

Sitka School District Mission:
The Sitka School District will intentionally develop
Haa Latseení
(Our Strength of Mind, Body, and Spirit)
to inspire and prepare students to be compassionate, empowered,
and equipped critical thinkers within a global community.

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 | 4:30 PM | Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, AK 99835

Proposed Agenda

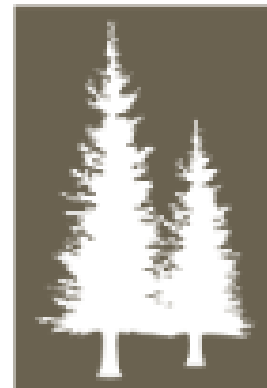
1. District Wide Data Presentation

Note: All items listed under Agenda & Consent Agenda are considered routine by the School Board and will be approved in one motion. Items may be removed at the request of a School Board Member.

Note: Meetings will adjourn by 10:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (or Alaska Daylight Standard Time) unless by a majority vote of the board the meeting is extended 30 minutes to 11:00 p.m. Further 30-minute extensions will require each a separate motion that will require a unanimous vote of those members present and constituting a quorum.

Note: The School Board reserves the right to go into executive session as and to the extent permitted by AS 44.62.310 and Board Bylaw 9321. An executive session may be called to consider the following subjects: (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the District; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential; and (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure. The motion to go into executive session must clearly specify the subject of the proposed session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in executive session.

Sitka School District Assessment Data Fall 2026-27



SITKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISCOVER | NURTURE | INSPIRE

Purpose:

- Clarify needs for the board
- Learn what data there is for staff to look at
- Build understanding about data
- Inform decisions about instruction, programs, and resources

Considerations when looking at data.

- Data tells us about our system and students, but not *everything* about them. (snapshot and specific)
- Therefore, look for *patterns, not perfection*.
- Focus on *learning, not blame*.
- Other considerations to remember when looking at data:
 - When looking at two or more years of grade level data, remember that last year's 5th grade is this year's 6th grade.
 - Growth vs. Achievement.
 - Small class size/other demographics redacted due to possible identifiable information.

Assessments (summary from the board report not exhaustive)



AK STAR (Alaska System of Academic Readiness)



This is given to 5th, 8th, and 10th grade students. The state does not provide a district wide comparison to statewide comparison like the AK Star.

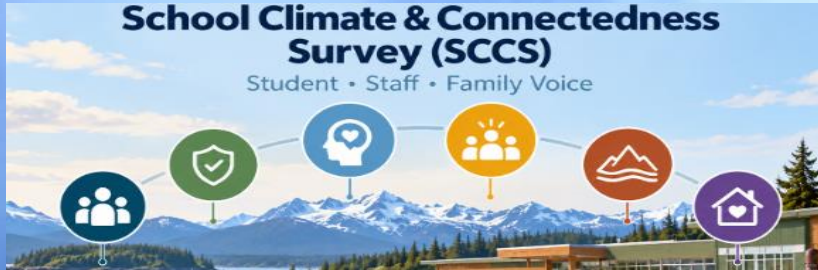


- MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) from NWEA: All students but varies. Beginning, Middle and End of Year benchmarks.
- Adaptive, Measures Growth and Achievement.

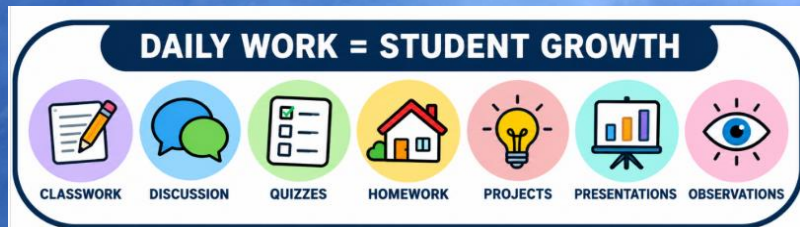


- MClass DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills): K-5th grade students, Beginning, Middle and End of Year benchmarks.

