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## 2015 Northwest Arkansas Report Card

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**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS  
REPORT CARD**



# Executive Summary

## Northwest Arkansas continues to lead the state in K-12 education.

This report card presents a regional overview of districts in Benton and Washington counties as well as key performance indicators for each district.

When examining district performance, it is important to consider the characteristics of the students served. At risk students (students who participate in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program, or who are identified as Limited English Proficient or in special education) face more challenges in pursuing academic success than students who are not at risk.

### District Highlights:

- Highest Performing on Assessments (Overall): Bentonville and Fayetteville
- Highest Performing on Assessments (At Risk Students): Gentry
- Highest Performing in Early Grades: Bentonville, Fayetteville and Prairie Grove
- Highest High School Graduation Rate: Elkins

Additionally, charter schools in the region are performing well, and Haas Hall had near 100% proficiency and graduation rates.

**In addition to classroom pursuits, students are provided a variety of opportunities to excel in athletics, arts, science, service and advanced coursework.** Students from Northwest Arkansas schools claim many state titles and national awards in their wide-ranging endeavors. Some districts have established specialized programs to prepare students for quality careers in the workforce, and colleges and universities across the nation invite students from Northwest Arkansas schools to join their incoming classes.

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### While there are many successes, there is also room for improvement.

This year's more rigorous assessments show many students are not meeting academic expectations. Although students are graduating at rates higher than the national average, many high school graduates are not prepared for success in college and careers. Schools must continue to seek to improve, and serve all students, from English Language Learners in elementary school to gifted students in AP Physics. Given all the benefits of Northwest Arkansas, the schools need to shine even brighter than they are.



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# By The Numbers

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Northwest Arkansas high schools ranked in the top 10% in the nation by U.S. News & World Report

**9%**

NWA teachers who are Nationally Board Certified (3% in US)

**42**

National Merit Semi-finalists

**88%**

graduation rate (82% for US)

**60%**

of juniors and seniors taking an Advanced Placement course

**\$9,327**  
K-12 Per Pupil Spending

**5**

Open enrollment charter schools in NWA

**14 to 1**

Student:Teacher ratio

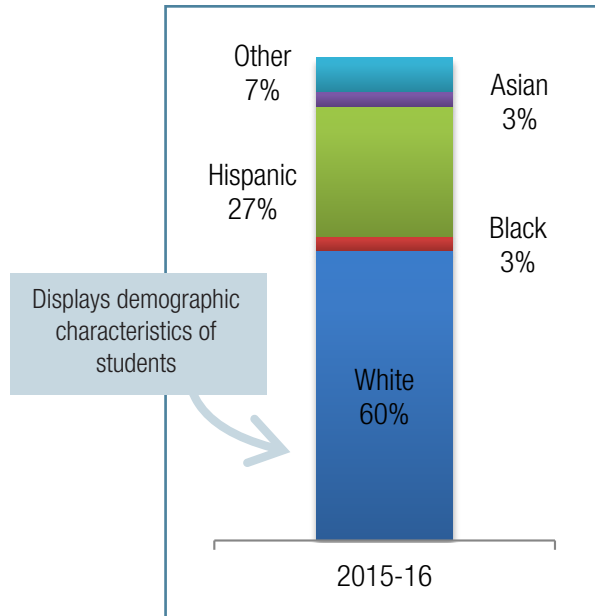
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Districts in Northwest Arkansas

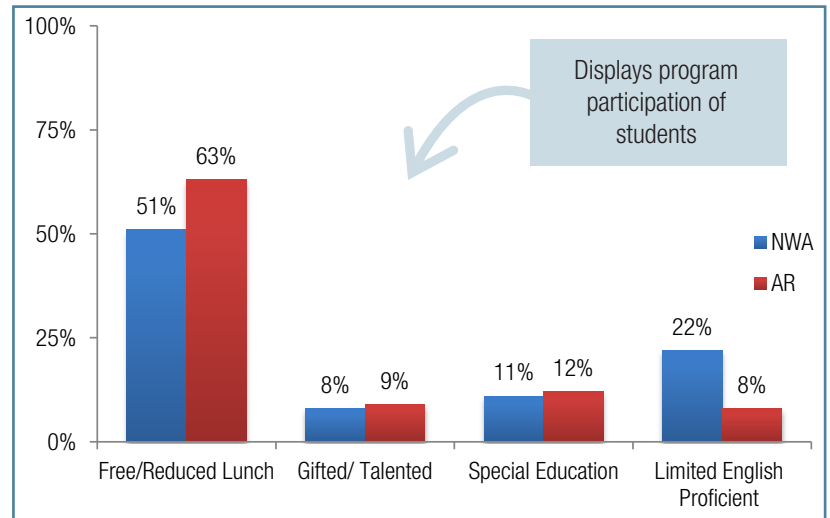
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# Northwest Arkansas Region

## Student Demographics



## Student Characteristics 2015-16



Total NWA Enrollment  
**82,594**

% change since 2004  
**35%**

Student:Teacher Ratio  
**14:1**

### Why is this important?

Students who participate in Free/Reduced lunch programs, are identified as Special Education or Limited English Proficient are At Risk for not meeting proficiency targets or graduating. When comparing district performance, it is important to consider the percentage of At Risk students enrolled. Districts that enroll fewer At Risk students typically have higher proficiency percentages.

### Student:Teacher Ratio

Displays the number of students to the number of full-time classroom teachers

	NWA	Arkansas
Graduation Rate: Overall	88%	85%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	85%	82%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,273	\$9,642

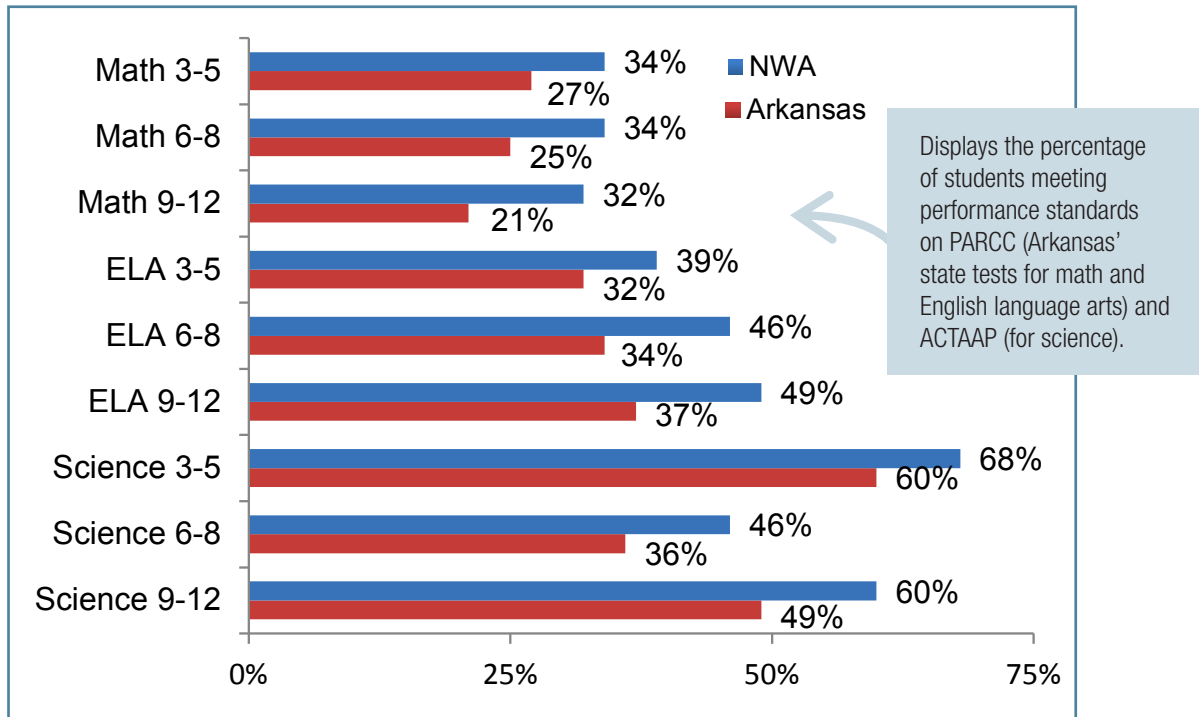
	NWA	Arkansas
Advanced Placement Participation Rate	59%	41%
Advanced Placement Pass Rate	46%	32%
ACT Composite Score	22.2	20.8

**The Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate.** At Risk students (TAGG) are those who participate in Free/Reduced Lunch, are identified as Special Education and/or Limited English Proficient.

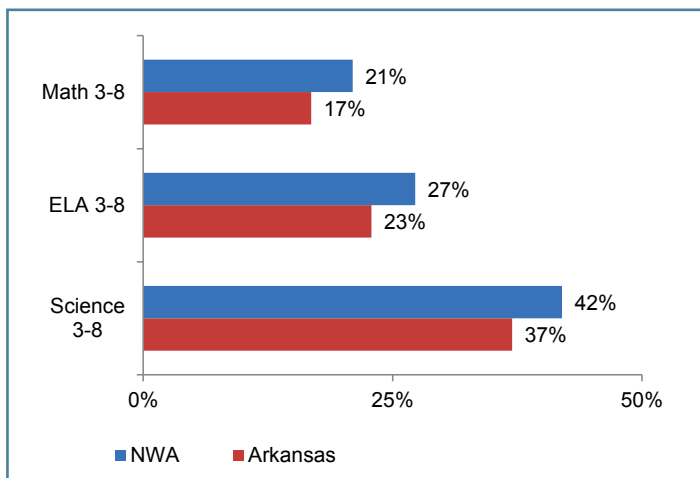
**Advanced Placement Participation** was calculated by dividing the number of students taking AP exams in 2014-15 by the number of students in 11th and 12th grades. **ACT Composite Score** represents scores from students in grades 9-12.

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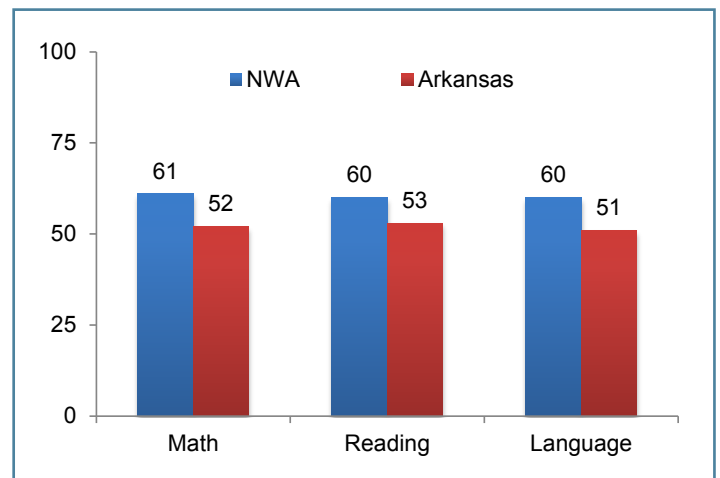
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## At Risk (TAGG) Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15



## National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15

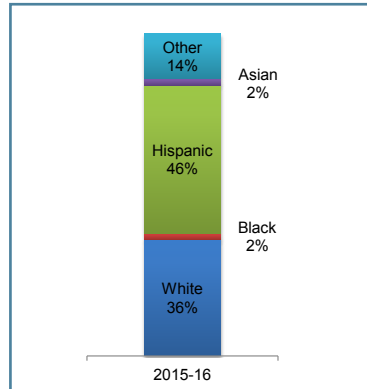


Displays the percentage of At Risk (TAGG) students meeting proficiency standards on PARCC and ACTAAP assessments. Targeted Achievement Gap Group (TAGG) students are students who participate in Free/Reduced lunch programs, are identified as Special Education or Limited English Proficient.

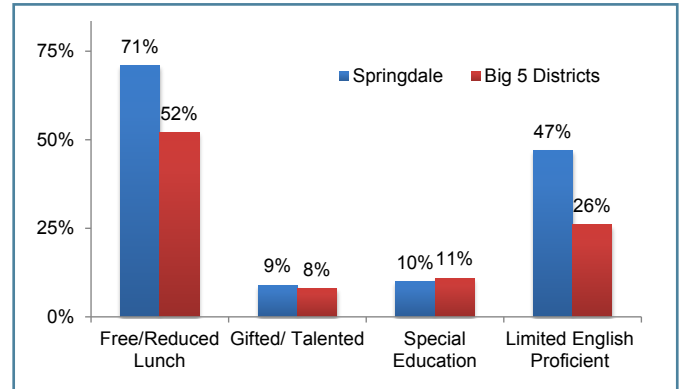
Displays the mean national percentile for students in 1st and 2nd grade on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). The ITBS compares student's performance to students across the country. The national average on the ITBS is the 50th percentile.

Total Enrollment  
**21,260**  
 % change since 2004  
**47%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**15:1**

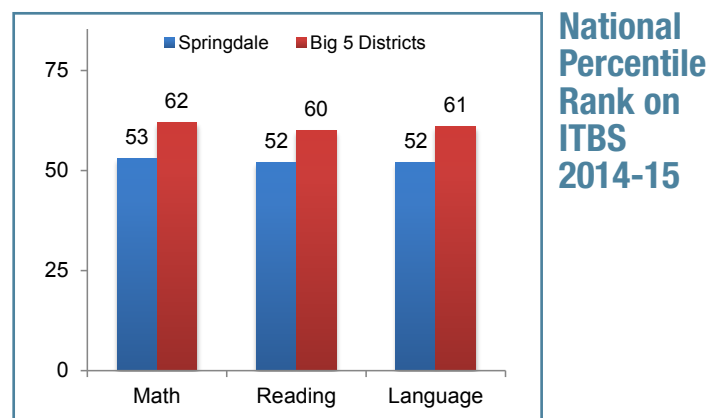
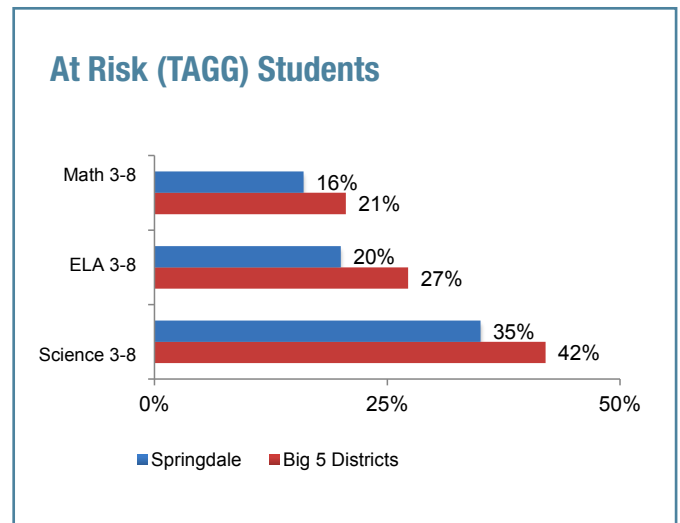
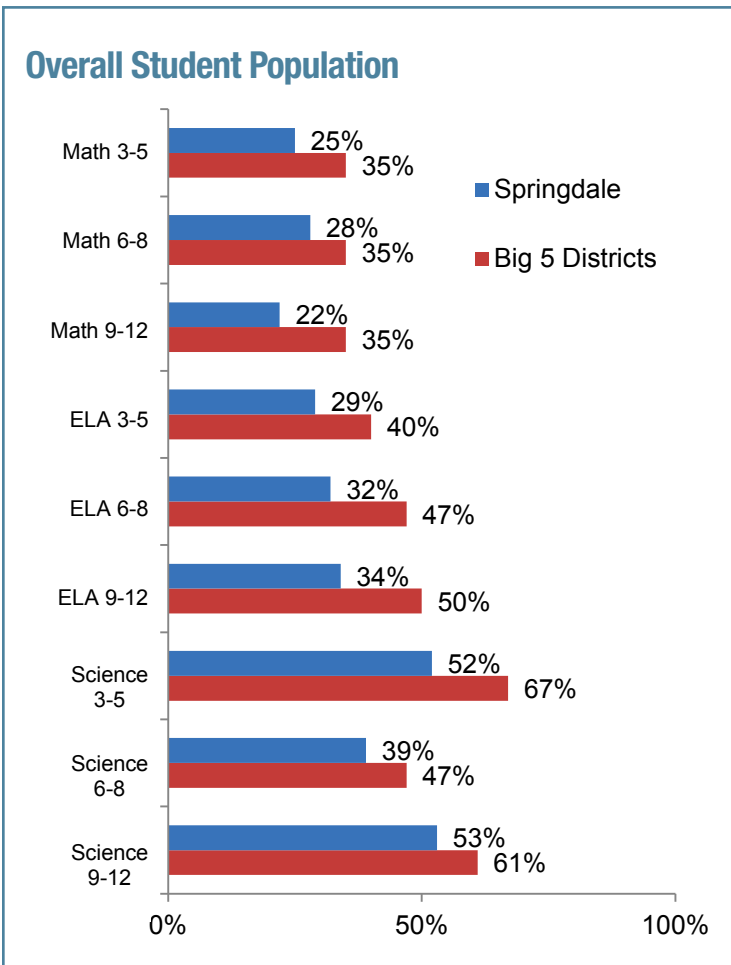
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## Student Characteristics



