

**BUILD THE
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TOGETHER**



Charter Renewal 2023

Mission Statement

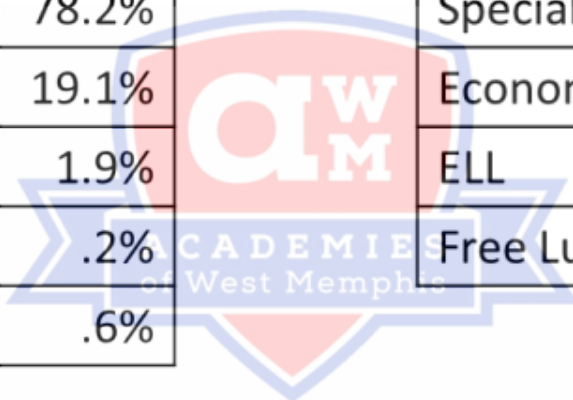
The West Memphis School District and the Academies of West Memphis are committed to educating **all** students to the highest standards of excellence by providing a **rigorous** and **varied** curriculum in a safe and respectful environment that will empower them to become **productive citizens** of a culturally diverse society. The mission of the Academies of West Memphis is to provide a **high quality, research-based education and technical curricula** which prepare students for **global awareness, appreciation for diversity, employment, and lifelong learning.**





Enrollment Total	952
Black	78.2%
White	19.1%
Hispanic/Latino	1.9%
Asian	.2%
Two or More Races	.6%

Subpopulations	
Special Education	11%
Economically Disadvantaged	72%
ELL	1%
Free Lunch	100%

