

# **Montgomery Township School District**

## **New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) Results 2023**

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# New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)

## What:

- NJGPA is designed to measure the extent to which students are graduation ready in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.
- The ELA component is aligned to the grade 10 New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS).
- The Mathematics component is aligned to the Algebra I and Geometry New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS).
- In addition to serving as a graduation requirement, results from the NJGPA can be used to aid in review of curriculum, and to help identify potential focus areas in instruction and intervention for students with demonstrated need.

## Who:

- Administered to all grade 11 students (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6)

## When:

- Was administered in March 2023

# NJGPA Performance Levels

NJGPA Performance Levels	
	Not Yet Graduation Ready
	Graduation Ready

# NJGPA Proficiency Score

- On May 3, 2023, the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted 725 as the proficiency level cut score for the English language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics components of the NJGPA, as well as the menu of alternative assessments and aligned cut scores.
- Students who take but do not meet the minimum required score on each component of the assessment will have the opportunity to receive additional supports and may take the following steps:

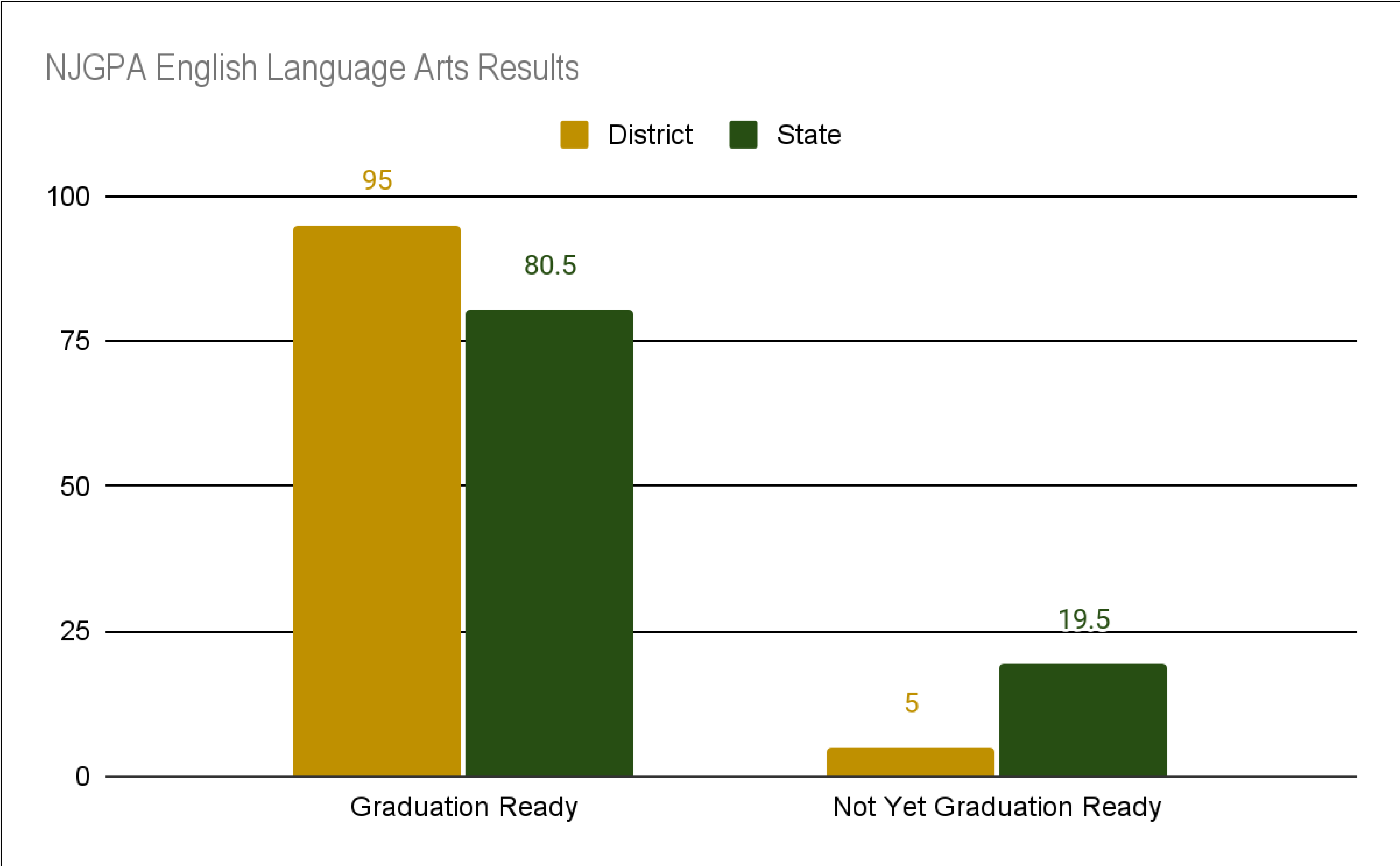
Available Pathways	ELA	Mathematics
First Pathway	Retake and demonstrate proficiency on the ELA component of NJGPA	Retake and demonstrate proficiency on the Math component of NJGPA
Second Pathway	Meet the minimum required score on one of the ELA assessments listed on the menu of substitute competency tests	Meet the minimum required score on one of the Math assessments listed on the menu of substitute competency tests
Third Pathway	Meet the criteria of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Portfolio Appeal for ELA	Meet the criteria of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Portfolio Appeal for Math



