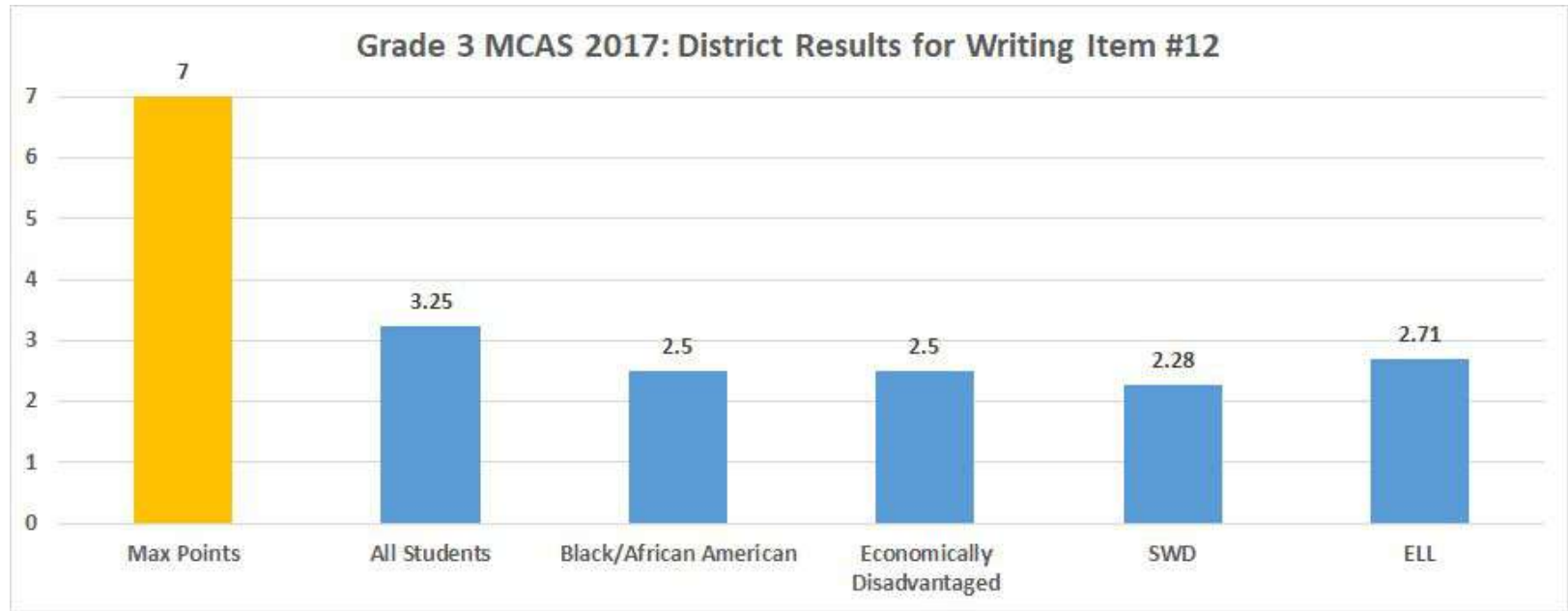
Grade 3 Deep Dive: Writing

Grade 3 MA State Language and Writing Standards

- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
- Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
- Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Item #12: Based on the passage, write an essay that explains how Benjamin Franklin helped people. Be sure to use information from the passage to develop your essay.

Your essay should: Present and develop a central idea; provide evidence/details from the passage(s); include correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.



*Essays are scored based on idea development and standard English conventions

Grade 3 Scoring Guide: Item #12

Idea Development Scoring Guide

Score	Description
<u>4</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central idea is clear and fully developedEffective selection and explanation of evidence/detailsEffective organizationClear expression of ideasFull awareness of the purpose for writing
<u>3</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central idea is general and moderately developedAppropriate selection and explanation of evidence/detailsModerate organizationAdequate expression of ideasSufficient awareness of the purpose for writing
<u>2</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central idea may be present and is somewhat developedLimited selection and explanation of evidence/detailsLimited organizationBasic expression of ideasPartial awareness of the purpose for writing
<u>1</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central idea is not present and/or not developedInsufficient evidence/detailsMinimal or no organizationPoor expression of ideasMinimal awareness of the purpose for writing
<u>0</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The response shows evidence the student has read the text, but does not address the question or incorrectly responds to the question.

Student Exemplar

-- earns the maximum 4 points

“Benjamin Franklin helped people. For example, he invented the lightning rod to protect homes from lightning which caused fires. He also invented the Franklin Stove which burned less wood than the wood-burning stove but generated more heat. According to the story, he invented bifocals so he didn’t have to take his glasses off and on. Bifocals let you see near and far somehow. Ben Franklin had lots of jobs to help people. The author stated that he had his own print shop when he was 24 and he printed a book he wrote called Poor Richard’s Almanac. Soon, he became the very first postmaster general which was in charge of all post offices in the colonies . . .”

Grade 3 Scoring Guide: Item #12

Standard English Conventions Scoring Guide

Score	Description
<u>3</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consistent control of a variety of sentence structures relative to length of essayConsistent control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay
<u>2</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mostly consistent control of sentence structures relative to length of essayMostly consistent control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay
<u>1</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Little control and/or no variety in sentence structure and/orLittle control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or insufficient length
<u>0</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sentences are formed incorrectly with no control of grammar, usage and mechanics and/or insufficient length

Student Exemplar

-- earns the maximum 3 points

“Benjamin Franklin helped people. For example, he invented the lightning rod to protect homes from lightning which caused fires. He also invented the Franklin Stove which burned less wood than the wood-burning stove but generated more heat. According to the story, he invented bifocals so he didn’t have to take his glasses off and on. Bifocals let you see near and far somehow. Ben Franklin had lots of jobs to help people. The author stated that he had his own print shop when he was 24 and he printed a book he wrote called Poor Richard’s Almanac. Soon, he became the very first postmaster general which was in charge of all post offices in the colonies . . .”

Ongoing Steps to Address the Inequitable Outcomes

Working with principals to look at the individual students

- All schools received a list of students who did not reach proficiency levels in each subject areas
- Schools received MCAS reports from Office of Strategy & Performance outlining item level results for all students by grade and subgroups

Developing a culture of looking at data collaboratively to identify the specific support individual students need

- School Leaders, specialists, coordinators, coaches using a Collaborative Inquiry process to determine how practices are impacting the performance of students in our lowest performing subgroups
- Specialists and Coaches will receive training on Edwin Analytics -- a tool for identifying areas of strength and areas of growth for individual students

Specific Professional Development

- Training for special education paraprofessionals to better support student need and classroom instruction

What do we need to do more of?

- Greater coherence within grades and across grade levels
- Clarity on what we want students to know and be able to do at each grade level
- Support all teachers in teaching writing and using the resources that are available
- Teacher Teams with support of principals, coaches, and specialists intervene and progress monitor student learning when students are not making appropriate progress
- Do a better job of monitoring progress of student learning and intervening when a student is not making appropriate progress



Questions?