Assessments



School Climate and Connectedness Survey



Daily Grading



- Other Surveys and Community Hearings

AK STAR ELA

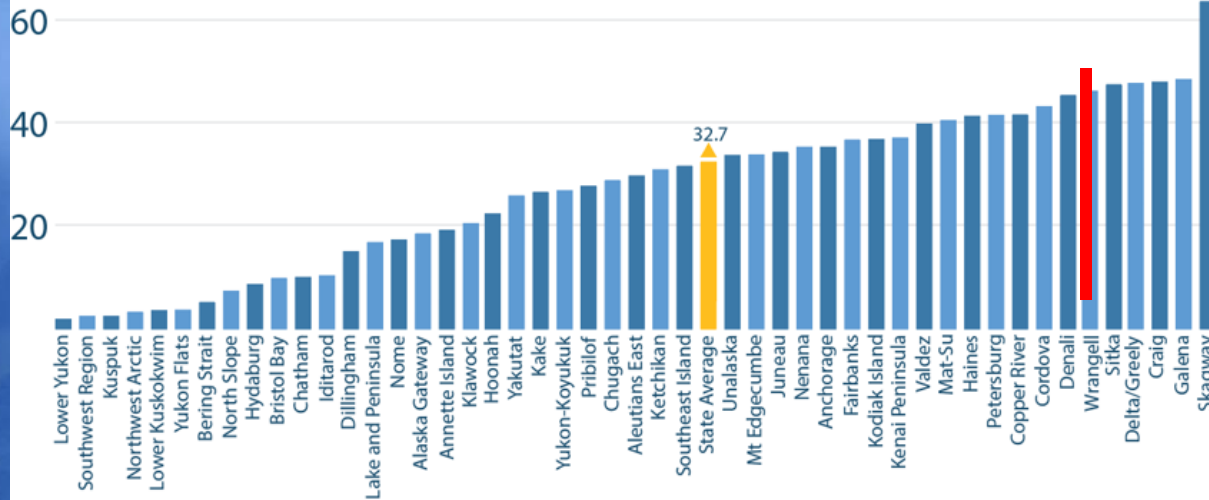
Sitka Compared to State Average and Compared to Last Year



