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WHAT WE TEACH

Standards Driven
Curriculum

Teaching to the Depth
of the Standards

HOW WE TEACH

Focus on 8 Cognitive Skills
Thinking Maps

Fundamental Five

Rigor, Relevance,
Learner Engagement

Workshop Model

AUTHENTIC LITERACY

Cross-Disciplinary Literacy
(listening, speaking, reading, writing, thinking)

Write From the
Beginning & Beyond

Culture of Excellence
Professional Learning Community

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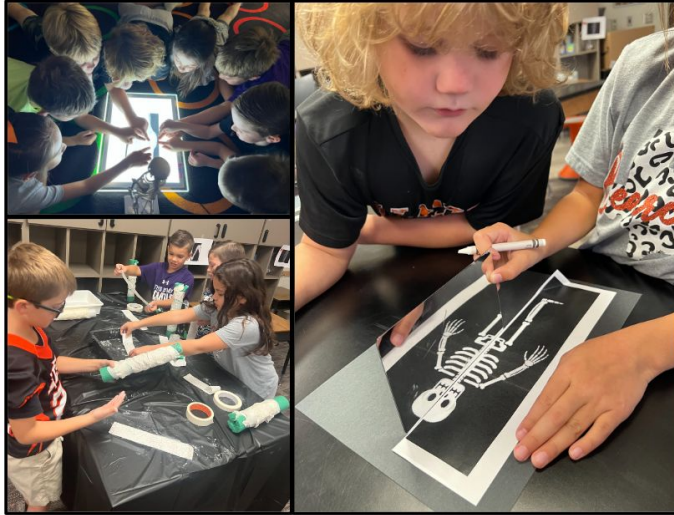
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Student-Driven Learning

Elementary Campuses

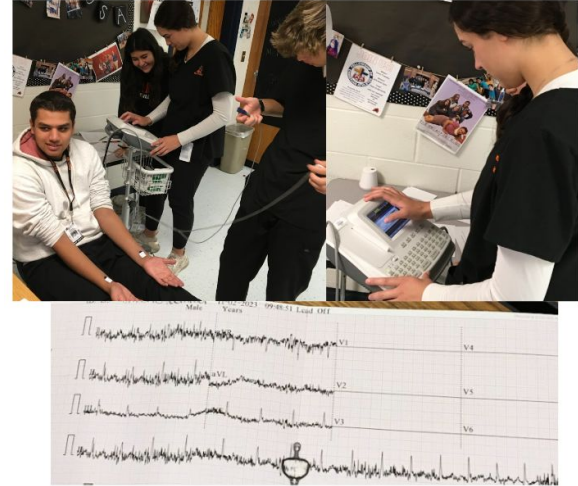
1st & 2nd GT, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Garrett, and Mrs. Moore



GT students are learning about human body systems and corresponding medical specialists. They examined models of the skeletal system and used real x-rays to diagnose and identify bone fractures like a radiologist. Students also used mirrors to find the line of symmetry in skeletal systems and used materials of their choice to create accurate, symmetrical bones. Once they could identify fractured bones in the skeletal system, students used fractured pool noodles and plaster casting materials to set a bone like an orthopedist!

Aledo High School

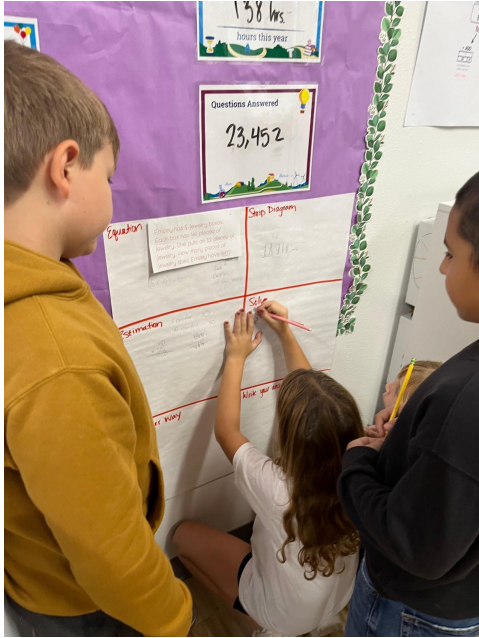
Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Practicum,
Mrs. Meador



CCMA Students are learning about irregular EKG results, the type of artifacts that can cause these results, and how to prevent the irregularities. Students then worked in small groups to apply their knowledge to create an EKG result displaying a somatic tremor. The groups chose how to create the irregular result and then discussed how to remedy the irregularity so they could run a second EKG using preventative measures.

