



# Harry Lee Cole and Spofford Pond Standardized Test Results

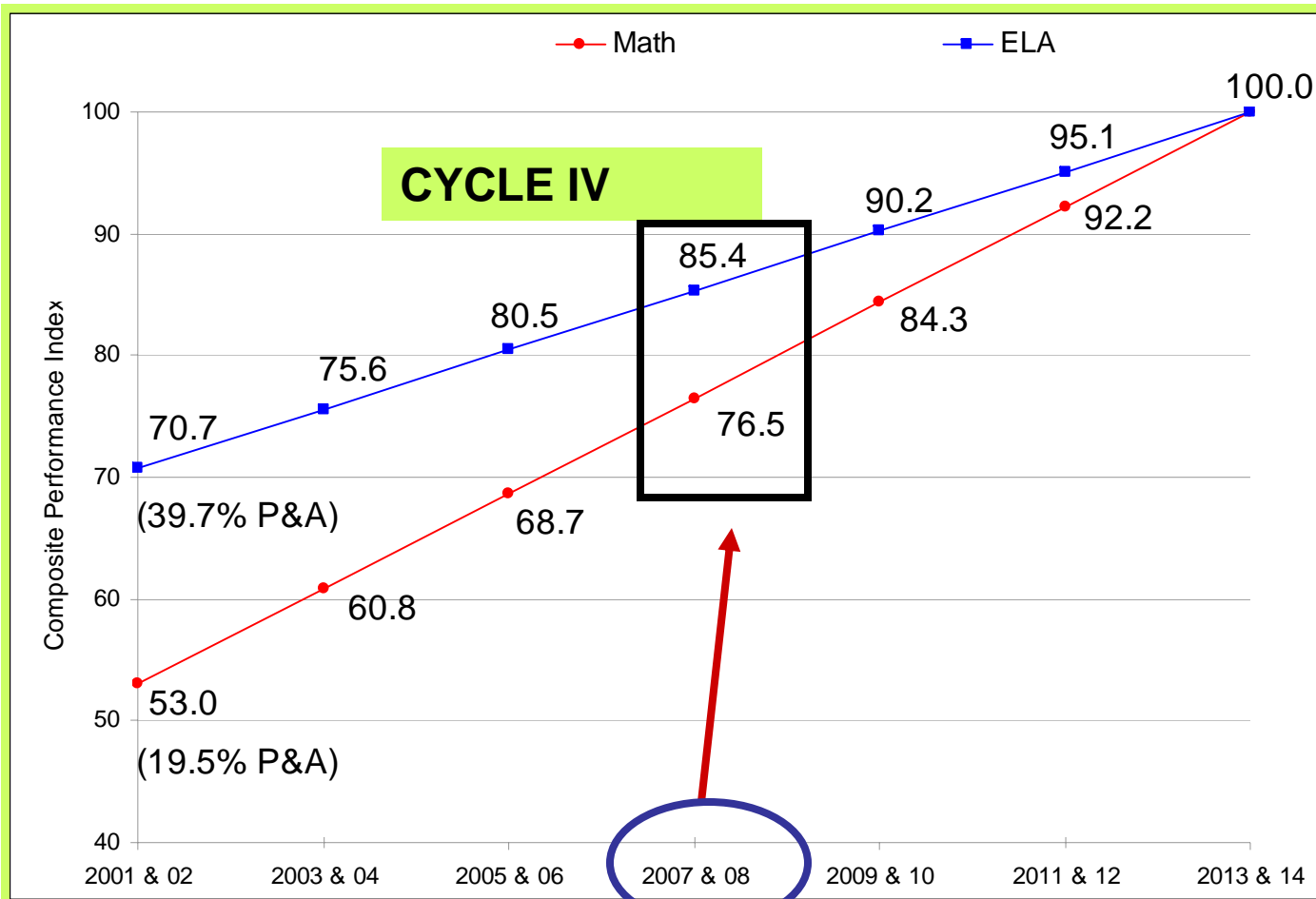
**“Growth Over Time”**

**November 18, 2008**

# Basic Beliefs and Commitments Regarding School Improvement

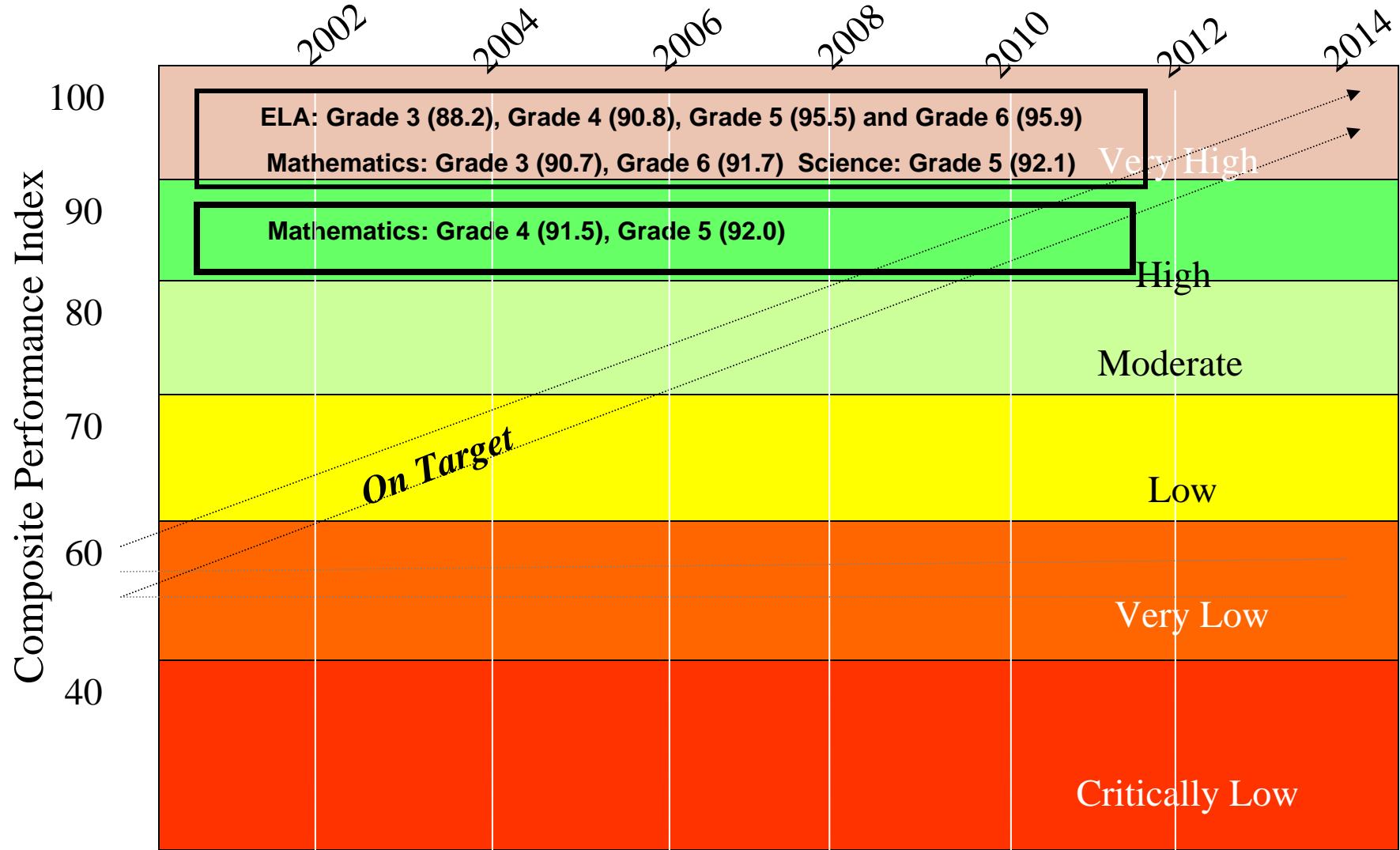
- We are individually and collectively a “vital part of the whole”.
- We accept shared responsibility at the Spofford Pond and Harry Lee Cole Schools for improving student performance in all areas at all grade levels.
- We are committed to a continuous improvement approach to student achievement. Even our best can get better!
- This effort takes ***SUPPORT, SUPPORT, SUPPORT.***

# Massachusetts NCLB Performance Targets for ELA and Mathematics 2002 - 2014



•Source: DOE

# MA Performance and Improvement Ratings



# Performance Index

Table 1: MCAS Performance Index

<b>For students taking standard MCAS tests (and MCAS-Alt for students who do <u>not</u> have significant cognitive disabilities)</b>	
<b>MCAS SCALED SCORE (or MCAS-Alt equivalent)</b>	<b>POINTS AWARDED</b>
200 – 208 <i>Failing/Warning – Low (Awareness)</i>	0
210 – 218 <i>Failing/Warning – High (Emerging/Progressing)</i>	25
220 – 228 <i>(Needs Improvement – Low)</i>	50
230 – 238 <i>(Needs Improvement – High)</i>	75
240 – 280 <i>(Proficient/Advanced)</i>	100

Table 2: MCAS-Alt Index

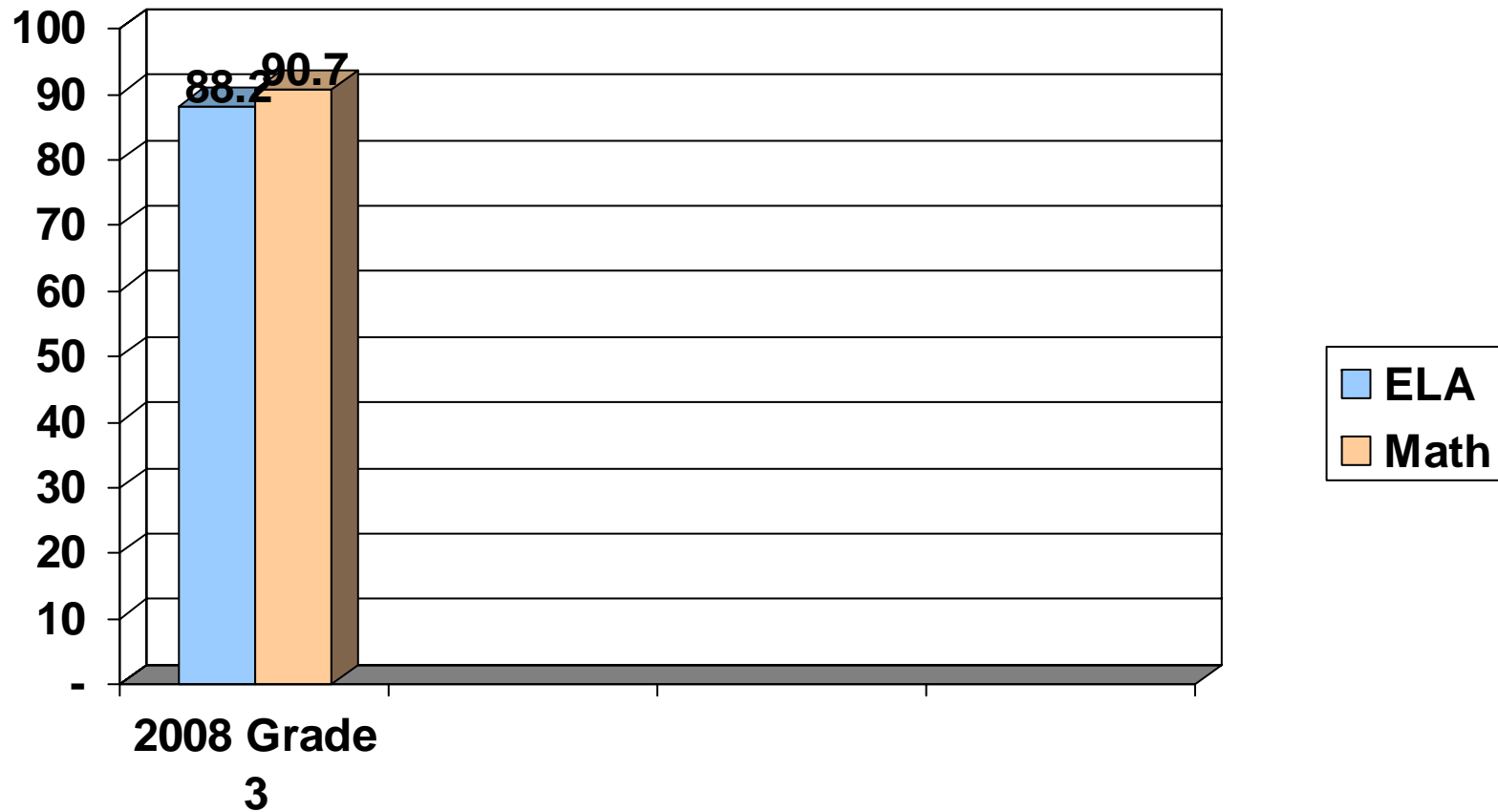
<b>For students with significant cognitive disabilities taking MCAS-Alt (up to 1% of all assessed students in a district)</b>	
<b>MCAS-ALT SCORE</b>	<b>POINTS AWARDED</b>
Portfolio not submitted	0
<i>Incomplete</i>	25
<i>Awareness</i>	50
<i>Emerging</i>	75
<i>Progressing</i>	100

•Source: DOE 2004

## Current Grade 4 Class

English Language Arts	Composite Performance Index (Maximum =100)	Mathematics	Composite Performance Index (Maximum=100)
Grade 3: State Rank <b>#76</b>	<b>88.2</b>	Grade 3: State Rank <b>#56</b>	<b>90.7</b>

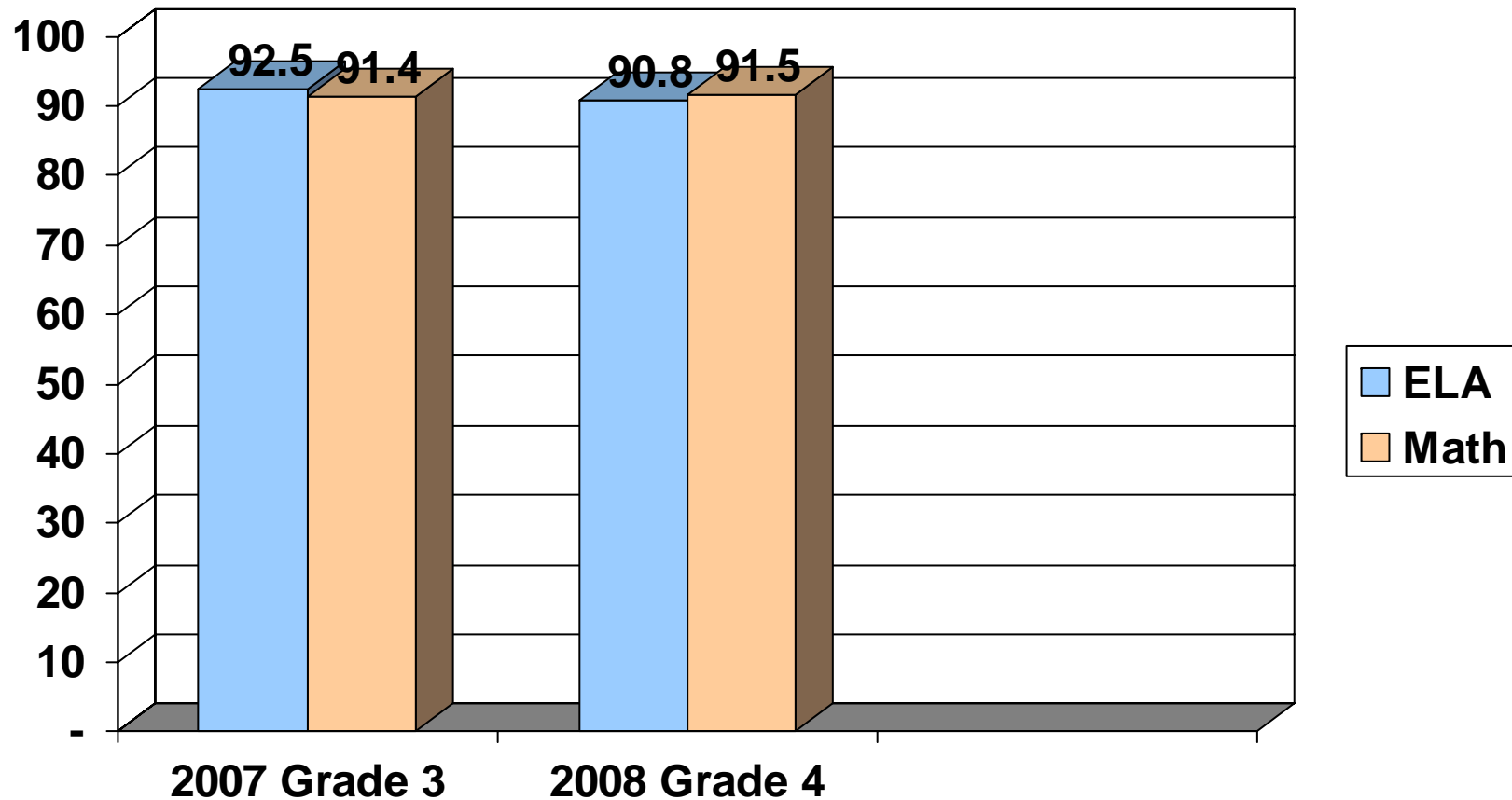
# Class of 2011 (Current Grade 4) Composite Performance Index Total Students



## Current Grade 5 Class

English Language Arts	Composite Performance Index (Maximum =100)	Mathematics	Composite Performance Index (Maximum=100)
Grade 3: State Rank <b>#57</b>	<b>92.5</b>	Grade 3: State Rank <b>#52</b>	<b>91.4</b>
Grade 4: State Rank <b>#44</b>	<b>90.8</b>	Grade 4: State Rank <b>#36</b>	<b>91.5</b>

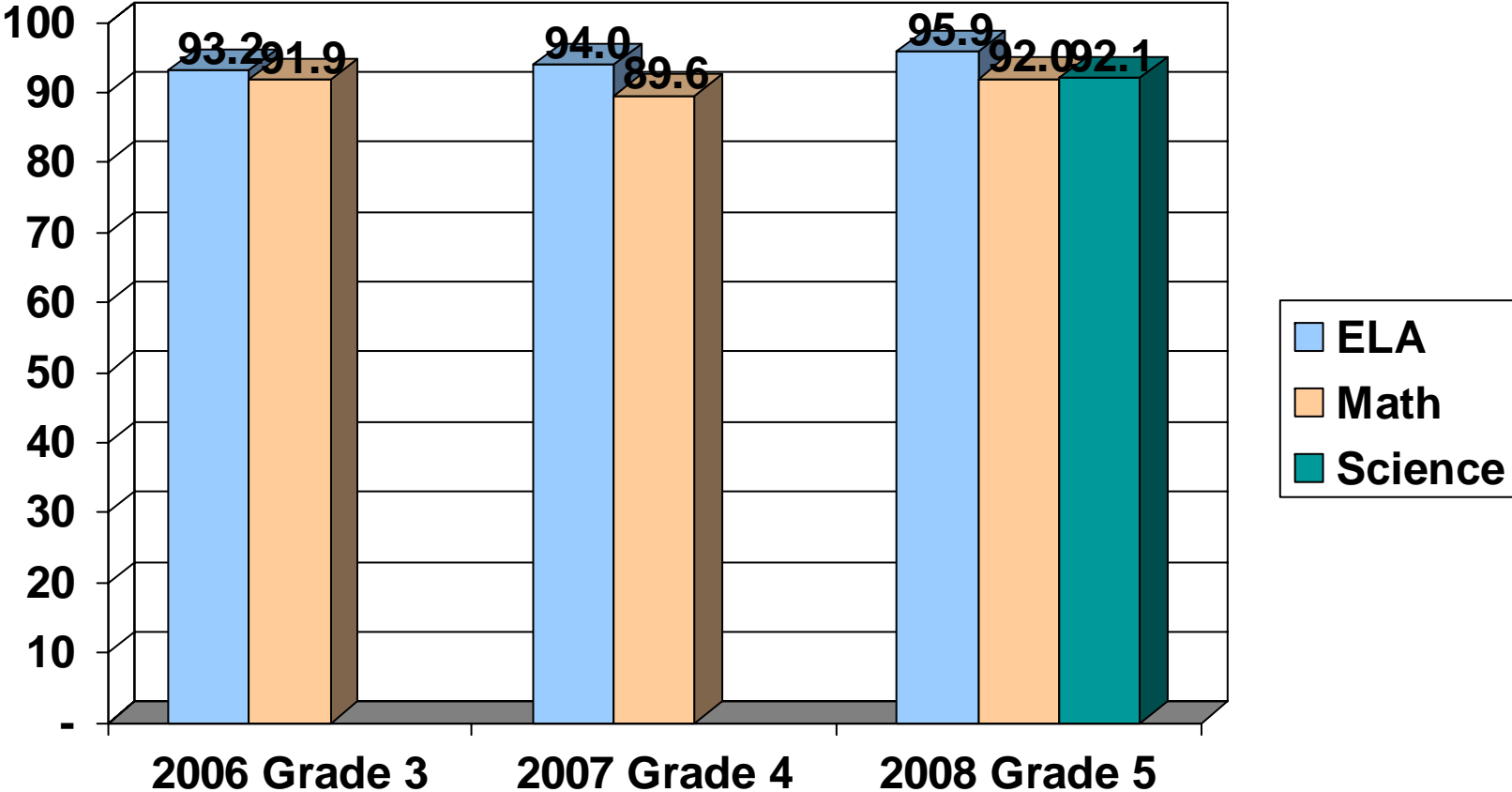
# Class of 2010 (Current Grade 5) Composite Performance Index Total Students



## Current Grade 6 Class

English Language Arts	Composite Performance Index (Maximum =100)	Mathematics	Composite Performance Index (Maximum=100)
Grade 3: State Rank <b>#23</b>	<b>93.2</b>	Grade 3: State Rank <b>#23</b>	<b>91.9</b>
Grade 4: State Rank <b>#15</b>	<b>94.0</b>	Grade 4: State Rank <b>#23</b>	<b>89.6</b>
Grade 5: State Rank <b>#6</b>	<b>95.9</b>	Grade 5: State Rank <b>#12</b>	<b>92.0</b>

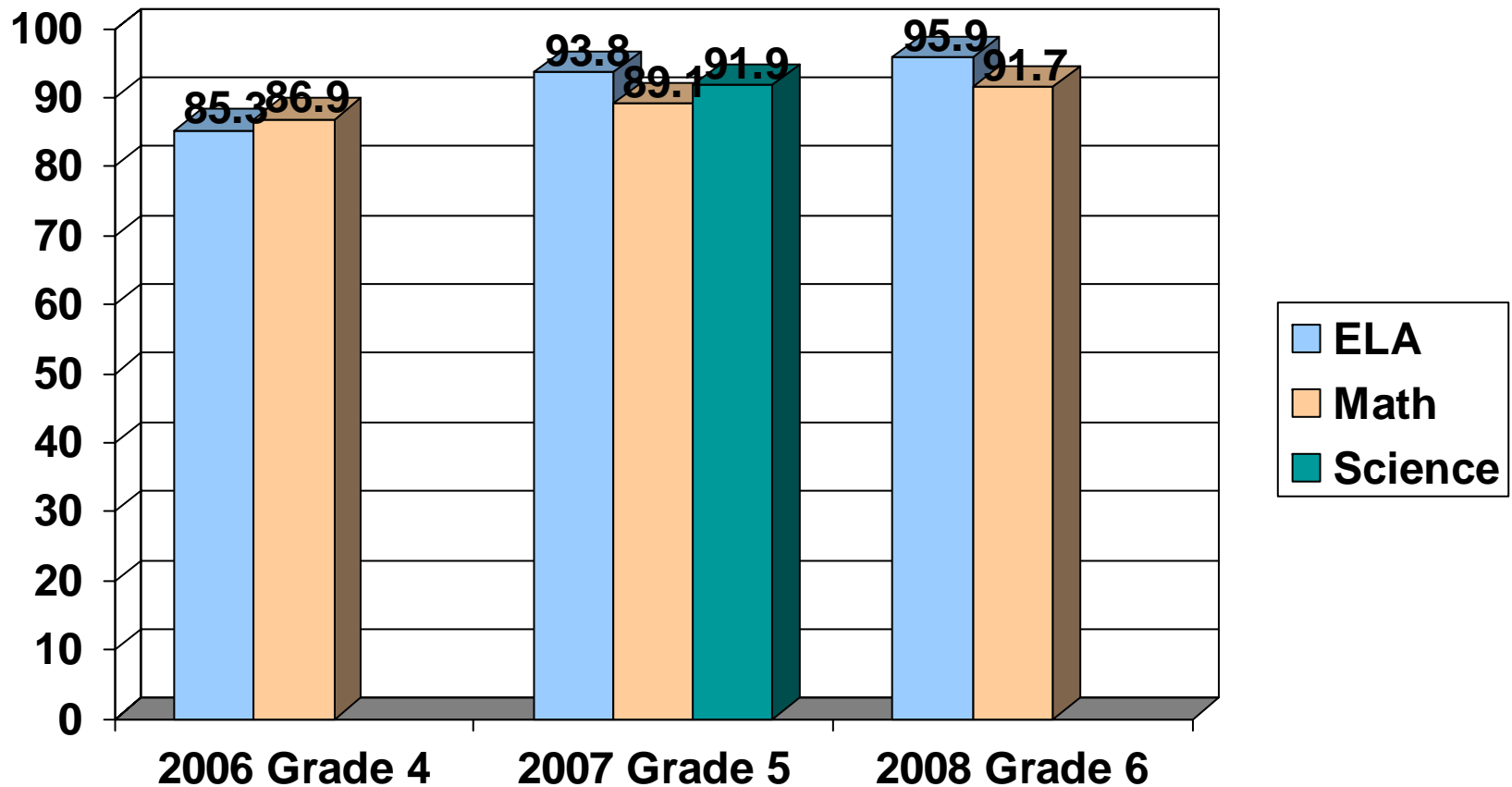
# Class of 2009 (Current Grade 6) Composite Performance Index Total Students



## Current Grade 7 Class

English Language Arts	Composite Performance Index (Maximum =100)	Mathematics	Composite Performance Index (Maximum=100)
Grade 3: State Rank <b>#34</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
Grade 4: State Rank <b>#114</b>	<b>85.3</b>	Grade 4: State Rank <b>#32</b>	<b>86.9</b>
Grade 5: State Rank <b>#54</b>	<b>93.8</b>	Grade 5: State Rank <b>#40</b>	<b>89.1</b>
Grade 6: State Rank <b>#16</b>	<b>95.9</b>	Grade 6: State Rank <b>#27</b>	<b>91.7</b>

# Class of 2008 (Current Grade 7) Composite Performance Index History Total Students



## Comparative State Rankings 2004 – 2008 for Boxford Students When the Percentage of Performance in Advanced and Proficient is Combined (Based on Boston Globe)

Grade	State Rank 2008	State Rank 2007	State Rank 2006	State Rank 2005
3- Reading	#76	#57	#23	#34
3- Math	#56	#52	#23	
4- ELA	#44	#15	#114	#19
4- Math	#36	#23	#32	#18
5- ELA	#6	#54	#32	
5- Math	#12	#40	#10	
5- Science	#22	#14	#3	#19
6- ELA	#16	#6	#24	
6- Math	#27	#11	#23	#4

# Student Learning & Improvement Plan:

- **Time On Learning:** *Attendance and Scheduling*
- **Professional Development:** *Support to Teachers and Support Staff to Differentiate Their Instruction for All Learners*
- **Home School Communication:** *Public and Transparent*
- **Use of School Web Sites and the Internet:** *Resources and Curriculum Links*
- **Integration of Technology Resources:** *Smart Board, Lap Tops and Reporting System*
- **Students With Learning Needs:** *Greatest Possible Access to the Curriculum of the State Frameworks*

# **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Assessment For Learning**

- **Use of assessment to inform instruction and determine appropriate instructional strategies that most closely align with student specific areas of need**
- **Use more frequent and uniform assessments to measure progress in key areas in Grades K-6**
- **Collaborative assessment of student work, i.e. Grade level teams review and score student writing samples periodically and share results with parents**
- **Increase use of the DRA-II; an updated and sophisticated assessment tool that yields more specific data about a child's performance in areas of reading**

# **Student Learning Improvement Plan: Strategic Use of Support Services #1**

## **English Language Arts**

- Emphasize classroom support for clear consistent writing across the curriculum**
- Expand use of the DRA-II as an assessment tool for learning**
- Work with teachers at grade level to examine student work in order to increase the consistent delivery of writing instruction while increasing expectations for the volume of student writing**
- Administer, score with a rubric and share long form composition samples during the school year with a particular emphasis on improved “topic development”**
- Monitor the implementation of the writing program in Grades 1-6 through use of FCAs and increased writing across the curriculum**

# **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Strategic Use of Support Services #2**

## **Mathematics**

- Work with teachers on problem solving strategies so that when children read questions they can dissect what it is being asked**
- Work with teachers and students to choose the most efficient strategy to solve a problem**
- Sharing student work with teachers to increase the rigor and tenacity with which we approach difficult problems**
- Emphasize high expectations to participants in the Math Olympiad and the On Line Math League**

## **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Strategic Use of Support Services # 3**

### **Deployment of Reading Teachers, Math Coaches, Title I Teacher and Literacy Coaches:**

- Review Entry and Exit Criteria for students receiving support
- Monitor progress through regular review of performance data to ensure the trajectory of learning is accelerating and if not, staff will analyze why and make recommendations for altering either the intensity or the type of instruction
- Review models of Instructional Support
- Increase use of local assessment tools to identify more precisely who needs reading, writing and/or math support and what skills need to be emphasized

## **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Strategic Use of Support Services # 4**

- Examine the special education service delivery models for groups and individuals
- Examine when/where/how/how often to provide support to students
- Ongoing training/coaching in the evaluation and analysis of results for purposes of planning educational intervention for individual students
- Ongoing training for special education aides in curriculum and instructional strategies

## **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Time On Learning**

- **Review and audit all structured learning time to assess the use and impact of the added 5 minutes (15 minutes over two years) to the school day. Maintain time allocated to Math instruction on a daily basis to at least 60 minutes in Grades K-6**
- **Maintain ELA block of 90 minutes at all grade levels**
- **Monitor individual student and class schedules to reduce and eliminate fragmentation wherever possible**

# **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Student Profiles and History**

- **Examine individual student histories of students scoring in the Warning and Needs Improvement Performance Levels in all grades**
- **Variables to be reviewed for patterns among others will include:**
  - **Student attendance**
  - **Retention in Grade**
  - **Date of Admission to Cole or Spofford**
  - **Referrals for TAT, SAT, CST and 504**
  - **Focus of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities**
  - **Class Performance as measured on Report Cards**

# Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Professional Development #1

- Increased Collaboration between Grade 2 and Grade 3 on content and instructional strategies utilizing the results of “teacher to teacher” transition planning
- Close examination of student work on state and local assessments; compare with exemplars from our sister towns
- Review of Grade Level Learning Standards (PK-K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6); establish “above proficiency” as our basic belief system for all of our students. Encourage all staff to AIM HIGHER!!
- Consultation and modeling of effective whole class and small group strategies to improve reading comprehension and higher order thinking skills
- Integration of new technology (e.g. Smart Boards) into instructional practice

## **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Students With Disabilities**

- Increase access to the regular education curriculum materials including MTB and Impact
- Careful review and consideration of the use of a “pull-out” model for supporting students with disabilities in Mathematics and ELA; need to balance access to regular education curriculum with need for specialized instructional programs
- Incorporate to a greater degree IEP accommodations that can be generalized into daily assignments
- Increase Training for Special Education Teacher Assistants in Literacy and Math content and instructional strategies

## **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Home School Communication**

- Distribute writing prompts that have been scored with the agreed upon local rubric at parent conferences
- Use newsletters and other communication tools to support the mastery of the agreed upon skills across the curriculum in each Grade Level
- Share student work that has been collaboratively assessed by teams of teachers against state standards with common rubrics

## **Student Learning & Improvement Plan: Use of School Web Sites**

- Share links to Math Trailblazers and Impact Math and other web based materials
- Post Links to DOE Curriculum Frameworks and MCAS information on student work exemplars and sample questions in ELA and Math
- Develop web based content links to support the use of “smart board” technology across the curriculum

# Continuing Activities

- **Response to Intervention:** We are tracking student performance more aggressively in mathematics and reading throughout the school year when a student is referred for math and or reading support (provided by math coaches and reading teachers).
- **Math Interim/Benchmark Assessments:** We are conducting these assessments three times this year at all grade levels. Analysis is immediate and conducted by the classroom teachers in a collaborative manner. The information gathered is reflected instructionally to address student needs in the classroom.

