

It is the **mission** of the Mansfield Board of Education, in partnership with the Mansfield community, to ensure that all children acquire the knowledge, skills, and attributes essential for personal excellence in learning, life, and work within our global community.

MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2017

Development Plan

2018



We Believe:

- It is our obligation to teach academic and social skills while promoting the emotional, physical, and behavioral development of all children.
- Children thrive and experience success when we provide instruction and opportunities that value individual abilities and interests.
- Equal access to our district's programs and services will be afforded to all children.
- All children and staff deserve a safe, secure and supportive school environment.
- Schools excel when staff engage in continuous improvement of practice and life-long learning.
- It is the responsibility of our schools to engage, support, and involve families.
- Our schools are strengthened when the school and community work together, each contributing to the success of the other.

DISTRICT FRAMEWORK



1. The district is committed to promoting rigorous academic outcomes, social skills, and the habits of mind necessary for growth in life, learning, and work beyond school including the ability to communicate effectively, work collaboratively, and think critically and creatively.
2. The district is committed to providing student-centered instructional practices that are responsive to student learning styles, promote resilience, and allow for personalization and individual growth in academics and the related arts.
3. The district uses purposeful assessments to inform instruction and monitor individual student progress aligned with learning goals.
4. The district supports embedded professional learning that advances the goals of the district and engages staff in continuous improvement.
5. The district celebrates the unique and diverse community of Mansfield by building partnerships between families, schools, and the larger community.
6. The district works in a fiscally responsible manner to align its organizational systems and resources to achieve established goals.

STATEMENT 1: The district is committed to promoting rigorous academic outcomes, social skills, and the habits of mind necessary for growth in life, learning, and work beyond school including the ability to communicate effectively, work collaboratively, and think critically and creatively.



PRIORITIES

- Establish Curriculum Teams in the four primary content areas
- Design and implement Summer Curriculum Writing Institute
- Develop a shared understanding of the qualities and characteristics of 21st century student work
- Continue to develop school-based social skill programs

Measurable Goals & Outcomes

- 90% of staff will indicate in school surveys that they have a clear understanding of the curriculum goals and expectations for students.
- Curriculum design templates that focus on student-centered instruction and incorporate the 4 Cs will be developed for use by June 2018.
- By June 2018 student performance expectations for each element of the Portrait of the Graduate will be defined in grades 2, 4, and 8
- School behavioral data will show an increase in positive behaviors.

ACTIONS & INITIATIVES

Establish Curriculum Teams in the four primary content areas

- Curriculum teams will be expanded this year to include a fifth team of representatives from the related arts and world languages.
- Curriculum team members will participate in two days of leadership training and action planning to support attainment of the MPS Development Plan.
- Build a common understanding within the team of Mansfield's Portrait of the Graduate.
- Teams will continue to define expected outcomes, assessments, and evaluation strategies to monitor student performance.
- Teams will recommend curriculum to be developed during the summer curriculum institute and develop or revise assessment tools.

Develop a shared understanding of the qualities and characteristics of 21st century student work.

- Establish committee to define benchmark expectations for 21 Century Skills as defined in Mansfield's Portrait of the Graduate for grades 2, 4, and 8.
- Work with teachers to build a common understanding of the 21st Century skills defined in Mansfield's Portrait of the Graduate.
- Support implementation of project-based learning experiences throughout the schools.

Design and implement Summer Curriculum Writing Institute

- Continue to develop design process for student-centered curriculum designed to meet the needs of the 21st century learner.
- Participate with curriculum design team in a 5 part professional development series offered in CT.
- Design summer 2018 curriculum development institute.
- Receive recommendations from Curriculum Team regarding curriculum development work for summer 2018.

Continue to develop school-based social skill programs

- Use data from 2017 student and parent surveys to establish school climate initiatives in each school.
- Committees and others develop action plans for climate improvement initiatives and development of social and emotional skills within each school.

