

# 2023 Illinois School Report Card Highlights



**Cass School District 63**  
**October 2023**

# Understanding the Data

- ✓ **The information that follows is presented to highlight key data points from the 2023 Illinois School Report Card to our parents and school community.**
- ✓ **This information is historical in that it is from the 2022-23 school year or prior.**
- ✓ **Most of the information that follows as well as additional details are provided by the Illinois State Board of Education at [www.illinoisreportcard.com](http://www.illinoisreportcard.com).**

# Understanding “Proficiency”

- ✓ **Proficiency Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) shows whether or not students have mastered a common, high standard.**
- ✓ **The Illinois State Board of Education specifies that the term “proficiency” refers to students demonstrating that they are “well advanced in...a branch of knowledge.”**
- ✓ **This is a very high bar, as are the ISBE established cut scores for each subject and grade level on the IAR.**

# **Understanding “Proficiency”** (continued)

- ✓ **In other words, proficiency is NOT to be confused with “grade level”.**
- ✓ **A student can be performing at grade level and yet not achieve “proficiency” (meeting or exceeding standards) on the IAR.**
- ✓ **This is why even the highest achieving schools appear to have a significant portion of their students “not achieving” when, in fact, this number shows only the percentage meeting or exceeding this high standard.**

# Understanding Growth

- ✓ **While Cass School District 63 focuses on individual student growth as the best measure, ISBE creates a group “Student Growth Percentile” to calculate growth.**
- ✓ **The SGP shows the growth of students relative to others in the state with a similar scale score in the preceding school year(s).**
- ✓ **The district focuses mostly on NWEA MAP scores to measure growth, as it gives real time data with multiple measures throughout the school year.**

# **2023 Report Card Highlights**

- ✓ **Mathematics growth at Concord Elementary was 68 percent.**
- ✓ **English Language Arts scores at Cass Junior High increased from 49 percent proficiency to 60.**
- ✓ **Cass Junior High has one of the highest rates of students passing Algebra, with 92 percent completing Algebra before high school last year.**

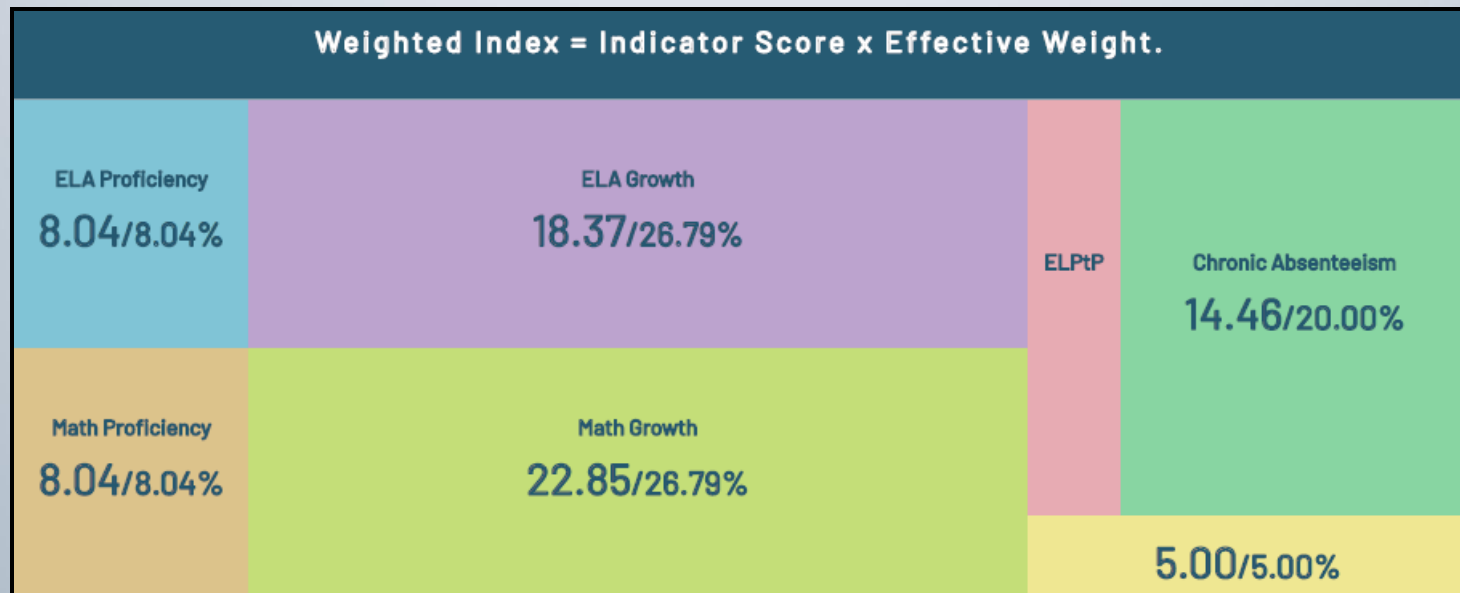
# **2023 Report Card Highlights**

- ✓ **The percentage of district students meeting or exceeding proficiency on both the English Language Arts and Mathematics has increased for three straight years.**
- ✓ **Both Concord Elementary and Cass Junior High Schools earned a Commendable designation, the second highest rating assigned by ISBE.**

# Overall Index Score

## Spring 2023 – Concord Elementary School

The overall index score used to determine the Commendable Rating for Concord Elementary School was 81.13.



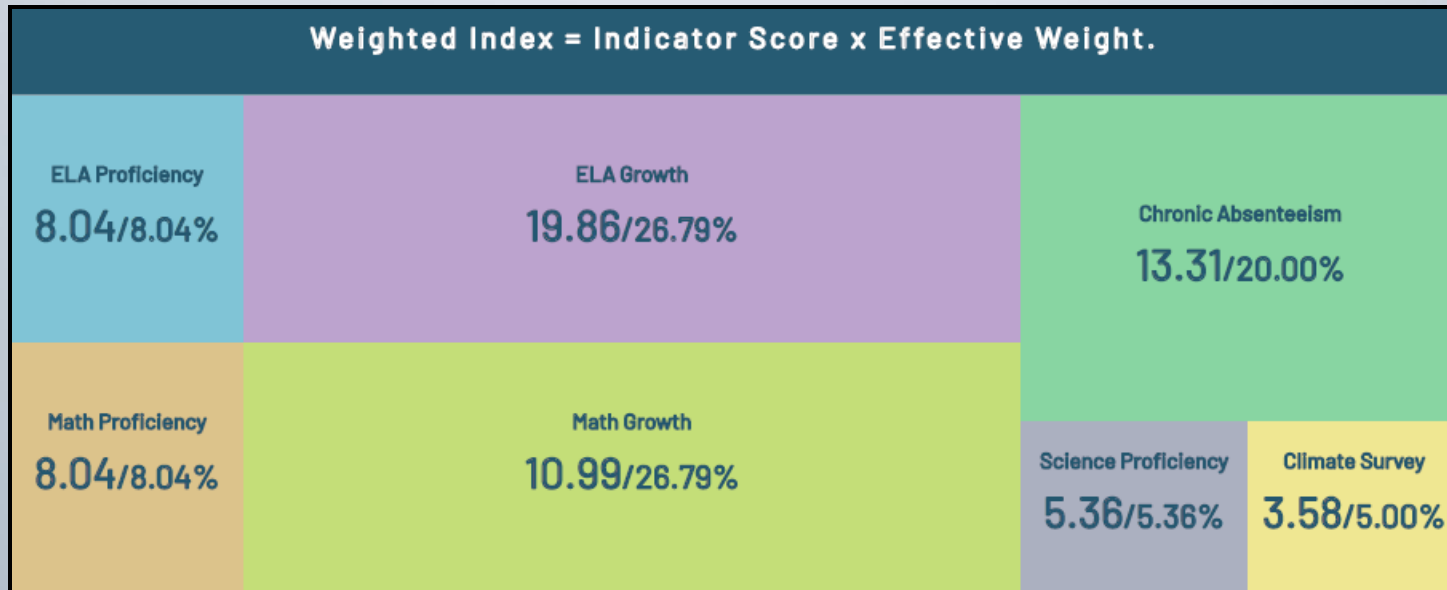
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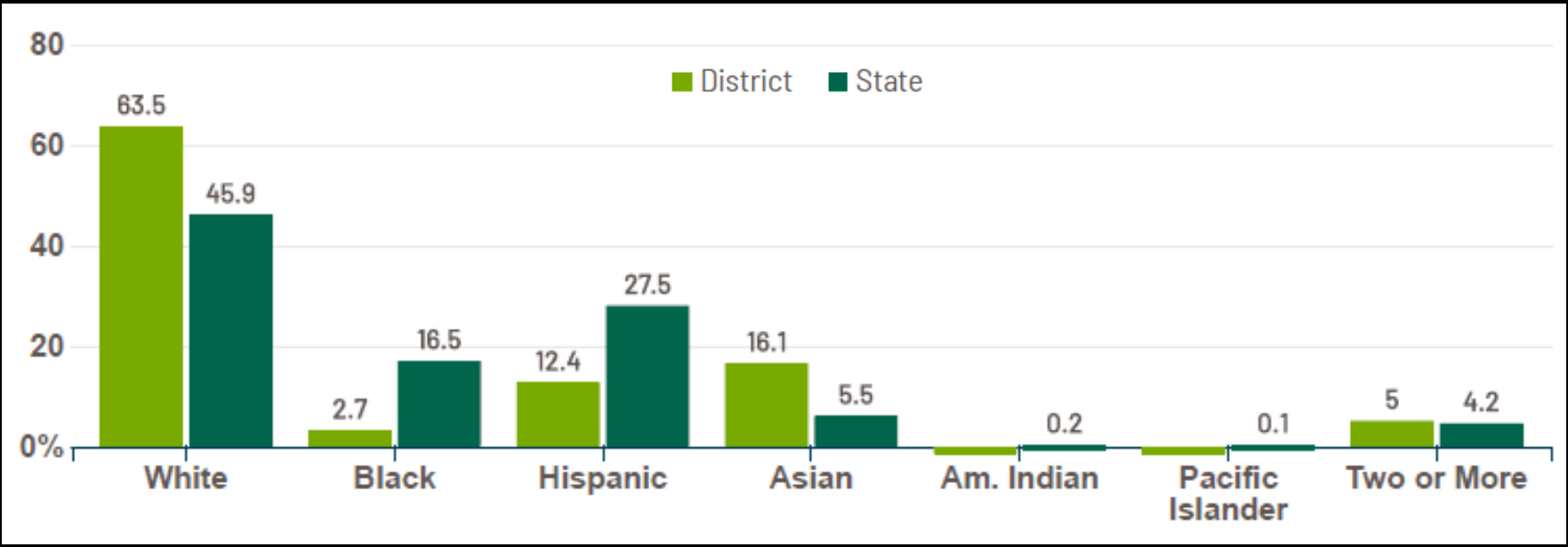
The overall index score used to determine the Commendable Rating for Cass Junior High School was 69.17.



