



Friendship Aspire Academies  
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ARKANSAS

# Charter Renewal Presentation



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The mission of Friendship Aspire Academies of Arkansas is to provide a world-class education that motivates students to achieve high academic standards, enjoy learning and develop as ethical, literate, well-rounded and self-sufficient citizens. Friendship Aspire seeks to fulfill this mission by providing students a high quality, liberal arts education focused on preparing students with the academic and life skills needed to be successful in college and beyond.

## **Our Mission**



# Our Friendship Aspire Academy Campuses

## Pine Bluff Elementary

3911 South Hazel Street  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603

## Downtown Pine Bluff

700 South Main Street  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

## Southeast Pine Bluff

1501 W 73rd Ave  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603

## Little Rock Elementary

3615 W. 25th St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

## Middle School

3615 W. 25th St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204



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PINE BLUFF ELEMENTARY

## Current School Dynamics



PB Elem received the OEP Beating the Odds Award for High ELA Growth (Central Region) and statewide ELA Growth in the 2021 school year. They were also recognized by DESE as being in the top 10% of high performing schools

- Current enrollment K-4 – 382
- School Letter Grade – C
- Overall ESSA Index Score – 67.48
- Bronze level R.I.S.E. Community
- Attendance Rate – 96%



### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

**YEAR OPENED**

**2018**

**LOCATION**

**Pine Bluff, Jefferson County**

**GRADES**

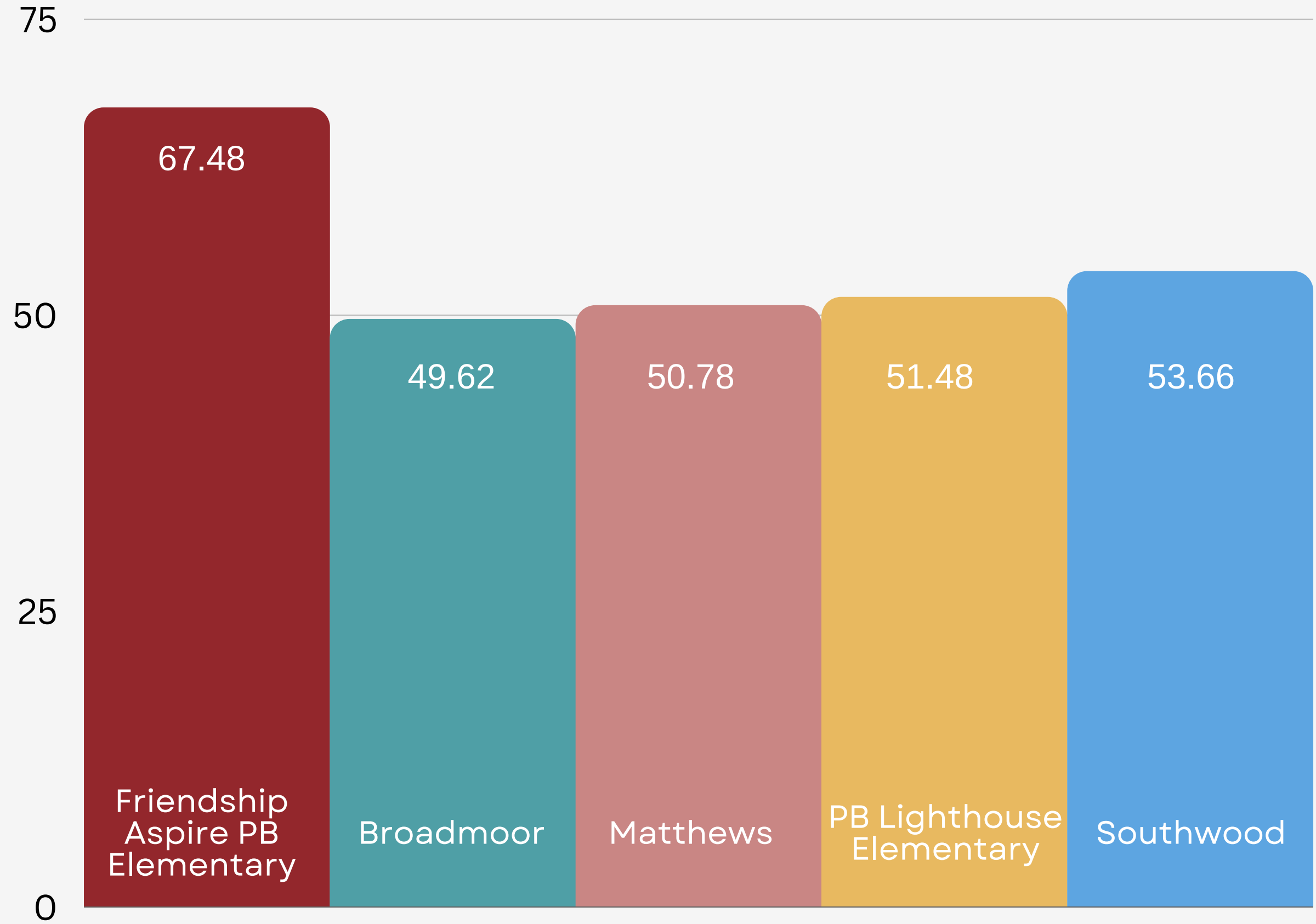
**K–1 at opening, and added 1 grade each year until K-5 (5th grade is on SE campus)**