2025 Spring | English/Language Arts

Districts not displayed due to sample size

- Aleutian Region
- Kashunmamiut
- Pelican
- Saint Mary's
- Yupiit



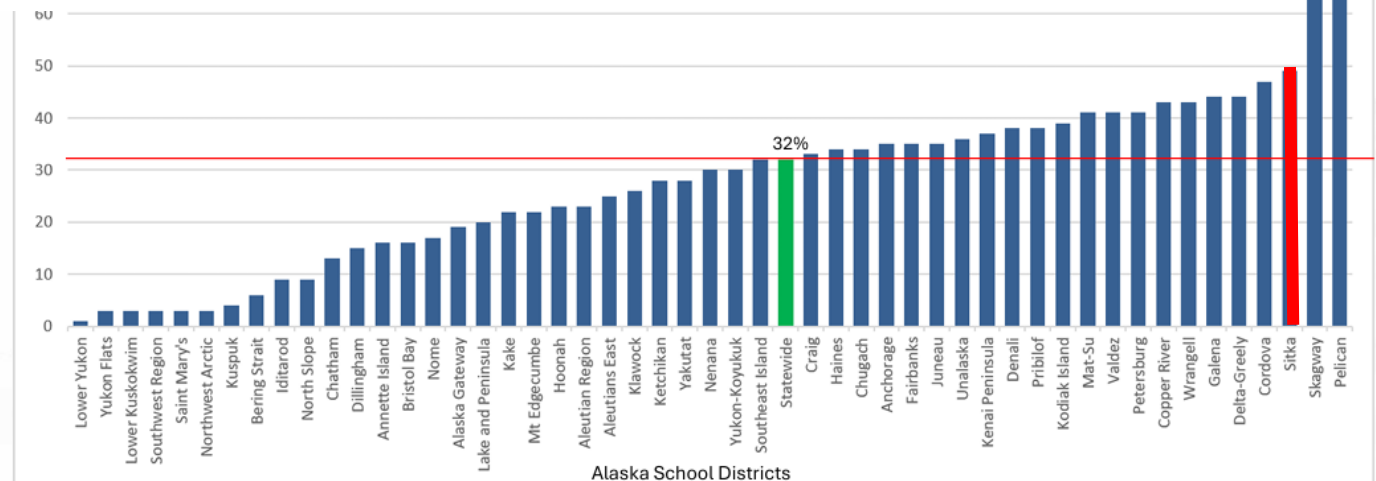
District **A&P %** **A&P Change**

Mat-Su Borough	40.8%	1.8%	↑
Mount Edgecumbe	34.1%	10.2%	↑
Nenana City	35.6%	0.6%	↑
Nome Public	17.5%	-0.4%	↓
North Slope Borough	7.5%	1.2%	↑
Northwest Arctic Borough	3.4%	0.0%	↑
Petersburg Borough	41.8%	-5.3%	↓
Pribilof	28.0%	11.3%	↑
Sitka Borough	47.8%	3.3%	↑

AK DEED Data Dashboard

Performance by District

Percentage of students at or above Proficient - 2026



* Due to suppression rules, Hydaburg, Kashunamiut, and Yupiit are not included.