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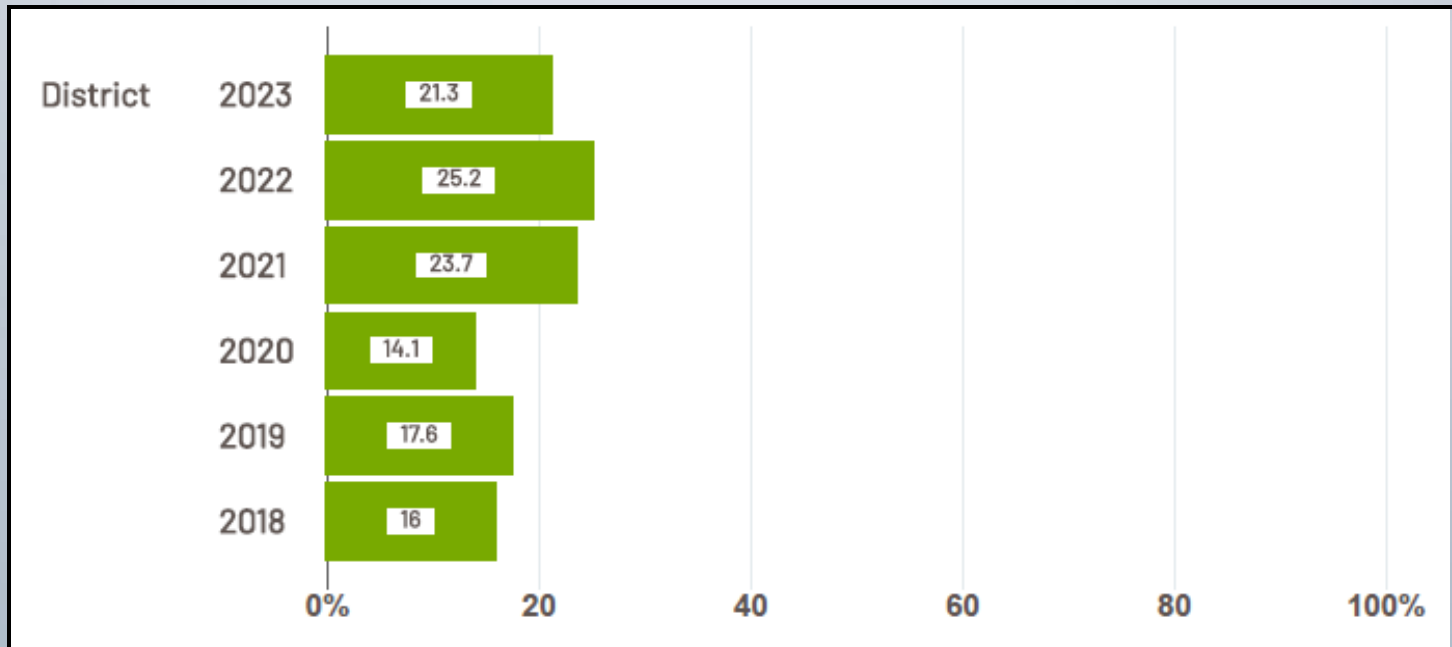
# Student Demographics

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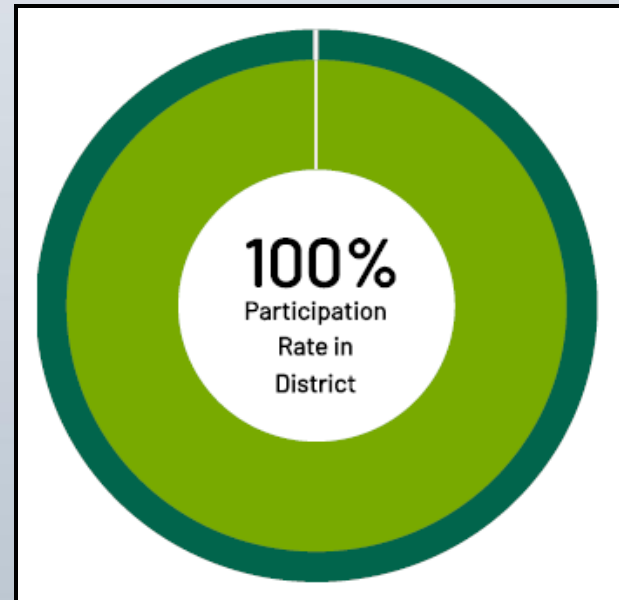
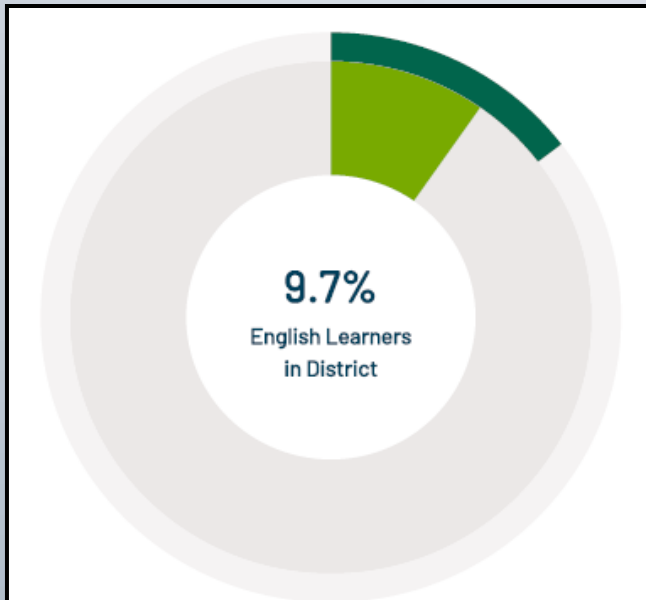
# Low Income Students

**This table shows the percentage of students in the district who meet the state's low-income criteria. The statewide percentage of 49 percent is unchanged in the same timeframe.**



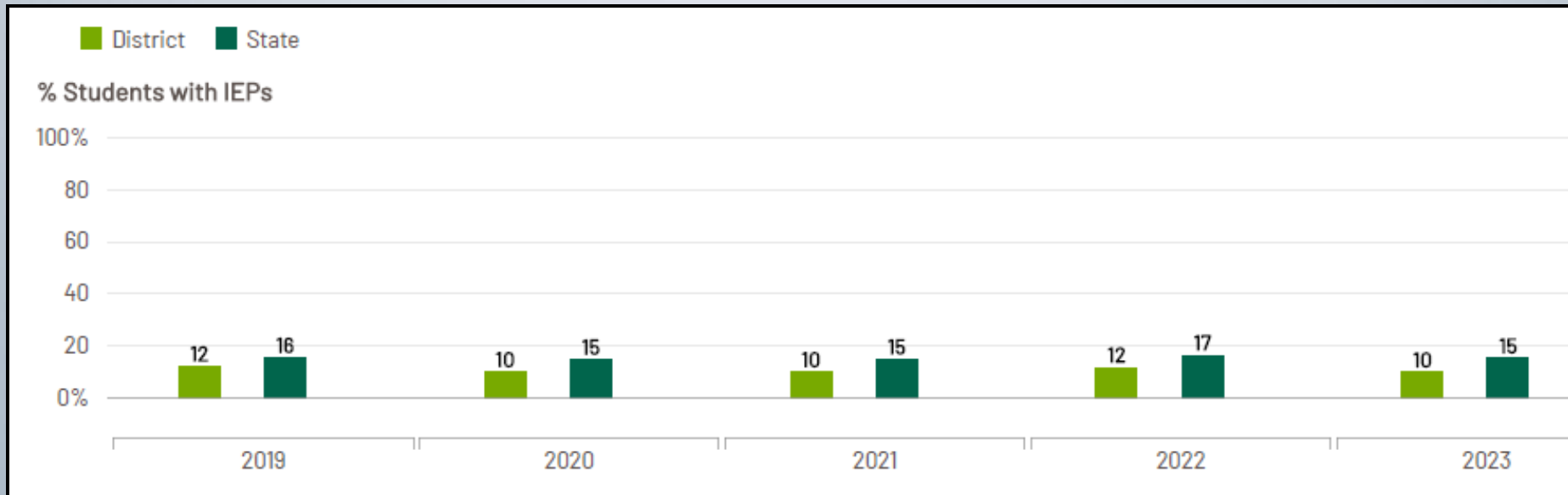
# English Language Learners

**In Cass 63, 9.7 percent of students have a primary language other than English, compared to the state average of 14.6 percent. 100 percent of eligible district students took the ACCESS test.**



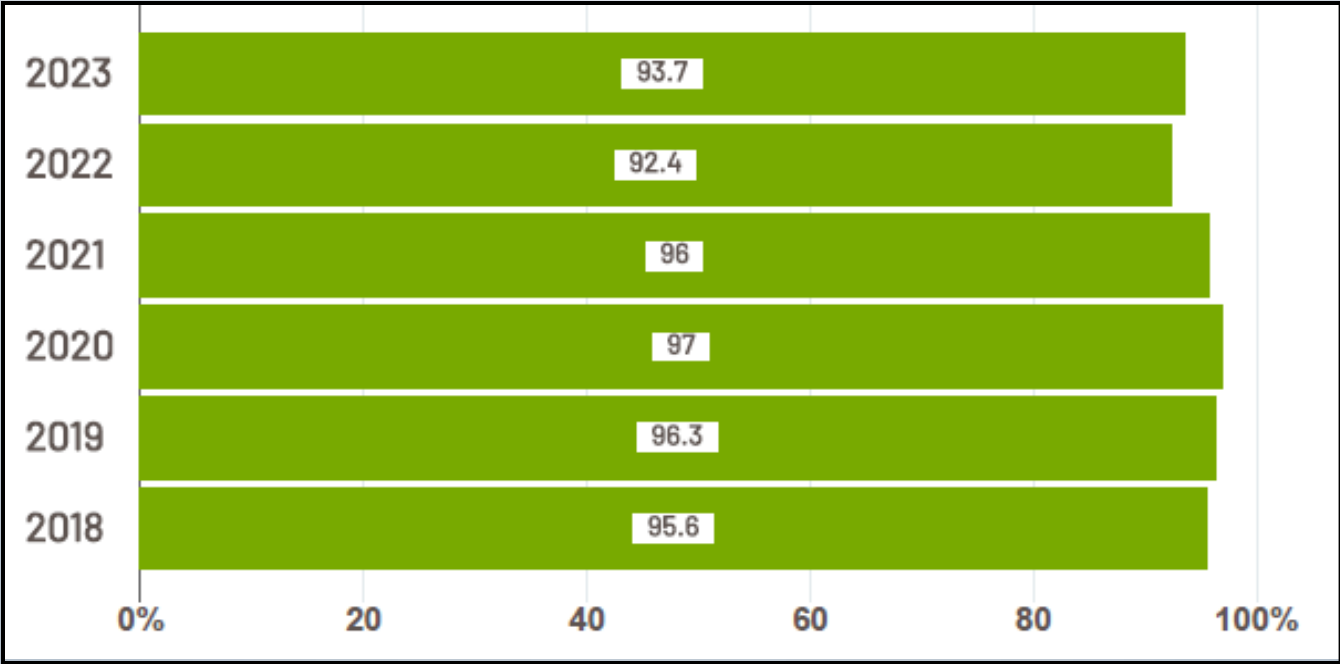
# Students with IEPs

**This shows the percentage of students who receive special education and related services in accordance with their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).**



