



NOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October Board Report

Current Enrollment: 285 (August - 284)

Attendance

	August	September	
All Grades	90.13%	88.94%	
Kindergarten	97.04%	86.49%	
1st Grade	91.36%	88.88%	
2nd Grade	84.19%	86.45%	
3rd Grade	89.65%	91.56%	
4th Grade	88.83%	90.99%	
5th Grade	89.61%	88.06%	

Data

DIBELS beginning of year benchmarking is complete with a 97% completion rate. This benchmark period helped identify students in K-2 who may benefit from after school tutoring.

Fall MAP testing is also complete. The MAP test serves as a likely indicator of success on the AK Star summative test in the spring. Future staff development will help staff utilize data and reports from this testing period to better understand student needs.

Figure 1: MAP achievement by grade level - Reading

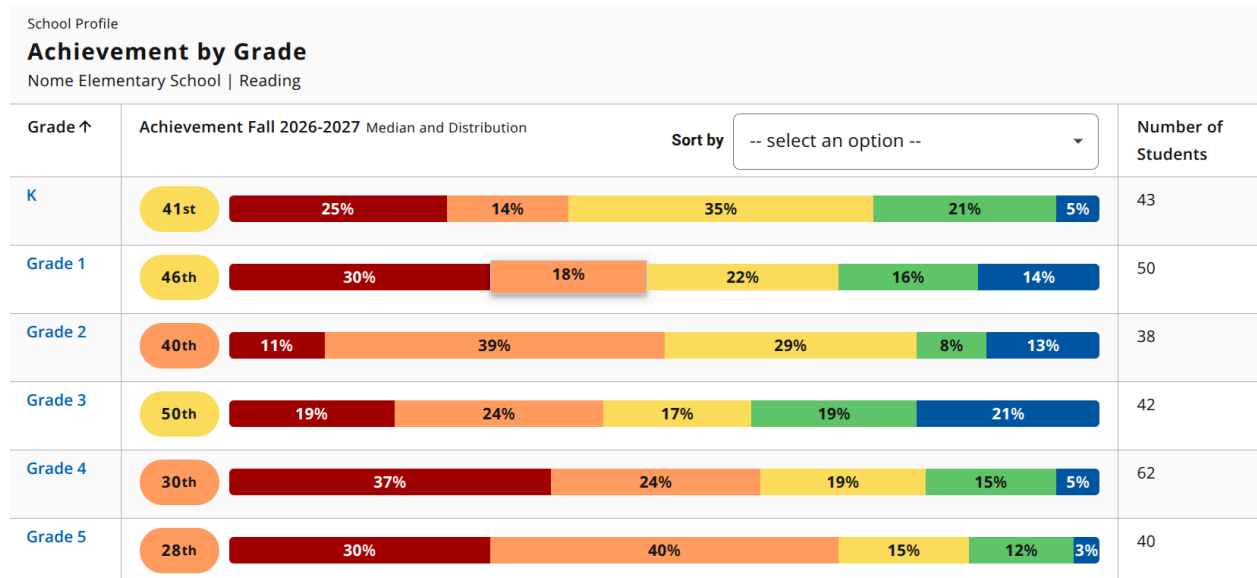


Figure 2: MAP achievement by grade level - Math

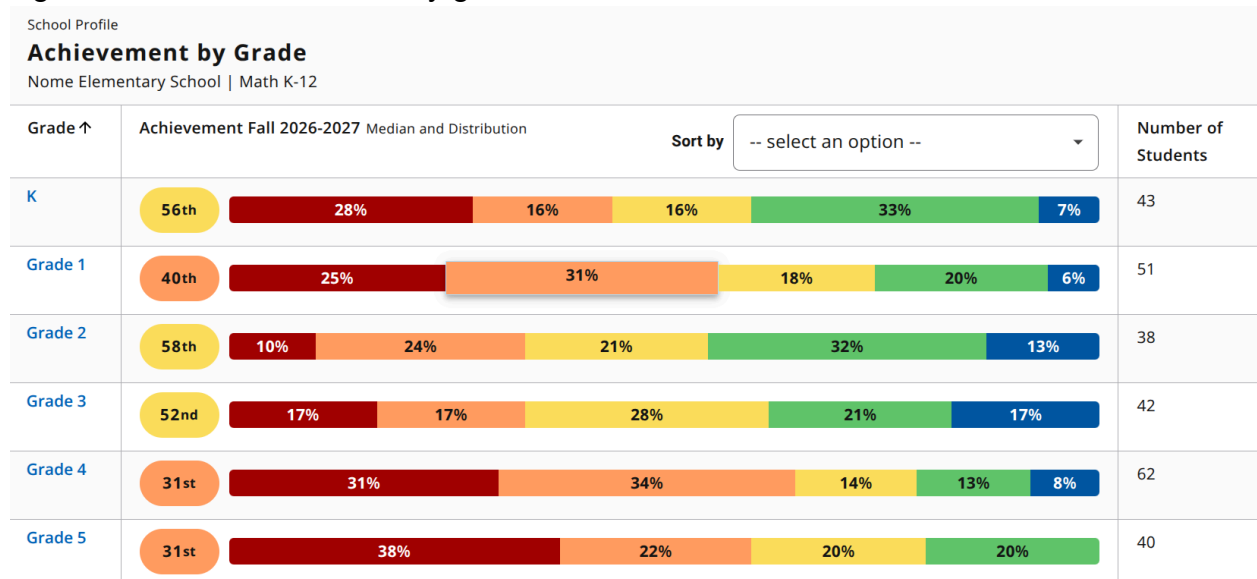


Figure 3: MAP achievement by grade level - Language Usage

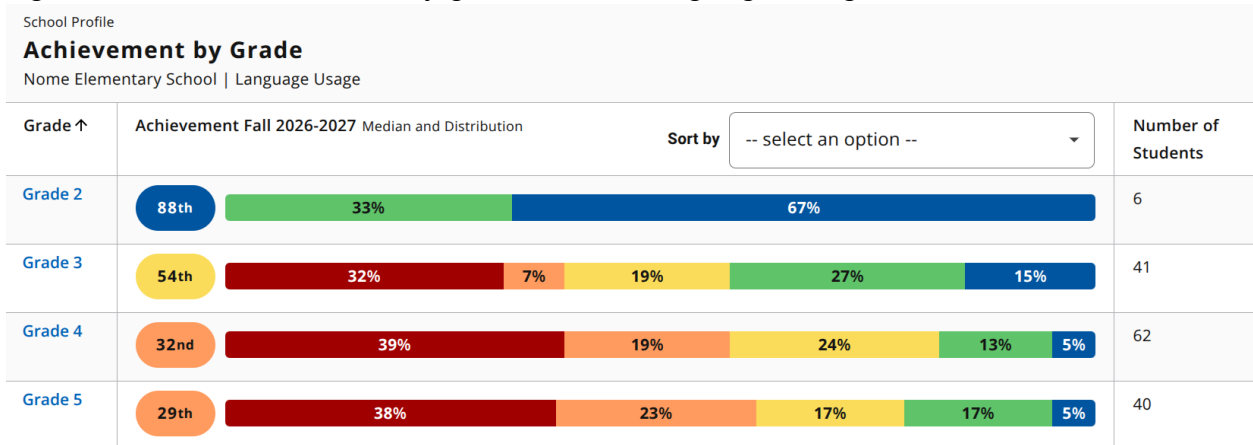


Figure 4: Beginning of year DIBELS achievement bands by grade level

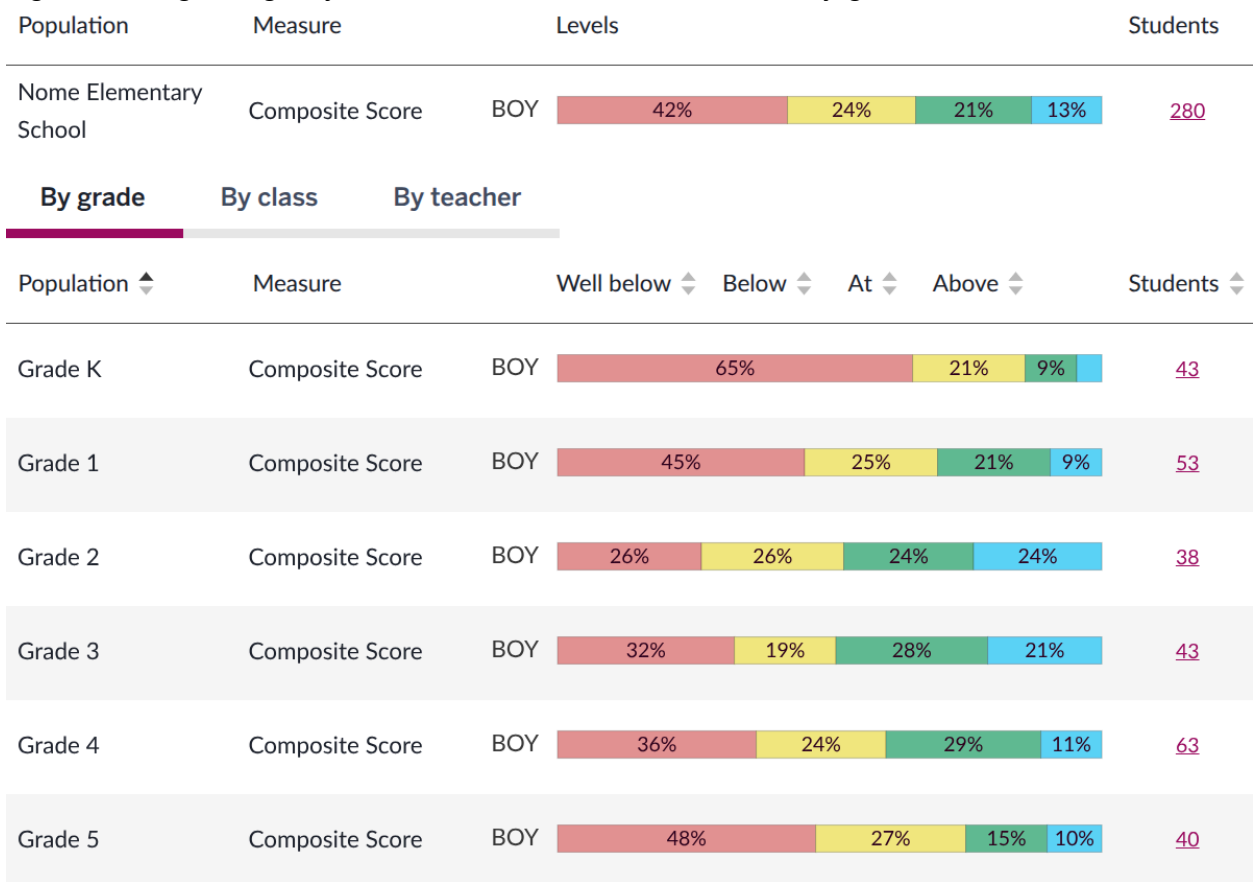
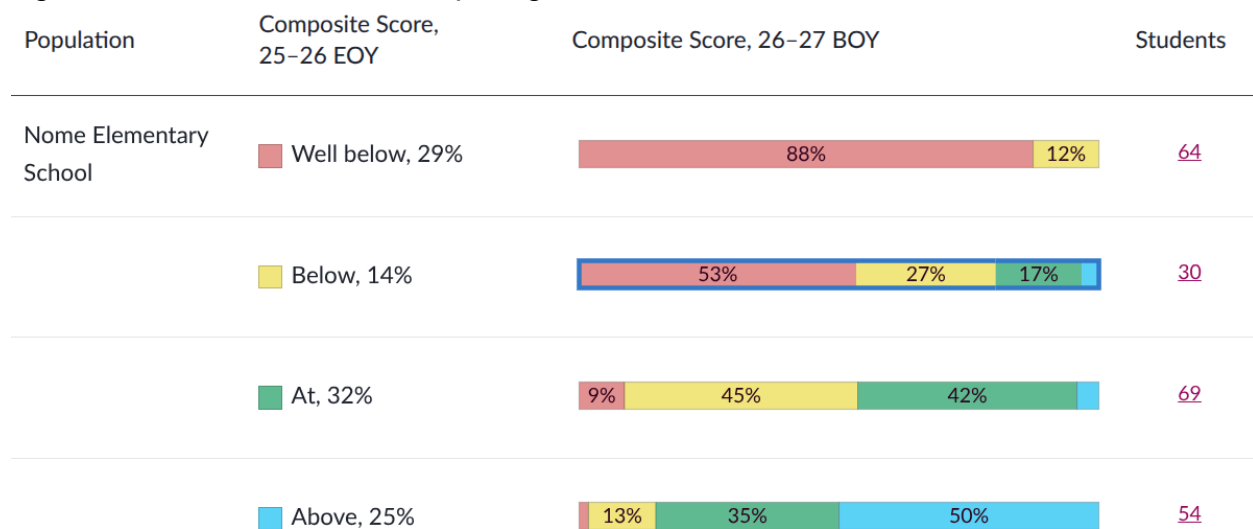