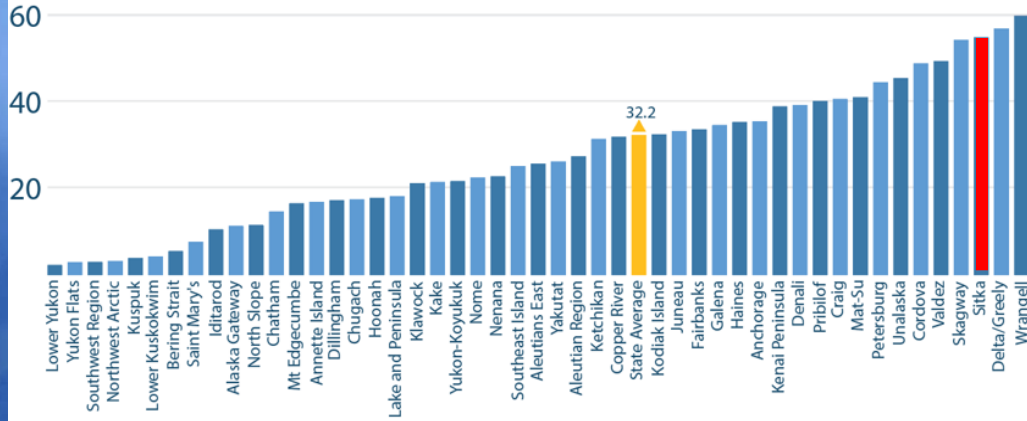
AK STAR Math

Sitka Compared to State Average and Compared to Last Year

AK STAR
ALASKA SYSTEM OF ACADEMIC READINESS
2025 Spring | Math

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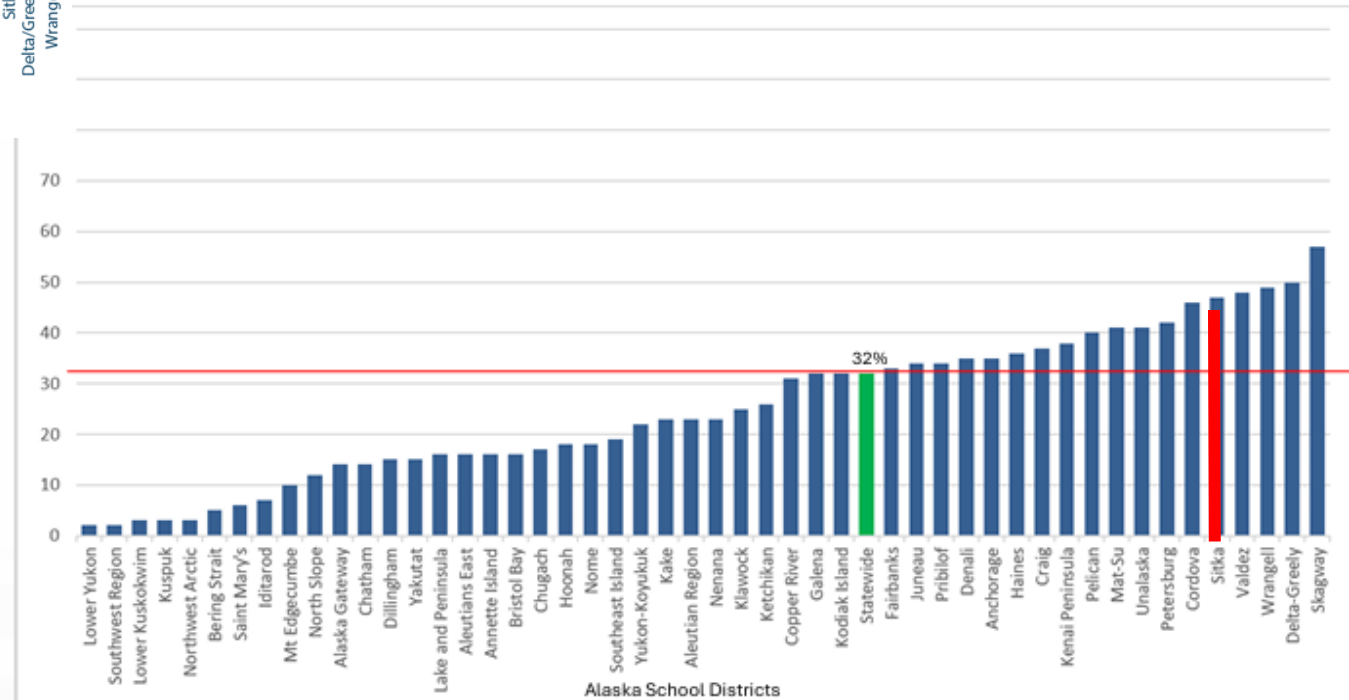
- Bristol Bay
- Hydaburg
- Kashunmamiut
- Pelican
- Yupiit



AK DEED Data Dashboard

AK STAR Math Performance by District

Percentage of students at or above Proficient - 2026



District	A&P %	A&P Change
Mount Edgecumbe	16.5%	-0.9% ↓
Nenana City	22.7%	-5.8% ↓
Nome Public	22.3%	2.6% ↑
North Slope Borough	11.5%	3.2% ↑
Northwest Arctic Borough	3.2%	0.1% ↑
Petersburg Borough	44.3%	-0.1% ↓
Pribilof	40.0%	23.3% ↑
Saint Mary's	7.6%	
Sitka Borough	54.7%	4.6% ↑