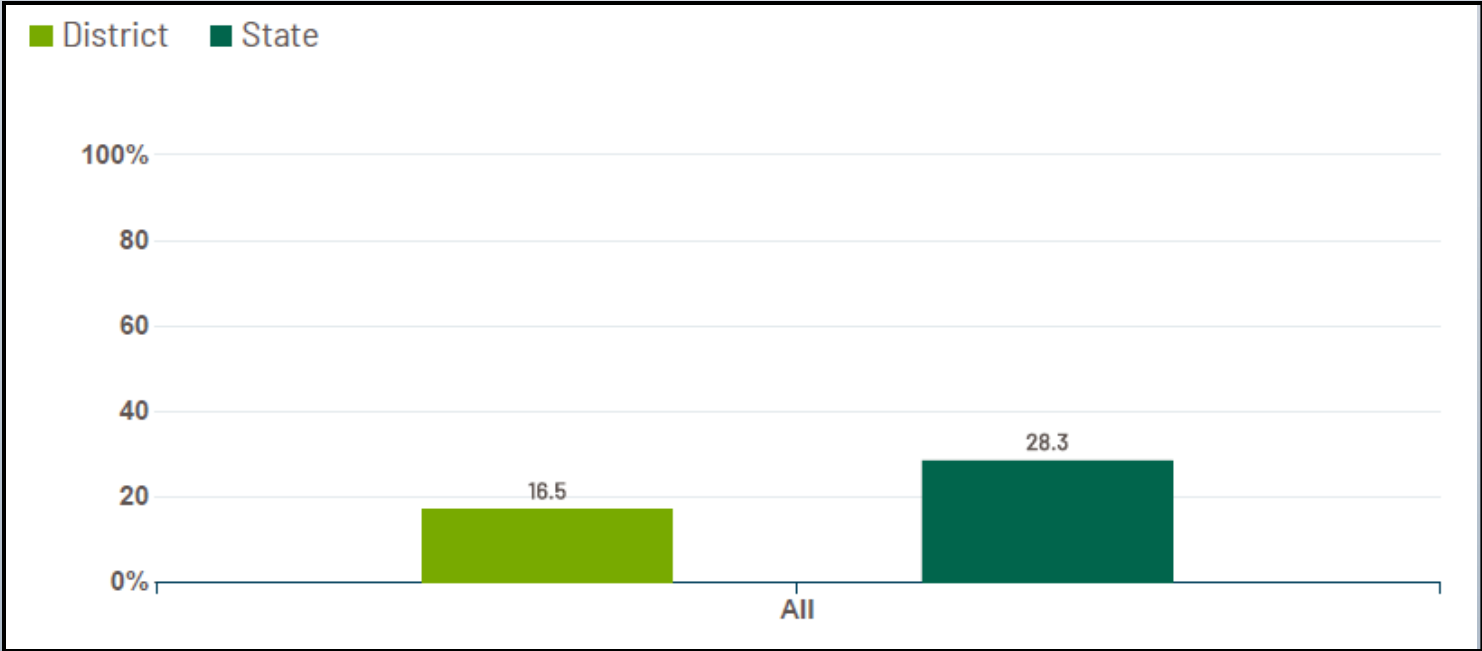
# Student Attendance

The district's attendance rate of 93.7 percent is a significant increase over the 2022 rate of 92.4 percent and much higher than the state's 91.2 percent.



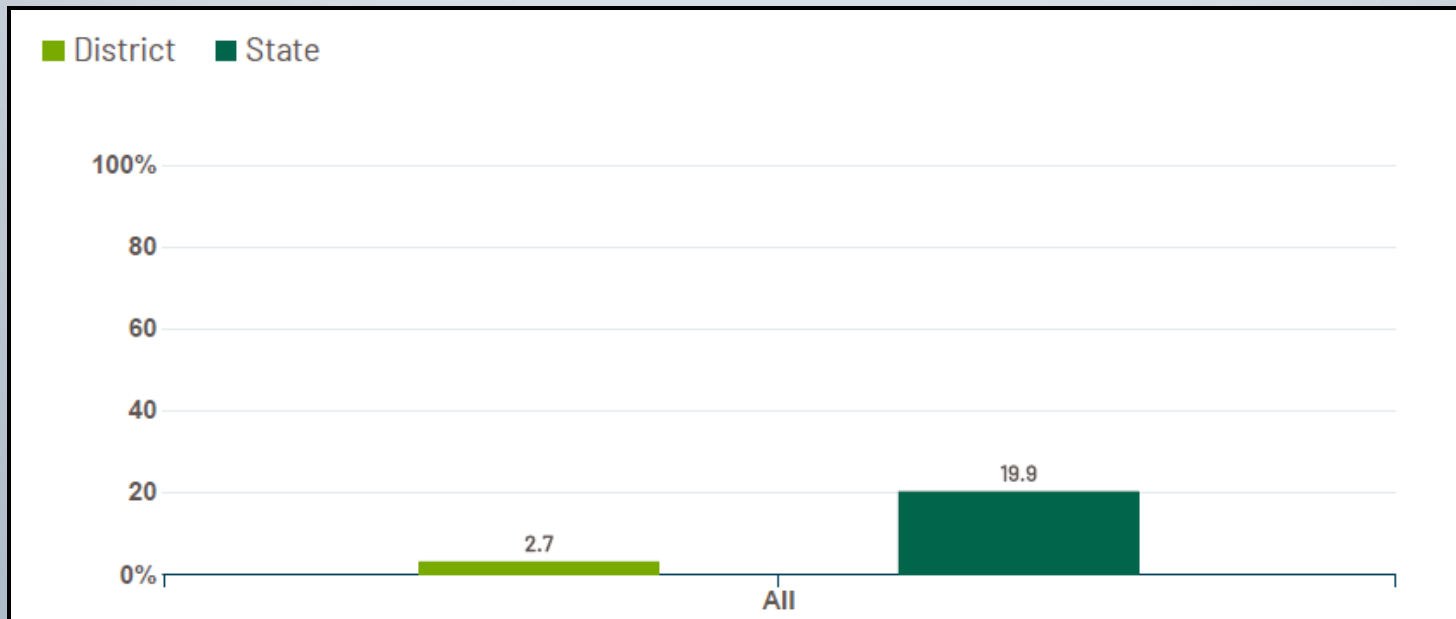
# Chronic Absenteeism

**Chronic absenteeism in Cass 63 dropped from 24 to 16.5 percent in 2023. The rate remained in the 28-30 percent range for the rest of the state.**



# Chronic Truancy

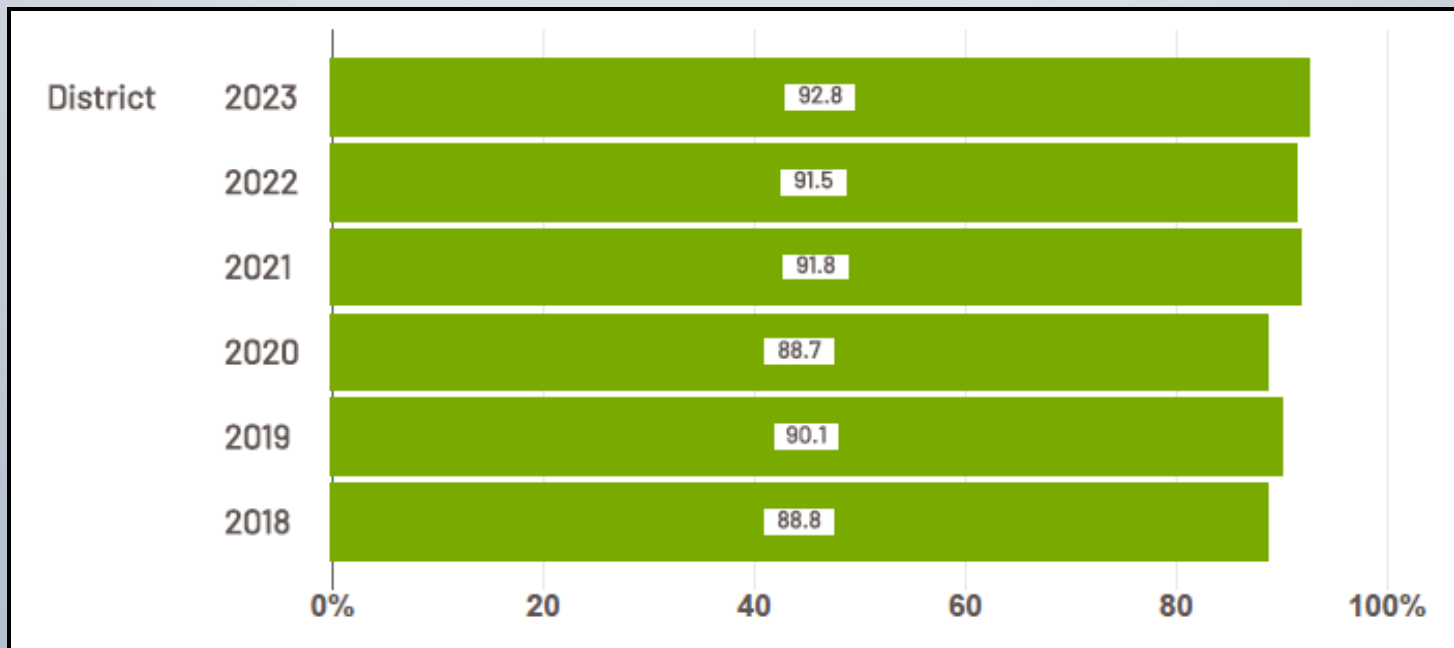
**Illinois defines “chronic truant” as a student who misses 5 percent (9 days) of a school year without a valid excuse. The district average of 2.7 percent is far below the state average of 19.9.**