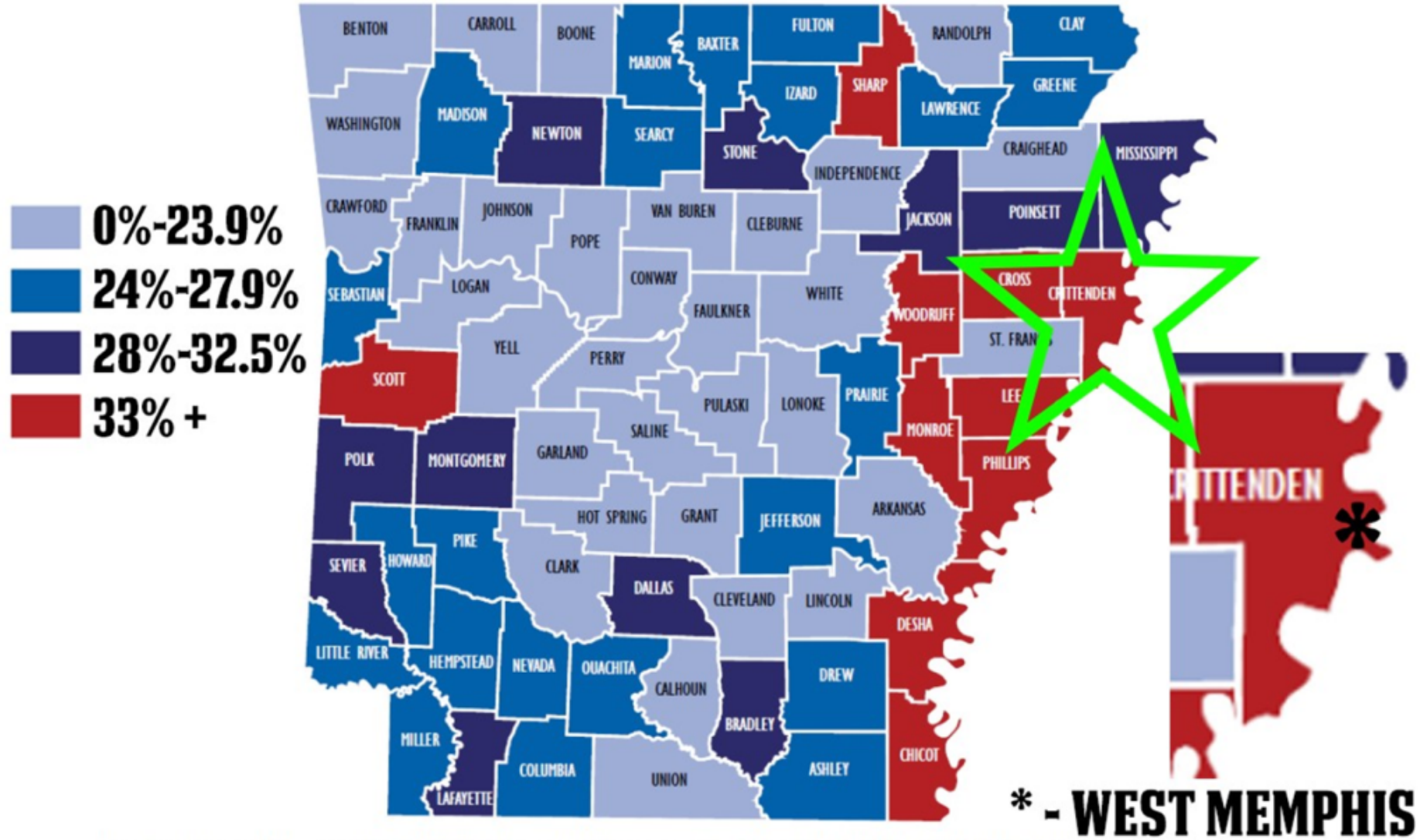


- The West Memphis School District is the largest school district in the Arkansas Delta Region, serving over 4400 students in this area of high poverty.
- The Academies of West Memphis is the only high school in the district, serving sections of Crittenden and St. Francis counties, including West Memphis, Hughes, Anthonyville, Edmondson, Horseshoe Lake, Proctor, and portions of Jennette and Marion.



Arkansas Child Poverty Rates, by County, 2020

Percent of Children under 18 Living in Poverty



Source: <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/249-children-under-18-living-in-poverty?loc=5&loct=5#detailed/5/213-287/false/871/any/8458>

Traditional Education

- ONLY way to gain a good job is to obtain a 4-year college degree
- ONLY focuses on preparing students for college

HOWEVER...

- Only 24 % of the population of Arkansas has a Bachelor's degree or higher
- Only 14% of the population of West Memphis has a Bachelor's degree or higher





High School should prepare 100% of graduates for their post-graduation plans:

- those who plan to attain a four-year degree (or higher)
- those who plan to attain a two-year degree
- those who plan to attend a technical college
- those who plan to attain CTE certification(s)
- those who plan to enter the workforce

Key Outcomes for Our Students and Our Community

- Increased graduation rates
- Prepared graduates for college and careers
- Established access to network innovations
- Improved economic development and community prosperity
- Prepared workforce



Academy of Mathematics,
Transportation, Health, and
Science

- Manufacturing
- Health Services
- Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics
- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Science, Engineering, Mathematics
- Computer Support Services

College Degree, Certifications, and
Career/Technical Skills

Academy of Service, Law, and
Education

- Teacher Education
- Hospitality
- Tourism
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security
- Government & Public Administration

Academy of Business, Technology,
Arts, and Communication

- Audio/Visual Technology & Communication
- Architecture & Construction
- Business & Management
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Marketing

