

Use of Assessment Results in Statewide Efforts to Improve Student Achievement



Arkansas Department of Education

Vision

The Arkansas Department of Education is transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education.

Mission

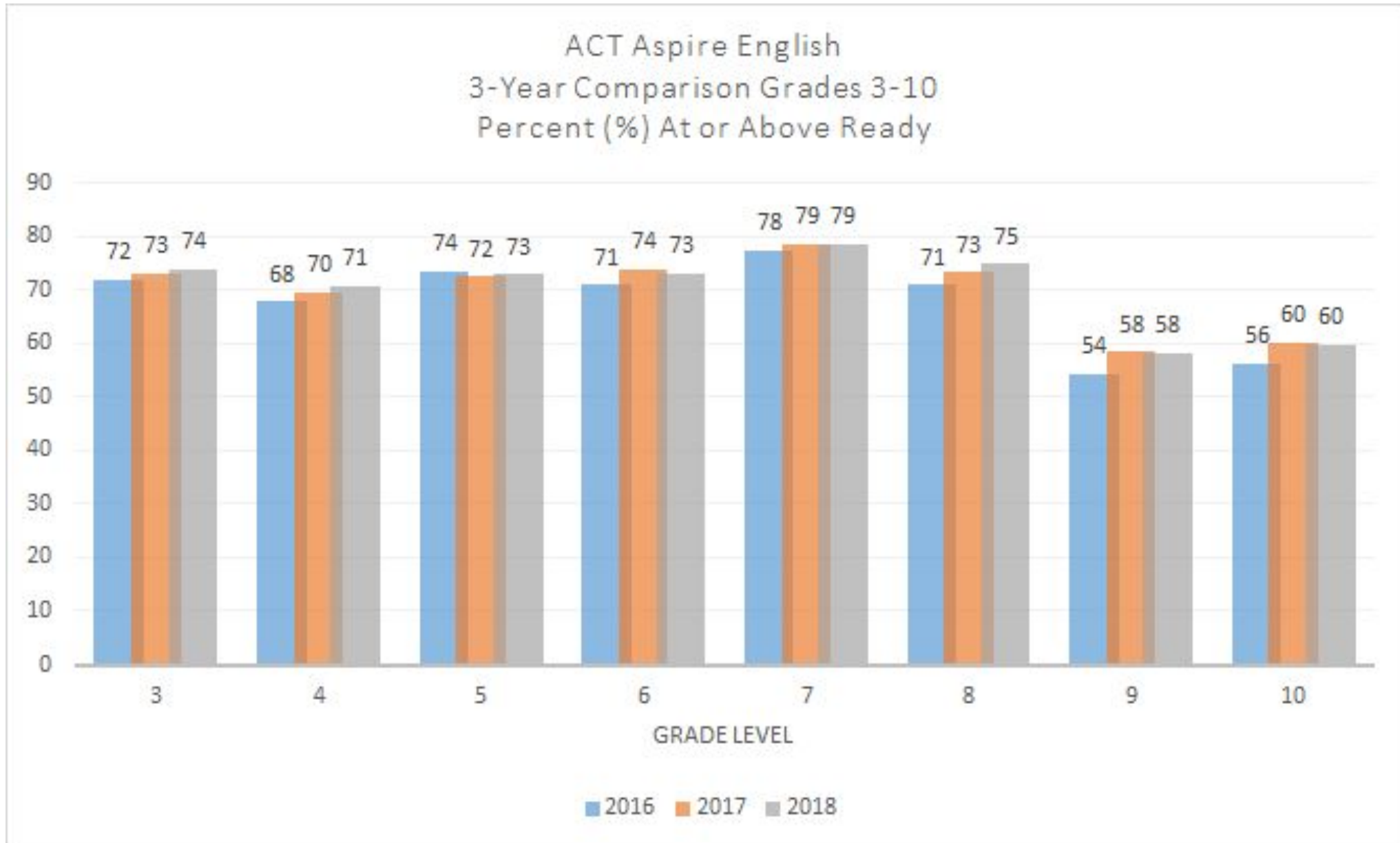
The Arkansas Department of Education provides leadership, support, and service to schools, districts, and communities so every student graduates prepared for college, career, and community engagement.

In this presentation...