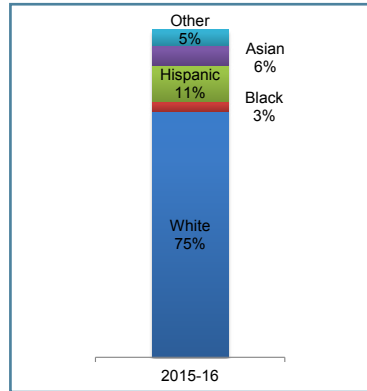
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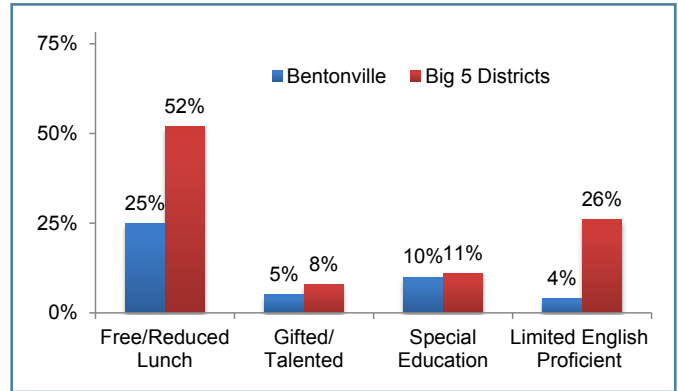
	Springdale	Big 5 Districts	Springdale	Big 5 Districts
Graduation Rate: Overall	86%	88%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	60%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	85%	85%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	40%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,590	\$9,362	ACT Composite Score	21.5
				22.3

Total Enrollment  
**16,060**  
 % change since 2004  
**74%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**16:1**

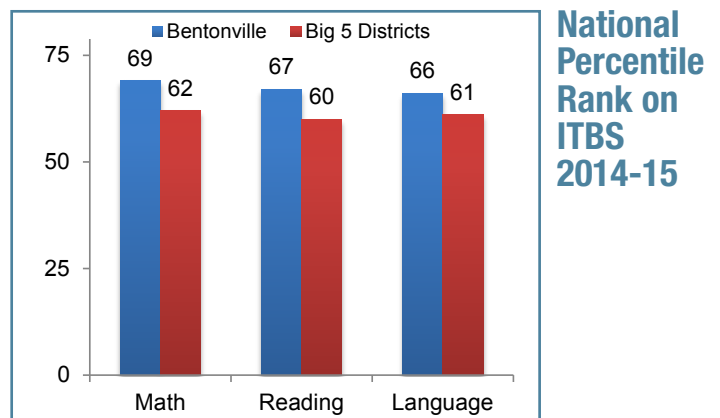
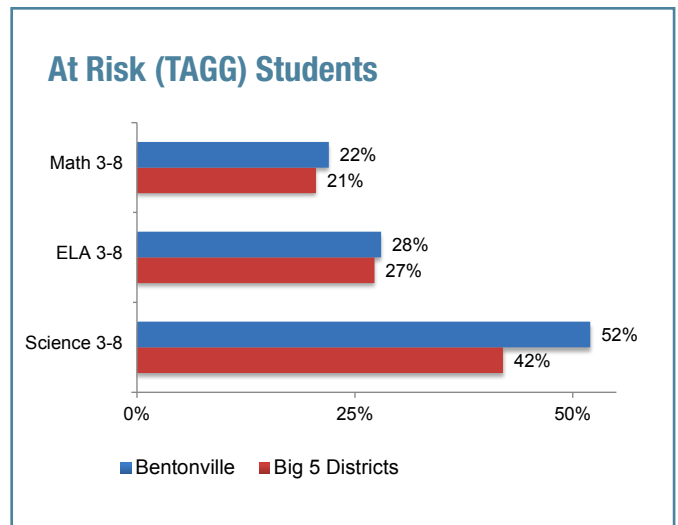
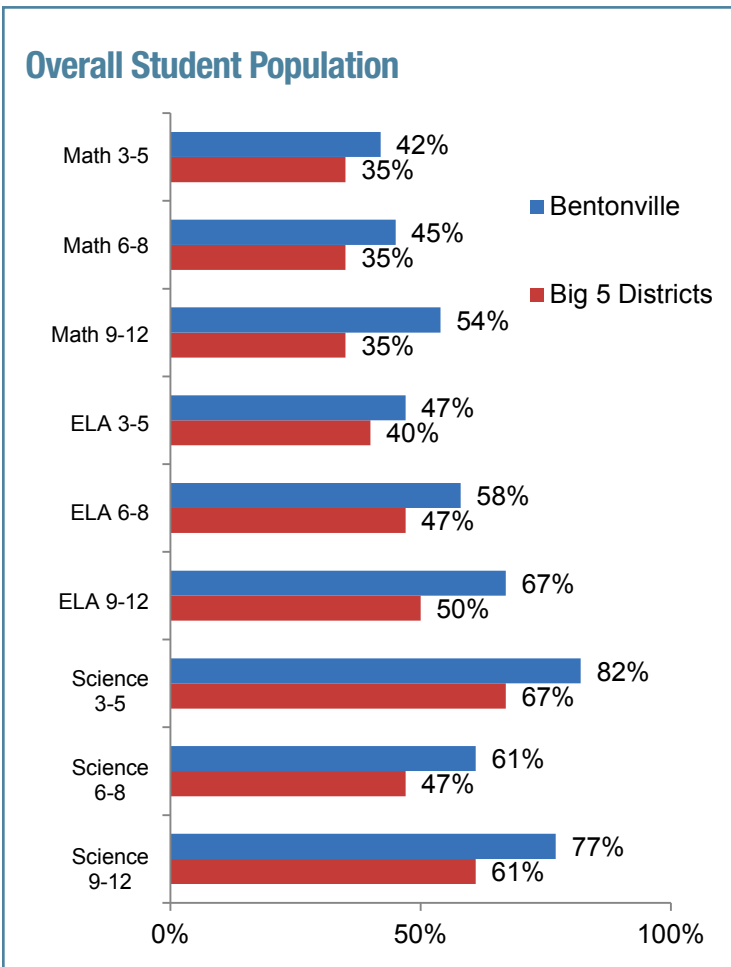
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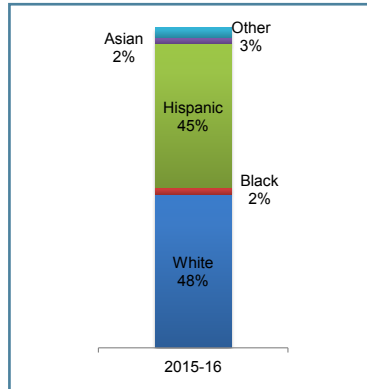


	Bentonville	Big 5 Districts	Bentonville	Big 5 Districts	
Graduation Rate: Overall	89%	88%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	67%	62%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	75%	85%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	59%	49%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,118	\$9,362	ACT Composite Score	22.7	22.3

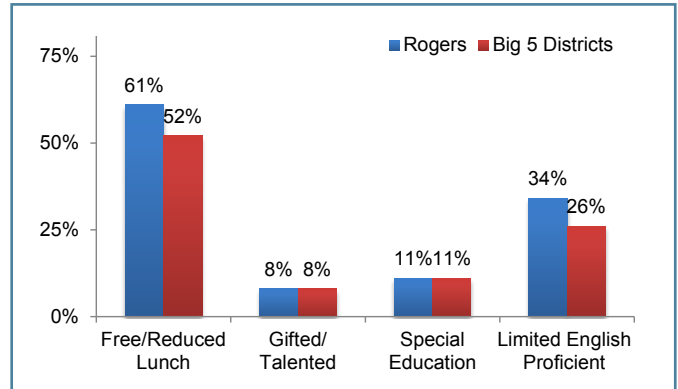


Total Enrollment  
**15,077**  
 % change since 2004  
**18%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**16:1**

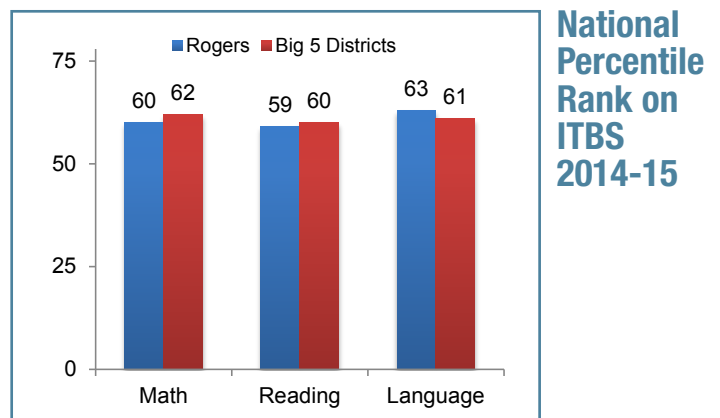
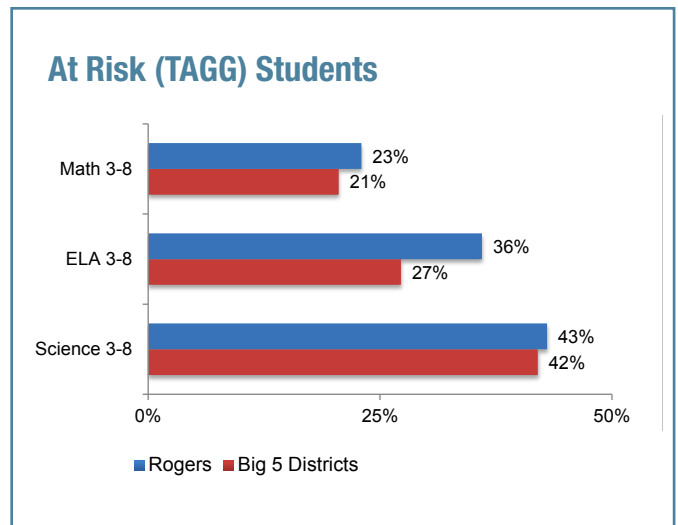
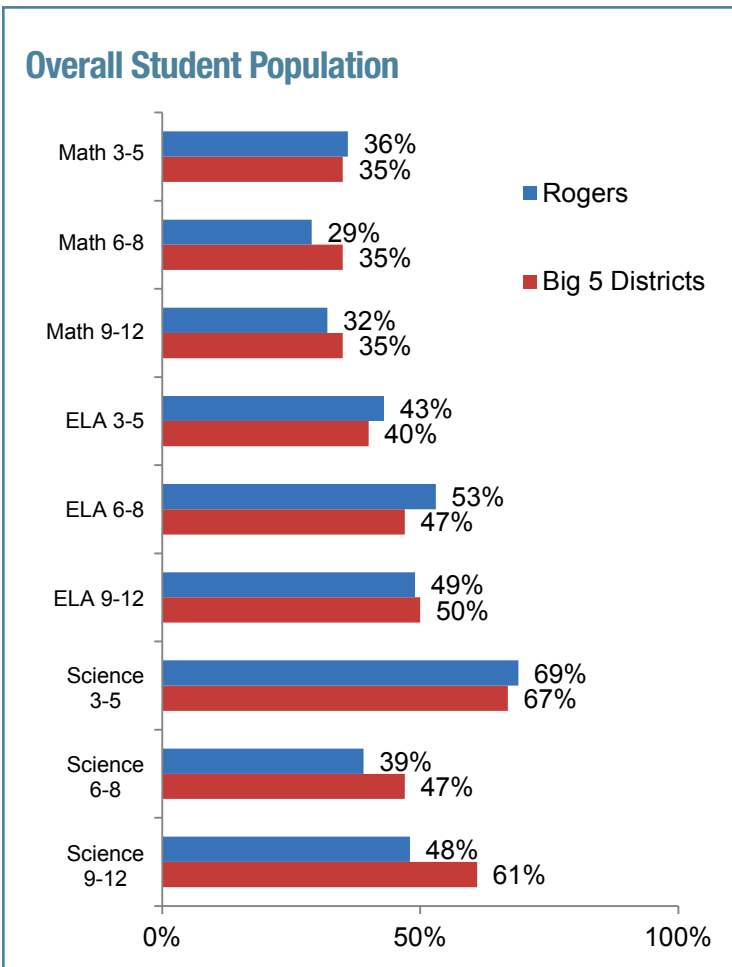
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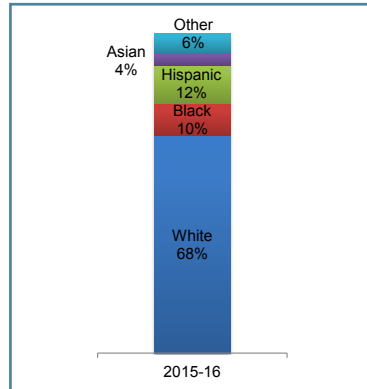
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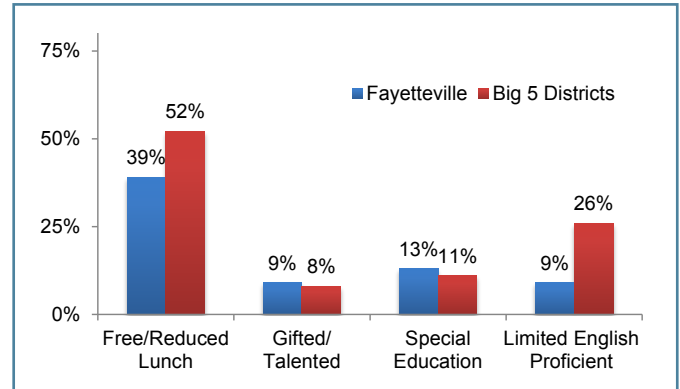
	Rogers	Big 5 Districts	Rogers	Big 5 Districts
Graduation Rate: Overall	92%	88%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	70%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	90%	85%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	36%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$8,708	\$9,362	ACT Composite Score	22.1

Total Enrollment  
**9,652**  
 % change since 2004  
**18%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**15:1**