Concurrent
Credit

Internships/
Job Training

Flexible Delivery

All Students

Traditional Delivery



Honors/Advanced
Placement

Smart Core

Core

Alternative
Learning

High School Diploma

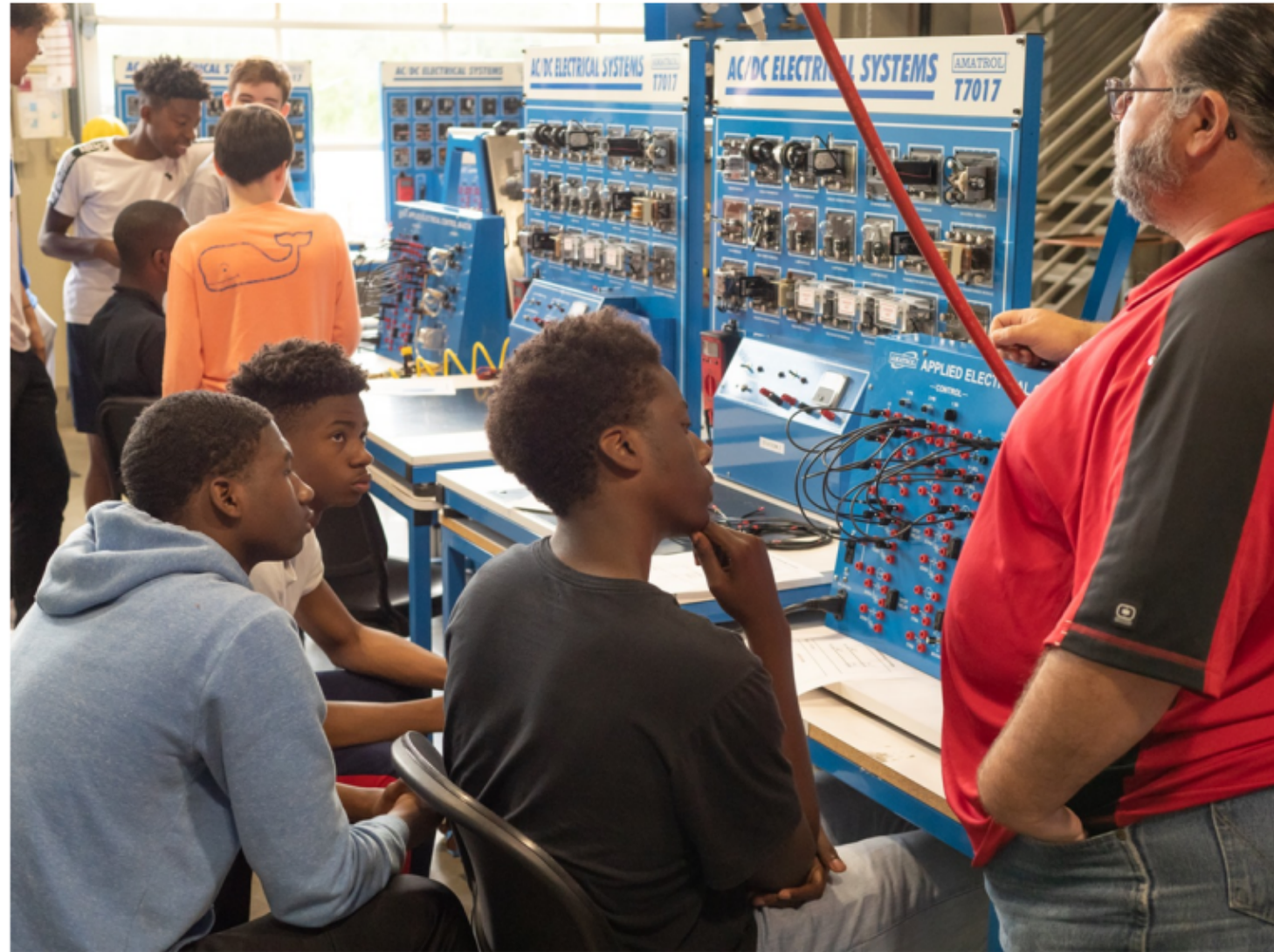
Support for College-Attending and College-Bound Students

- College visits to multiple campuses
- College Fairs (on-campus and off)
- ASVAB testing
- “FAFSA Night”
- College Application Month activities
- “Lunch and Learns” with college representatives
- Blue Devil Legacy Day
- National College Decision Day events
- ACT Weekend Workshops
- ACT Summer Boot Camp
- Bus Transportation to ASUMS
- On-campus ACT and
- Accuplacer testing
- Job Fair (Partnership with the WM Chamber of Commerce)
- Four College/Career Coaches
- “Ready” courses
 - English, Math, and Science
- Senior “Counselor Chats”
 - Career exploration
 - How to apply to college and requests records
 - ACT registration
 - Fee waivers for college and ACT
 - Post-secondary planning and concerns



Technical Courses Currently Offered at ASU Mid-South

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Automotive and Diesel Maintenance
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Information Systems
- Phlebotomy
- Welding