# Continuing Activities

- Individual students whose test score performance has not met predicted expectations and does not match present classroom performance will receive additional appropriate intervention in their daily work and at home.
- Sub skill and test item analysis is conducted on areas of concern that emerged in the group performance results. This analysis is being conducted on areas in which performance suggests the greatest potential for improvement over the next two years. Analysis will include the identification of difficult items and the common errors made by students on those items.

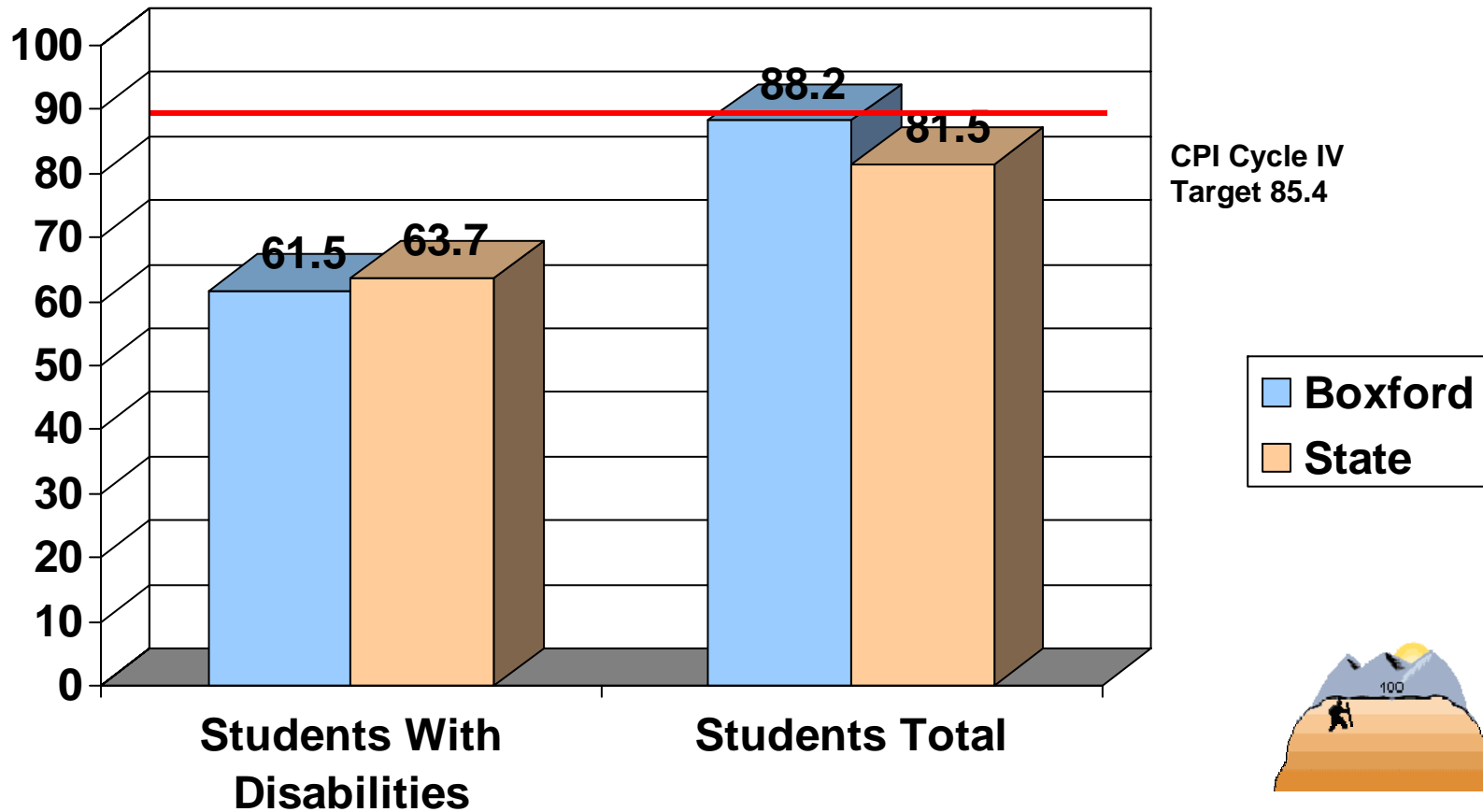
# Continuing Activities

- Test results from groups and individual students are used with teachers to focus on strategies and activities that can be used effectively to improve performance in identified areas.
- Individual narrative reports have been sent home to parents. Combined with individual criterion referenced skills analysis, these results serve as discussion points between teachers and parents in order to develop approaches which will improve the acquisition and application of basic skills.

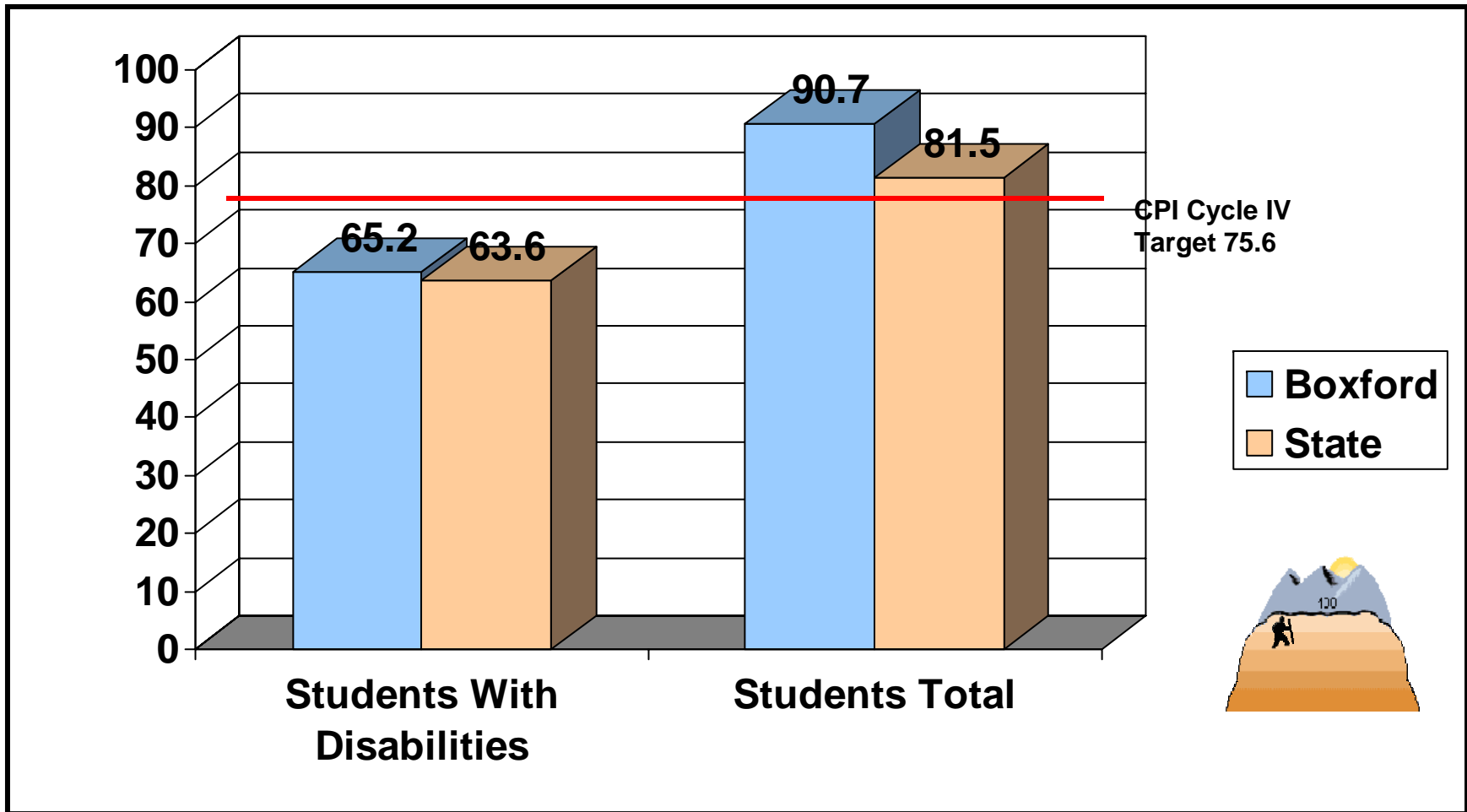
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**Current Grade 4**

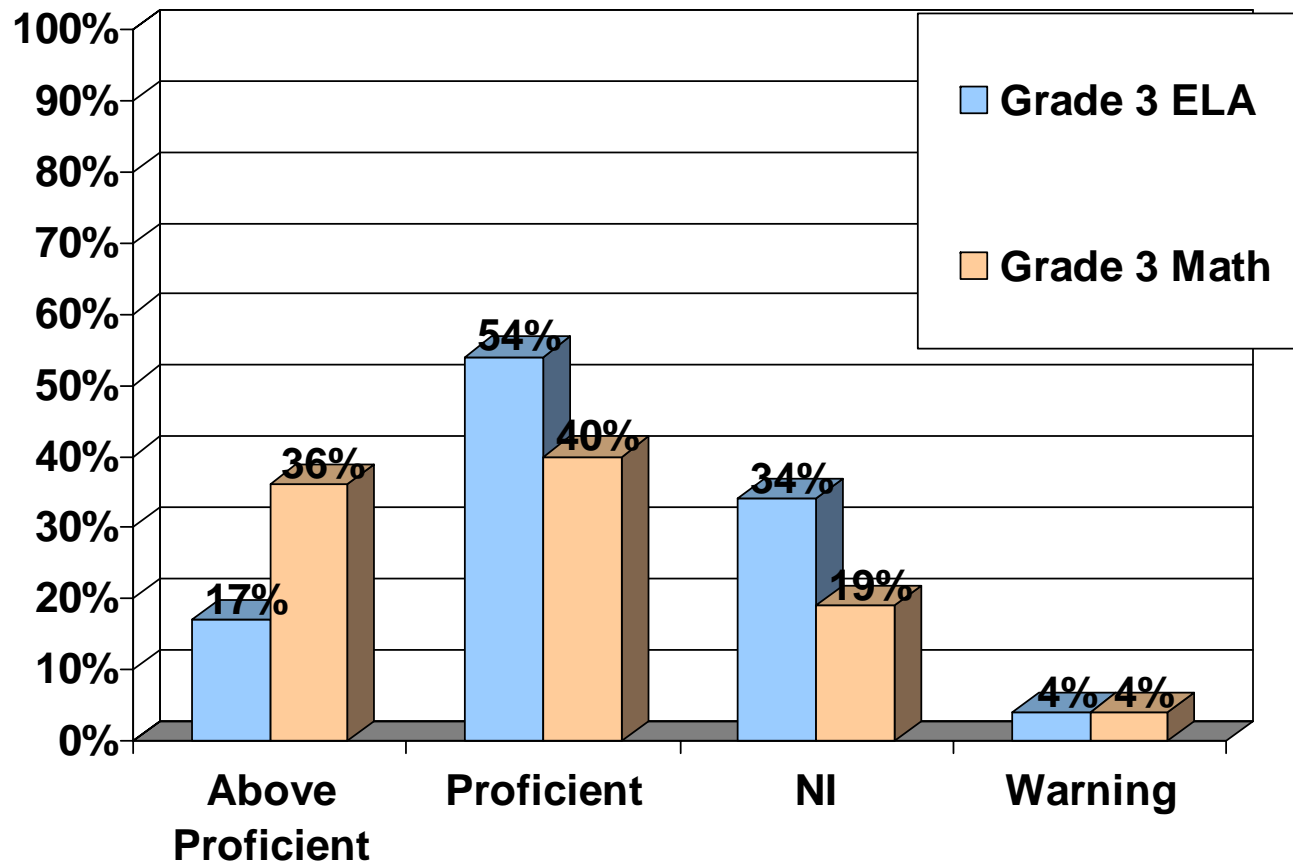
# Grade 3 Reading Composite Performance Index 2008



# Grade 3 Math Composite Performance Index 2008



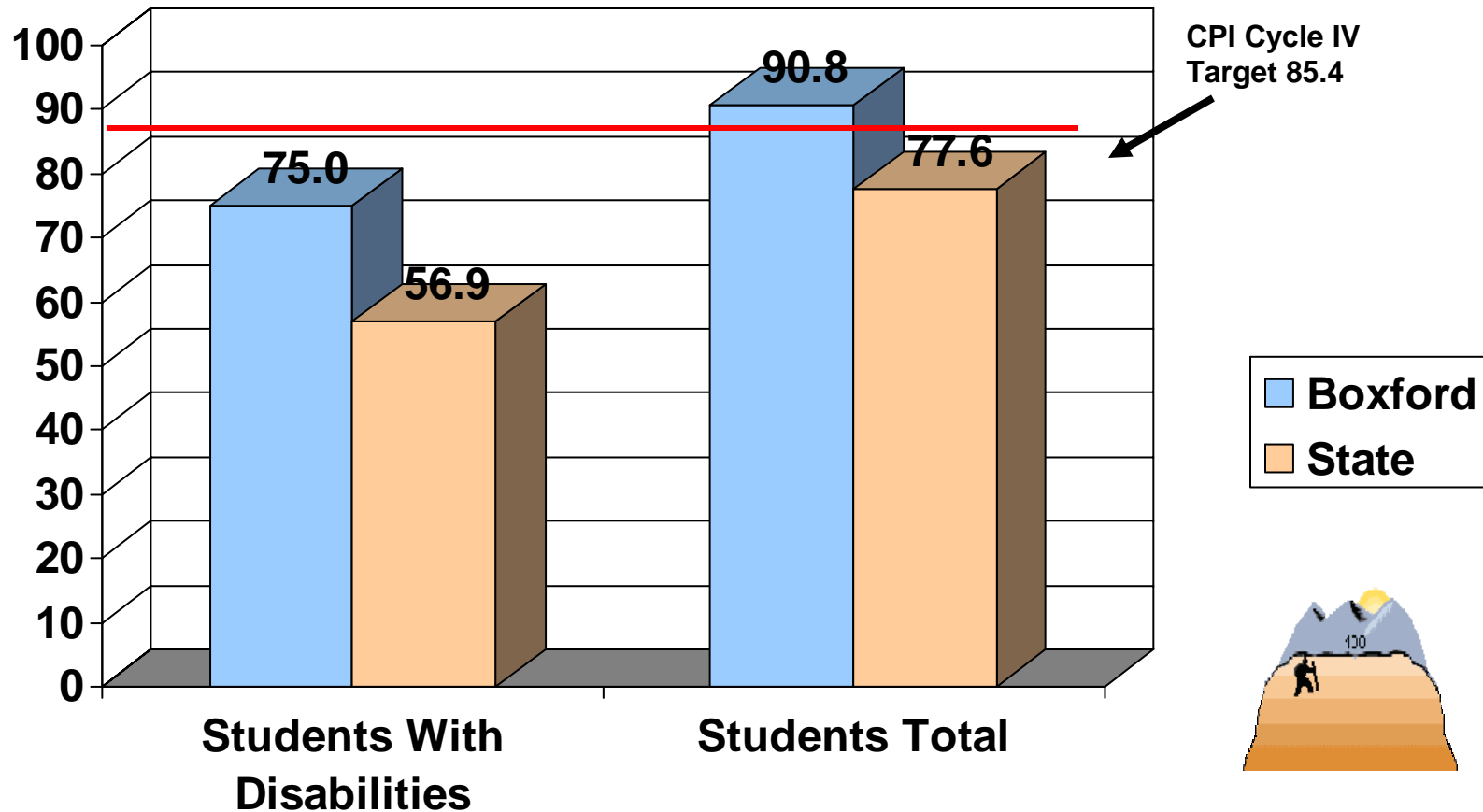
# Class of 2011 (Present Grade 4) Performance Level Distribution



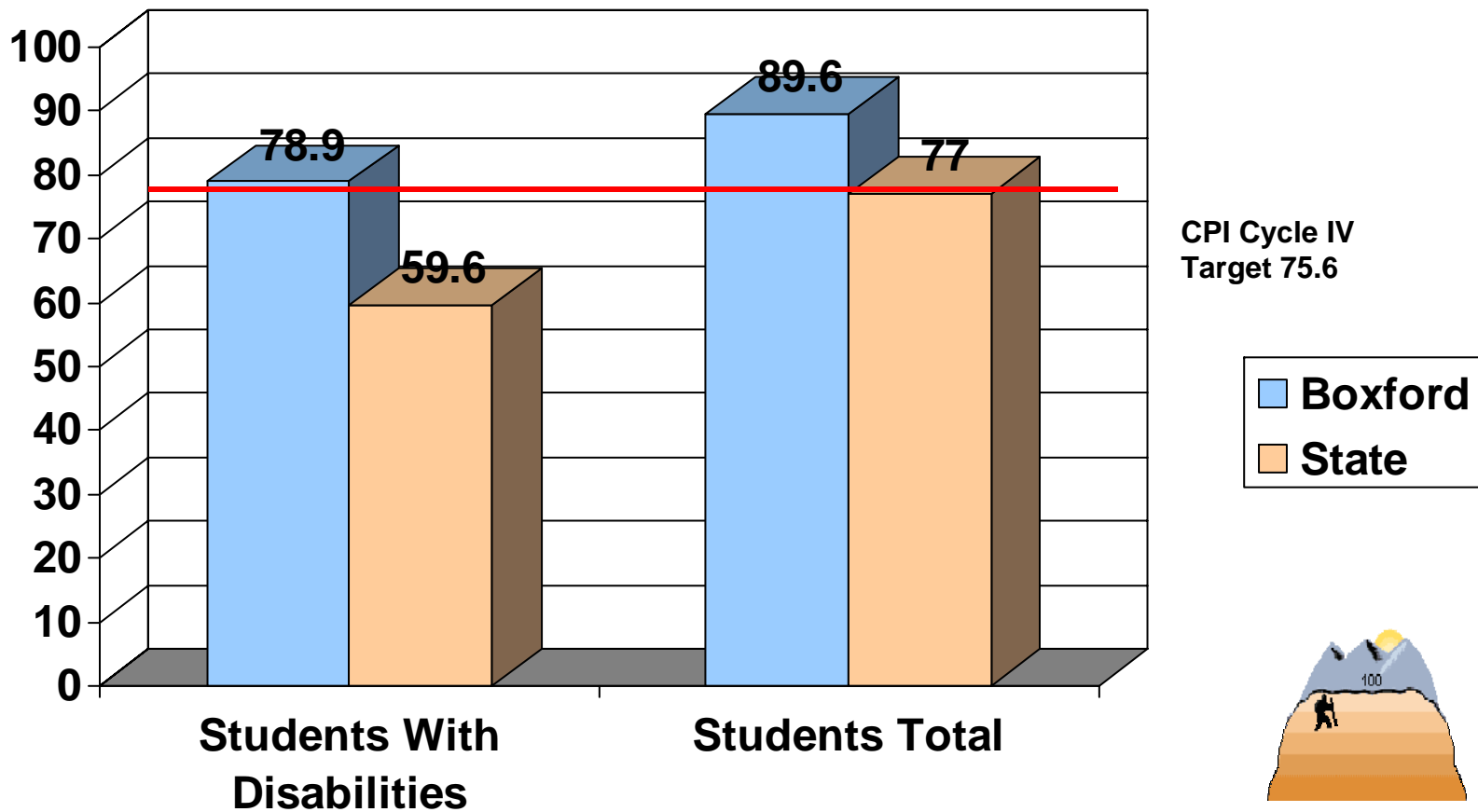
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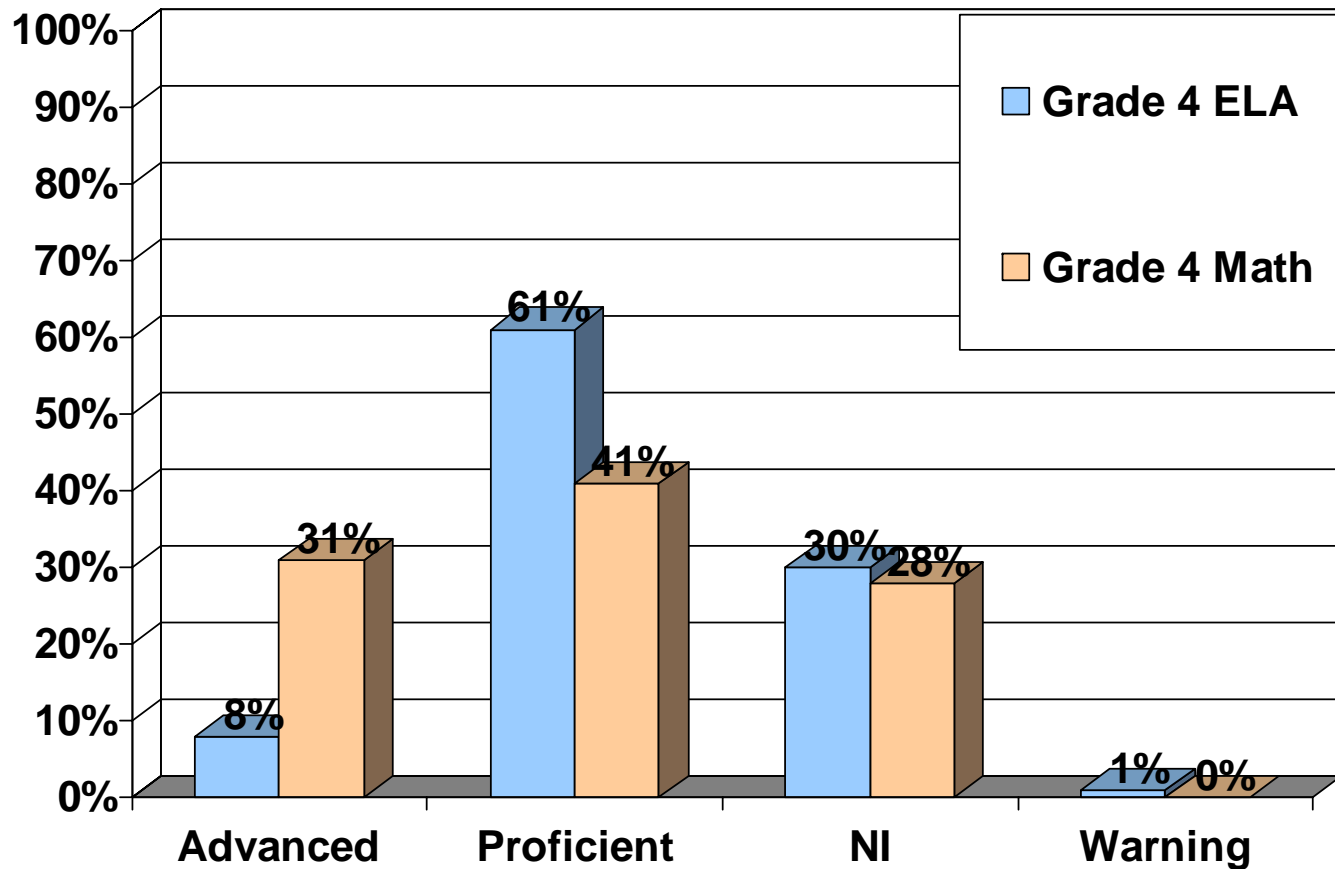
# Grade 4 English Language Arts Composite Performance Index 2008