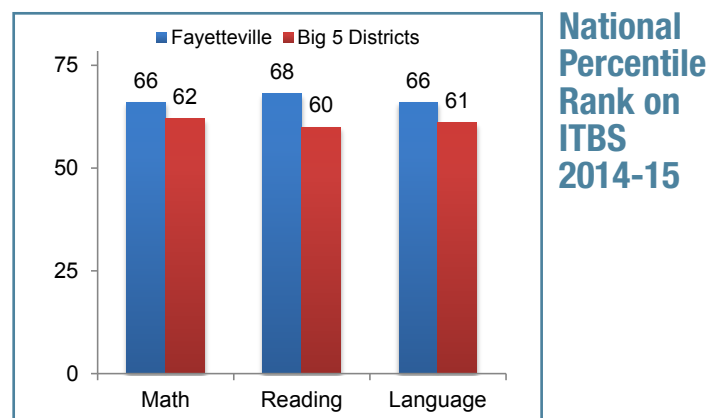
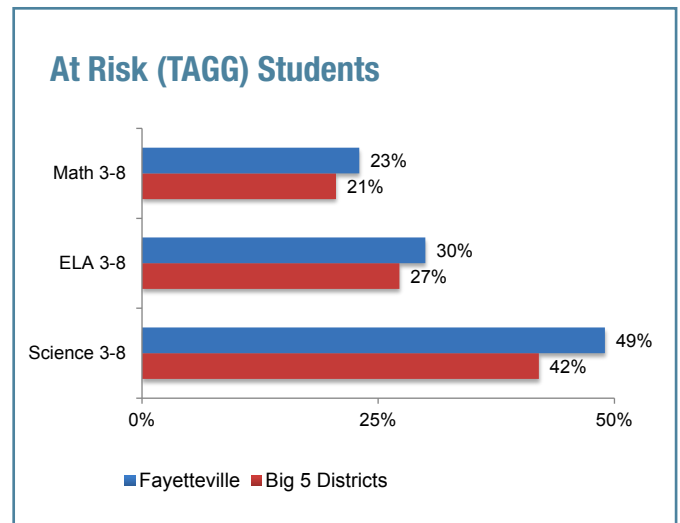
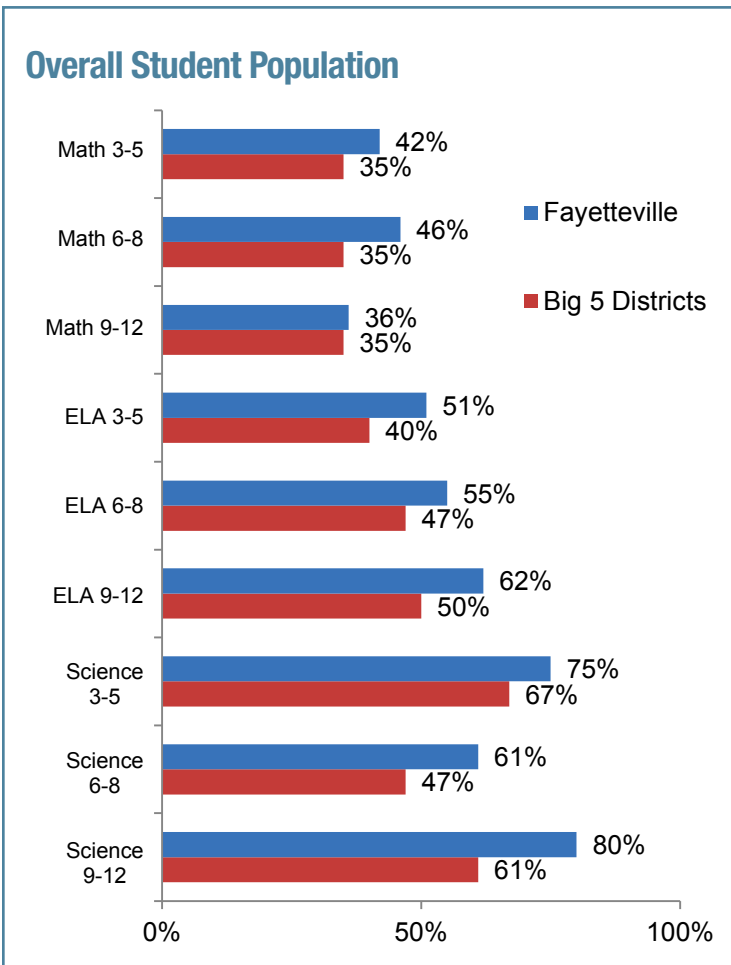
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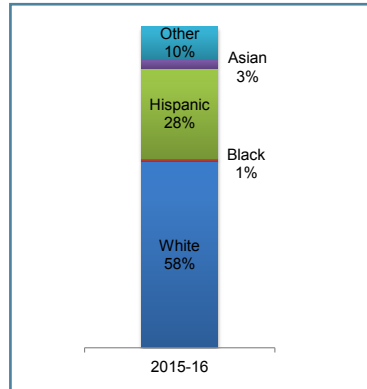
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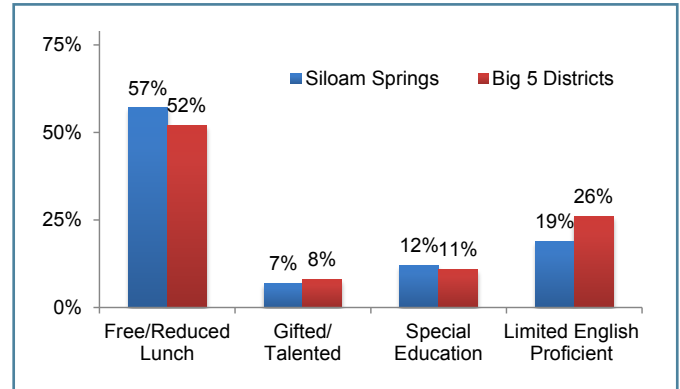
	Fayetteville	Big 5 Districts	Fayetteville	Big 5 Districts
Graduation Rate: Overall	80%	88%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	57%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	73%	85%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	67%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$10,452	\$9,362	ACT Composite Score	24.1

Total Enrollment  
**4,139**  
 % change since 2004  
**27%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**16:1**

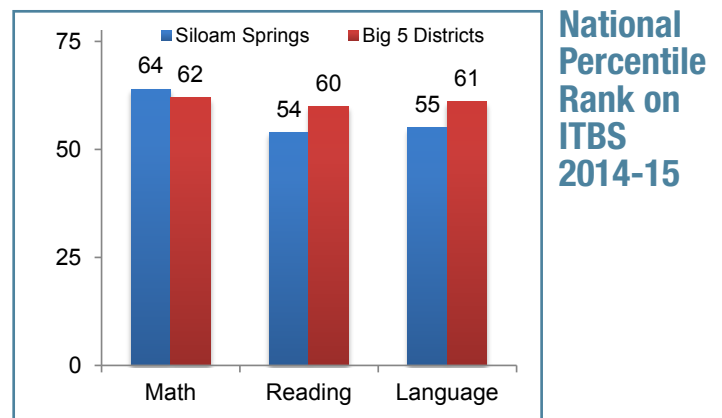
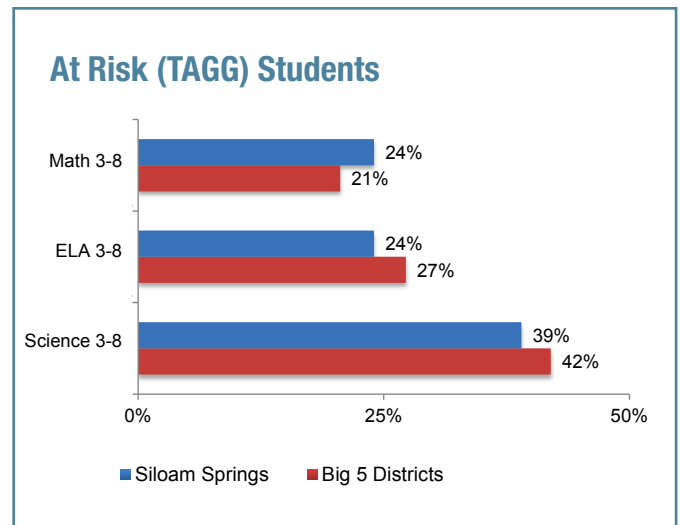
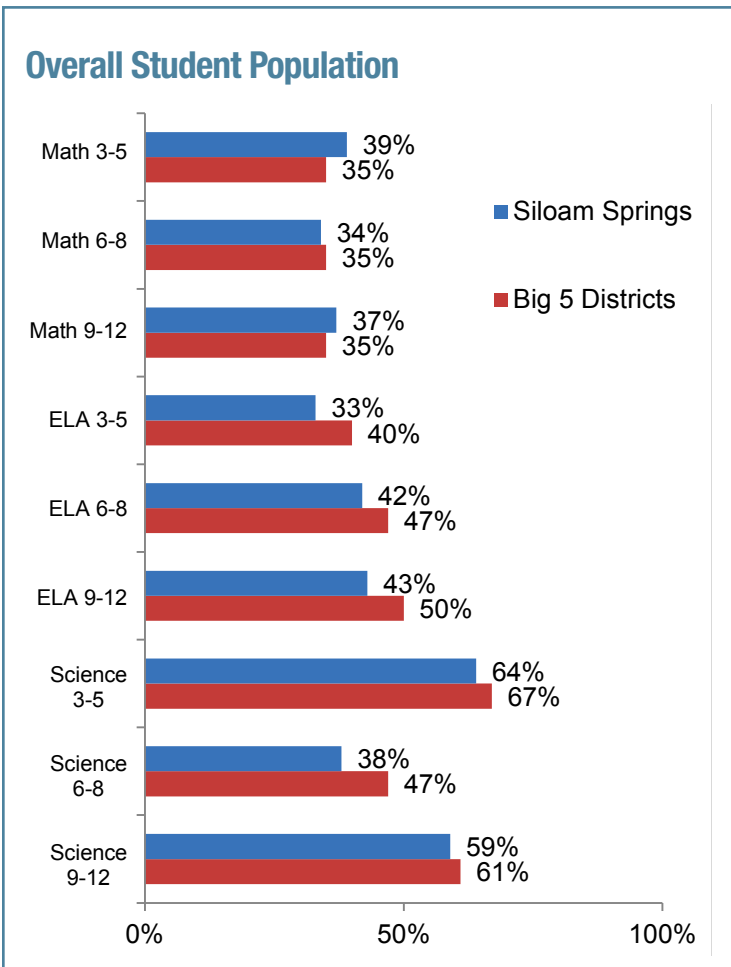
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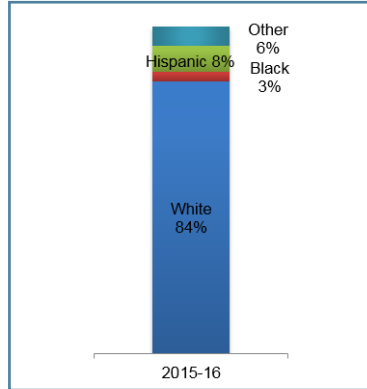
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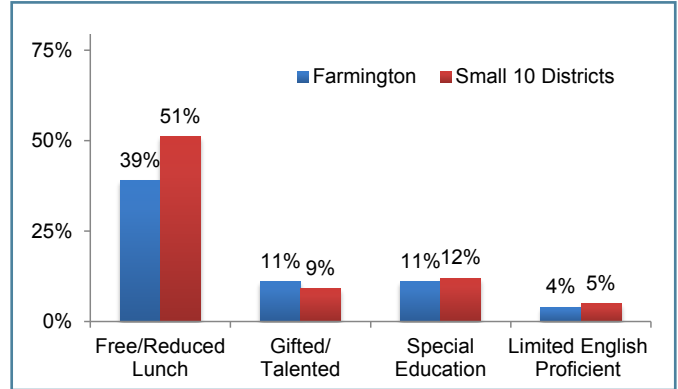
	Siloam Springs	Big 5 Districts	Siloam Springs	Big 5 Districts	
Graduation Rate: Overall	89%	88%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	34%	62%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	88%	85%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	50%	49%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$8,986	\$9,362	ACT Composite Score	21.7	22.3

Total Enrollment  
**2,366**  
 % change since 2004  
**21%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**14:1**

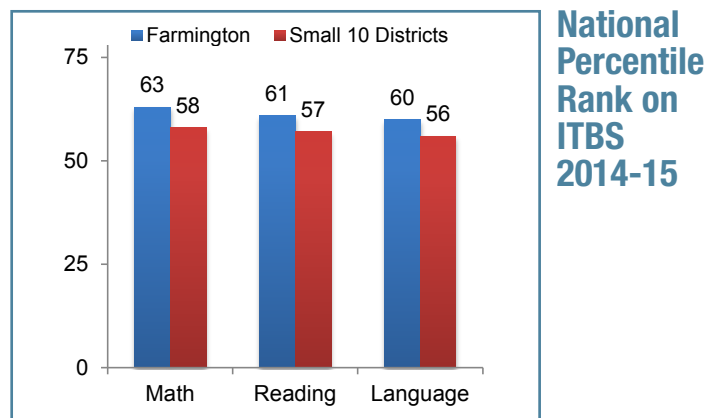
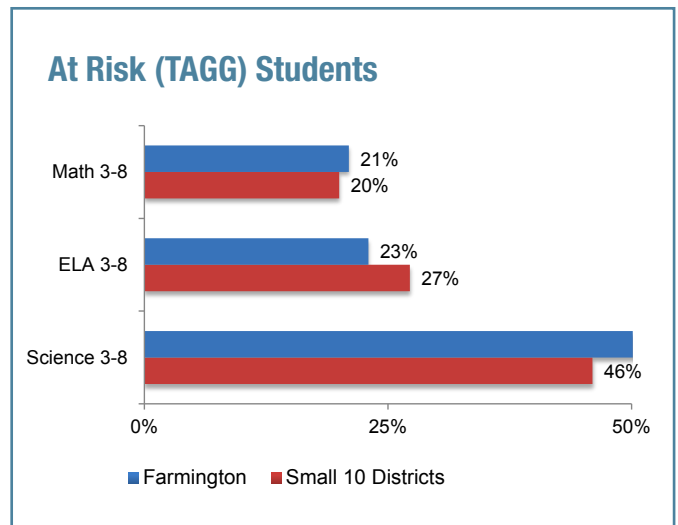
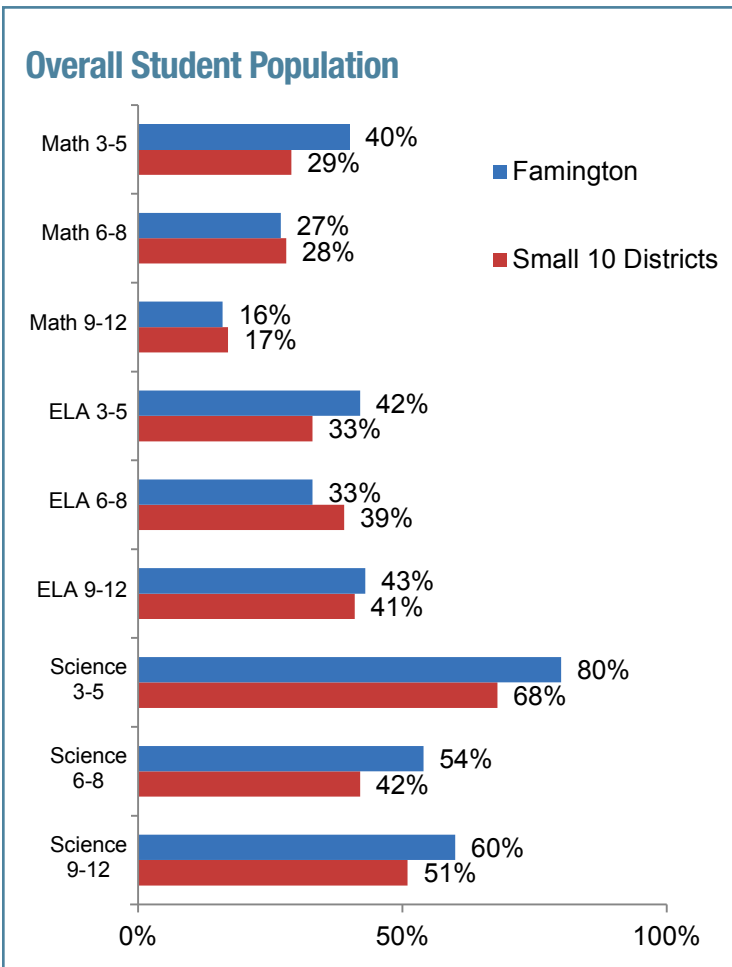
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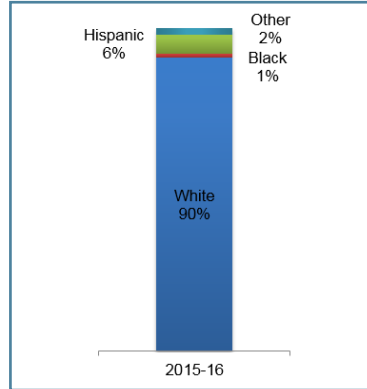
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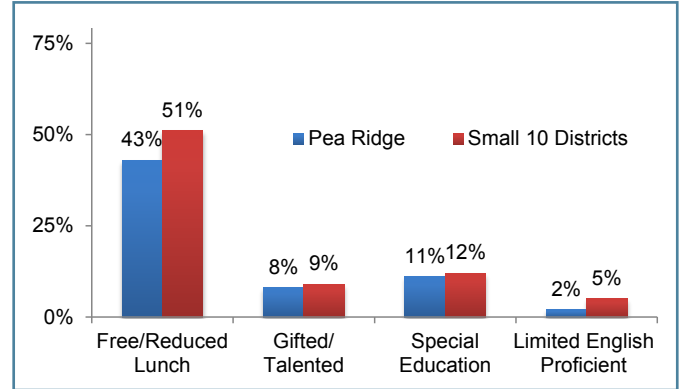
	Farmington	Small 10	Farmington	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	94%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	52%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	88%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	35%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$8,075	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	22.1
				21.3

Total Enrollment  
**1,930**  
 % change since 2004  
**58%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**15:1**