APPENDIX

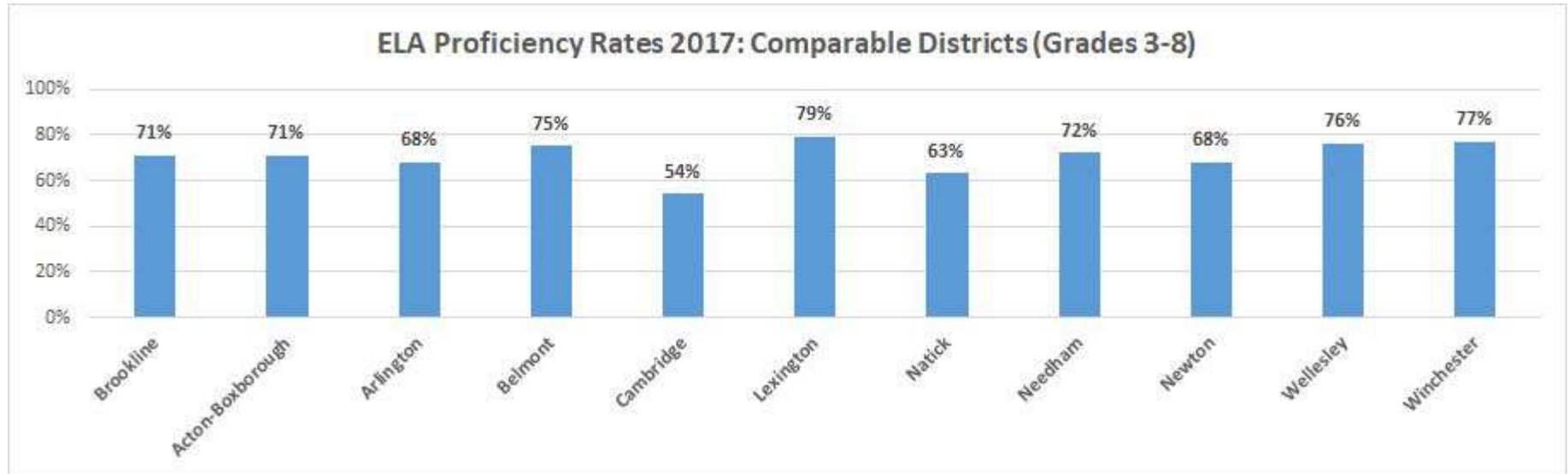
Grades 3-8

- MCAS results
- Comparable districts

Brookline High School

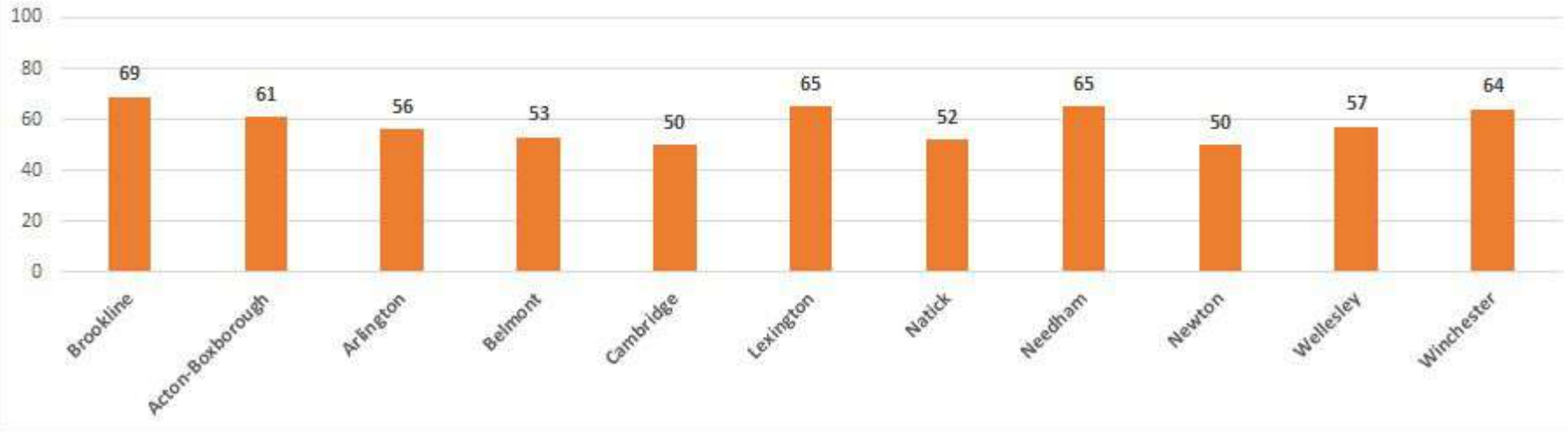
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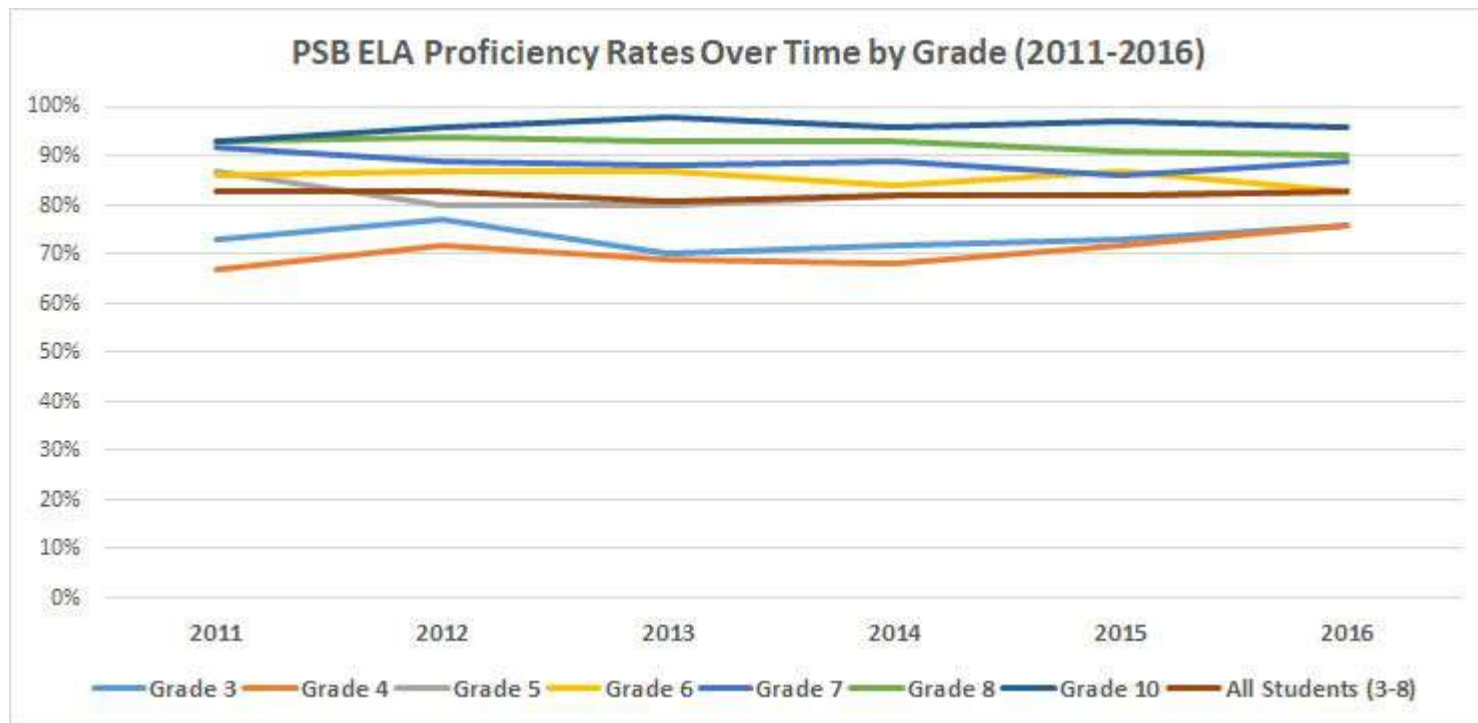


ELA Median SGP by Comparable Districts: Grades 3-8 (All Students)