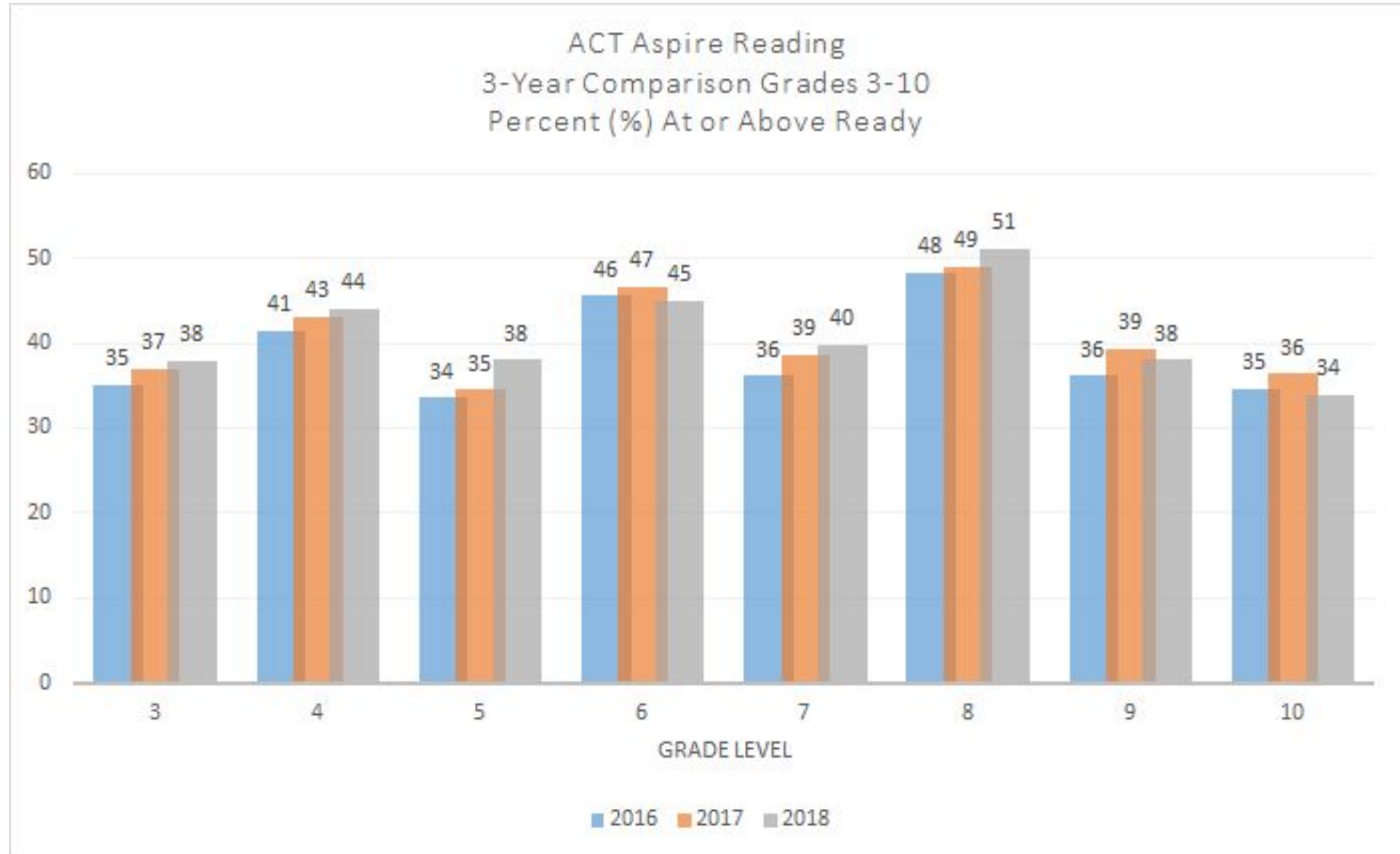
1. What do we need to understand about 2018 ACT Aspire Scores?
2. What is the data telling us about how well our schools are doing?

