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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

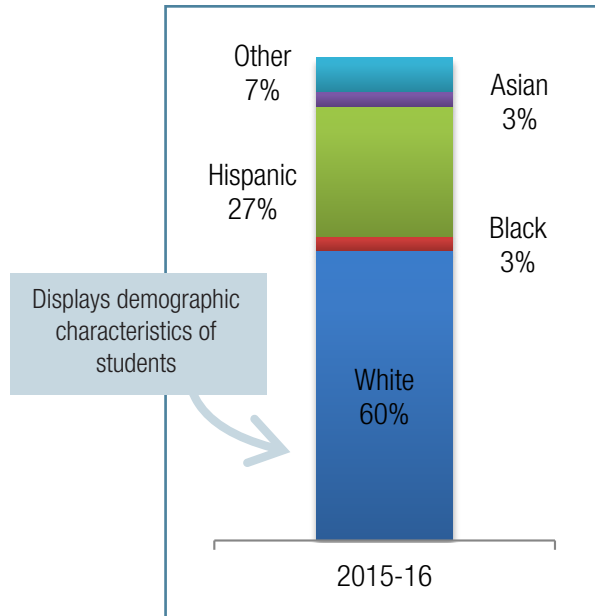
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Districts in Northwest Arkansas

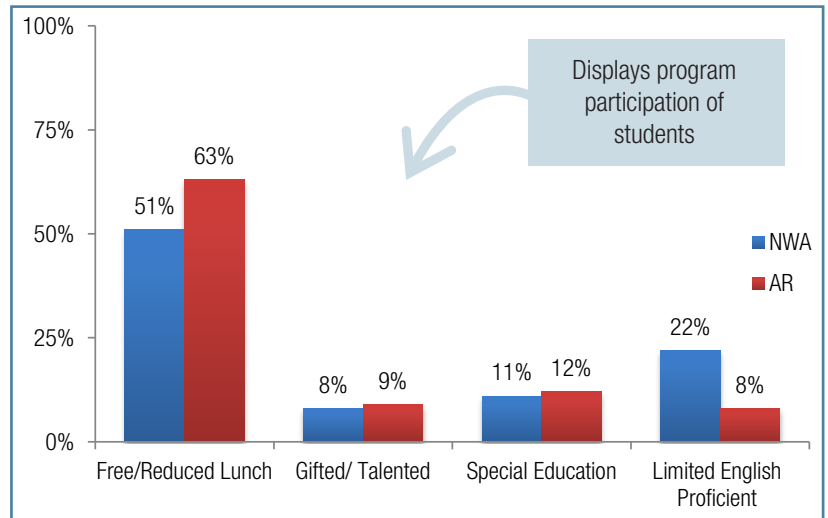
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Northwest Arkansas Region

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 |

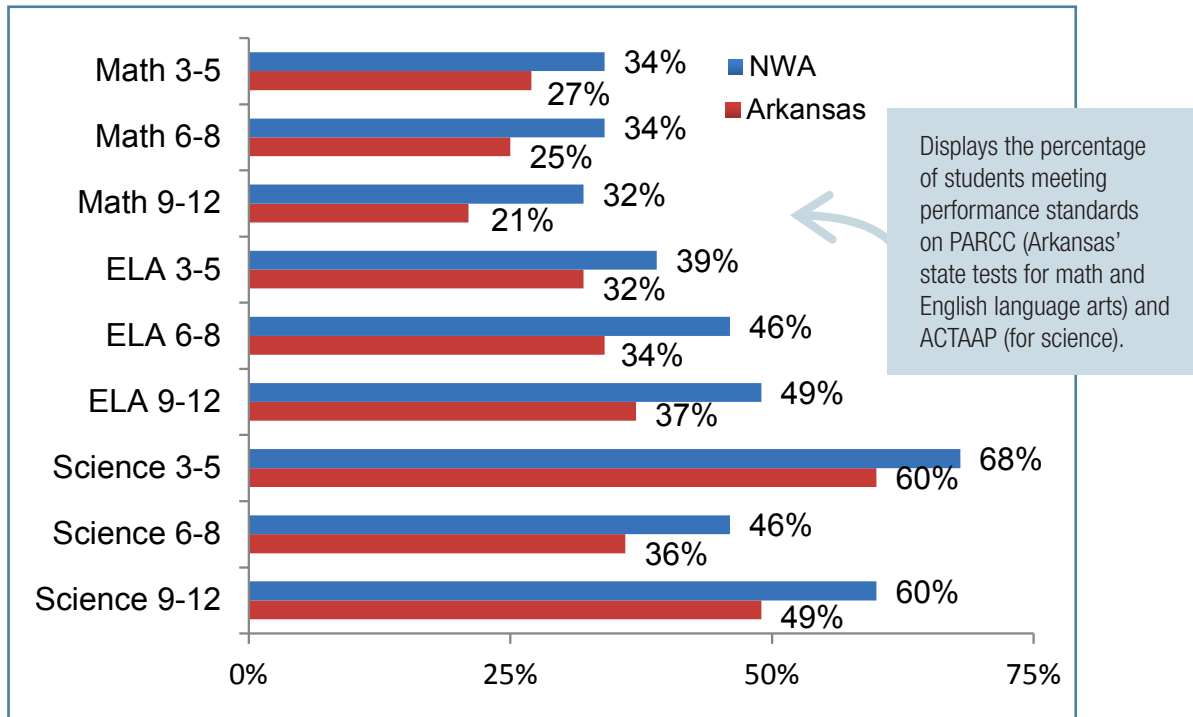
| | NWA | Arkansas |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 59% | 41% |
| Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 46% | 32% |
| ACT Composite Score | 22.2 | 20.8 |

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.

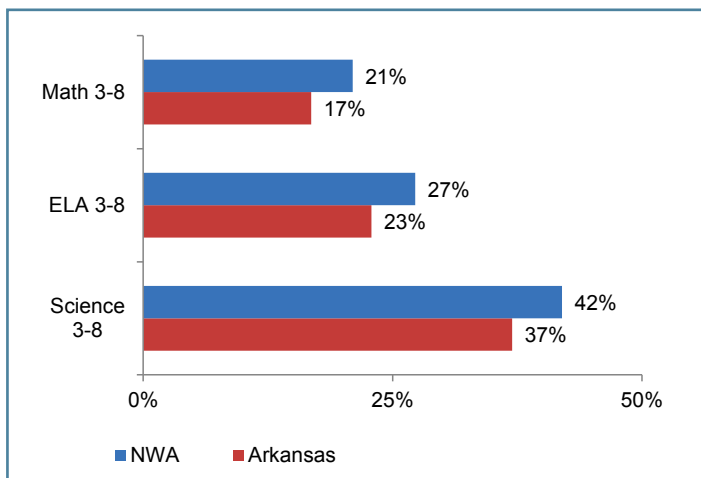
Advanced Placement Participation was calculated by dividing the number of students taking AP exams in 2014-15 by the number of students in 11th and 12th grades. **ACT Composite Score** represents scores from students in grades 9-12.

Northwest Arkansas Region

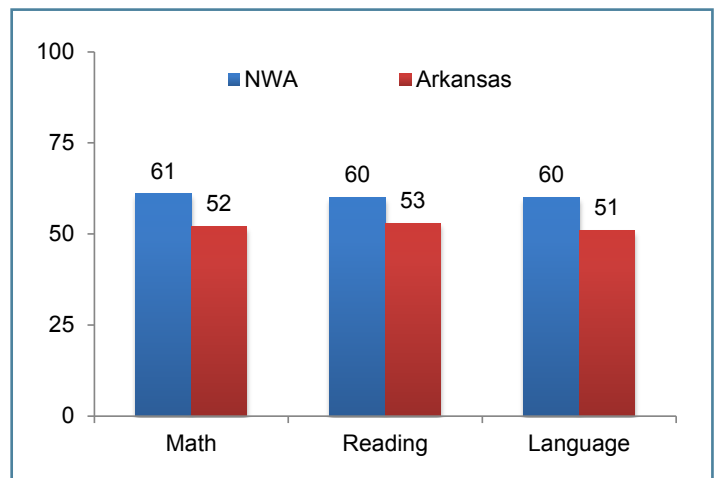
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15



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



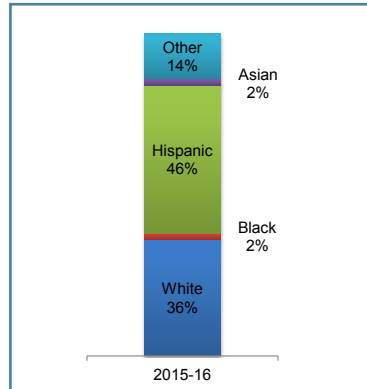
National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15



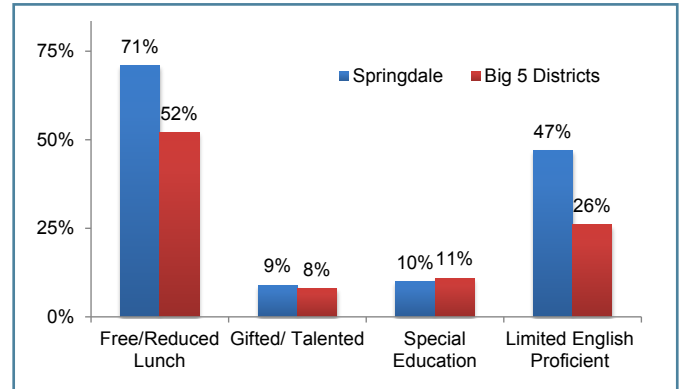
Displays the percentage of At Risk (TAGG) students meeting proficiency standards on PARCC and ACTAAP assessments. Targeted Achievement Gap Group (TAGG) students are students who participate in Free/Reduced lunch programs, are identified as Special Education or Limited English Proficient.

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.

Student Demographics

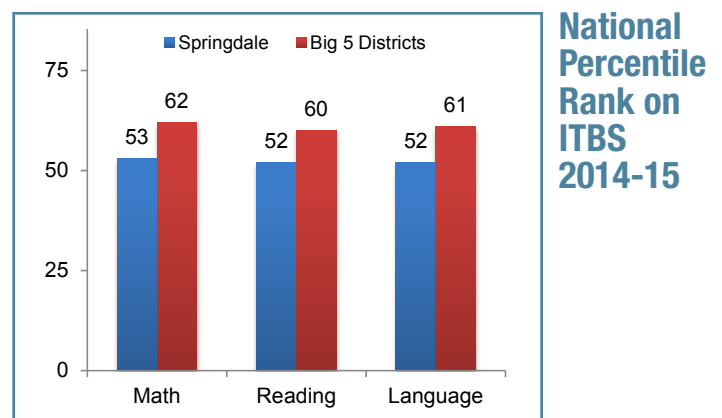
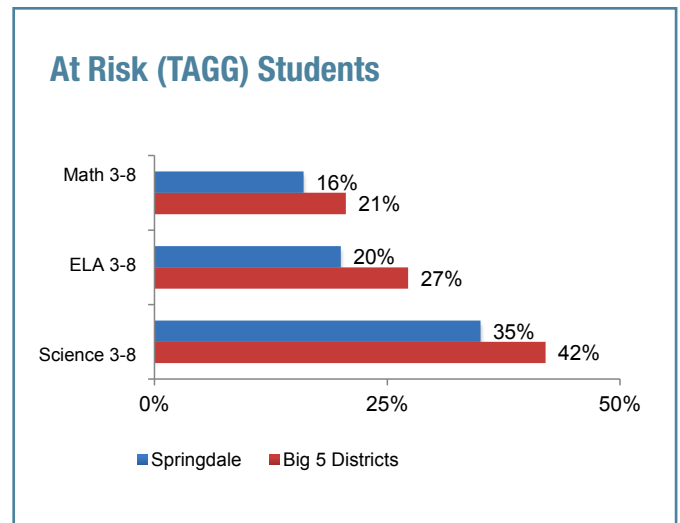
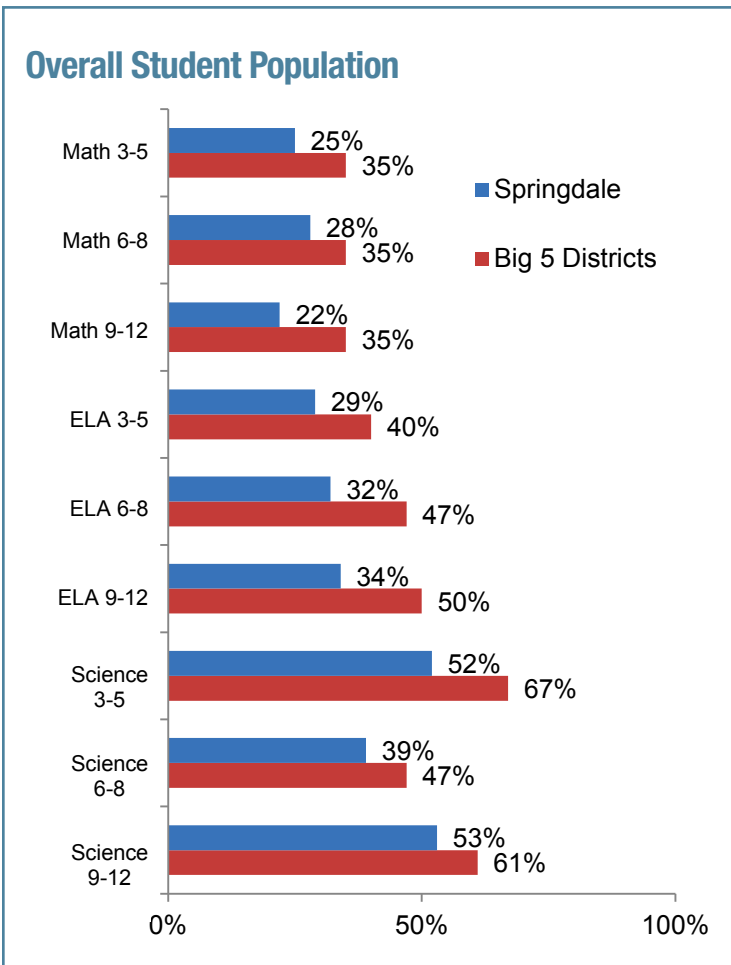