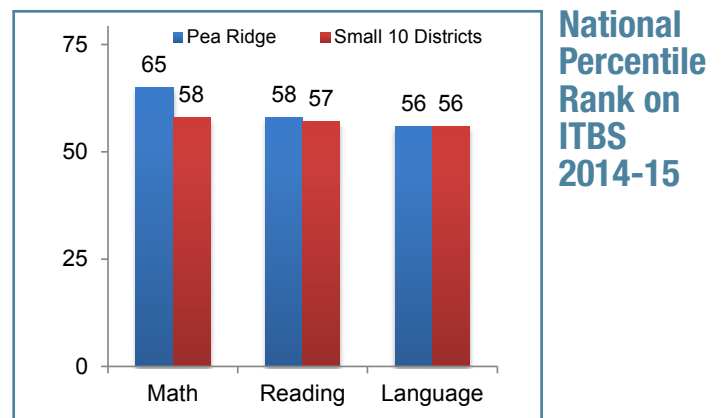
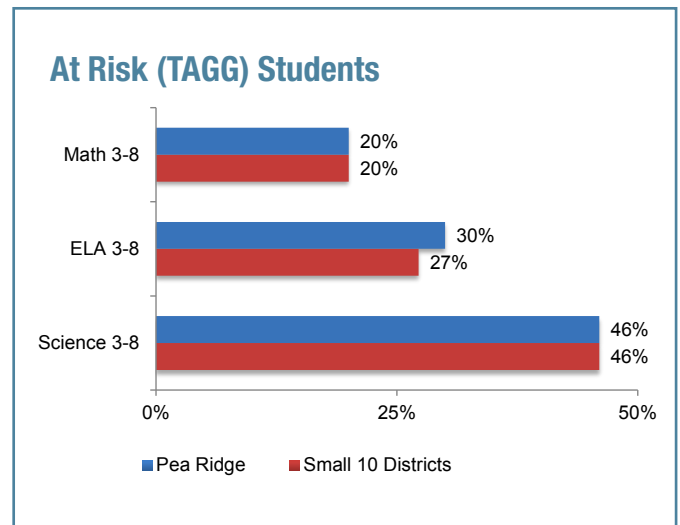
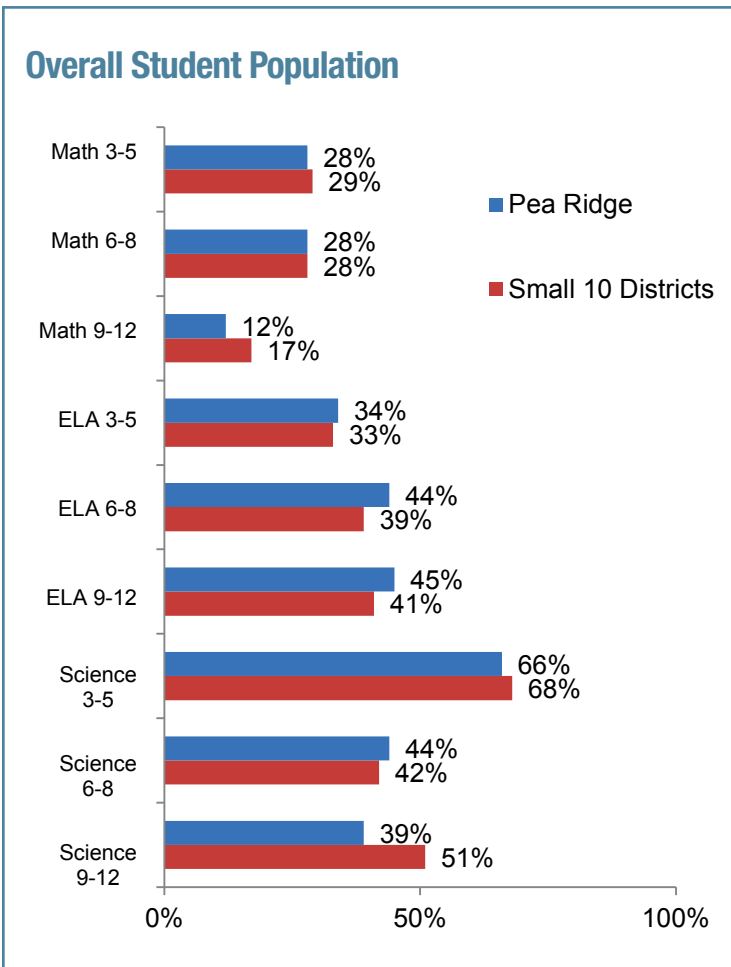
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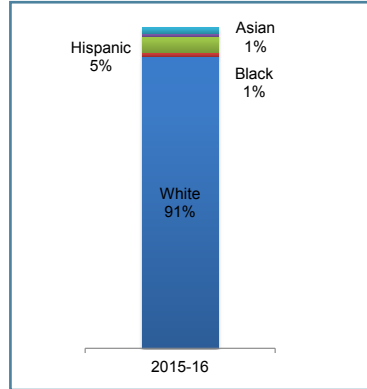
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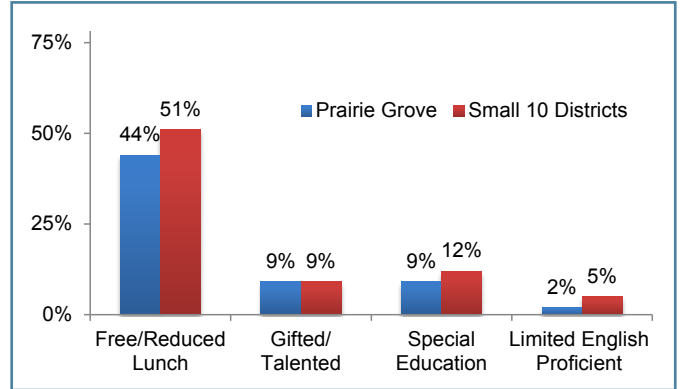
	Pea Ridge	Small 10	Pea Ridge	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	88%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	68%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	83%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	21%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$8,373	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	22.7
				41%
				27%
				21.3

Total Enrollment  
**1,881**  
 % change since 2004  
**26%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**14:1**

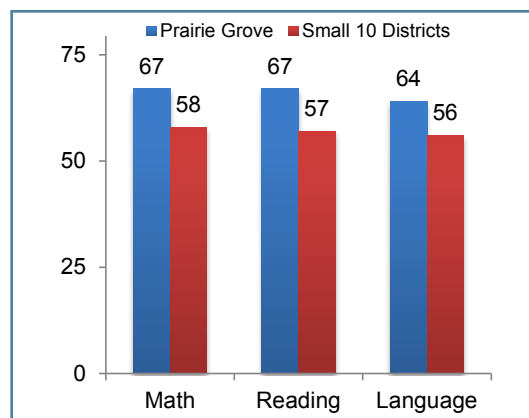
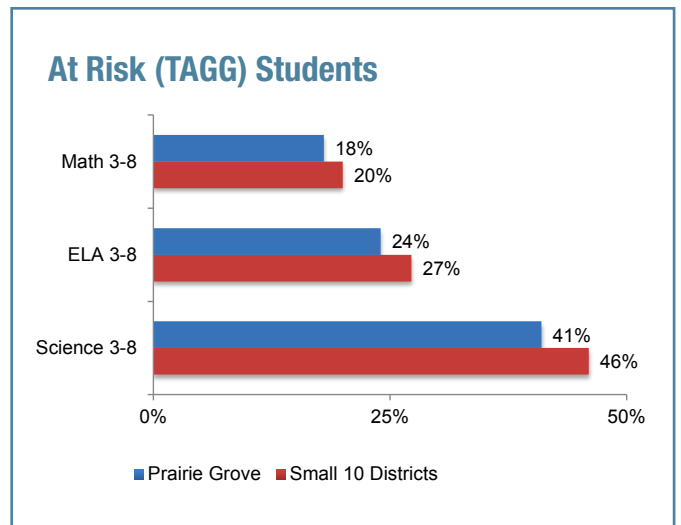
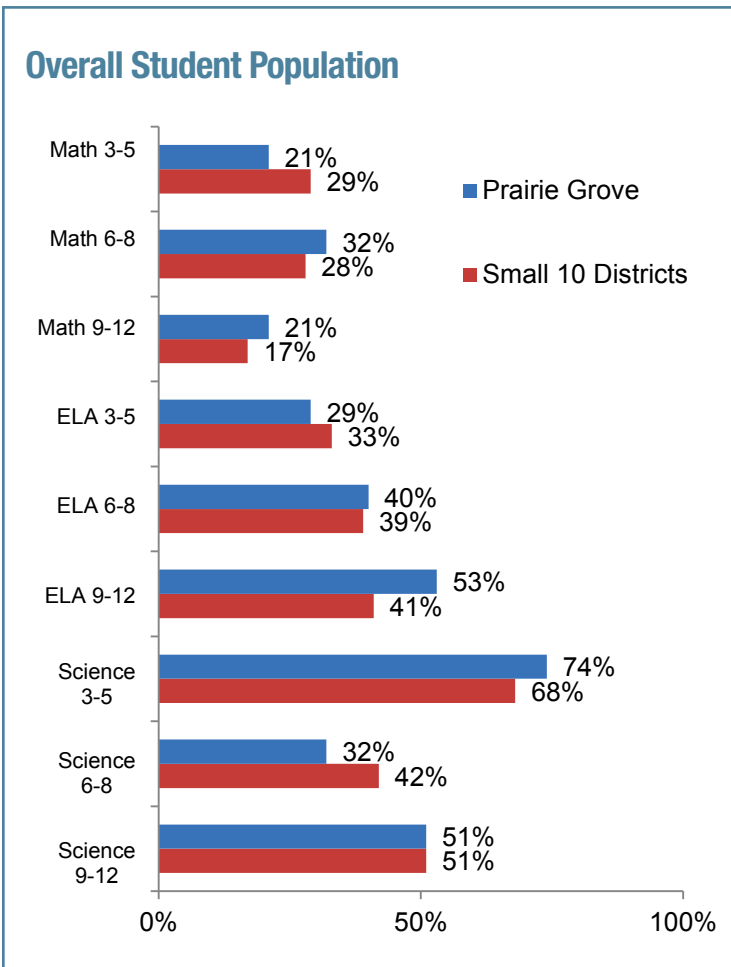
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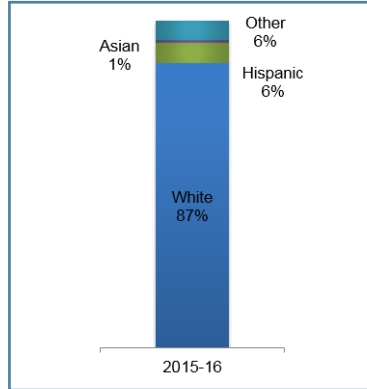


**National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15**

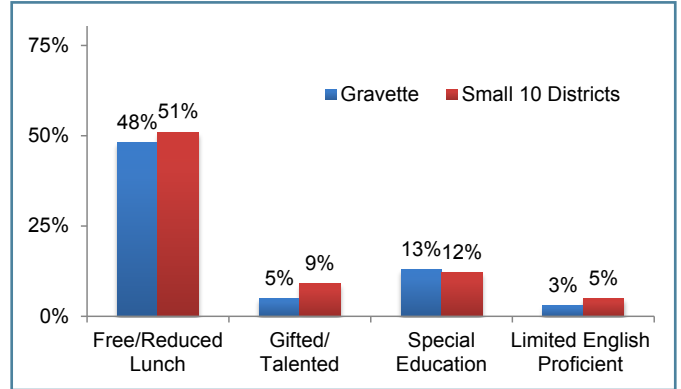
	Prairie Grove	Small 10	Prairie Grove	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	93%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	89%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	90%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	31%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$8,184	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	20.6
				21.3

Total Enrollment  
**1,809**  
 % change since 2004  
**12%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**14:1**

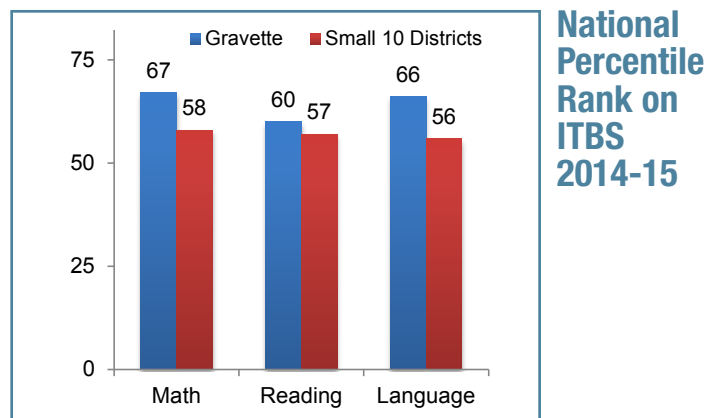
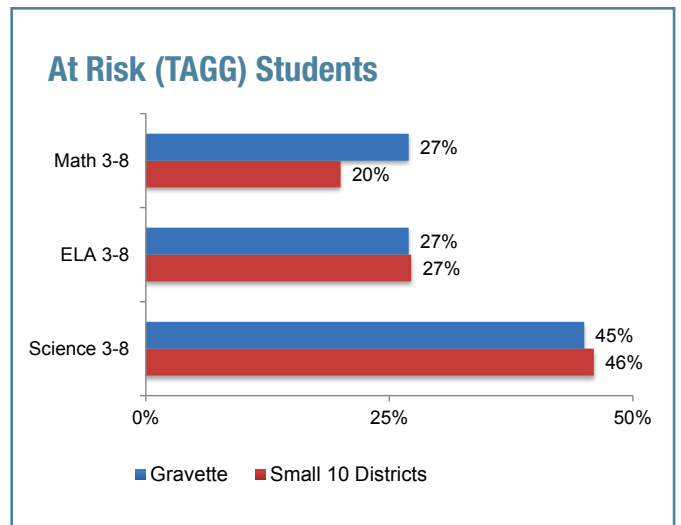
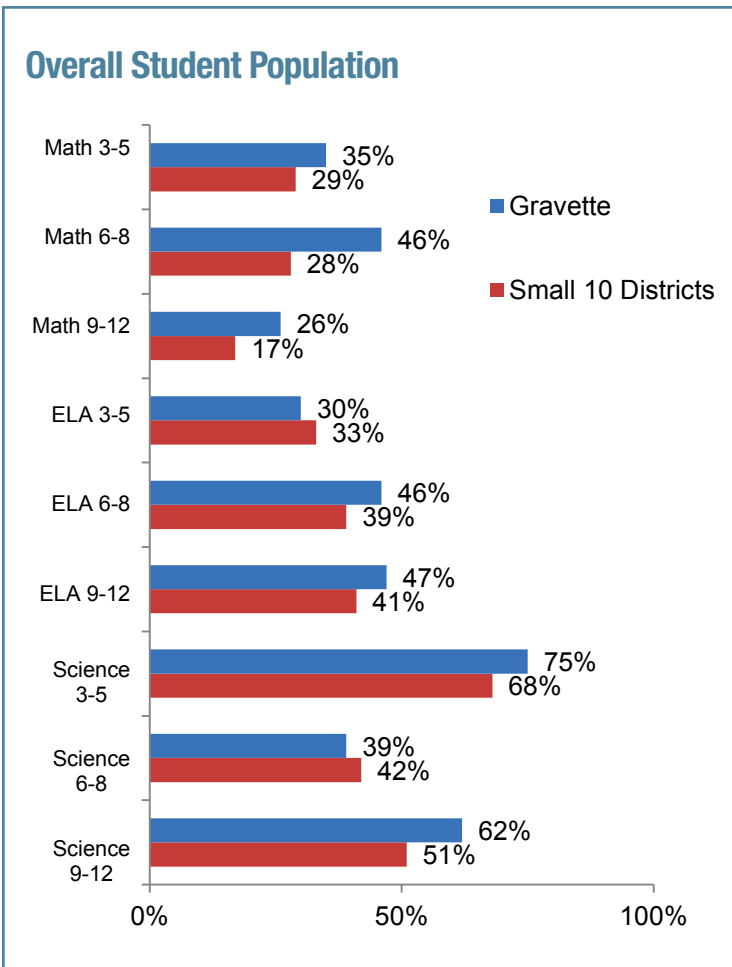
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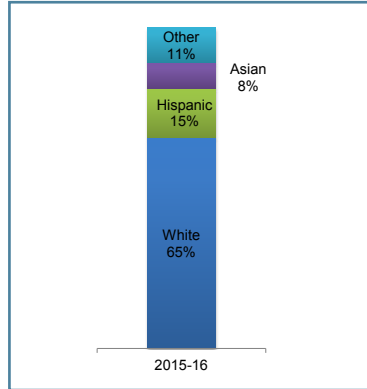
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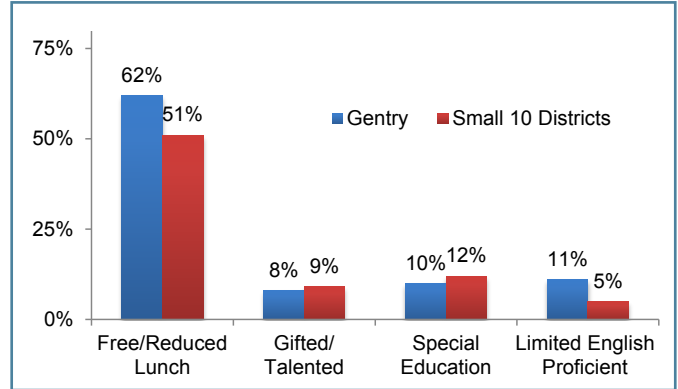
	Gravette	Small 10	Gravette	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	83%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	32%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	73%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	22%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$8,932	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	22.7
				21.3