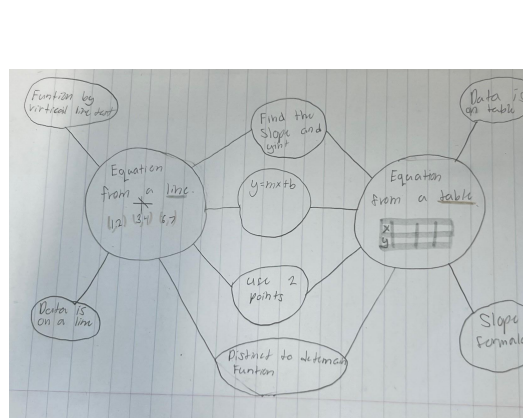
Student-Driven Learning

Annetta Elementary
4th Grade Math, Mrs. Howard



Students in Mrs. Howard's class work together to solve one and two step multiplication word problems. Student's rotated to a new problem every few minutes to analyze, discuss, challenge, and ultimately build on the previous group's work.

Campus
7th Advanced Math, Mrs. Eyer



Compare/Contrast

Equations from a graph and table have many similarities and differences. One way they are similar is that you will have to find the slope. Another way they are similar is they both have coordinates. In contrasting graphs and tables we can look at how you find the slope. In a graph you can use the rise over run method while in a table you have to use the slope formula. When finding the function, in a graph you can use the vertical line test, while in a table you have to look to see if the x-axis repeats.

Students in Mrs. Eyer's class brainstormed the similarities and differences of creating an equation from a graph and creating an equation from a table. They used their group discussion and thinking map to critically write and show their understanding of the topic.

Student-Driven Learning

McAnally Middle School 7th Grade Texas History Team



Students have been learning about the historic figures of the Texas Revolution. In this activity, students learned about a dozen individuals and had to determine which ones they would take a road trip across Texas with and why. They then had to select one of the figures they would not include and write why as a break up letter.

Aledo High School AP World History Team

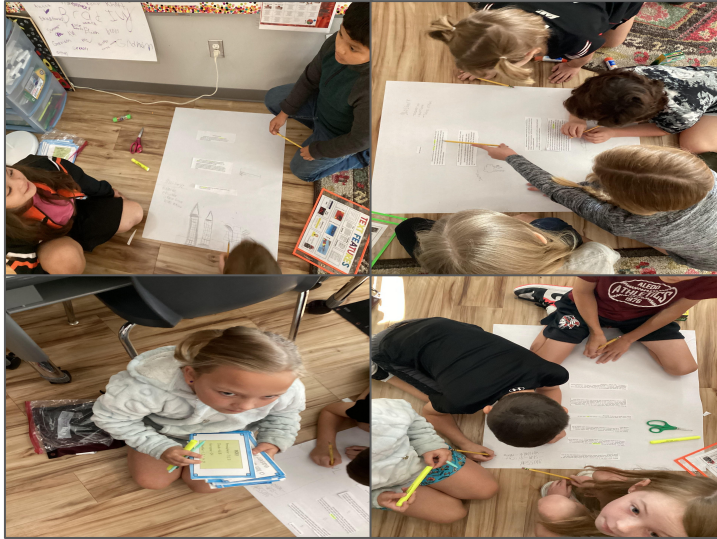


Autopsy of an Empire Project

World History students were learning about the empires that died-off from 1750-1900 and created an autopsy report on causes of death. These empires included, the Manchu in Central and East Asia; the Mughal in South and Central Asia; the Ottoman in Southern Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa; and the Safavids in the Middle East.

