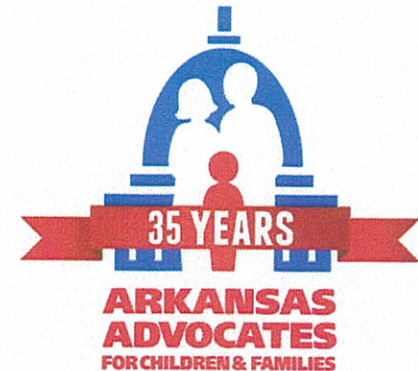
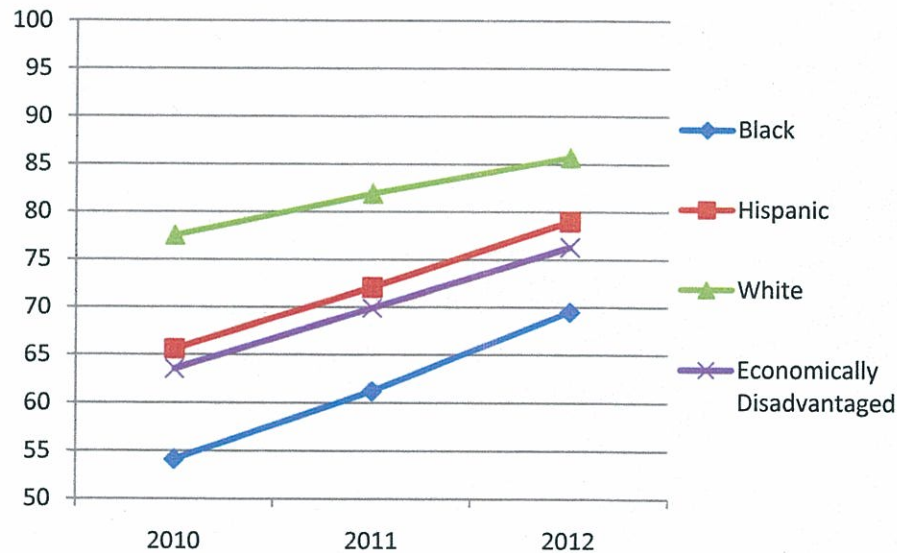


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Percentages of Students Proficient and Advanced for Third Grade Literacy



Over 16% more white students are proficient than black students. The gap remains despite efforts to close it throughout the NCLB program. Common Core represents a more difficult curriculum than schools are currently using.¹ Without intentional planning and resources based on assessed needs for schools with large minority and low-income populations the gap will widen again rather than narrow.

Source: Education Week Series on Common Core