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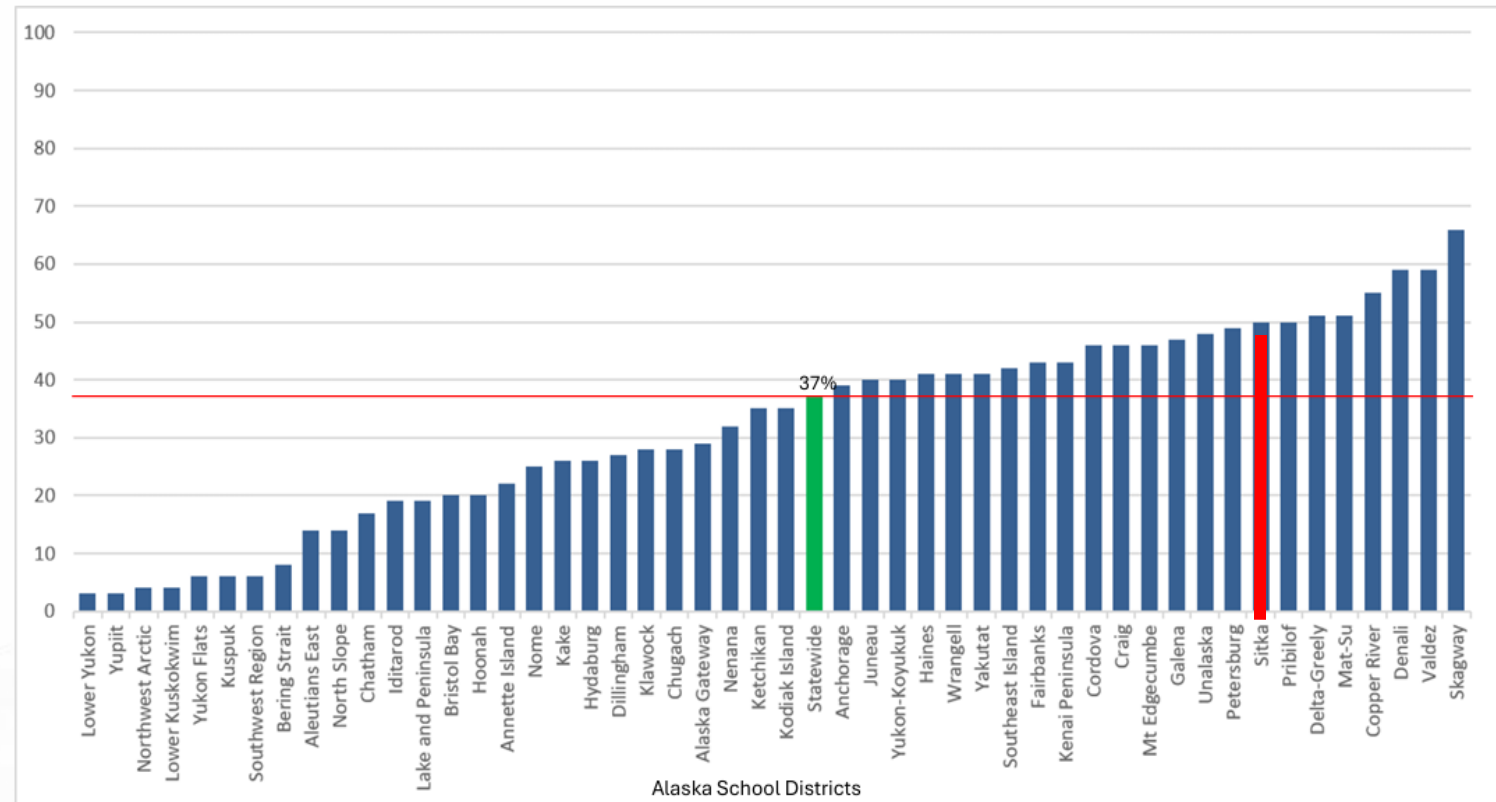
AK STAR Science

Sitka Compared to State Average

Alaska Science Assessment Performance by District

Represents percentage of students at or above Proficient - 2026

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Mat-Su Borough	47.5%	0.6% ↑
Mount Edgecumbe	22.1%	-5.0% ↓
Nenana City	28.1%	-5.3% ↓
Nome Public	29.1%	3.3% ↑
North Slope Borough	10.6%	0.5% ↑
Northwest Arctic Borough	6.3%	-0.3% ↓
Pelican City	50.0%	
Petersburg Borough	54.6%	1.6% ↑
Pribilof	41.7%	-2.8% ↓
Sitka Borough	55.8%	5.4% ↑



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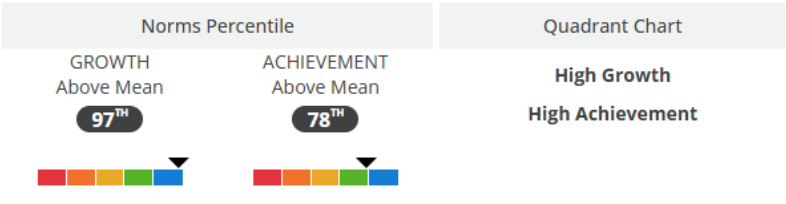
MAP Growth

- Adaptive
- Achievement scores AND Growth scores
- Used for: instructional planning, monitoring progress, program evaluation, and goal setting
- Can the board use this data?

MAP Growth Sample Achievement and Growth Report

COMPARISONS ?

GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT MEASURES



PROJECTIONS

Projected result for tests

Proficient

AK STAR
If taken in the spring

READABILITY MEASURES

Lexile*
570L - 720L

INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS ?

192	Vocabulary	→
196	Informational Text	→
207	Literary Text	→
Relative Strength		

GROWTH GOALS ?