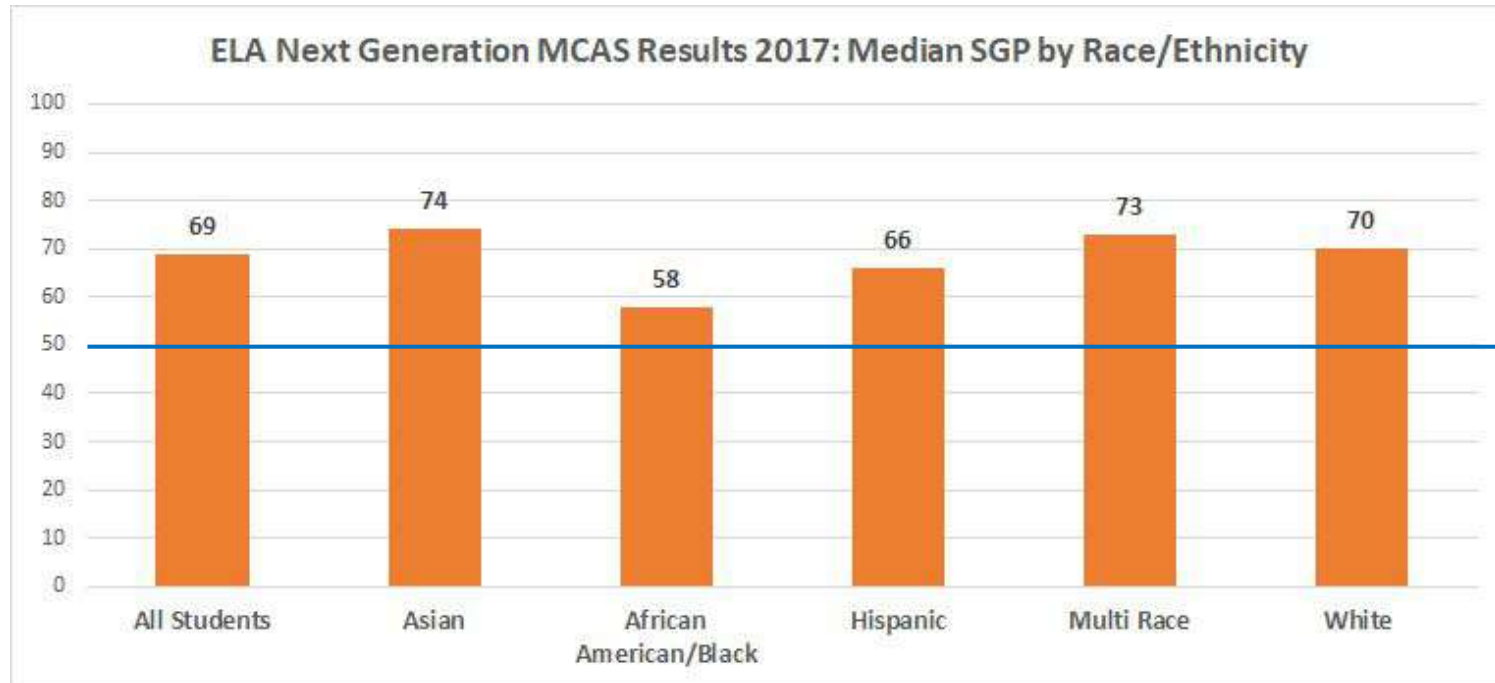
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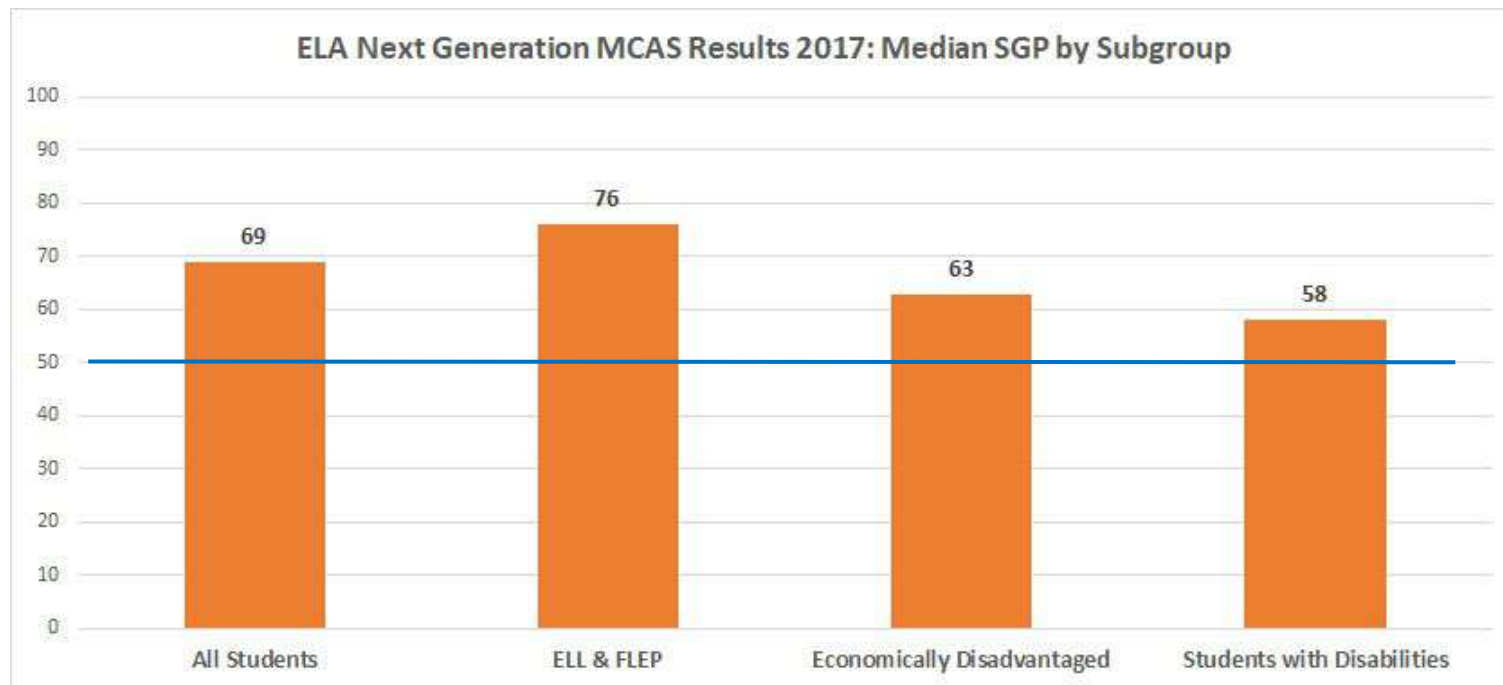


Grade 4-8 ELA SGP by Race/Ethnicity (2017)



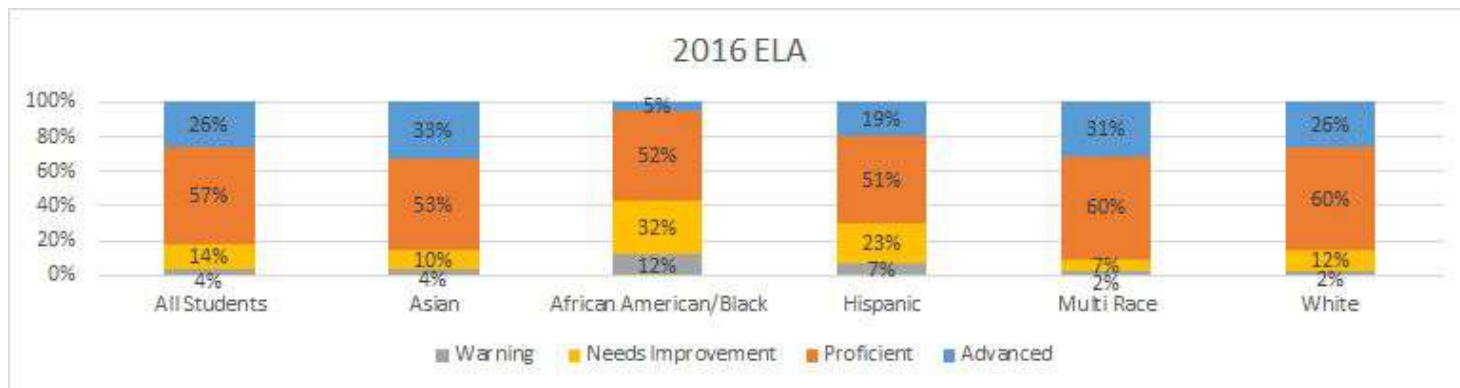
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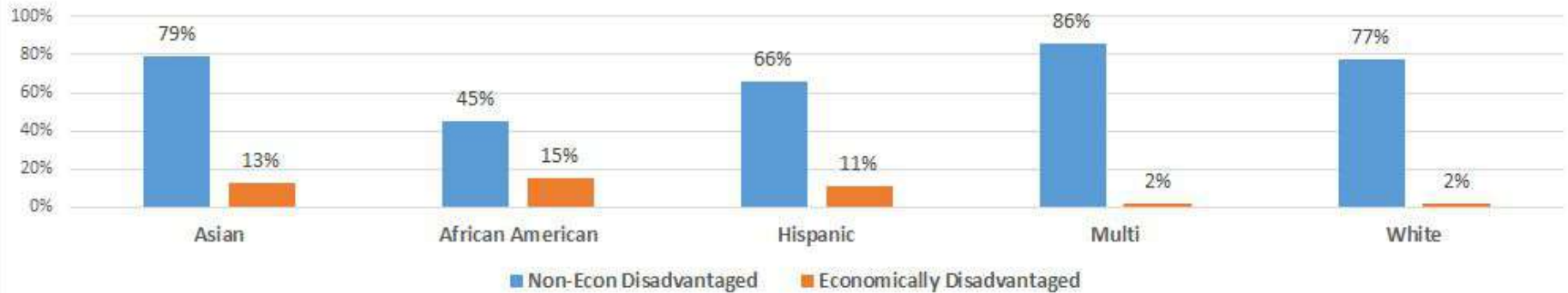
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Performance Levels Grades 3-8 ELA (2017 vs 2016) by Race/Ethnicity