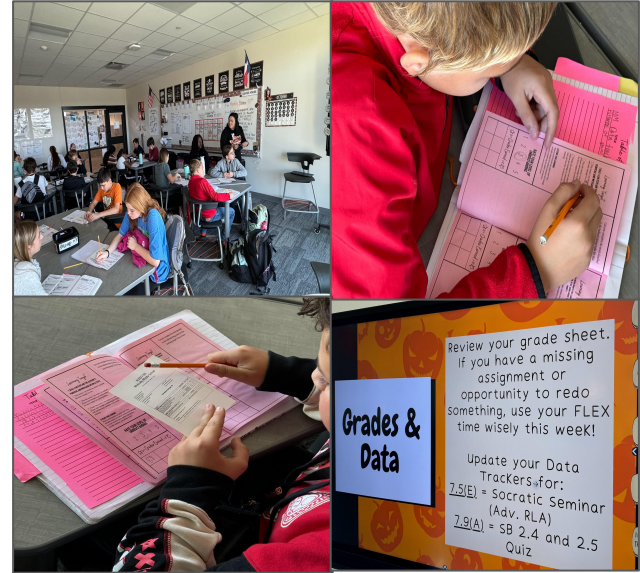
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Annetta Elementary
3rd Grade, Stefanie Good



Third grade “detectives” investigated informational texts for missing elements and collaboratively added key text structures that could help readers get the most of these texts.

MMS
7th Grade RLA Team



Using locally created data trackers, McAnally’s 7th graders reflect on their learning and monitor personal growth on essential literacy skills each time they are assessed.

Student-Driven Learning: Science

Elementary Science



Kinder: understanding the importance of shelters

1st Grade: designing a device to protect crayons from melting



4th Grade: figuring out how sound moves in waves

4th grade: designing parachutes to figure out what forces apply

Secondary Science

6th grade: designing investigations to determine how forces act on objects

7th grade: investigating how energy moves through an ecosystem.



Chemistry: modeling the geometrical structures of molecules



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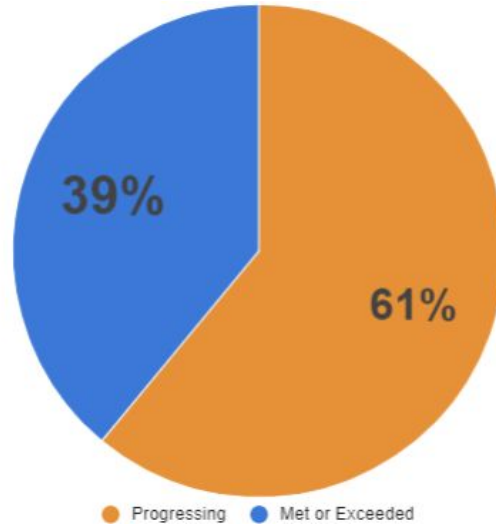
We acknowledge that the fundamental purpose of our school is to help all students achieve high levels of learning, and therefore, we work collaboratively to clarify what students must learn and how we will monitor each student's learning. We provide students with systematic interventions when they struggle and extension when they are proficient.

Indicator	Initiating	Implementing	Developing	Sustaining
We build shared knowledge regarding the TEKS, district documents, and trends in student achievement and work with our colleagues to clarify the criteria by which we will judge student work.	Teams are aware of the essential learning standards and some teachers use the district curriculum documents consistently.	Teams clarify the essential learning standards for each unit and most teacher lessons reflect the decisions made by the collaborative team.	Teams clarify the essential learning outcomes by building shared knowledge through deconstruction of the learning standards. All teachers work collaboratively as a team to study and backward design from summative assessments and agree on the specific success criteria students must achieve to be deemed proficient.	Teams possess a deep understanding of the TEKS and the success criteria that students must achieve to demonstrate mastery and use this information to drive instruction. Teams have a systematic process for backward design and are committed to providing students with instruction and support to achieve the intended outcomes, giving every student access to essential learning.
We monitor each student's mastery of all essential standards on a timely basis through a series of frequent, standards-based common formative assessments that are aligned with summative assessments students will be required to take.	Teams have yet to develop formative assessments to monitor student learning. Some teachers use data from assessments to drive instructional decisions.	Teams have begun to create common formative assessments to monitor student learning; however, data is used primarily to make individual decisions about instructional practices.	Teams build capacity by creating common formative assessments and using results from common formatives to develop more effective instructional strategies.	Teams determine the effectiveness of instructional strategies based on evidence of student learning rather than teacher preference or precedent. Common formative assessments are used on a regular basis to identify students who need additional time and support for learning as well as provide another opportunity to demonstrate mastery of learning.
We provide a system of interventions that guarantees each student will receive additional time and support for learning if he or she experiences initial difficulty. Students who are proficient have access to extended learning opportunities.	Opportunities for intervention and extension are left to individual teachers to carry out within their own classrooms. Some teachers attempt to systematically intervene on essential standards when students experience difficulty.	While most teachers see the benefit of systematically grouping students, intervening and extending based on data is not an on-going cycle where teams continually adjust based on most recent assessments.	Teams track each student's proficiency on essential standards and utilize results from common formatives in a timely manner for interventions and extensions.	The system for intervention and extension is proactive, fluid, and directive rather than invitational. Achievement of each student is monitored on a frequent basis, and all students are guaranteed access to this system of intervention.