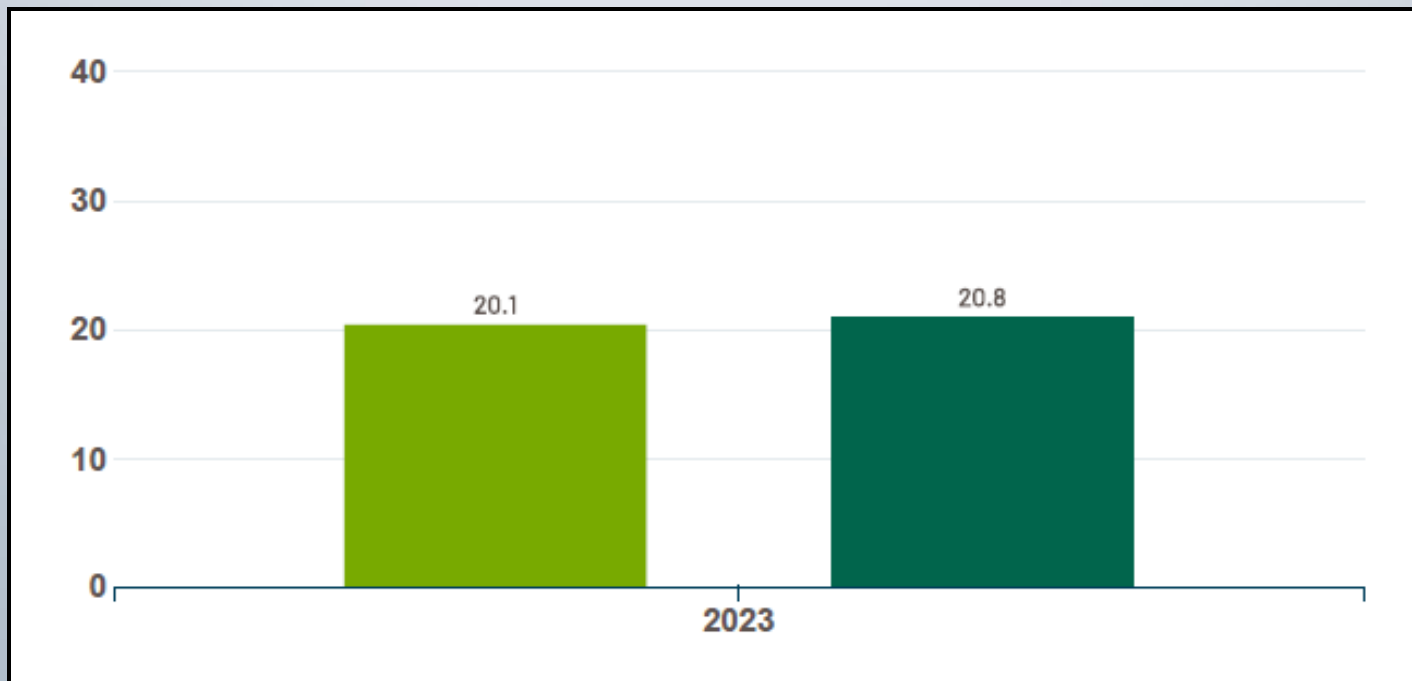
# Teacher Retention

**This is a three-year average percentage of teachers returning to work at the same school. Cass 63 maintains a very high teacher retention rate.**



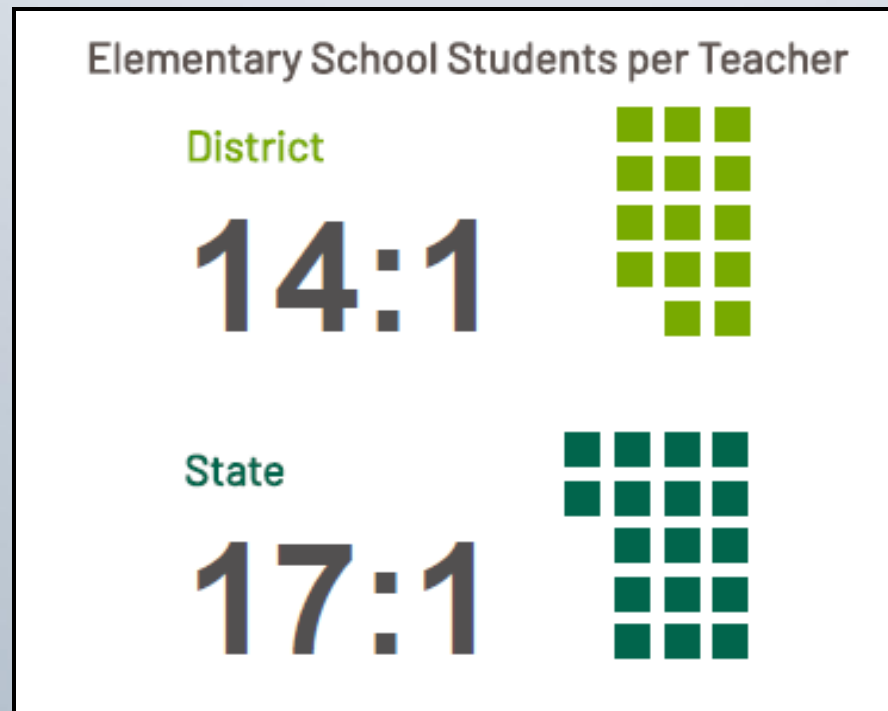
# Average Class Size

**The average 2022-23 class size was 20.1 students, versus the state average of 20.8. The average district class sizes over the previous five years was 19.4 to 22.5.**



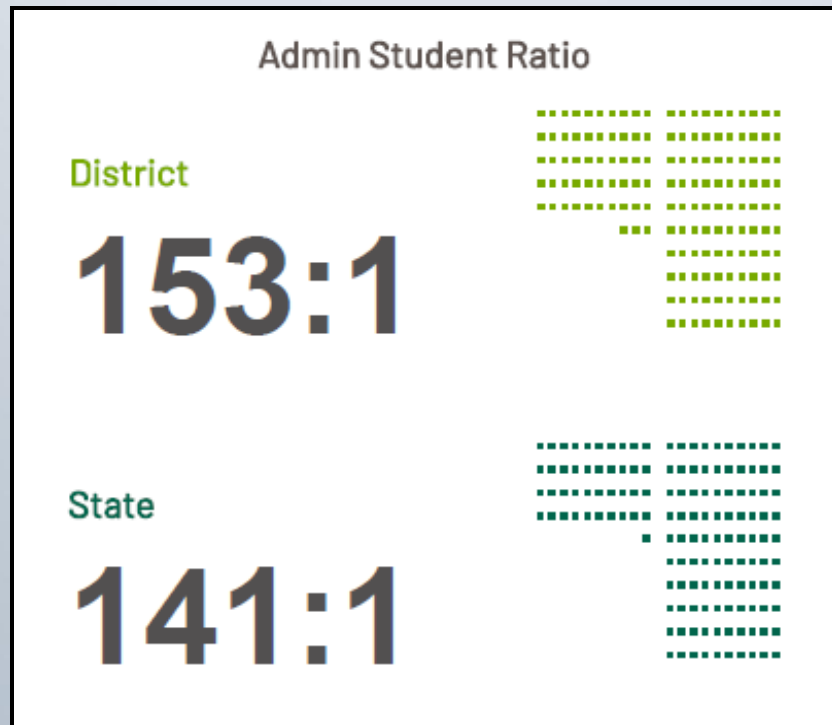
# Teacher to Student Ratio

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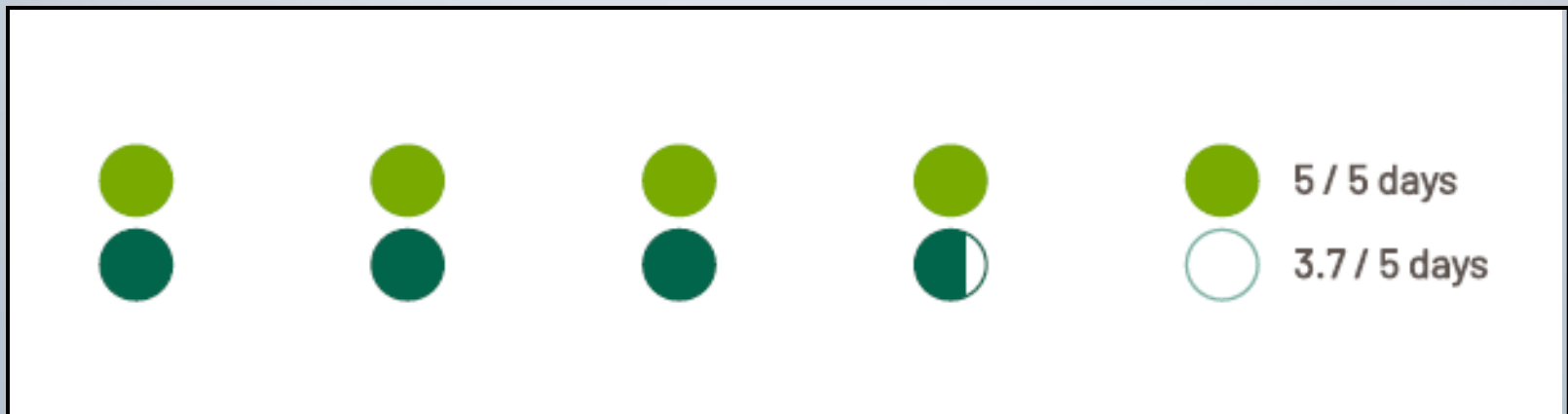
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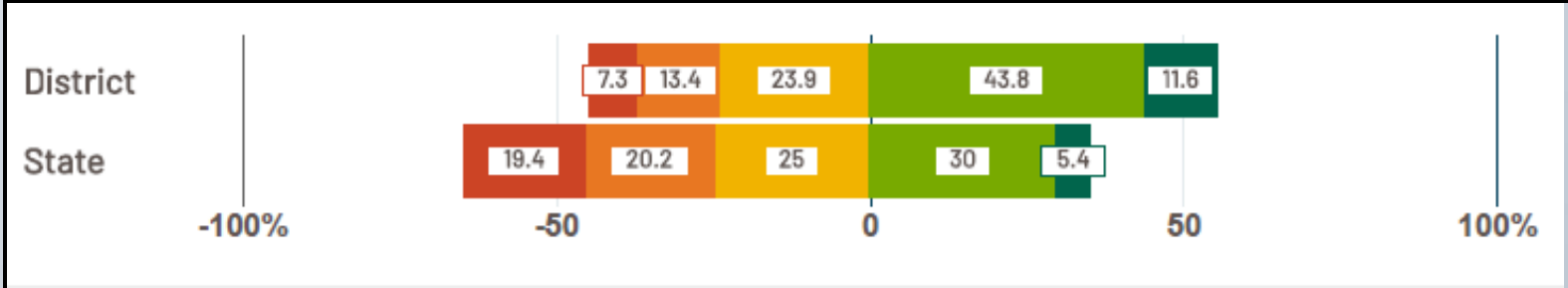
# Health and Wellness

**Students in Cass School District 63 average 5 days per week of physical education, versus the state average of 3.7 days per week.**