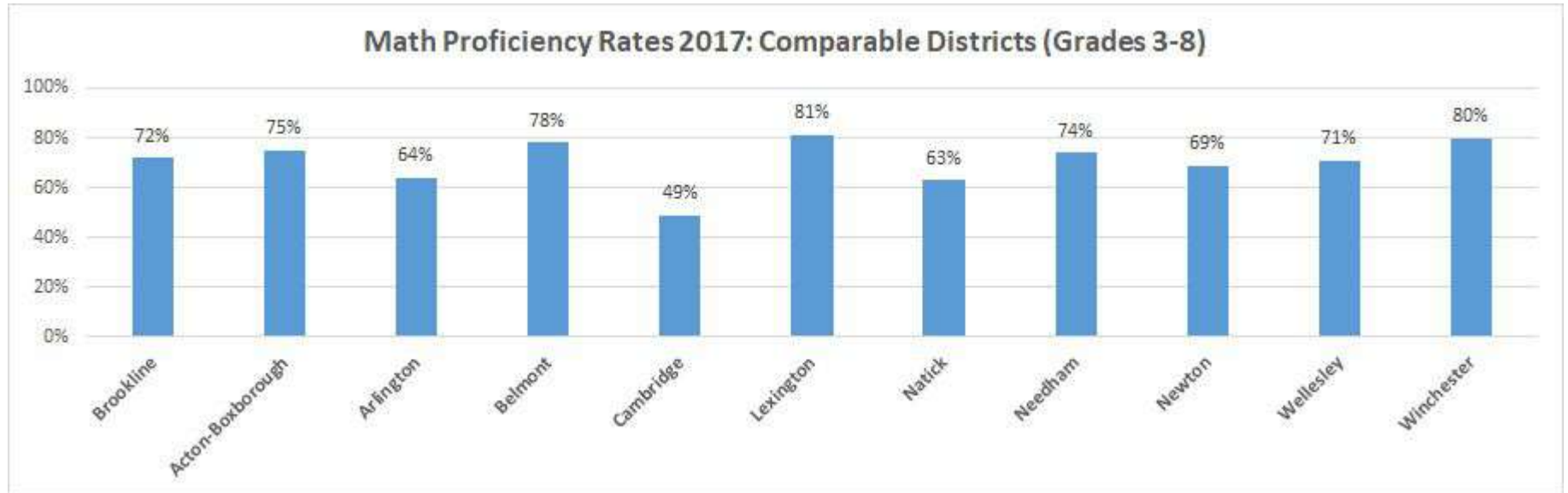
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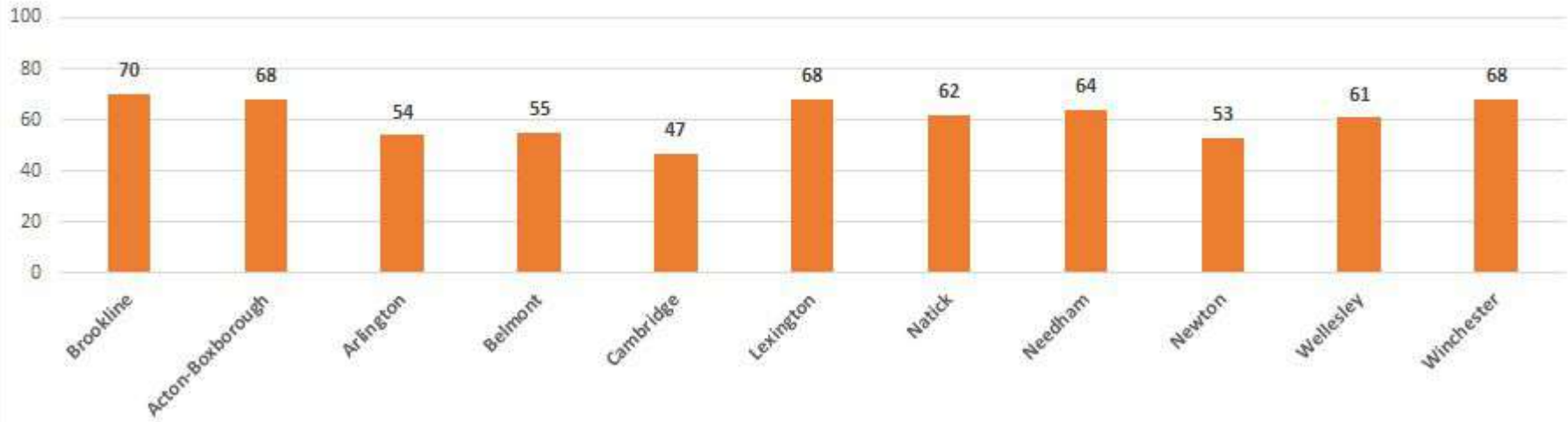
	Asian	African American	Hispanic	Multi	White
Non-Econ Disadvantaged	372	54	186	260	1410
Economically Disadvantaged	59	18	31	5	34

Math Proficiency Rates by Comparable Districts: Grades 3-8 (All Students)