Let's Talk About ACT Aspire Scores

ACT Aspire: English



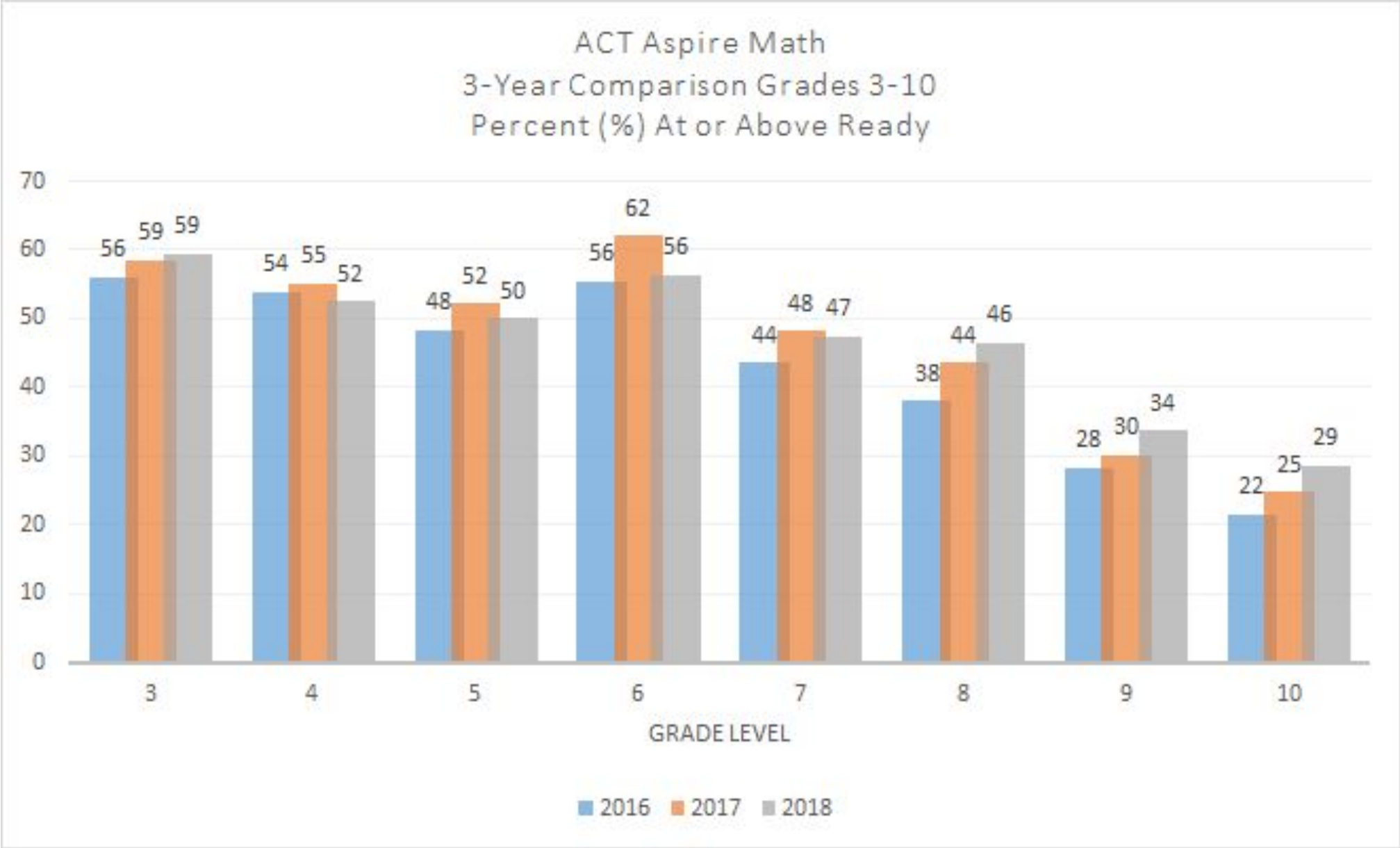
ACT Aspire: Reading



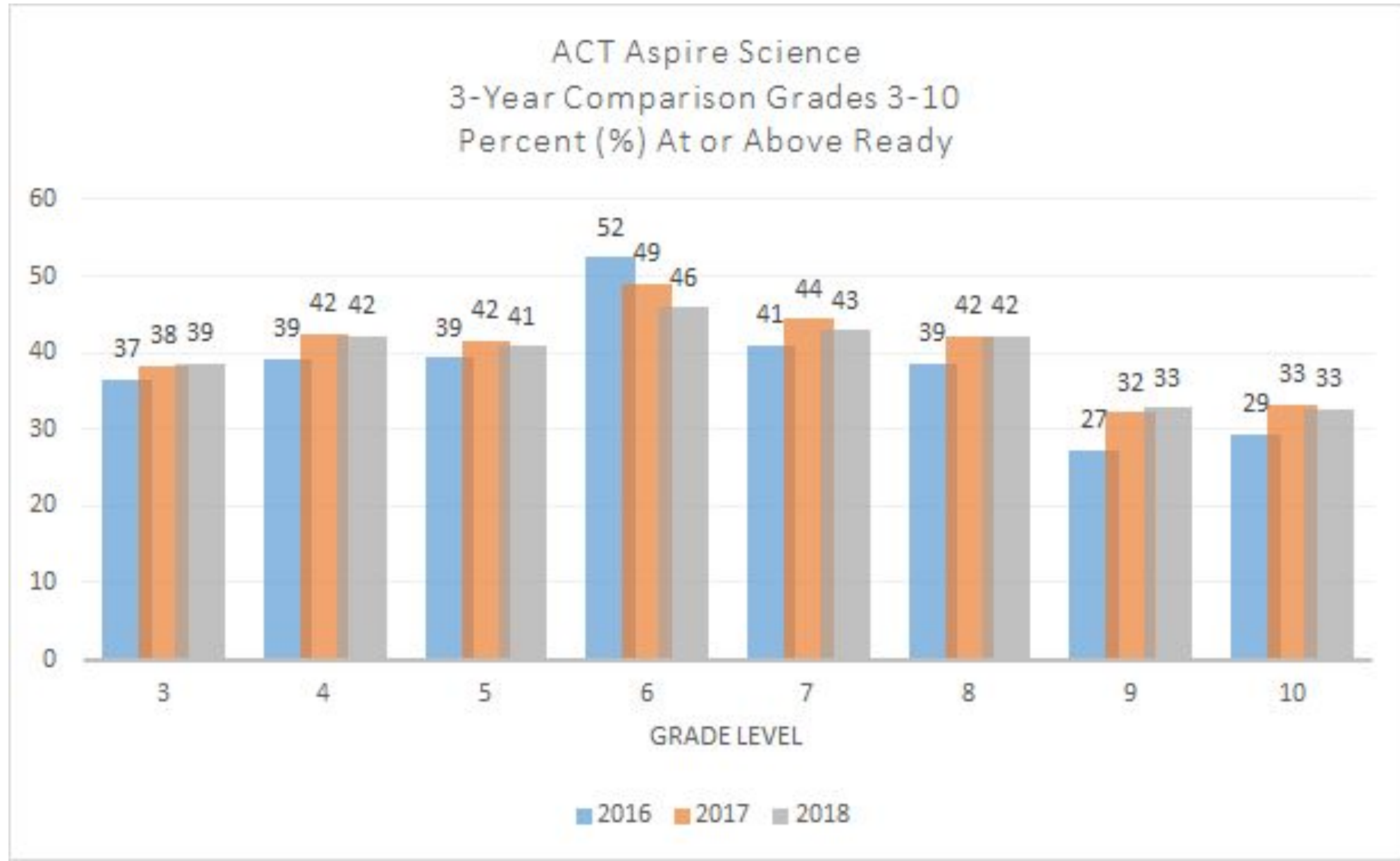
RISE Arkansas

- RISE Arkansas
 - Culture of Reading
 - Collaboration
 - Increase Knowledge of Educators
- RISE Academy
 - 80 Trainers (160 by summer of 2019)
 - Over 3000 K-2 Teachers
 - 2500 3-5 Teachers
- Pathways to Proficiency - Science of Reading (Act 1063 of 2017, the Right to Read Act)
- Science of Reading Awareness for 7-12 (ACT 1063 of 2017)
- Pearson Foundations of Reading Test (ACT 416 of 2017)
- Reporting Reading Levels (ACT 940 of 2017)