# Grade 4 Mathematics Composite Performance Index 2008



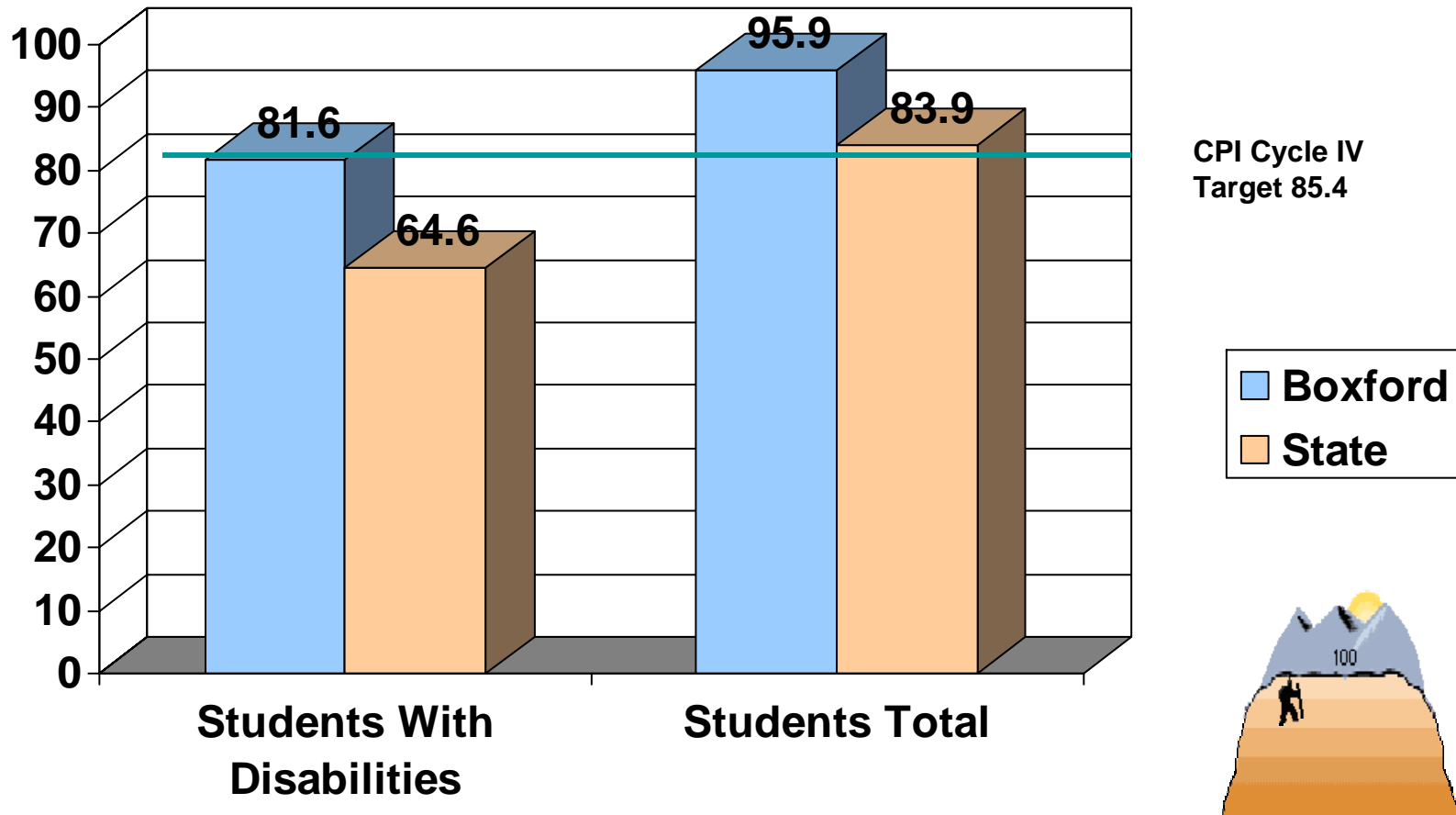
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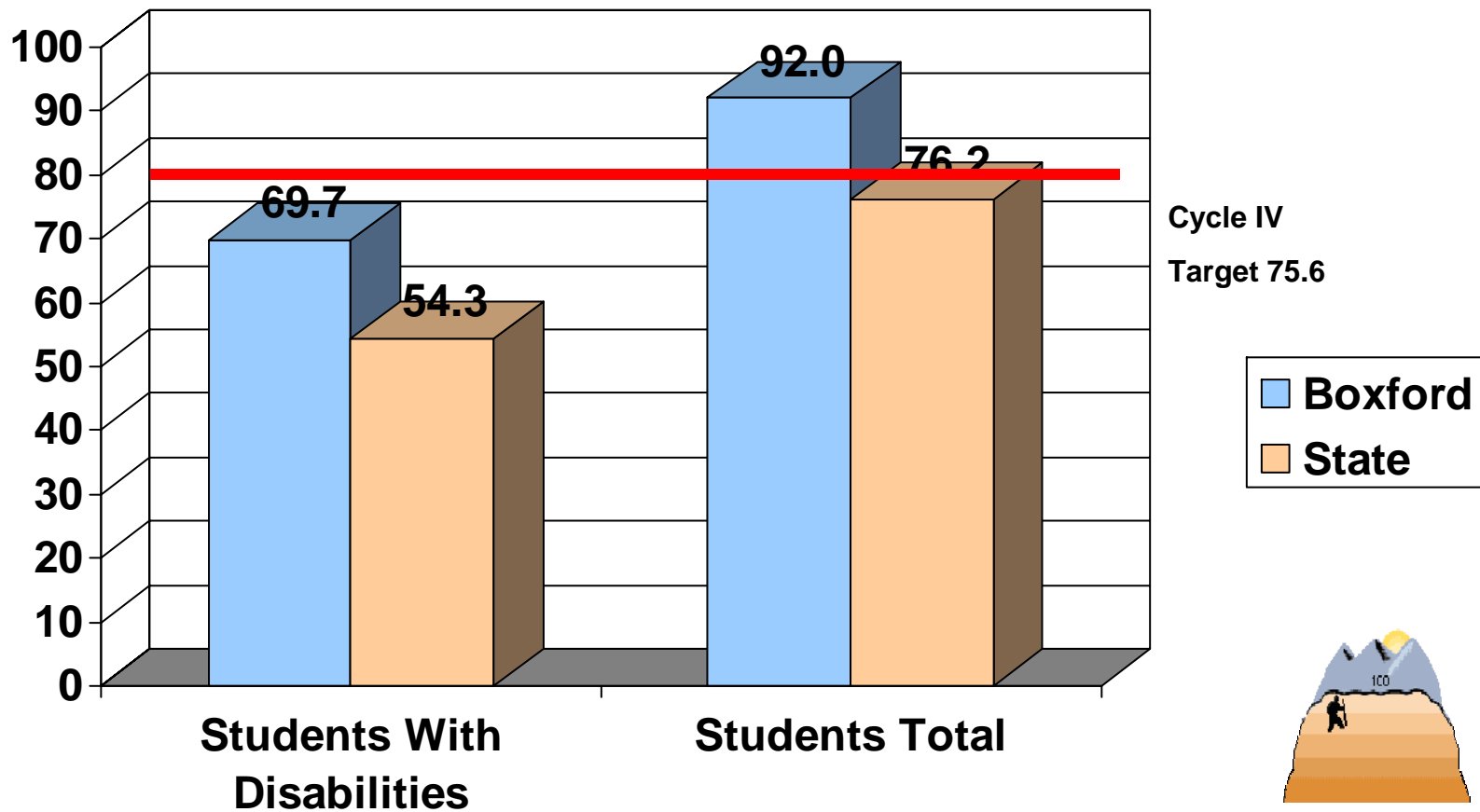
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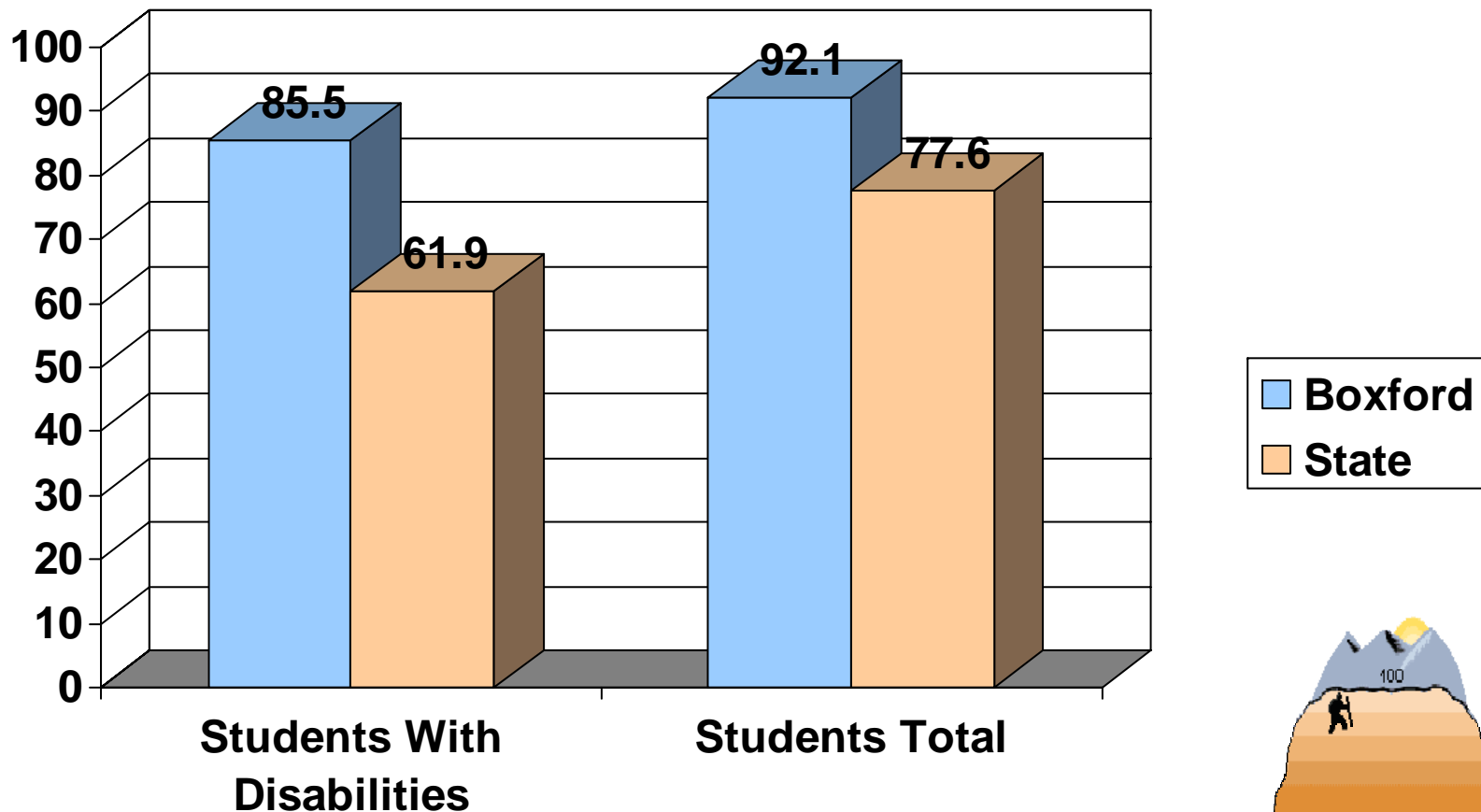
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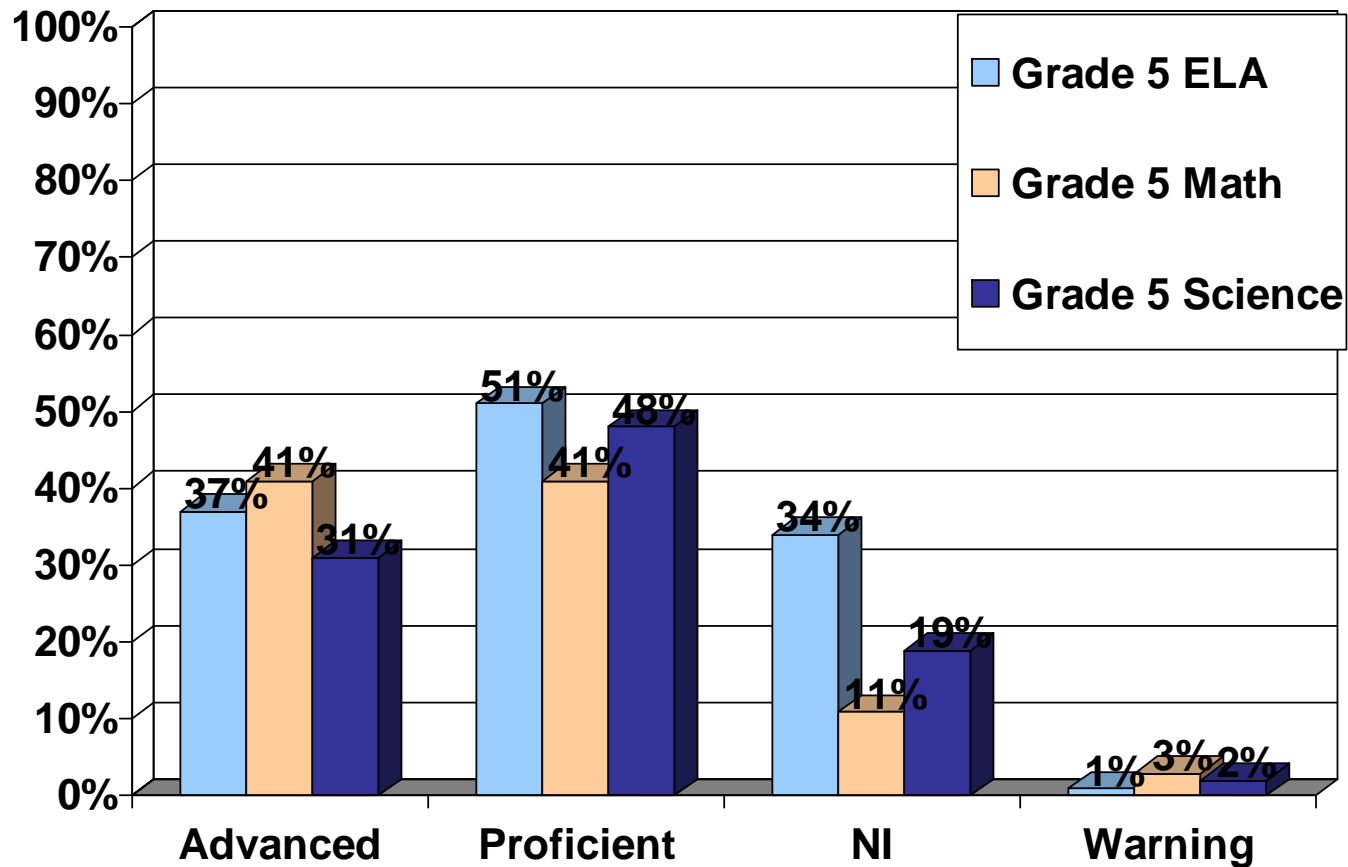
# Grade 5 Mathematics Composite Performance Index 2008



# Grade 5 Science and Technology Composite Performance Index 2008



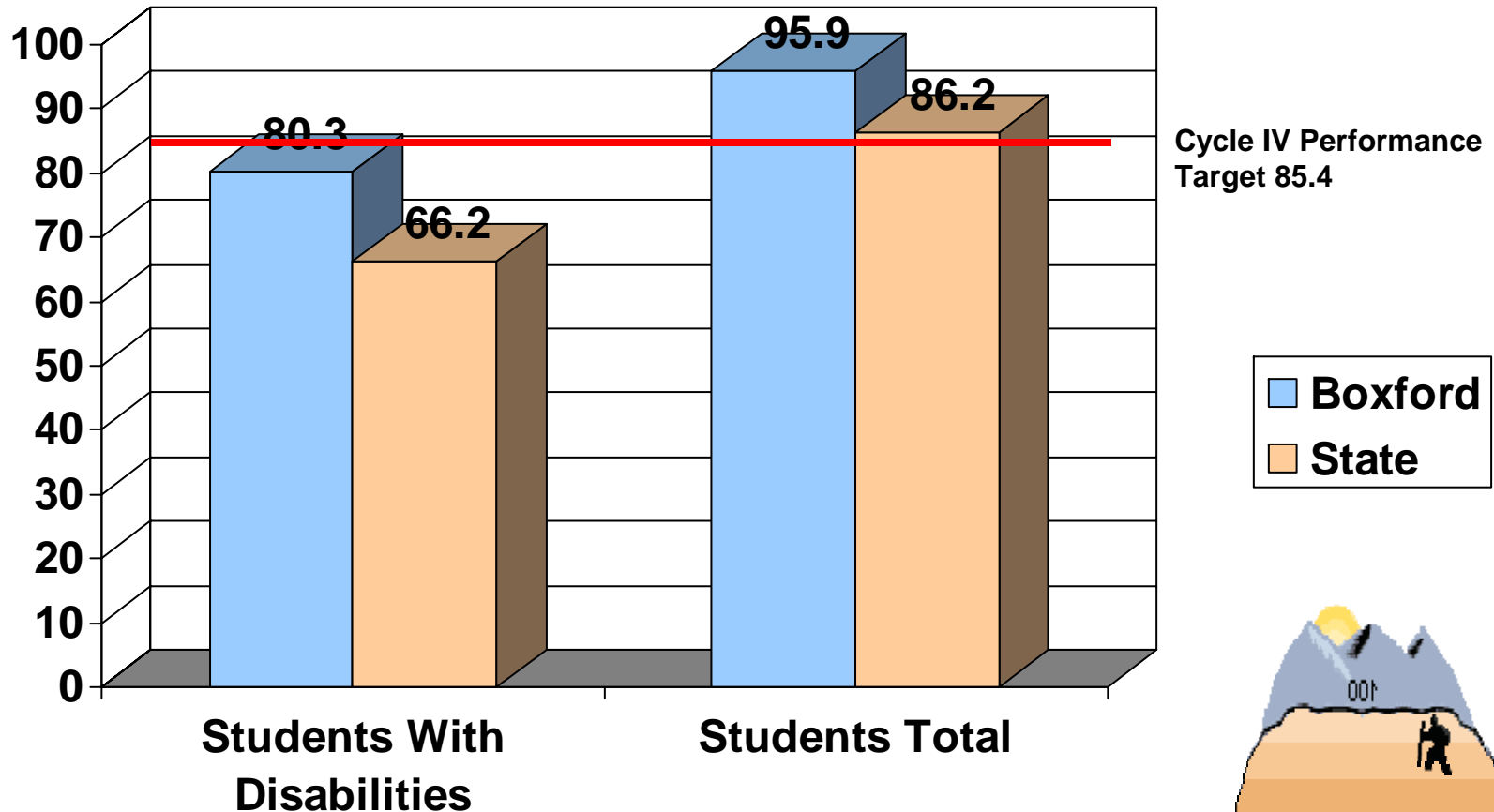
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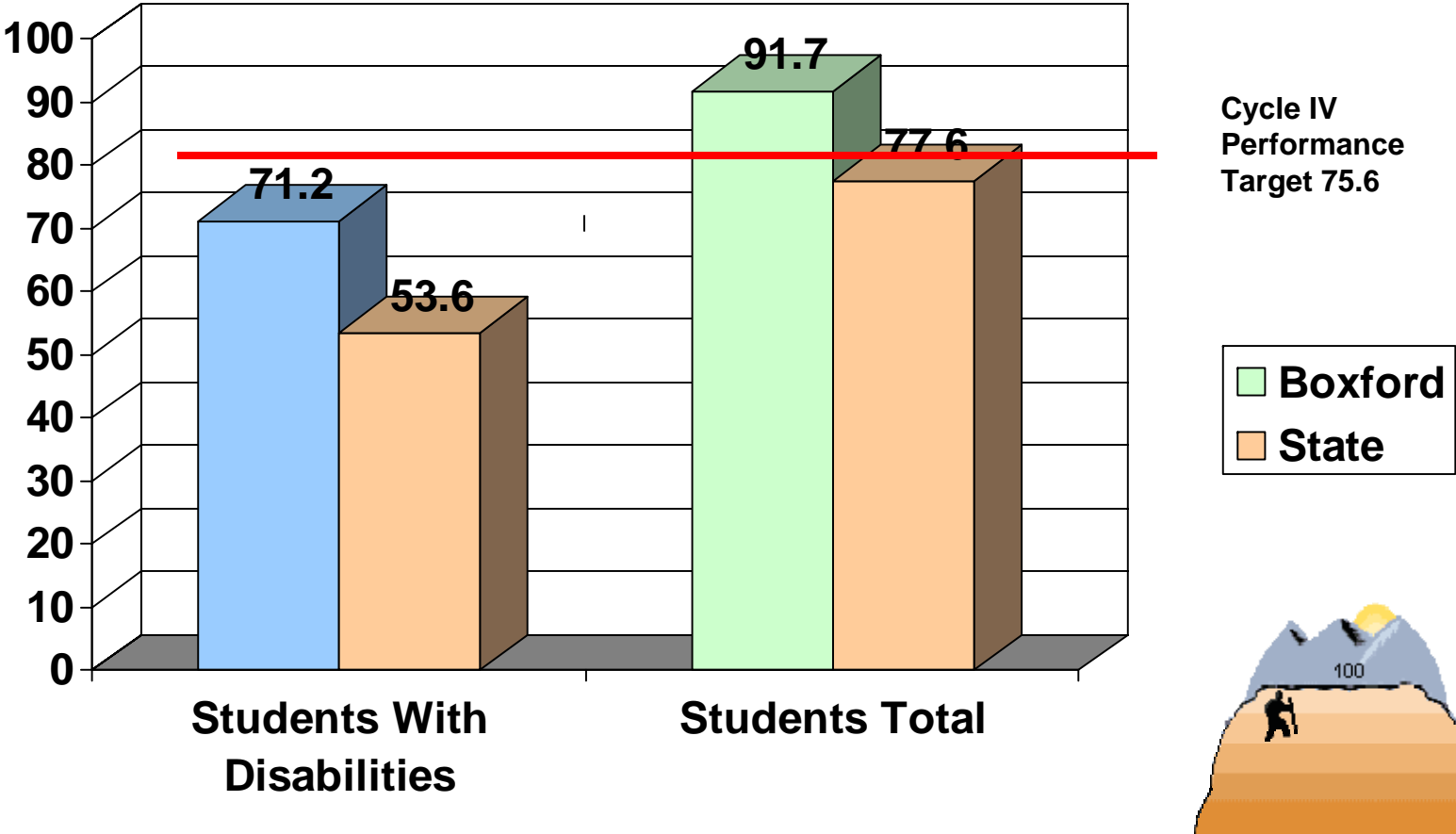
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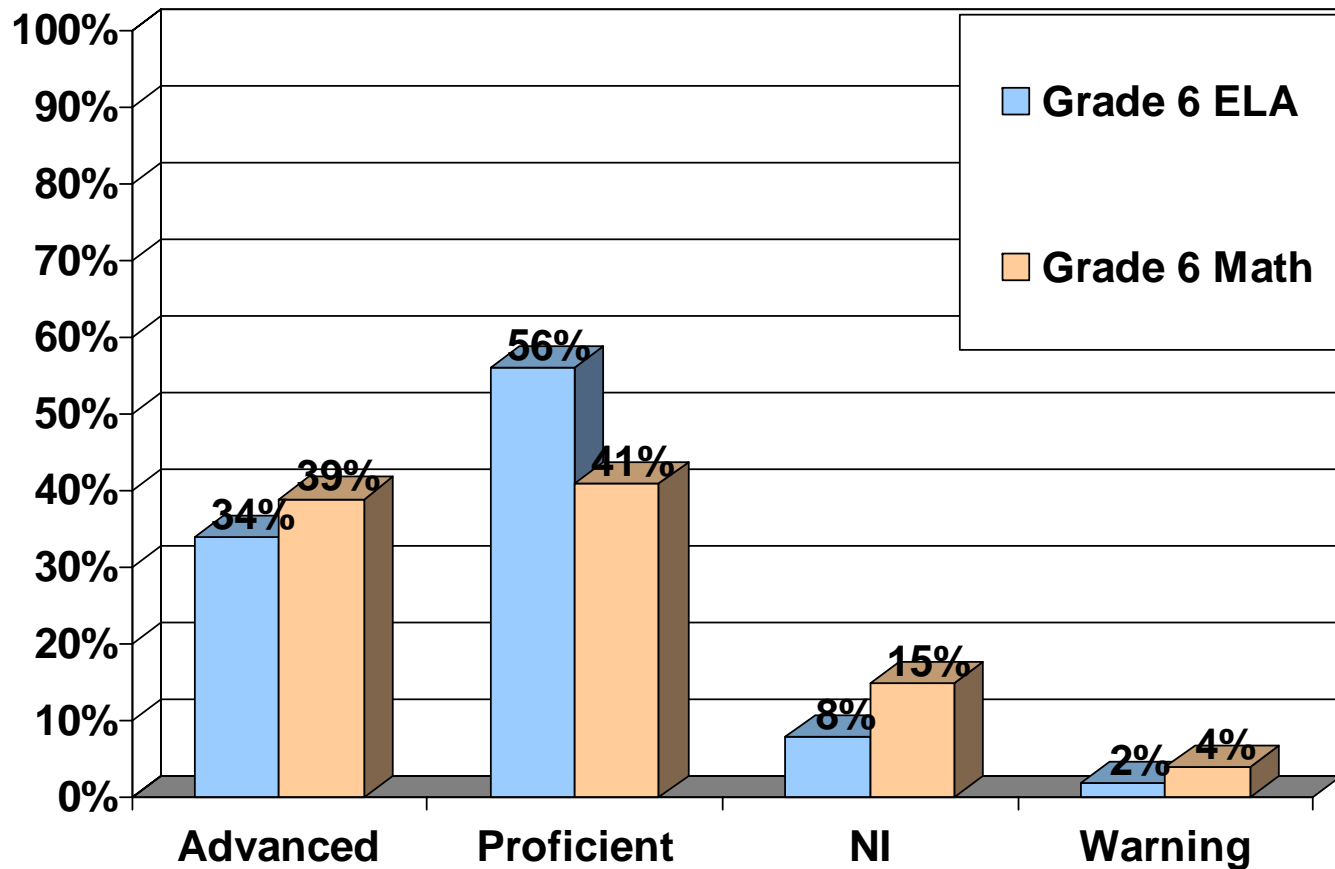
# Grade 6 English Language Arts Composite Performance Index 2008



# Grade 6 Math Composite Performance Index 2008



# Class of 2008 (Present Grade 7) Performance Level Distribution



## Where Can I Find Accountability Information When I Need It?

Visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website at [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu).

- Click on Assessment and Accountability to find explanatory materials about the MA School and District Accountability System
- Go to “School and District Profiles” to find performance data for the state, a district or school.