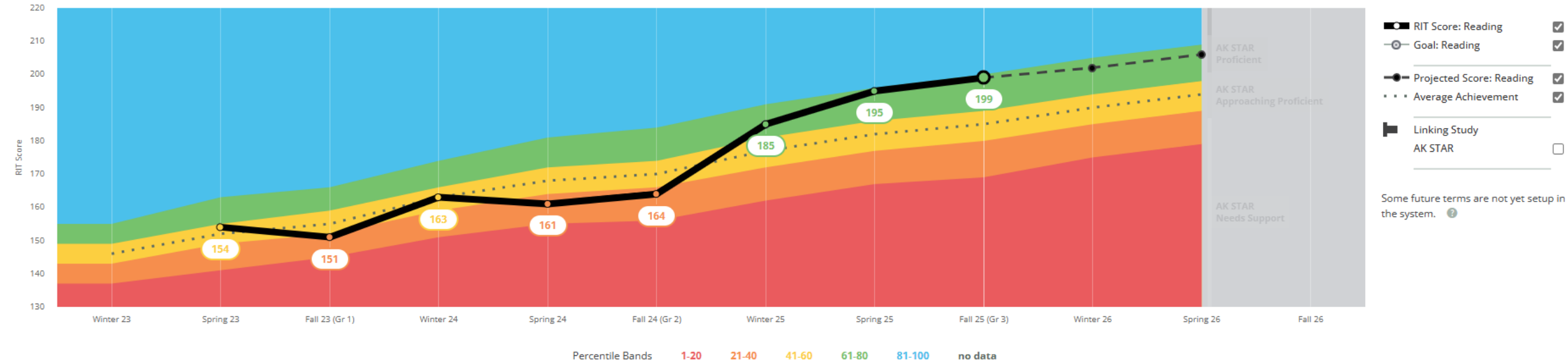
WINTER 2026

Customize the growth target for this student by setting a growth goal →

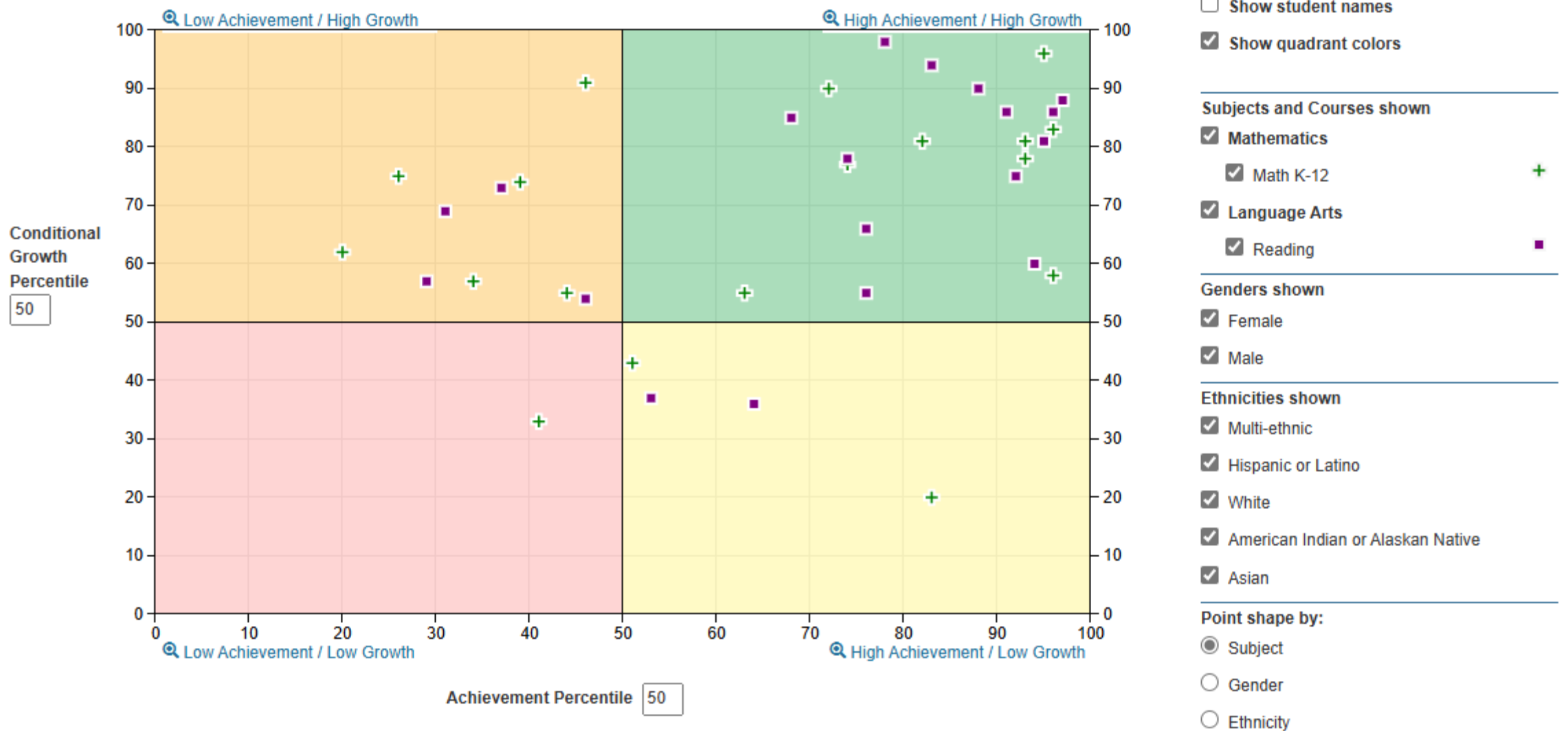
Past Goals

WINTER 2025 GOAL	Actual:	185
GOAL MET	Goal:	185
	Score when set:	164
	(Fall 2024)	

GROWTH OVER TIME ?



MAP Growth Sample Achievement and Growth Report



mClass DIBELS Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills

BOY=Beginning of Year EOY=End of Year

mCLASS LiteracyAmplify CKLA 3rd EditionBoost Reading K–5CKLA

dition

25–26: BOY, MOY, EOY

All schools

All grades

More filters

Clear all

PerformanceBenchmark completionBenchmark trendsProgress Monitoring Fidelity

Benchmark performance