Focus on Learning

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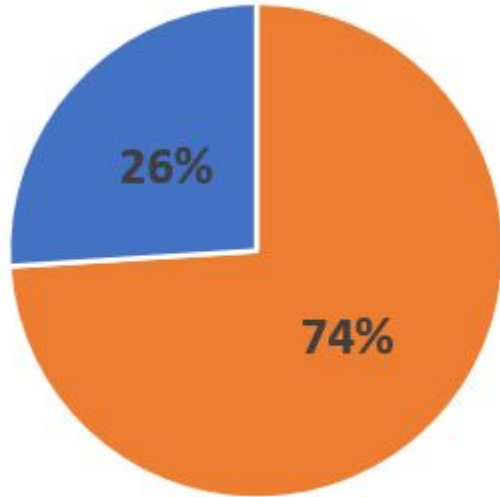
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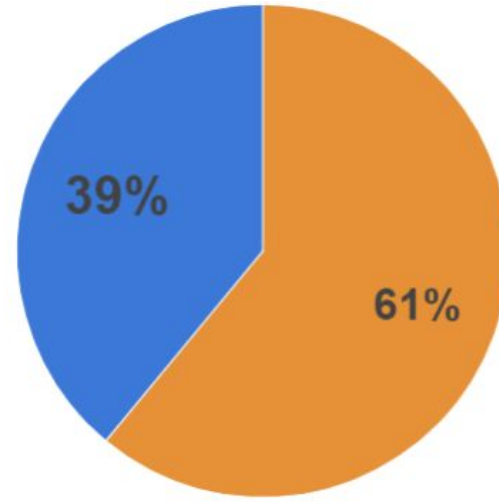
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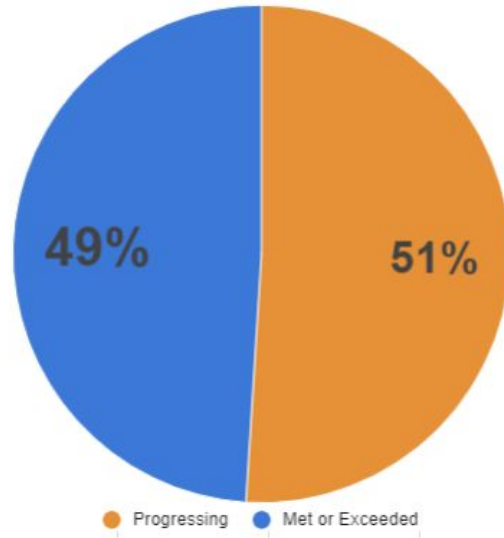
We are committed to working together to achieve our collective purpose of learning for all students. We cultivate a collaborative culture through the development of high-performing teams.