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**HISTORICAL  
BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION**

**FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES**

**MCAS Performance 2004- 2008**  
**Percentage of students performing at the Advanced**  
**Level in each area tested**

Test	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Grade 4 ELA	13%	9%	6%	24%	24%
Grade 4 Math	25%	32%	28%	29%	29%
Grade 5 ELA			27%	32%	37%
Math			31%	37%	41%
Science	50%	25%	37%	40%	31%
Grade 6 Math	38%	40%	29%	43%	39%
ELA			22%	26%	34%

# MCAS Grade 4 Areas English Language Arts

Average performance of students on the Writing Prompt by focusing on Topic Development

Year	Percentage of Points Earned	Change
2003	62%	+1%
2004	58%	-4%
2005	71%	+13%
2006	72%	+1%
2007	76%	+4%
2008	75%	-1%

## MCAS Grade 4 Mathematics Percentage of Available Points Earned

Area	2004	2005	<b>2006</b>	2007	2008
Number Sense Operations	75%	<b>77%</b>	<b>79%</b>	75%	76%
Patterns, Relations and Algebra	73%	<b>78%</b>	<b>77%</b>	77%	83%
Geometry	73%	<b>73%</b>	<b>63%</b>	81%	75%
Measurement Statistics and Probability	63% 79%	<b>67%</b> <b>80%</b>	<b>67%</b> <b>78%</b>	77% 77%	75% 76%

## MCAS Grade 5 Mathematics Percent of Available Points Earned

Area	<b>2006</b>	2007	2008
Number Sense	<b>74%</b>	75%	78%
Patterns, Relations and Algebra	<b>84%</b>	82%	80%
Geometry	<b>68%</b>	73%	85%
Measurement	<b>75%</b>	71%	71%
Statistics and Probability	<b>75%</b>	83%	80%

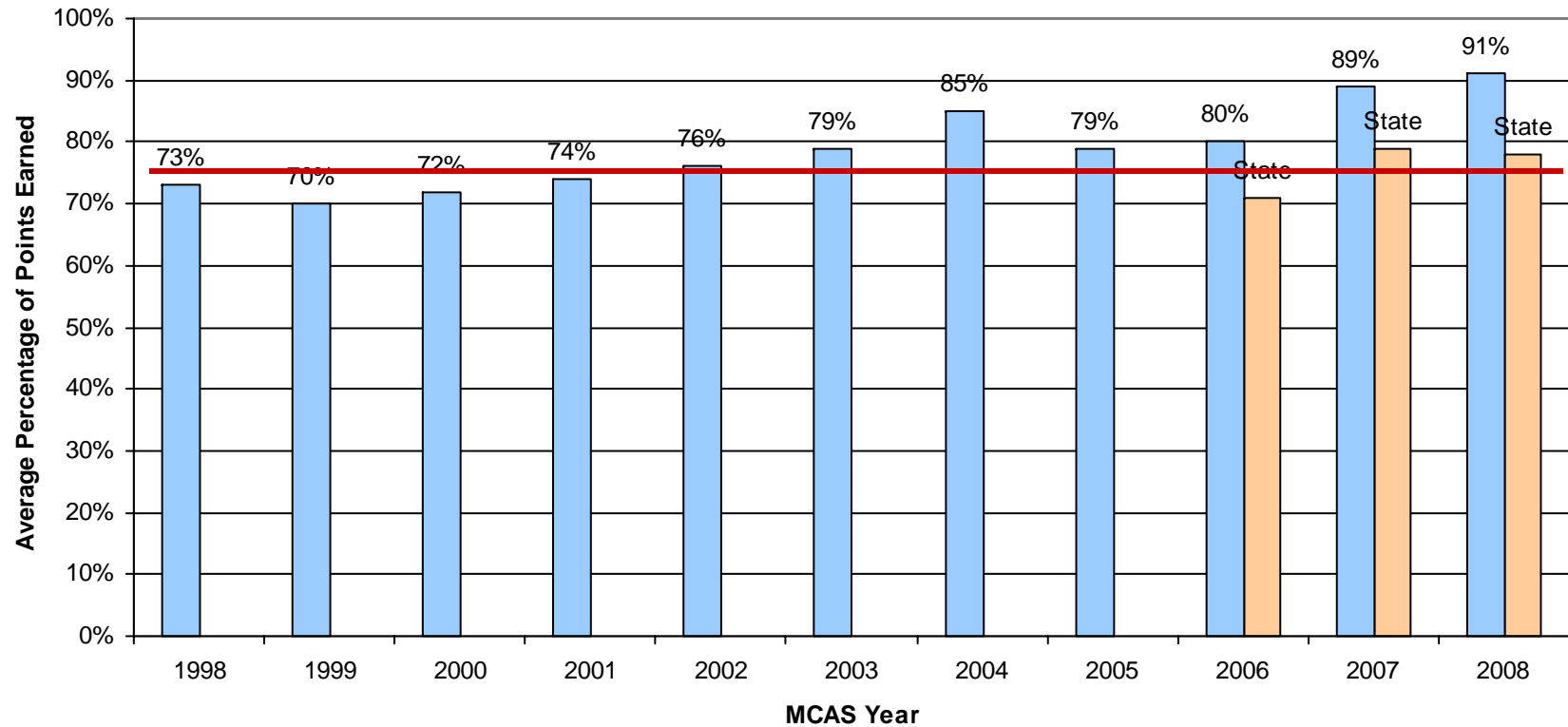
## MCAS Grade 5 Science and Technology Percent of Available Points Earned

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Earth and Space Science	78%	<b>75%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>70%</b>
Life Science	80%	<b>80%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>78%</b>
Physical Science	84%	<b>77%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>81%</b>
Technology/Engineering	85%	<b>82%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>79%</b>

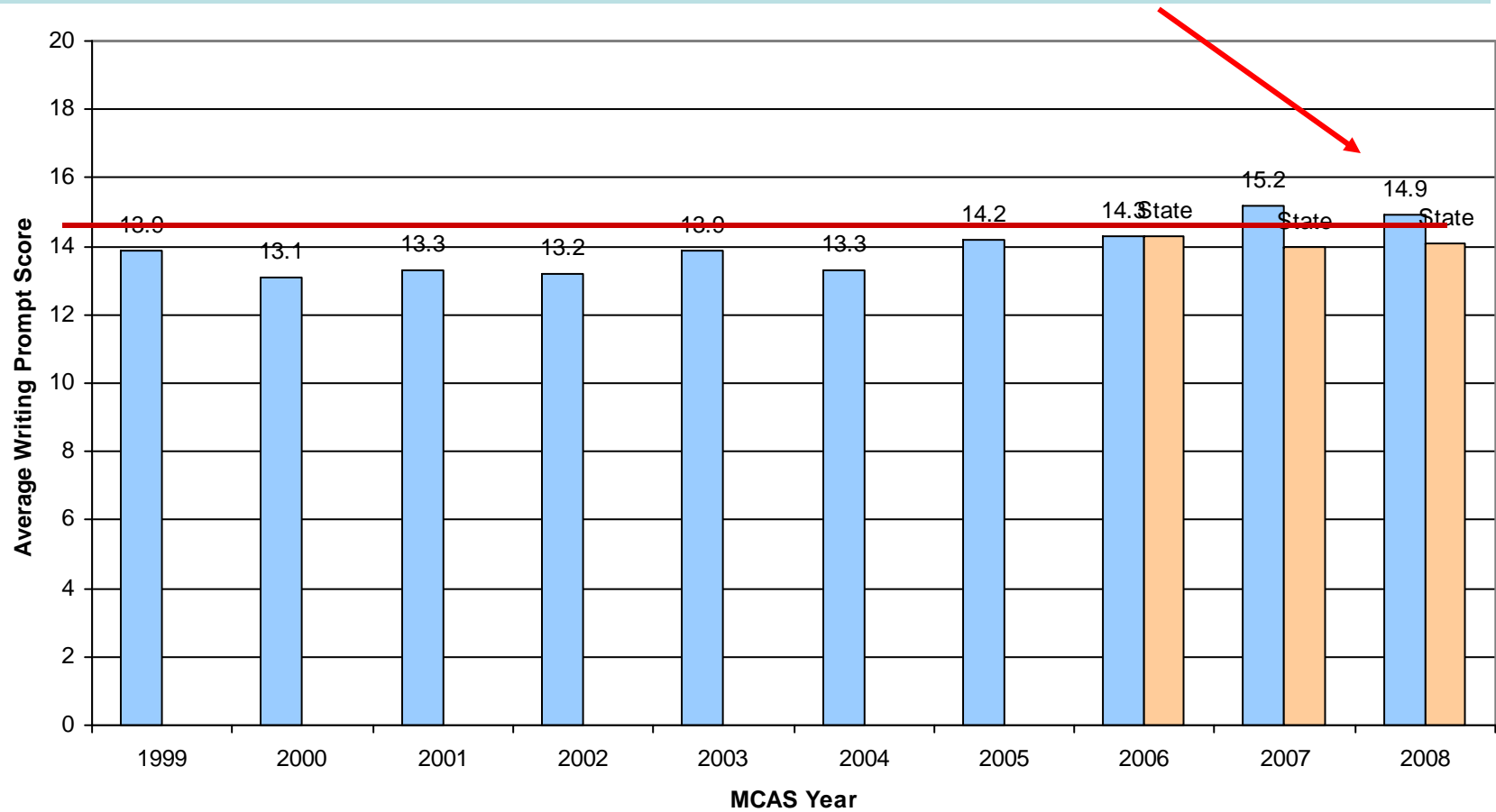
## MCAS Grade 6 Areas Targeted for Improvement in Mathematics

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number Sense	75%	<b>83%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>83%</b>
Algebra	79%	<b>86%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>87%</b>
Statistics	75%	<b>78%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>84%</b>
Geometry	80%	<b>72%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>83%</b>
Measurement	72%	<b>75%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>75%</b>

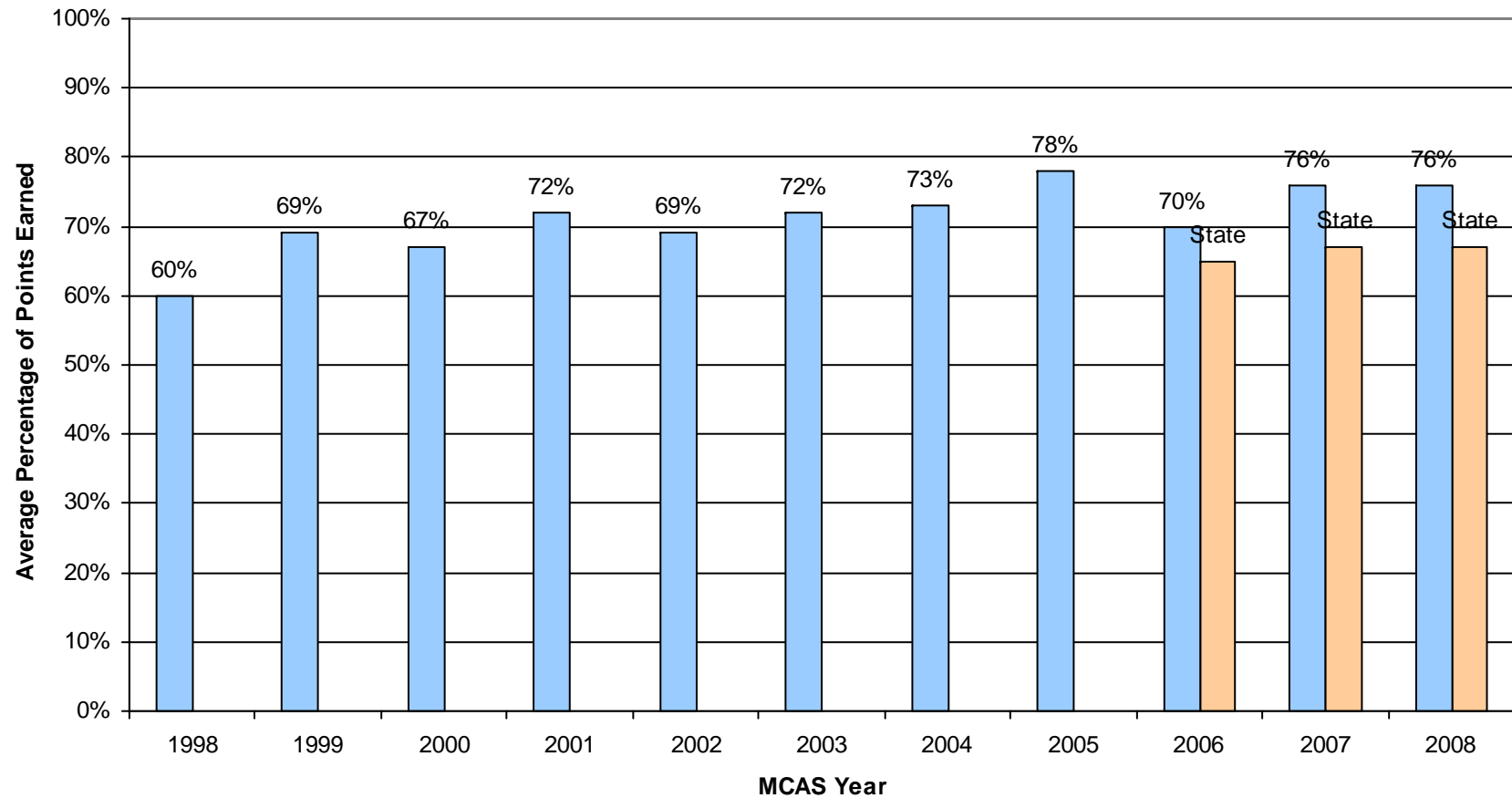
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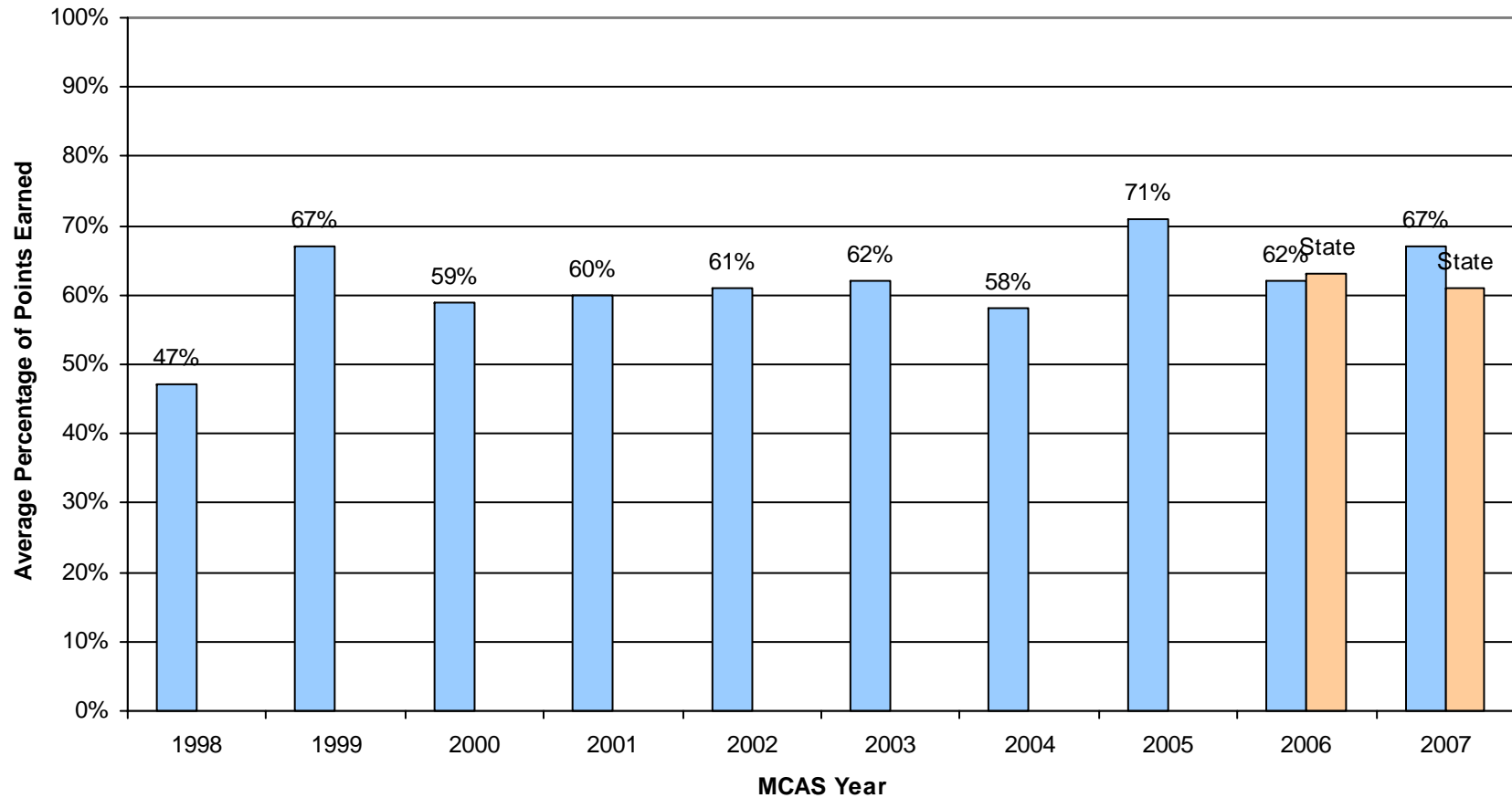
# Grade 4 ELA: Average Score on the Writing Prompt



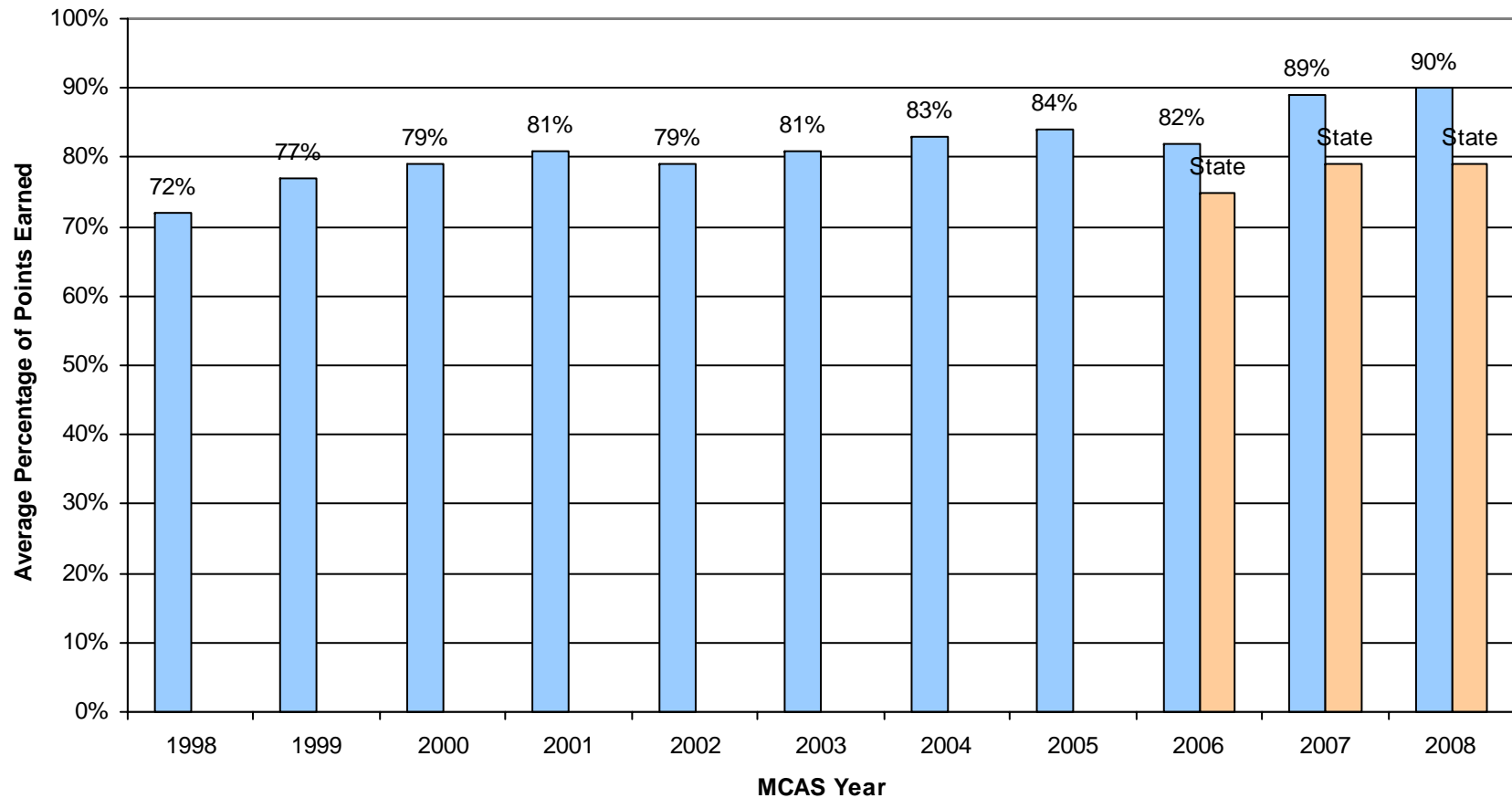
# Grade 4 ELA: Percentage of Possible Points Earned in Reading and Literature



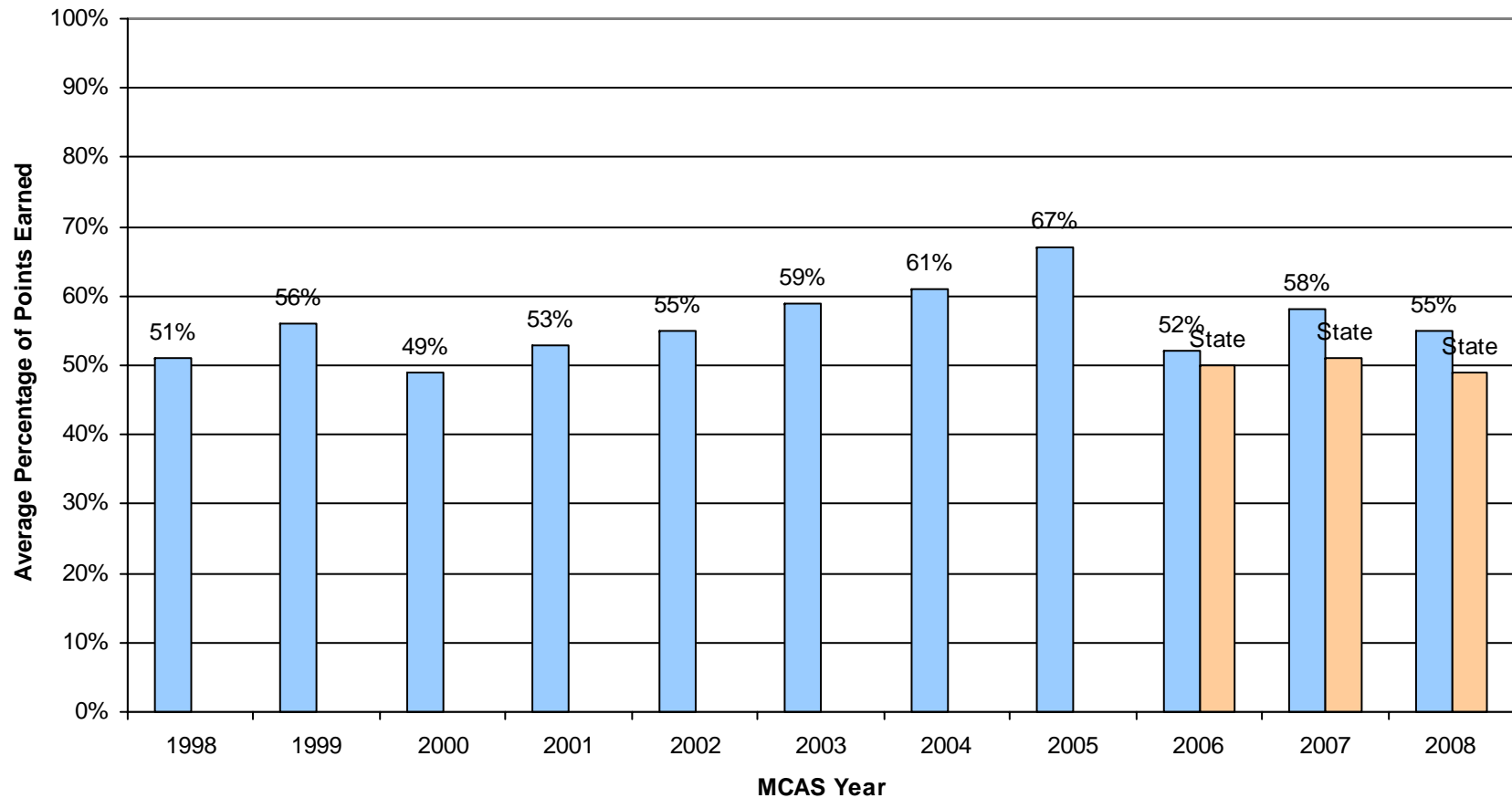
# Grade 4 English Language Arts: Percentage of Possible Points Earned in Composition Topic Development