**Extended Learning Program – before and after school care**



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## Comparison to PB Elementary Schools



ESSA School Index Scores

\*Note: Only 5 demographically comparable schools were compared



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SOUTHEAST PINE BLUFF

## Current School Dynamics

- Current enrollment 5th grade – 50 & 12th grade – 20
- School Letter Grade – not rated
- College Preparatory Campus – Commitment to ensuring each graduate gets accepted into at least 1 college of their choice
- Attendance Rate – 95%



### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Assumed management of SE AR Preparatory Academy in spring 2020

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Opened FAASEPB in the fall of 2020 with grades 10 – 12, and a commitment to seeing each SE scholar graduate from their school.

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The campus decreased a grade each year (current 12th grade & 5th grade) with a plan to drop to 6th grade and add a grade each year until the campus is 6 – 12.

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Pine Bluff, Jefferson County

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Extended Learning Program – before and after school care



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LITTLE ROCK ELEMENTARY

# Current School Dynamics



LR Elem received the OEP Beating the Odds Award for High Math Growth (Central region) & High ELA Growth (Central region) for 2022.

- Current enrollment K-4 – 248
- School Letter Grade – C
- Overall ESSA Index Score – 68.33
- DESE designee as School on the Move Toward Excellence
- Attendance Rate – 94%



## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

**YEAR OPENED**

**2019**

**LOCATION**

**Little Rock, Pulaski County**

**GRADES**

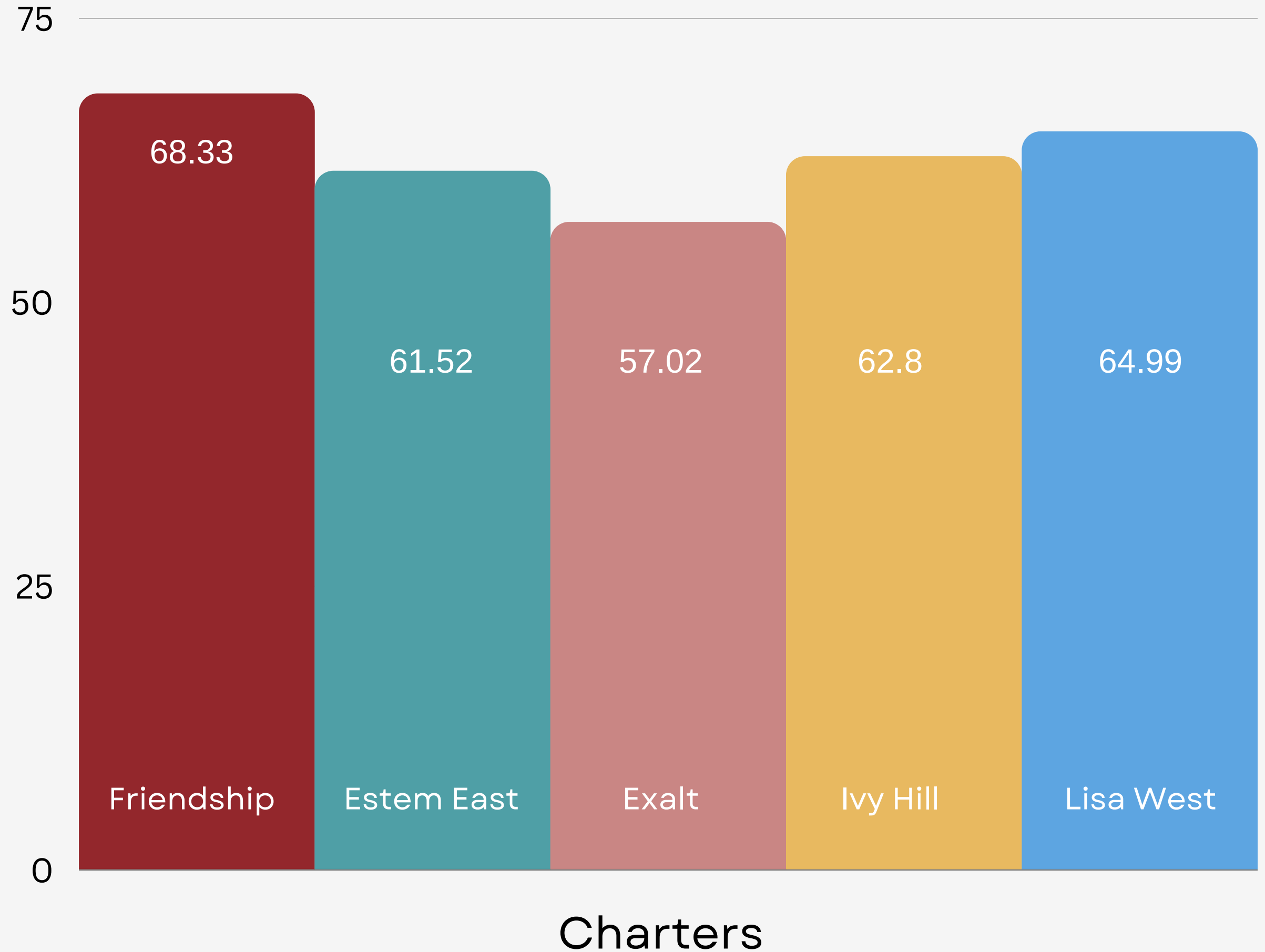
**K–1 at opening, and will add 1 grade each year until K-5 (anticipated fall 2023)**