Export

Levels: Well belowBelowAtAbove

Reference data ⓘ: HideNationalAlaska

	Population	Measure	Levels	Students
Sitka School District	Composite Score	BOY	23%18%28%31%	388
		MOY	23%16%30%31%	388
		EOY	21%13%31%35%	378

mClass DIBELS Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills

BOY=Beginning of Year

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Benchmark performance

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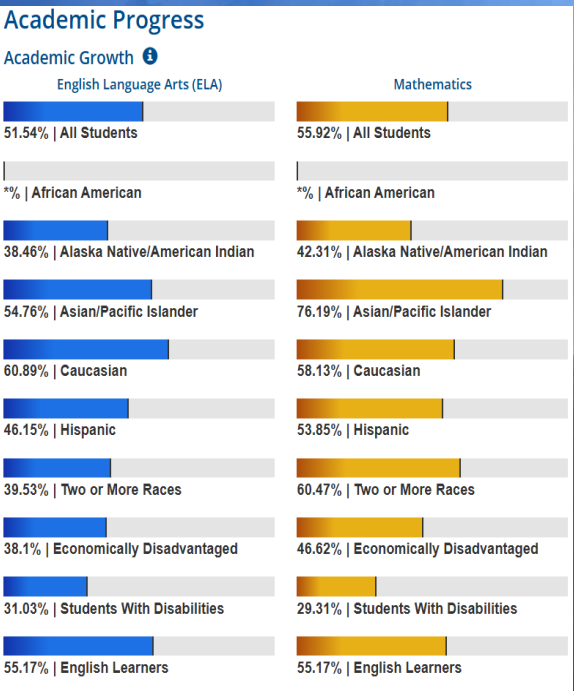
Levels:   Well below   Below   At   Above

Reference data  :  Hide  Alaska

Population	Measure		Levels	Students
Sitka School District	Composite Score	25–26 BOY	23% 18% 28% 31%	388
		26–27 BOY	29% 18% 27% 26%	380