Indicator	Initiating	Implementing	Developing	Sustaining
<p>We are organized into collaborative teams in which members work interdependently to achieve common goals that directly impact student achievement.</p>	<p>Teachers are assigned to collaborative teams and are encouraged to work together collaboratively.</p>	<p>Teachers work together during collaborative time and share the workload to achieve individual classroom goals.</p>	<p>Teachers work interdependently to achieve goals specifically related to higher levels of student achievement and focus their efforts on discovering better ways to achieve common goals for the course or grade level.</p>	<p>The collaborative process is deeply ingrained in the team culture. Teams are self-directed and very skillful in advocacy and inquiry to monitor student improvement.</p>
<p>Structures have been put in place to ensure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaboration is embedded in our routine work practice. 2. We are provided with time to collaborate. 3. We are clear on the critical questions that should drive our collaboration. 4. Our collaborative work is monitored and supported. 	<p>Some team members may elect to work with colleagues on topics of mutual interest. Some team members are co-laboring in an effort to improve student achievement.</p>	<p>Most teams member are clear regarding how they should use the collaborative time. Most work is focused on the Four Critical Questions and/or matters related to teaching and learning. Most teachers believe the team meeting is a productive use of their time.</p>	<p>Team members are assigned roles and honor their collective commitments. Team leaders develop agendas and help lead the collaborative process to ensure topics have a positive impact on student achievement. All work is focused on the Four Critical Questions and/or matters related to teaching and learning. The collaborative process directly impacts teacher practice in the classroom, helping each teacher clarify what to teach, how to assess, and how to improve instruction.</p>	<p>The collaborative team process serves as a powerful form of job-embedded professional development because members learn from one another, identify common problems, and engage in action research. The Four Critical Questions consistently drive the PLC process. Evidence of student learning is transparent among members of the team, and members make judgments about the effectiveness of different practices on the basis of that evidence.</p>

A Collaborative Culture and Collective Responsibility

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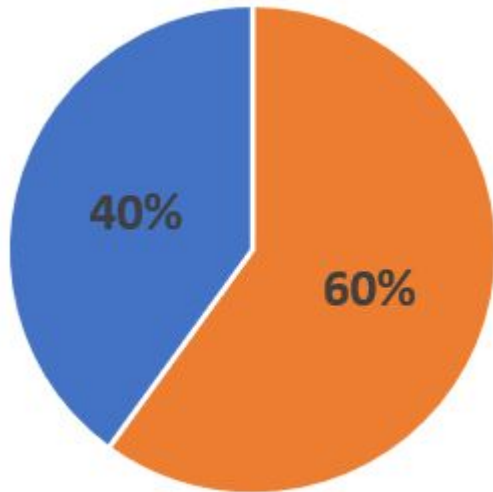
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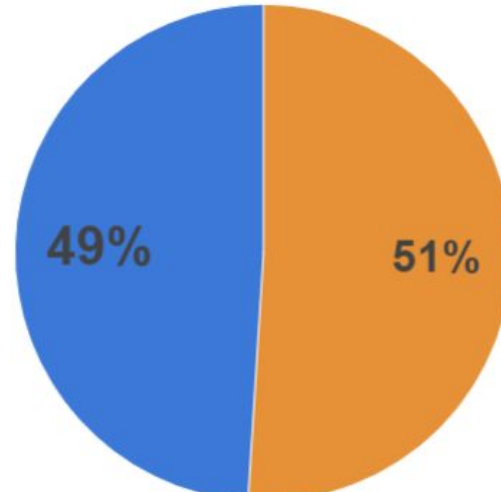
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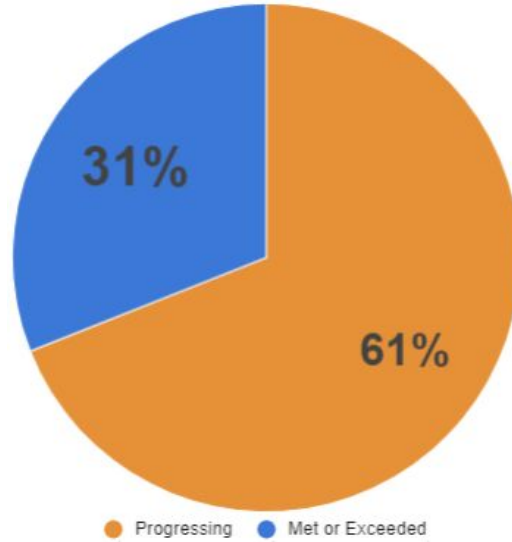
We assess our effectiveness on the basis of results rather than intentions. Individuals, teams, and schools seek relevant data and information and use it to promote continuous improvement.