# Protecting Student Confidentiality

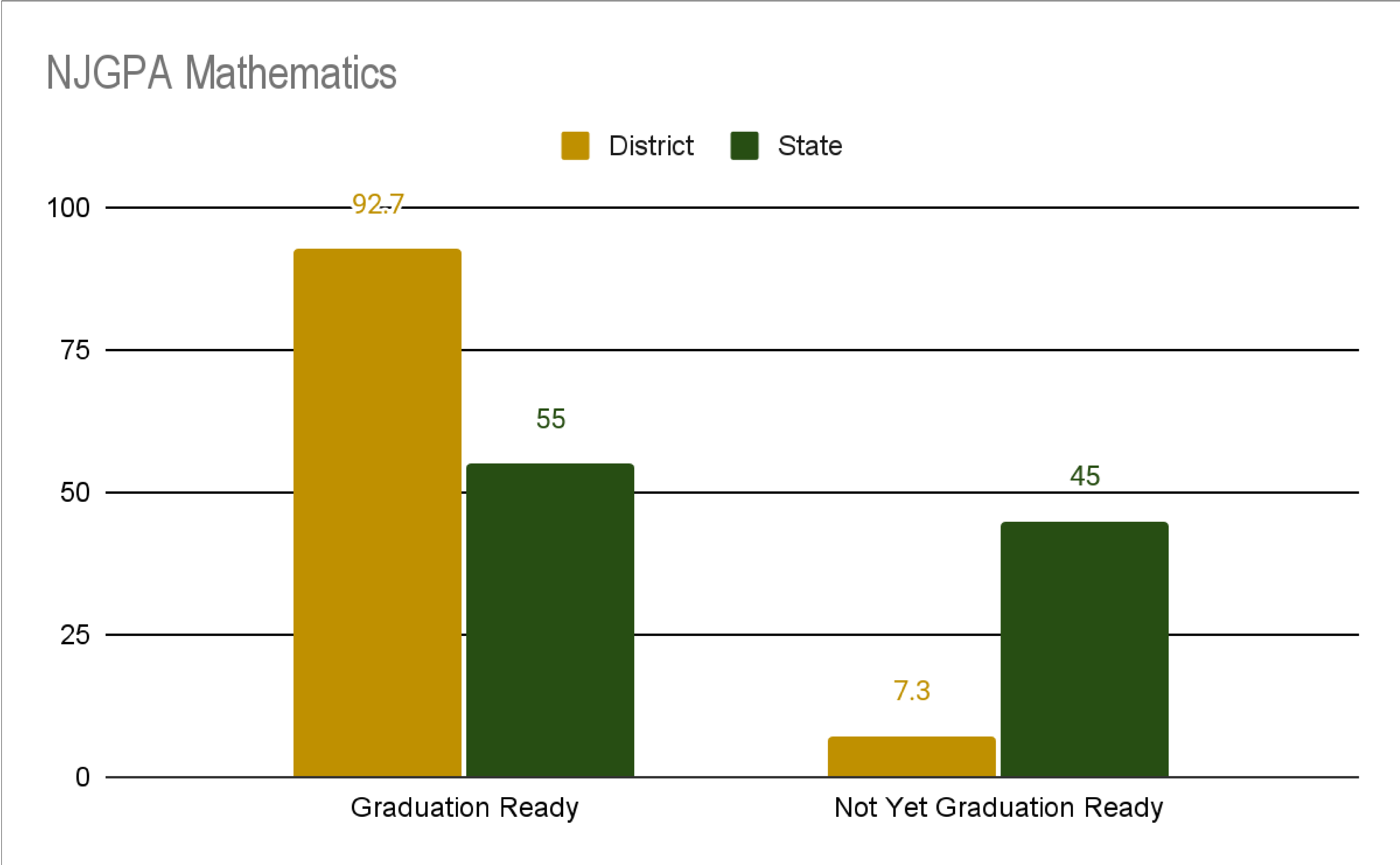
- In the reporting of group assessment data, the intent is to protect student privacy through procedures that systematically prevent members of the public from discerning student identity.
- Guidelines provided by the Federal government state that in the reporting of assessment results, suppression of numbers should occur in categories where the counts are low, making it otherwise impossible to infer the results of the individuals.
- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) specifies that states must select a minimum number of students (minimum n-size) necessary for a particular group (“subgroup”) to be included in the ESSA school accountability system.
- The NJDOE maintains 10 as its minimum n-size for school and district reporting.

# NJGPA ELA Results



Graduation Ready (District)	Graduation Ready (State)	Not Yet Graduation Ready (District)	Not Yet Graduation Ready (State)
95.0%	80.5%	5.0%	19.5%

# NJGPA Math Results



Graduation Ready (District)	Graduation Ready (State)	Not Yet Graduation Ready (District)	Not Yet Graduation Ready (State)
92.7%	55.0%	7.3%	45.0%