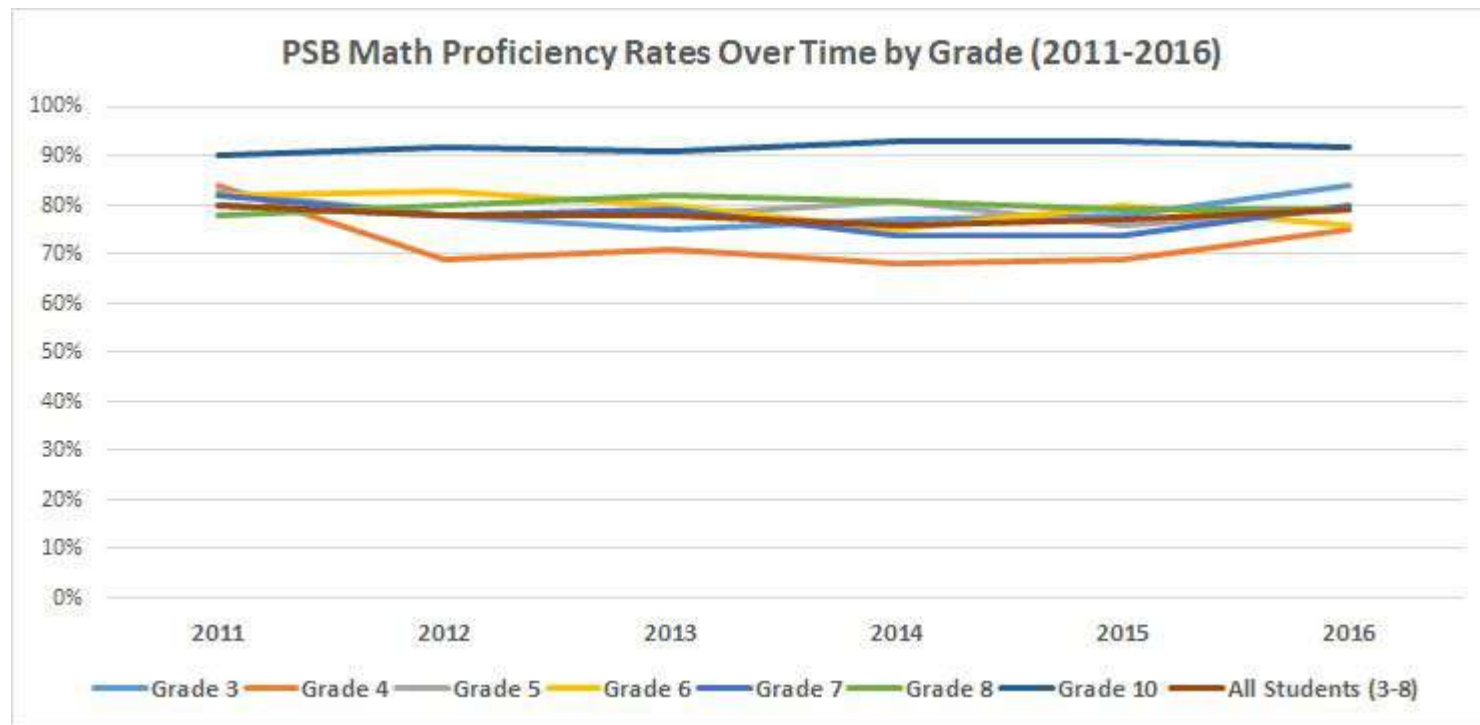


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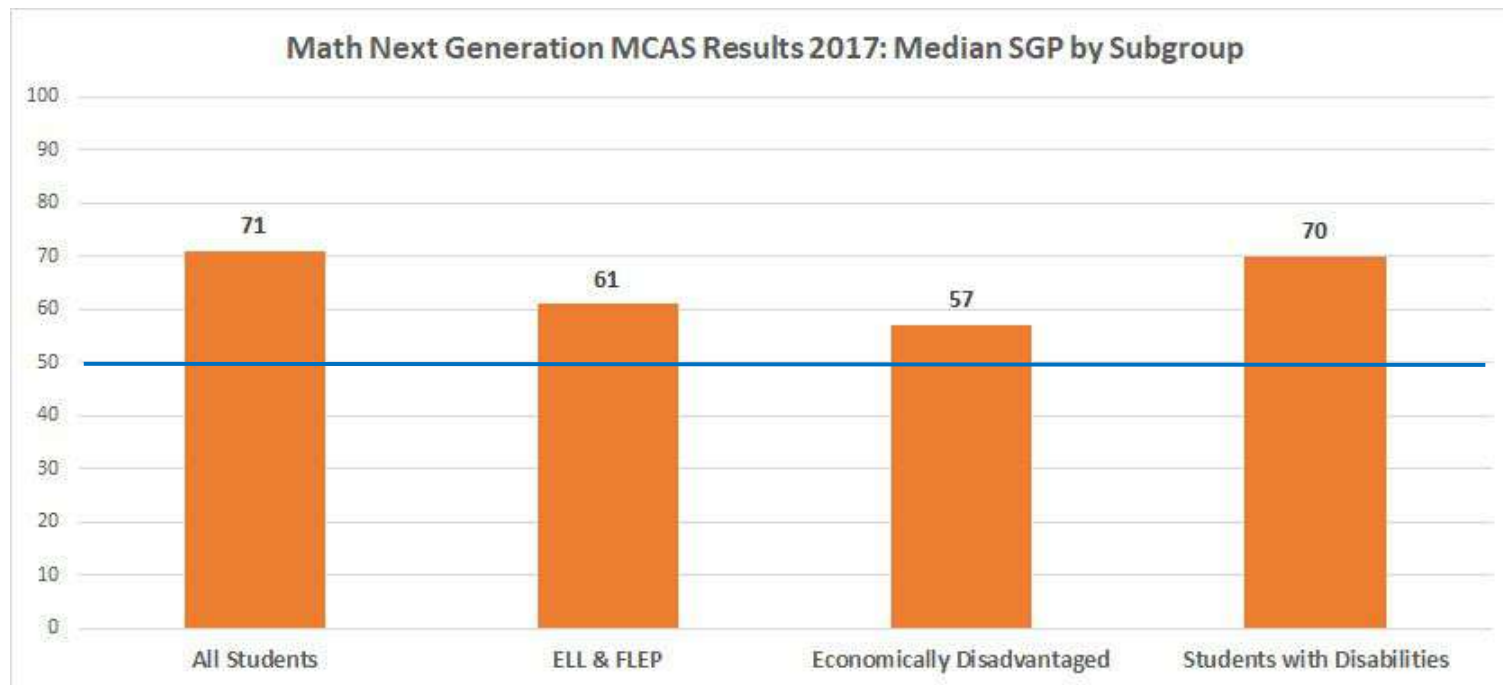
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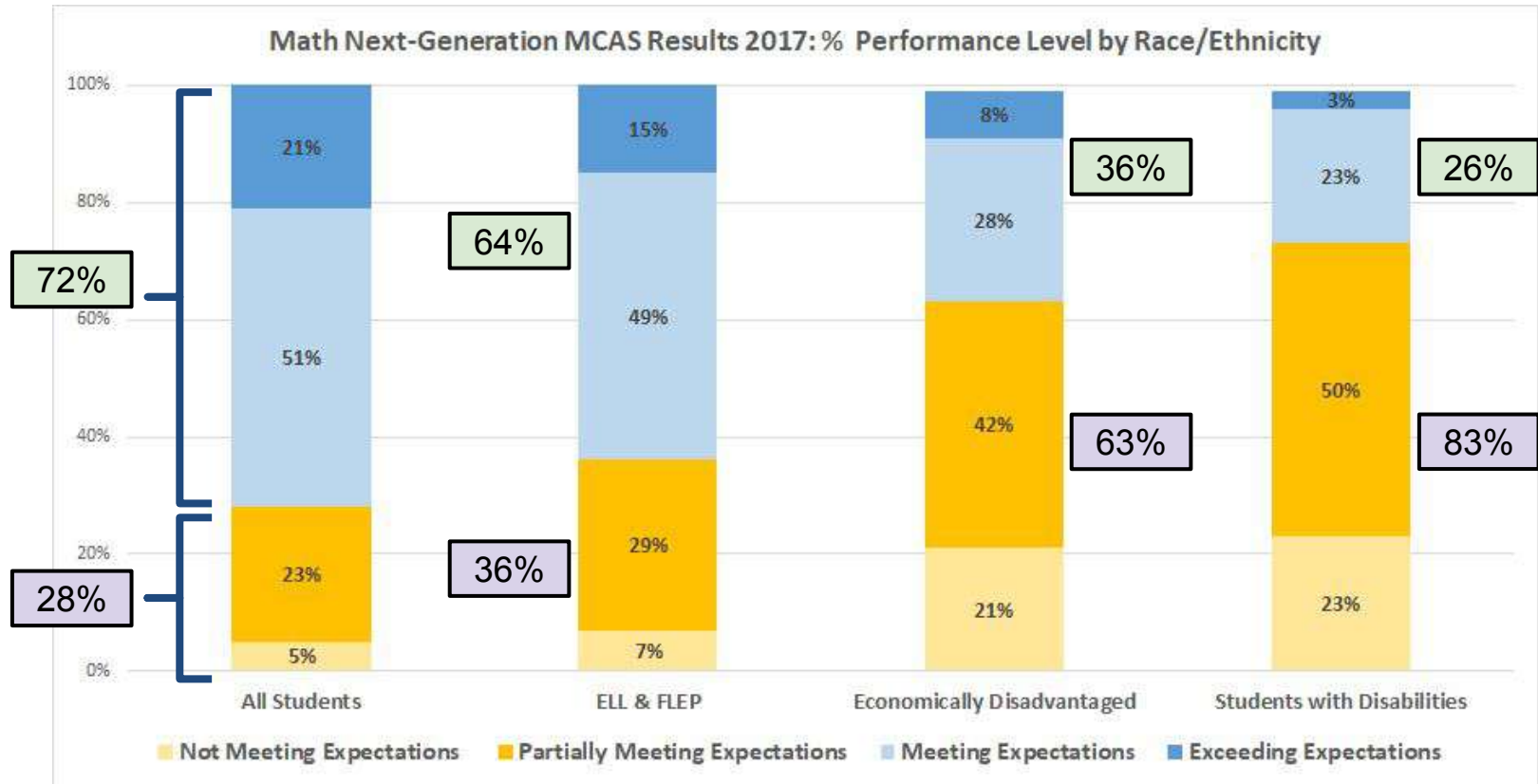