STATEMENT 2: *The district is committed to providing student-centered instructional practices that are responsive to student learning styles, promote resilience, and allow for personalization and individual growth in academics and the related arts.*



PRIORITIES

- Implement a student centered literacy program in grades K-6.
- Support the transition to Next Generation Science Standards.
- Continue to promote the use of digital learning experiences to support and enhance all areas of the curriculum.
- Ensure students receive appropriate levels of support, beyond the classroom when needed, to meet learning expectations.
- Provide enrichment experiences to students to extend the curriculum and promote use of 21st century skills.
- Support K-8 teachers in the related arts in the implementation of new national and state standards.

Measureable Goals & Outcomes

- 80% of students will meet expectations in English/Language Arts as measured by State and local assessments.
- 75% of students will meet expectations in mathematics as measured by State and local assessments.
- 90% of students in grades 5 and 8 will meet expectations in science as measured by State and local assessments.

Implement a student centered literacy program in grades K-6.

- Build a common understanding of grade level performance expectations in language arts and implement a revised assessment plan.
- Continue to support teachers in the implementation of a workshop approach to developing reading and writing skills in grades K-6.

Ensure students receive appropriate levels of support, beyond the classroom when needed, to meet learning expectations.

- Engage teachers in evidence-centered reviews of student performance to support planning for instruction.
- Conduct annual review of student performance for all students enrolled in intervention and special education programs.
- Continue to utilize teaching interns and volunteers to supplement English Language Learner instructional programs.

ACTIONS & INITIATIVES

Support the transition to Next Generation Science Standards in grades 5-8.

- Pilot NGSS aligned units created in 2016-17 in grades 5-8
- Begin to craft assessment strategies consistent with NGSS in grades 5-8
- Build teacher understanding of NGSS Standards in grades K-4
- Pilot prototype NGSS aligned unit in elementary grades

Provide enrichment experiences to students to extend the curriculum and promote use of 21st century skills.

- Provide project-based learning experiences to students through the enrichment program at the elementary schools.
- Continue to provide NGSS aligned science instruction led by enrichment teachers to classrooms throughout the district.
- Continue to provide enrichment in mathematics across the grades.

Continue to promote the use of digital learning experiences to support and enhance all areas of the curriculum.

- Implement use of digital tools that support individualized learning and enhance development of the skills defined in the Mansfield Portrait of the Graduate.
- Implement districtwide use of Google apps for education and e-mail and calendar systems for employees.
- Utilize digital tools that provide intervention support to students.

Support K-8 teachers in the related arts in the implementation of new national and state standards.

- Provide collaboration opportunities to support program development for teachers in the arts across the grades.
- Continue to support music and physical education teachers in the revision of curriculum.

STATEMENT 3: The district uses purposeful assessments to inform instruction and monitor individual student progress aligned with learning goals.



PRIORITIES

- Identify end of grade 8 expectations in the content areas of: English/language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.
- Map backwards to define expectations for each grade in the content areas listed above and identify assessment strategies that include 21st Century skills to measure student progress toward these expectations.
- Develop collection and reporting practices to support continuous monitoring of student performance in each of the content areas.

Measurable Goals & Outcomes

- 75% of students will demonstrate expected growth as measured by STAR assessments in reading.
- 75% of students will demonstrate expected growth as measure by STAR assessments in mathematics.
- 80% of students will demonstrate attainment of end of grade expectations in reading as measured by commercial and locally developed assessments as defined in the district assessment plan
- Teachers will utilize performance assessments to measure application of content knowledge and 21st century skills.
- School teams will meet 3 or more times per year to review assessment data to both monitor student performance and plan future instruction.

ACTIONS & INITIATIVES

Identify end of grade 8 expectations in the content areas of: English/language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.

- Curriculum teams will continue to define end of program expectations and identify assessments to use to monitor student performance.
- Revisions to the assessment plan will be made annually based on review of student performance and feedback from teachers.