Total Enrollment  
**1,446**  
 % change since 2004  
**3%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**13:1**

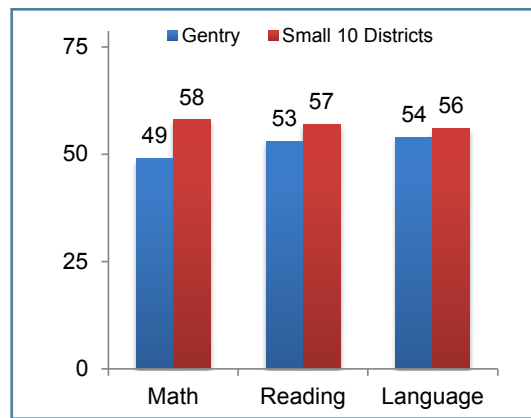
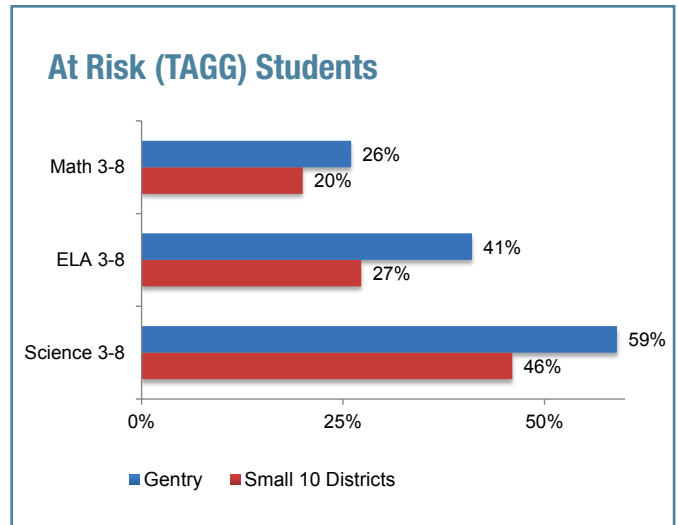
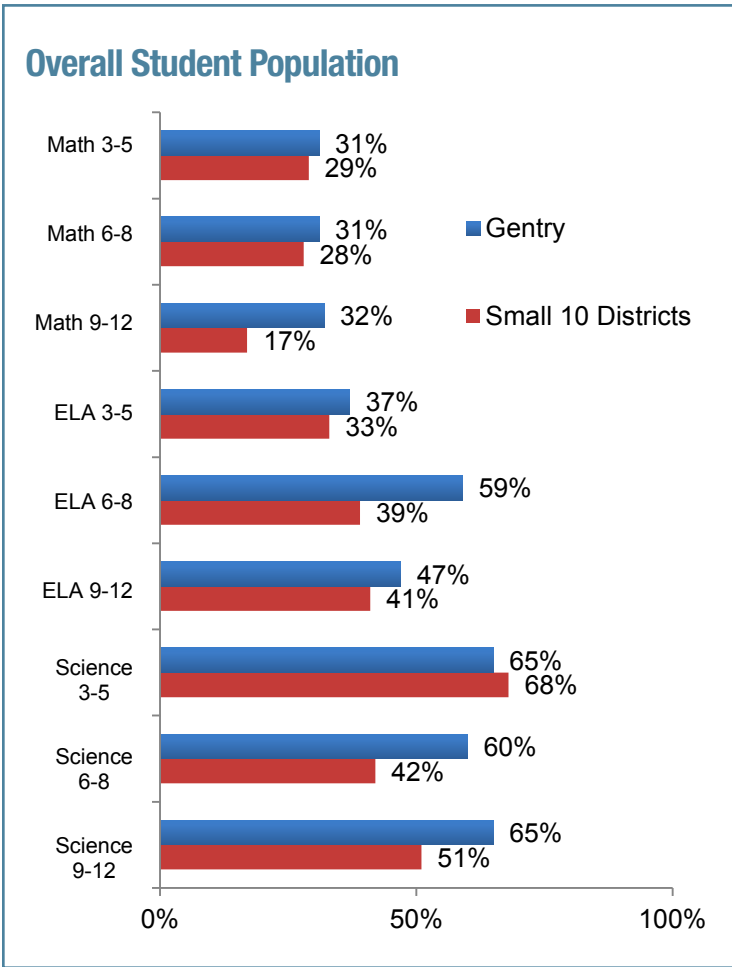
## Student Demographics



## Student Characteristics



## Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15



**National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15**

	Gentry	Small 10	Gentry	Small 10	
Graduation Rate: Overall	86%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	19%	41%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	79%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	24%	27%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$10,062	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	20.9	21.3



# Highlights

## Beyond the Classroom

Northwest Arkansas is home to eight high schools that rank in the top 10% of the nation. There are many great things going on in Northwest Arkansas schools, and these are a few of the great opportunities for students!

For students who are seeking academic challenges beyond the classroom, NWA schools offer a variety of opportunities for students to compete regionally, statewide, and nationally. **Area students have won state, regional, and national competitions in Youth Entrepreneur Showcase, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Bowl, Quiz Bowl, Debate, Chess, Robotics, and National History Day.**



*Rogers School District*



*Bentonville vs. Har-Ber, Springdale*

Athletics are an important part of school for many students, and NWA districts are supporting student athletes in their passions. The region offers many opportunities to participate in competitions, and has **won state titles in: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheer, Cross Country, Dance, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swim/Dive, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling.**

# Highlights

Students throughout the region are challenging themselves with advanced coursework. All high schools offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and **60% of high school juniors and seniors take an Advanced Placement course in one of 35 content areas** ranging from Physics to Chinese. Bentonville offers an International Baccalaureate (IB) program as well as AP. Many students from the region students also enroll in college courses at nearby colleges and universities while in high school.



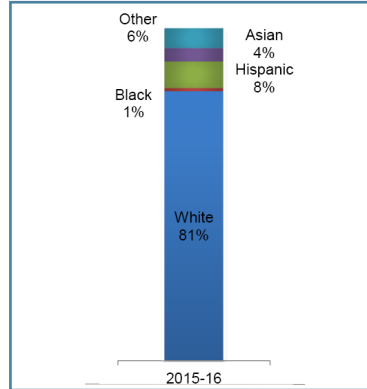
*Supply Chain Management Training—PRMBA*



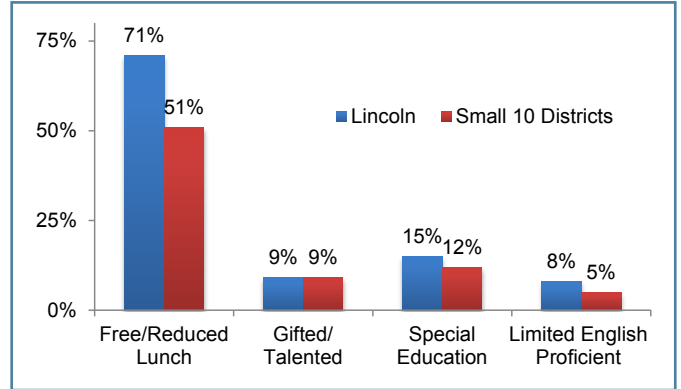
*Arkansas Arts Academy*

NWA students excel in the arts, with many students throughout the region performing in **award-winning school bands, orchestras, choirs and theater and dance groups**. Last year, NWA students performed at Carnegie Hall and won first place awards in video and TV production. Students at Arkansas Arts Academy have won national competitions in dance.

## Student Demographics



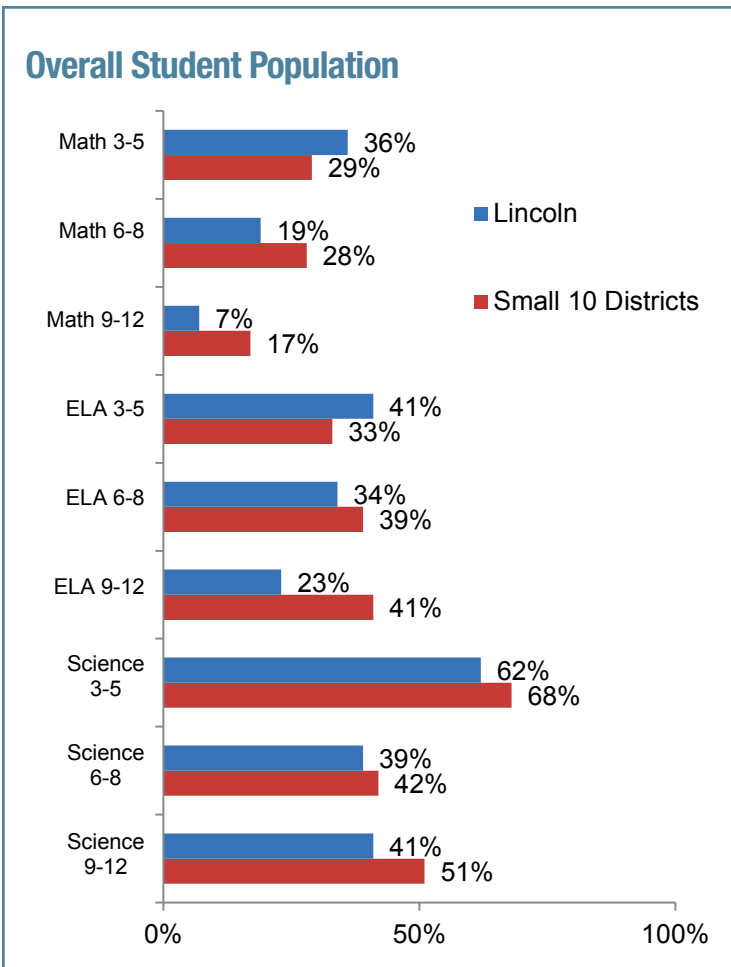
## Student Characteristics



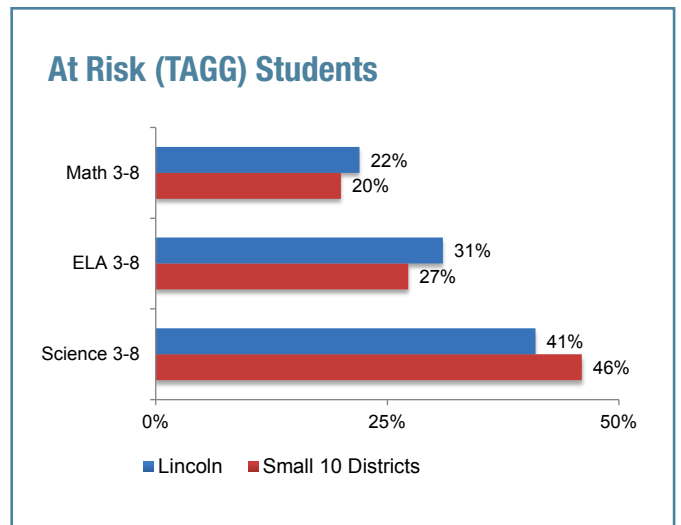
Total Enrollment  
**1,203**  
% change since 2004  
**3%**  
Student:Teacher Ratio  
**14:1**

## Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

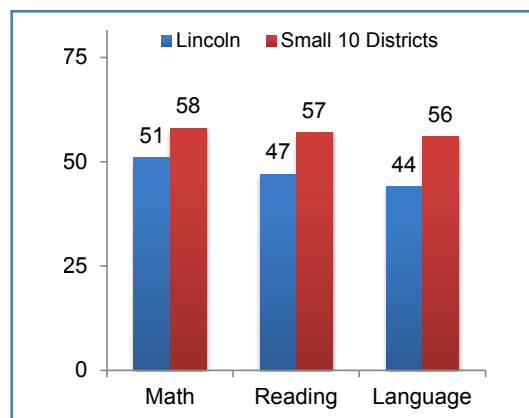
### Overall Student Population



### At Risk (TAGG) Students



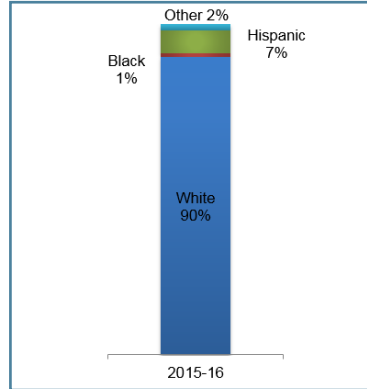
### National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15



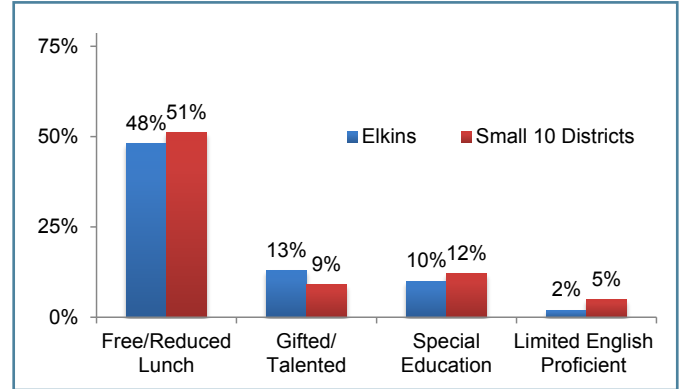
	Lincoln	Small 10	Lincoln	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	90%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	7%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	90%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	25%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,372	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	19.6
				41%
				27%
				21.3

Total Enrollment  
**1,131**  
 % change since 2004  
**6%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**15:1**

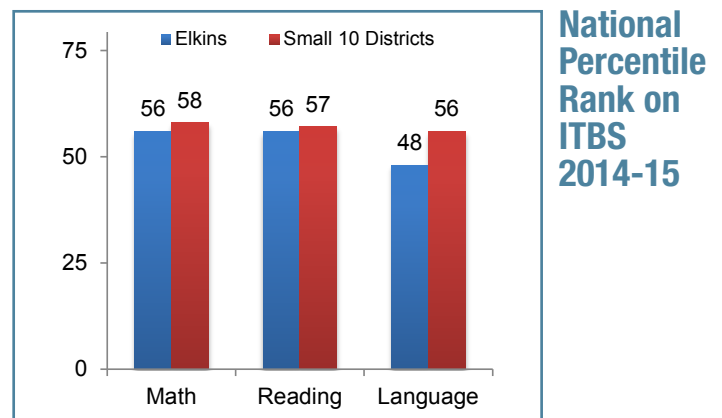
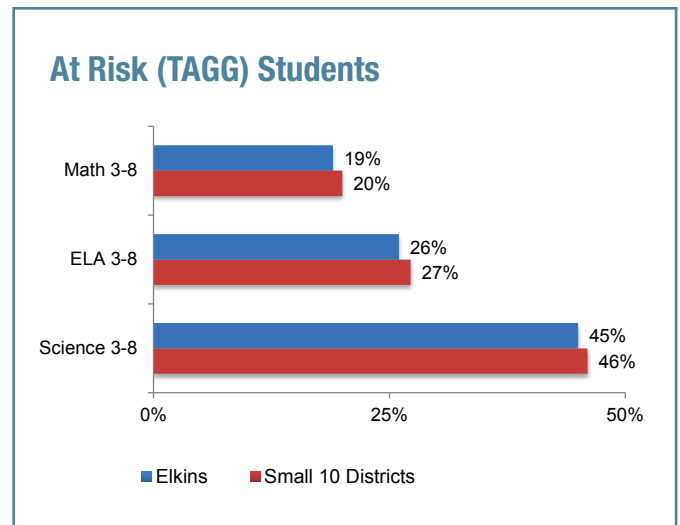
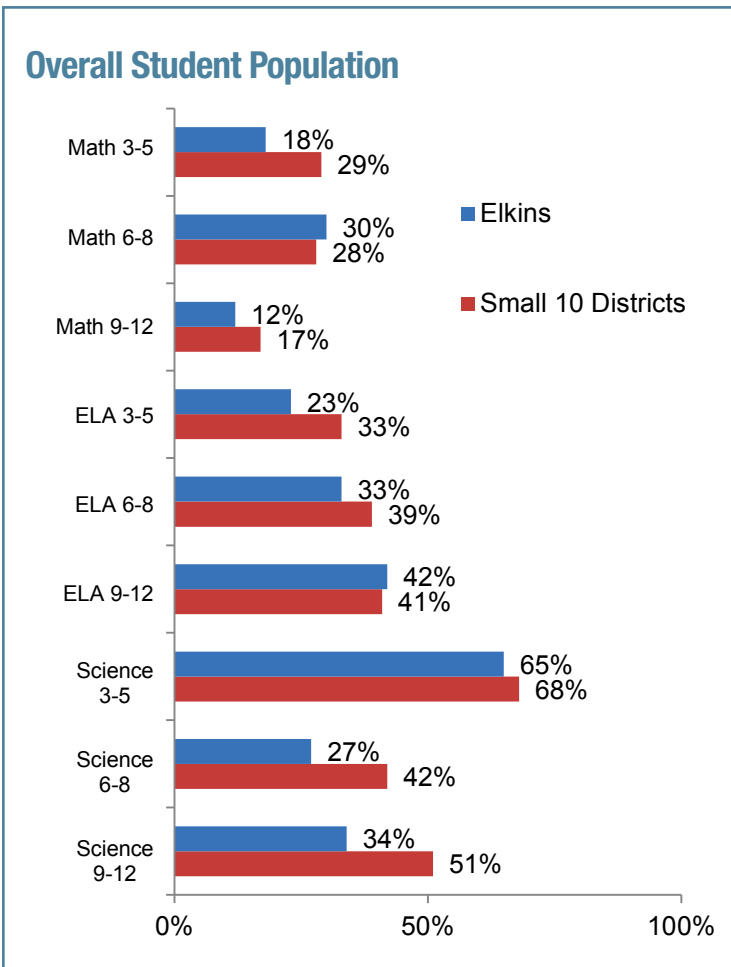
## Student Demographics