Student Characteristics



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

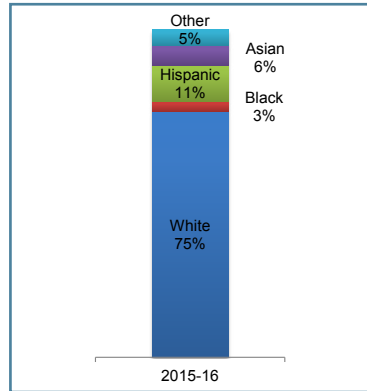
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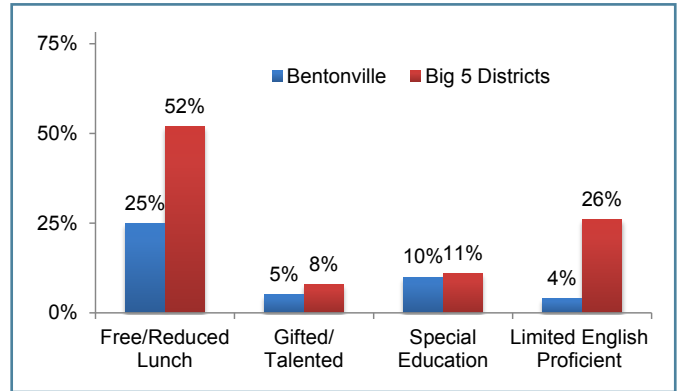
| | Springdale | Big 5 Districts | Springdale | Big 5 Districts |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 86% | 88% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 60% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (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

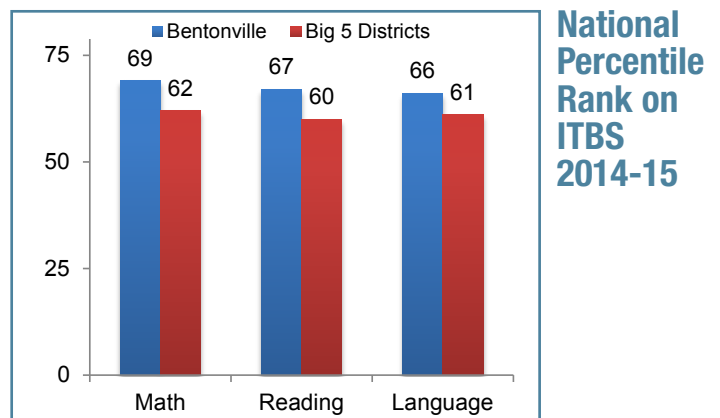
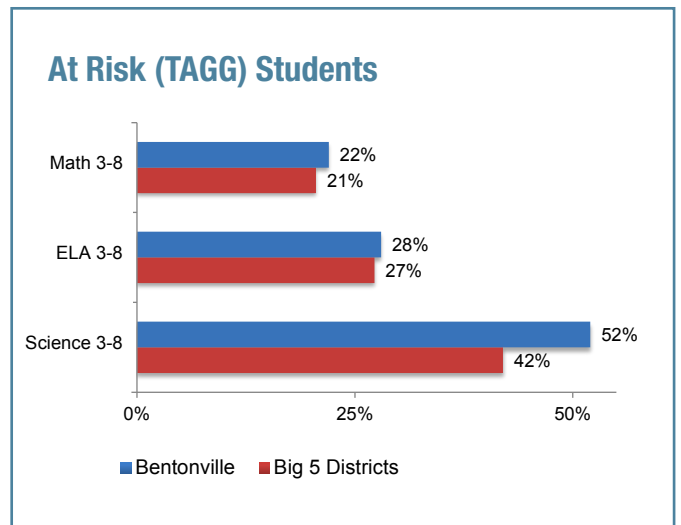
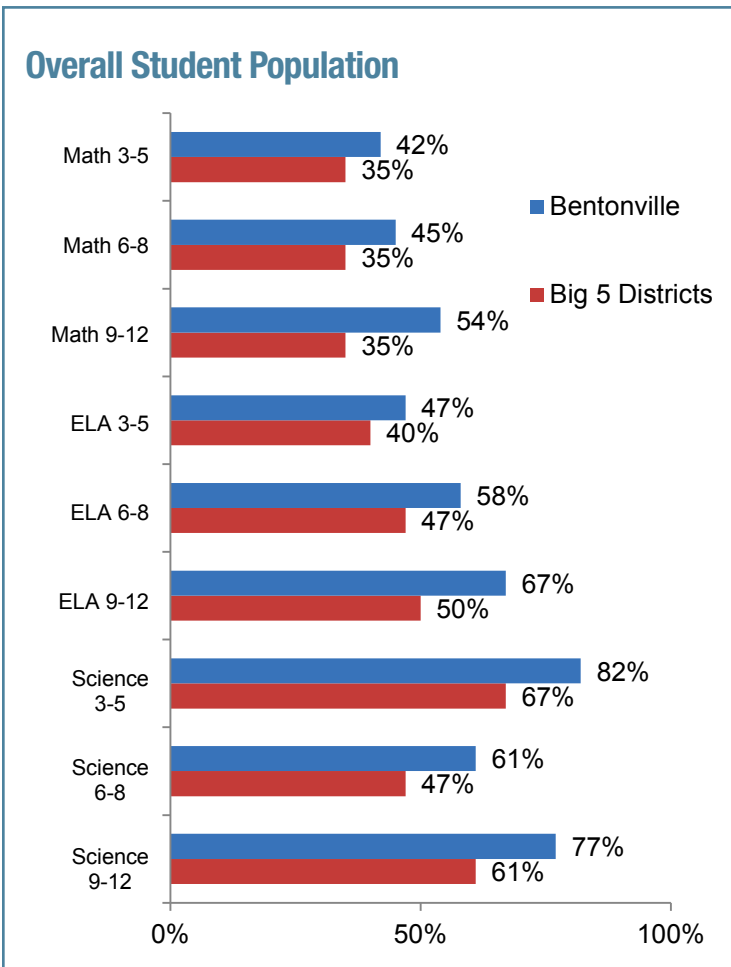
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



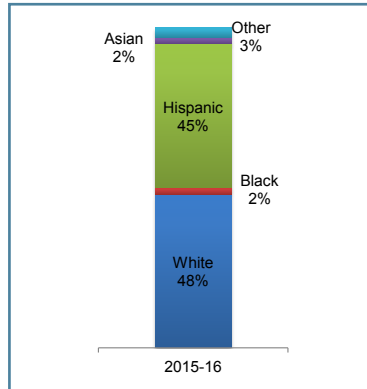
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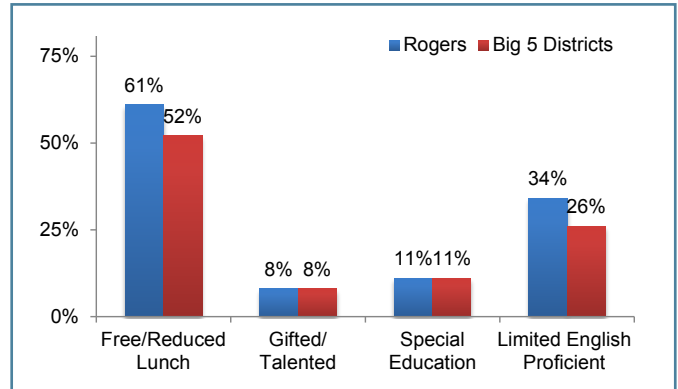
| | Bentonville | Big 5 Districts | Bentonville | Big 5 Districts |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 89% | 88% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 67% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 75% | 85% | Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 59% |
| 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

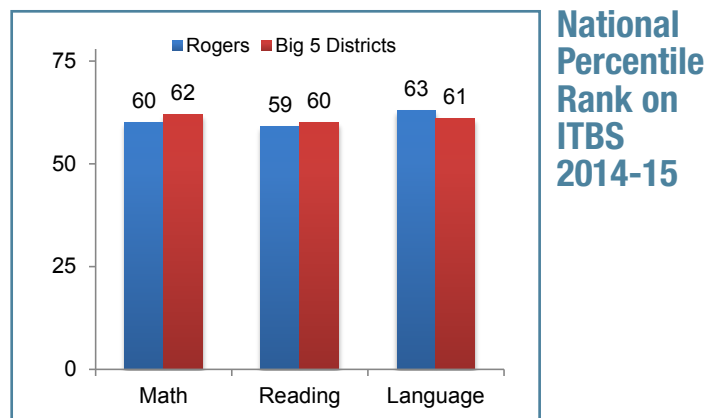
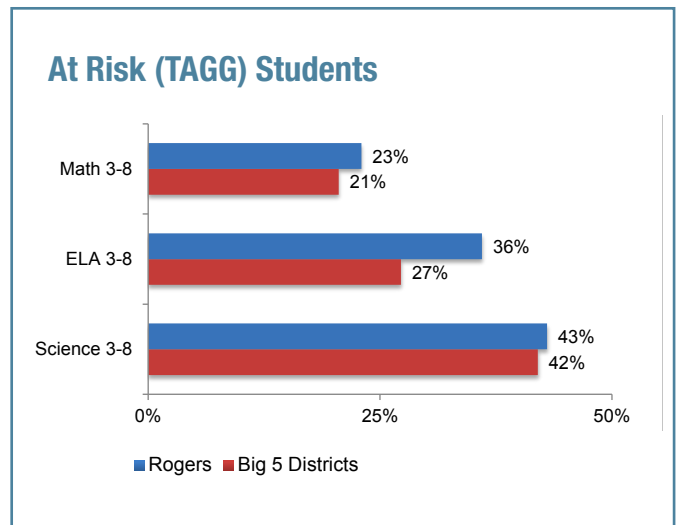
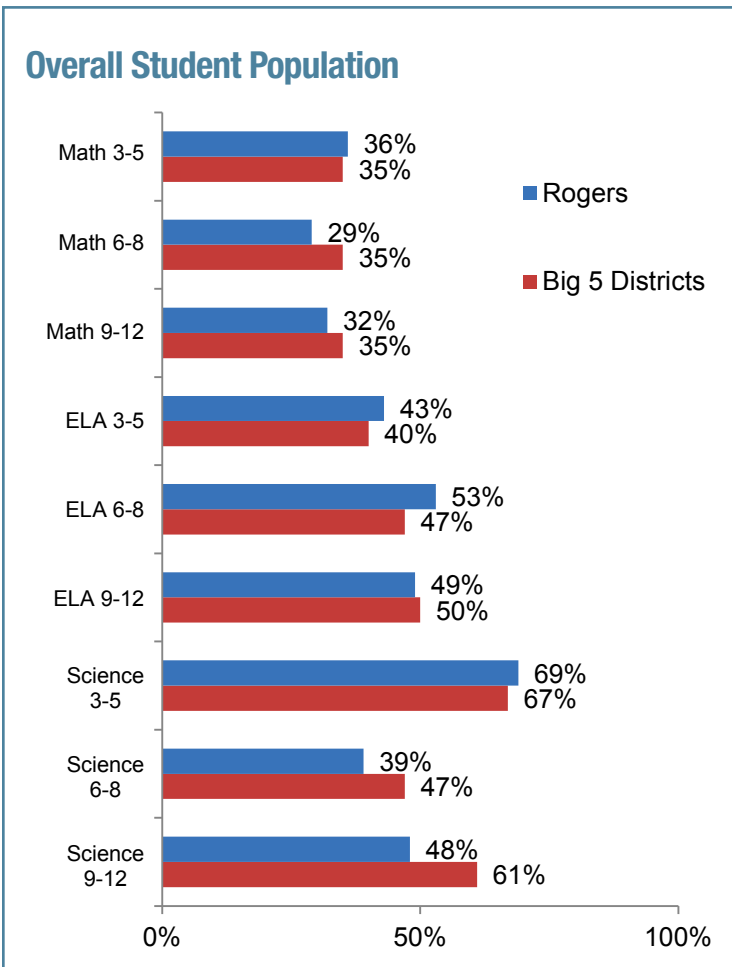
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



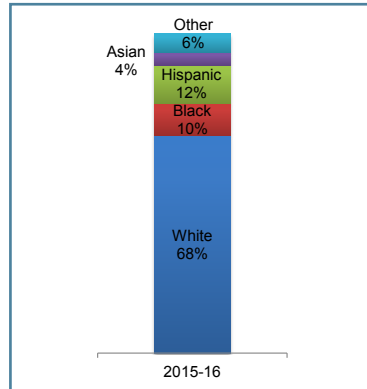
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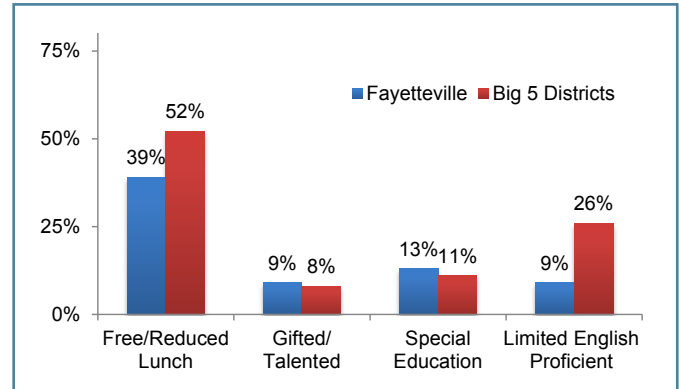
| | Rogers | Big 5 Districts | Rogers | Big 5 Districts |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 92% | 88% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 70% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 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