Credits Earned at ASU-Midsouth Over the Past Five Years

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Technical	2976	3088	2341	1838	1961
General Education Concurrent	347	381	360	415	449
Total	3323	3469	2701	2253	2410



14,156

College Credits earned by
AWM students
(5-year total)

\$1,274,040

saved

Certificates Earned at ASU-Midsouth Over the Past Five Years

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Certified Nursing Assistant	18	12	9	12	14
Auto-Diesel Maintenance	0	0	0	0	16
Emergency Medical Technician	4	11	4	5	5
Diesel Maintenance *	10	15	21	18	17
Food Service Management ***	14	9	3	3	1
Mechatronics **	10	4	0	0	0
Information Systems	7	10	9	3	8



Certificates Earned at ASU-Midsouth Over the Past Five Years

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Phlebotomy	8	7	2	6	2
Welding	31	28	2	16	14
Film and Video Production ***	2	8	0	1	1
Total Certificates Awarded	104	104	50	64	78

* In 2022-23 Heavy Truck Diesel Maintenance was expanded into the Automotive and Diesel Maintenance Program.

** This program is currently on pause due to the lack of an instructor.

*** These programs have been discontinued



400 Industry Certifications earned by AWM students through AUSMS (5-year total)



Diesel Technology

- Current Adjunct Professor
- 2019 AWM Graduate



Criminal Justice

- Graduates
 - Department of Corrections
 - ALETA





Career and Technical Courses Currently Offered at AWM

- Journalism
- Business Law
- Business Procedures
- Market Analytics
- Digital Marketing
- Transportation and Distribution
- Supply Chain Management
- Foundations of Law
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Justice
- Fitness and Nutrition
- Food Safety, Child Growth
- Blueprint for Success
- Personal Finance



Certificates Earned at AWM Over the Past Five Years

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Finance	276	142	157	59	54
First Aid/CPR	-	-	-	70	110
Microsoft Word	91	131	50	77	114
Microsoft PowerPoint	-	-	-	22	3
Microsoft Excel	-	32	14	48	36
Microsoft Outlook	-	-	13	-	-
Adobe	-	3	1	4	14



1,579
 Workplace/Industry
 Certifications earned by
 AWM students
 through the AWM
 campus
 (5-year total)

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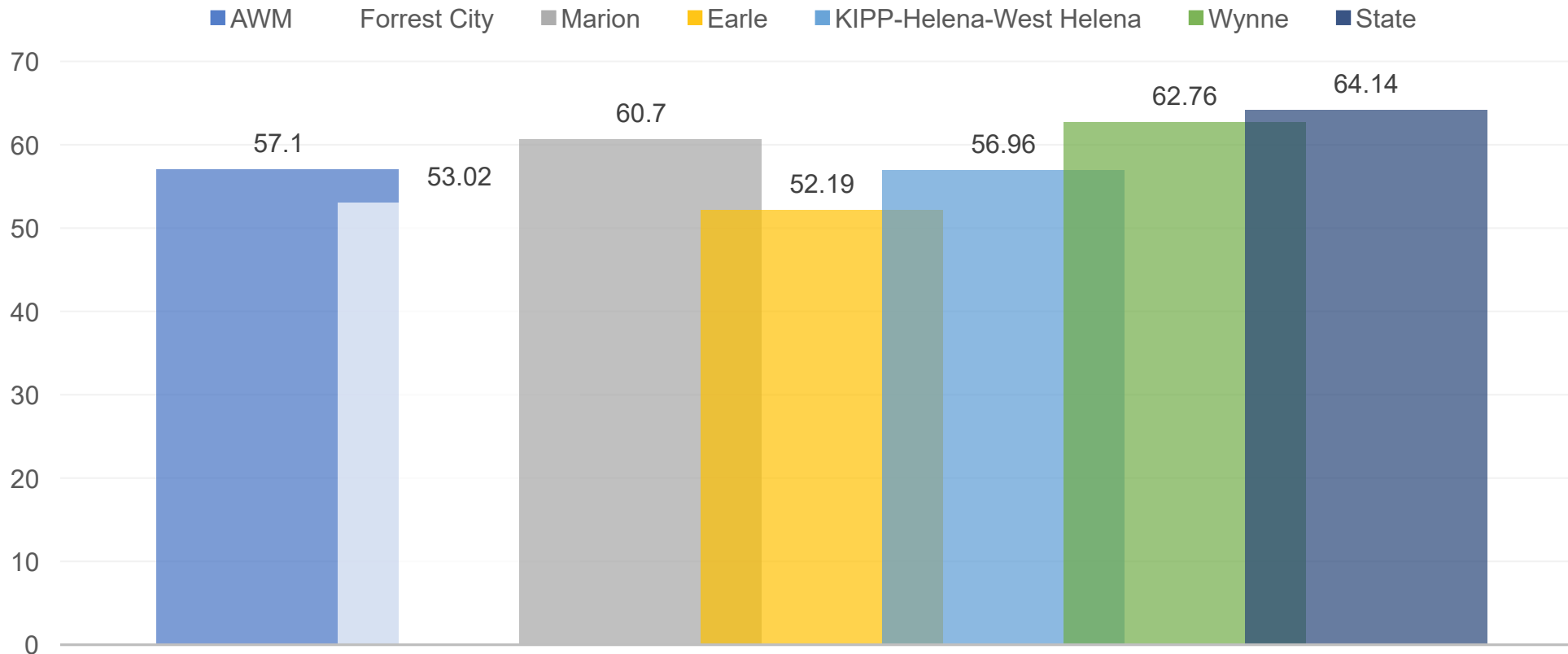
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Comp TIA IT Fundamentals	-	-	-	-	3
IT Specialist Cybersecurity	-	-	-	-	2
IT Specialist Computational Thinking	-	-	-	-	2
IT Specialist Network Security	-	-	-	-	1
Hootsuite	-	-	-	-	50