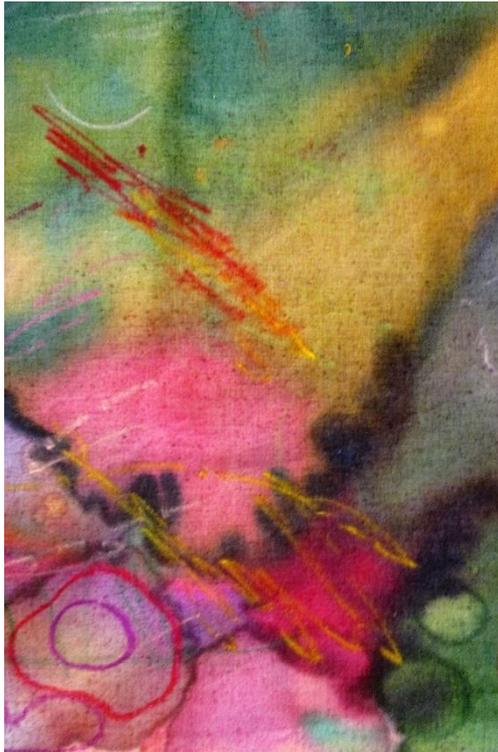
Map backwards to define expectations for end of each grade in various content areas and identify assessment strategies that include 21st century skills to measure student progress toward these expectations.

- Continue process of defining end of grade 8 expectations and mapping backwards to identify expectations for the end of each grade.
- Define expectations for 21st century skills at the end of grades 2, 4 and 8.

Develop collection and reporting practices to support continuous monitoring of student performance in each of the content areas. Review current collection process and data management tools.

- Implement new digital management system for collecting data.
- Use district assessment plan to define data collection expectations.
- Engage teachers in the analysis of data from State and local assessments to be used in instructional planning.

STATEMENT 4: The district supports embedded professional development” that advances the goals of the district and engages staff in continuous improvement.



PRIORITIES

- Develop a common understanding of “embedded professional development” and use these practices when defining professional learning experiences for staff.
- Develop a district professional learning plan for the Board of Education, administrators, teachers, and paraeducators that advances the goals of the district.
- Create school professional learning plans that integrate educator evaluation expectations with school and district goals.

Measureable Goals & Outcomes

- 85% of staff will respond positively to staff survey questions regarding the professional supports provided throughout the year.
- 85% of staff will respond positively to survey questions about the quality of the professional growth experiences provided throughout the year.

ACTIONS & INITIATIVES

Develop a common understanding of “embedded professional development” and use these practices when defining professional learning experiences for staff.

- Teachers and administrations will design district level professional development experiences that are grounded in teacher’s day-to-day teaching practices and advance instructional practices (job embedded).
- Time will be provided for collaboration across grade levels within schools and departments and across schools and departments.

Develop a district professional learning plan for the Board of Education, administrators, teachers, and paraeducators that advances the goals of the district.

- Identify the professional learning experiences necessary to advance the work of the district and successfully address district and school priorities.
- Seek feedback from teachers regarding the quality of the professional learning experience and the effect of the experience on their practice.

Create school professional learning plans that integrate educator evaluation expectations with school and district goals.

- Each school and district department will create a professional learning plan designed to provide the support needed to advance the goals of the district and schools.
- Teacher evaluation goals will reflect the goals of the school and district and include teacher identified professional learning activities to support individual professional growth.
- Selected teachers will participate in a teacher evaluation pilot study focused on using an action research design to promote professional learning and improved student performance.

STATEMENT 5: The district celebrates the unique and diverse community of Mansfield by building partnerships between families, schools, and the larger community.



PRIORITIES

- Enhance communications with Mansfield families.
- Work collaboratively with families to support student learning in the academics, the arts, and social and emotional health.
- Work with local agricultural agencies and organizations to promote and support farm to school initiatives.

Measurable Goals & Outcomes

- In parent surveys, 90% of families will respond positively to questions focused on communication practices.
- 80% of families will respond positively to feedback sought after parent support programs.

ACTIONS & INITIATIVES

Enhance communications with Mansfield families.

- Maintain the Mansfield Public School Facebook page to promote events, news, and other non-emergency information.
- Work collaboratively with the Board of Education to develop and distribute a district newsletter to families 3 times per year.
- Meet with district Parent Advisory Committee 4 times per year.
- Maintain special topic webpages to share detailed information on such topics as the facilities planning study, budget, and more.
- Continue to create documents that are visually identifiable as a publication of the Mansfield Schools.

Work collaboratively with families to support student learning in the academics, the arts, and social and emotional health.