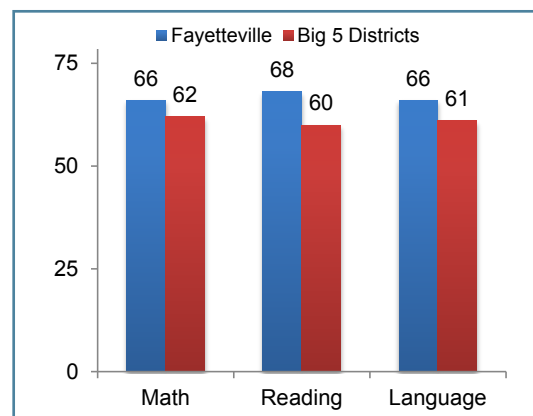
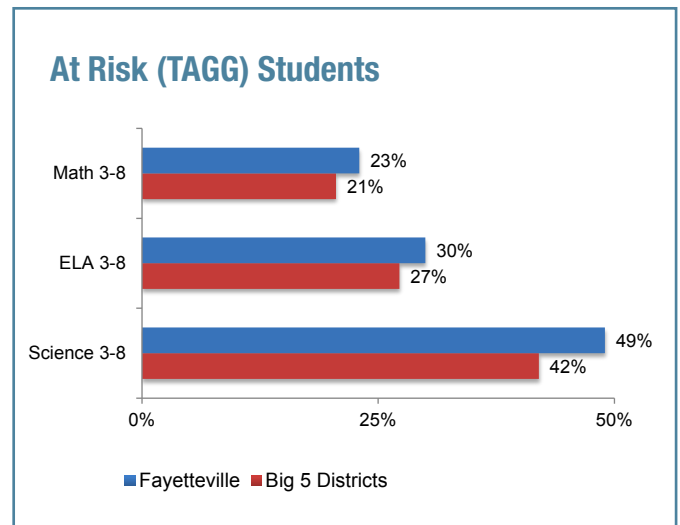
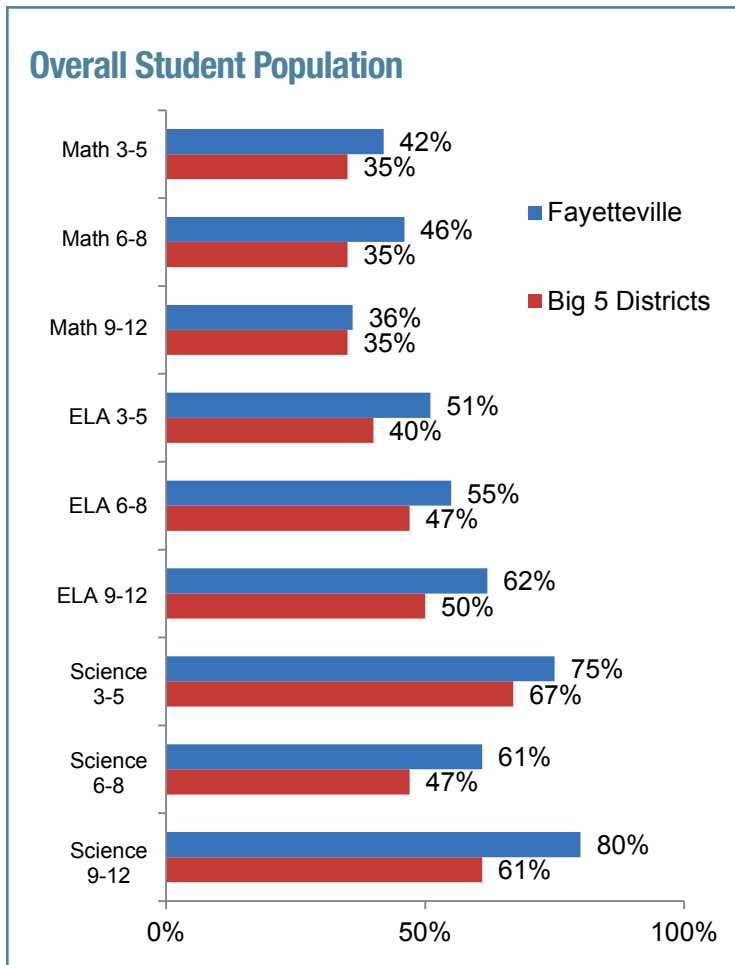
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

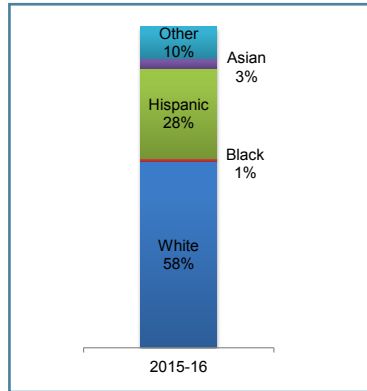


National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15

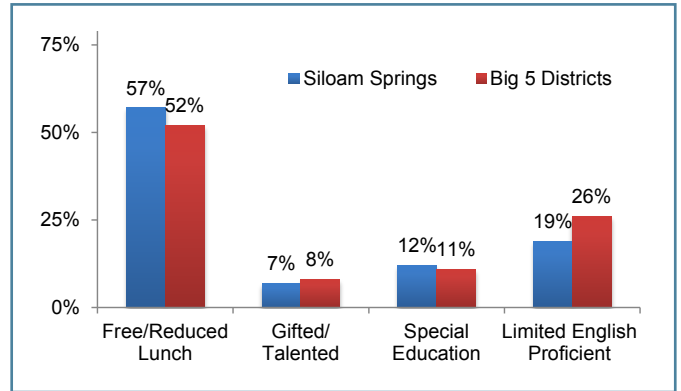
| | Fayetteville | Big 5 Districts | Fayetteville | Big 5 Districts |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 80% | 88% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 57% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 73% | 85% | Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 67% |
| Per Pupil Expenditure | \$10,452 | \$9,362 | ACT Composite Score | 24.1 |
| | | | | 22.3 |

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

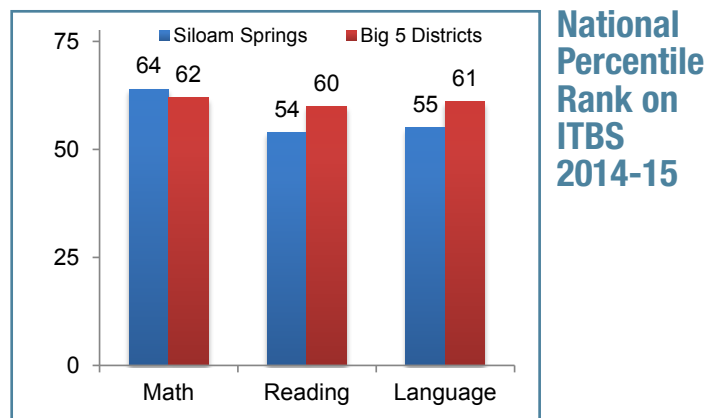
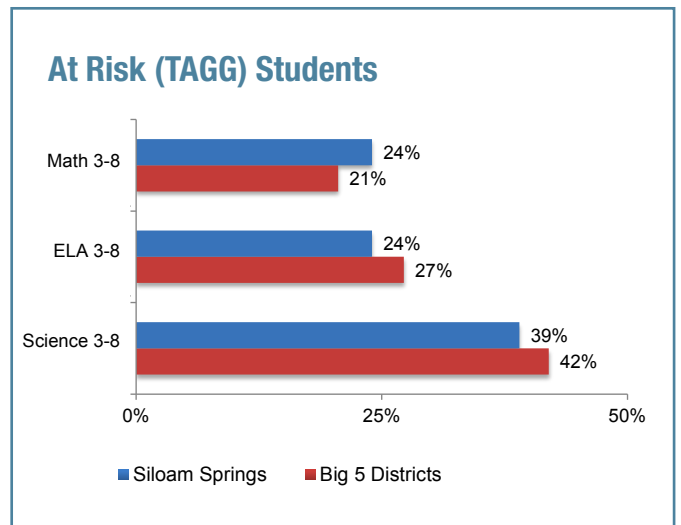
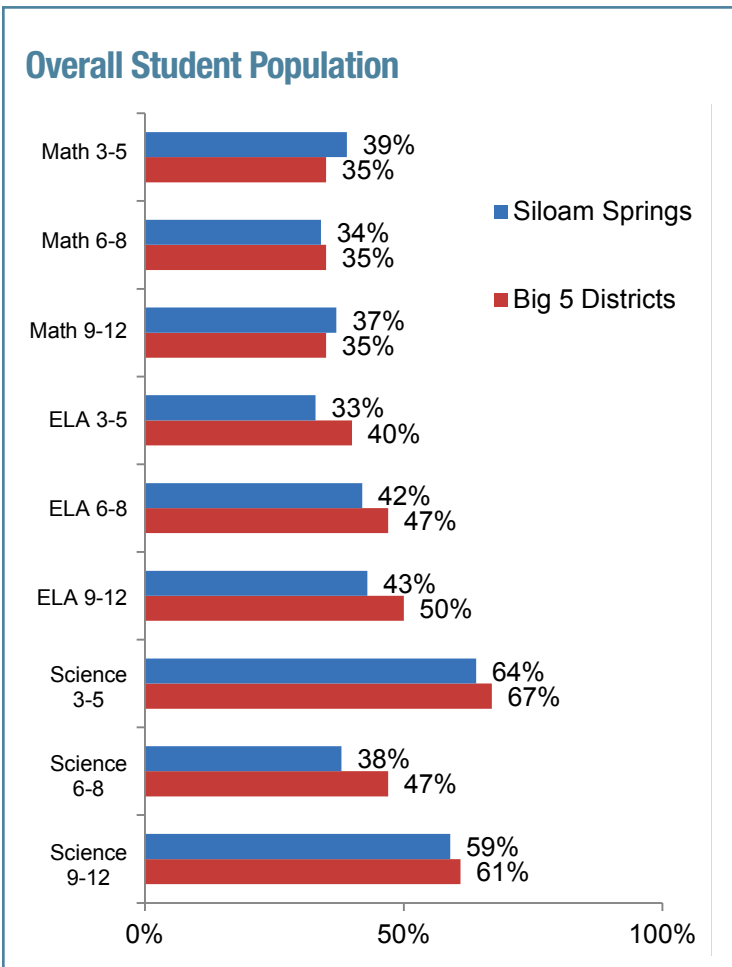
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Student Characteristics



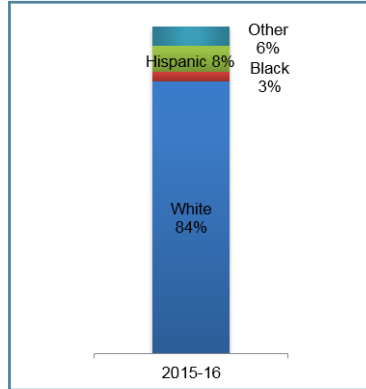
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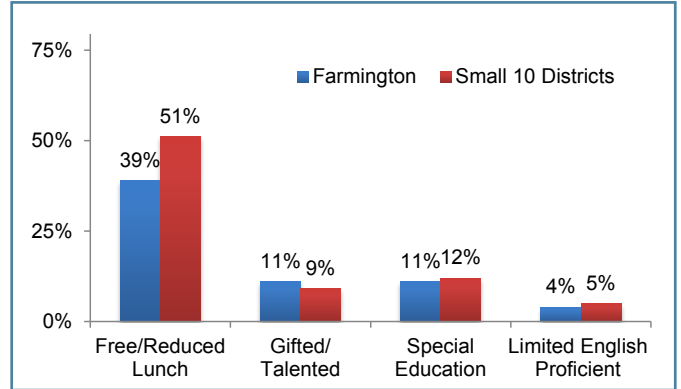
| | Siloam Springs | Big 5 Districts | Siloam Springs | Big 5 Districts | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 89% | 88% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 34% | 62% |
| 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

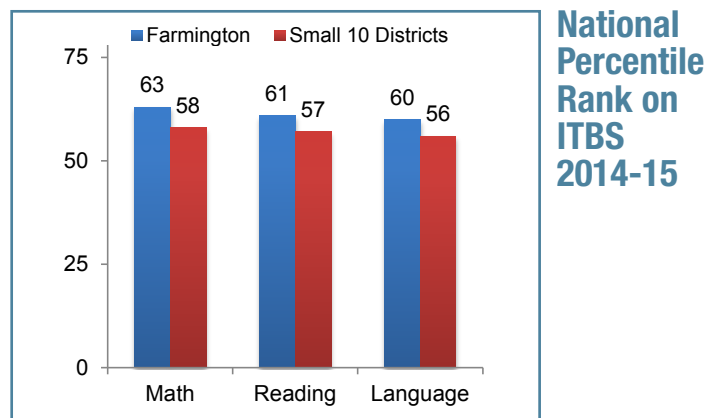
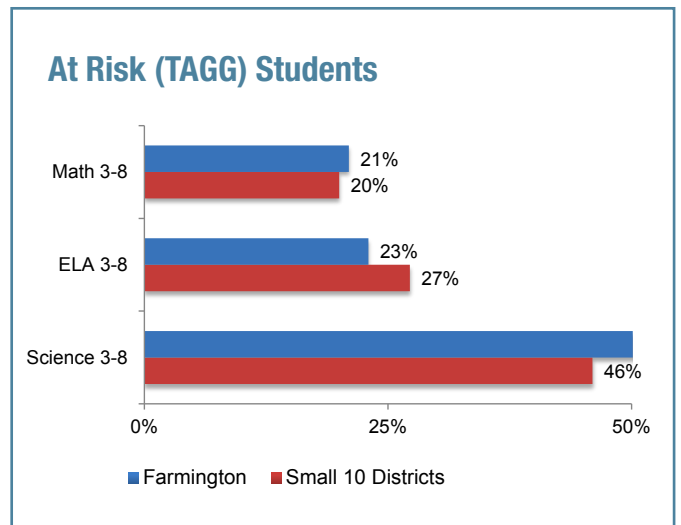
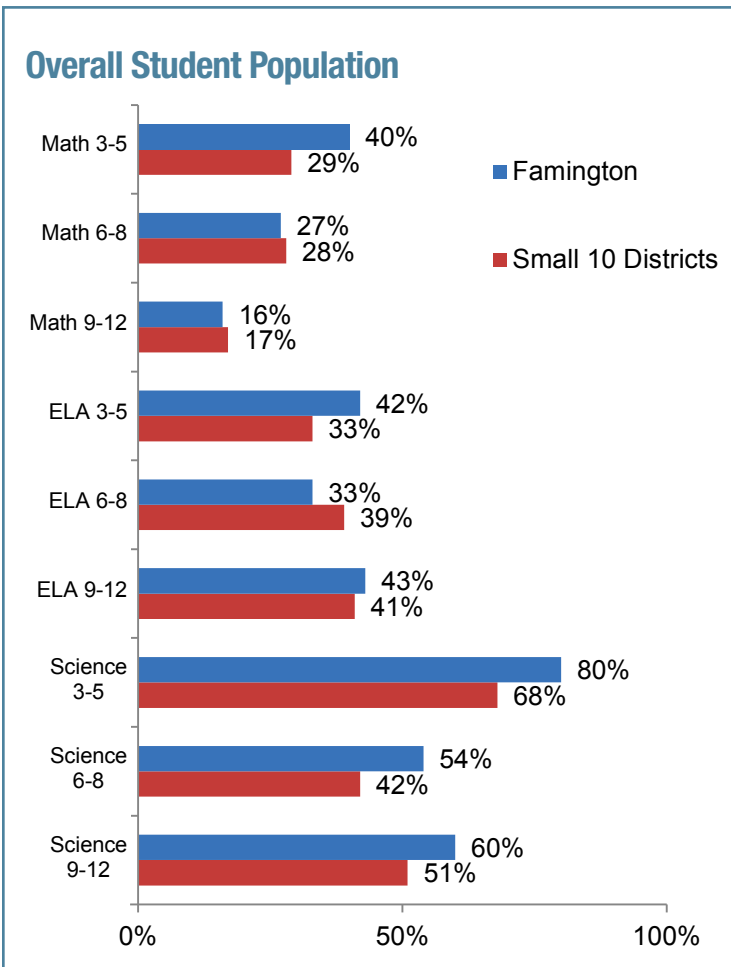
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Student Characteristics