Figure 5: Benchmark trend comparing SY26 EOY with SY27 BOY



Instructional Highlights

First committee meetings were held on September 30.

- The Culture Committee will be working to connect teachers and students with resources to strengthen cultural relevance in the classroom. We have many great resources on site that need to be organized for better access.
- The Curriculum Committee will be conducting a data review of math achievement over the past 6 years to evaluate strengths in our current math program. A survey will be conducted to gather input from instructional staff.
- The Family Engagement Committee has started coordinating with Tyler to organize a Migrant Ed literacy event. Exploring other ways to engage family outside of events, including more communication and engagement on social media and email.
- The Student Support Committee will be looking at developing or collecting go-to resources for interventions that teachers can utilize and will explore professional development opportunities to better train staff. Concerns with special education referrals and service delivery were also discussed.
- The Sunshine Committee discussed ways to recognize staff as well as partnerships in the community to support staff morale. They noted opportunities to highlight staff in a wide variety of roles who may not traditionally be in the spotlight as they all contribute to student learning.

First PLC meetings were held on October 7, with grade level teams meeting to discuss initial data, instructional strategies, and essential skills.

The NES Leadership Team has officially convened and will meet 2-4 times per month to spearhead school improvement efforts throughout the school year. Key priorities will include monitoring student academic achievement, attendance, and social emotional

well-being. Within each of these efforts, the team will be disaggregating data to determine the extent to which different populations may be disproportionately affected.

School Safety

On September 17, we conducted a schoolwide bus evacuation drill with Morgan's. Three buses were present which allowed us to quickly conduct a drill with all classes with minimal disruption to the day.

On September 21, all students attended *Kids Don't Float* presentations by the Alaska Office of Boating Safety.

By October 16, all teachers will have taught the six required lessons to their students for ALICE. We conducted a stay in place drill for all grade levels on September 22 followed by a limited evacuation drill for 4th and 5th grades only.

This month, we will conduct a more comprehensive evacuation drill as all students will have received more instruction in our protocols.

Staff Highlights

Our Title I reading team, Marta Pardee and Dorin Cadayday, has officially reached all grade levels as they began pullout services with kindergarten last week. They have been crucial in providing an additional layer of assessment and intervention for our students who need a little extra support. We are still looking for a Title I aide, and we are recruiting for a Title I teacher to fill an upcoming vacancy due to retirement. All qualified leads are appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Our Children, Our Way of Life Meeting - 10/15/26, 6pm, NES Commons
Junior Class Haunted House - 10/30/26, NES Commons
Junior Carnival - 10/31/26, NES Commons and Gym