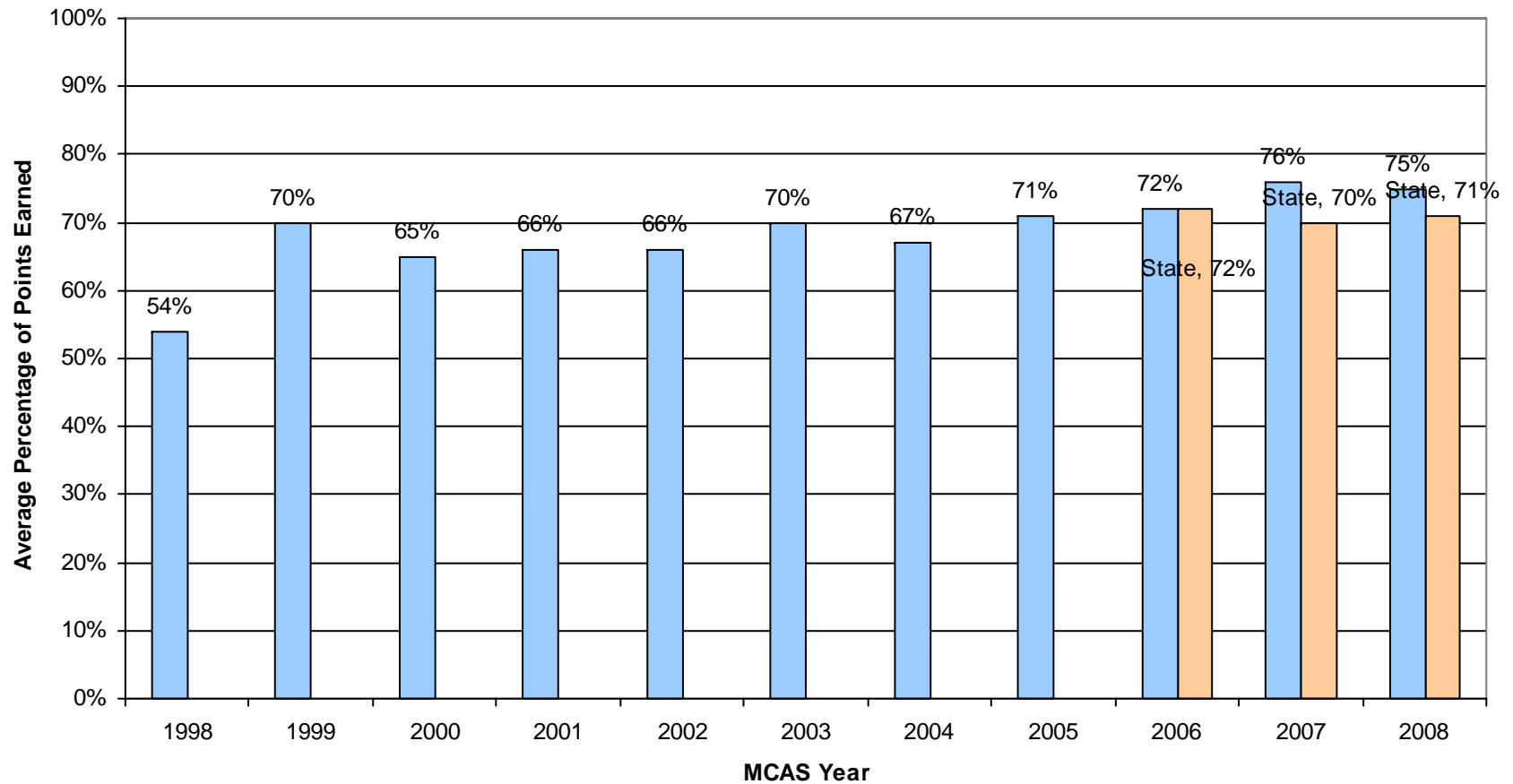
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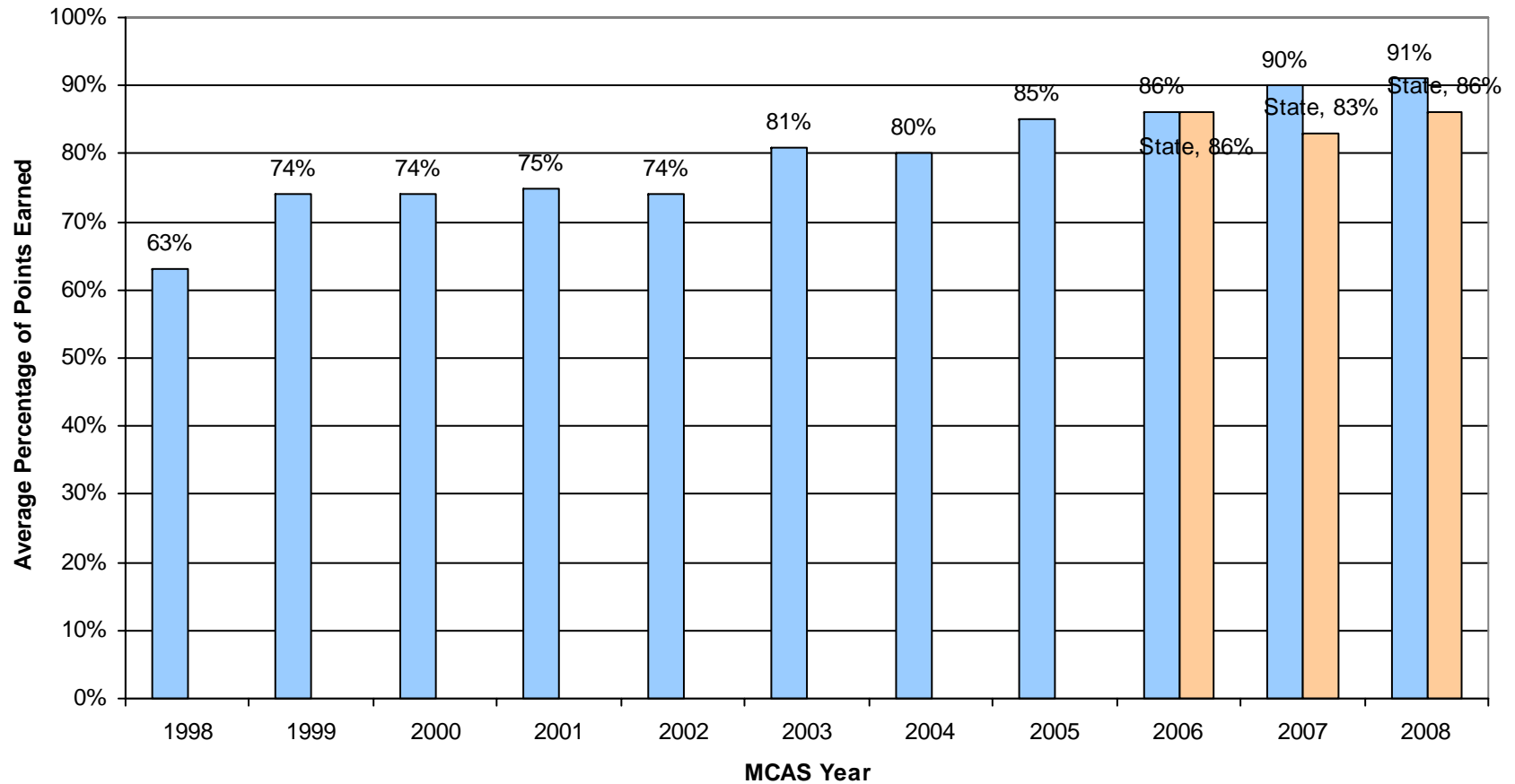
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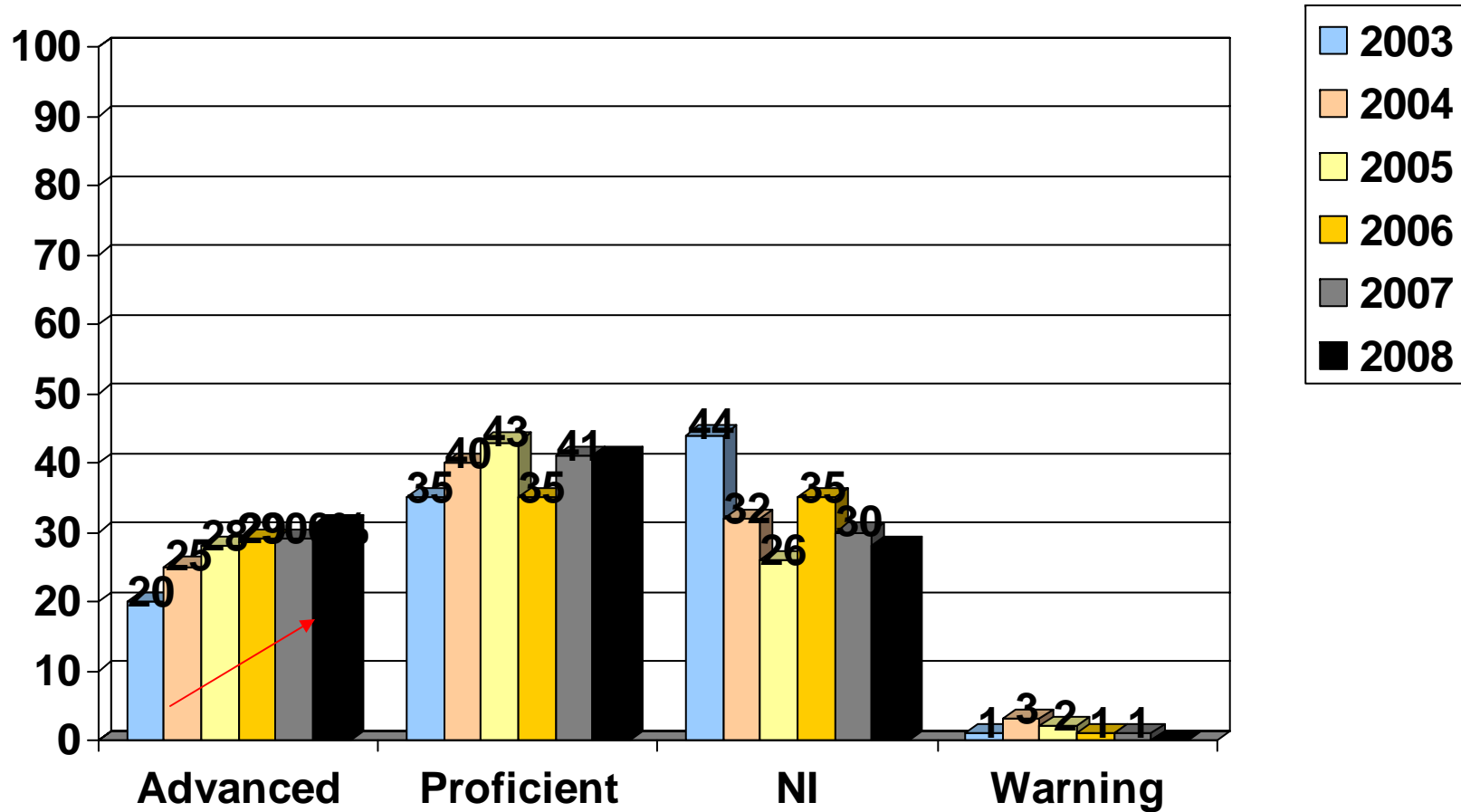
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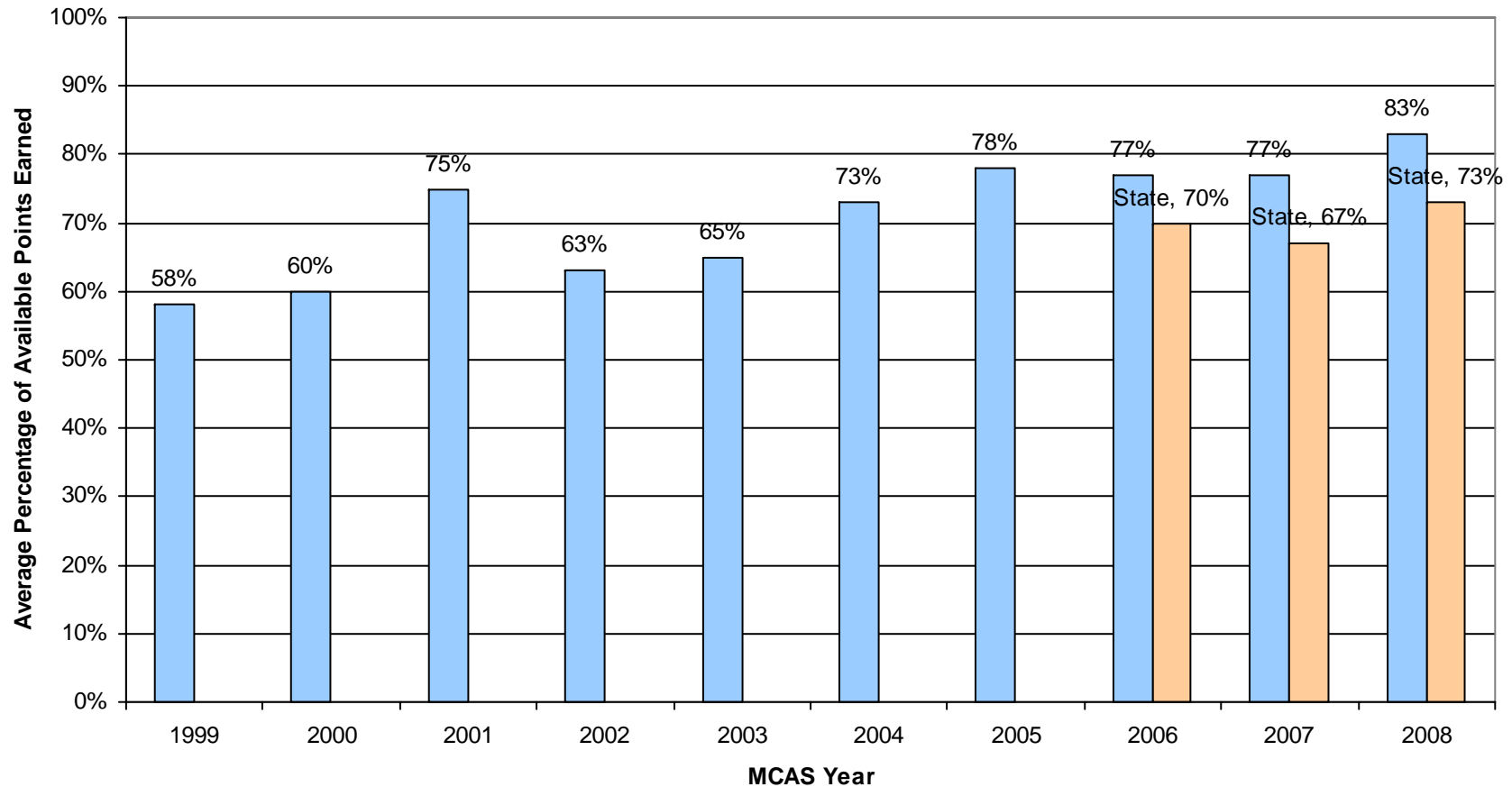
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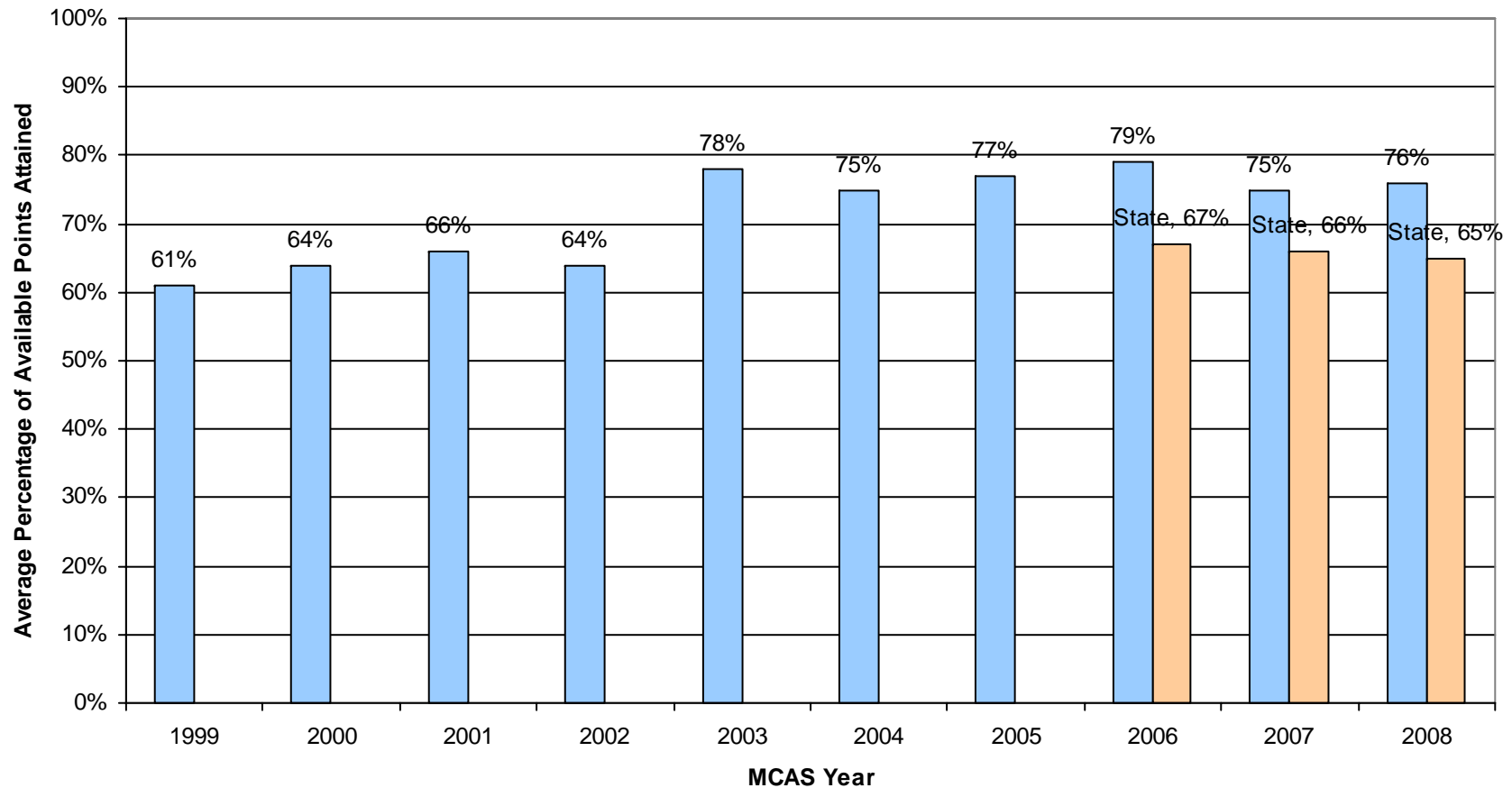
## Boxford Grade 4 Mathematics Performance Level Results 2003-2008



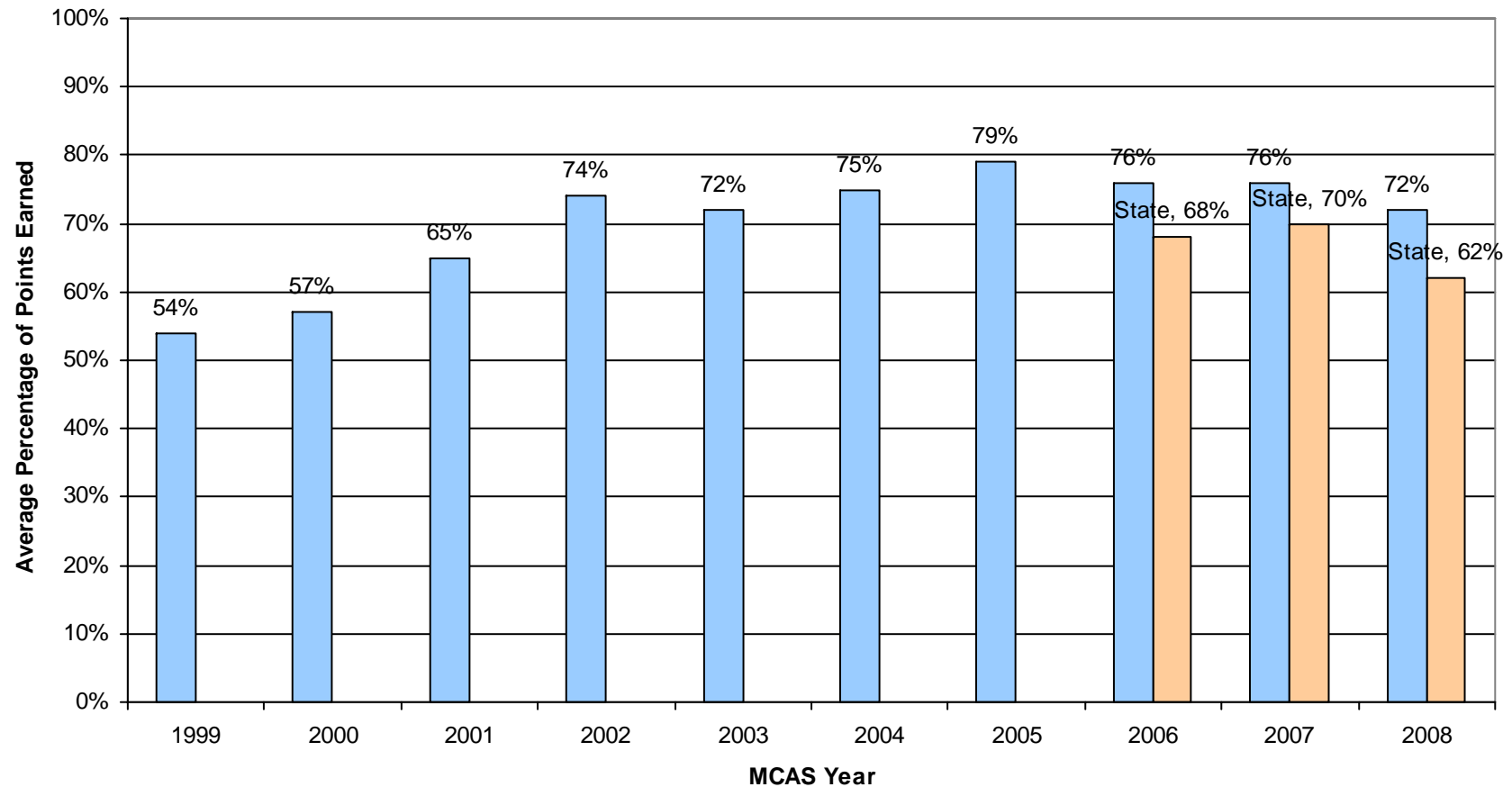
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# Grade 4 Math: Percentage of Possible Points Earned in Number Sense and Operations

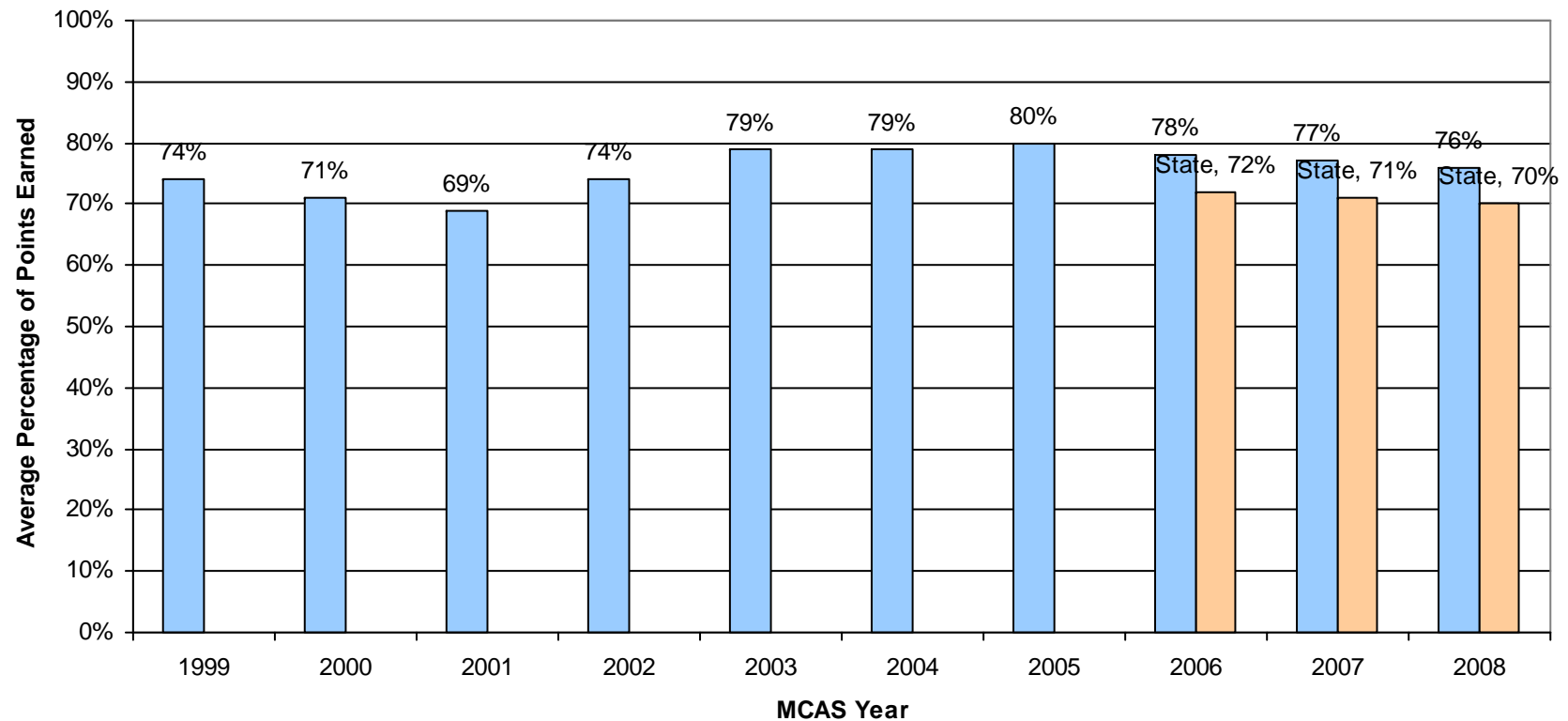


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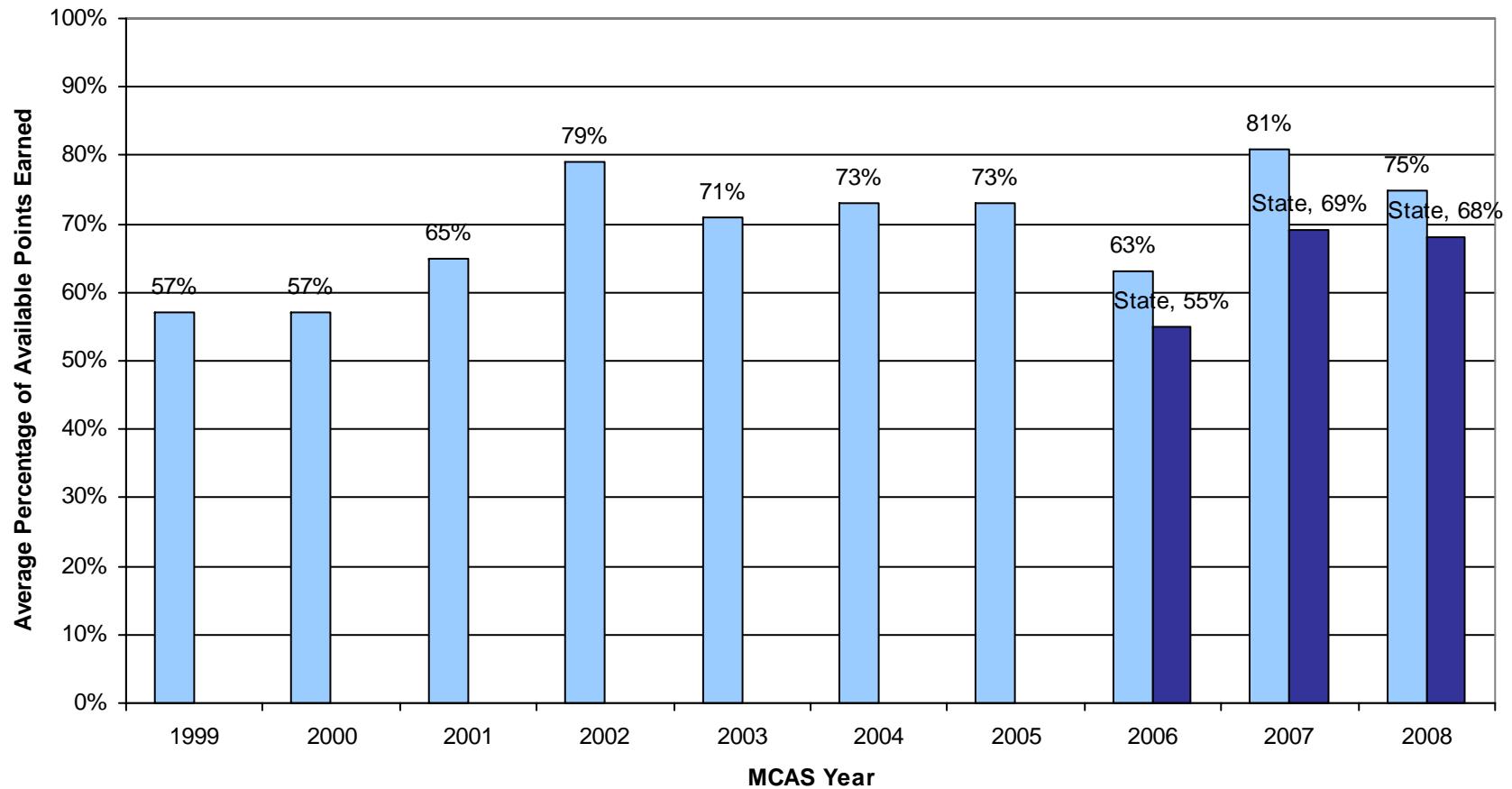