# **NJGPA**

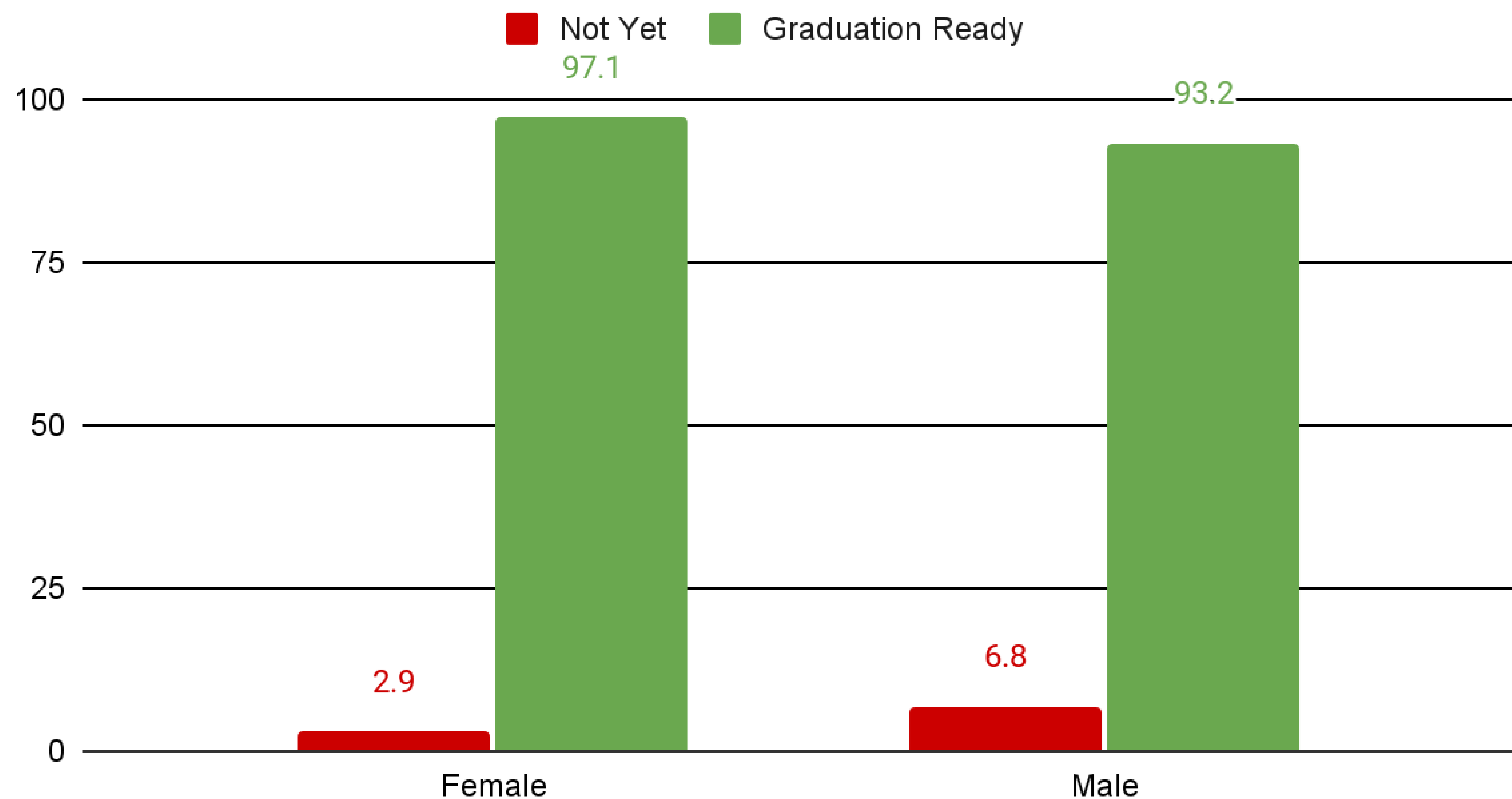
## **Demographic Analysis**



# NJGPA ELA Results by Subgroup

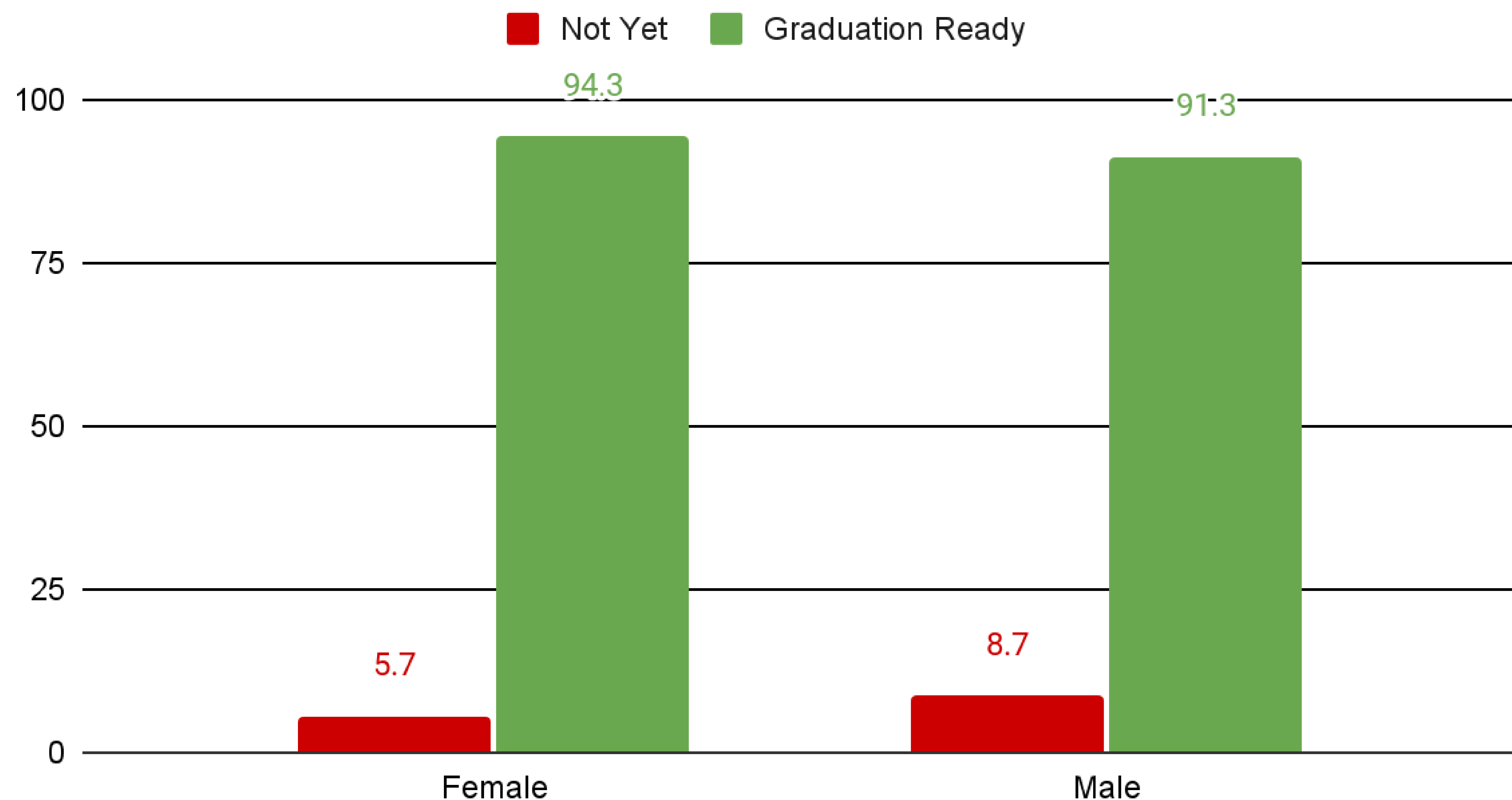
## Gender

NJGPA ELA by Subgroup Gender



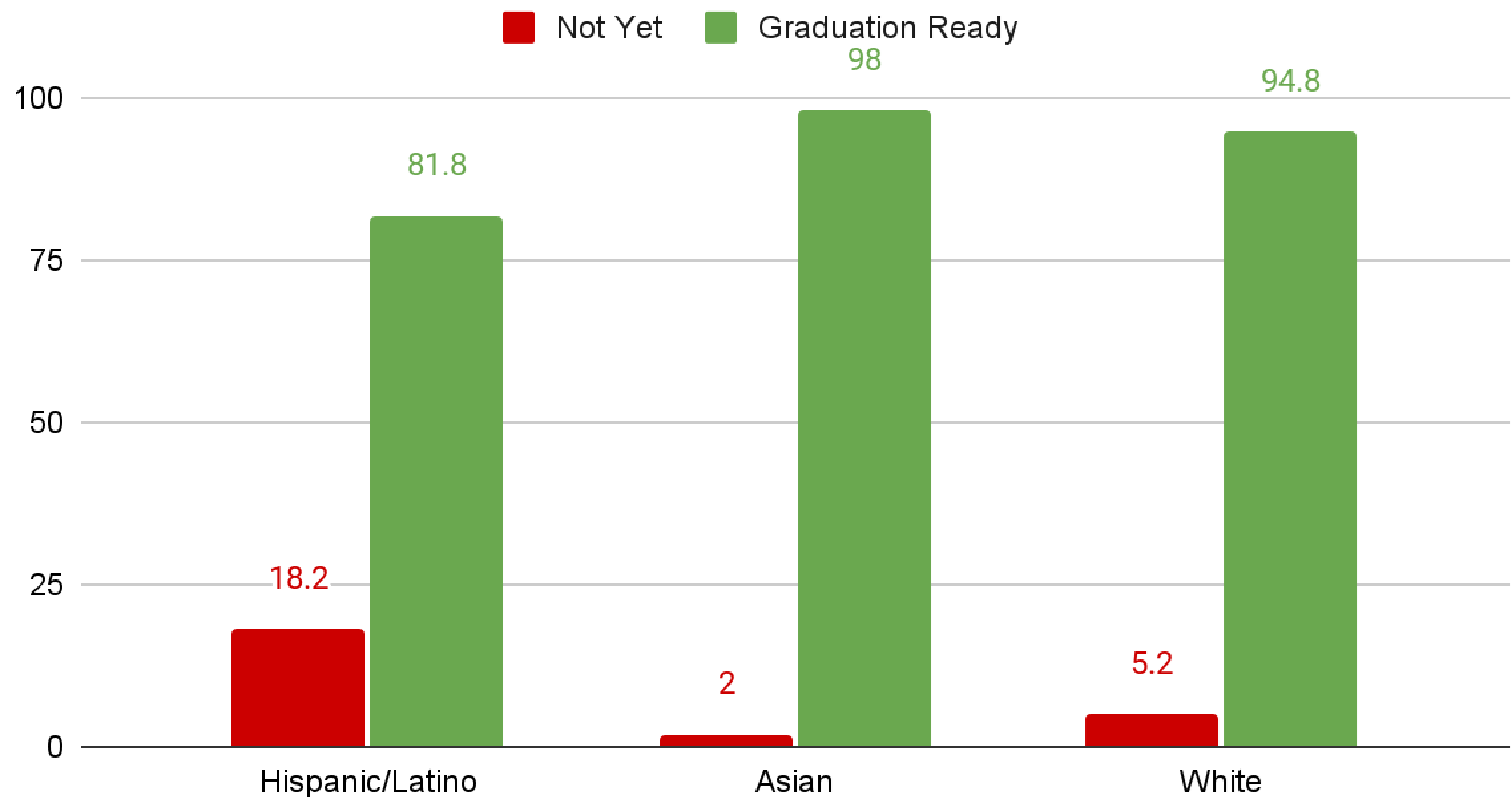
# NJGPA Math Results by Subgroup Gender

NJGPA Math by Subgroup Gender