- Conduct a series of parent to parent conversations that support parenting and educational issues as identified as priorities by parents.
- Engage parents in understanding 21st century skills through a book discussion session.
- Continue to sponsor family events in the schools that celebrate the young child and the diversity of our community.

Work with local agricultural agencies and organizations to promote and support farm to school initiatives.

- Implement vegetable processing program through awarded USDA Farm to School Grant.
- Promote local agriculture in our cafeterias during Farm to School month (October).

STATEMENT 6: The district works in a fiscally responsible manner to align its organizational systems and resources to achieve established goals.



PRIORITIES

- Engage the community in a school facility planning process that focuses on the educational desires and goals of the school system.
- Create an operating budget that focuses on advancing the priorities and goals of the Mansfield schools.

Measurable Goals & Outcomes

- Present a plan by June 2018 proposing the future of Mansfield's school facilities.
- Contain operating costs to an average increase over five years of 3% or less.

ACTIONS & INITIATIVES

Engage the community in a school facility planning process that focuses on the educational desires and goals of the school system.

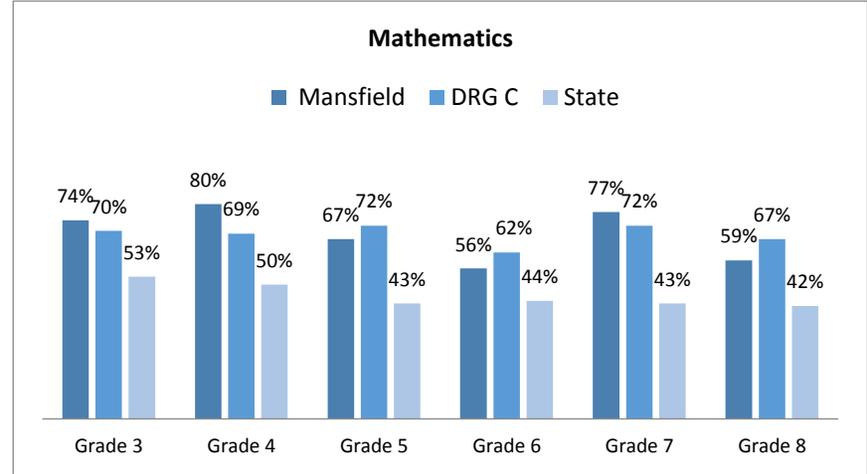
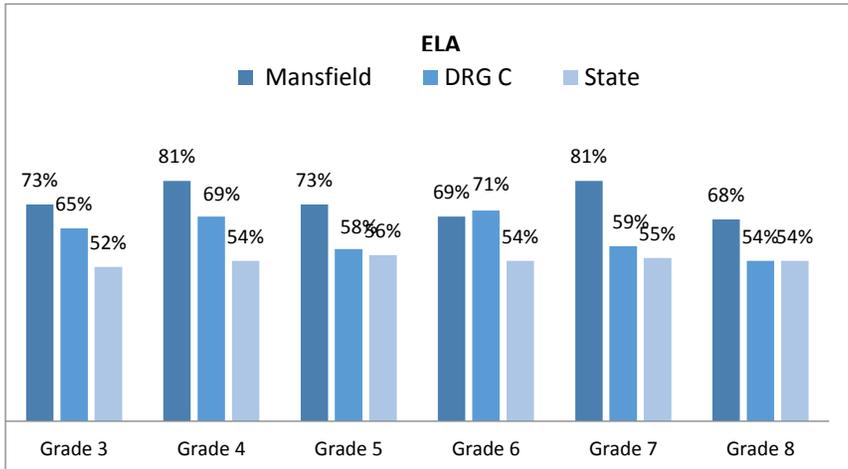
- Hold community forums to gather feedback and promote action considerations.
- Respond to the findings of the School Facility Planning Study by creating a set of action steps for 2017-2019.
- Develop and implement a communication plan to build understanding of study findings and future actions.

Create an operating budget that focuses on advancing the priorities and goals of the Mansfield schools.

- Engage administrators in a budget development process that examines all expenditures in light of current priorities and goals.
- Prepare presentations and communications to share with the public that provide detailed information about the budget proposal.
- Work with parent groups to promote understanding and support of the budget.