## Student Characteristics



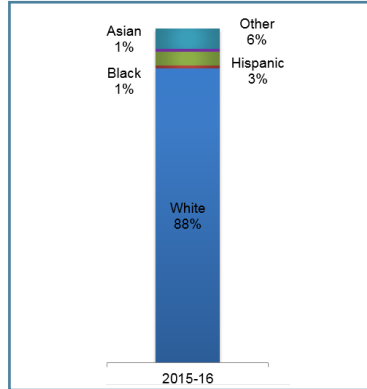
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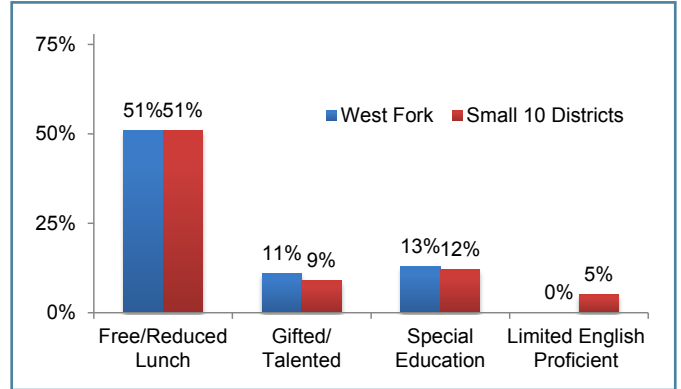
	Elkins	Small 10	Elkins	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	96%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	27%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	96%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	19%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$8,365	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	22.1
				41%
				27%
				21.3

Total Enrollment  
**1,088**  
 % change since 2004  
**-6%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**13:1**

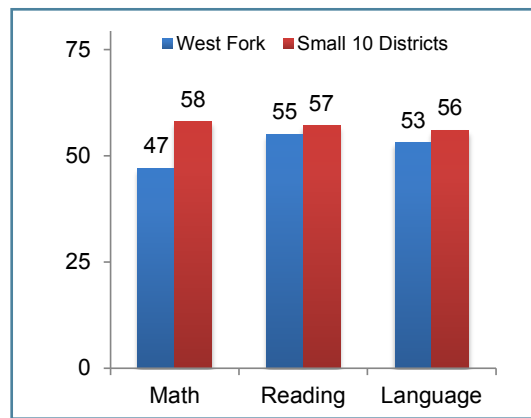
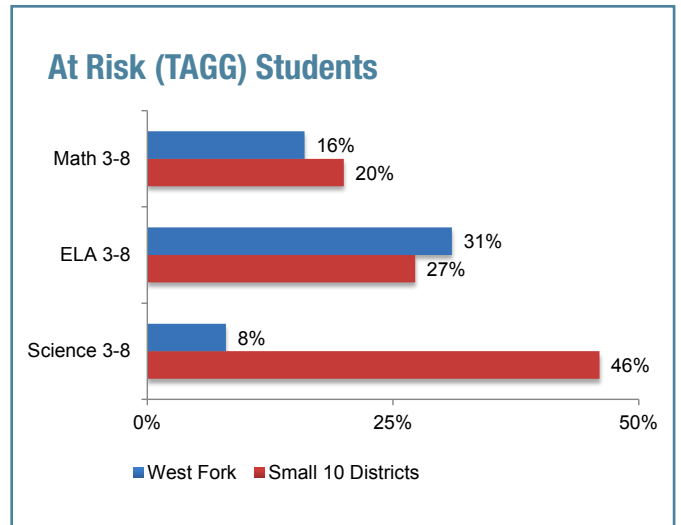
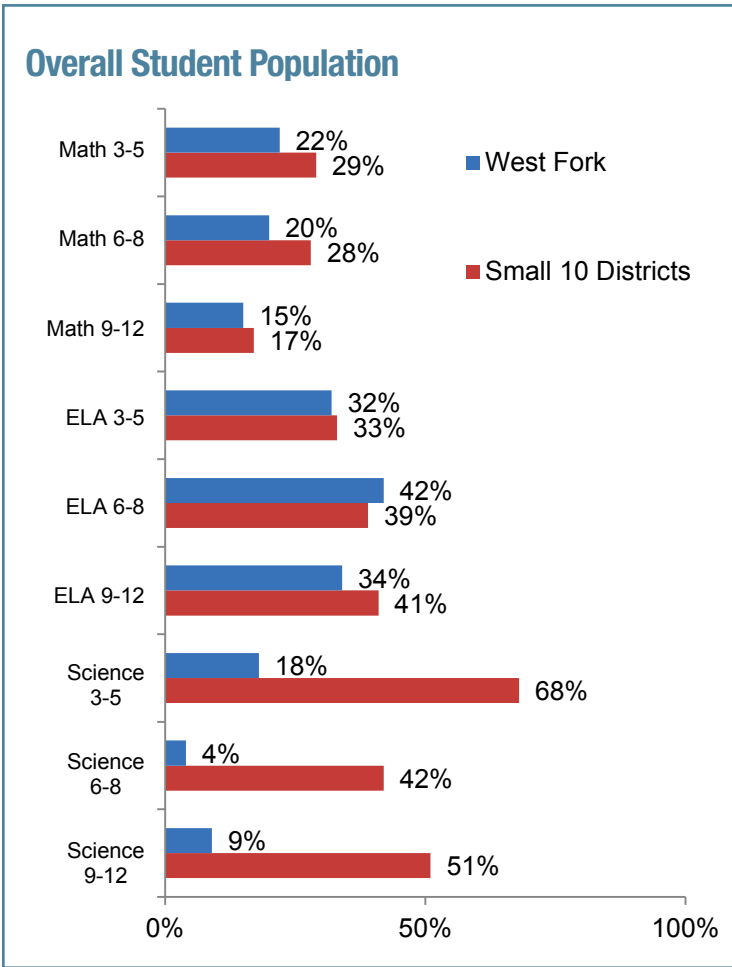
## Student Demographics



## Student Characteristics



## Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

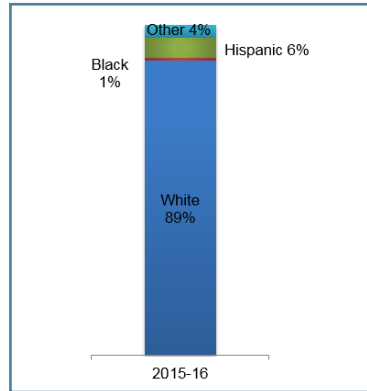


**National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15**

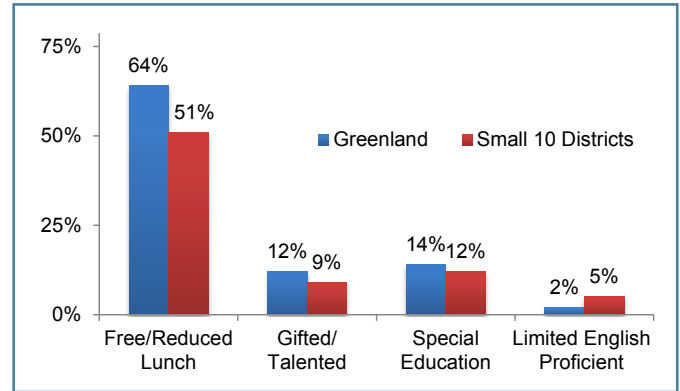
	West Fork	Small 10	West Fork	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	91%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	30%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	88%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	27%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,299	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	21.3

Total Enrollment  
**849**  
 % change since 2004  
**-23%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**12:1**

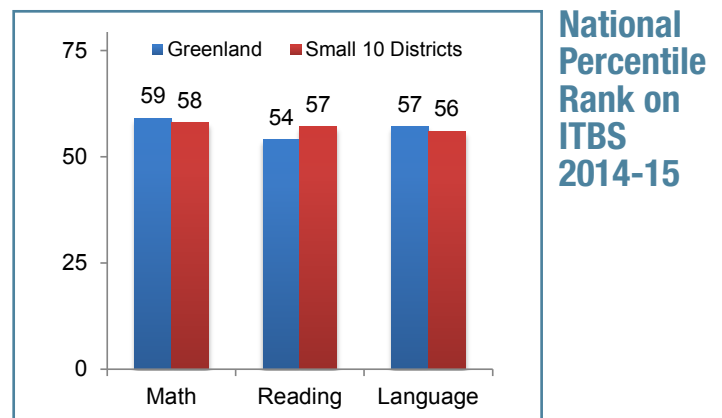
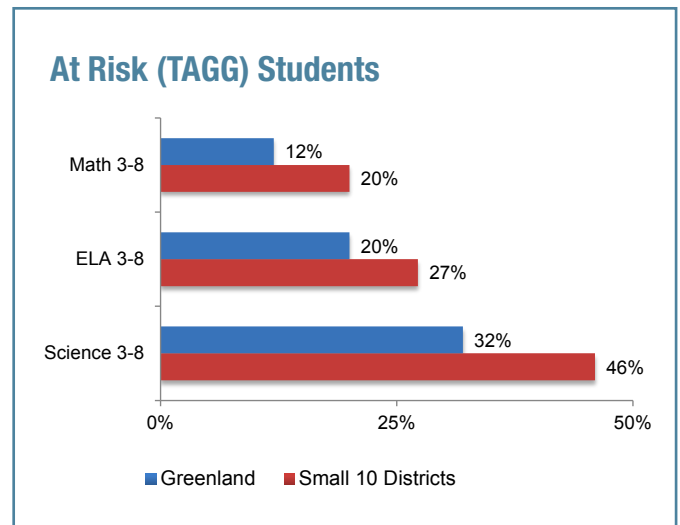
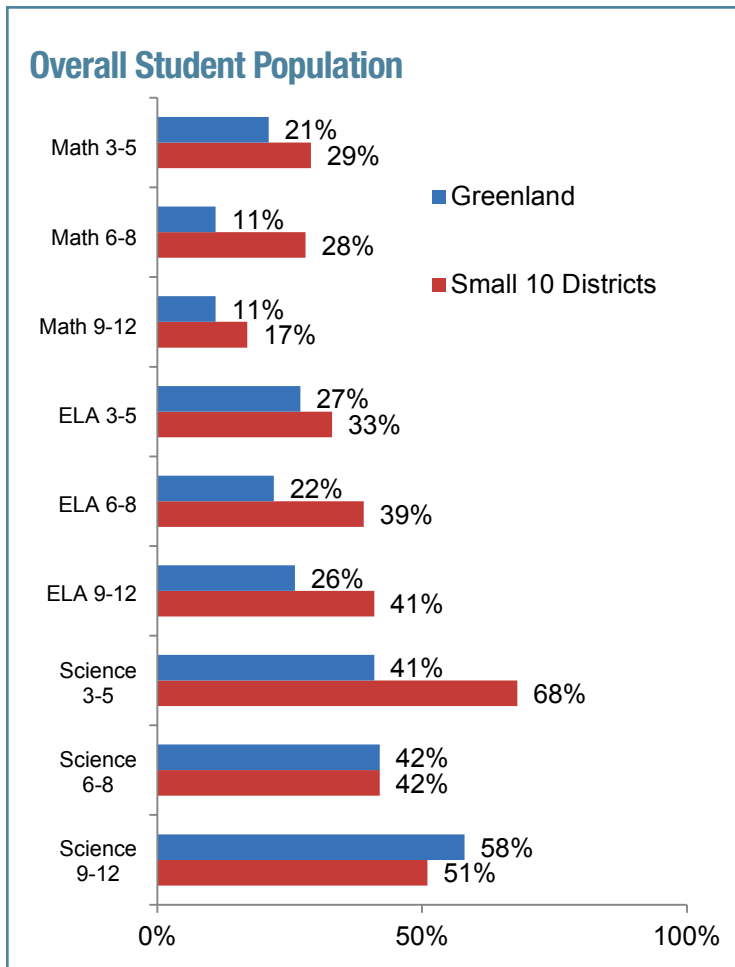
## Student Demographics



## Student Characteristics



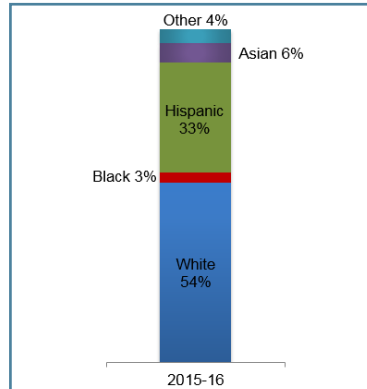
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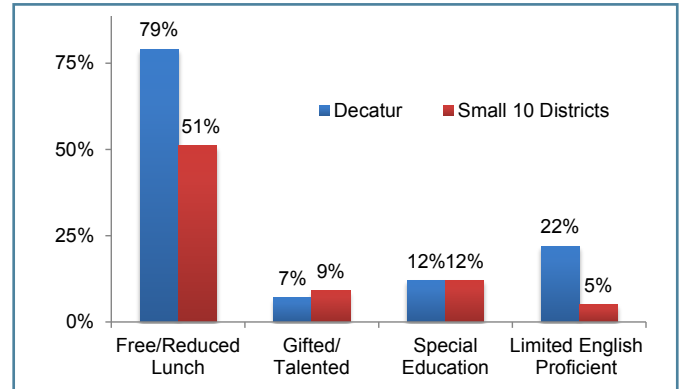
	Greenland	Small 10	Greenland	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	90%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	15%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	84%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	19%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,252	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	22.0
				41%
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				21.3

Total Enrollment  
**585**  
 % change since 2004  
**6%**  
 Student:Teacher Ratio  
**13:1**