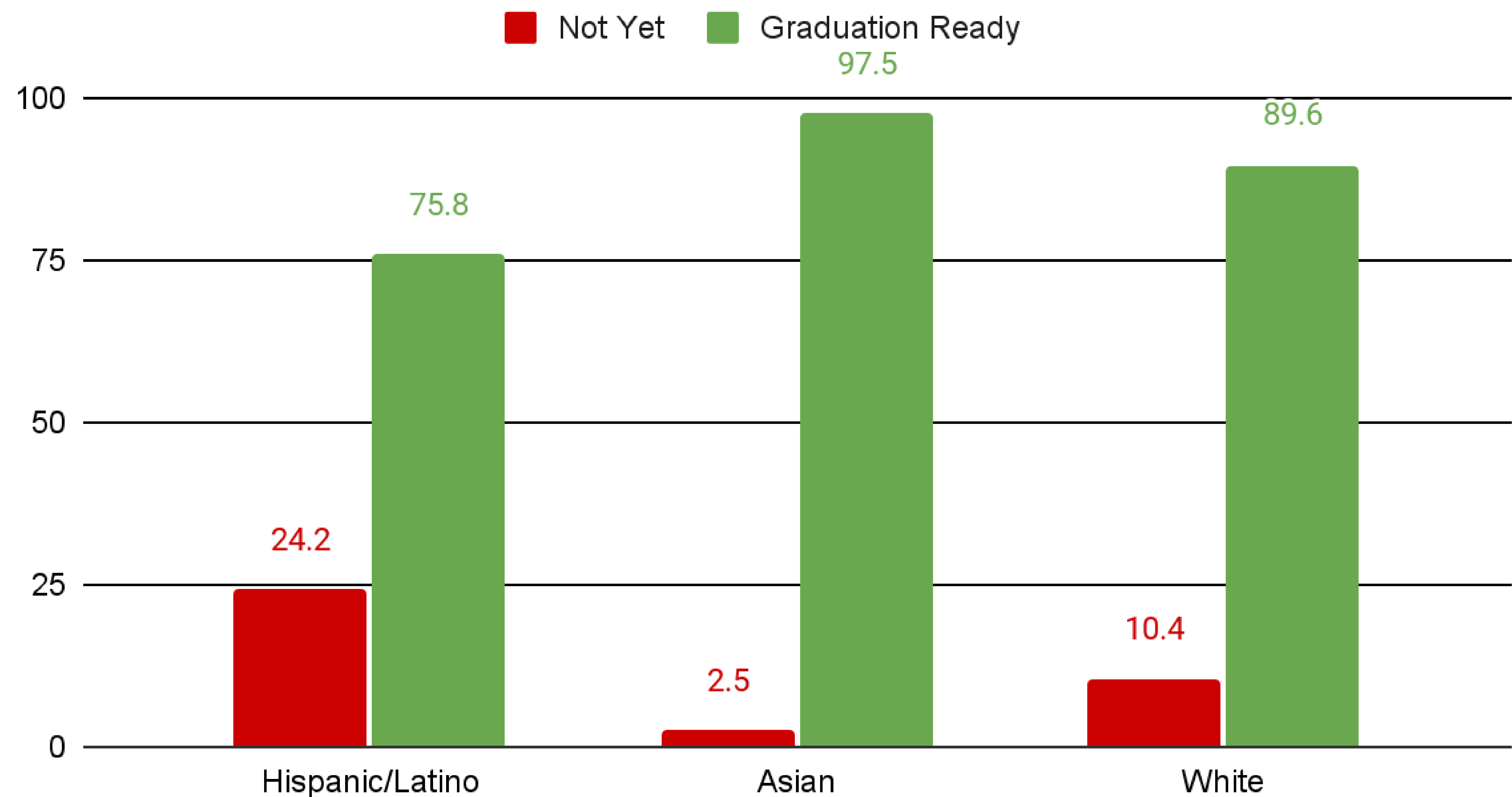
# NJGPA ELA Results by Subgroup Race

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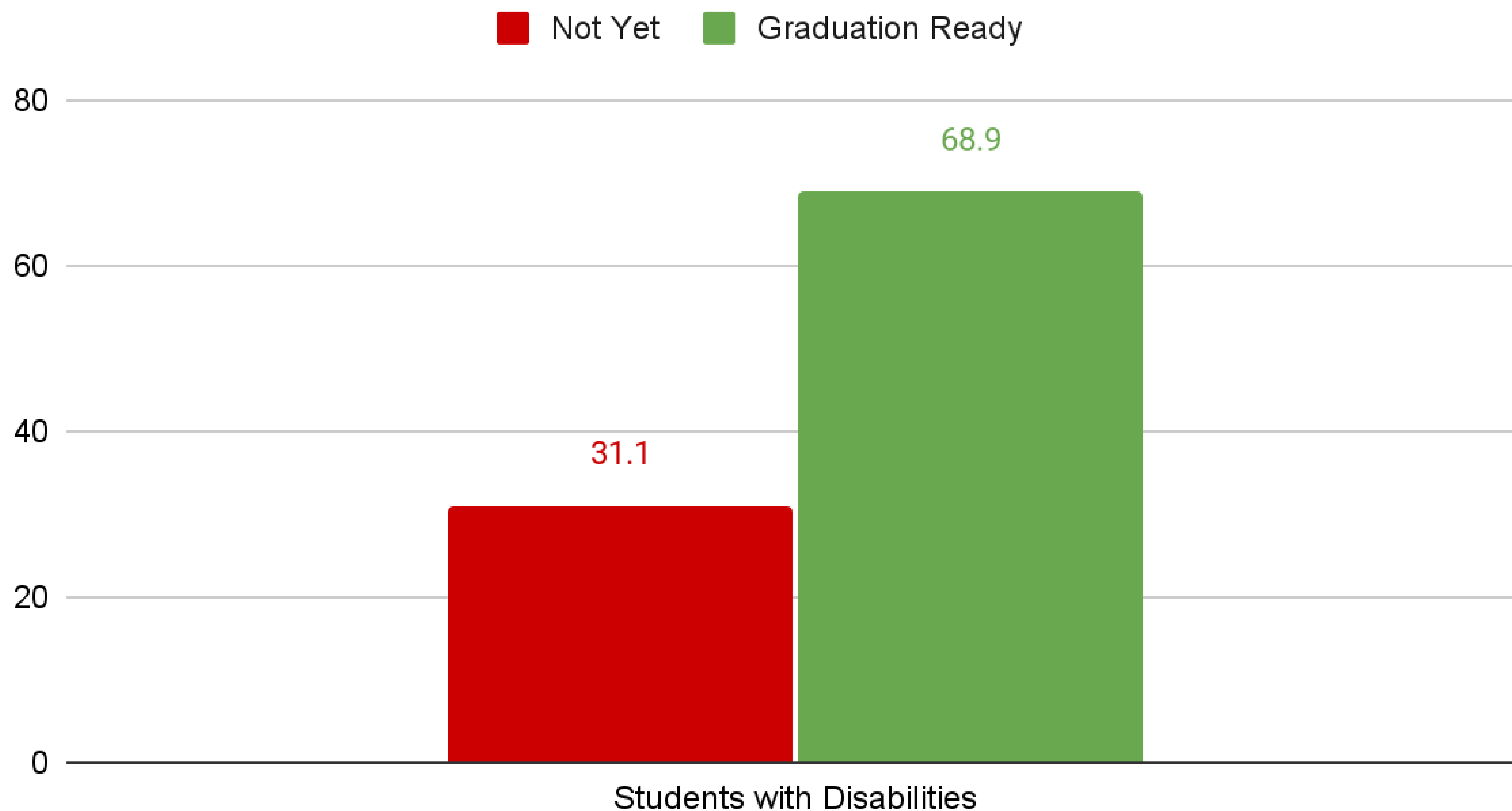
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# NJGPA **ELA** Results by Subgroup Program