ACT Aspire: Math



ACT Aspire: Science

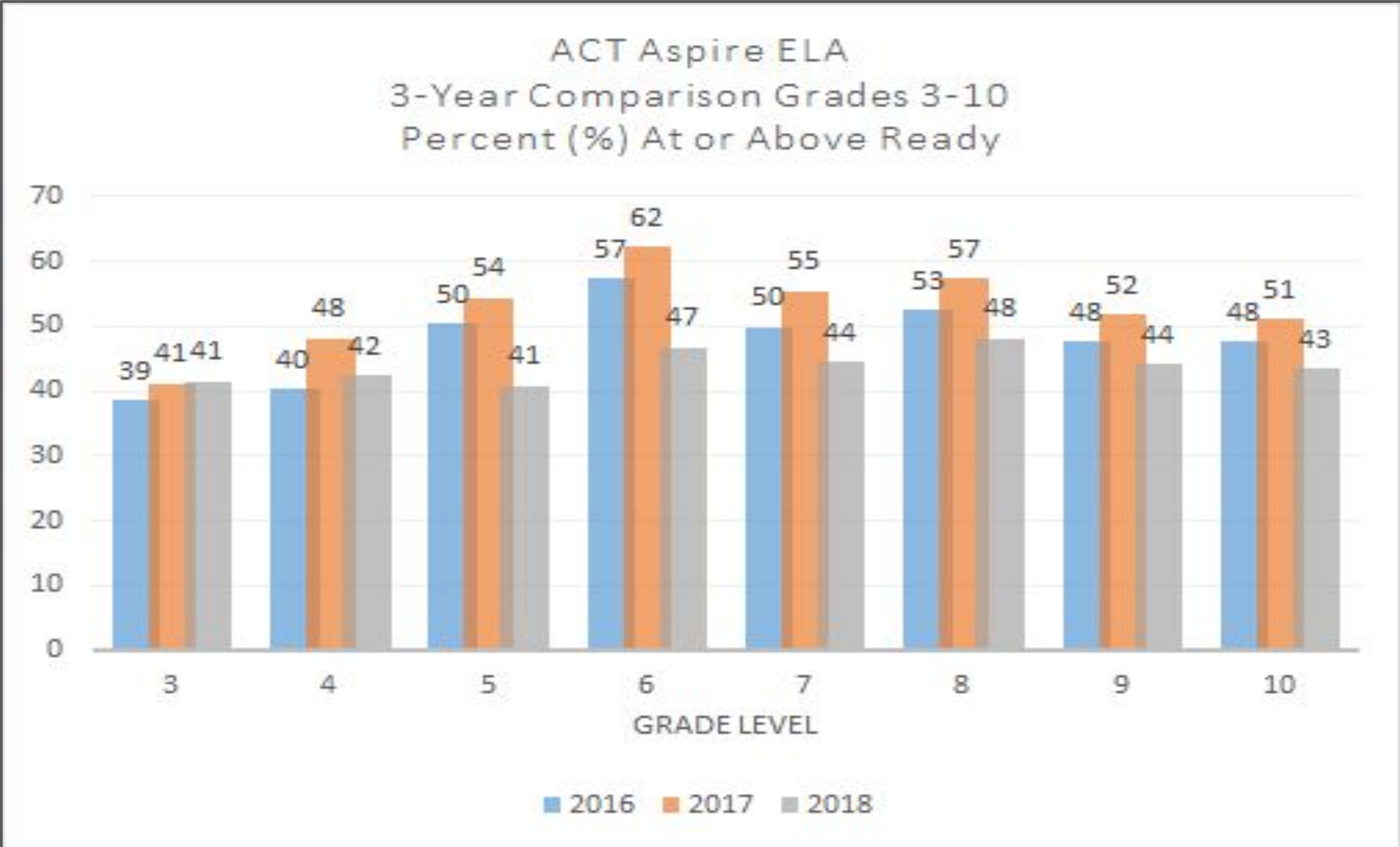


Statewide Science and Math

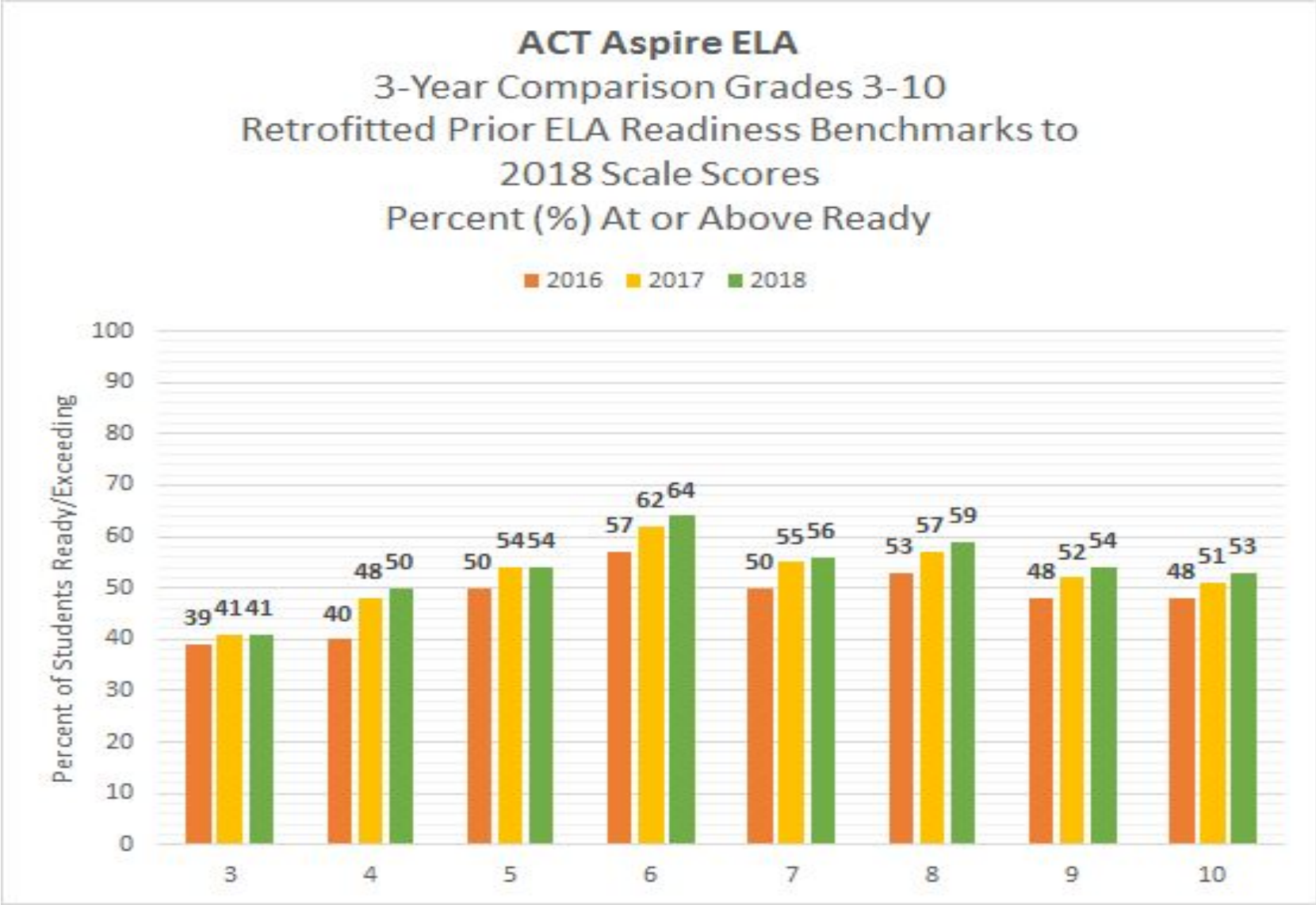
- Grasping Phenomenal Science
 - K-4
 - 5-8
 - 9-12 Biology, Physical Science, or Chemistry
- Computer Science
 - All high schools in the state
 - Computer Science Standards K-12
- Math
 - Launching Math Quest Professional Development

Let's Talk About the Impact of ACT Aspire Readiness Cut Scores

New ELA Readiness Scores



Retrofit 2018 Scores with Prior Readiness Benchmarks for Comparison with Prior Years' Percent At Ready or Above



The ACT Performance Levels

Only the ACT reports College and Career Readiness Benchmark Scores – A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher, or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher, in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses.

ACT Aspire benchmark scores have been back-mapped to be predictive of scoring Ready on the ACT test.