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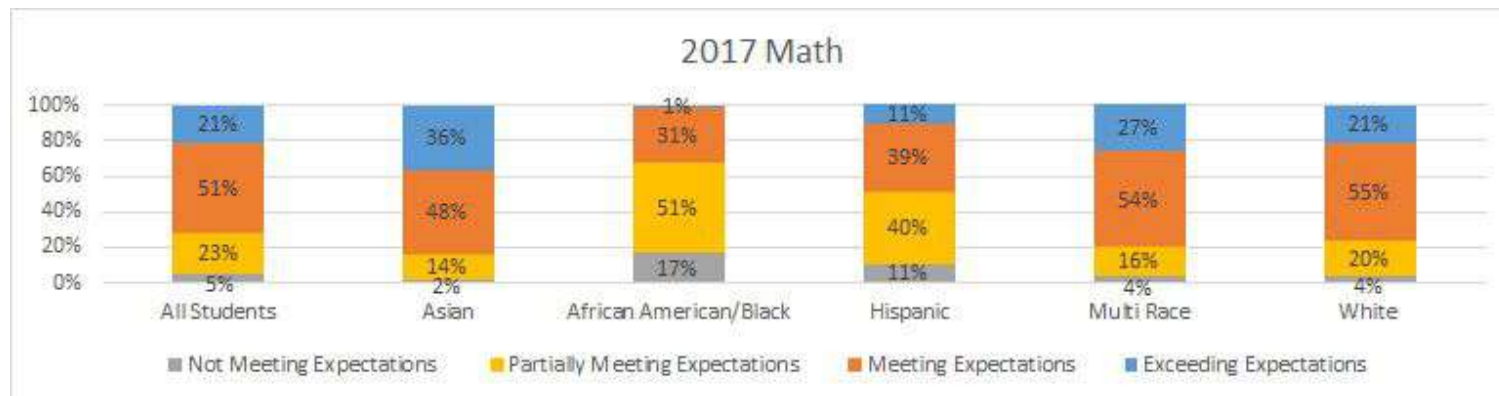
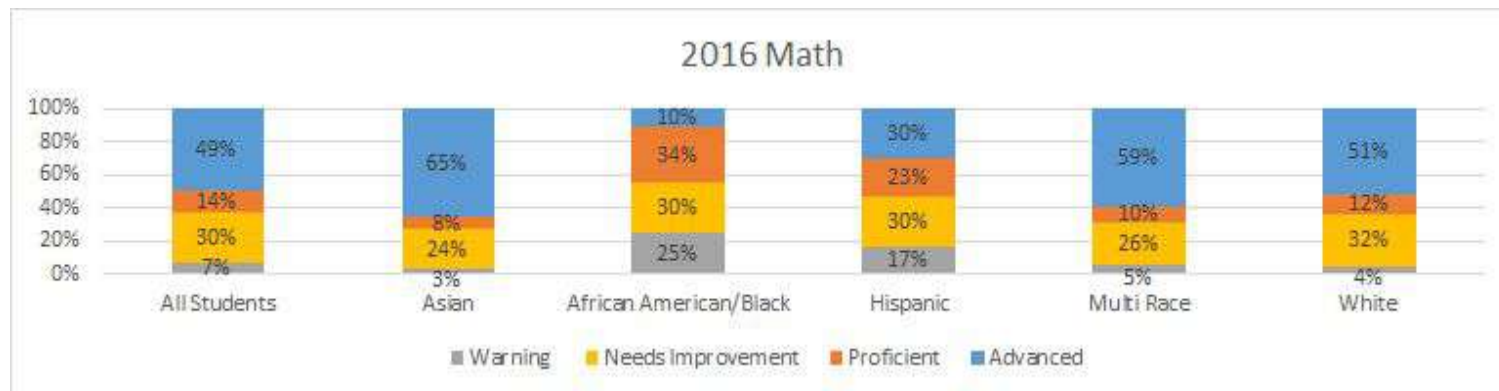


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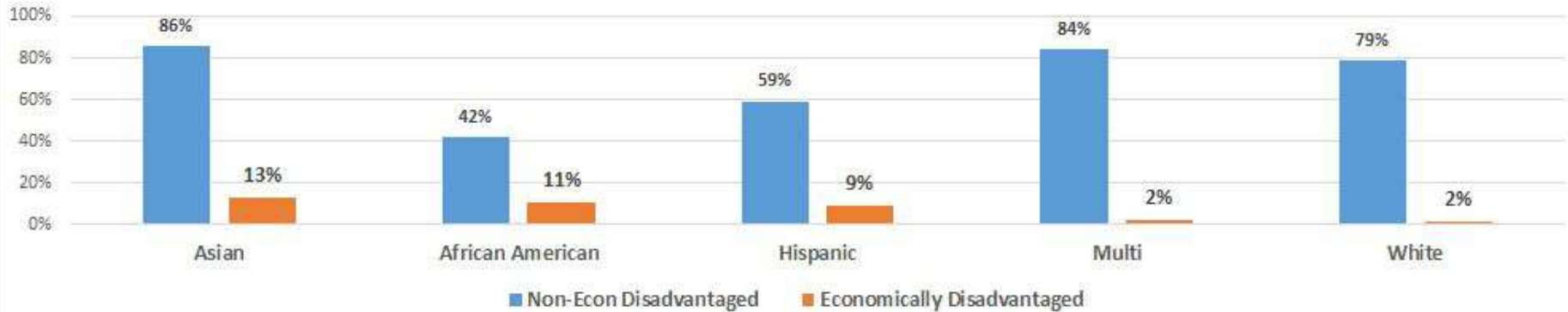