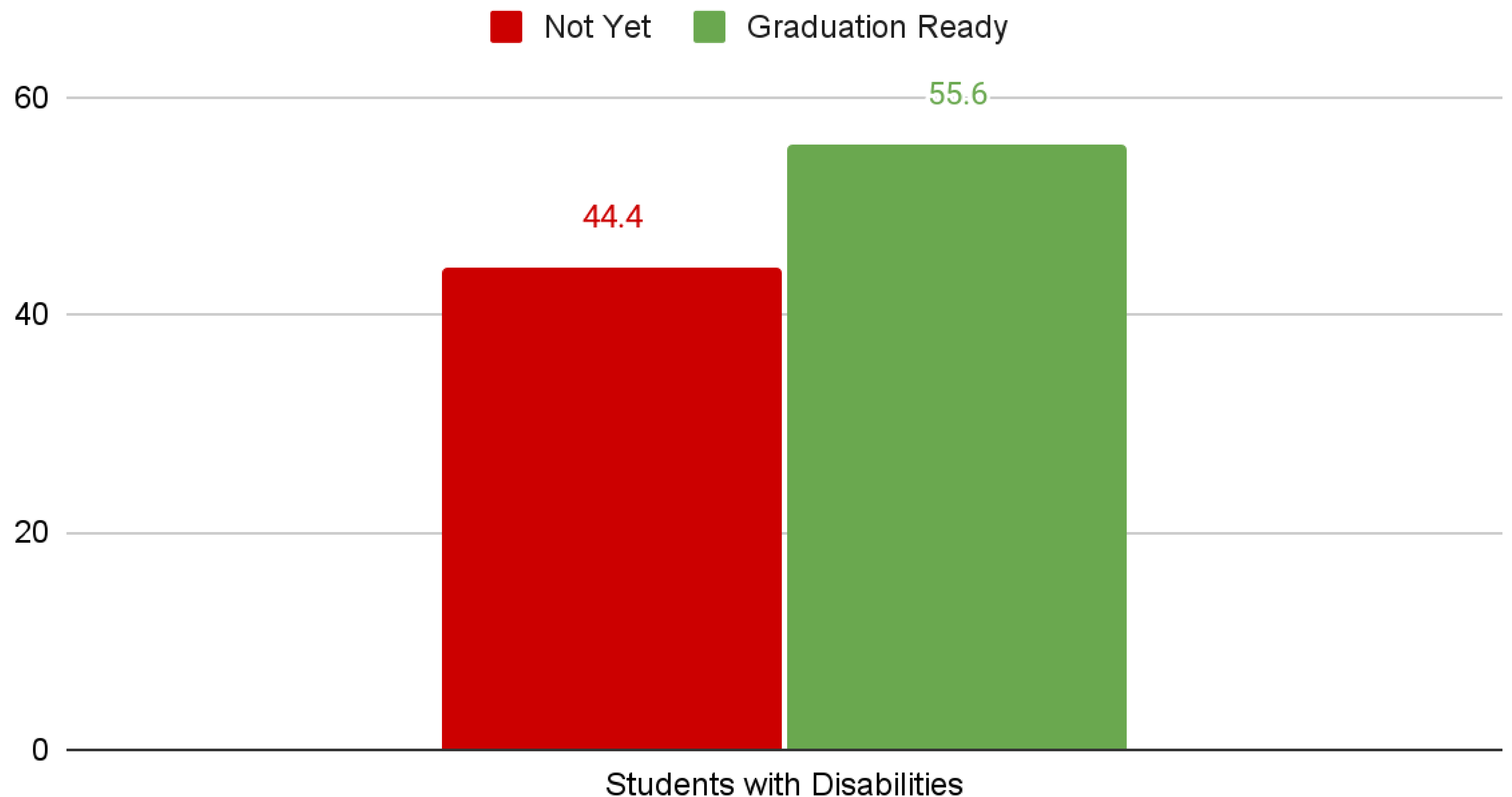
NJGPA ELA by Subgroup Program





# NJGPA Math Results by Subgroup Program

NJGPA Math by Subgroup Program

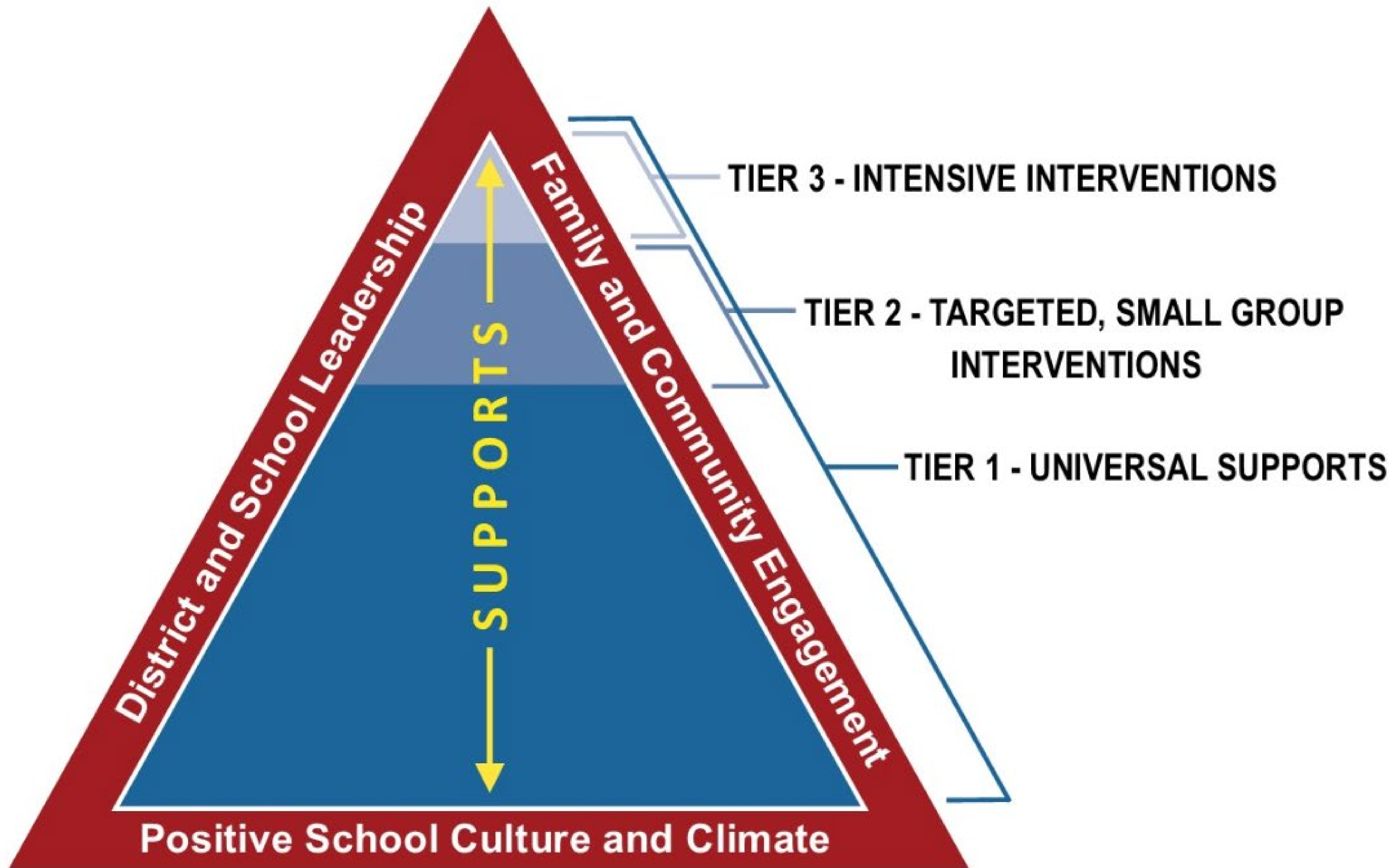


# **Notable Achievements & Interventions**

# Notable Achievements

- MTSD students outperformed the state in both in English Language Arts and Math.
- Over 90% of students demonstrated graduation readiness in both English Language Arts and Math.