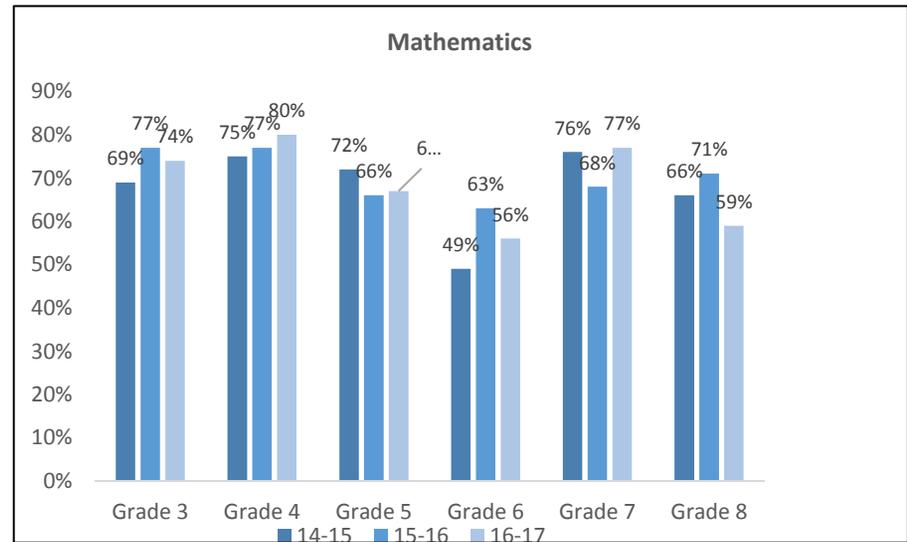
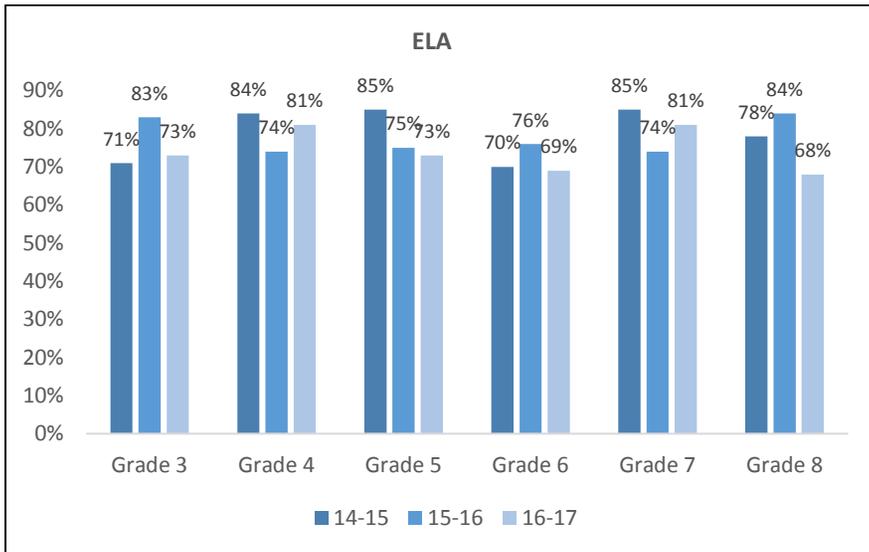
Smarter Balanced Assessment