2023 Achievement Data

(Compared to other Arkansas Delta schools with similar demographics)



Overall ESSA Score

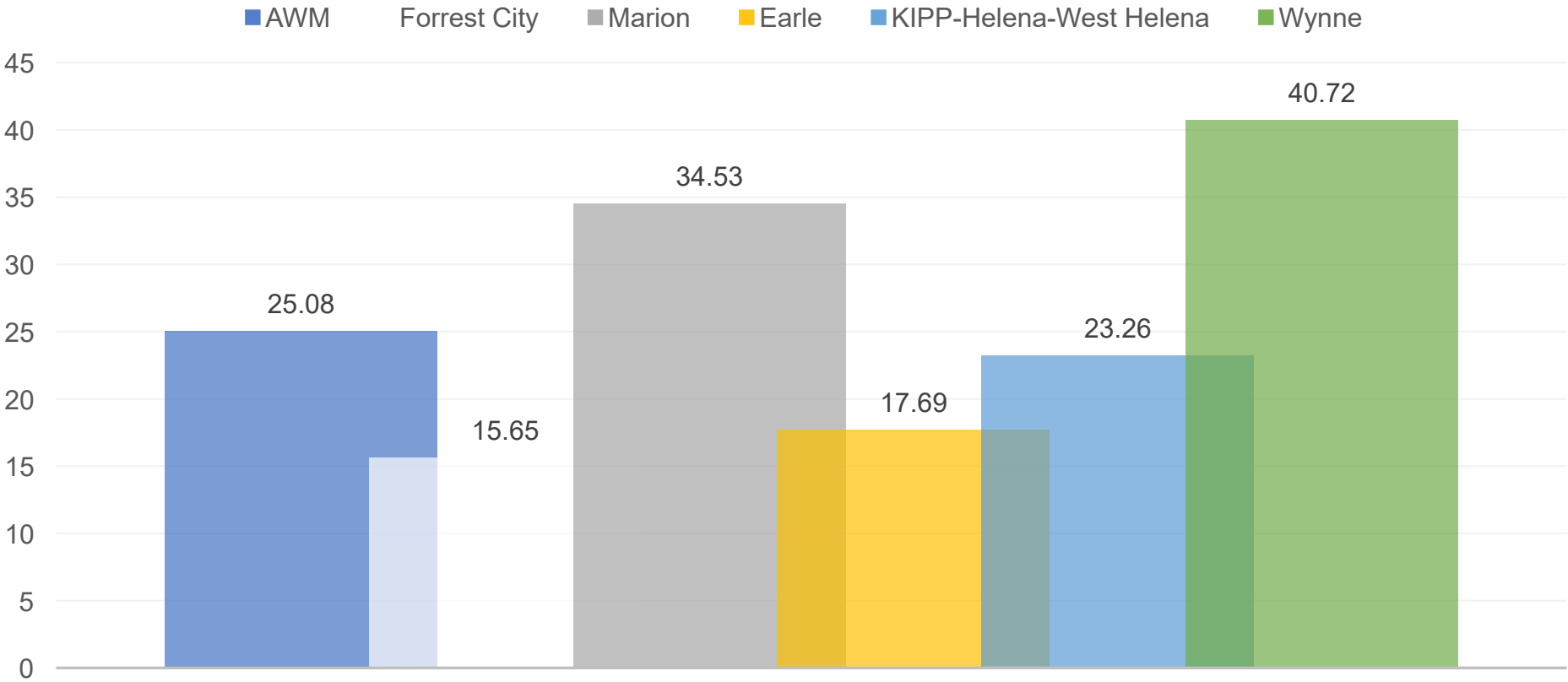


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Weighted Achievement Score

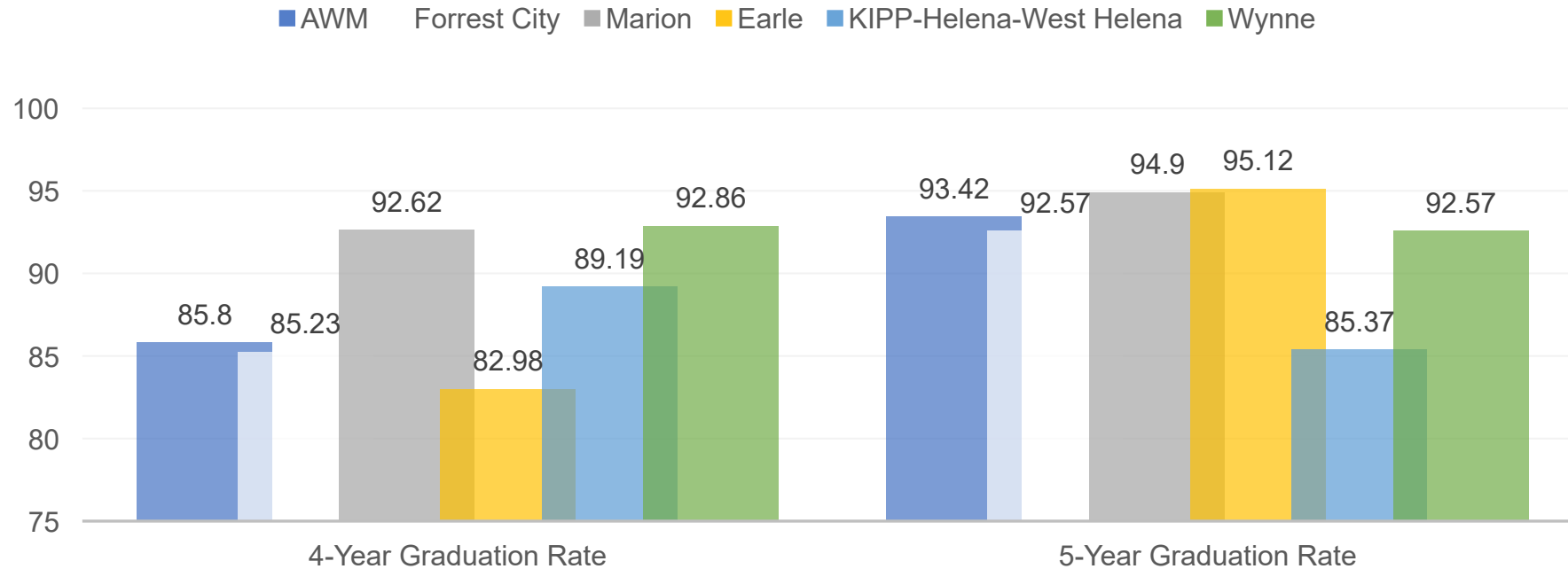


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Graduation Rate