Performance Levels Grades 3-8 Math (2017 vs 2016) by Race/Ethnicity



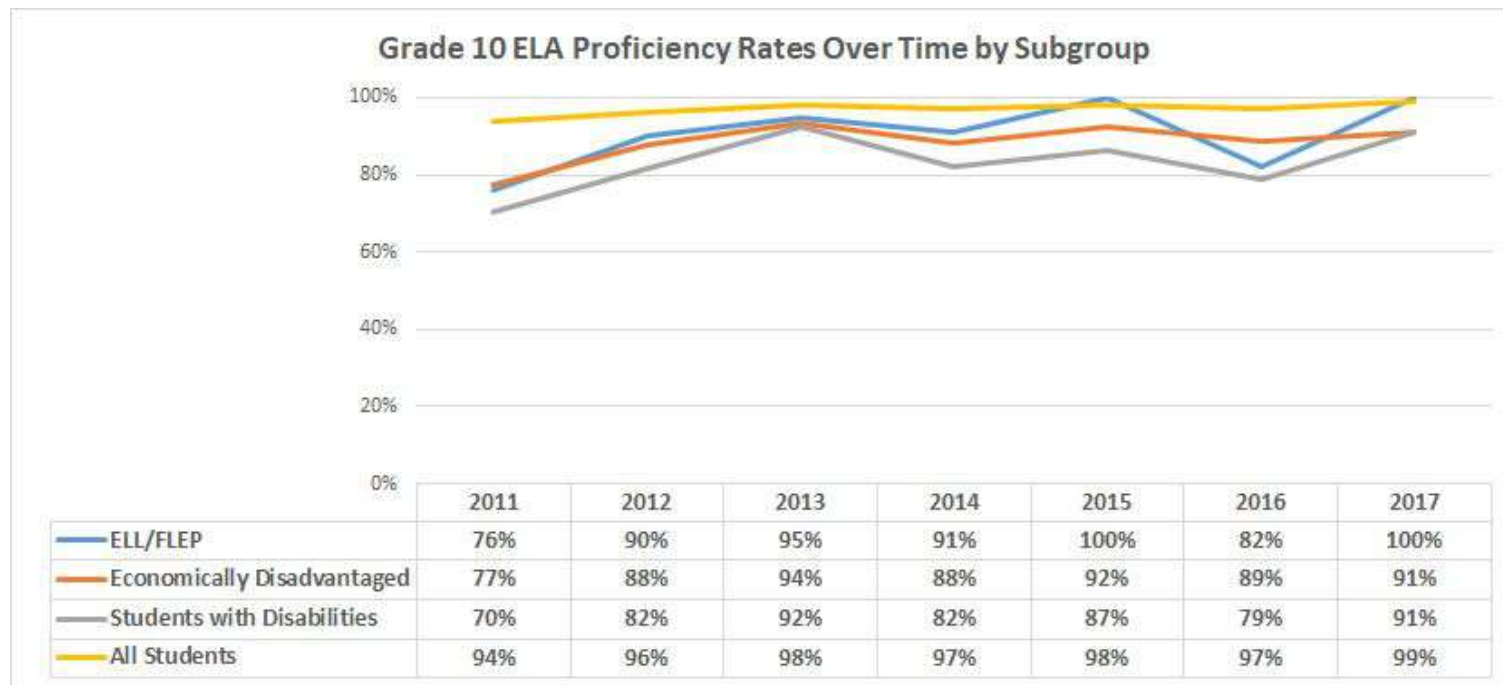
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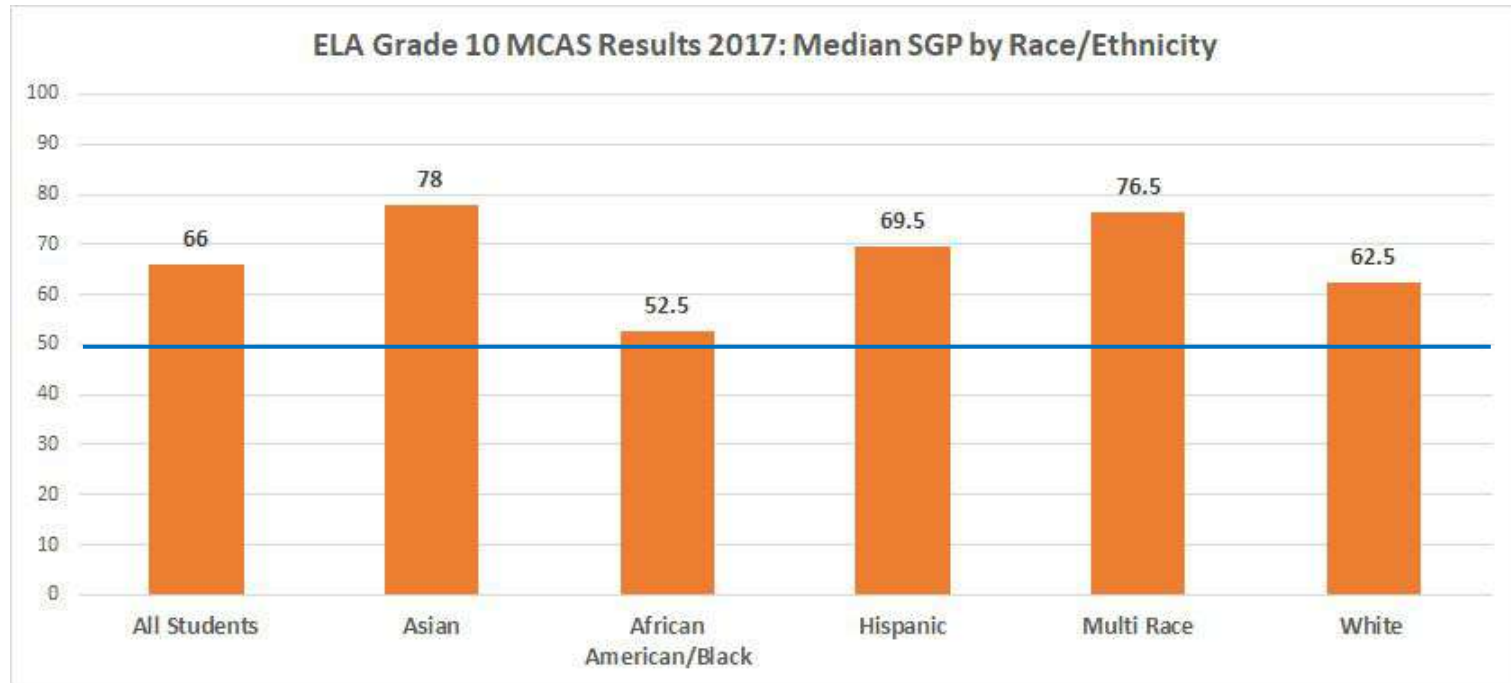


	Asian	African American	Hispanic	Multi	White
Non-Econ Disadvantaged	402	50	168	251	1,429
Economically Disadvantaged	61	13	26	6	32

Grade 10 Longitudinal ELA Proficiency Rates by Subgroups (2011-2017)