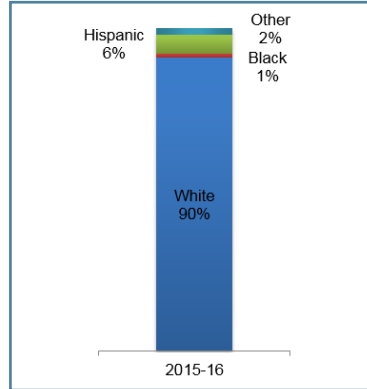
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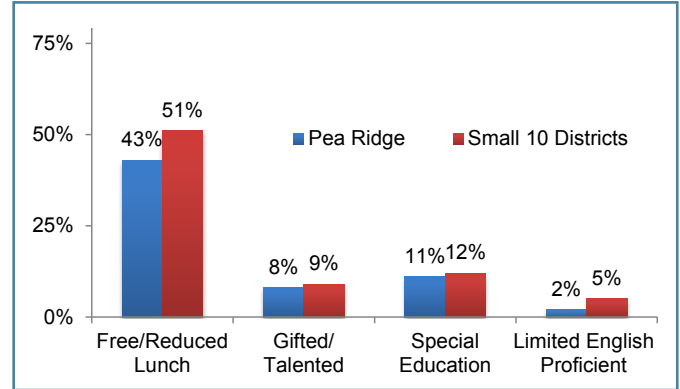
| | Farmington | Small 10 | Farmington | Small 10 |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 94% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 52% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 88% | 87% | Advanced 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

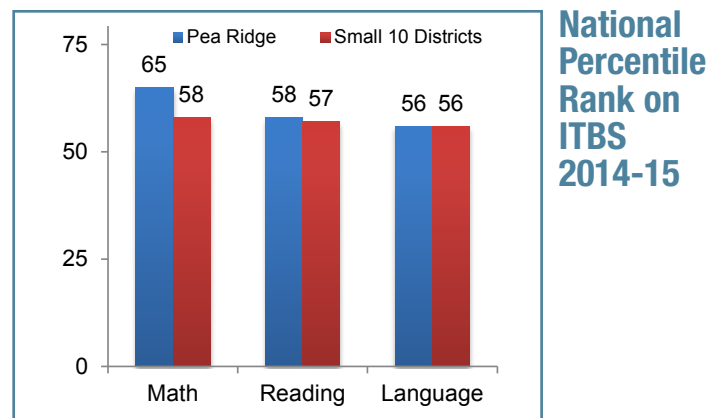
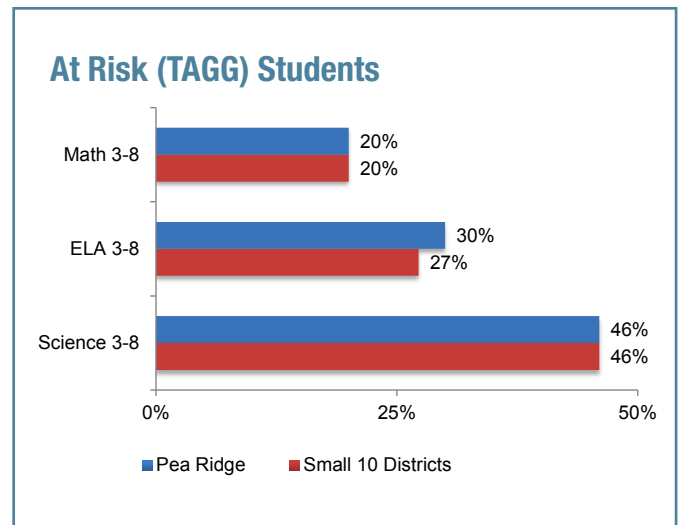
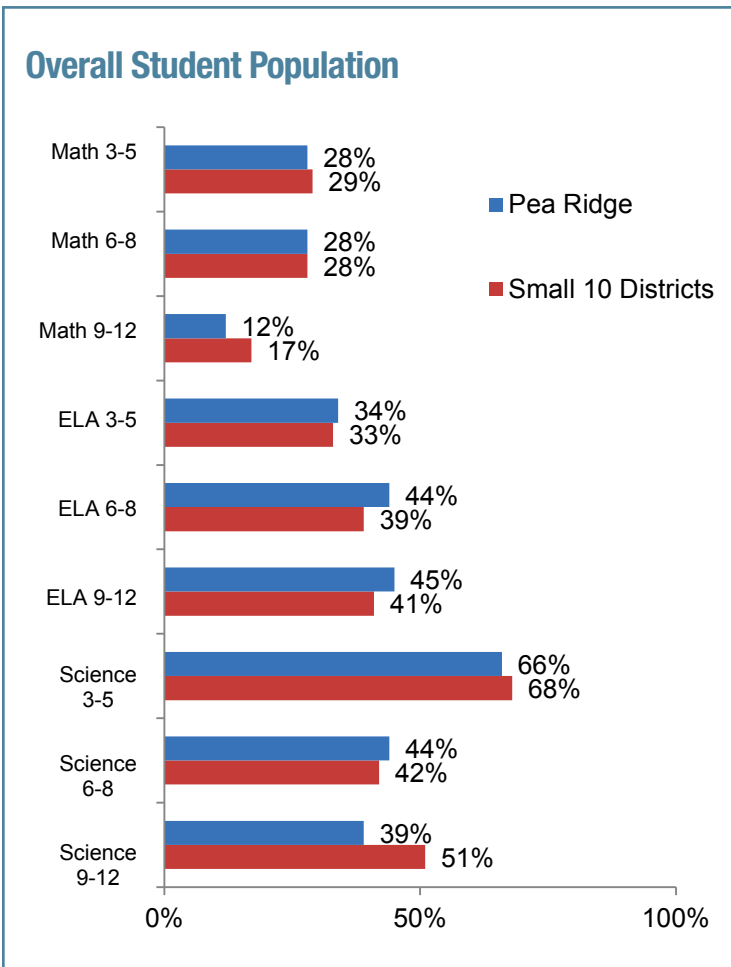
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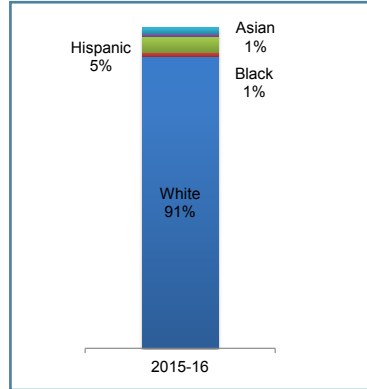
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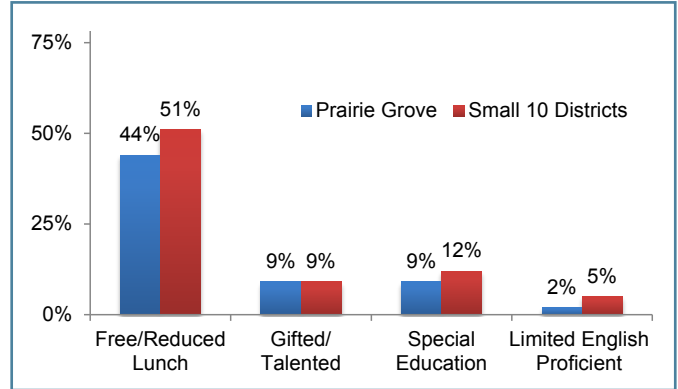
| | Pea Ridge | Small 10 | Pea Ridge | Small 10 |
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| Graduation Rate: Overall | 88% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 68% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 83% | 87% | Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 21% |
| Per Pupil Expenditure | \$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

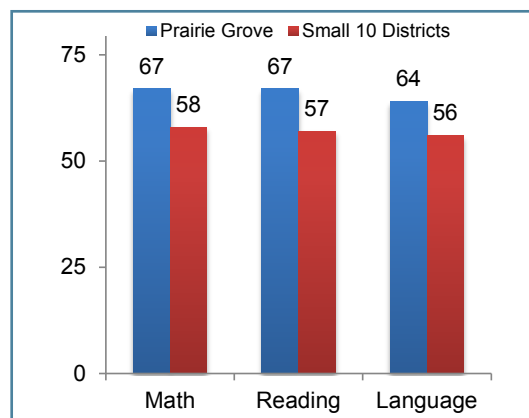
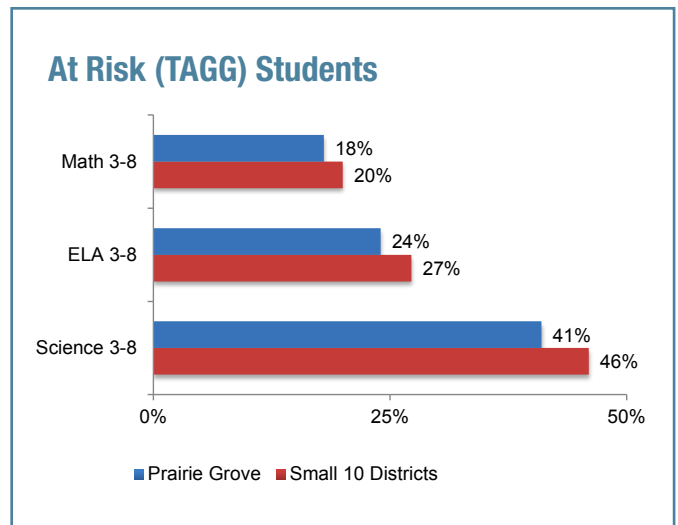
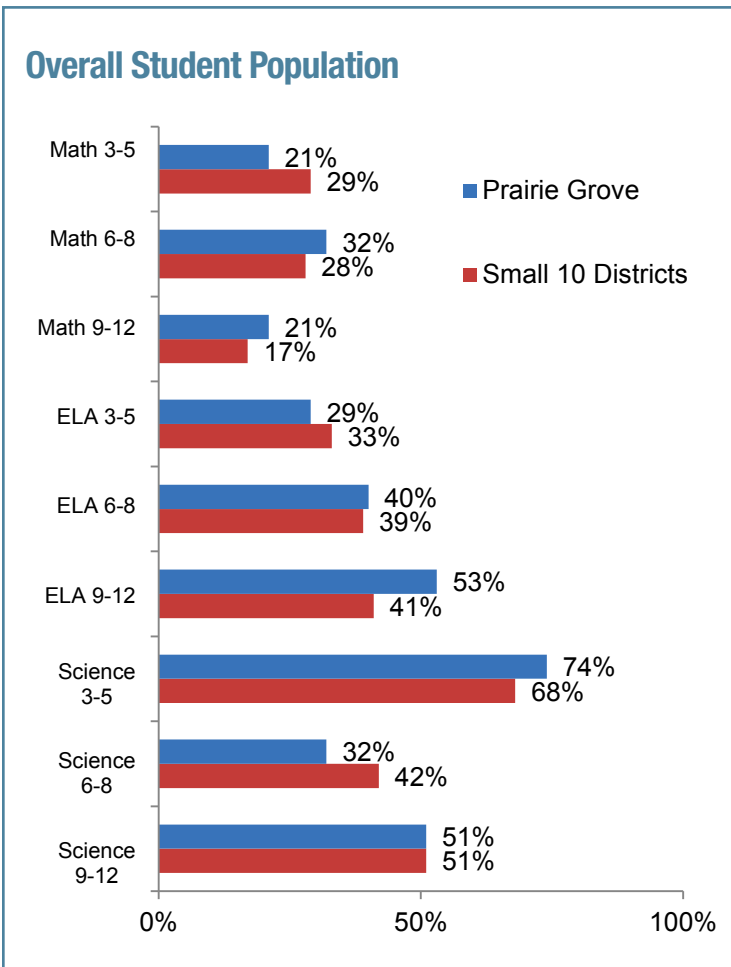
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Student Characteristics



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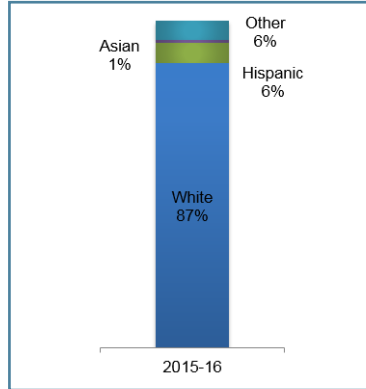


National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15

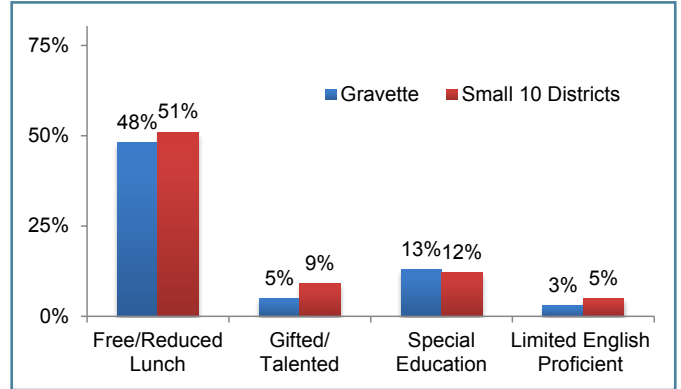
| | Prairie Grove | Small 10 | Prairie Grove | Small 10 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 93% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 89% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 90% | 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