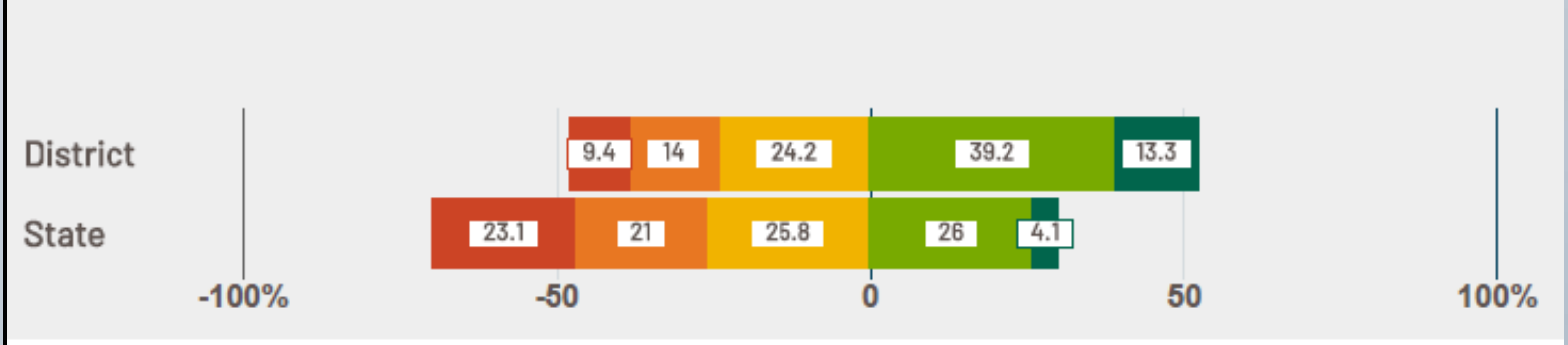


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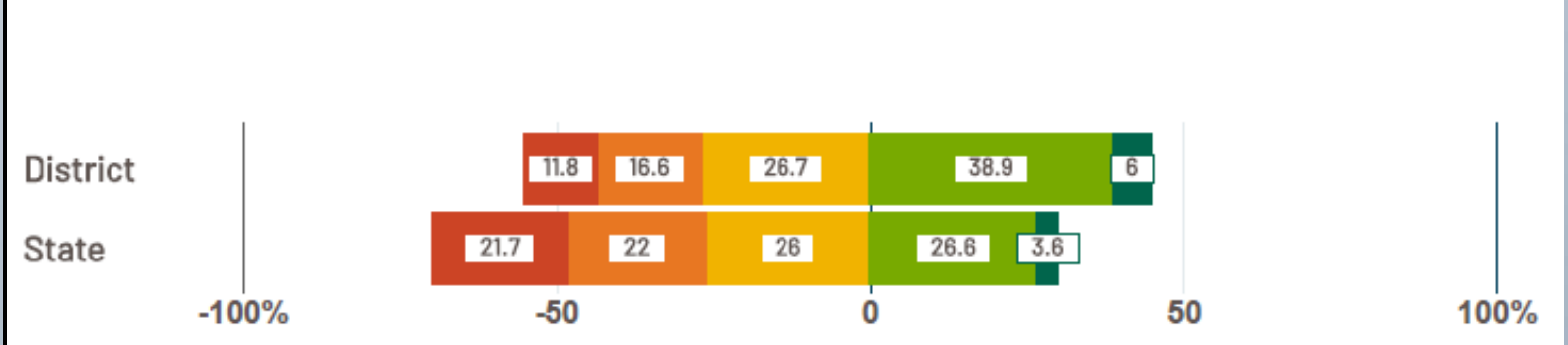
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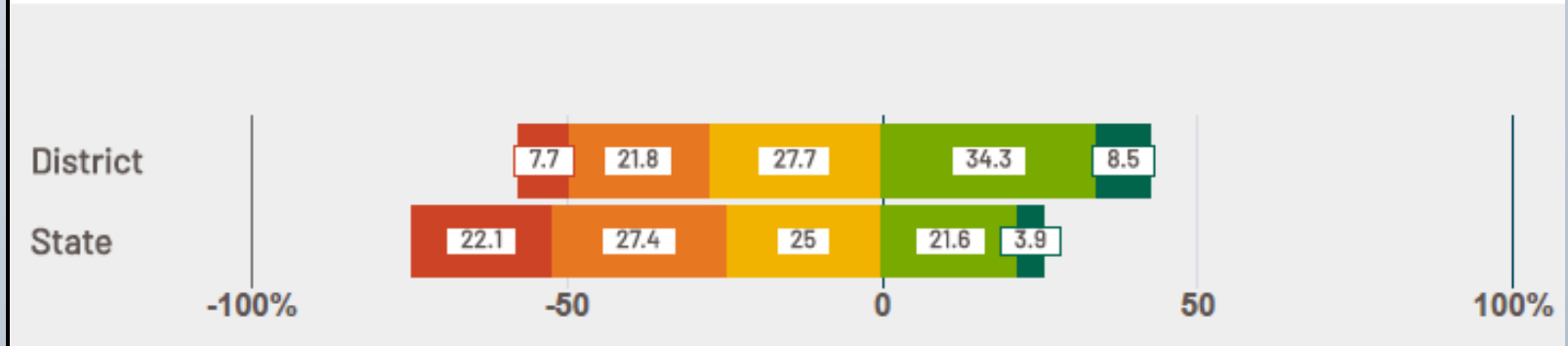
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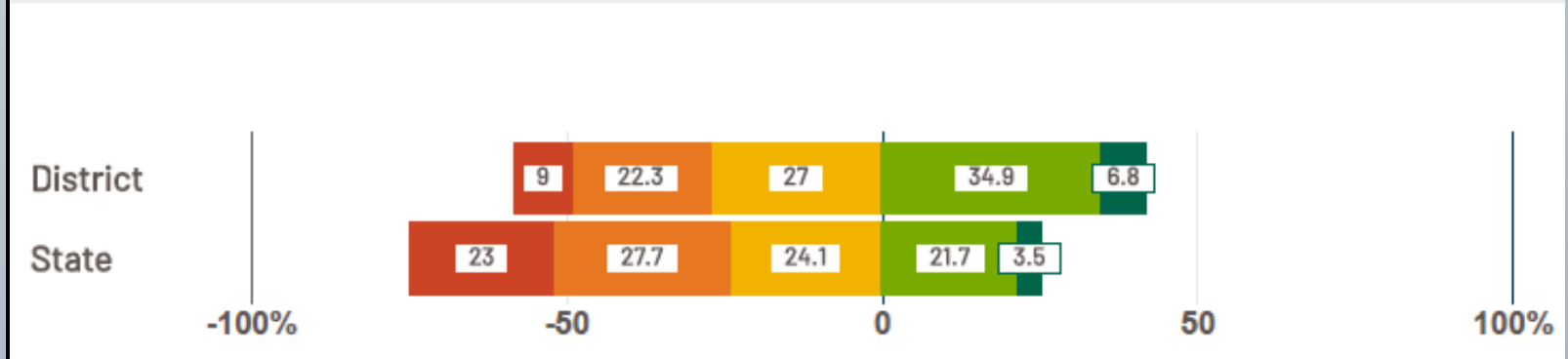
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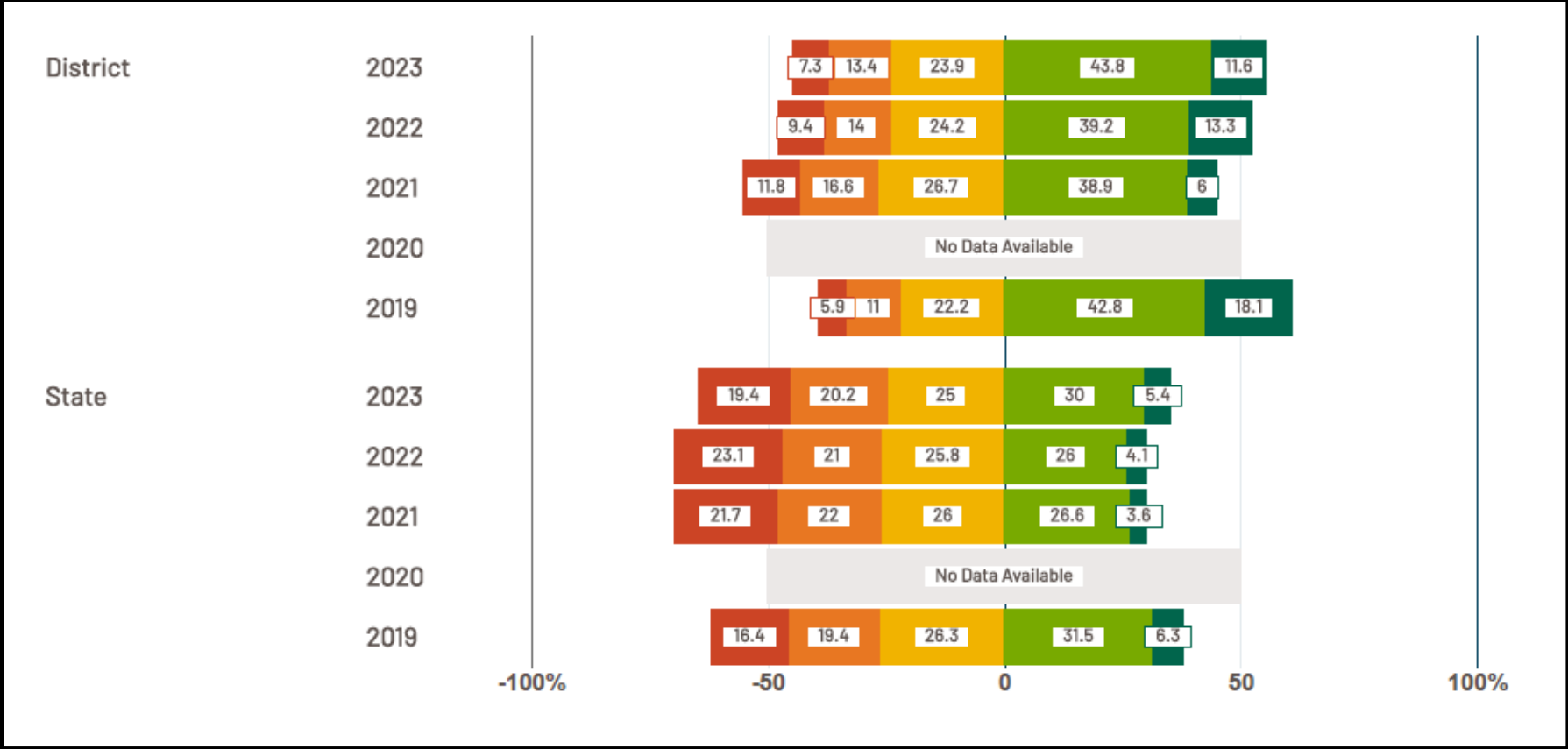
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# English Language Arts