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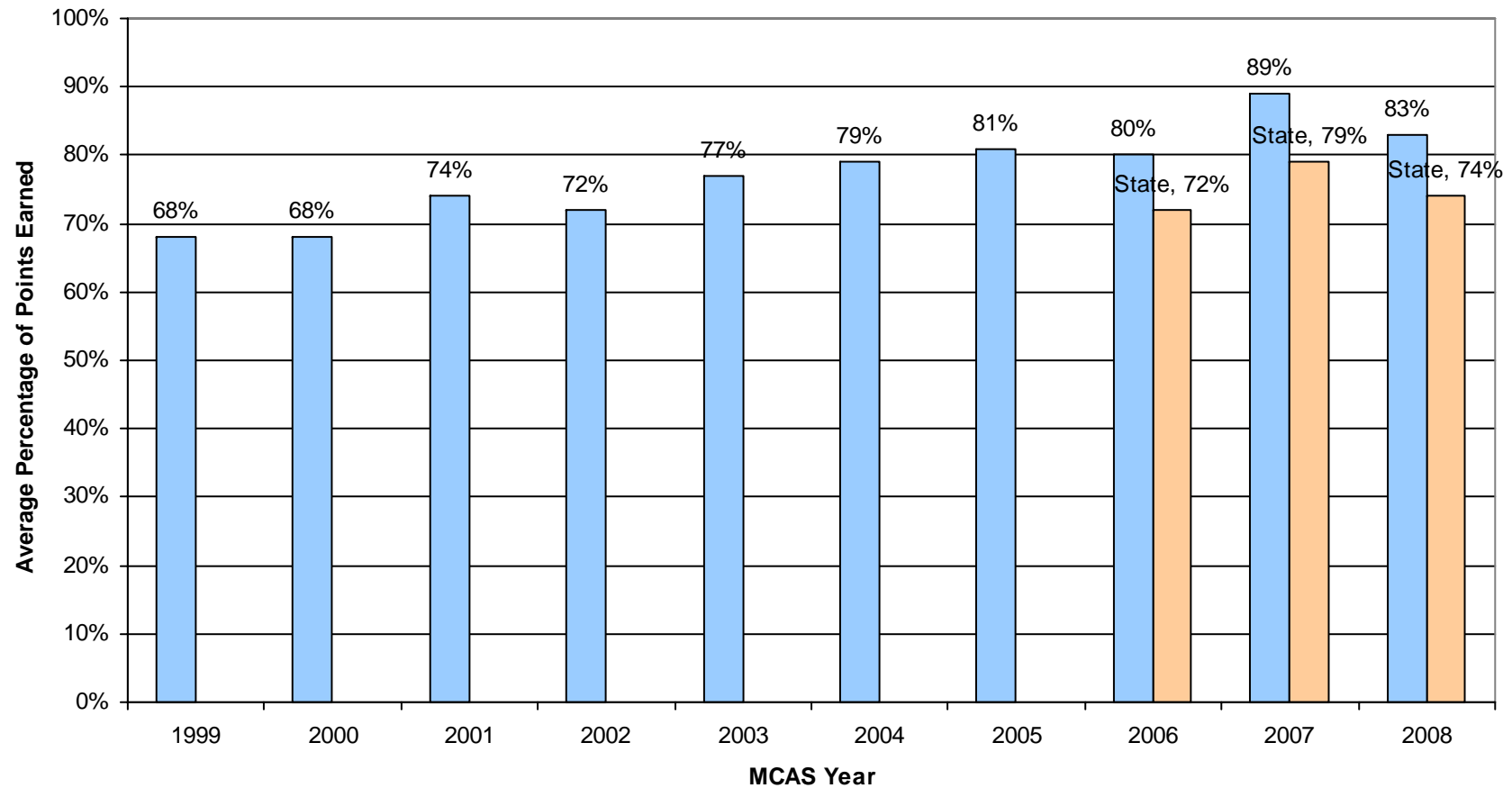
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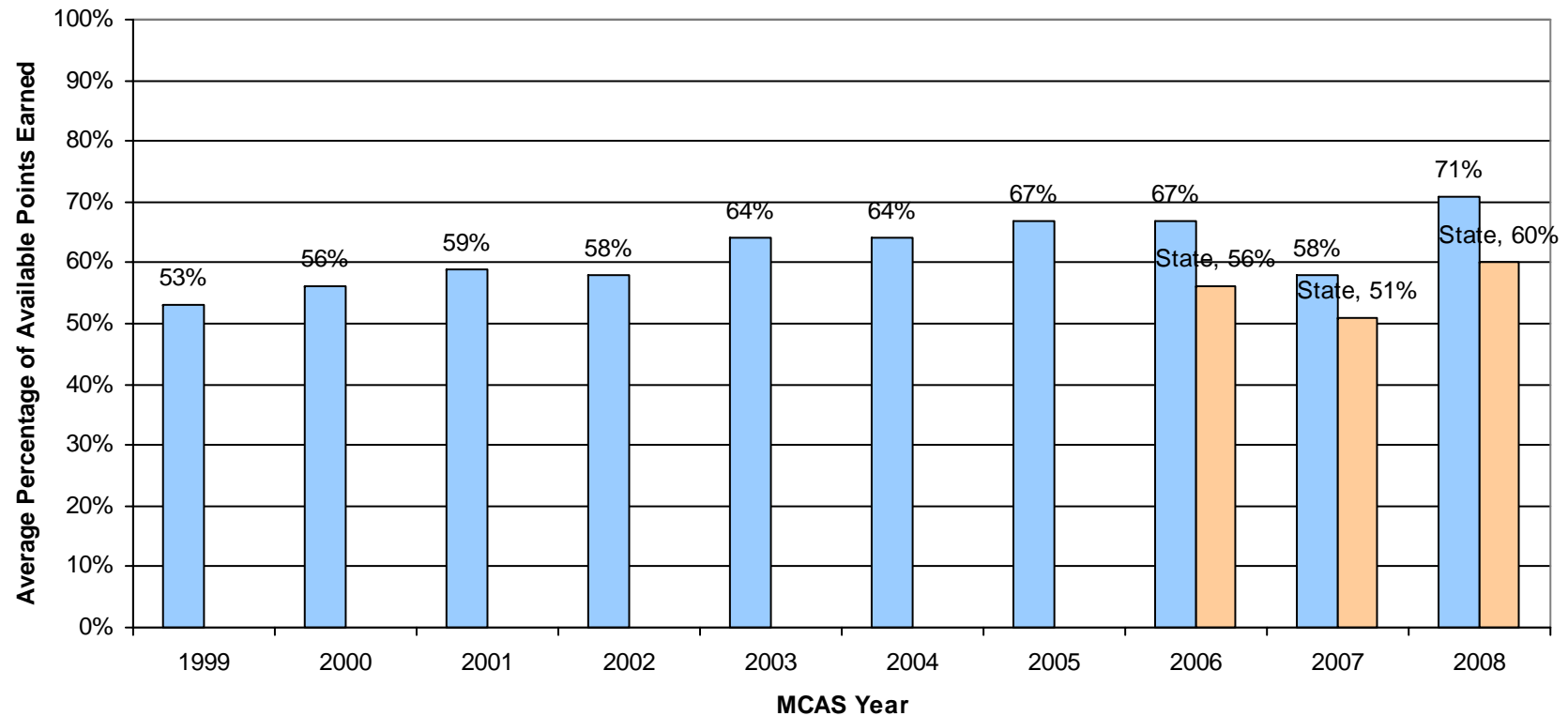
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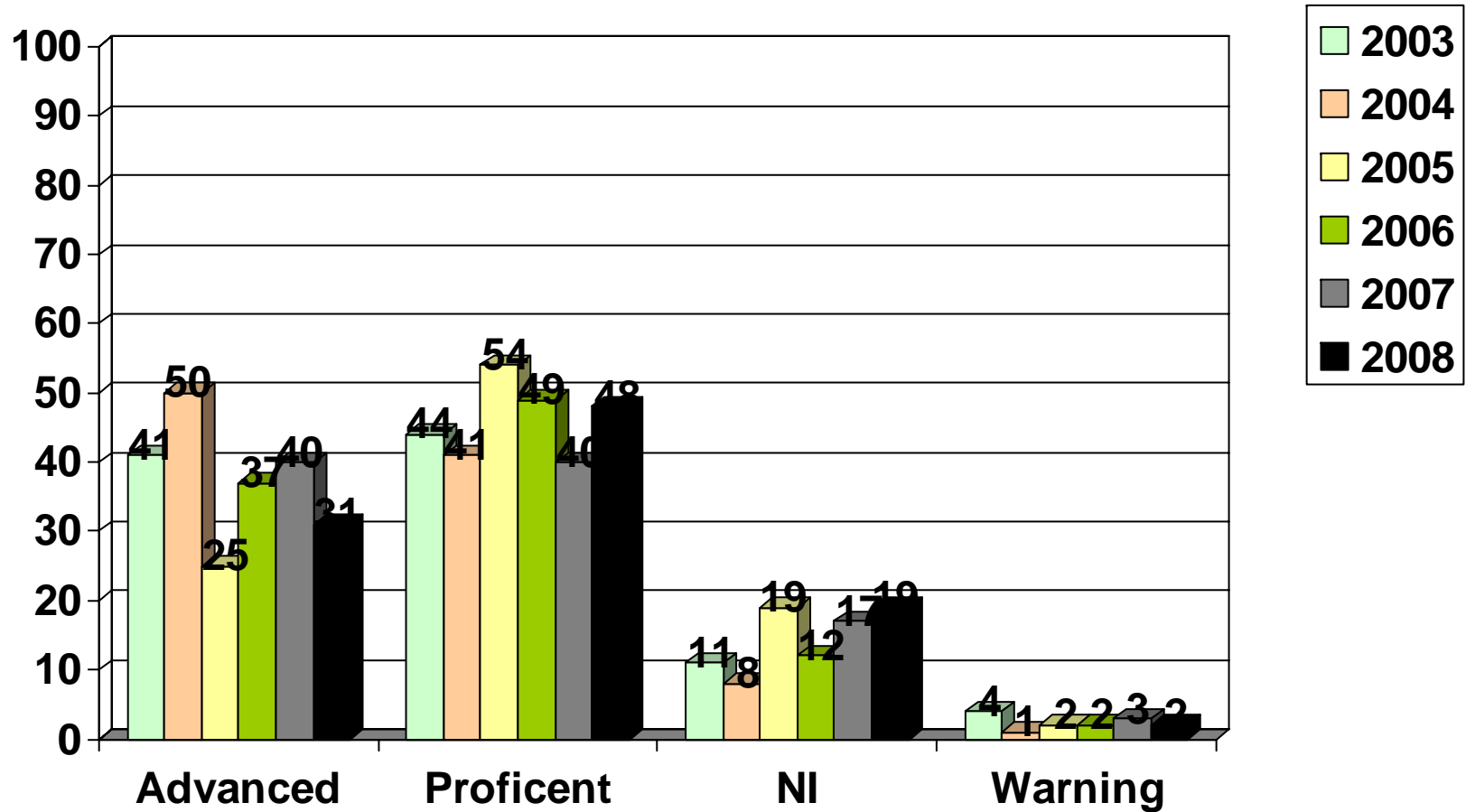
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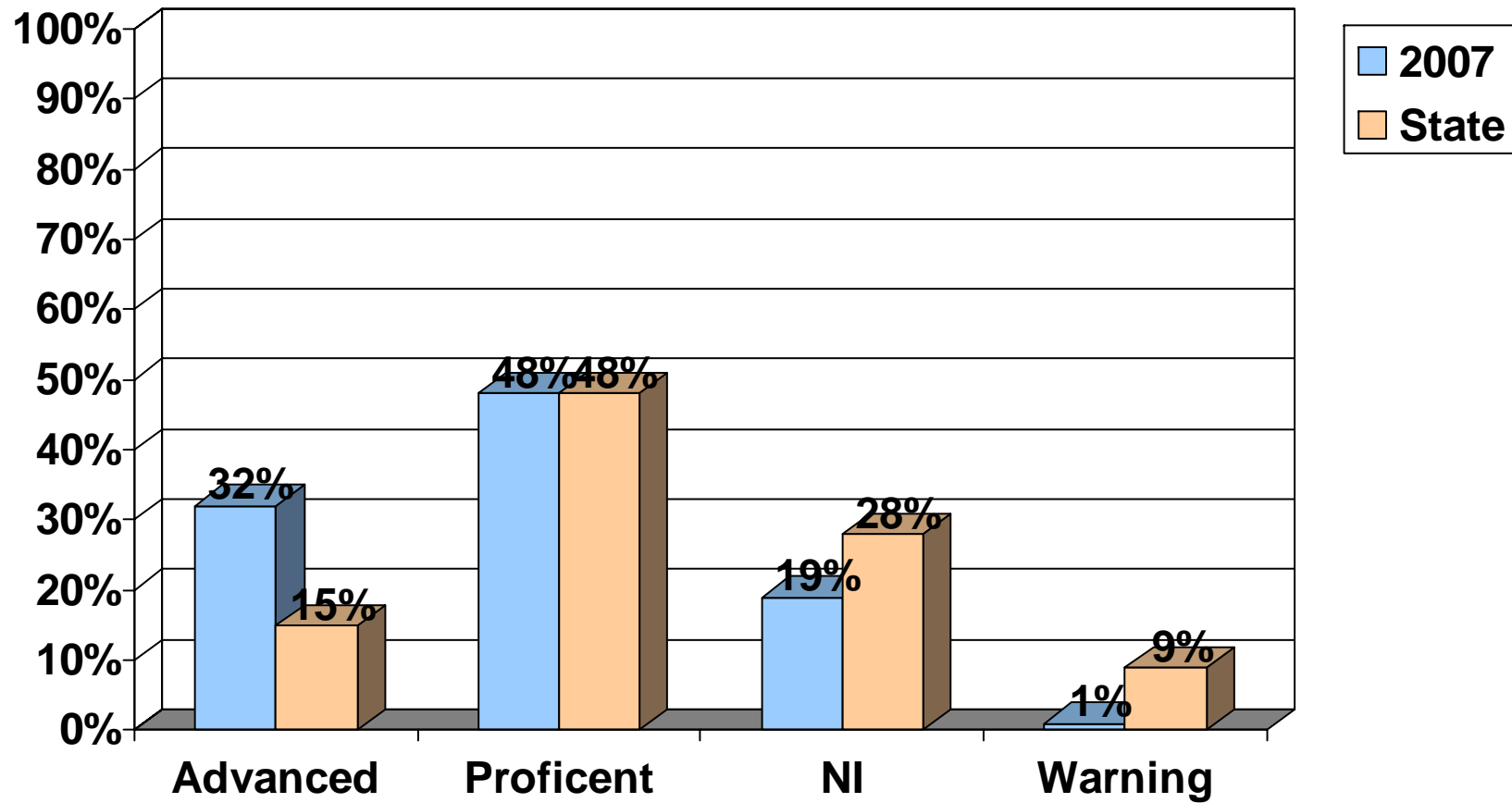
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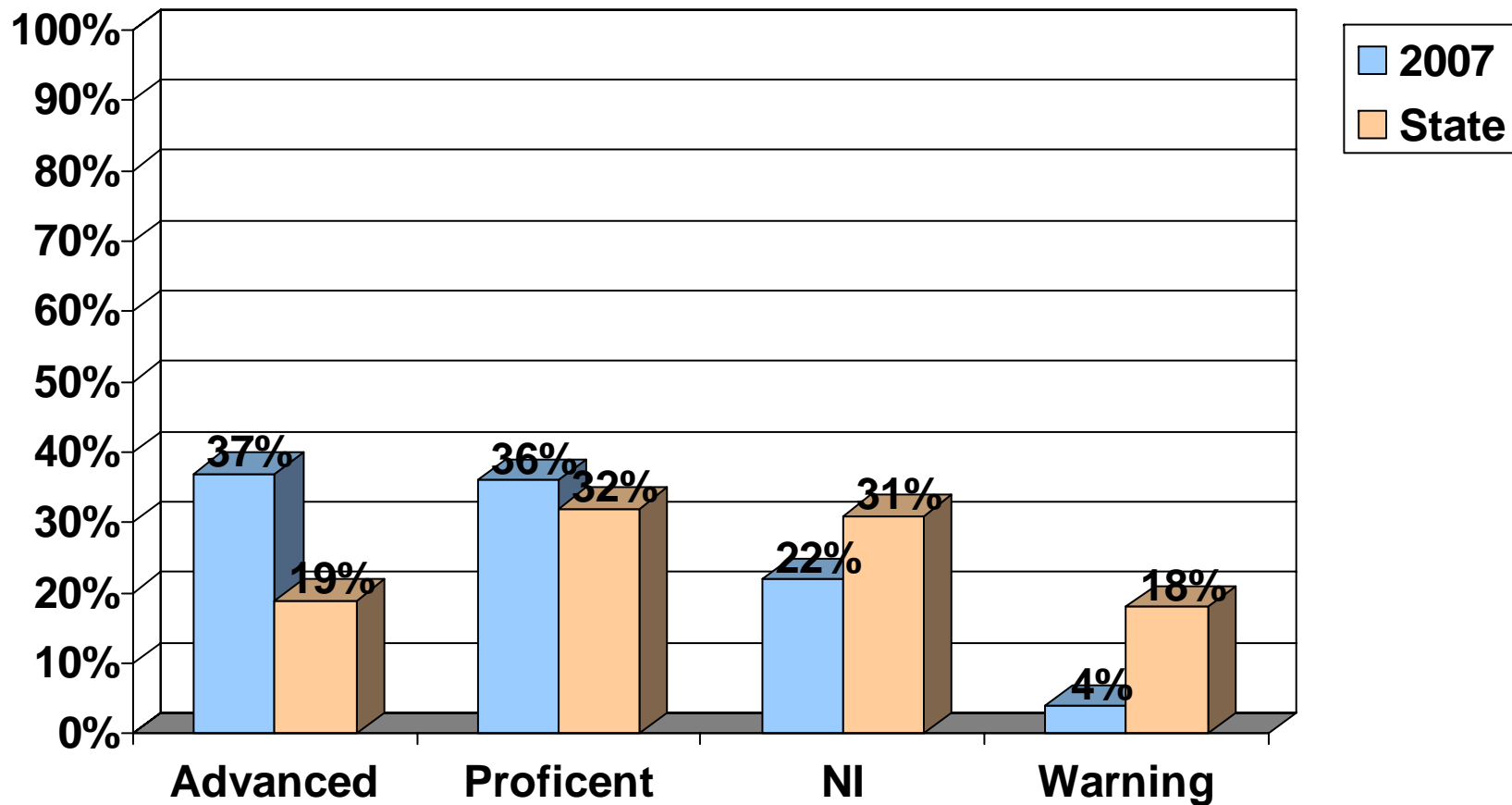
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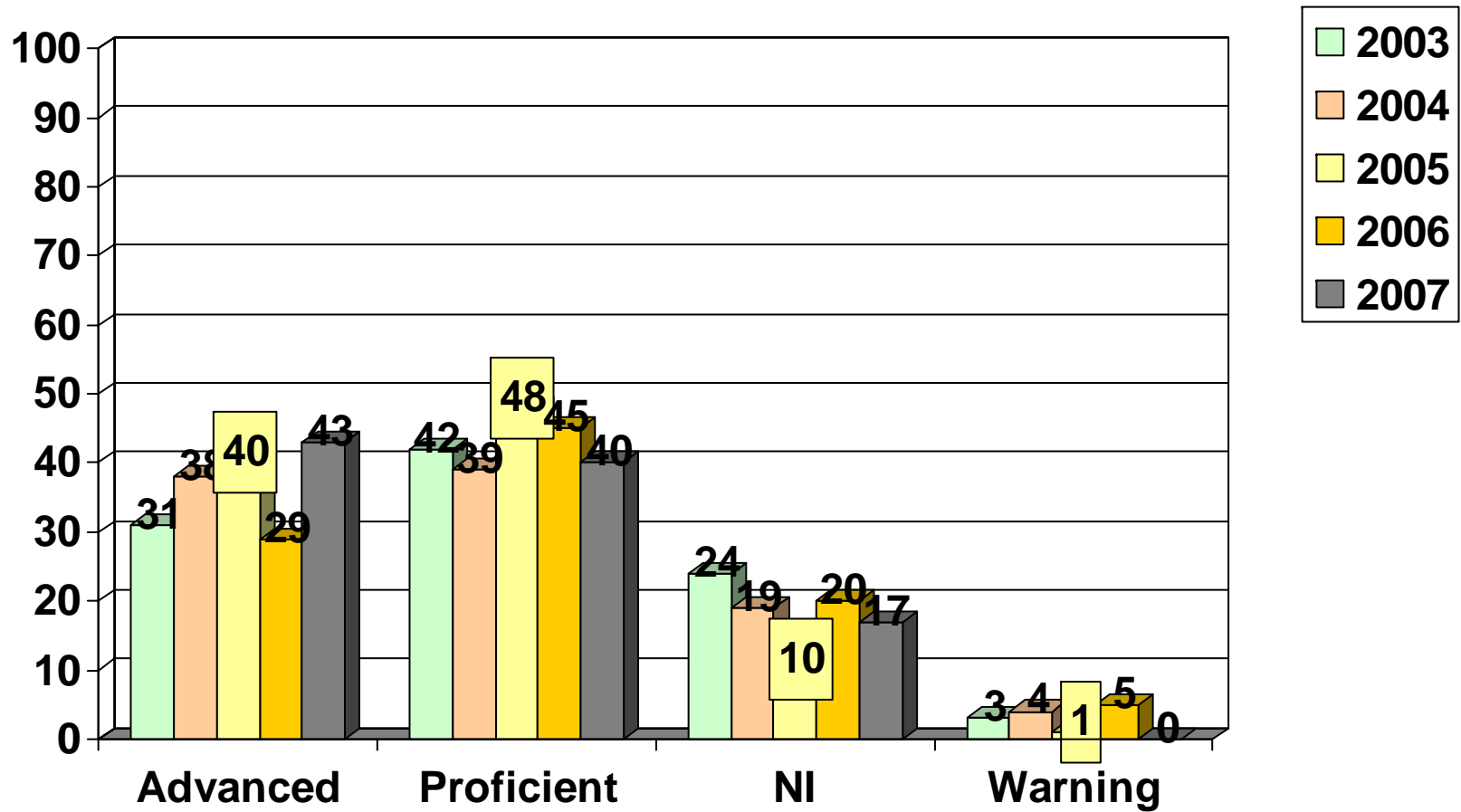
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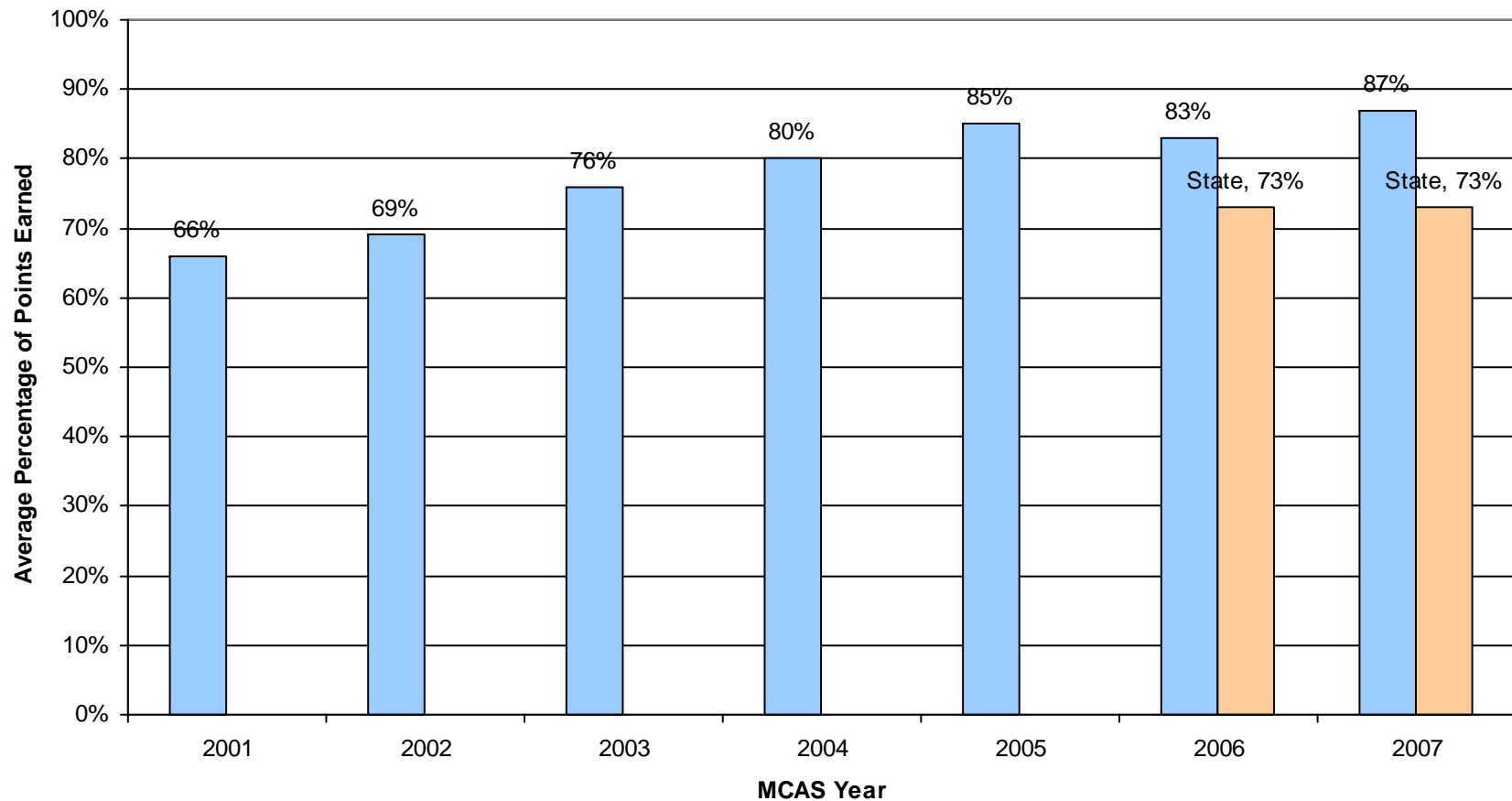
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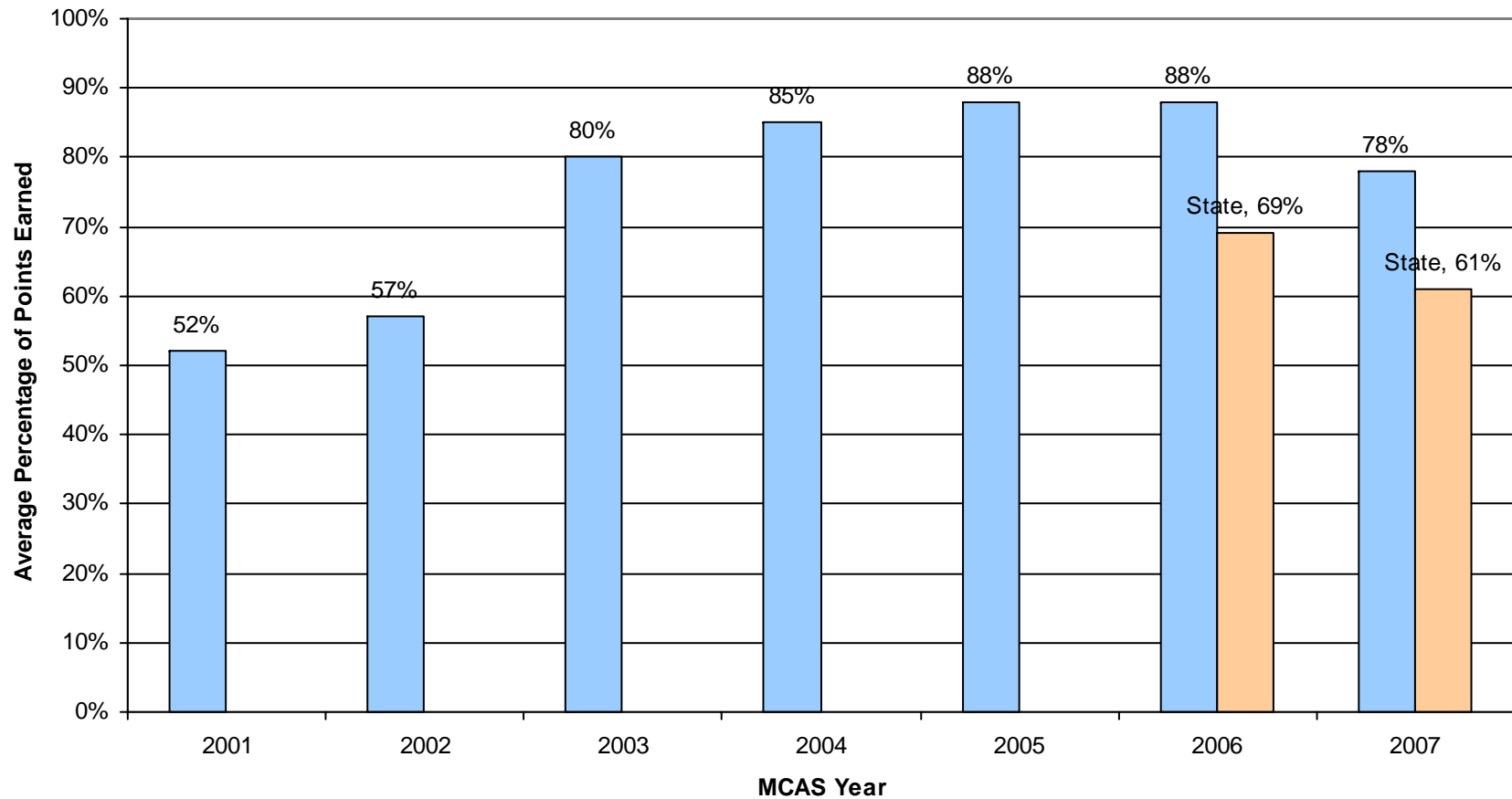
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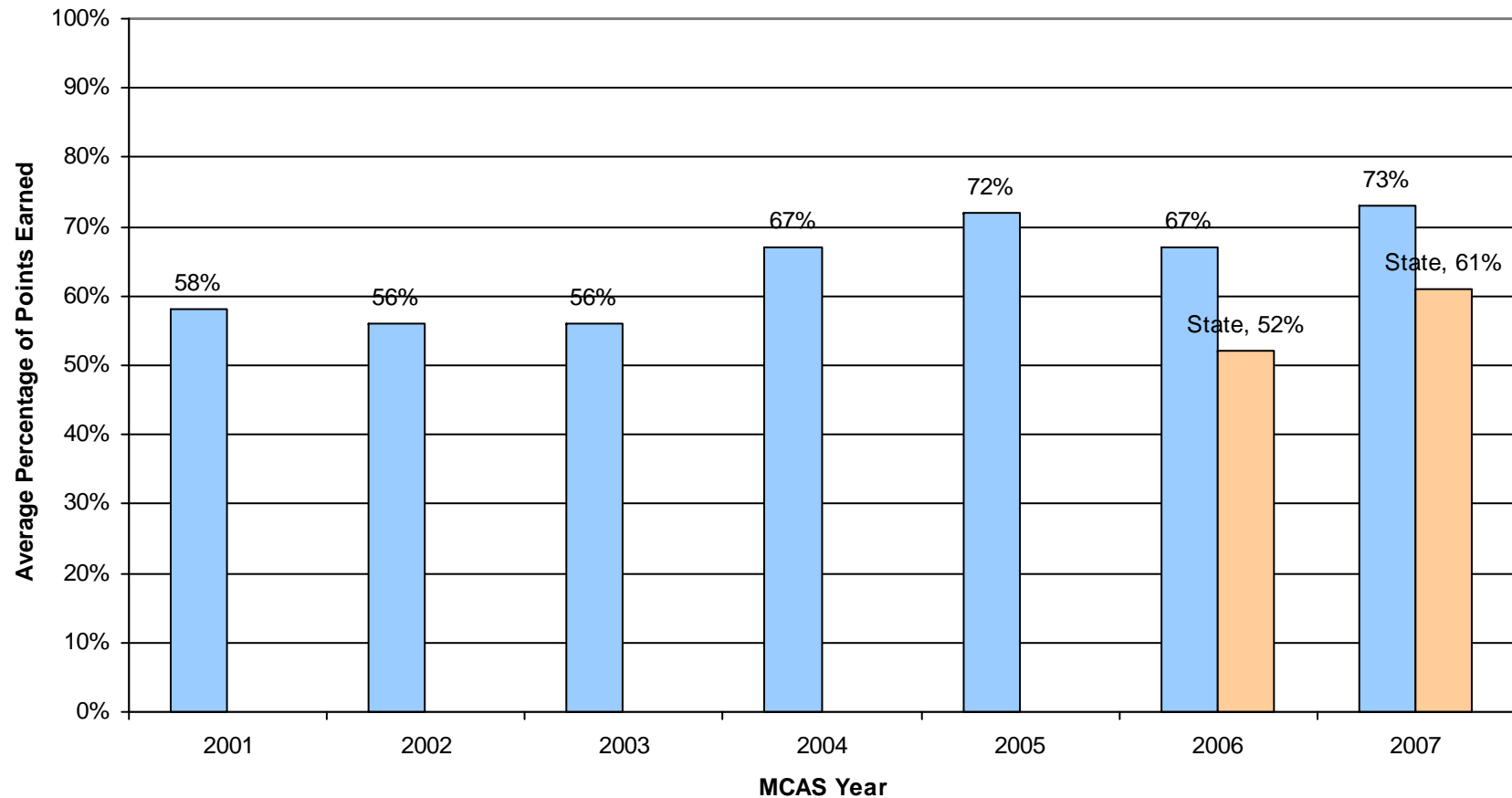
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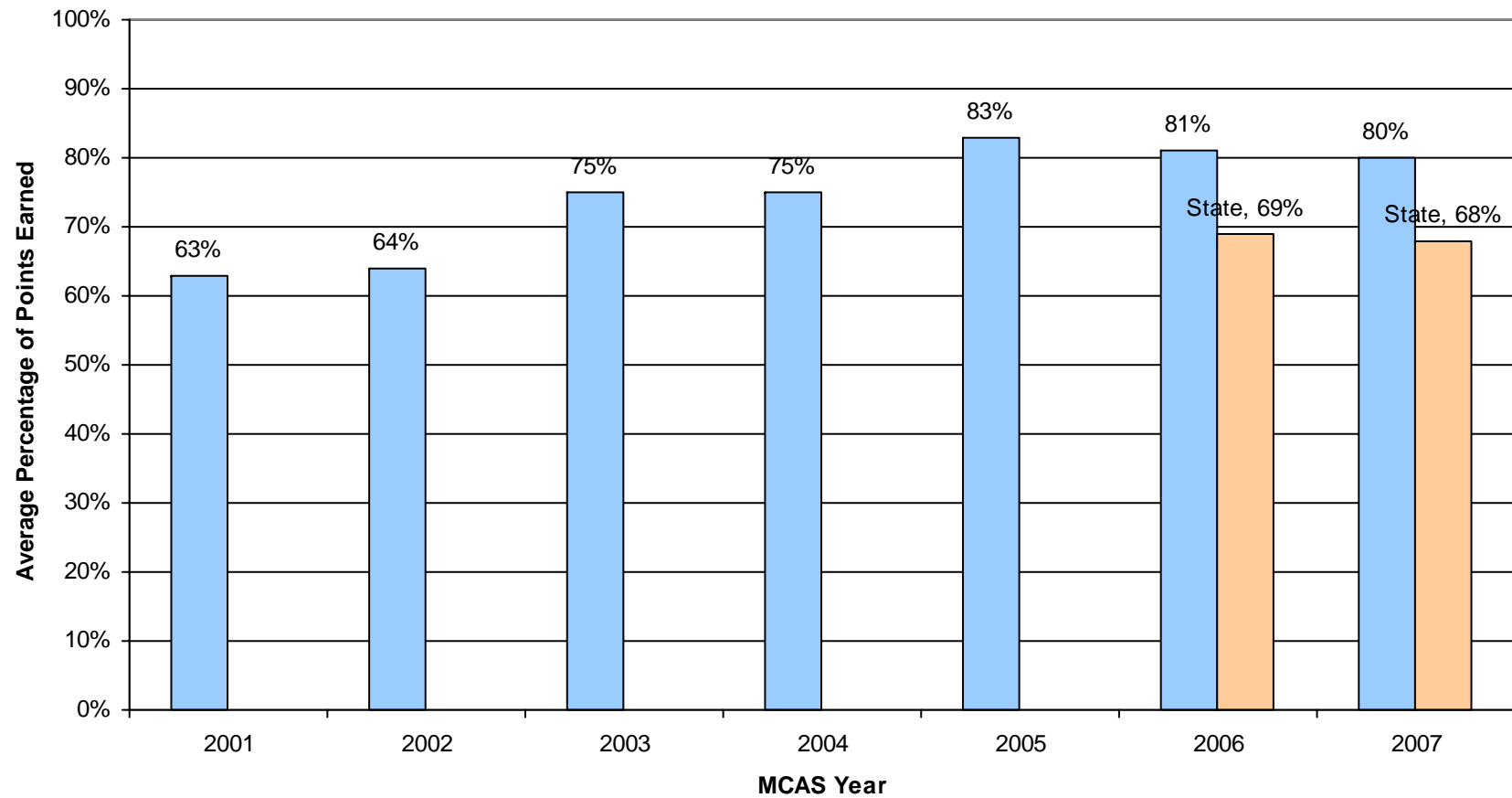
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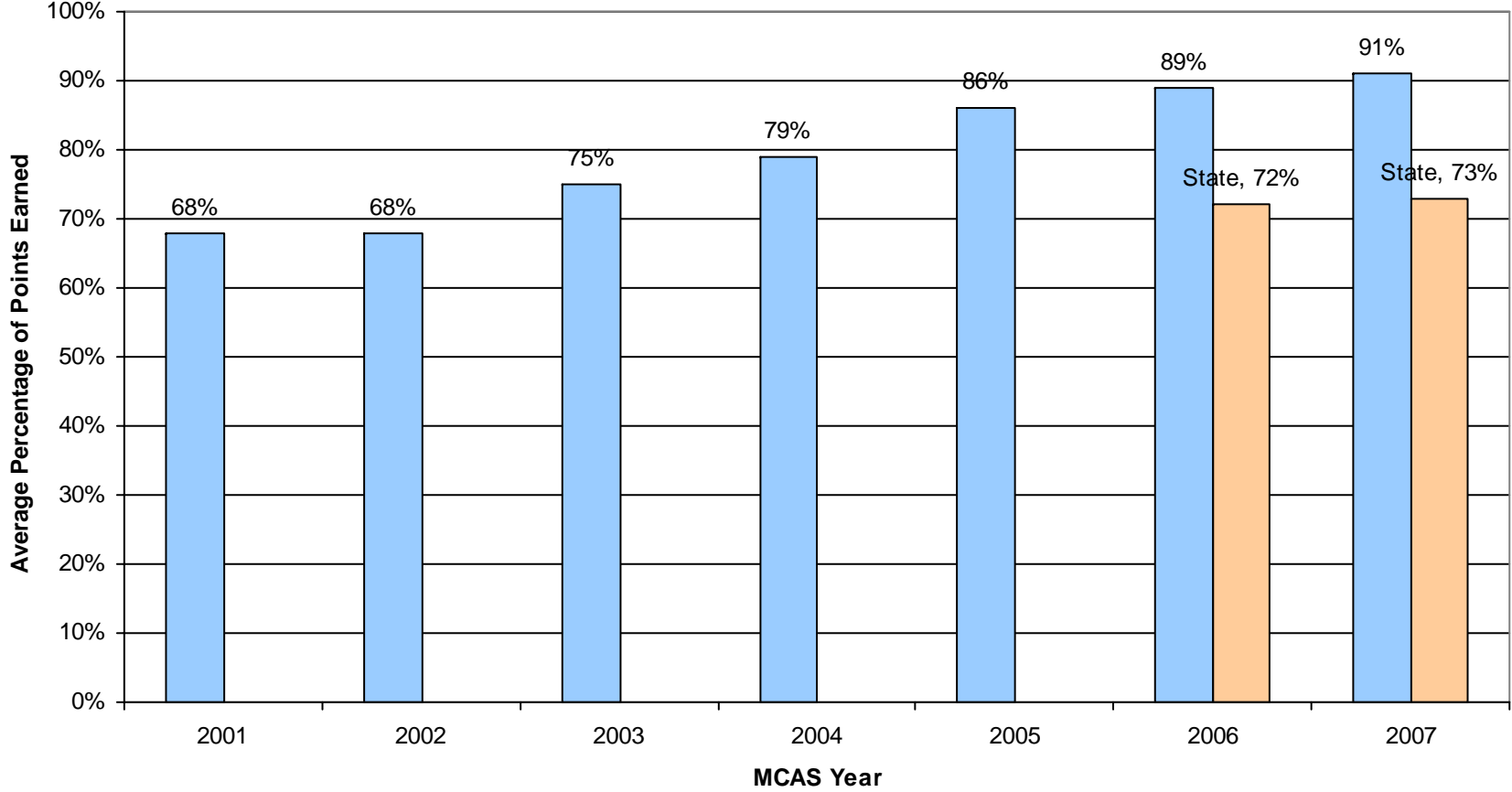
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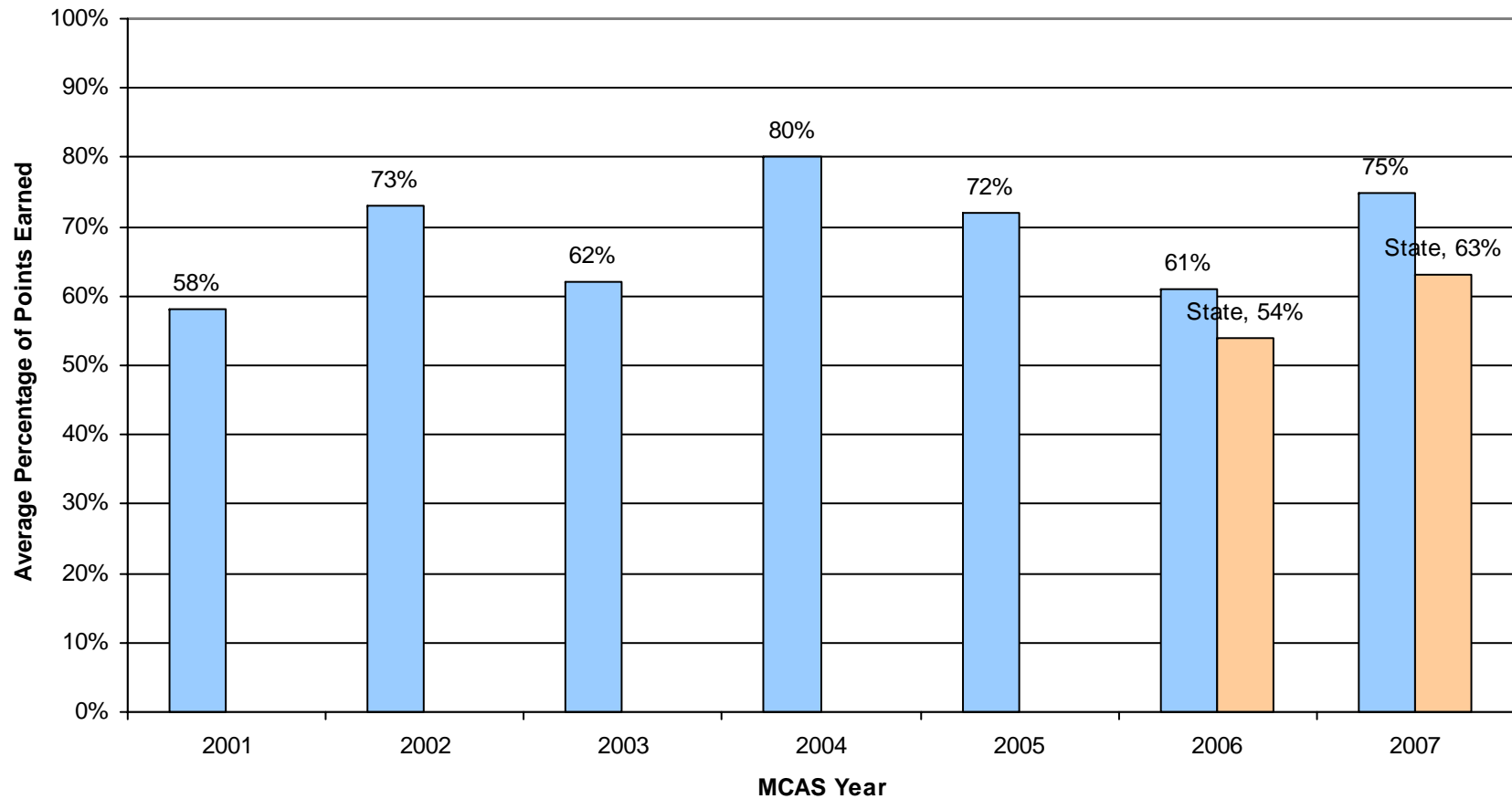
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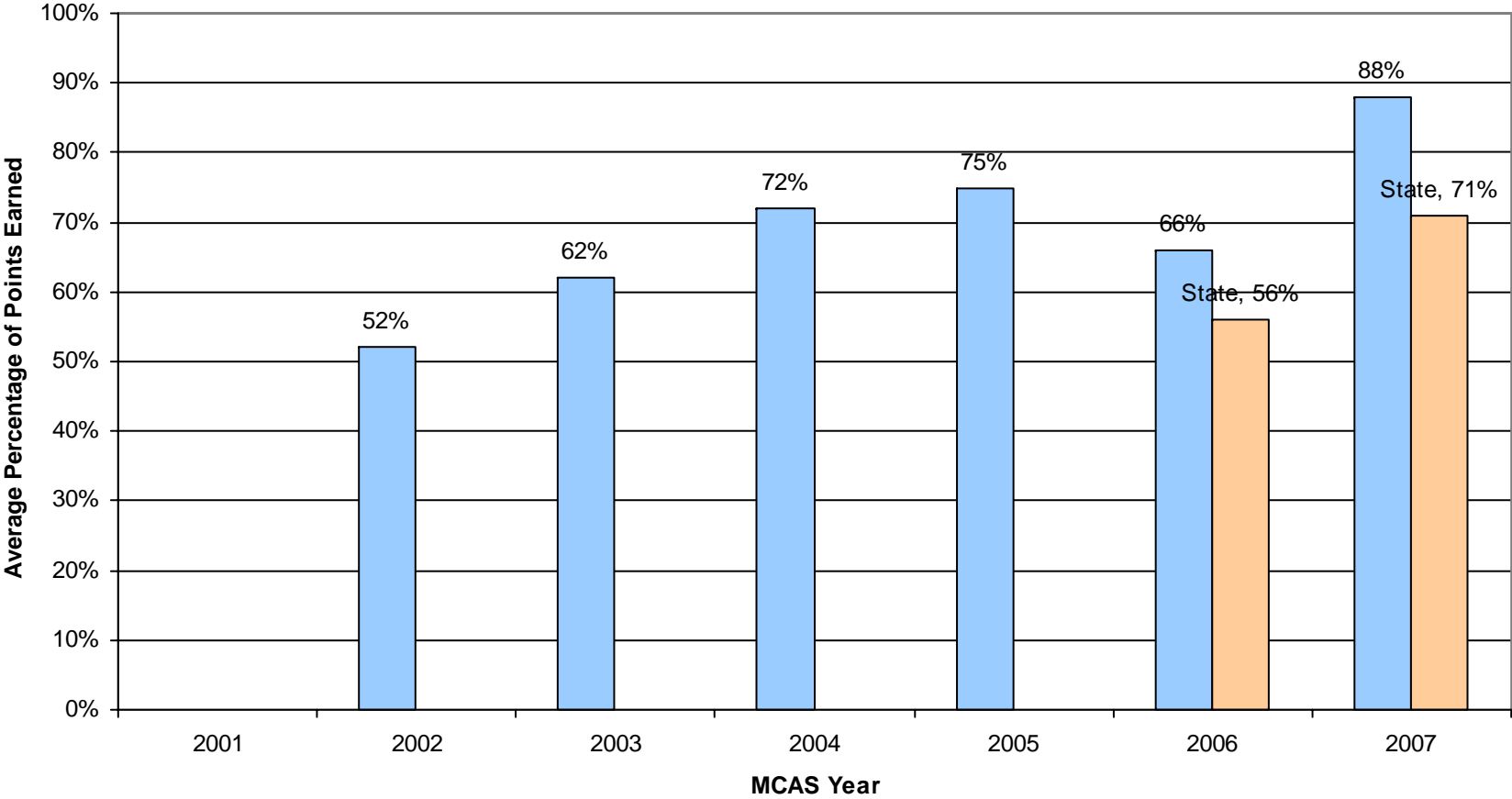
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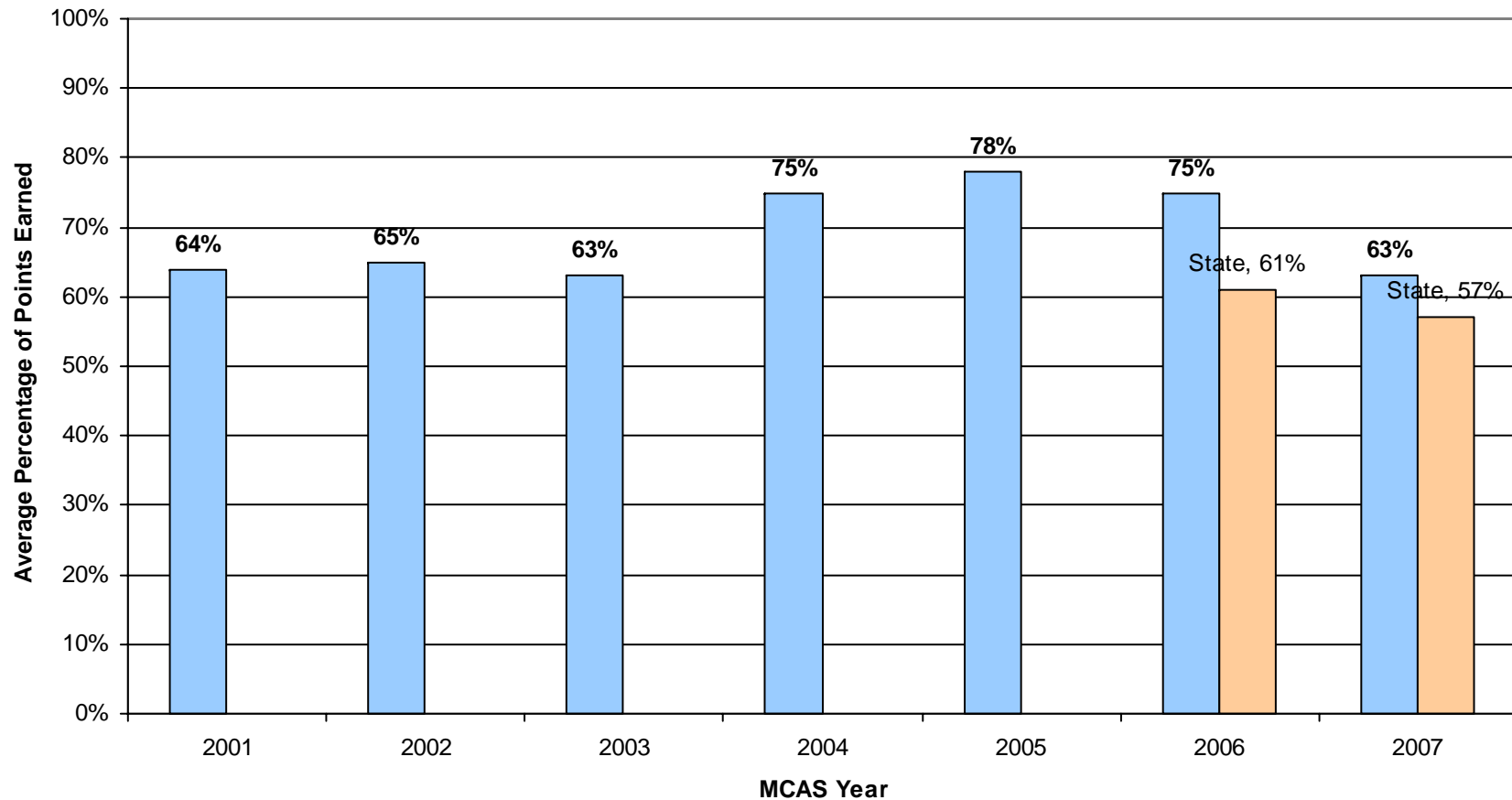
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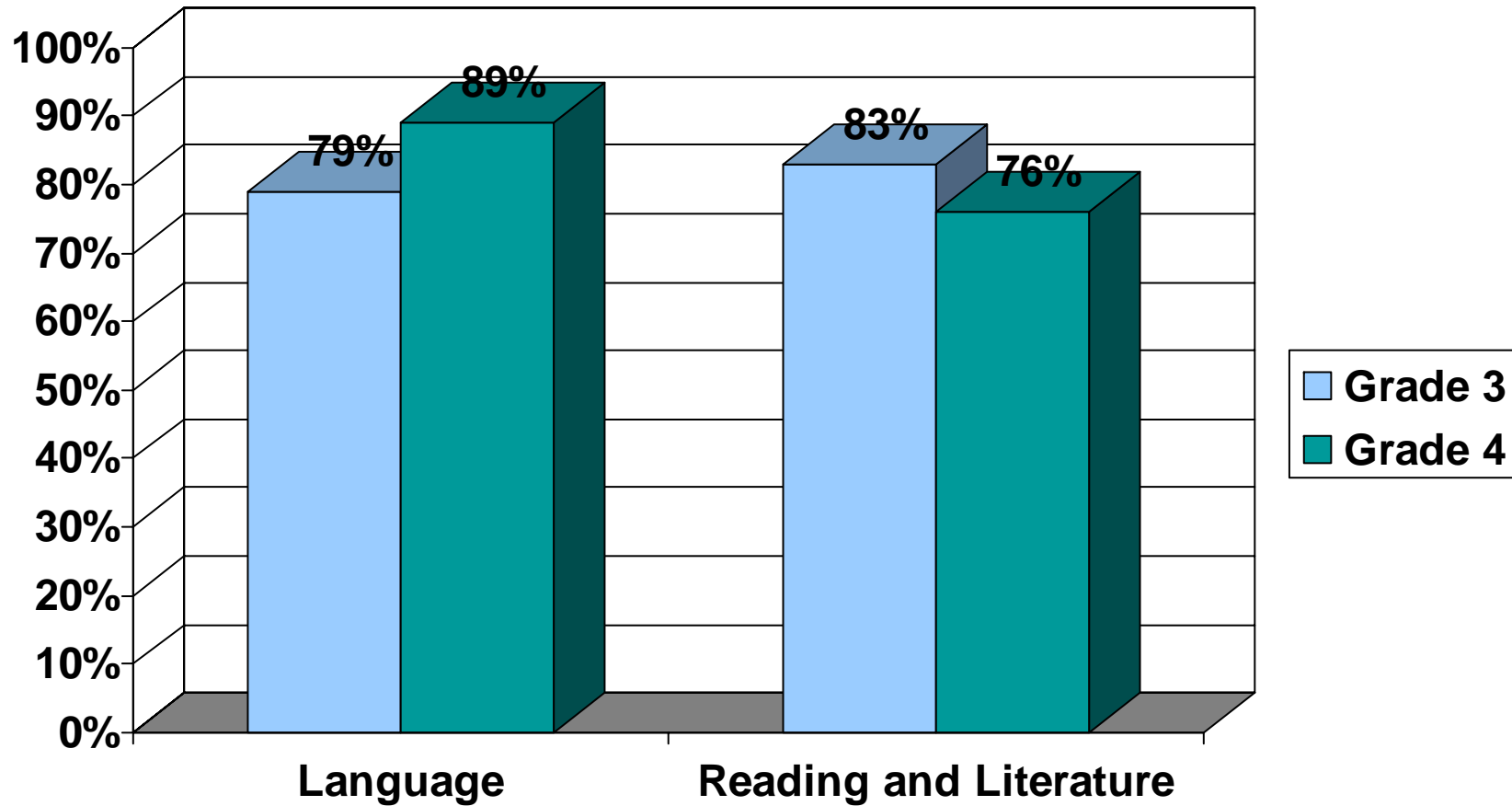
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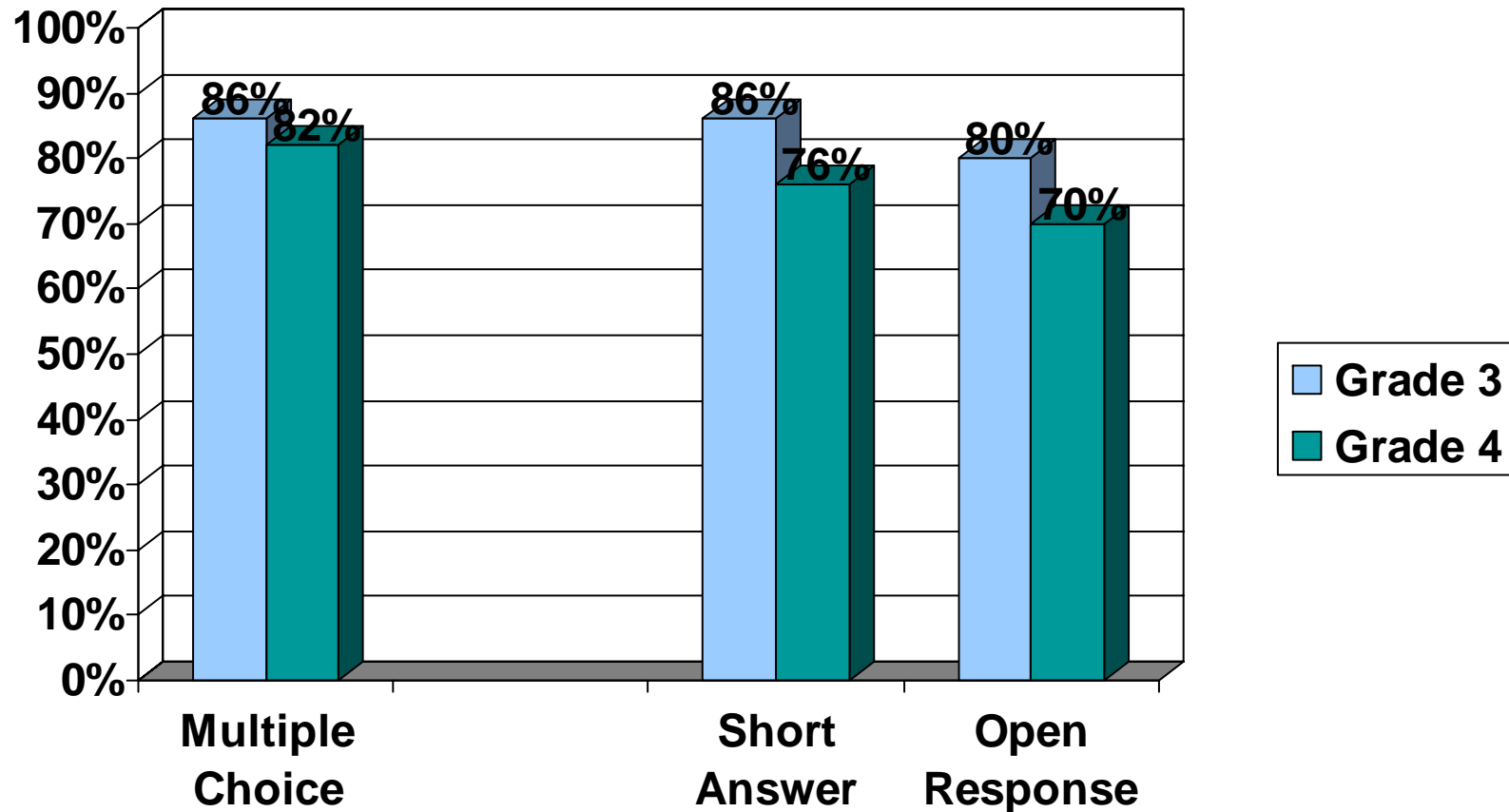
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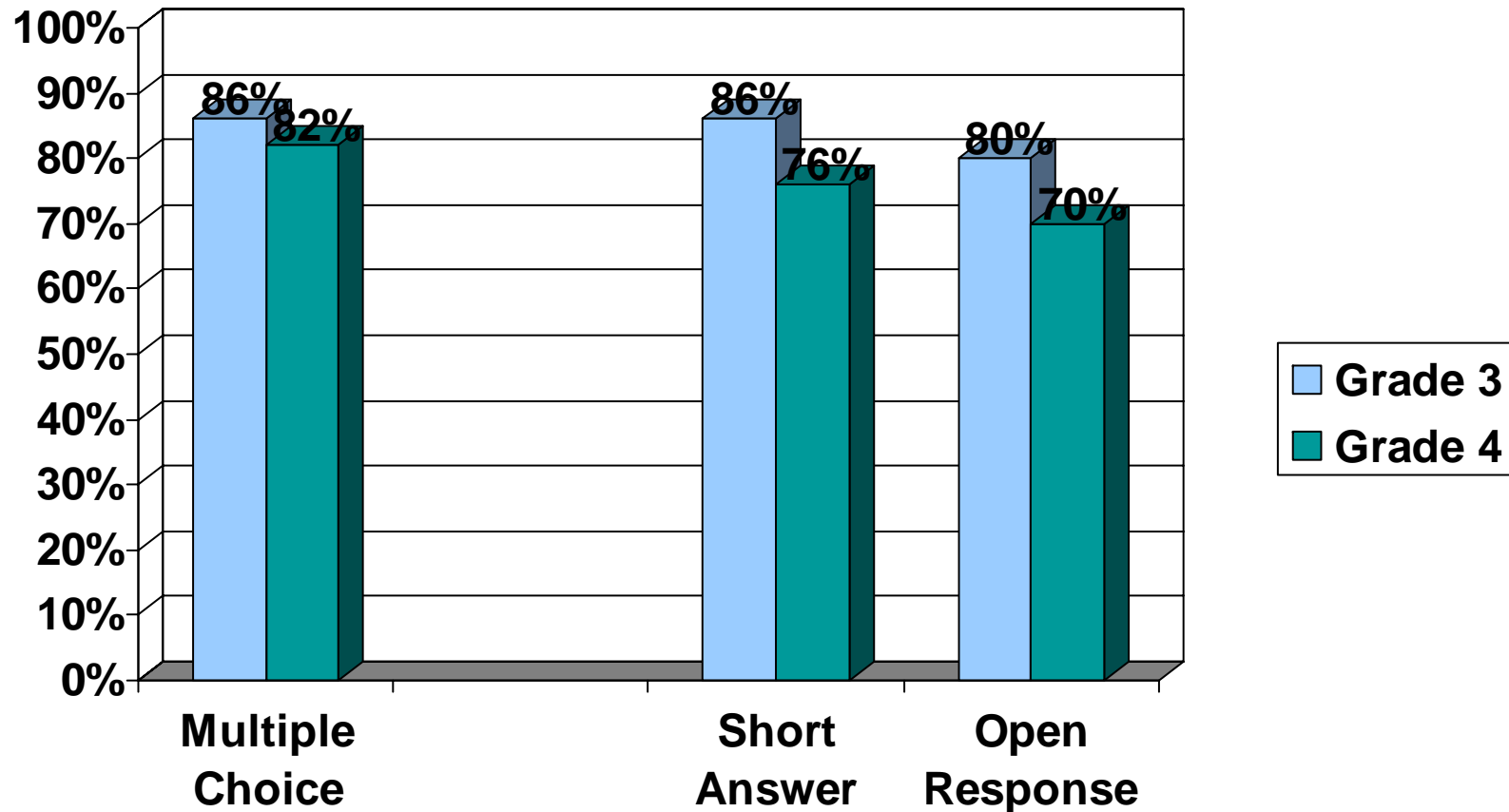