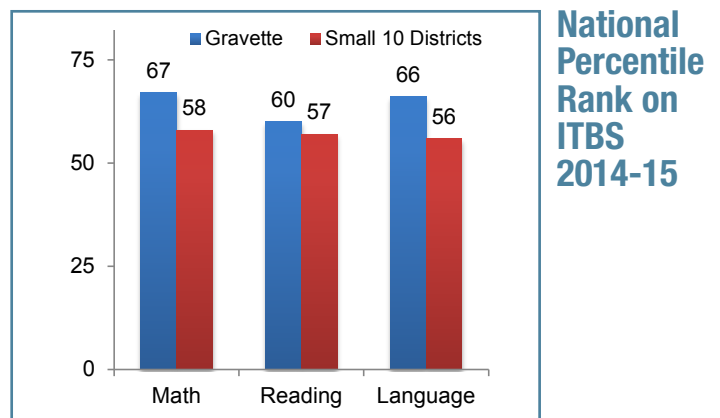
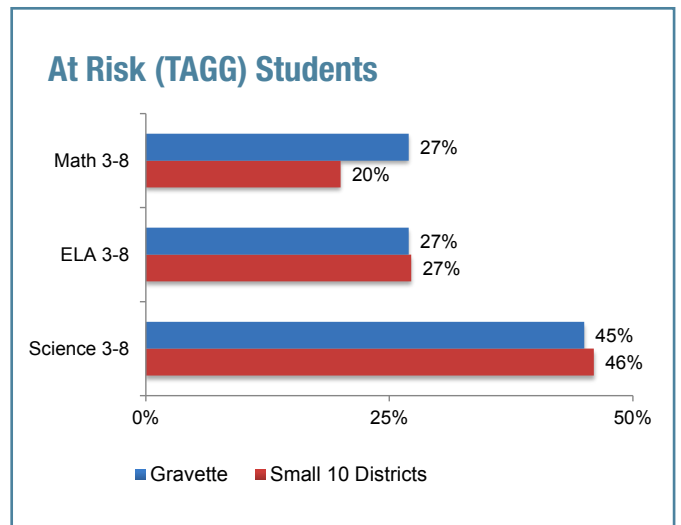
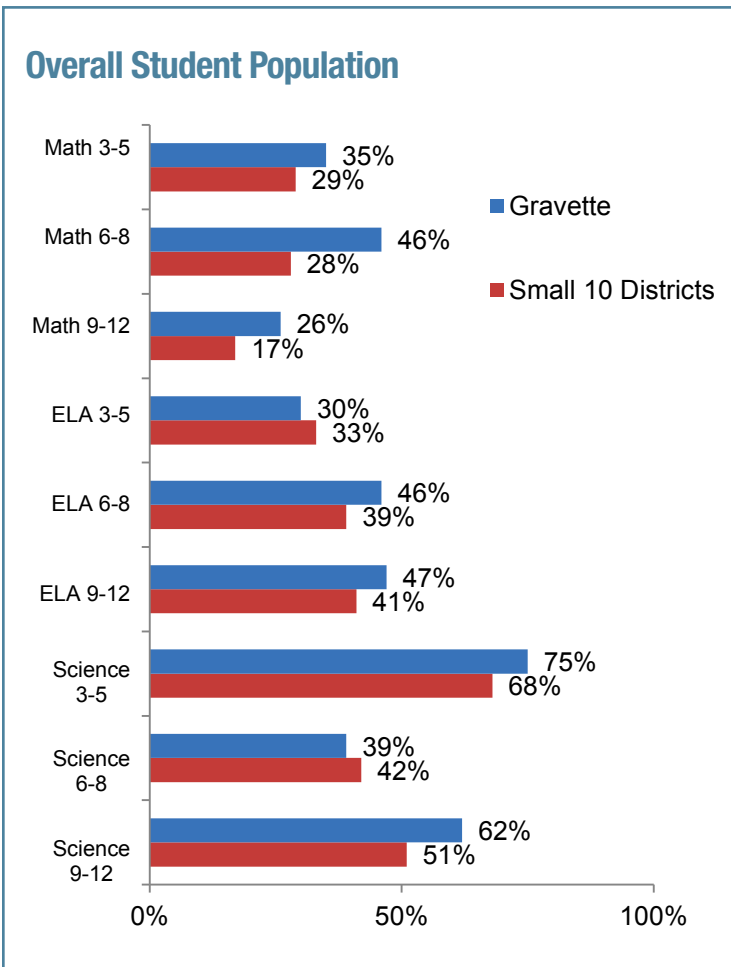
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



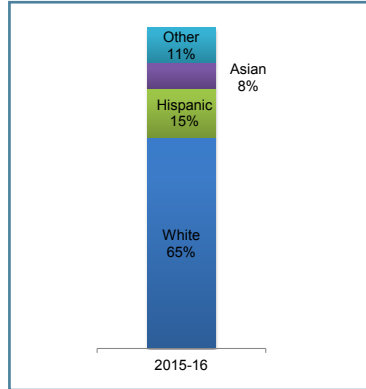
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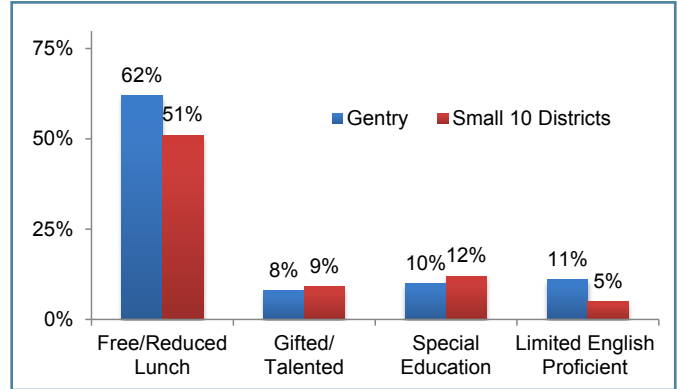
| | Gravette | Small 10 | Gravette | Small 10 | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 83% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 32% | 41% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 73% | 87% | Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 22% | 27% |
| 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

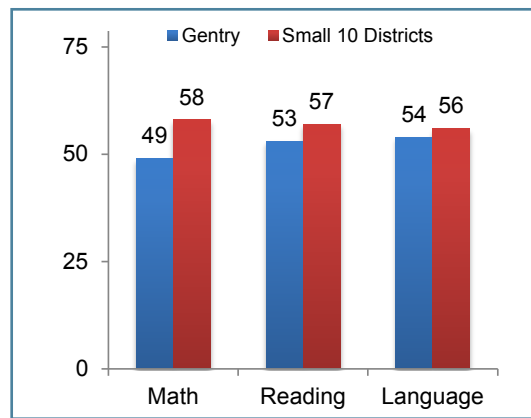
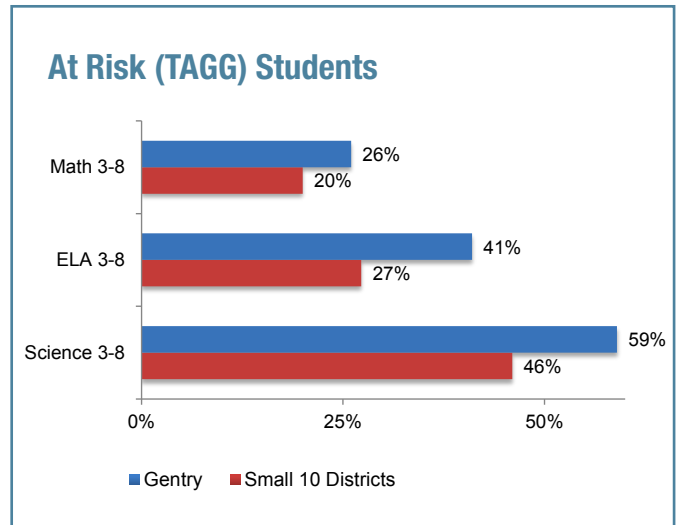
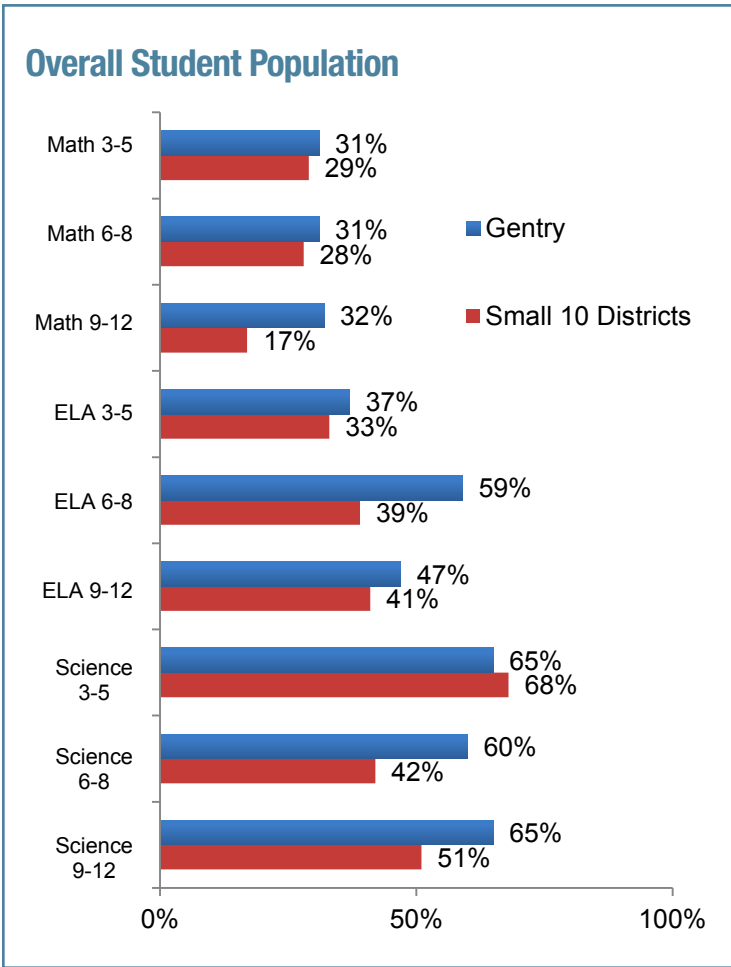
Student Demographics



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.



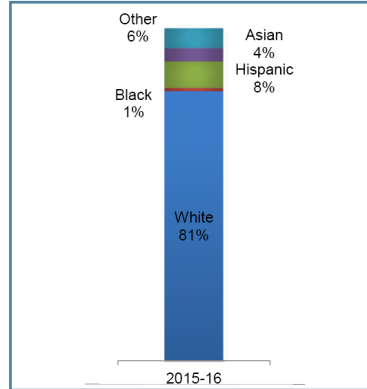
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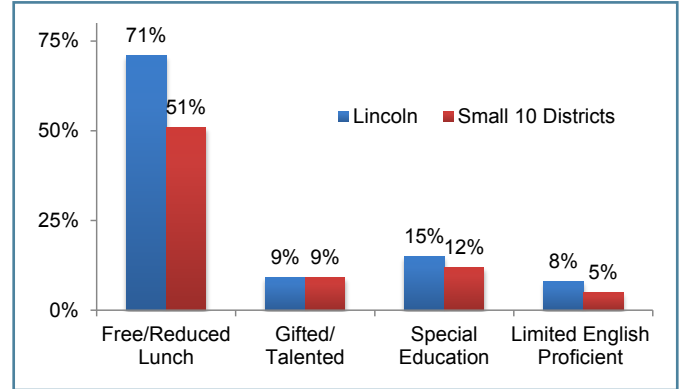
Arkansas Arts Academy

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



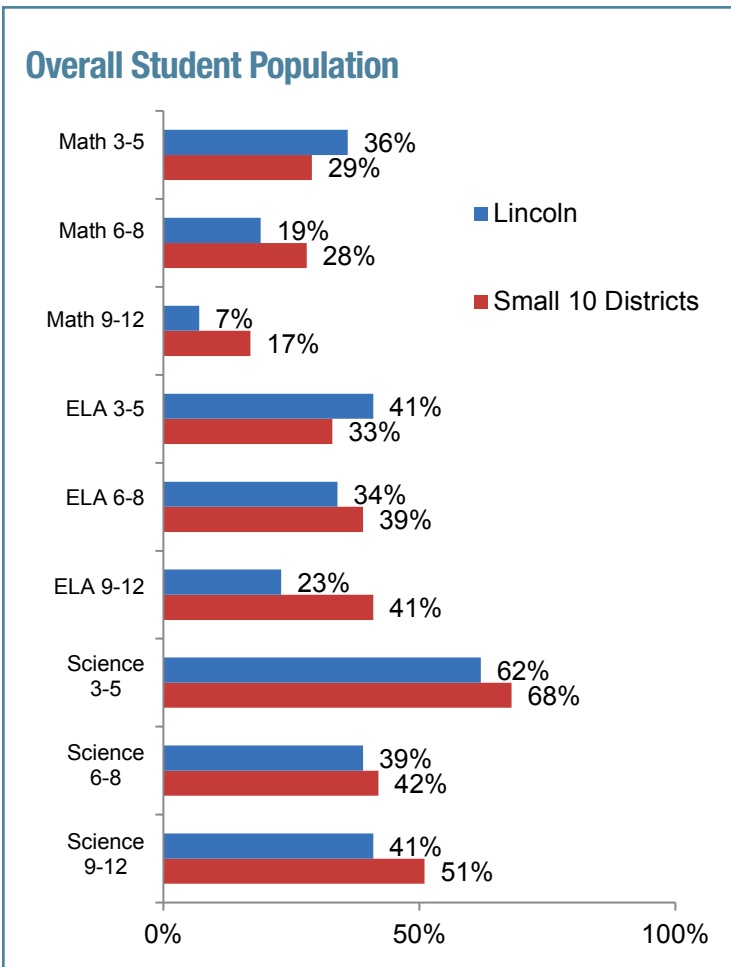
Student Characteristics



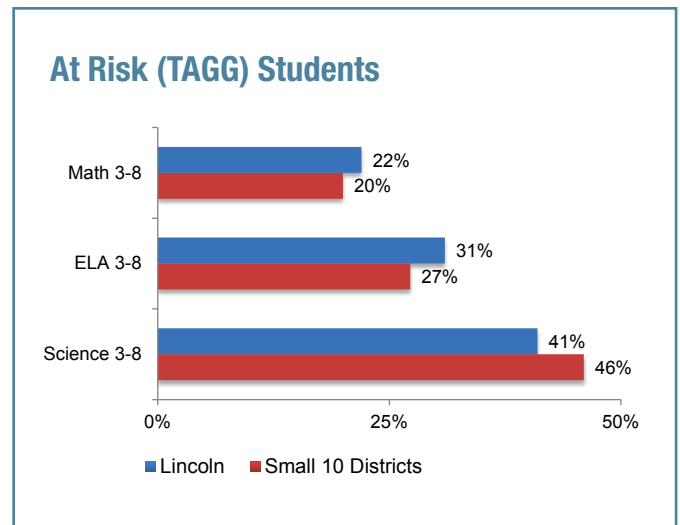
Total Enrollment
1,203
% change since 2004
3%
Student:Teacher Ratio
14:1

Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

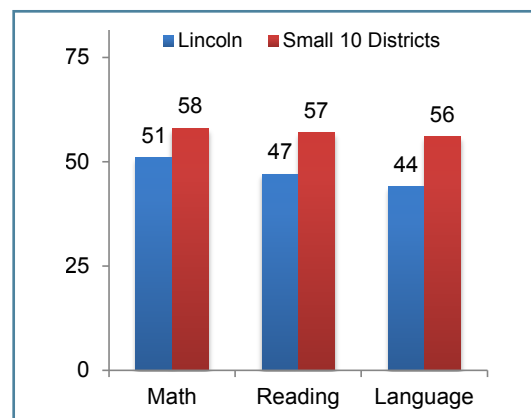
Overall Student Population



At Risk (TAGG) Students



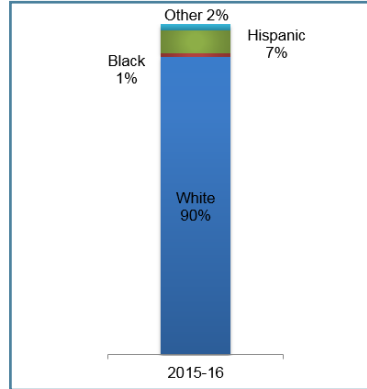
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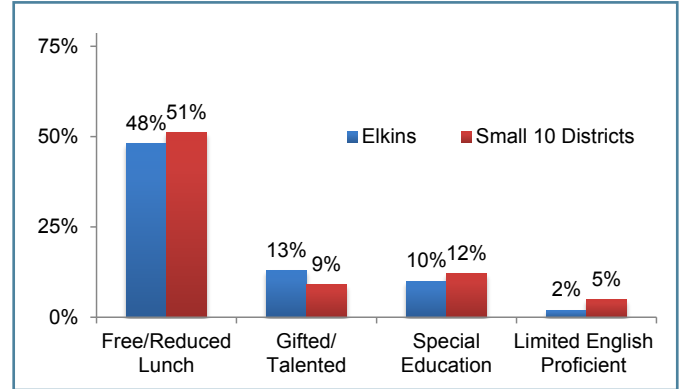
| | Lincoln | Small 10 | Lincoln | Small 10 |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 90% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 7% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 90% | 87% | Advanced Placement 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

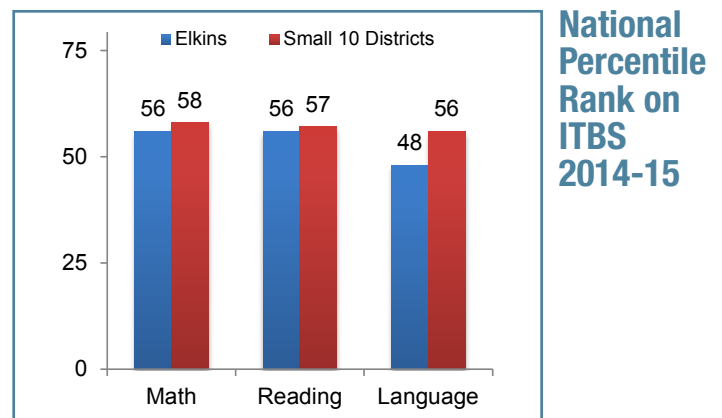
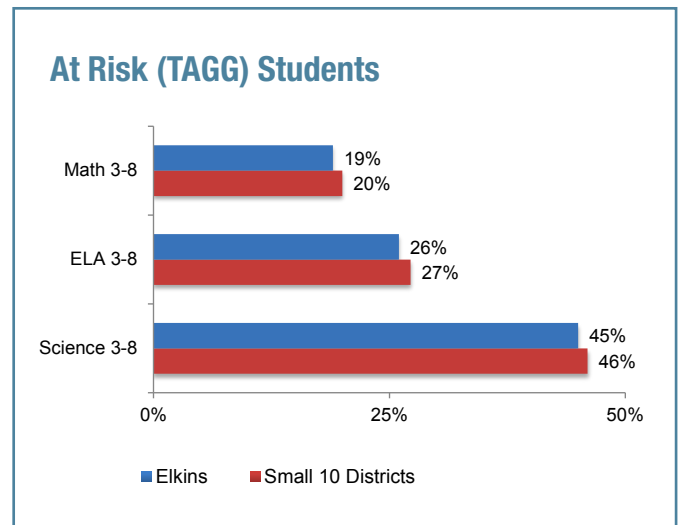
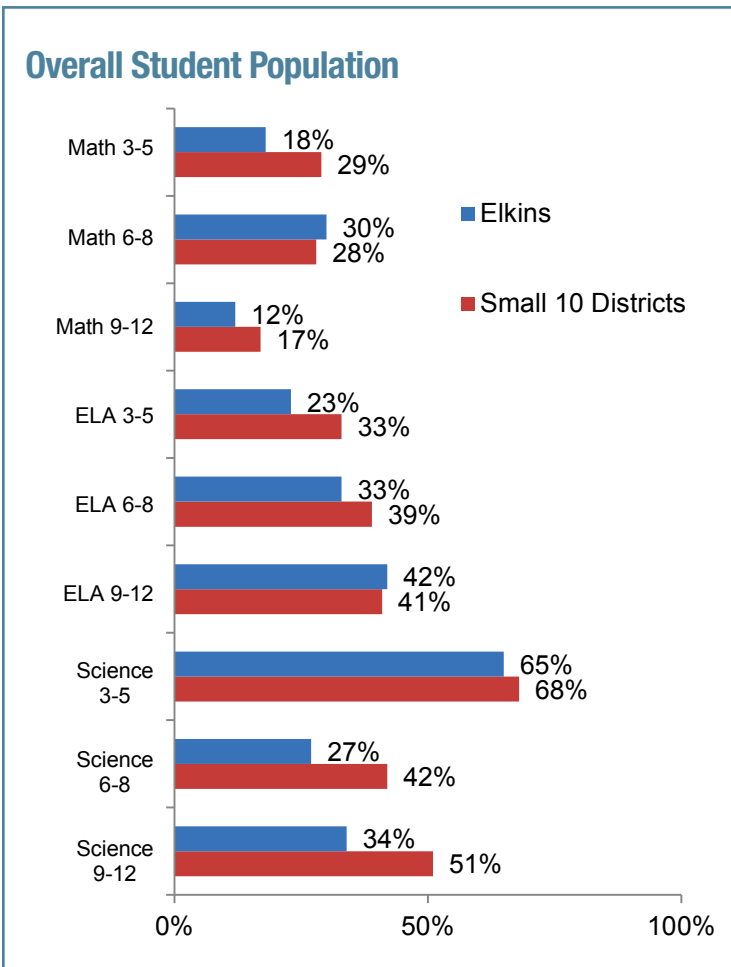
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



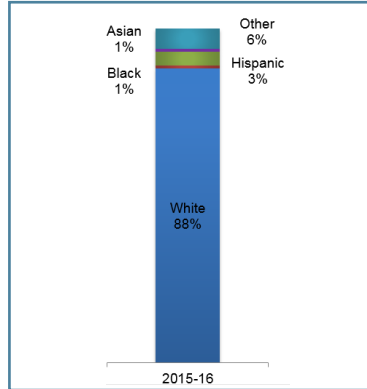
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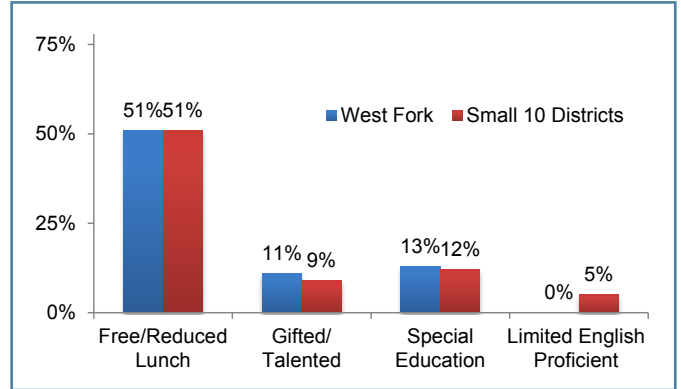
| | Elkins | Small 10 | Elkins | Small 10 |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 96% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 27% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 96% | 87% | Advanced Placement 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

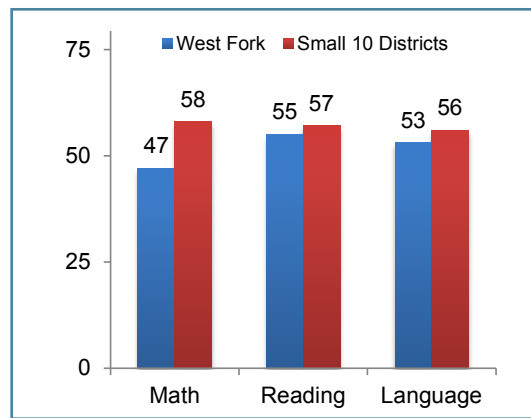
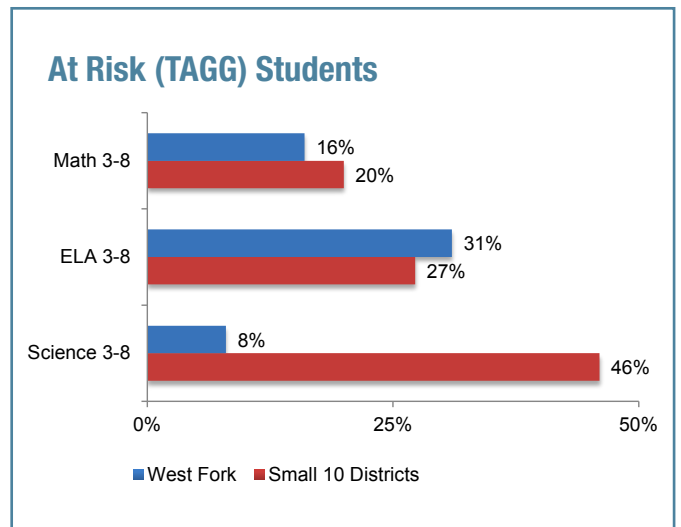
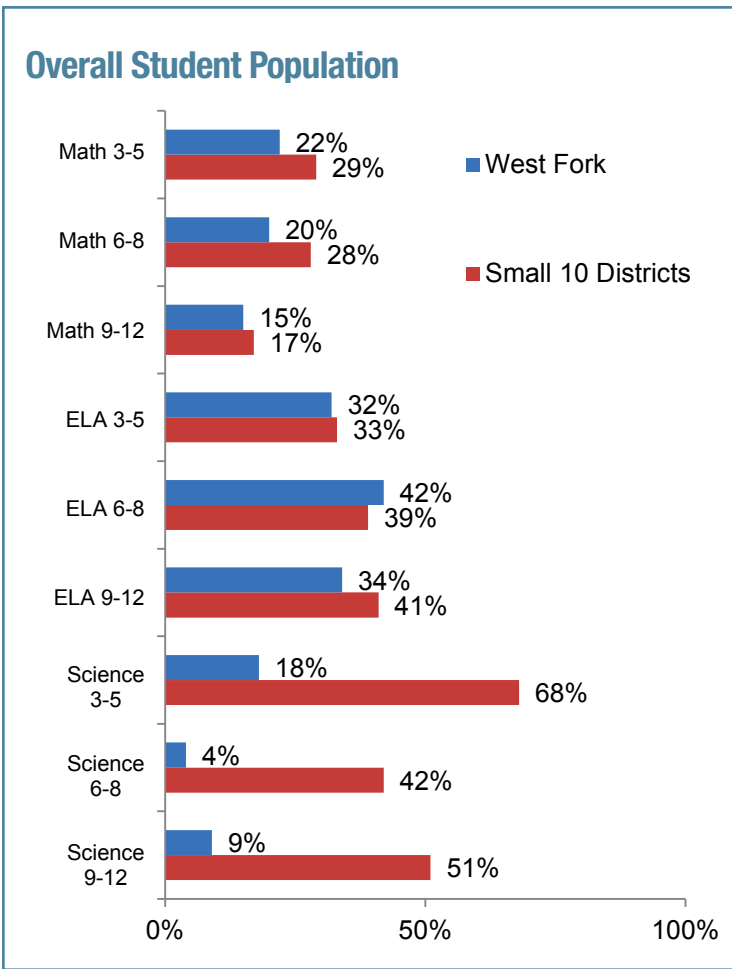
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

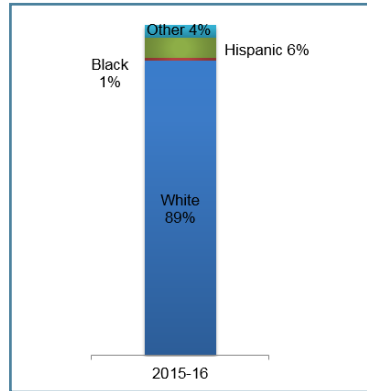


National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15

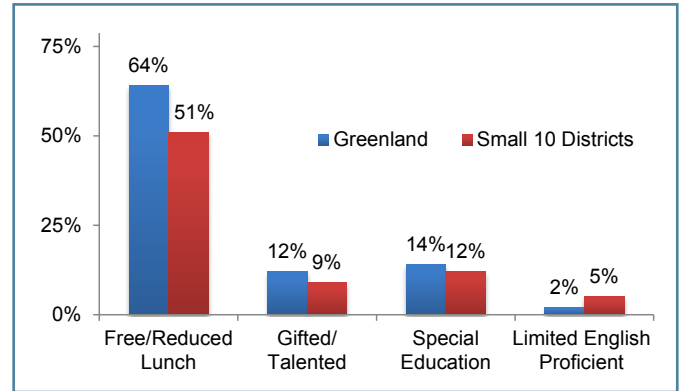
| | West Fork | Small 10 | West Fork | Small 10 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 91% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 30% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 88% | 87% | Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 32% |
| Per Pupil Expenditure | \$9,299 | \$8,820 | ACT Composite Score | 21.3 |