Percentage of Students Goal or Above 2017



Longitudinal Data

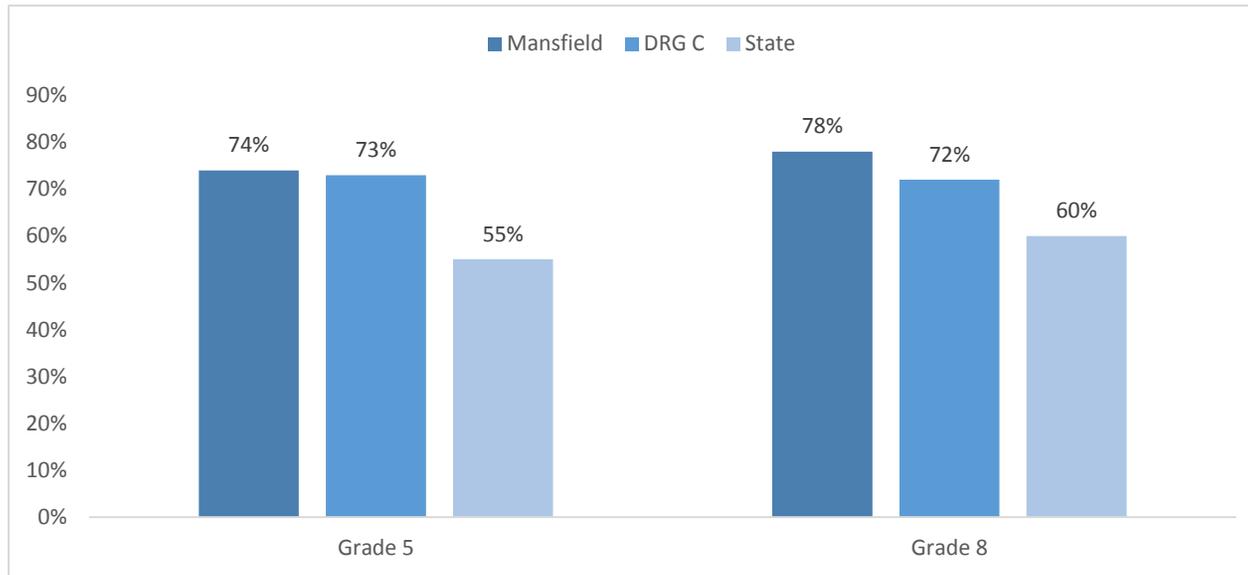
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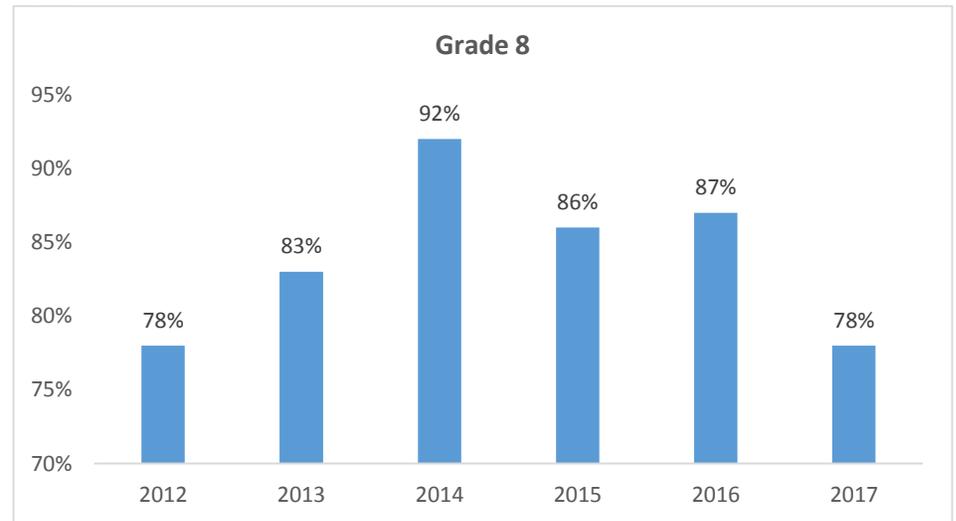
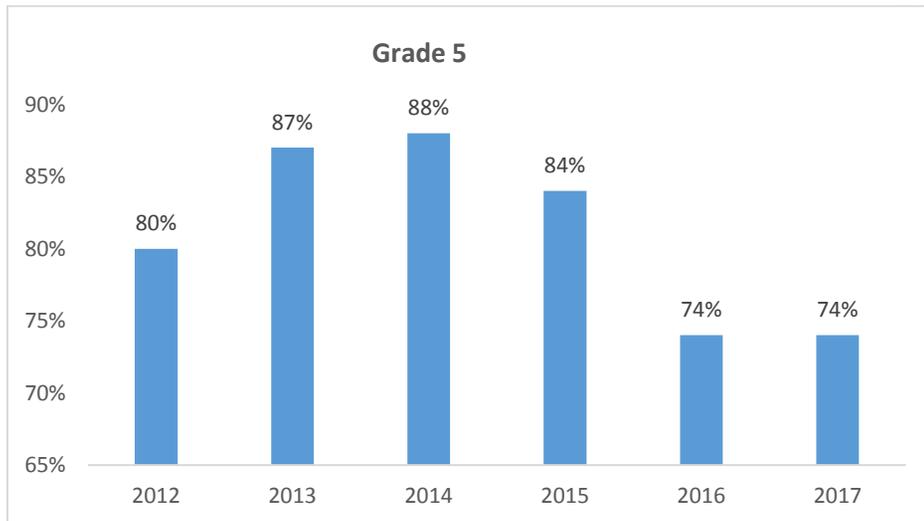
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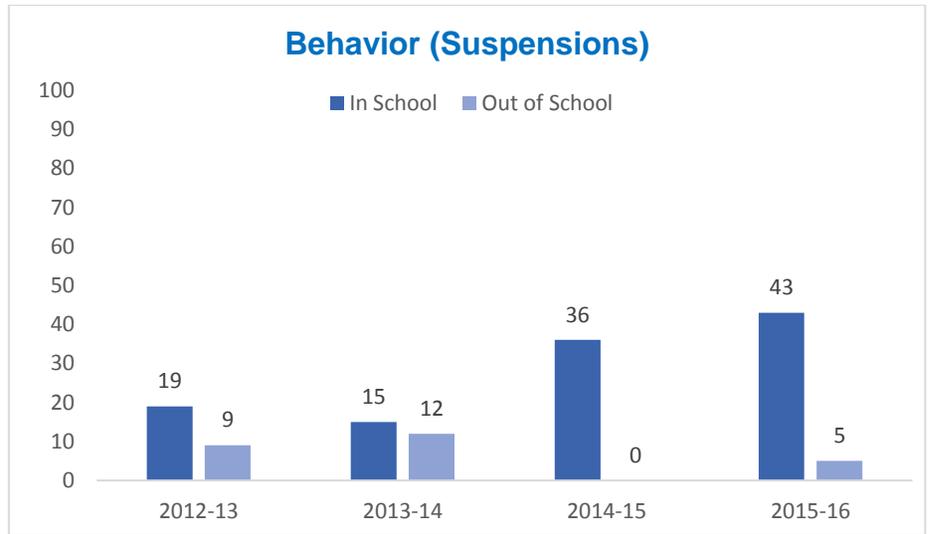