Indicator	Initiating	Implementing	Developing	Sustaining
Collaborative teams work interdependently to achieve one or more SMART goals that impact student achievement. Each team has identified specific action steps members will take to achieve the goal and a process for monitoring progress toward the goal.	Teams have established annual SMART goals; however, goals do not drive the work of the collaborative team.	Teams have established annual SMART goals tied to student learning and work together to identify strategies for becoming more effective at achieving the goal.	Teams have established a series of short term goals and action steps to monitor their progress towards their SMART goal. The SMART goal drives the collaborative team process.	Teams take ownership of establishing short term and long term goals with action steps that guide the work of the collaborative team. Teams have a consistent process for monitoring their progress towards the attainment of the SMART goal. The recognition and celebration of efforts to achieve goals helps sustain the improvement process and keeps the focus on higher levels of student achievement.
Collaborative teams regard ongoing analysis of evidence of student learning as a critical element in the teaching and learning process. They use that information to: *Respond to students who are experiencing difficulty *Extend the learning of students who are proficient *Inform and improve the individual and collective practice of members *Identify team professional development needs *Measure progress toward team goals	Some teachers analyze and use assessment results of team created common formative assessments. Some teachers see the value of sharing individual data rather than only looking at the aggregate performance of the group.	Teams create and administer common formative assessments and analyze the results together. Most teachers see the value of sharing individual data rather than only looking at the aggregate performance of the group. Teams may not yet be using the analysis of results to inform or improve professional practice.	Teams collaborate to create common formatives, consistently analyze data, and group students based on results from recent assessment data. Teams have a system in place for tracking progress of interventions and extensions that is fluid and based on evidence of need. Students receive interventions and extensions on essential standards. Systems of intervention and extension focus on priority content areas identified at the campus and/or district level based on student data trends. Teams use the results to identify areas of success, areas of concern, and to discuss strategies for improving the results.	Data from team created common formative assessments is critical to the work of the team and consistently drives instructional decisions made by the team. Teachers use data to identify the strengths and weaknesses in their individual practice, improve their collective capacity to help all students learn, identify problematic areas in curriculum, and consistently provide targeted and systematic interventions and extensions.

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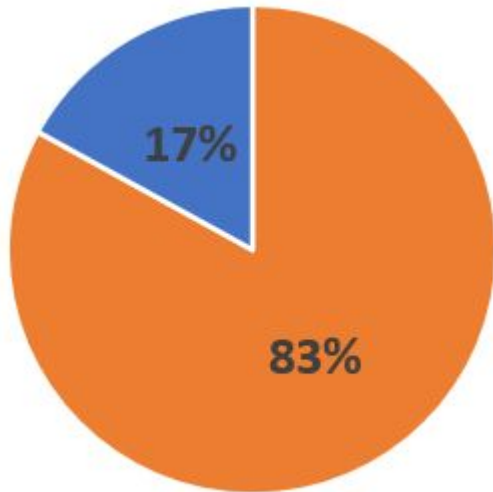
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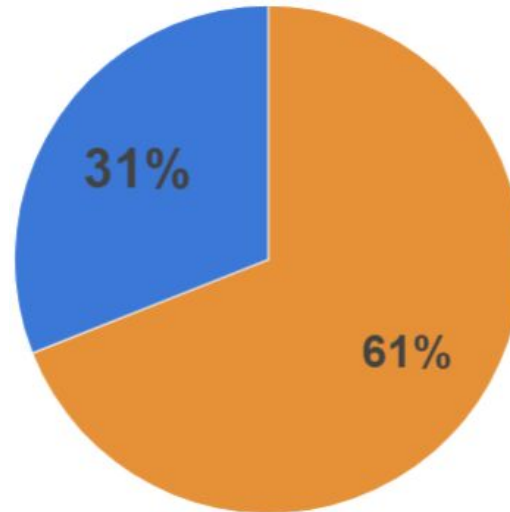
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