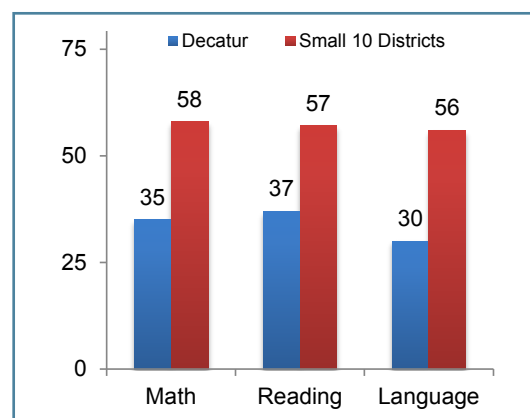
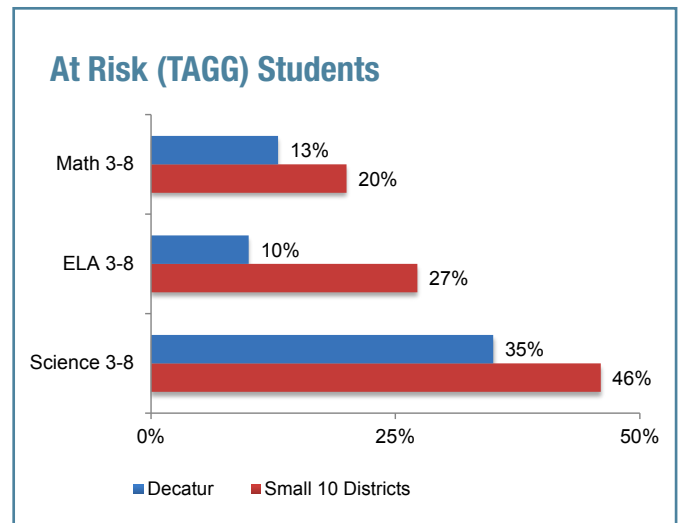
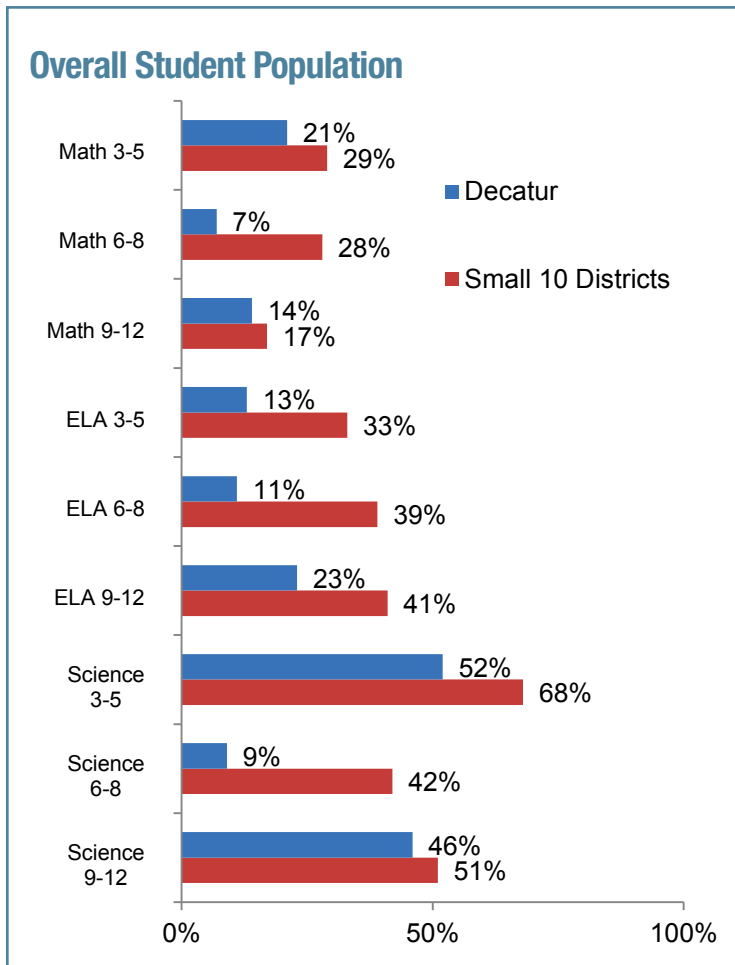
## Student Demographics



## Student Characteristics



## Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

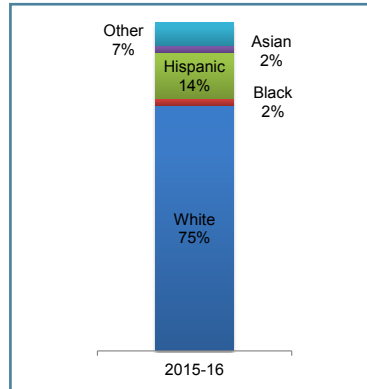


**National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15**

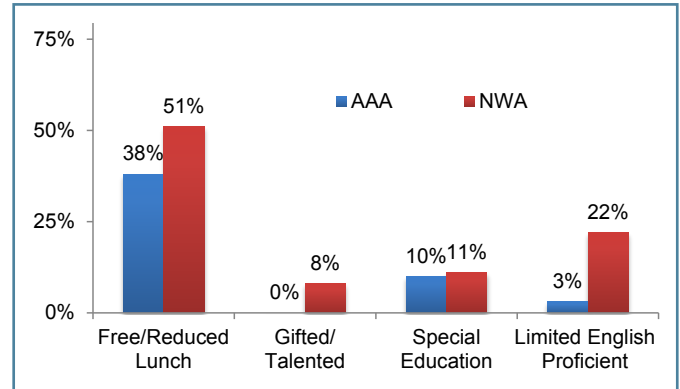
	Decatur	Small 10	Decatur	Small 10
Graduation Rate: Overall	82%	90%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	25%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	90%	87%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	5%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$10,205	\$8,820	ACT Composite Score	18.0
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				27%
				21.3

Total Enrollment  
**578**  
*Opened in 2001*  
Student:Teacher Ratio  
**12:1**

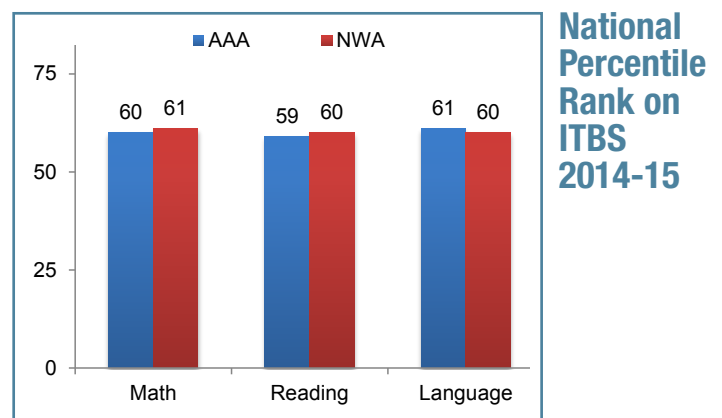
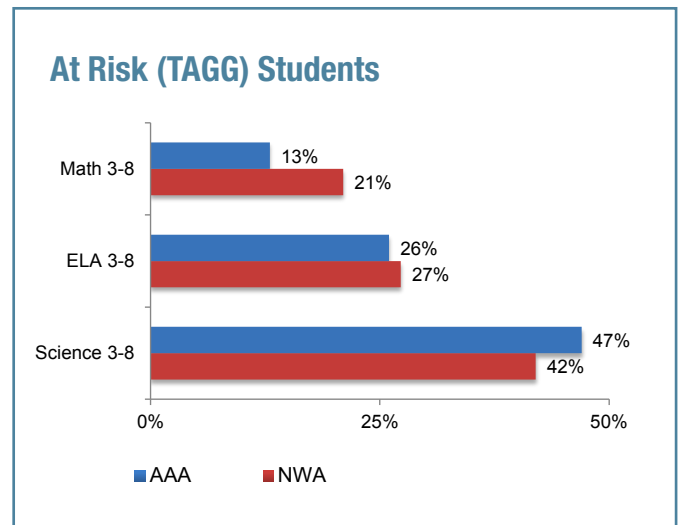
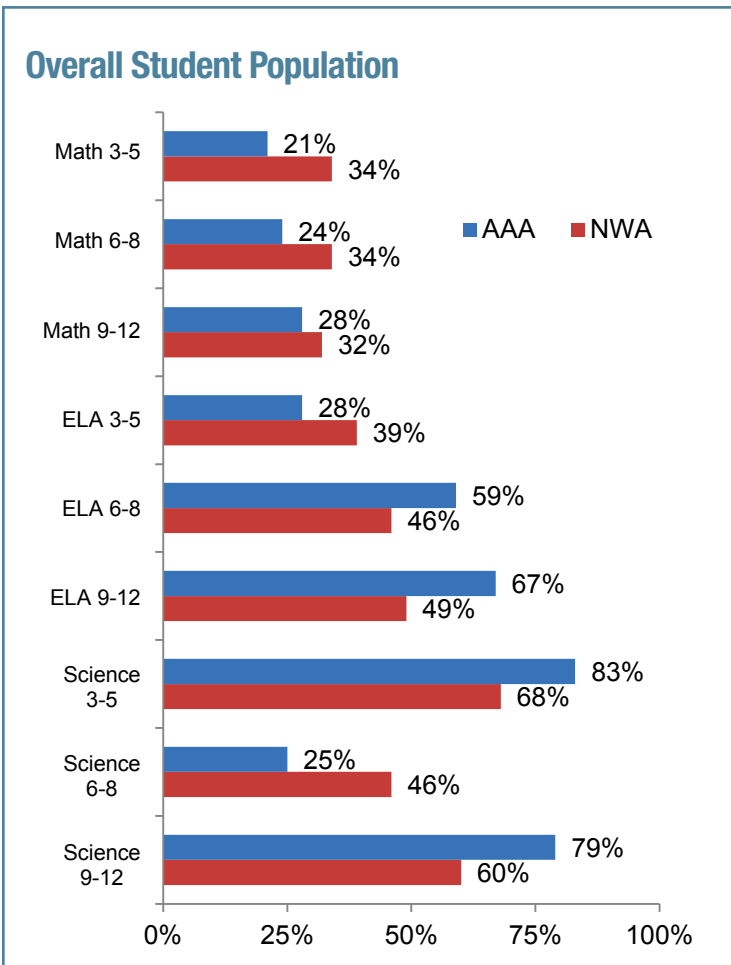
### Student Demographics



### Student Characteristics



### Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

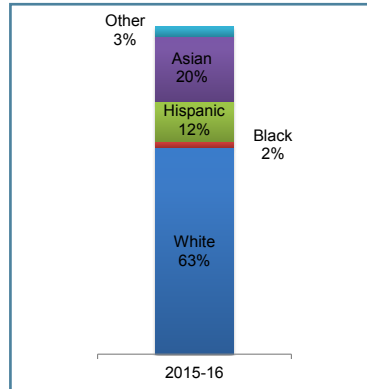


	AR Arts Academy	NWA	AR Arts Academy	NWA
Graduation Rate: Overall	97%	88%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	58%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	100%	85%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	51%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$7.946	\$9,237	ACT Composite Score	23.3

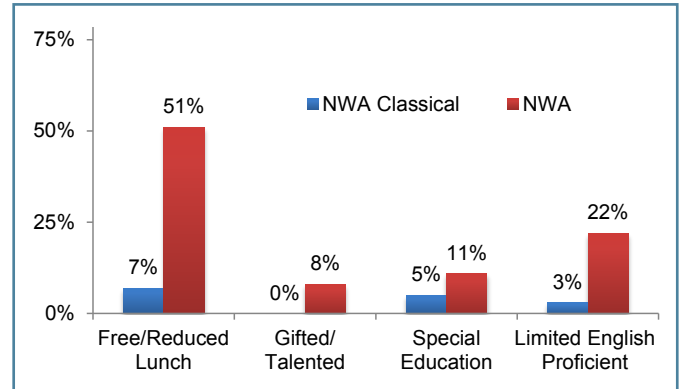


Total Enrollment  
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Opened in 2001  
Student:Teacher Ratio  
**16:1**

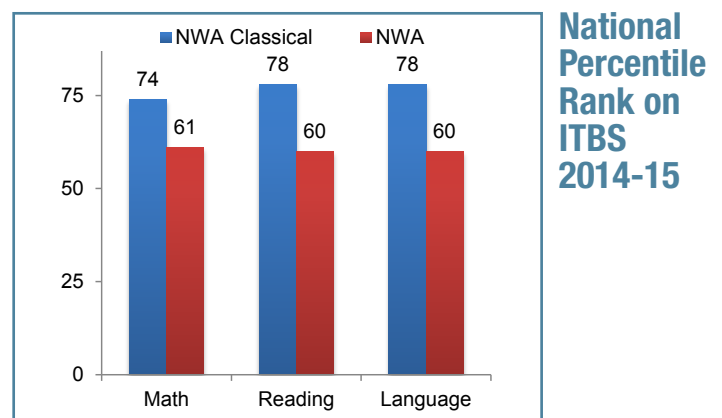
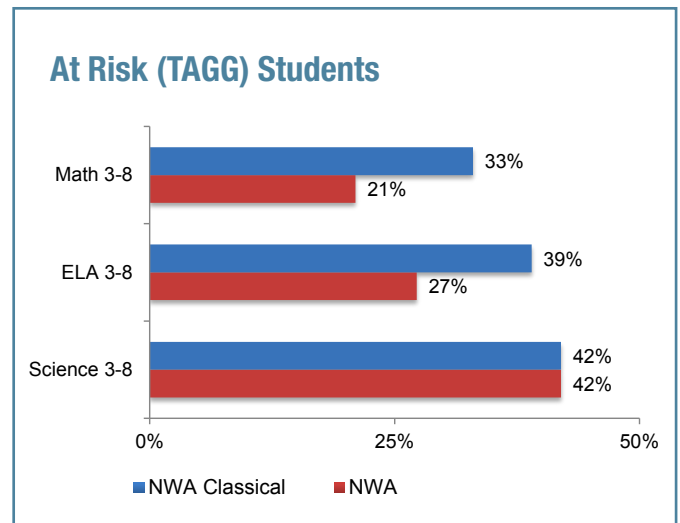
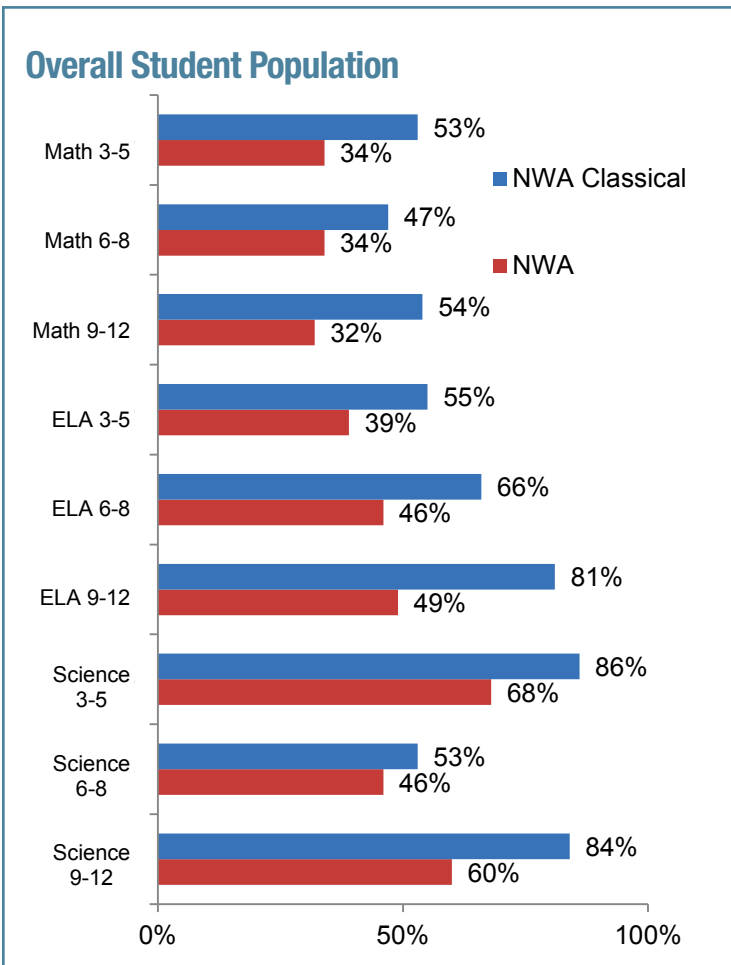
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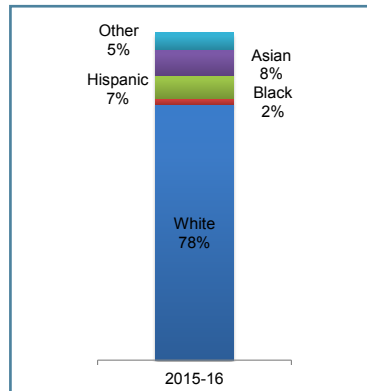
### Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15



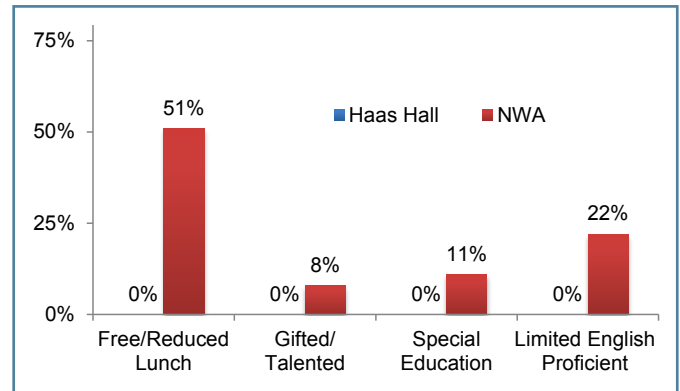
	NWA Classical	NWA	NWA Classical	NWA
Graduation Rate: Overall	N/A	88%	Advanced Placement Participation Rate	NA
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	N/A	85%	Advanced Placement Pass Rate	NA
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$7,558	\$9,237	ACT Composite Score	NA