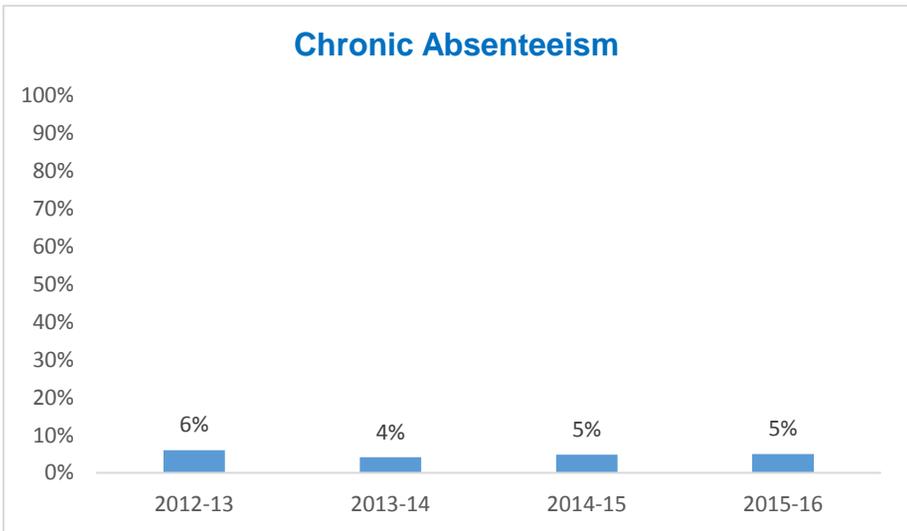
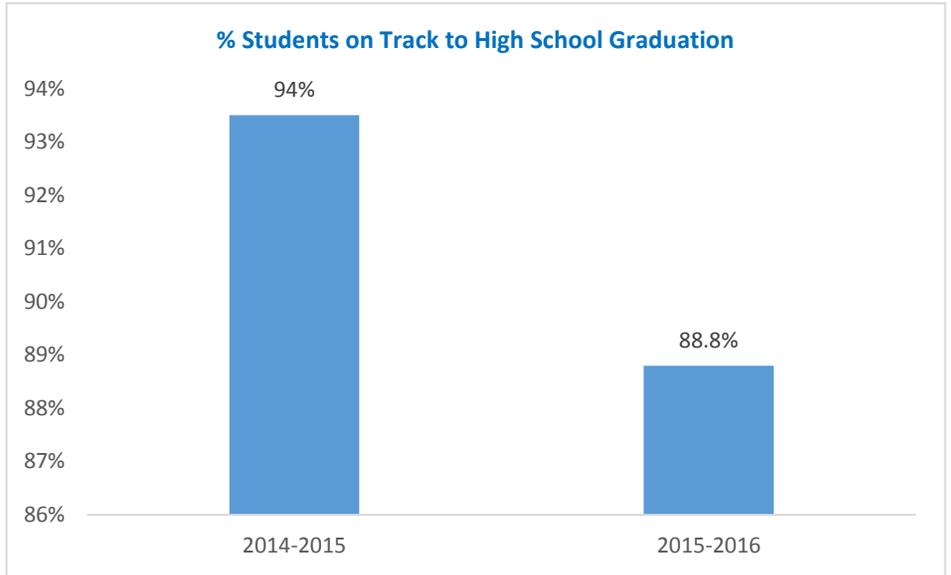
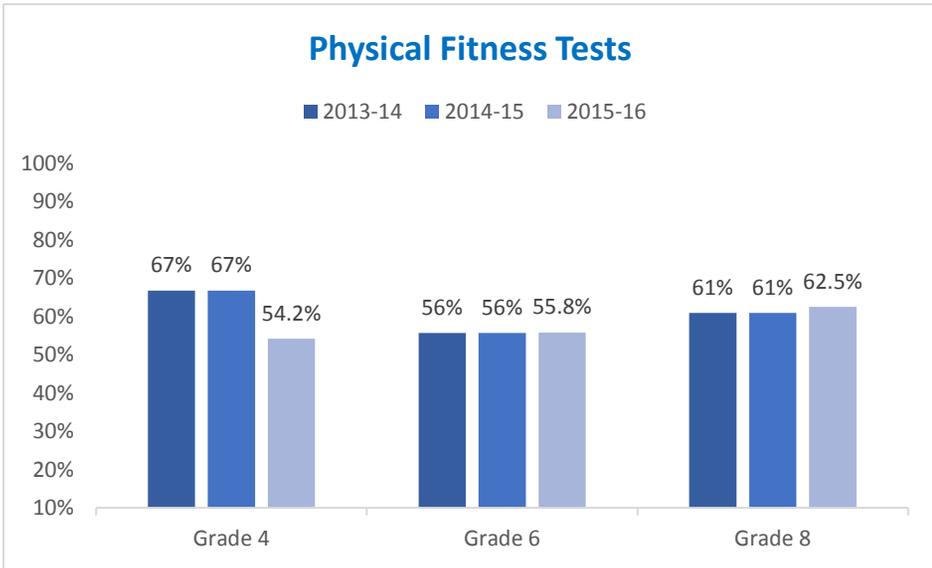
Science

Percentage of Students Goal or Above 2017



Longitudinal Data 2012-2017





Longitudinal Performance Indicators

State Accountability Report

Results	2014-2015 %	2015-2016 %	2016-2017%
Chronic Absenteeism – All Students	4.8	5.0	4.4
Chronic Absenteeism – High Needs Students	8.5	6.7	7.0

Results	2014-2015 %	2015-2016 %	2016-2017 %
On-track to High School Graduation	93.5	94.5	Available Spring 2018

Results	2014-2015 %		2015-2016 %		2016-2017 %
Physical Fitness (estimated part rate) and (fitness rate)	96.2	60.2	97	57.6	Available Spring 2018