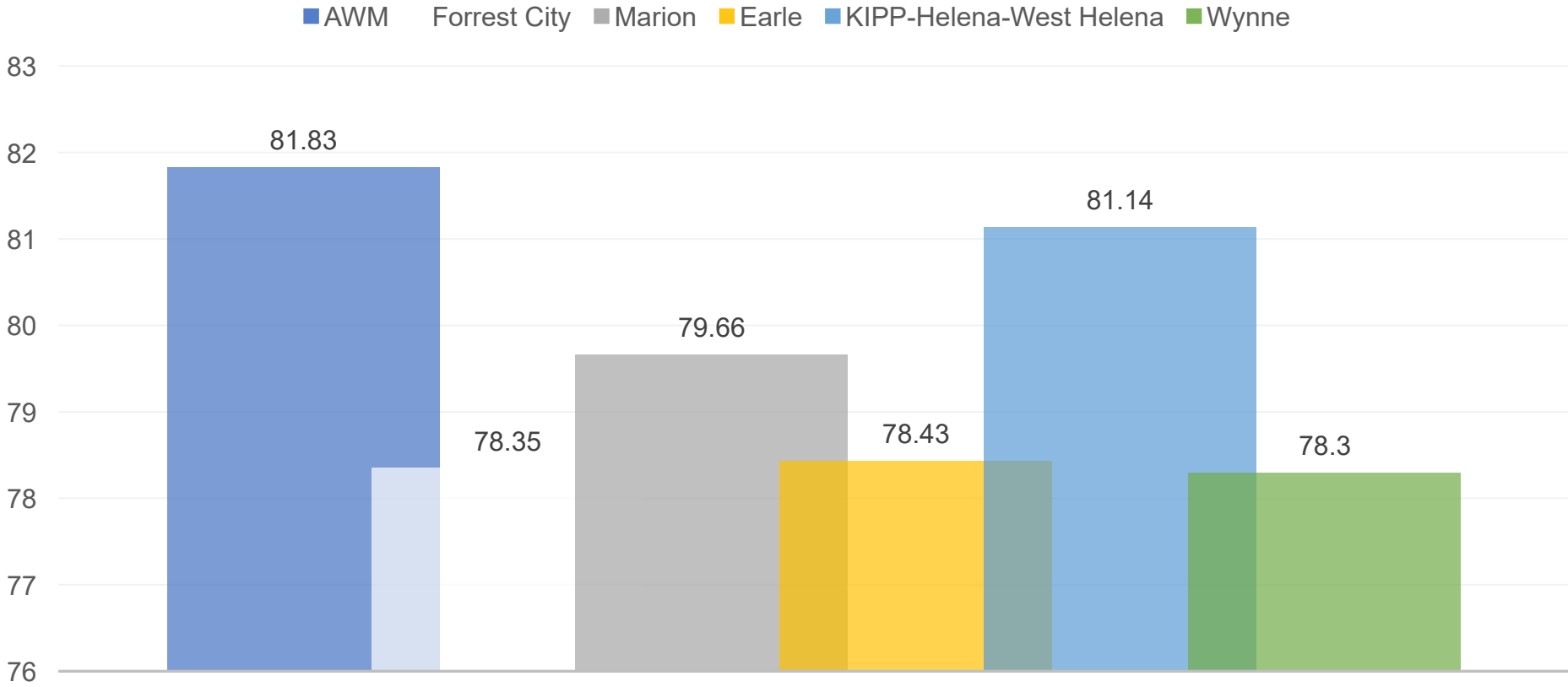


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Value-Added Growth Score



Five-Year Growth Scores

2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
79.9	N/A (COVID)	77.93	80.64	81.83



Table 90: Top 5 "High-Poverty" Middle Schools in Northeast Region based on ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory (Cave City)	9-12	72%	176	84.17
2	Highland High (Highland)	9-12	71%	226	82.91
3	The Academies of West Memphis Charter (West Memphis)	10-12	72%	314	82.88
4	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	7-12	71%	144	82.48
5	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	7-12	67%	52	82.14

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