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

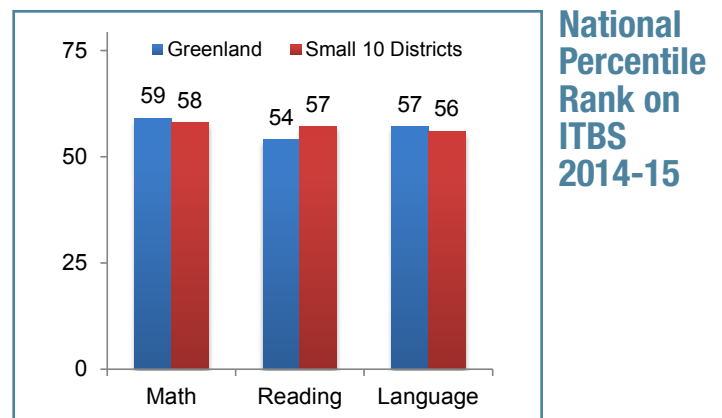
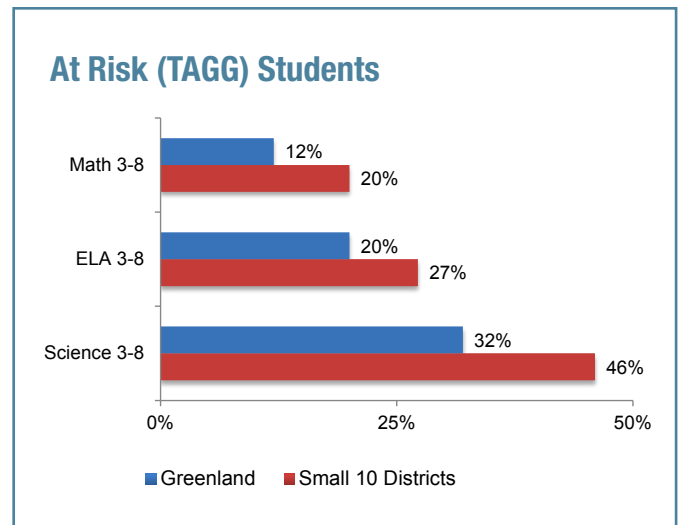
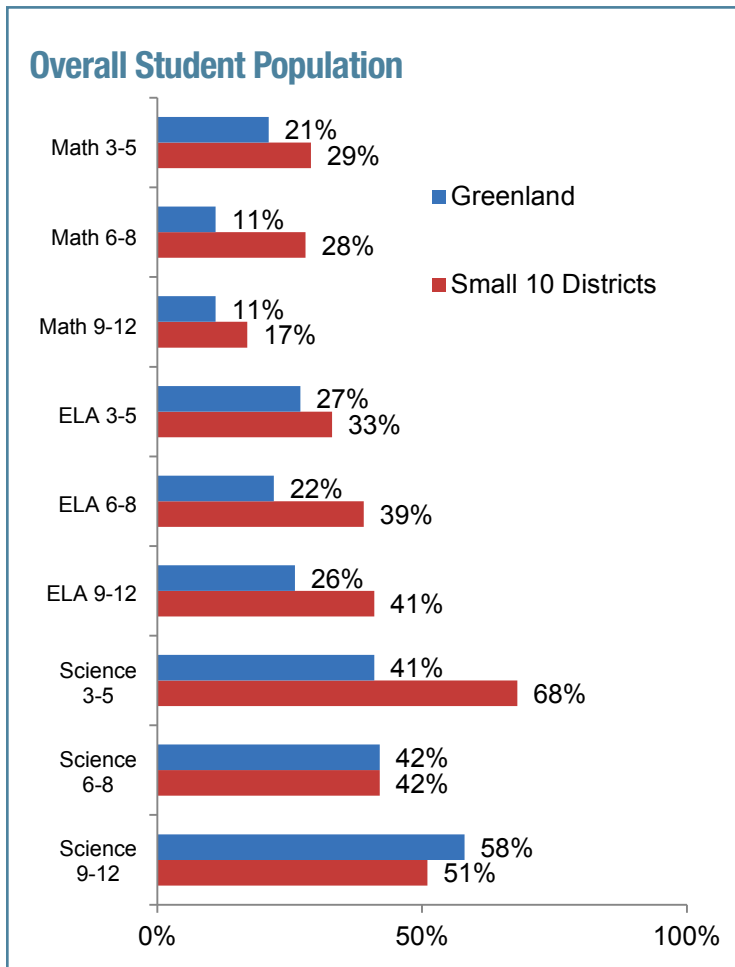
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



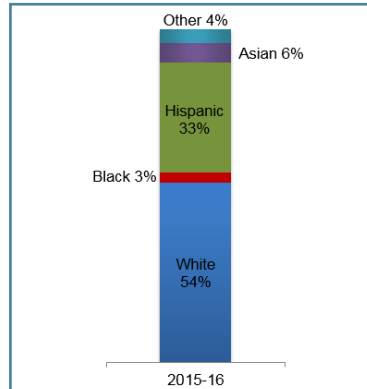
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15



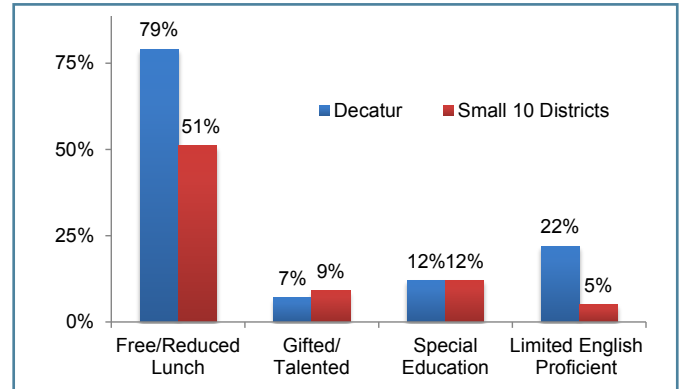
| | Greenland | Small 10 | Greenland | Small 10 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 90% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 15% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 84% | 87% | Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 19% |
| Per Pupil Expenditure | \$9,252 | \$8,820 | ACT Composite Score | 22.0 |
| | | | | 41% |
| | | | | 27% |
| | | | | 21.3 |

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

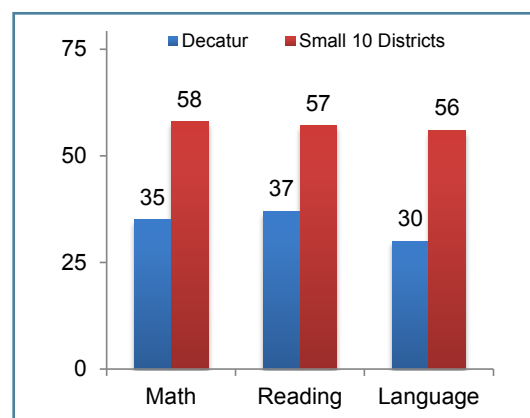
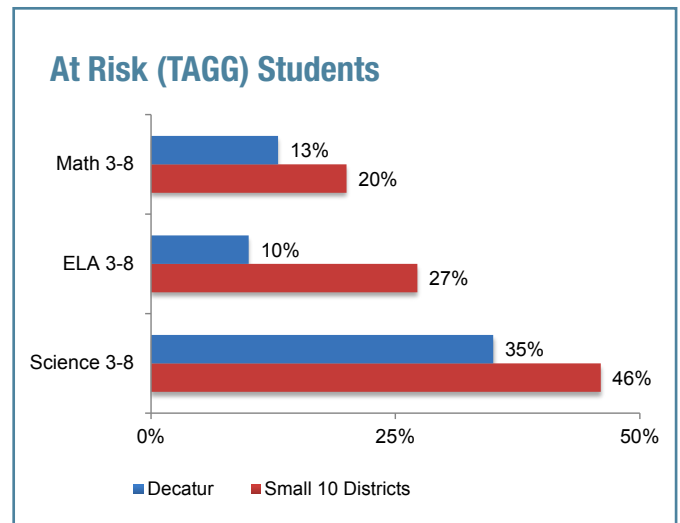
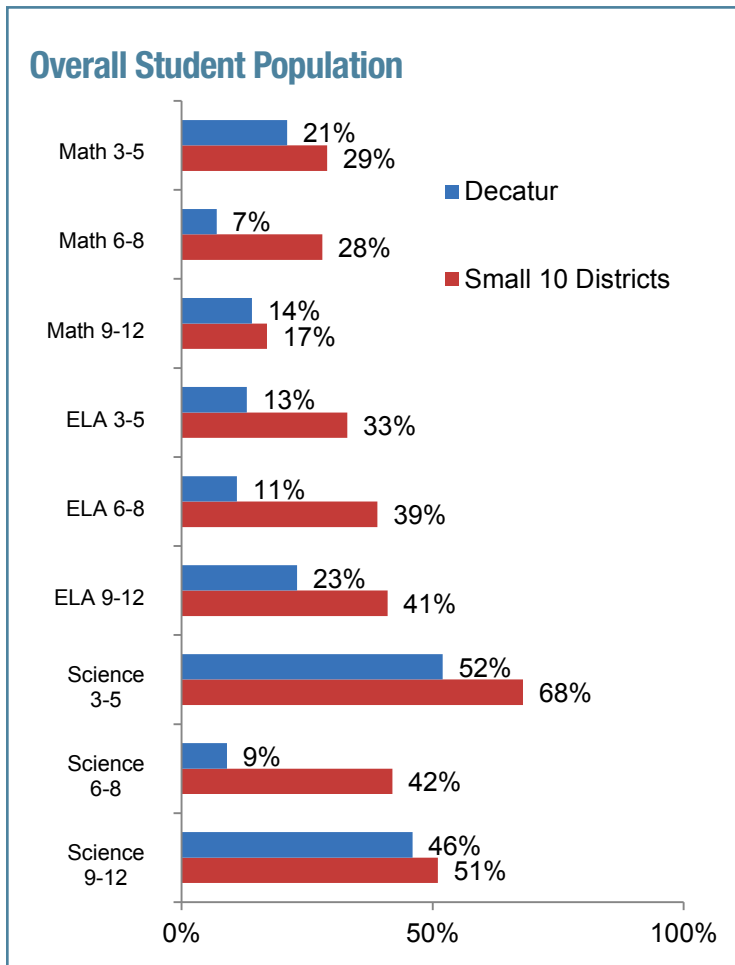
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

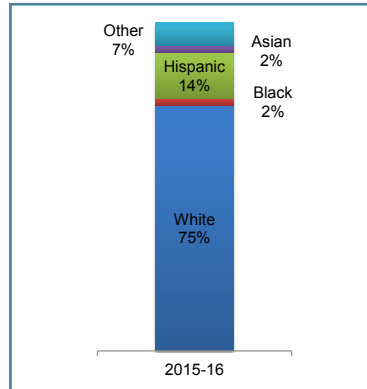


National Percentile Rank on ITBS 2014-15

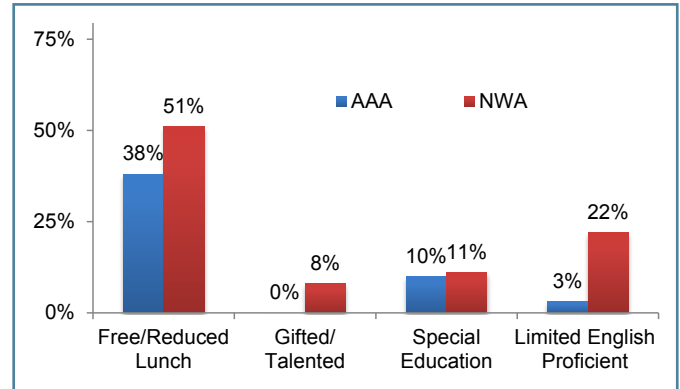
| | Decatur | Small 10 | Decatur | Small 10 |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 82% | 90% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 25% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 90% | 87% | Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 5% |
| Per Pupil Expenditure | \$10,205 | \$8,820 | ACT Composite Score | 18.0 |
| | | | | 41% |
| | | | | 27% |
| | | | | 21.3 |

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

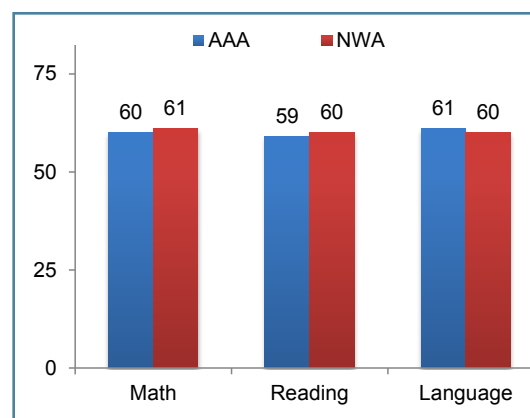
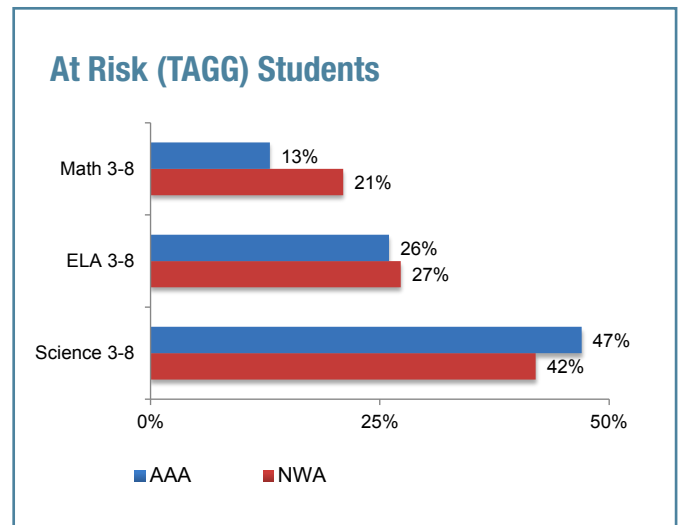
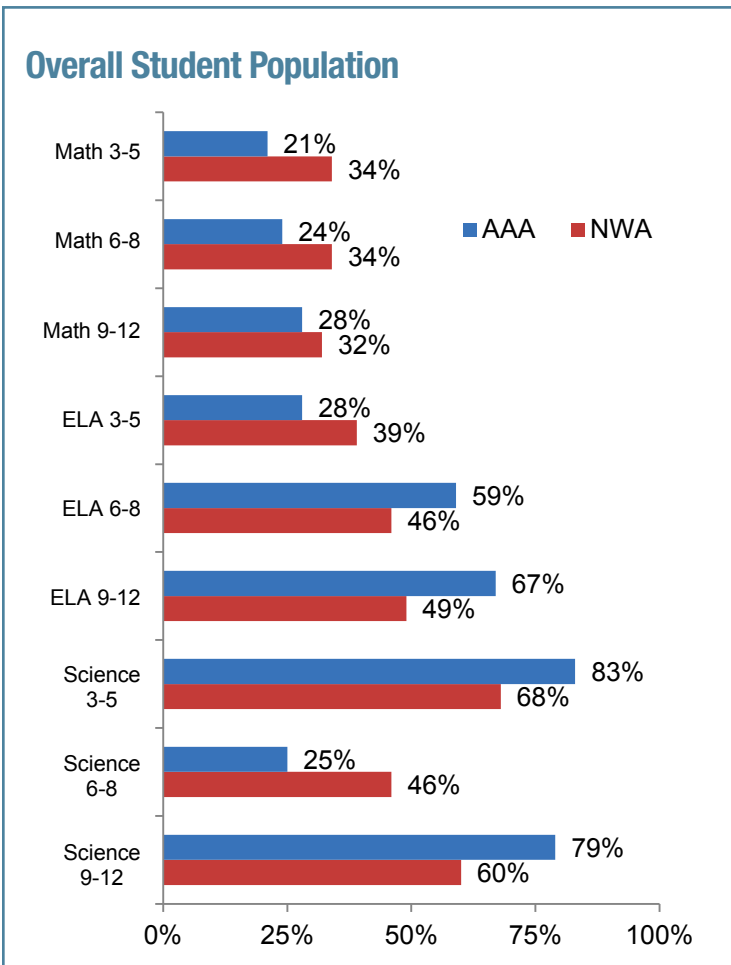
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on State Assessments 2014-15