## IAR Pre-Pandemic Comparison

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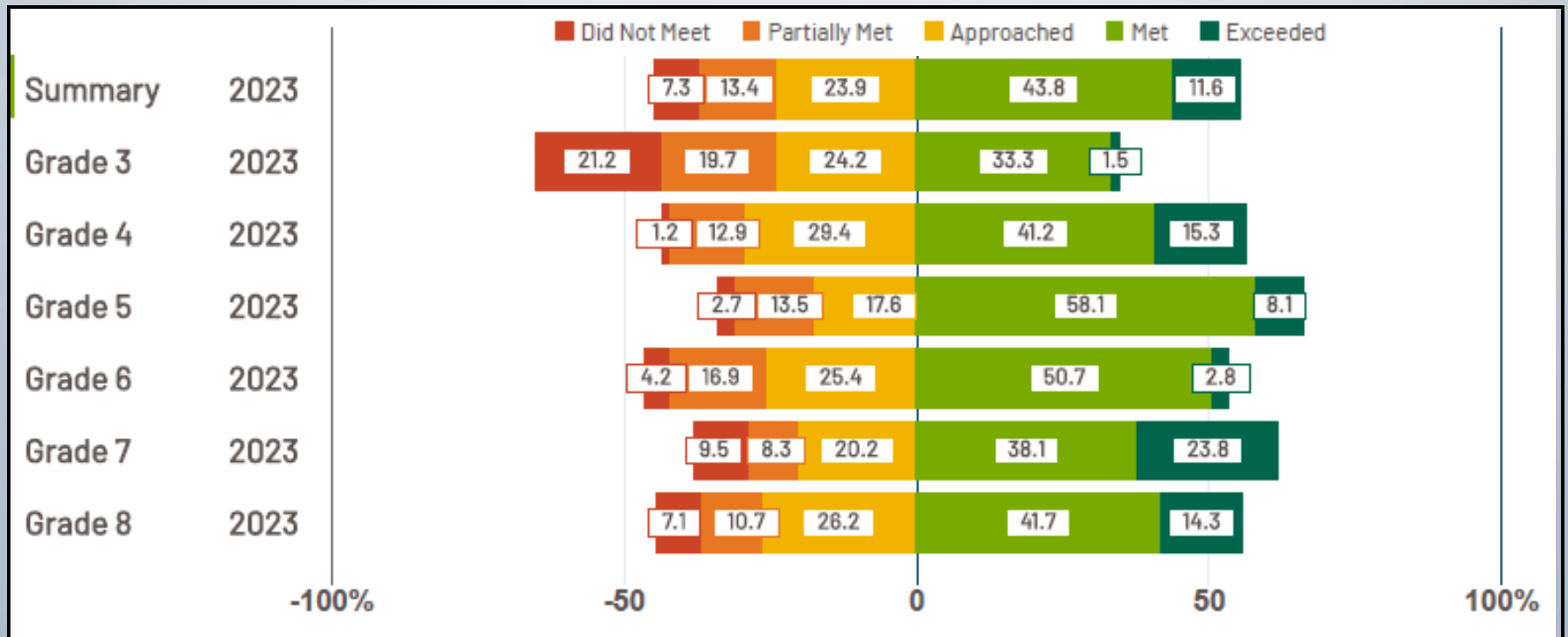
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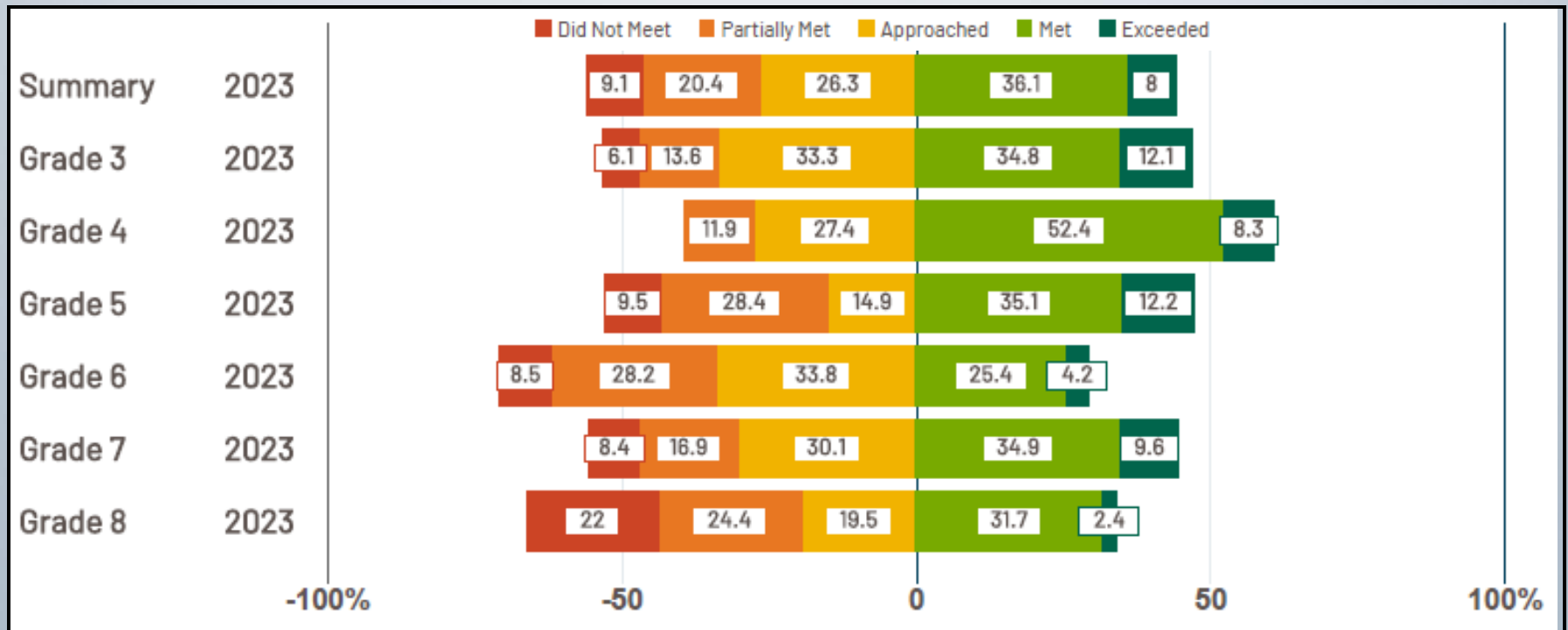
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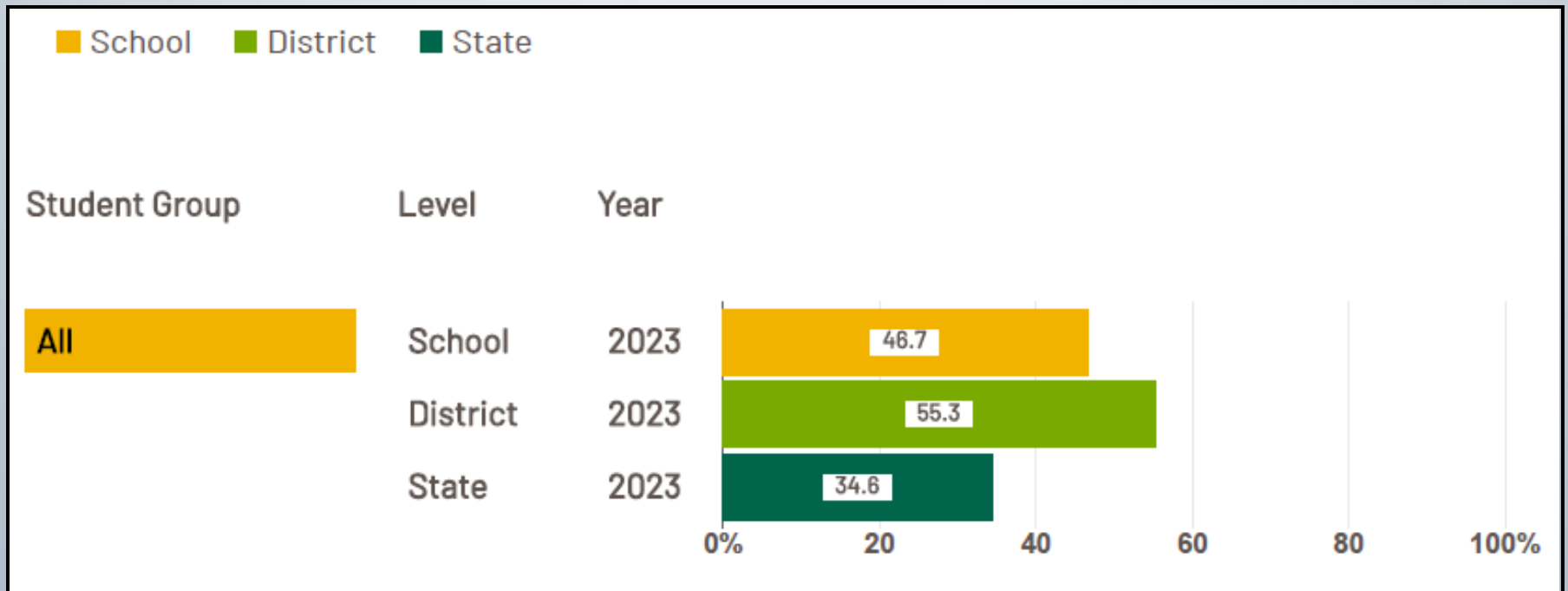
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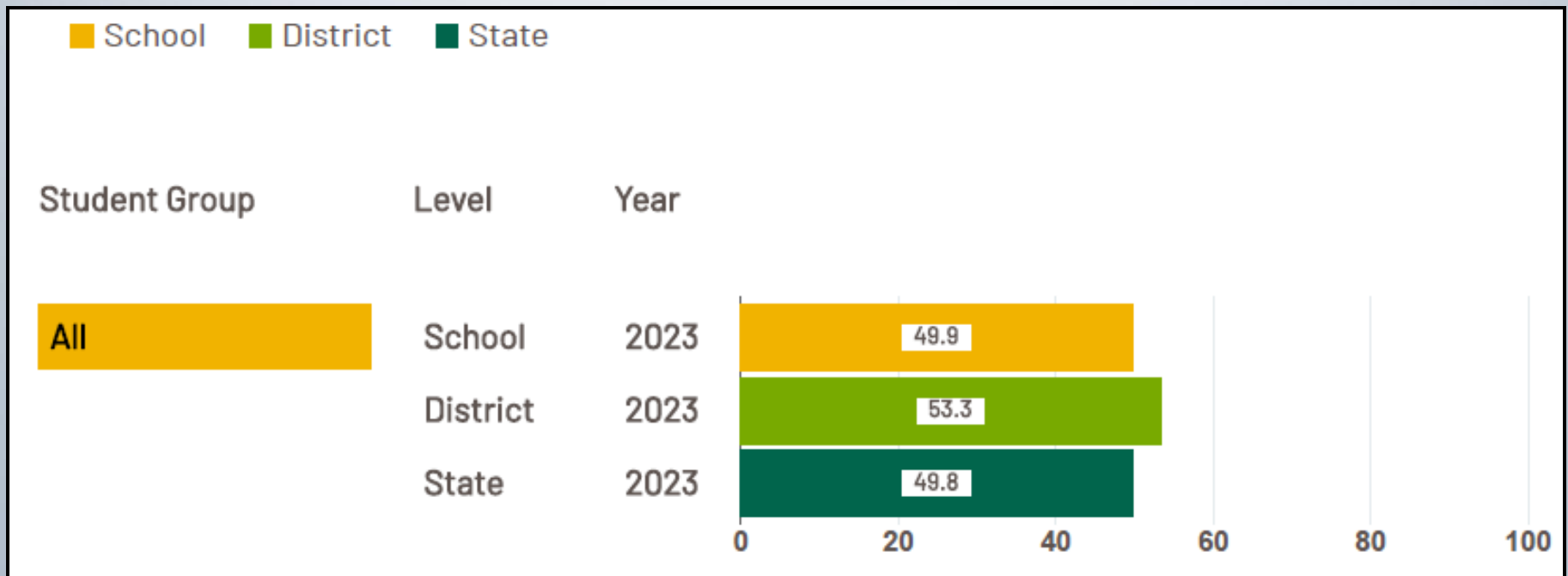