**Extended Learning Program – before and after school care**



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## Comparison to LR **Charter** Elementary Schools



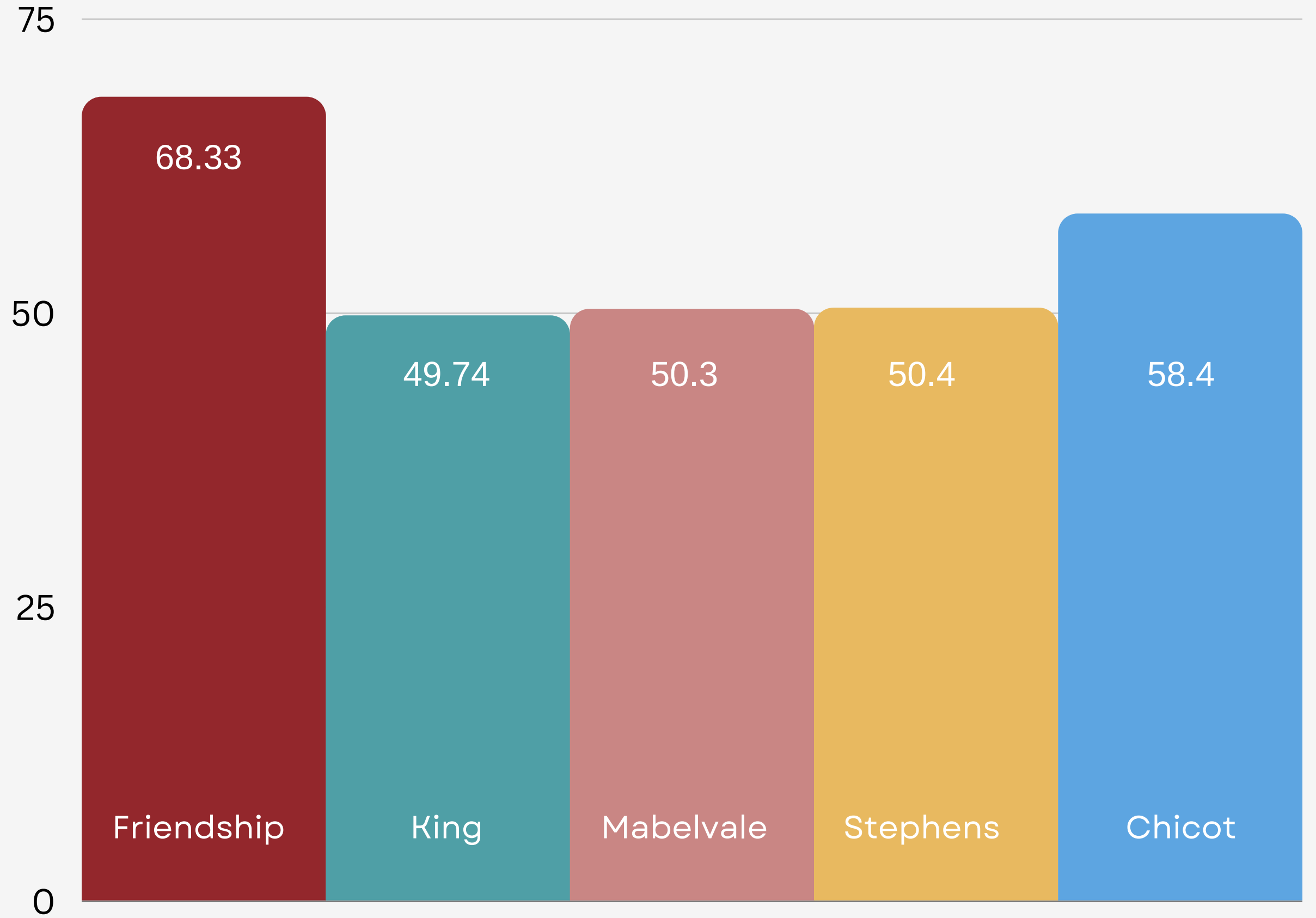
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## Comparison to LR **Traditional** Elementary Schools