# New Jersey Tiered System of Supports



# Interventions

- Student performance is regularly monitored, analyzed, and discussed by staff including teachers, counselors, and administrators at team/department meetings.
- Data is continuously used to determine the efficacy of instructional practices, which includes identifying frequently missed standards and adjusting curriculum and instruction accordingly.
- Content area supervisors work closely with teachers in identifying standards, skills, and concepts not adequately grasped.



# Interventions

## Star360

- ELA/Math assessment platform aligned with the NJSLS/NJSLA
- Scores can be correlated with NJSLA to predict success
- Administered in the Fall, Winter, and Spring to track growth and mastery of grade level standards
- Helps to identify student needs as the year progresses (data can be used to identify students in need of supplemental instruction)
- Increases classroom differentiation through UDL

## Additional ELA & Mathematics Interventions

- Mathematics and Literacy Skills lab course (for students who demonstrate a more significant skill deficiency as identified by multiple data points).
- Mathematics and ELA after school clinics (for students identified as need additional, targeted support as identified by multiple data points)
- Achieve Program, after school help, study hall, etc.

# New Jersey Tiered System of Supports

Universal Supports for All Students

(graphic organizers, chunked assignments, extended time, audio or visual options, decodable readers, texts at various reading levels, peer tutors, etc).

**Tier 1**

I&RS  
Recommendations  
and/or  
Targeted Classroom Supports

(small group instruction in or out of the classroom, intervention lessons on a particular standard or skill, change in the instructional materials, academic support program, etc.)