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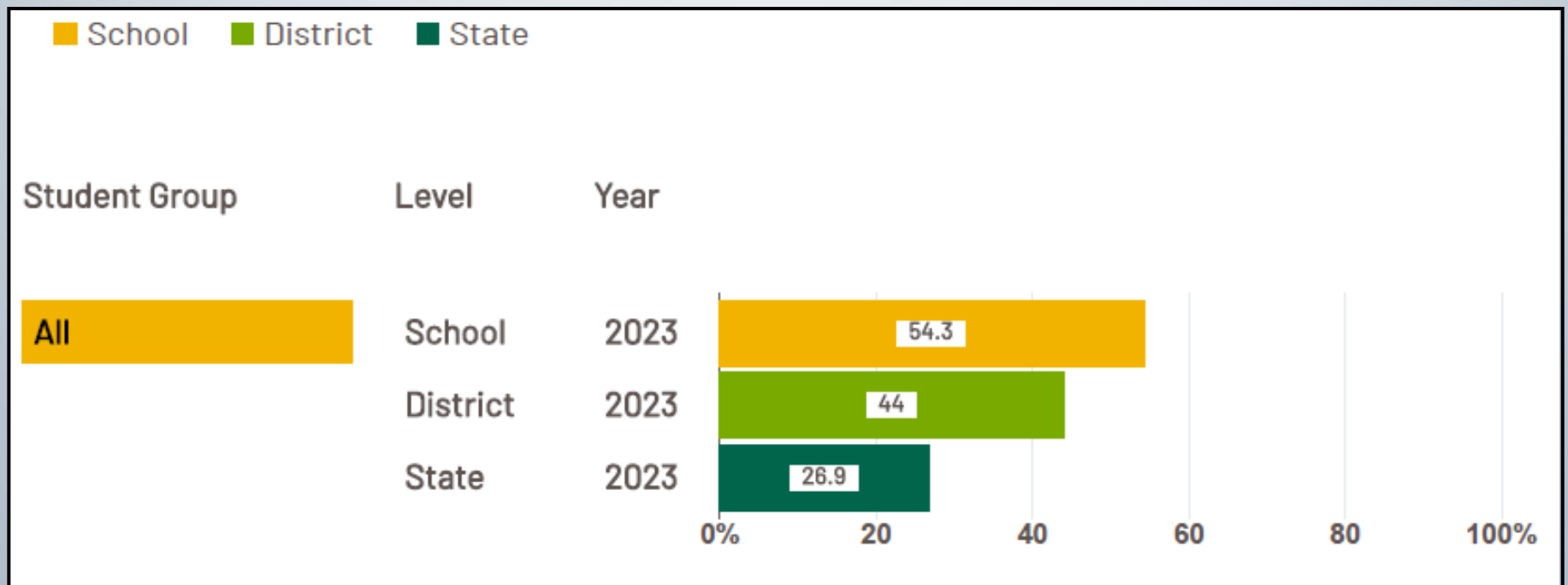
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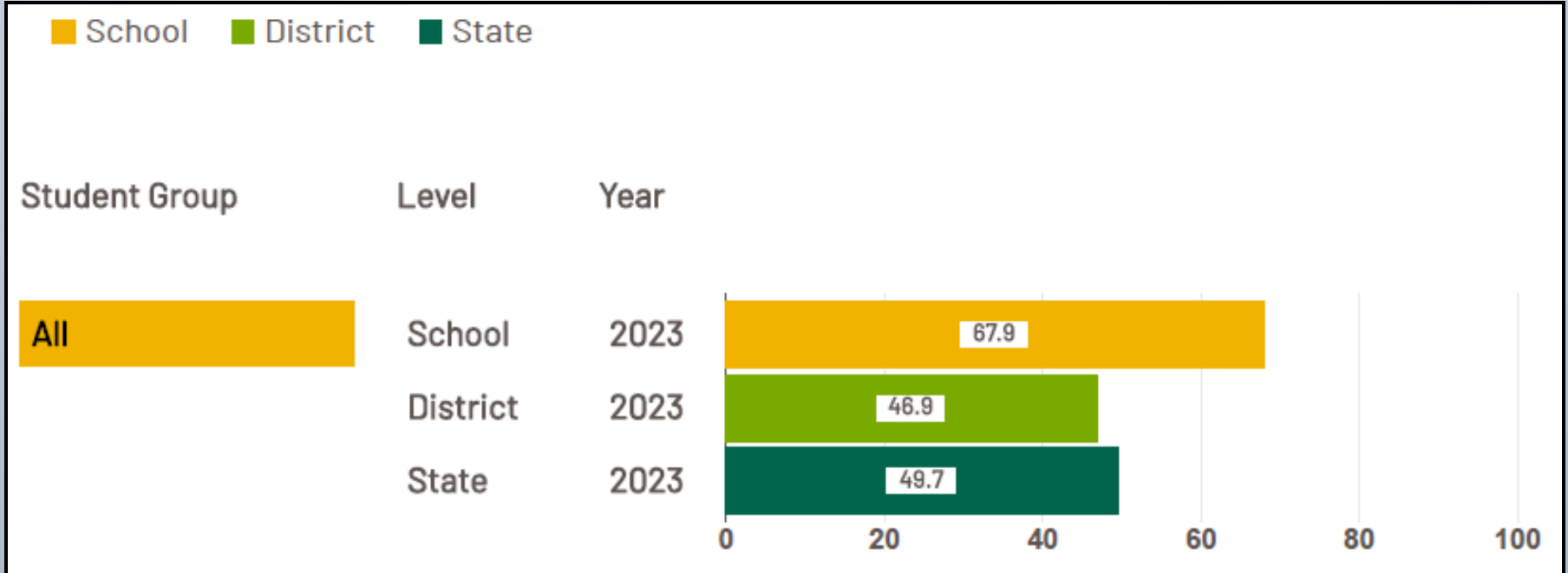
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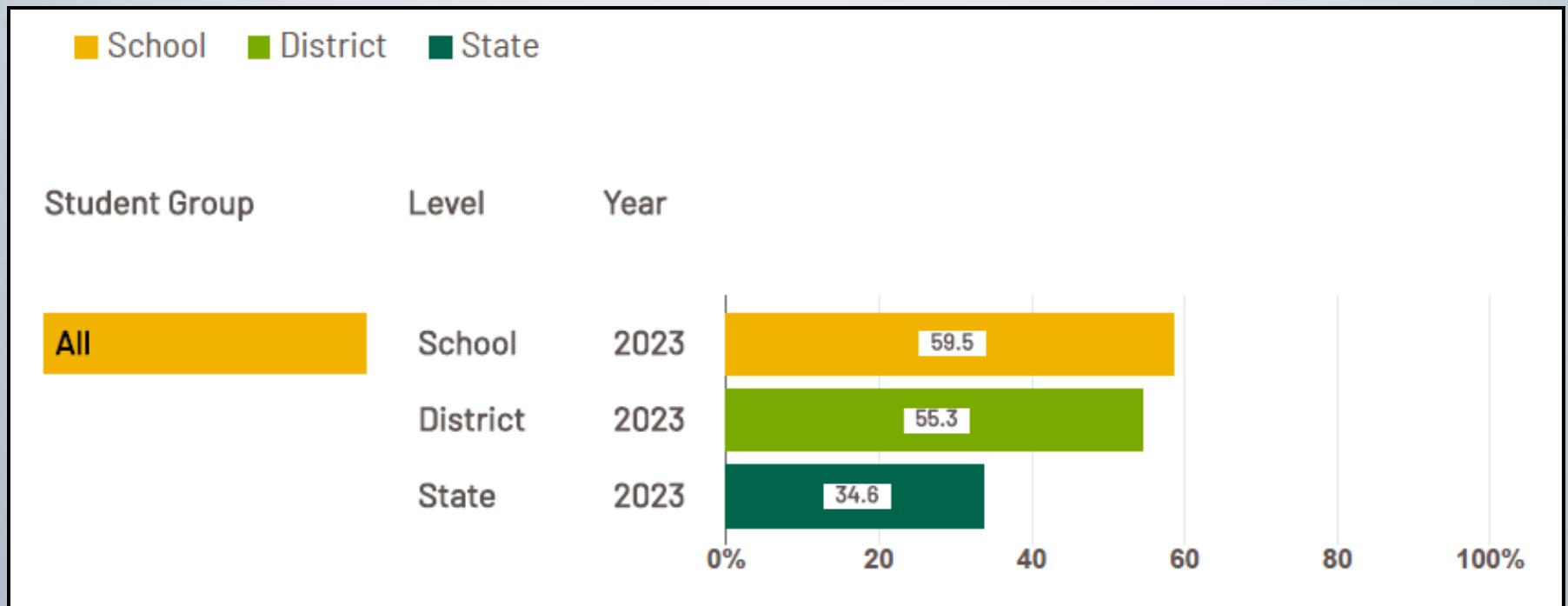
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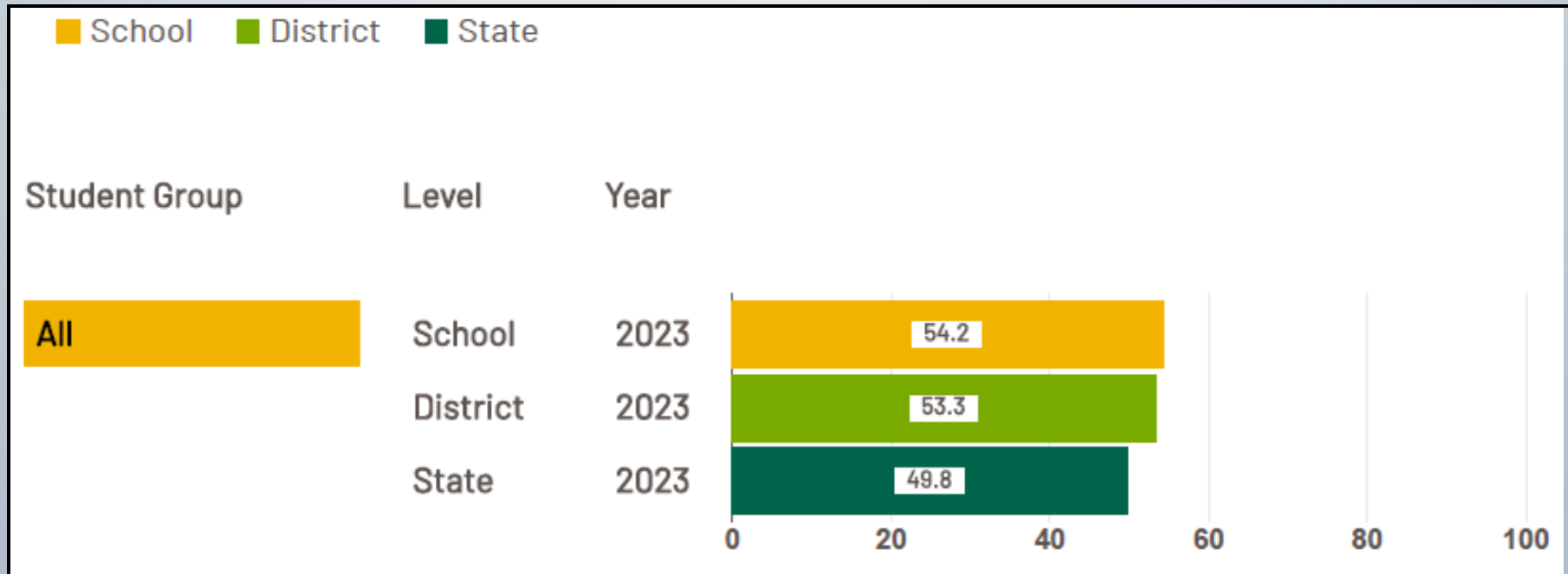