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## HISTORICAL CONTEXT



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Current School Dynamics



LR Middle School received the OEP Beating the Odds Award for High ELA Growth (Central Region) for 2021 and 2022.

- Current 6-8 enrollment – 79
- School Letter Grade – D
- Overall ESSA Index Score – 57.39
- Attendance Rate – 92%



## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Assumed management of Covenant Keepers Charter School in fall of 2018

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Opened FAALRMS in spring of 2019 with CK students

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6 – 8 grade campus

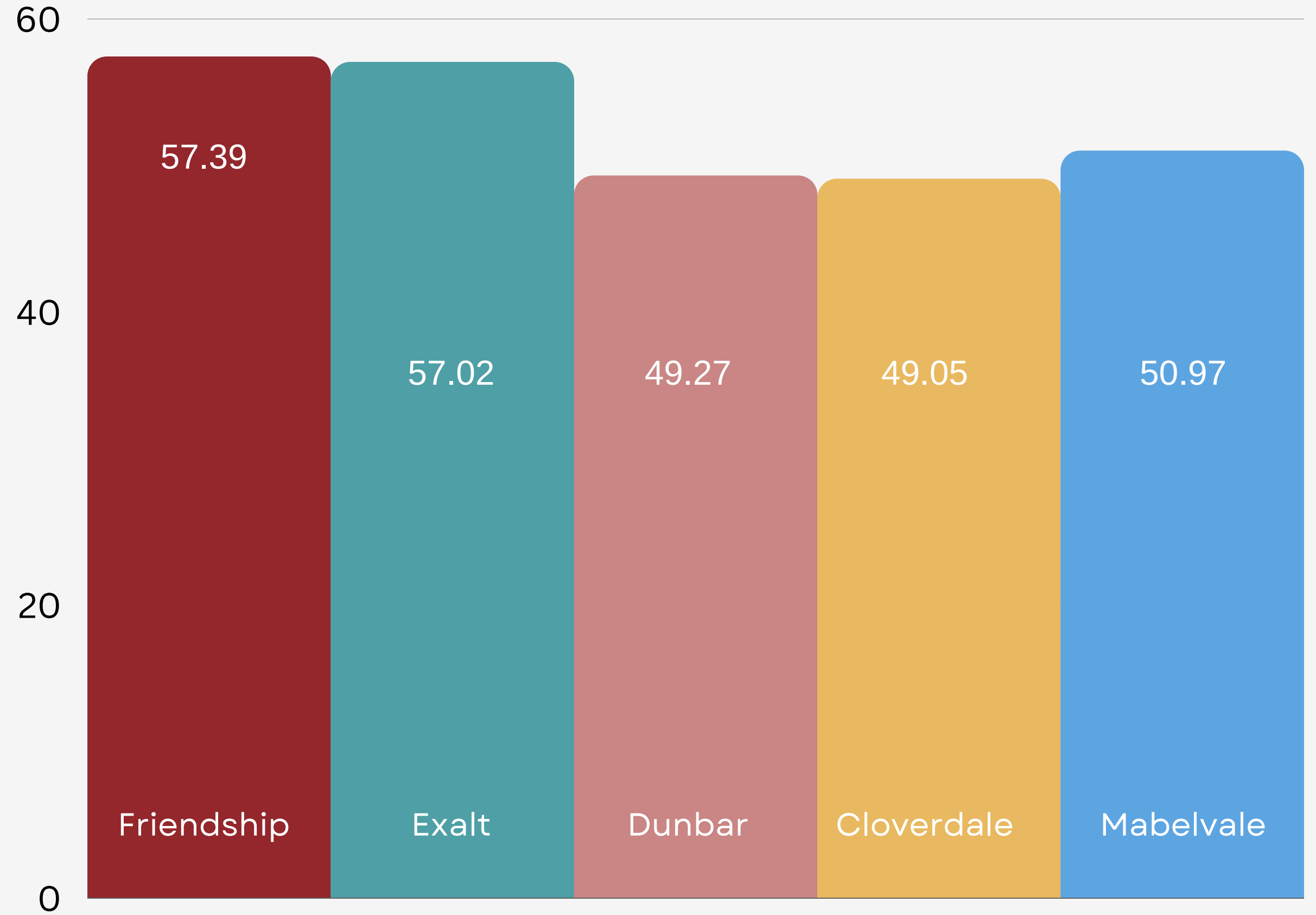
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Extended Learning Program – before and after school care