Total Enrollment  
**352**  
Opened in 2001  
Student:Teacher Ratio  
**17:1**

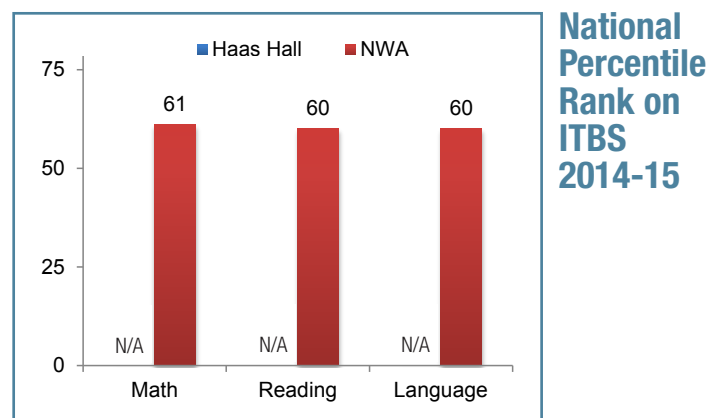
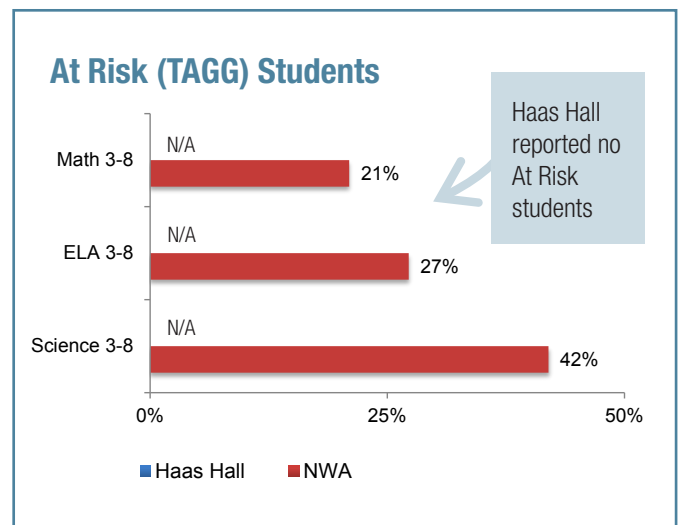
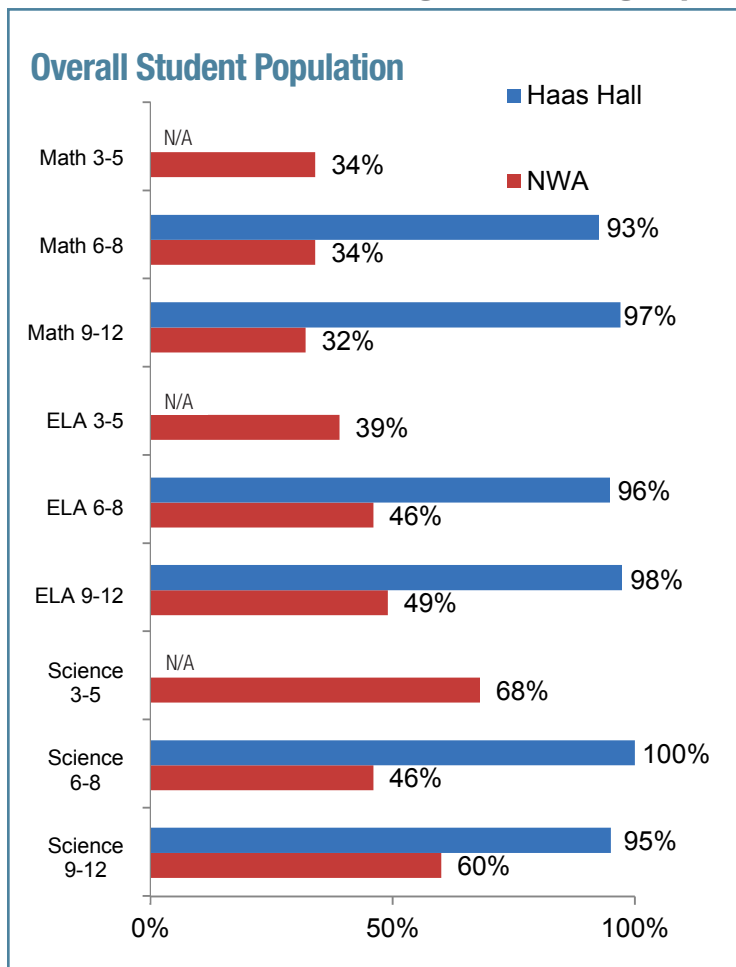
### Student Demographics



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### Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15



	Haas Hall	NWA
Graduation Rate: Overall	97%	88%
Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG)	0%	85%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$7,879	\$9,237

	Haas Hall	NWA
Advanced Placement Participation Rate	129%*	59%
Advanced Placement Pass Rate	73%	46%
ACT Composite Score	27.3	22.2

\* More students completed AP tests than were enrolled in the 11th and 12th grades.

# Comparisons to Elsewhere

**Comparing the performance of schools nationally** is difficult since states administer different assessments to students. A new dataset developed by the Center for Education Policy Analysis at Stanford University has made it possible, however, to make more meaningful comparisons of districts across the country. Linking each state's test to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) allowed researchers to create a national scale of district performance.

The table below reports the relative national performance of several Northwest Arkansas' largest districts and selected districts located in metropolitan areas that are occasionally used by regional leaders for comparison purposes. When examining district performance, it is important to consider the characteristics of the students served, so the percentage of students eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch (a proxy measure for poverty) is also included. While poverty impacts educational success, it does not preclude it. **In Northwest Arkansas, Rogers School District serves a high population of economically disadvantaged students, but it outperforms 72% of other districts in the country.**

Test scores reflect not just the quality of schools or their teachers, but many other factors in children's lives, including their home environment and educational experiences outside of school. Although not a direct reflection of school quality, comparisons like these can help parents, educators and policy makers evaluate the performance of their school systems compared to others around the country.

Metro Area	District	District Outperforms x% of other U.S. Districts	Percent of Students Eligible for Free/ Reduced Lunch
<b>Northwest Arkansas</b>	<b>Rogers</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>Northwest Arkansas</b>	<b>Fayetteville</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>39%</b>
Raleigh-Durham, NC	Wake County	84%	37%
Dallas, TX	Plano	89%	28%
Fairfax, VA	Fairfax County	89%	28%
Oklahoma City, OK	Edmond	83%	27%
Chicago, IL	CUSD 200	89%	27%
<b>Northwest Arkansas</b>	<b>Bentonville</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Cincinnati, OH	Lakota Local	95%	20%
Des Moines, IA	Ankeny	95%	13%
Kansas City, KS	Blue Valley	93%	8%
Austin, TX	Eanes	98%	3%

# Oh The Places You'll Go!

**Northwest Arkansas is home to eight high schools that rank in the top 10% of the nation and students from our schools go on to do great things!**

Northwest Arkansas students have been accepted into more than 100 colleges and universities.



Arkansas State University

Arkansas Tech University

Baylor University

Brigham Young University

Brown University

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Colorado State University

Columbia University

Cornell University

Florida College

Fordham University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Harvard University

Henderson State University

Hendrix College

Hillsdale College

John Brown University

Johns Hopkins University

Kansas State University

Kenyon College

Liberty University

Lindenwood University

Louisville University

Lyon College

Marquette University

Middlebury

Millsaps College

Missouri Southern State University

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Northwestern University

New York University

Ohio State University

Oklahoma State University

Penn State

Princeton University

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College

Saint Louis University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Seton Hall University

Southern Illinois University

Stanford University

Texas Christian University

The New School

Tulane University

United States Air Force Academy

United States Coast Guard Academy

US Merchant Marine Academy

United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama

University of Alabama-Huntsville

University of Arkansas

University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith

University of California-Berkeley

University of California-Santa Cruz

University of Central Arkansas

University of Cincinnati

University of Dallas

University of Denver

University of Illinois

University of Indiana

University of Iowa

University of Kansas

University of Kentucky

University of Leeds

University of Maryland

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

University of Michigan

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri

University of Nebraska at Lincoln

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of North Florida

University of Notre Dame

University of Oklahoma

University of Oregon

University of Pennsylvania

University of San Francisco

University of South Florida

University of Tennessee

University of Texas-Austin

University of Texas-Dallas

University of the Ozarks

University of Tulsa

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Wyoming

University of Utah

Washington & Lee University

Washington University in St. Louis

Wellesley College

Westminster College

Wheaton College

Wichita State University

William Jewell College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Yale University

# Arkansas State Exams

District Group	District Name	Math 3rd-5th	Math 6th-8th	Math 9th-12th	ELA 3rd-5th	ELA 6th-8th	ELA 9th-12th	Science 3rd-5th	Science 6rd-8th	Science 9th-12th
		2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15
Big 5	Springdale School District	25%	28%	22%	29%	32%	34%	52%	39%	53%
	Bentonville School District	42%	45%	54%	47%	58%	67%	82%	61%	77%
	Rogers School District	36%	29%	32%	43%	53%	49%	69%	39%	48%
	Fayetteville School District	42%	46%	36%	51%	55%	62%	75%	61%	80%
	Siloam Springs School District	39%	34%	37%	33%	42%	43%	64%	38%	59%
Small 10	Farmington School District	40%	27%	16%	42%	33%	43%	80%	54%	60%
	Pea Ridge School District	28%	28%	12%	34%	44%	45%	66%	44%	39%
	Prairie Grove School District	21%	32%	21%	29%	40%	53%	74%	32%	51%
	Gravette School District	35%	46%	26%	30%	46%	47%	75%	39%	62%
	Gentry School District	31%	31%	32%	37%	59%	47%	65%	60%	65%
	Lincoln School District	36%	19%	7%	41%	34%	23%	62%	39%	41%
	Elkins School District	18%	30%	12%	23%	33%	42%	65%	27%	34%
	West Fork School District	21%	20%	15%	32%	42%	34%	69%	42%	45%
	Greenland School District	21%	11%	11%	27%	22%	26%	41%	42%	58%
	Decatur School District	21%	7%	14%	13%	11%	23%	52%	9%	46%
Charter	Arkansas Arts Academy	21%	24%	28%	28%	59%	67%	83%	25%	79%
	NWA Classical Academy	53%	47%	54%	55%	66%	81%	86%	53%	84%
	Haas Hall Academy	N/A	93%	97%	N/A	96%	98%	N/A	100%	95%
	NWA Overall	34%	34%	32%	39%	46%	49%	22%	10%	21%
	Arkansas Overall	27%	25%	21%	32%	34%	38%	17%	7%	15%
	Big 5	35%	36%	35%	40%	47%	50%	22%	11%	22%
	Small 10	29%	28%	17%	33%	39%	42%	23%	7%	14%
	3 Charter	36%	43%	56%	41%	67%	83%	26%	12%	45%

# Arkansas State Exams

District Group	District Name	TAGG Math	TAGG Math	TAGG Math	TAGG ELA	TAGG ELA	TAGG ELA	TAGG Science	TAGG Science	TAGG Science
		3rd-5th	6th-8th	9th-12th	3rd-5th	6th-8th	9th-12th	3rd-5th	6th-8th	9th-12th
		2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15
Big 5	Springdale School District	16%	19%	15%	19%	22%	23%	42%	29%	39%
	Bentonville School District	21%	23%	33%	26%	30%	41%	66%	38%	58%
	Rogers School District	27%	19%	22%	31%	41%	35%	59%	27%	34%
	Fayetteville School District	23%	24%	21%	30%	30%	37%	59%	38%	64%
	Siloam Springs School District	28%	20%	22%	22%	26%	26%	51%	28%	44%
Small 10	Farmington School District	28%	15%	13%	28%	19%	30%	63%	43%	36%
	Pea Ridge School District	21%	19%	10%	28%	33%	37%	58%	32%	38%
	Prairie Grove School District	14%	22%	12%	18%	29%	34%	65%	19%	38%
	Gravette School District	22%	33%	16%	19%	35%	33%	65%	25%	54%
	Gentry School District	24%	28%	26%	32%	51%	36%	63%	55%	53%
	Lincoln School District	31%	13%	8%	34%	28%	15%	55%	28%	39%
	Elkins School District	16%	22%	7%	22%	30%	21%	62%	25%	35%
	West Fork School District	16%	16%	8%	27%	35%	15%	61%	38%	36%
	Greenland School District	18%	7%	11%	21%	19%	20%	32%	31%	53%
	Decatur School District	20%	5%	9%	12%	9%	22%	57%	11%	41%
Charter	Arkansas Arts Academy	14%	12%	27%	17%	38%	50%	80%	11%	67%
	NWA Classical Academy	37%	28%	40%	29%	52%	75%	58%	14%	92%
	Haas Hall Academy	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	NWA Overall	21%	20%	19%	25%	30%	30%	53%	31%	43%
	Arkansas Overall	19%	16%	13%	23%	23%	25%	50%	25%	36%
	Big 5	21%	20%	20%	25%	30%	30%	53%	31%	43%
	Small 10	22%	19%	12%	25%	30%	28%	59%	32%	42%
	3 Charter	21%	17%	30%	21%	43%	55%	72%	12%	75%

# ITBS & Graduation Data

District Group	District Name	ITBS Math Nat'l Percentile Rank	ITBS Reading Nat'l Percentile Rank	ITBS Language Nat'l Percentile Rank	Graduation Rate	TAGG Graduation Rate
		2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15
Big 5	Springdale School District	53	52	52	86%	85%
	Bentonville School District	69	67	66	89%	75%
	Rogers School District	60	59	63	92%	90%
	Fayetteville School District	66	68	66	80%	73%
	Siloam Springs School District	64	54	55	89%	88%
Small 10	Farmington School District	63	61	60	94%	92%
	Pea Ridge School District	65	58	56	88%	83%
	Prairie Grove School District	67	67	64	93%	90%
	Gravette School District	67	60	66	83%	73%
	Gentry School District	49	53	54	86%	79%
	Lincoln School District	51	47	44	90%	90%
	Elkins School District	56	56	48	96%	96%
	West Fork School District	47	55	53	91%	88%
	Greenland School District	59	54	57	91%	84%
	Decatur School District	35	37	30	82%	90%
Charter	Arkansas Arts Academy	60	59	61	97%	100%
	NWA Classical Academy	74	78	78	N/A	N/A
	Haas Hall Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A	97%	0%
	NWA Overall	61	60	60	88%	85%
	Arkansas Overall	52	53	51	85%	82%
	Big 5	62	60	61	88%	85%
	Small 10	58	57	56	90%	87%
	3 Charter	68	70	71	97%	100%

# Demographic & Fiscal Data

District Group	District Name	Enrollment	Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch	Percent White	Per Pupil Expenditure	Student:Teacher Ratio	Average Teacher Salary
		2015-16	2015-16	2015-16	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15
Big 5	Springdale School District	21,260	71%	36%	\$9,590	15 to 1	\$60,538
	Bentonville School District	16,060	25%	75%	\$9,118	16 to 1	\$59,903
	Rogers School District	15,077	61%	48%	\$8,708	16 to 1	\$61,834
	Fayetteville School District	9,652	39%	68%	\$10,452	15 to 1	\$60,205
	Siloam Springs School District	4,139	57%	58%	\$8,986	16 to 1	\$49,114
Small 10	Farmington School District	2,366	39%	84%	\$8,075	14 to 1	\$50,891
	Pea Ridge School District	1,930	43%	90%	\$8,373	15 to 1	\$52,437
	Prairie Grove School District	1,881	44%	91%	\$8,184	16 to 1	\$50,873
	Gravette School District	1,809	48%	87%	\$8,932	14 to 1	\$51,677
	Gentry School District	1,446	62%	65%	\$10,062	13 to 1	\$50,256
	Lincoln School District	1,203	71%	81%	\$9,372	14 to 1	\$42,810
	Elkins School District	1,131	48%	90%	\$8,365	13 to 1	\$46,877
	West Fork School District	1,088	51%	88%	\$9,299	13 to 1	\$47,623
	Greenland School District	849	64%	89%	\$9,252	12 to 1	\$47,720
	Decatur School District	585	79%	54%	\$10,205	12 to 1	\$45,833
Charter	Arkansas Arts Academy	774	38%	75%	\$7,946	12 to 1	\$41,302
	NWA Classical Academy	551	7%	63%	\$7,558	13 to 1	\$39,625
	Haas Hall Academy	352	0%	78%	\$7,897	15 to 1	\$47,945
	NWA Overall	82,584	51%	60%	\$9,237	14 to 1	\$55,328
	Arkansas Overall	476,049	63%	62%	\$9,642	14 to 1	\$50,978
	Big 5	66,188	52%	54%	\$9,362	15 to 1	\$57,577
	Small 10	14,288	51%	84%	\$8,820	13 to 1	\$47,683
	3 Charter	2,108	20%	71%	\$7,804	13 to 1	\$39,289



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