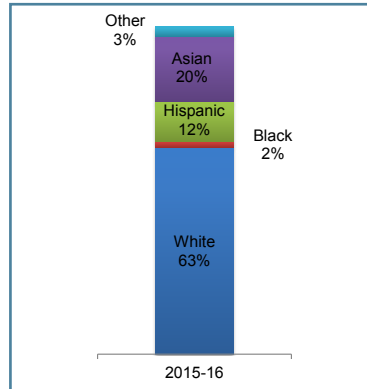


**National
Percentile
Rank on
ITBS
2014-15**

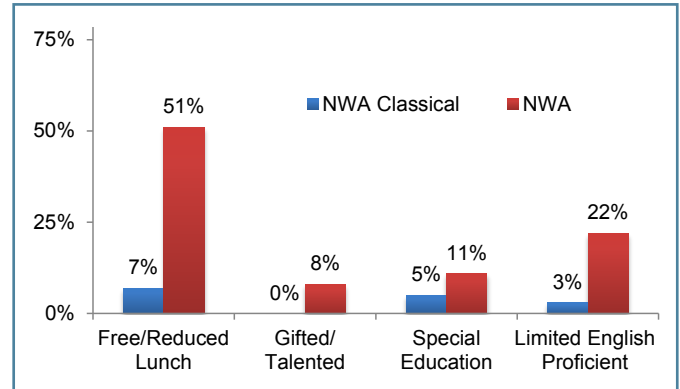
| | AR Arts Academy | NWA | | AR Arts Academy | NWA |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | 97% | 88% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | 58% | 59% |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | 100% | 85% | Advanced Placement Pass Rate | 51% | 46% |
| Per Pupil Expenditure | \$7,946 | \$9,237 | ACT Composite Score | 23.3 | 22.2 |

Total Enrollment
551
Opened in 2001
Student:Teacher Ratio
16:1

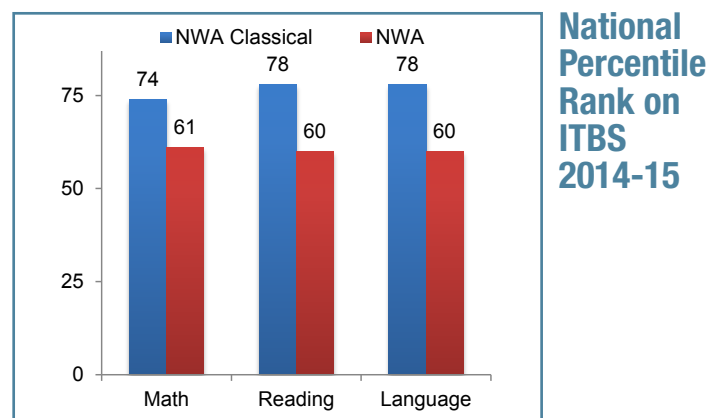
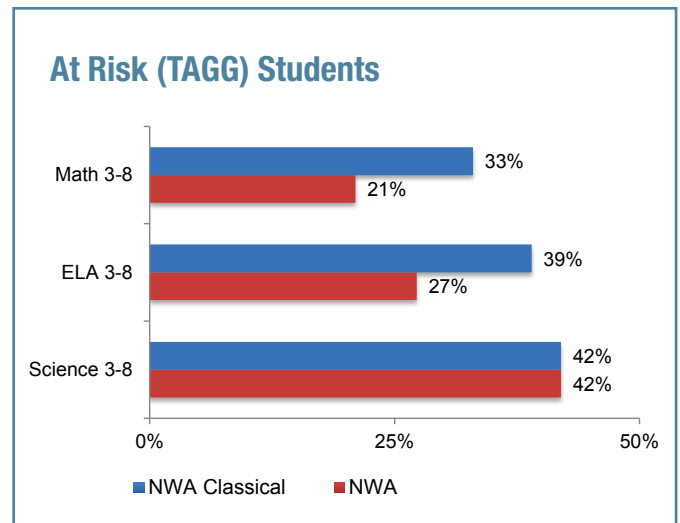
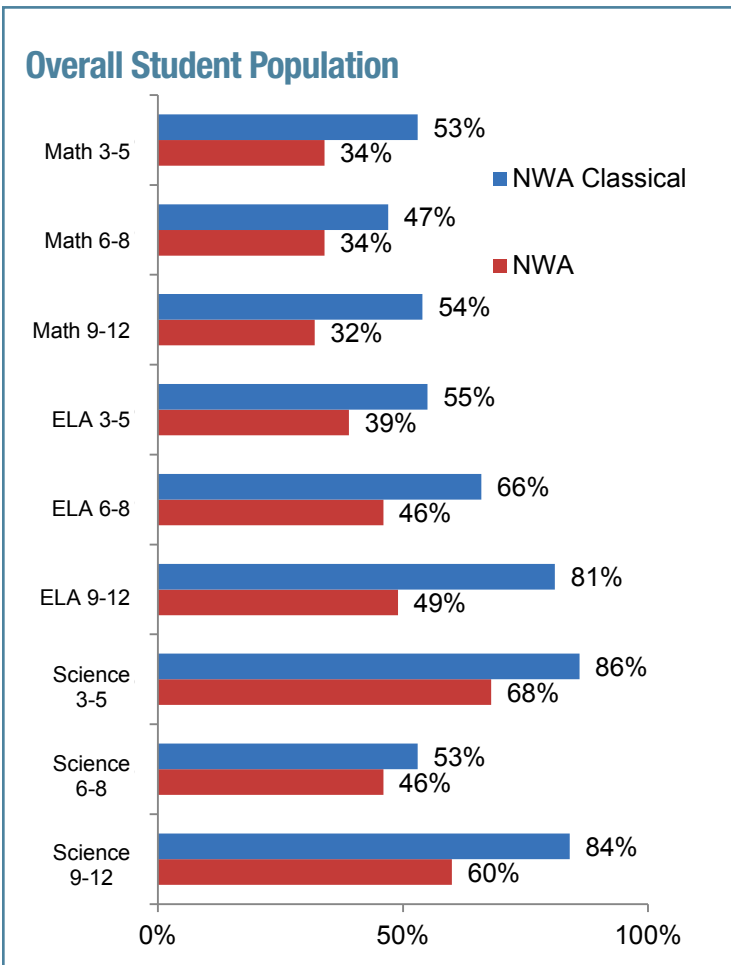
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



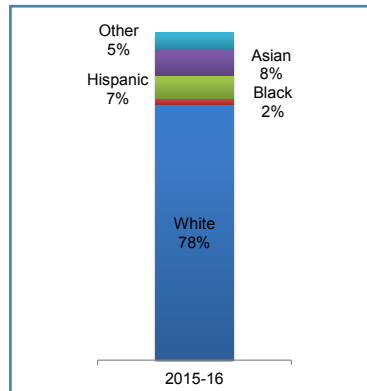
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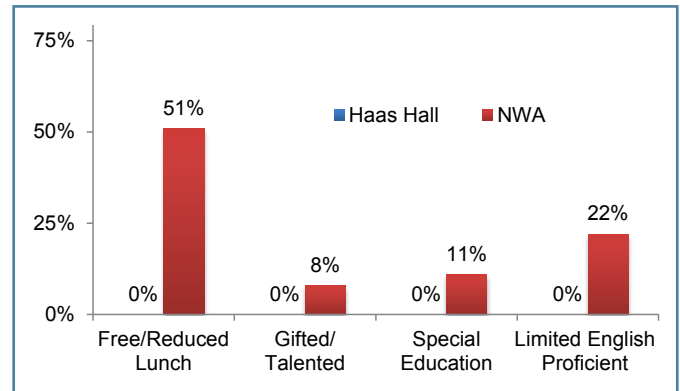
| | NWA Classical | NWA | NWA Classical | NWA |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Graduation Rate: Overall | N/A | 88% | Advanced Placement Participation Rate | NA |
| Graduation Rate: At Risk (TAGG) | N/A | 85% | Advanced Placement 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

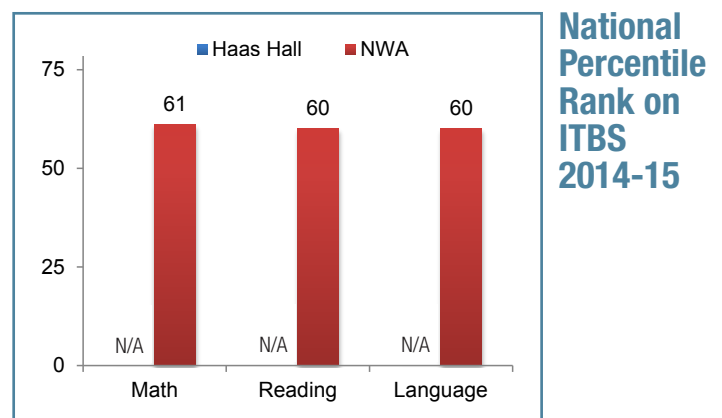
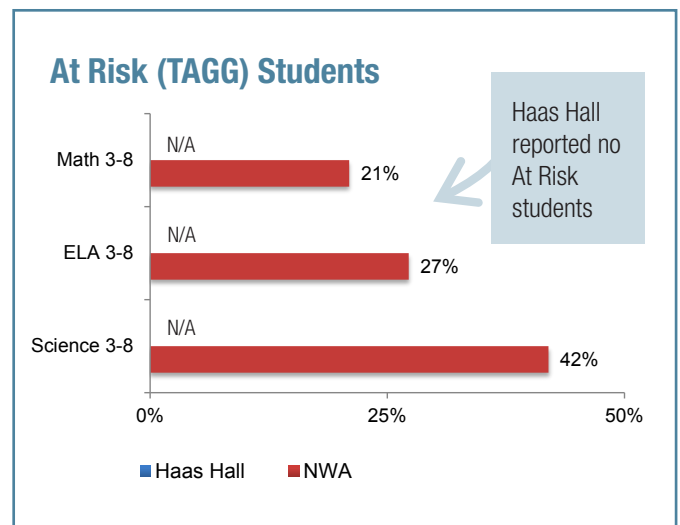
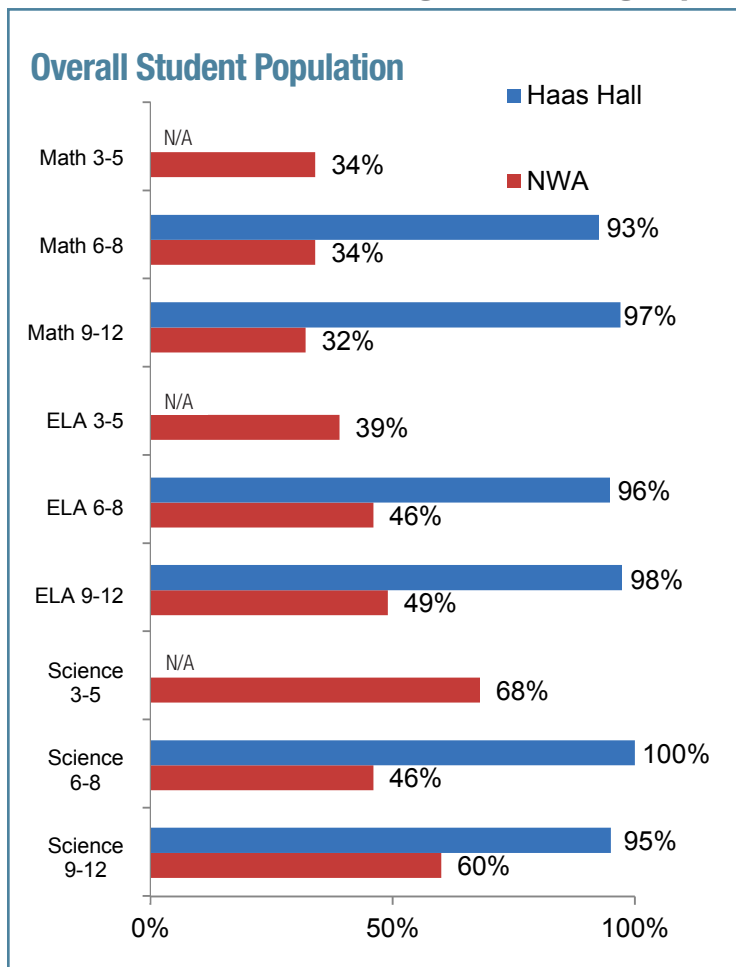
Student Demographics



Student Characteristics



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 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Northwest Arkansas | Rogers | 72% | 61% |
| Northwest Arkansas | Fayetteville | 77% | 39% |
| 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% |
| Northwest Arkansas | Bentonville | 84% | 25% |
| 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

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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% |
| 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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