Closing the Gaps: Academic Growth by Race/Ethnicity and Other Demographics

Last Year's Dashboard

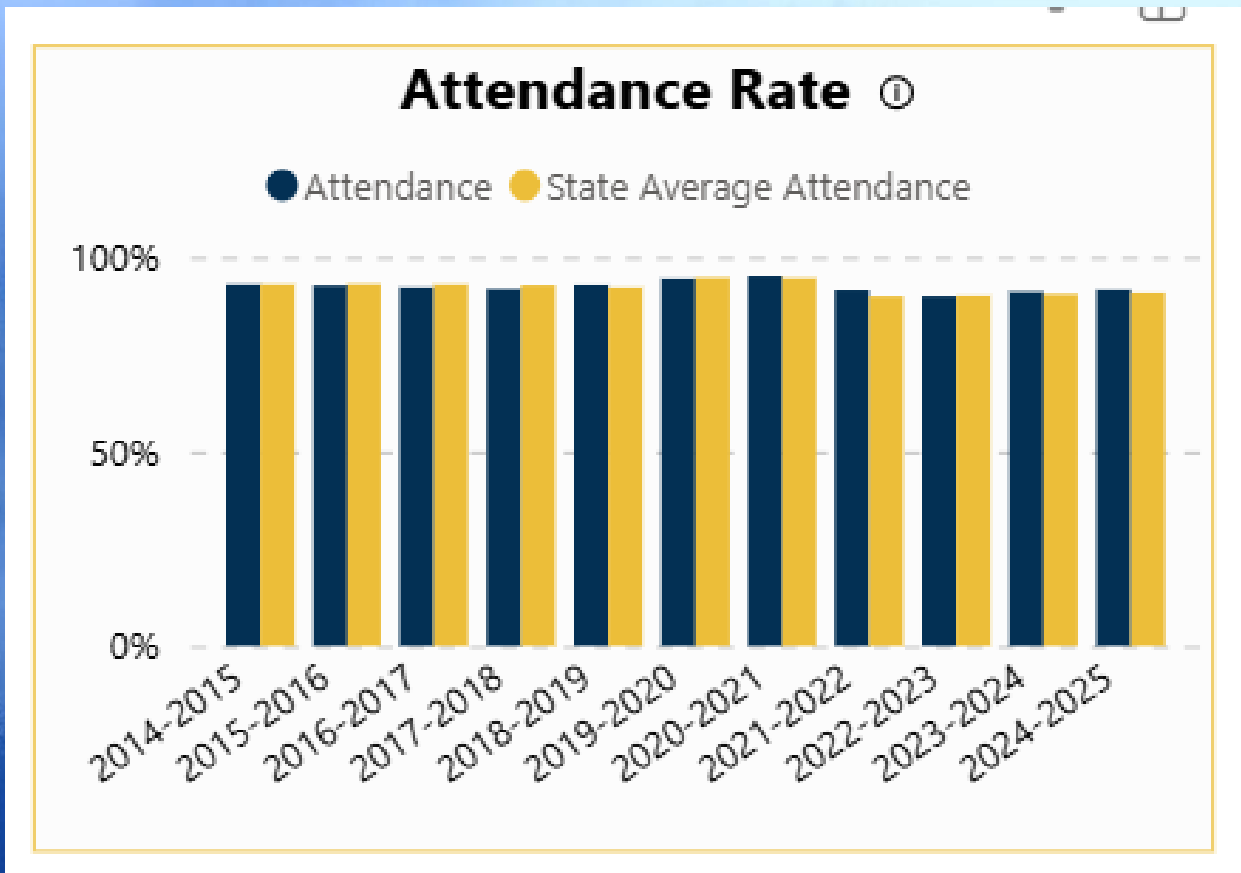


AK DEED Data Dashboard



Attendance Data:

[AK DEED Data Dashboard](#)



How Administrators Will Be Sharing Data:

- Leadership Paradigm training
- School highlights: changing from the board presentation template to the Cycle of Inquiry development tool
- Conversations and professional development with staff
- Determine needs in their school and share with the board

Discussion Questions:

- How deep does the board get into data?
- Do we want to spend money on a data dashboard?
 - What is a data dashboard and what is the purpose?
- How does the board use data?
- What questions remain?

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Other Questions?