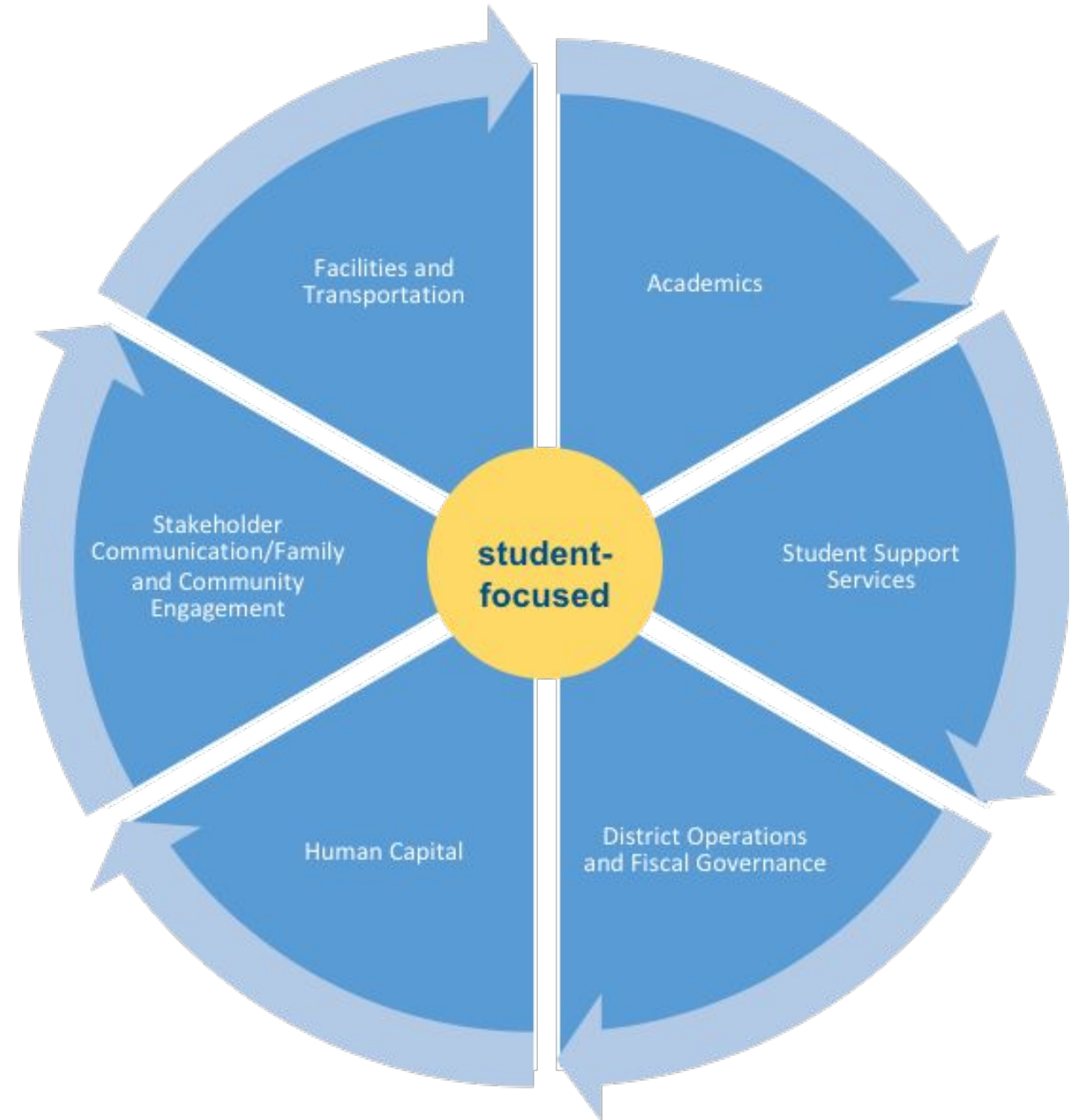
ACT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks

Subject	The ACT Test	First Year College Course
English	18	English Composition
Math	22	College Algebra
Reading	22	Social Sciences
Science	23	Biology
ELA	20	English Composition I, Sociology, American History, Psychology, and Economics

Let's Talk About District Supports

Act 930 of 2017

- ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
RULES GOVERNING THE
ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
ACT (AESAA)
2018 (pending – ALC in August)



Arkansas Educational Support & Accountability Act

NEW

- ❑ Student-focused Learning Systems
- ❑ Student Success Plans
- ❑ Support for Educator Excellence
- ❑ Five Levels of Support to Districts
- ❑ District Support Plans

WON'T SEE

- ❑ Remediation
- ❑ Academic Improvement Plans
- ❑ School Improvement Status
- ❑ Priority, Focus, & Academic Distress
- ❑ Adequate Yearly Progress

Questions