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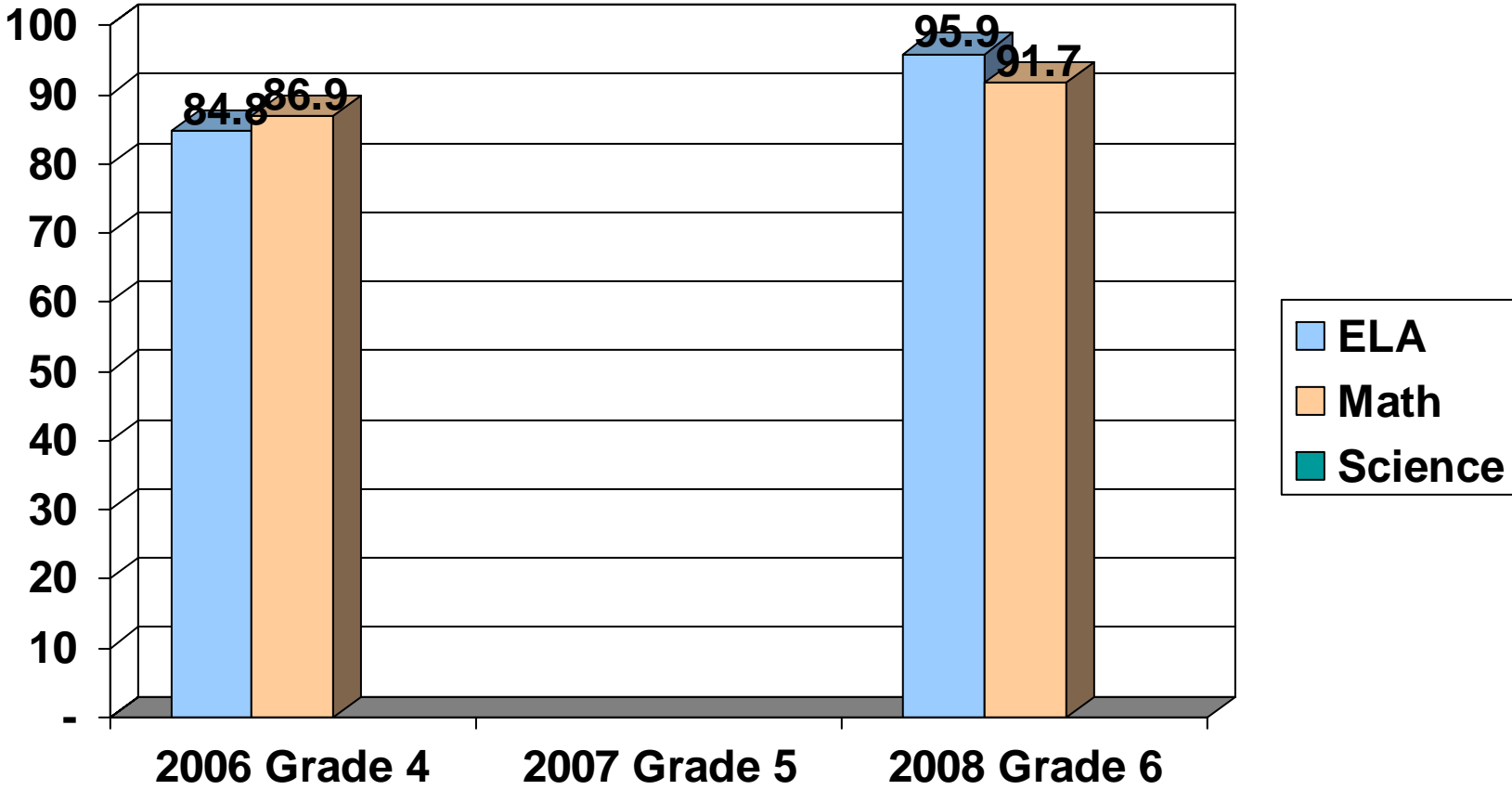
### Performance on Open Response Questions