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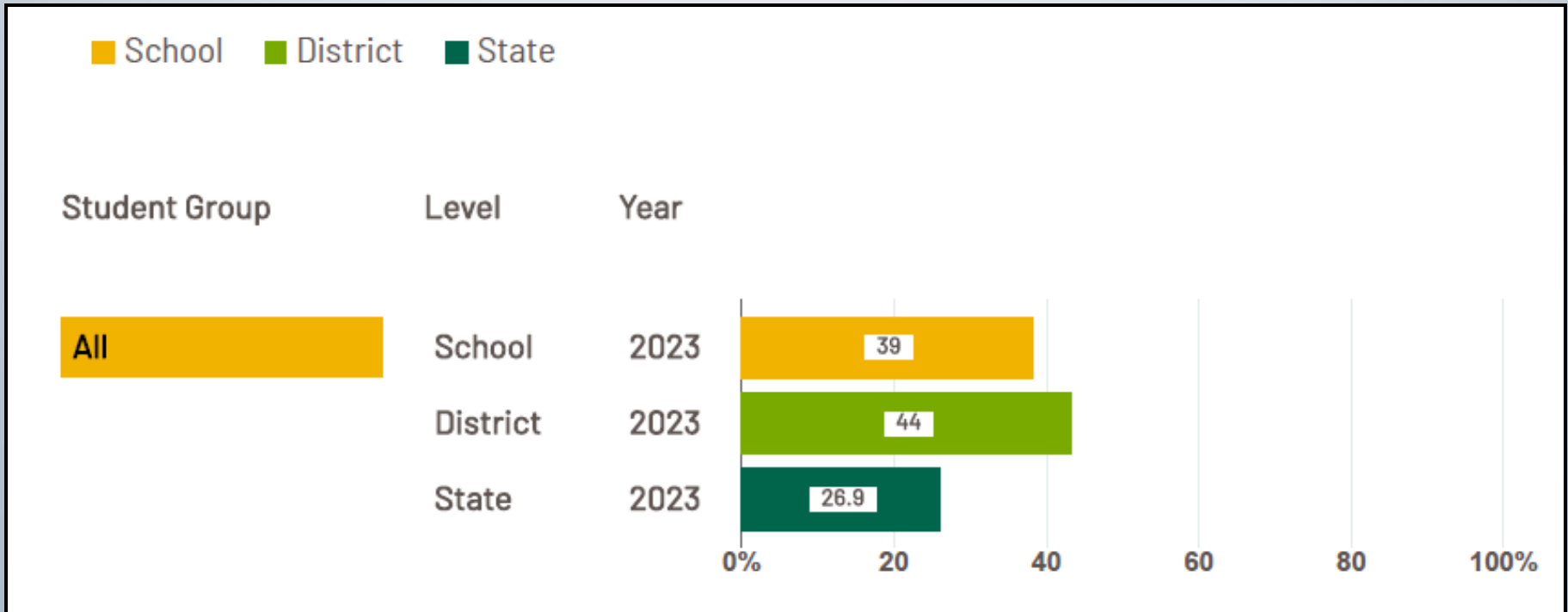
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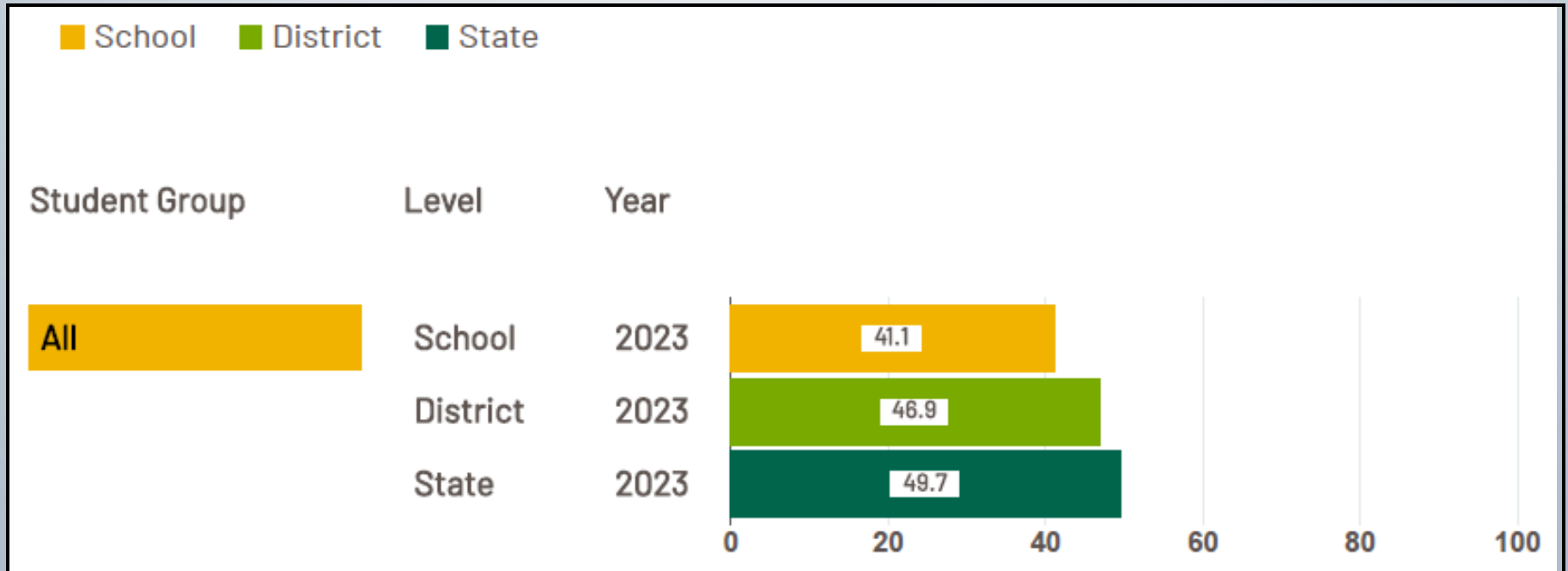
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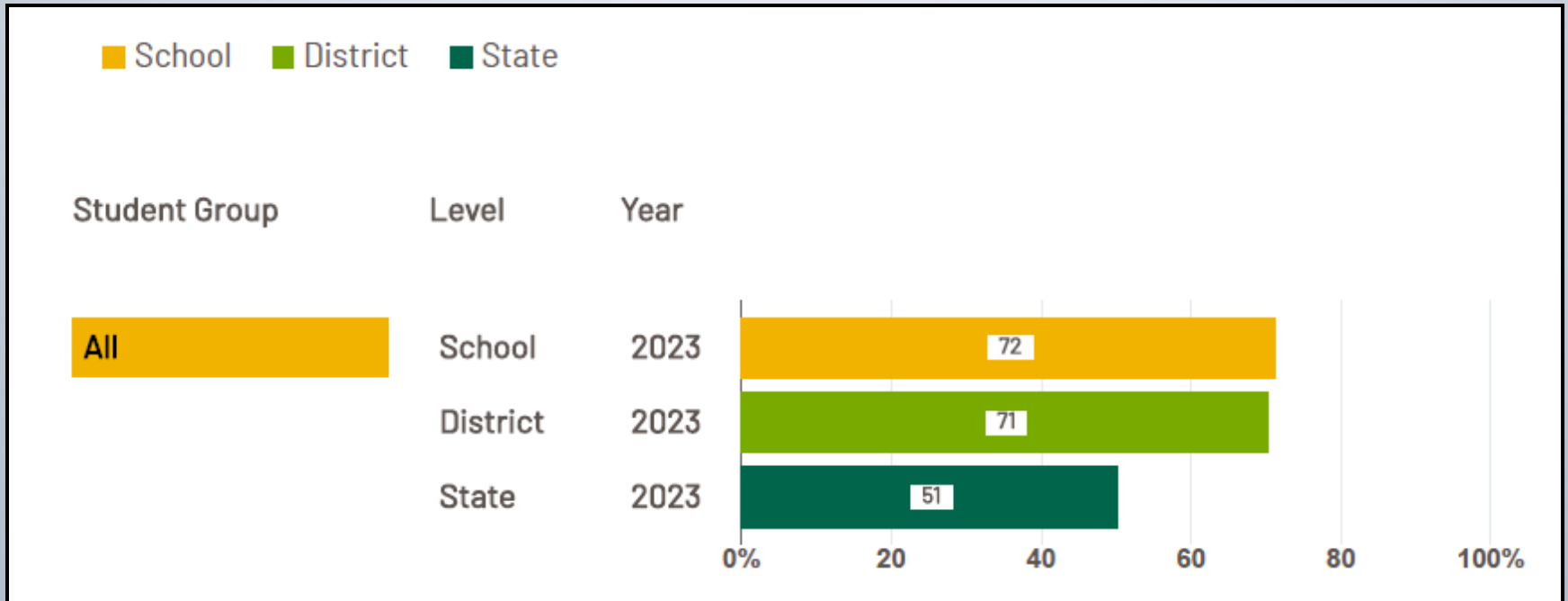
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# Science Proficiency

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