**Tier 2**

Referral & Evaluation

**Tier 3**





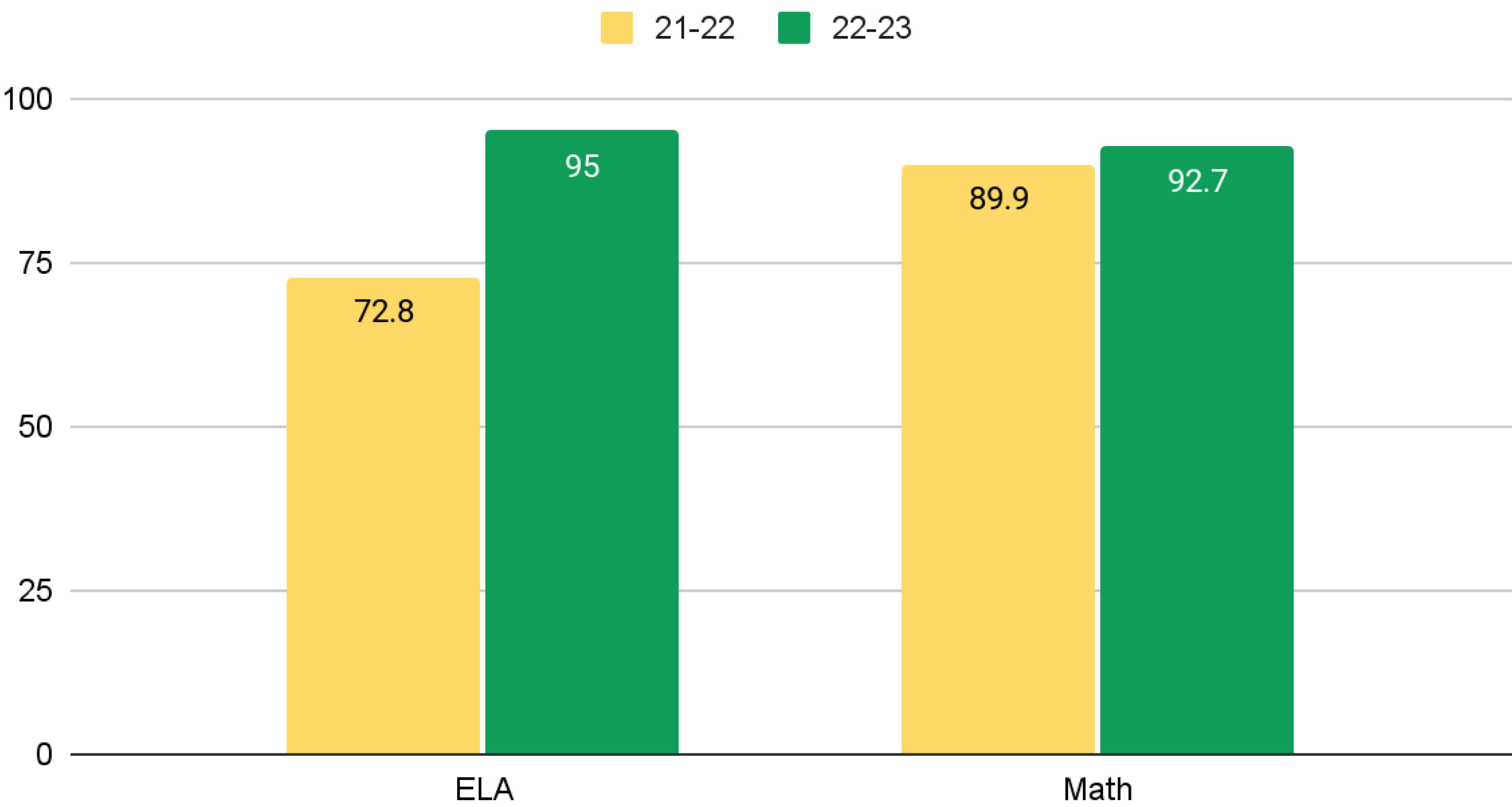
# **MHS NJGPA Comp**

## **Data**

### **21/22 & 22/23**

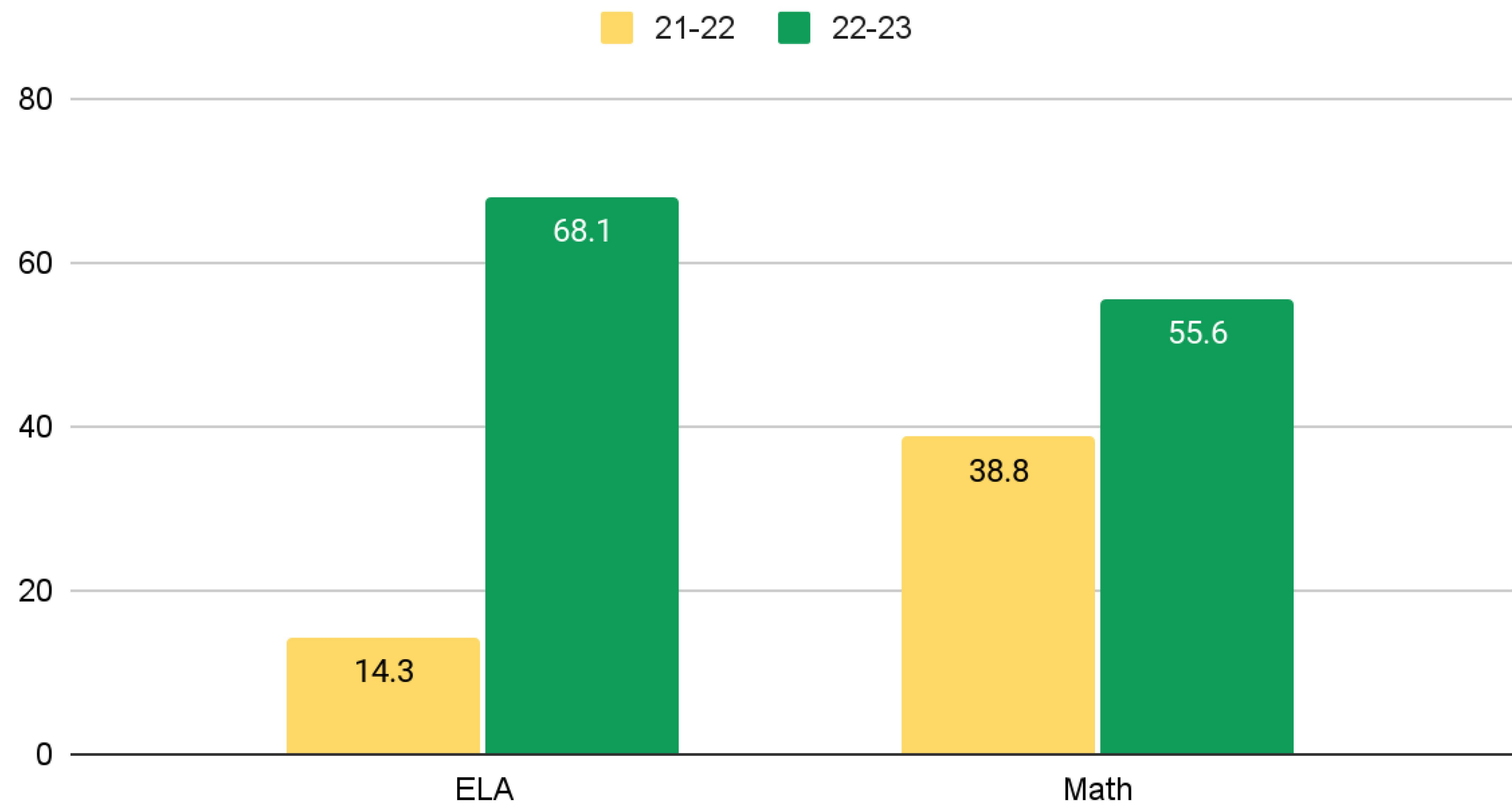
**Heather Pino-Beattie**  
**Principal, MHS**