Year	Percentage of Points Earned	Difference
2001	59%	
2002	74%	+15
2003	60%	-14
2004	65%	+5
2005	71%	+6
2006	65%	-6
2007	66%	+1

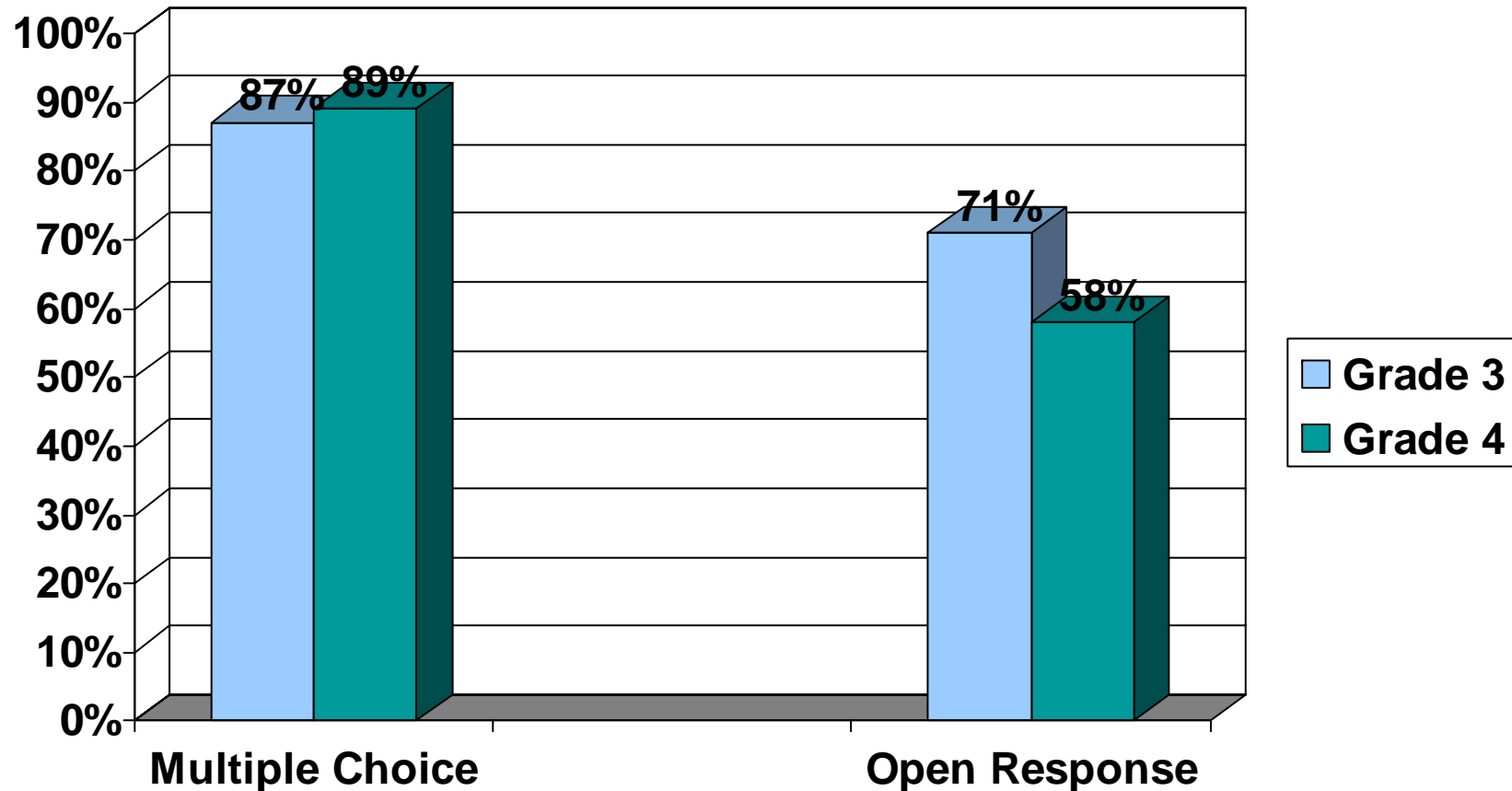
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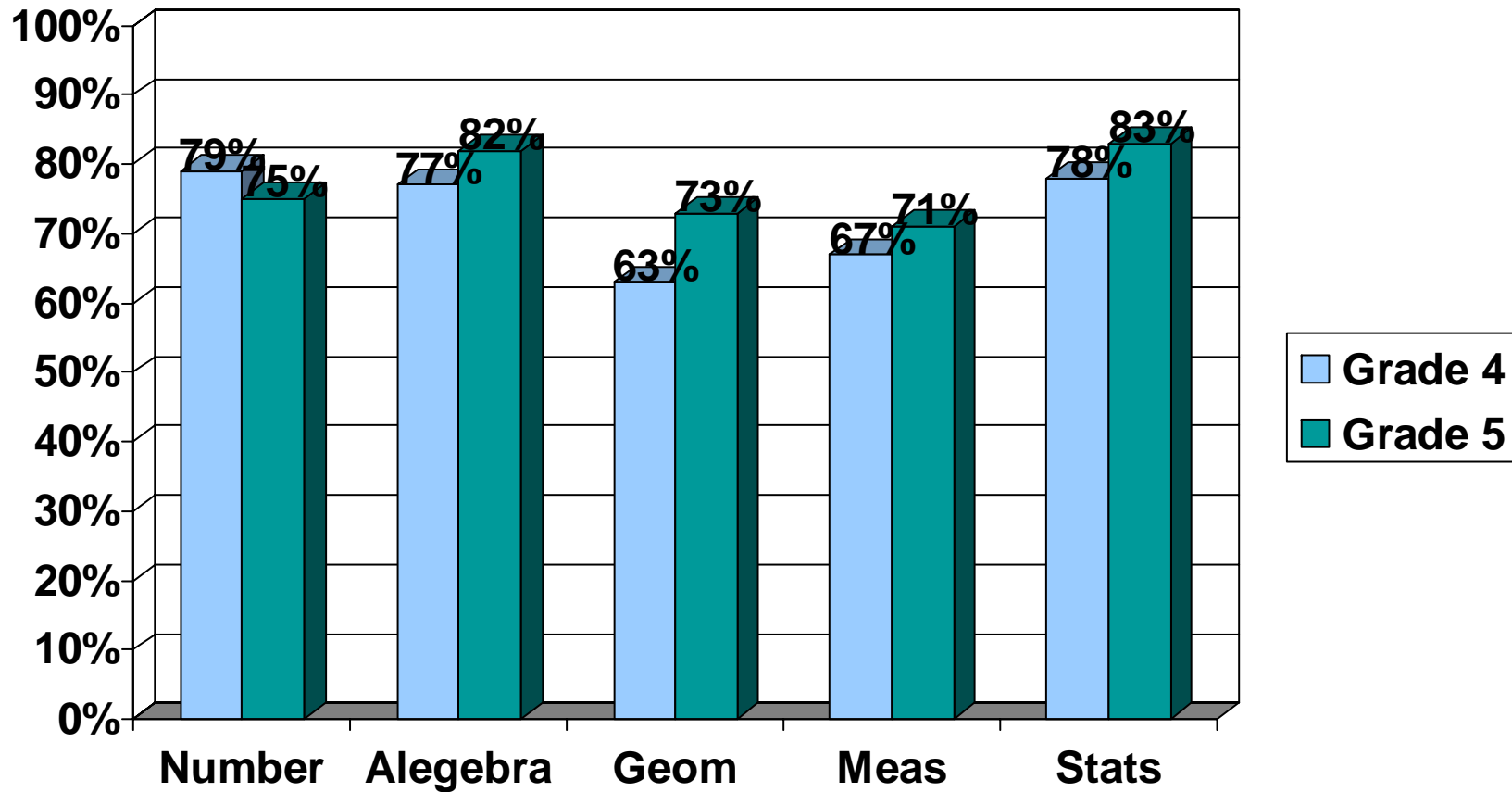
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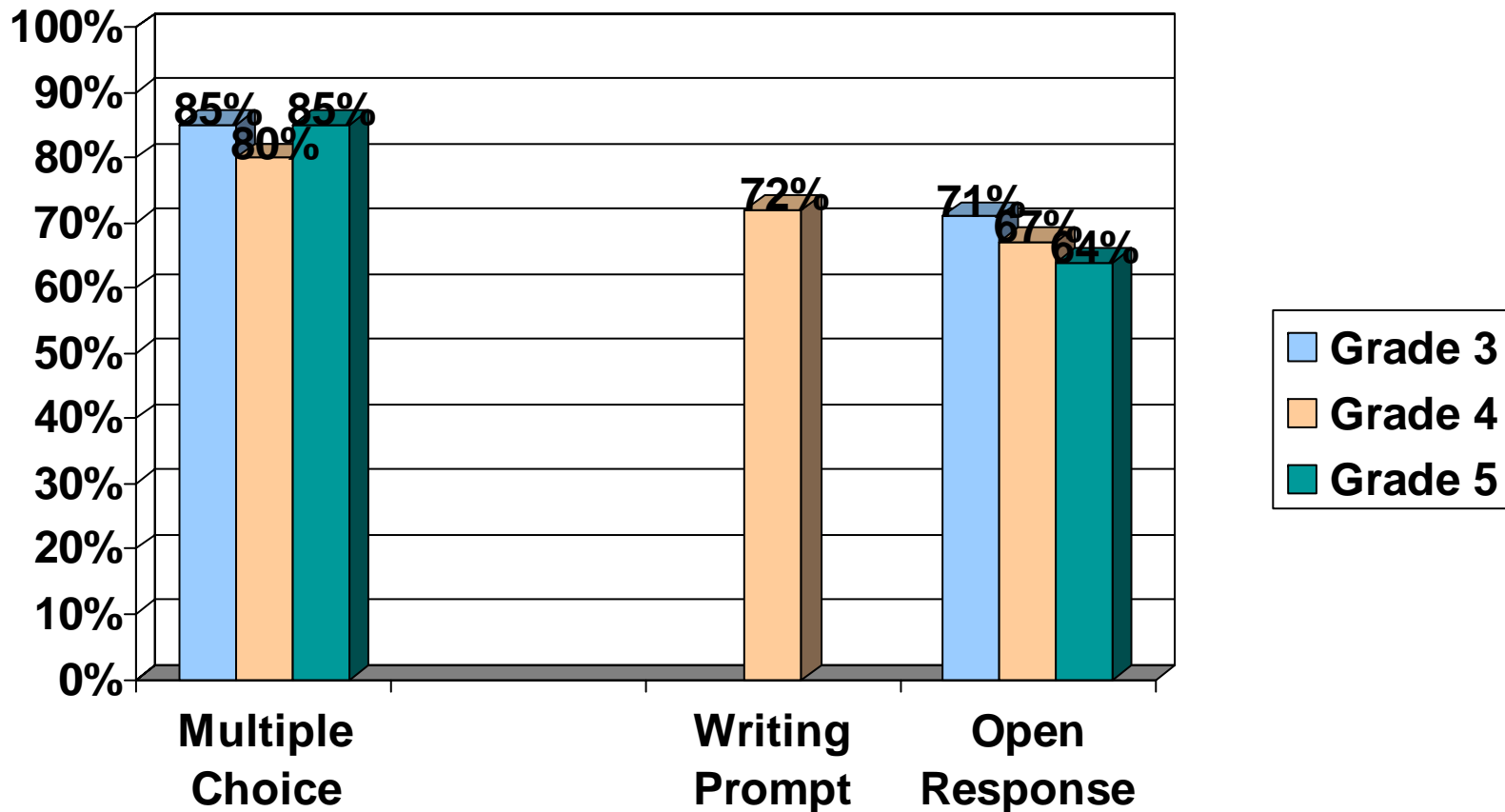
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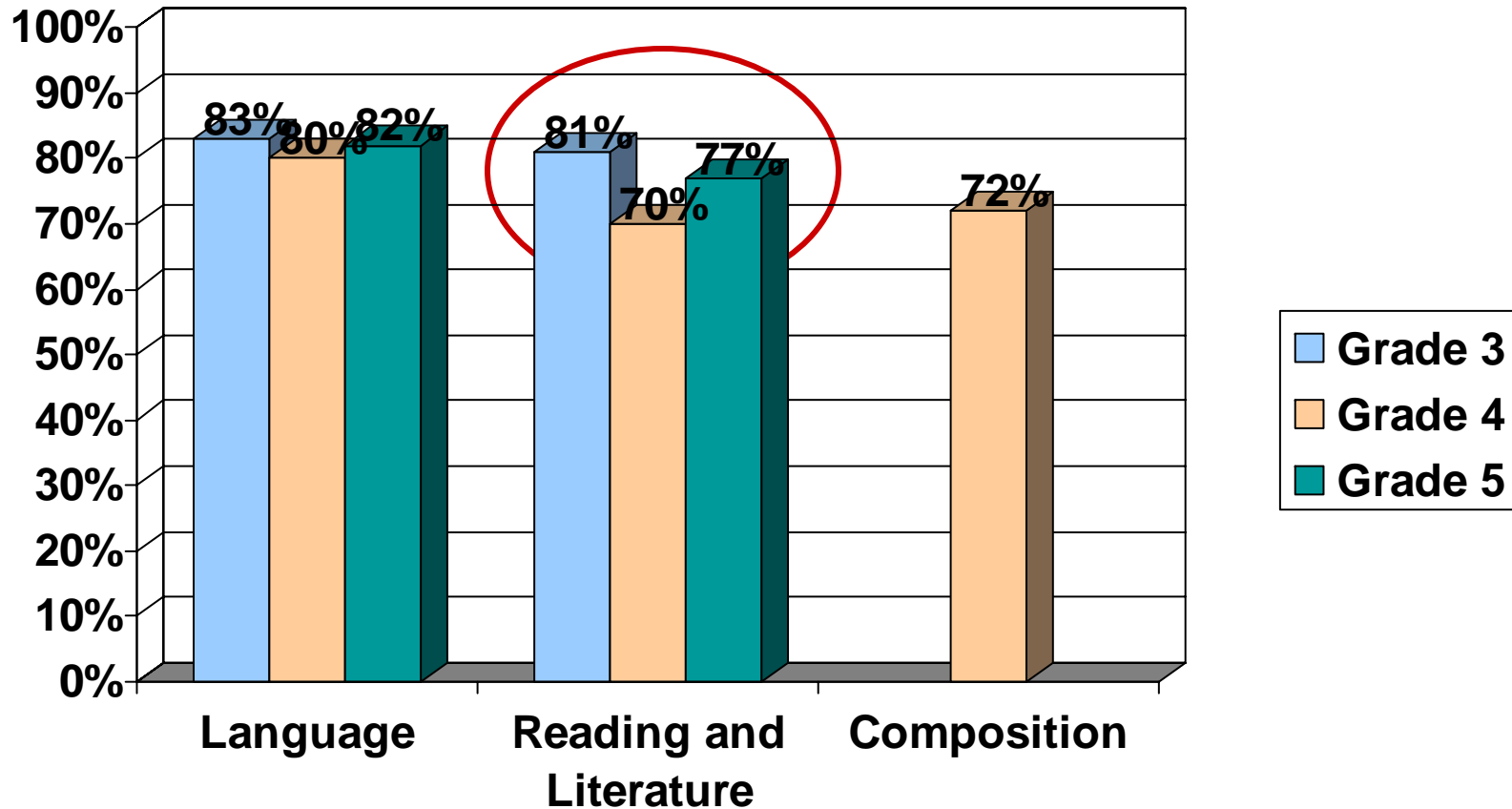
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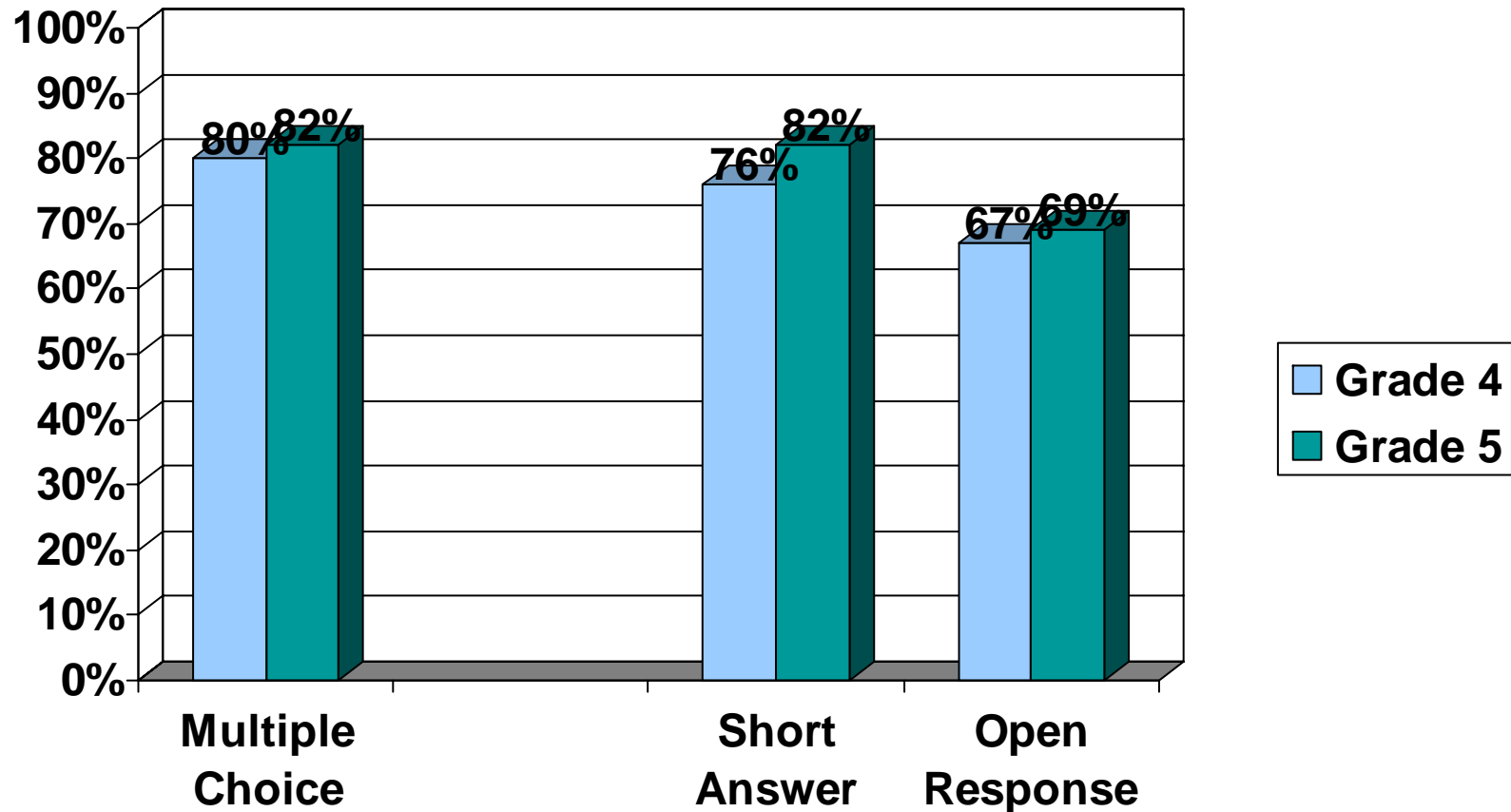
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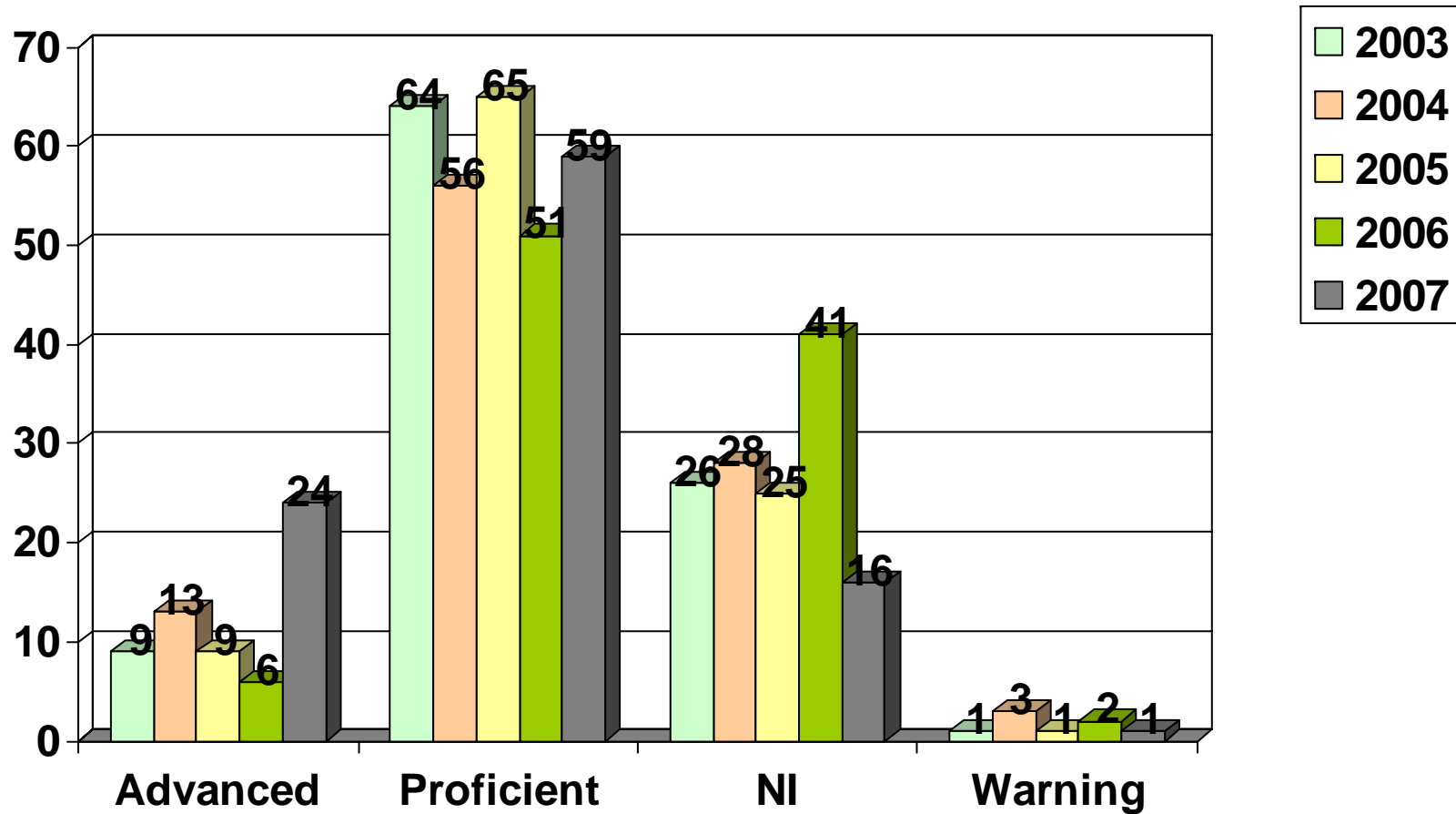
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# Class of 2008 (Present Grade 6) Percentage of Available Points Earned By Type of Question in Mathematics



## Boxford Grade 4 English Language Arts Performance Level Results 2003-2007



# Class of 2007 (Present Grade 7) Percentage of Available Points Earned By Type of Question in English Language Arts