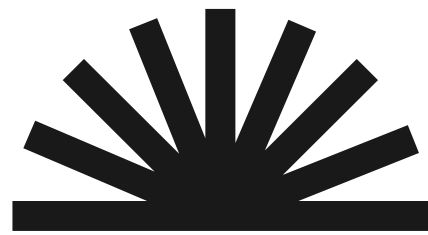
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## Comparison to LR Middle Schools



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# Addressing Learning Loss



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**NWEA MAP is given 3 times a year**

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**This data is used to set and gauge year end goals for each student.**

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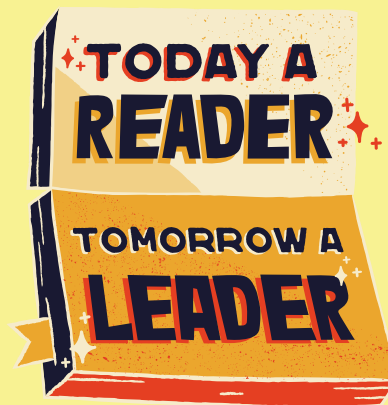
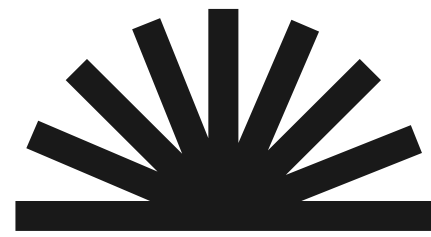
**Frequent analysis allows for necessary adjustments in instructional practices.**

4

**Through the RTI process, students identified as not performing on grade level are afforded additional supports.**

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**Goals and student progress are discussed in weekly Professional Learning Communities.**



# Addressing Literacy (Daily)

## **K-5**

- Phonological Awareness
- Phonics
- Comprehension
- Read Aloud & Shared Reading
- Oral Language
- Vocabulary
- Small Group Reading
- Writing

## **6-8**

- Extended literacy block
- Strategic Reading Course offered
- Word Study
- Comprehension
- Writing

## **9-12**

- Extended literacy block
- Strategic Reading Course offered
- Grade level texts in all content areas
- Domain specific vocabulary development



# ESSER Fund Usage

## 01.

### **Creating Safe & Healthy Learning Environment**

- Systemic Procedures
- Facilities
- Transportation

## 02.

### **Addressing Learning Loss**

- Professional Learning Communities PD
- Wrap around services for students
- Using data to help target resources and support
- Supporting equitable access to technology
- Summer learning and enrichment
- Student Extended Learning Opportunities
- Tutors and Interventionist
- In-school acceleration



## 03.

### **Supporting Educator and Staff Stability and Well-Being**

- Technology
- Additional Pay
- Maintenance of Equity

# Everyone Grows With Friendship.



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