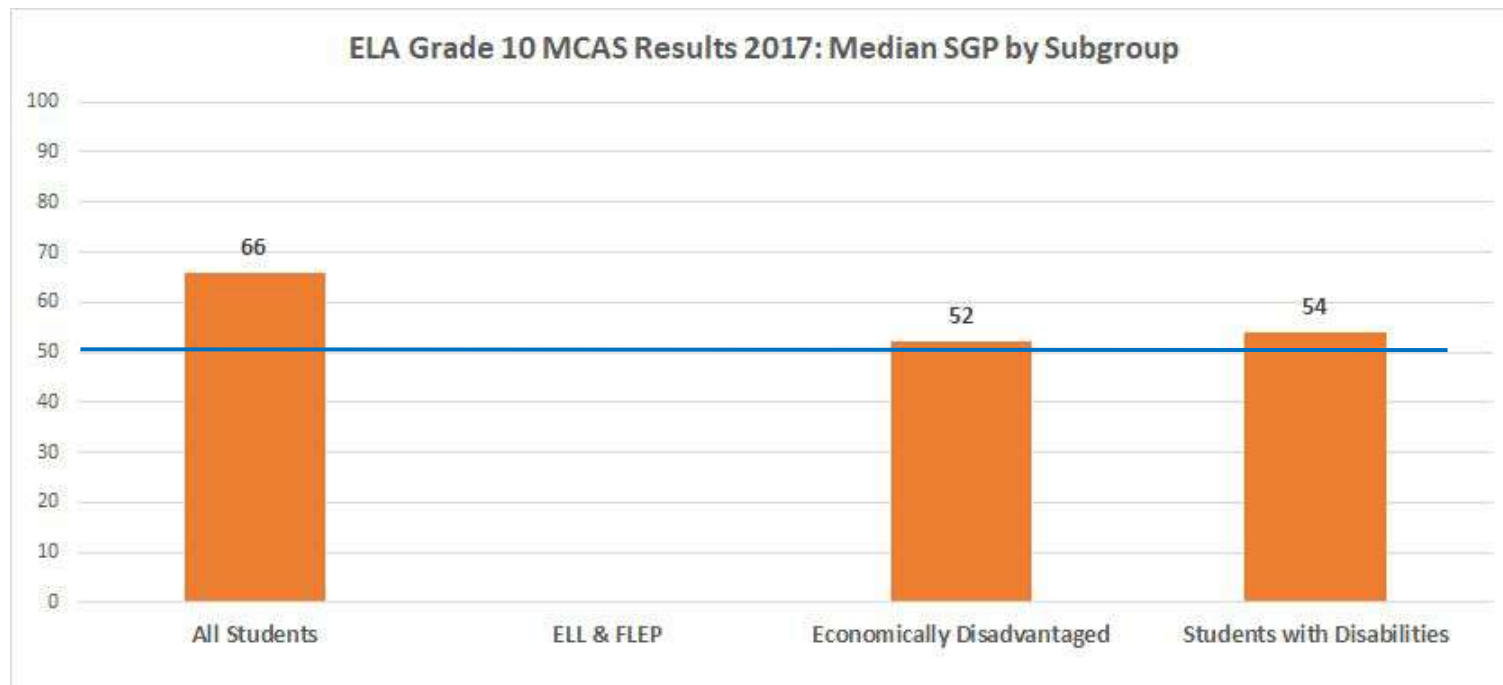


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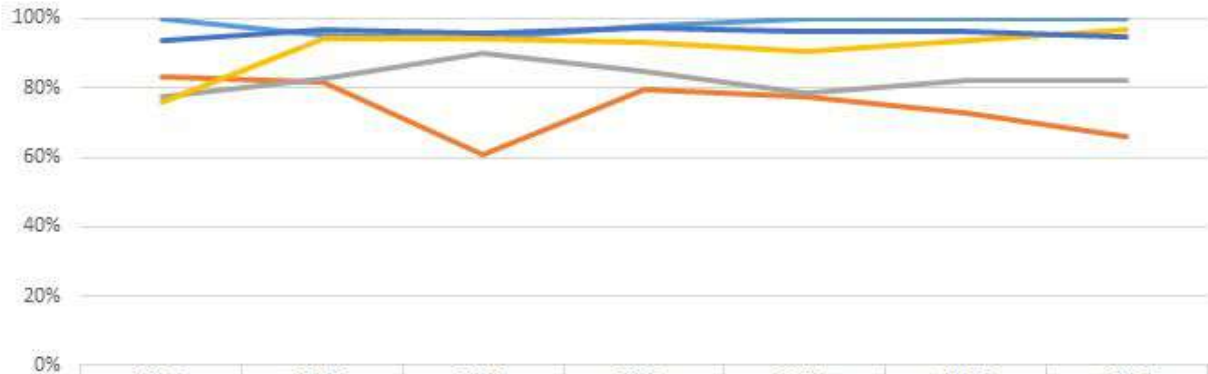
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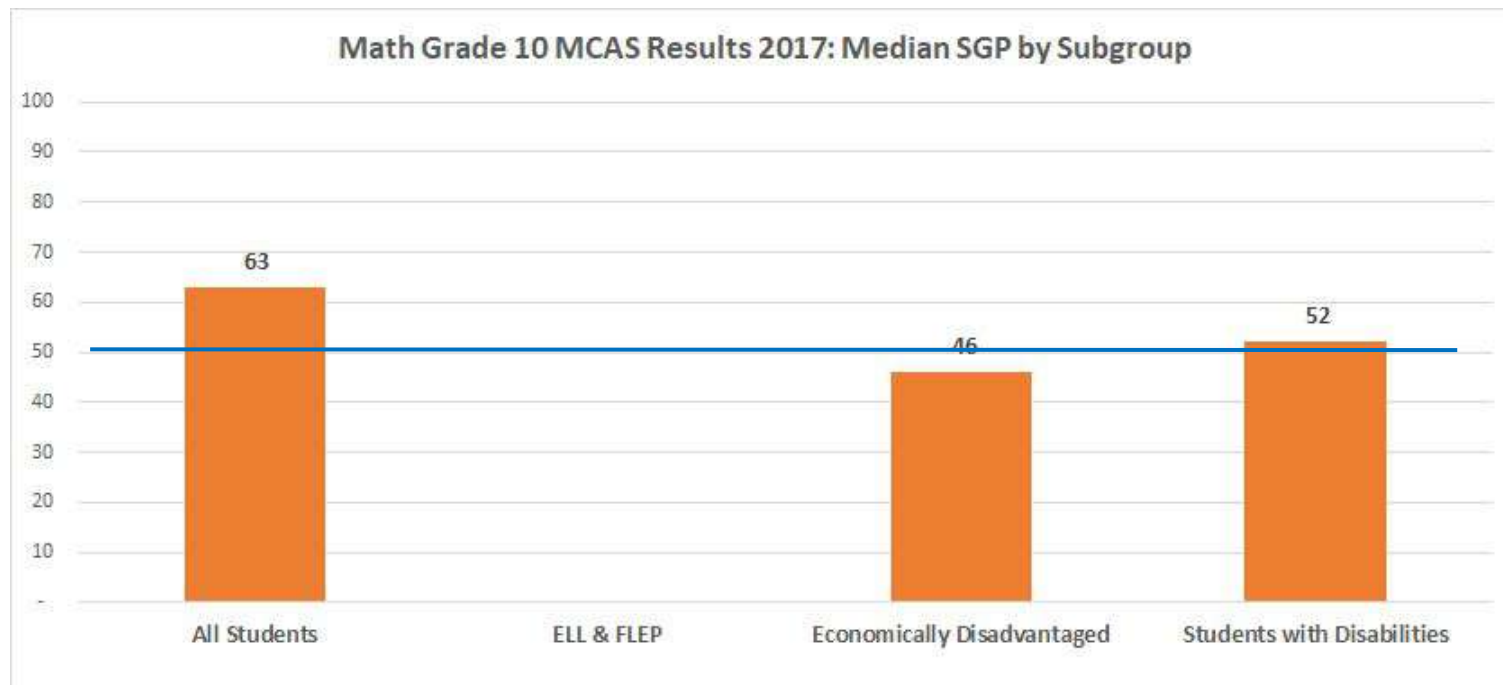
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Hispanic	78%	83%	90%	85%	79%	82%	82%
Multi Race	76%	94%	94%	93%	90%	94%	97%
White	94%	97%	96%	98%	96%	96%	95%

Grade 10 Math SGP by Subgroup (2017)



BHS 2017 Accountability Level

- 2017 Accountability Levels were only given to schools who took the legacy MCAS
- Level 2*
- All students Progress and Performance score: 80
- High needs students Progress and Performance score: 69

*Change from 2016 Level 1 status

Accountability Level - Explanation

- High School accountability levels are made up of 7 different indicators
- Each indicator is awarded points based upon performance of All Students and High Needs students. Points are given based on whether All Students and High Needs students are hitting their performance and growth targets set in 2011.
- Extra credit points are awarded for schools that decrease the percentage of students in Warning/Failing and increase the percentage of students in Advanced.
- A Progress and Performance Score (PPI) for All Students and High Needs students is calculated using the points awarded for these 7 indicators.
 - Scores are based on 4 year averages with the most recent year given more weight.
- Schools without a participation rate of $\geq 95\%$ for all students and all subgroups* are not eligible for Level 1 status.

*There must be at least 20 students in the subgroup to count towards participation rates.

Source: DESE 2017 Accountability School Leaders Guide

Accountability Level - Explanation

7 High School Indicators

ELA proficiency
ELA growth
Math proficiency
Math growth
Science proficiency
Annual dropout rate
Annual graduation rate

Point Scale

100	Above Target
75	On Target
50	Improved Below Target
25	No Change
0	Declined

Accountability Level - High Needs Detail (2017)

Above Target

On Target

Below Target

Earning Extra Credit

High Needs Students: PPI				
	2014	2015	2016	2017
ELA Prof	100	75	25	75
ELA Growth	75	100	50	75
Decrease W/F				
Increase Adv	25	25		
Math Prof	100	0	50	0
Math Growth	75	75	75	75
Decrease W/F	25		25	
Increase Adv	25			
Science Prof	50	25	50	25
Decrease W/F			25	
Increase Adv	25		25	
Dropout	25	25	25	75
Graduation	75	75	75	75
Annual PPI	86	86	64	61
Weight	1x	2x	3x	4x
Cumulative PPI				69