# Graduation Ready: All Students



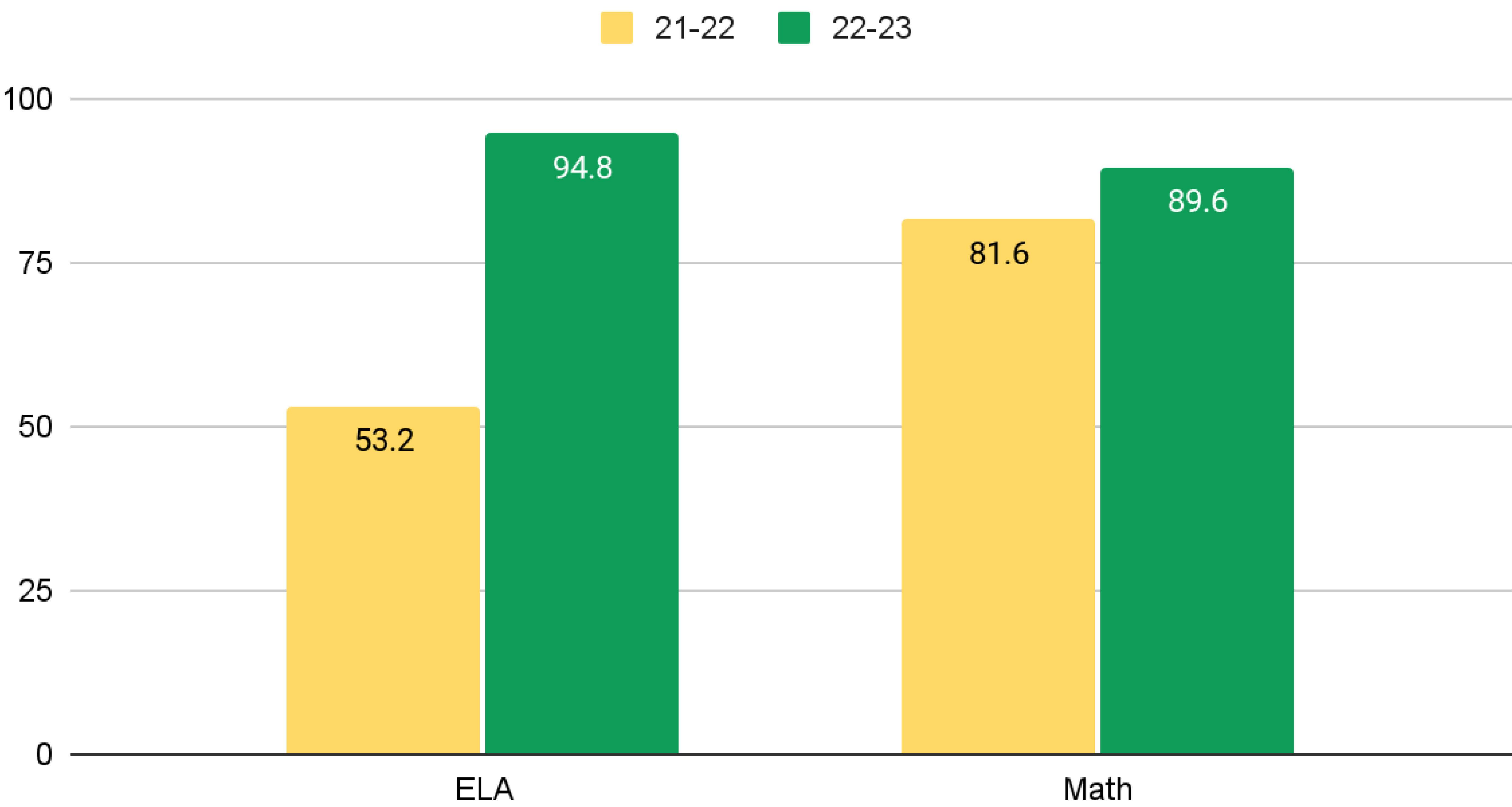


# Subgroup: Students with Disabilities (SWD)

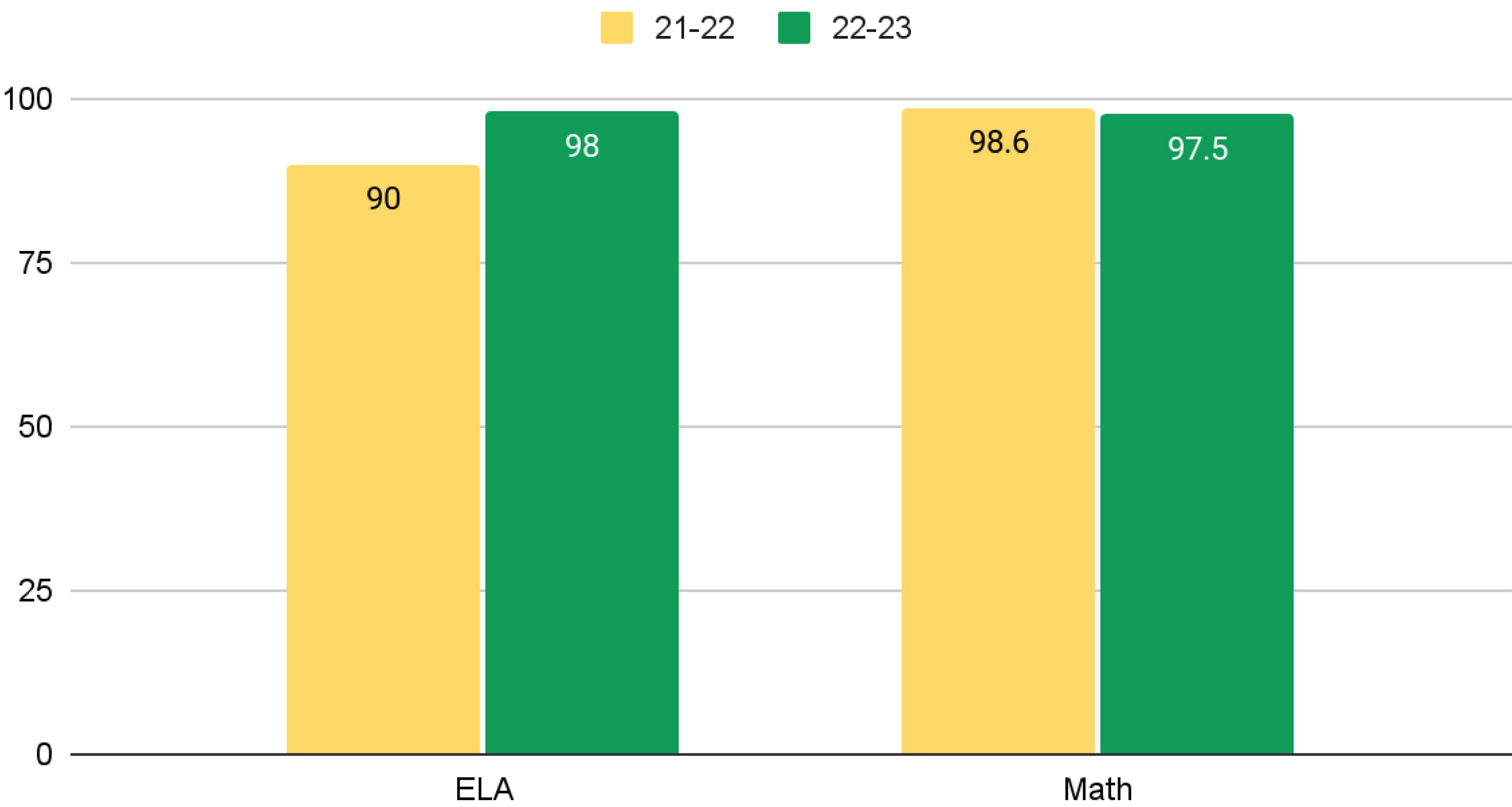




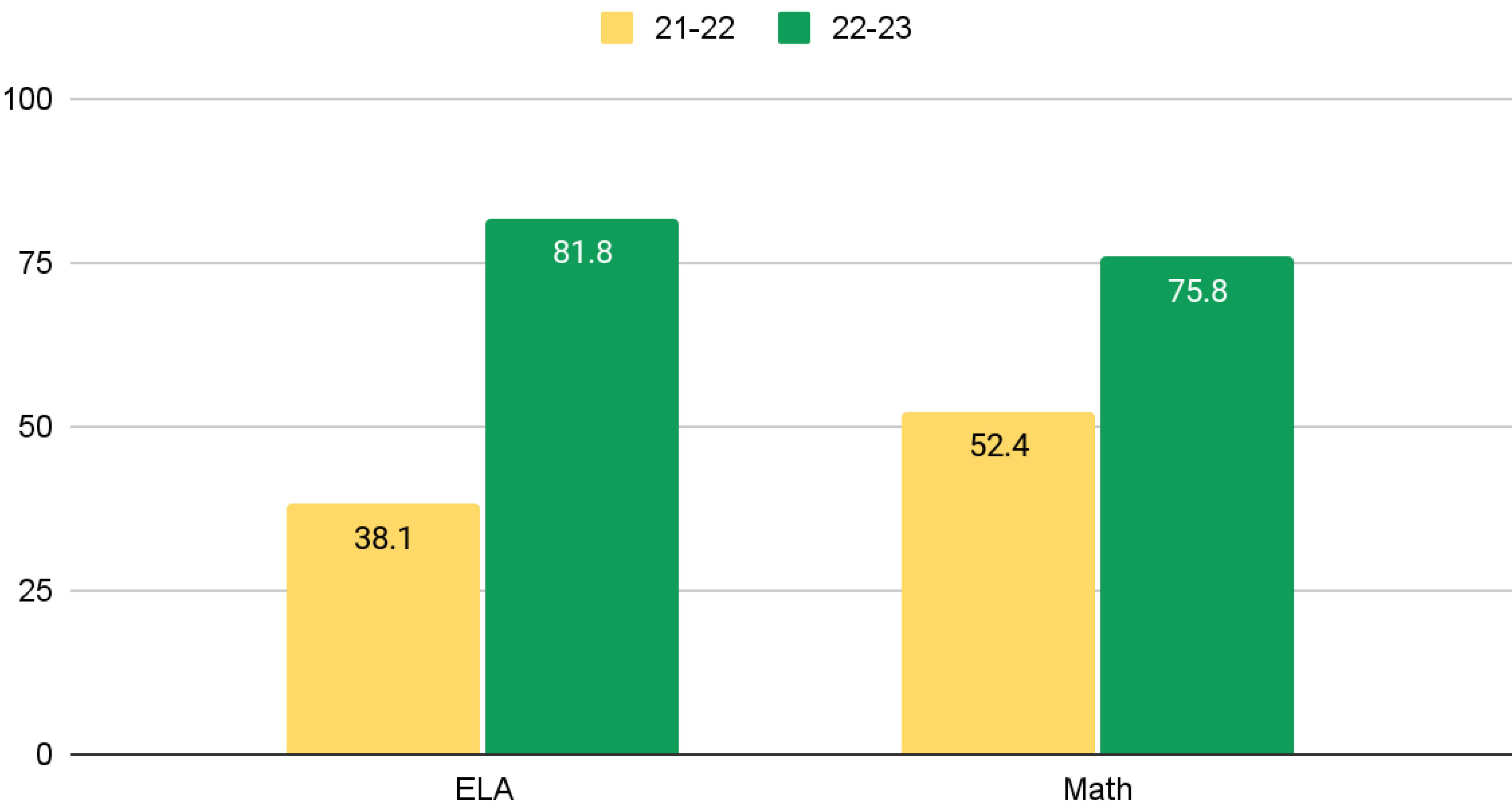
# Subgroup: White



Subgroup: Asian



# Subgroup: Hispanic



# How did we get here...

- Targeted standards and skills based remediation clinics in ELA and Math
- Curricular enhancements by targeted standards
  - I.e. Comprehensive literacy instruction within social studies courses aligned to ELA literacy standards
- Individual student score analysis and focused remediation by student and standard
- Culture of pushing beyond basic proficiency
  - In the classroom
  - In non-tested areas
  - Through counseling and SEL supports
- Empowering students to recognize the importance of demonstrating their mastery of content knowledge and standards through intrinsic motivation
  - Don't sweat the test... but, it's important to show what you know!
- Normalizing discussions around test stress/anxiety and working with students to develop the tools to succeed
- Educating students on what exactly each assessment measures... how and why
  - Student understanding of rubrics
  - Refining student ability to self assess through use of formal rubrics
- Our staff is the critical element in every aspect of success
- “Every kid is ONE caring adult away from being a success story.” - Josh Shipp

# Moving Forward

The next administration of the NJGPA will  
place in March of 2024.