

Voluntary Prekindergarten

Our Journey into School Year Programs

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Voluntary Prekindergarten/Title I Early Learning
Volusia County Schools



Volusia County Schools VPK Programs

serving 4 year old students one year before kindergarten

Program	Implemented
State Mandated Summer VPK F.S. 1002.53	2005 - 2006
Employee ESE/Blended	2007 - 2008
Title I Early Learning Initiative	2013 - 2014
Community/Blended *	2014 - 2015

Additional Prekindergarten Programs

Non VPK

ESE Partial and Full Day Programs

- 3 & 4 year old identified ESE students
- 1 teacher, 1 paraprofessional
- speech and language / OT & PT services
- 8-10 students

Head Start /ESE Blended Programs

- 3 & 4 year old Head Start and VCS / ESE students
- 1 Volusia teacher, 1 paraprofessional
- 1 Head Start teacher, 1 Head Start assistant
- 18 students dually enrolled

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Models

Summer VPK State Mandated- F.S. 1002.53

- 4 or 5 year old community students beginning kindergarten in the fall
- 1 certified teacher per 12 students / 1 TOA for compliance regulations and mandated assessments
- 300 hours of instruction during the summer prior to kindergarten - 8 weeks
- typically 9 ½ hr days **M - TH** to meet the required 300 hrs of instruction
- summer sites vary to meet the needs of our program feeder patterns

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Models

Employee VPK/ESE Blended

- 10 typically developing / 8 identified ESE
- 3 & 4 year old students (4 year old typically developing - VPK)
- 1 Certified ESE Pre-K teacher (VPK) / 1 CDA (VPK) / 1 paraprofessional
- Typical school day with extended hours for employees' children

Edgewater Public
Enterprise
Forest Lake
Pathways
Pride
Spirit
Spruce Creek



New To Our District...

VPK-Title I Early Learning Initiative

- 18 -20 four year old typically developing students eligible for Title I
- 1 certified prekindergarten teacher
- 1 highly qualified paraprofessional IV
- 540 hrs VPK instruction 3 hours a day
- 540 hrs Title I Early Learning instruction 3 hrs a day and ***PLUS I***

Phase I Schools 2013 - 2014

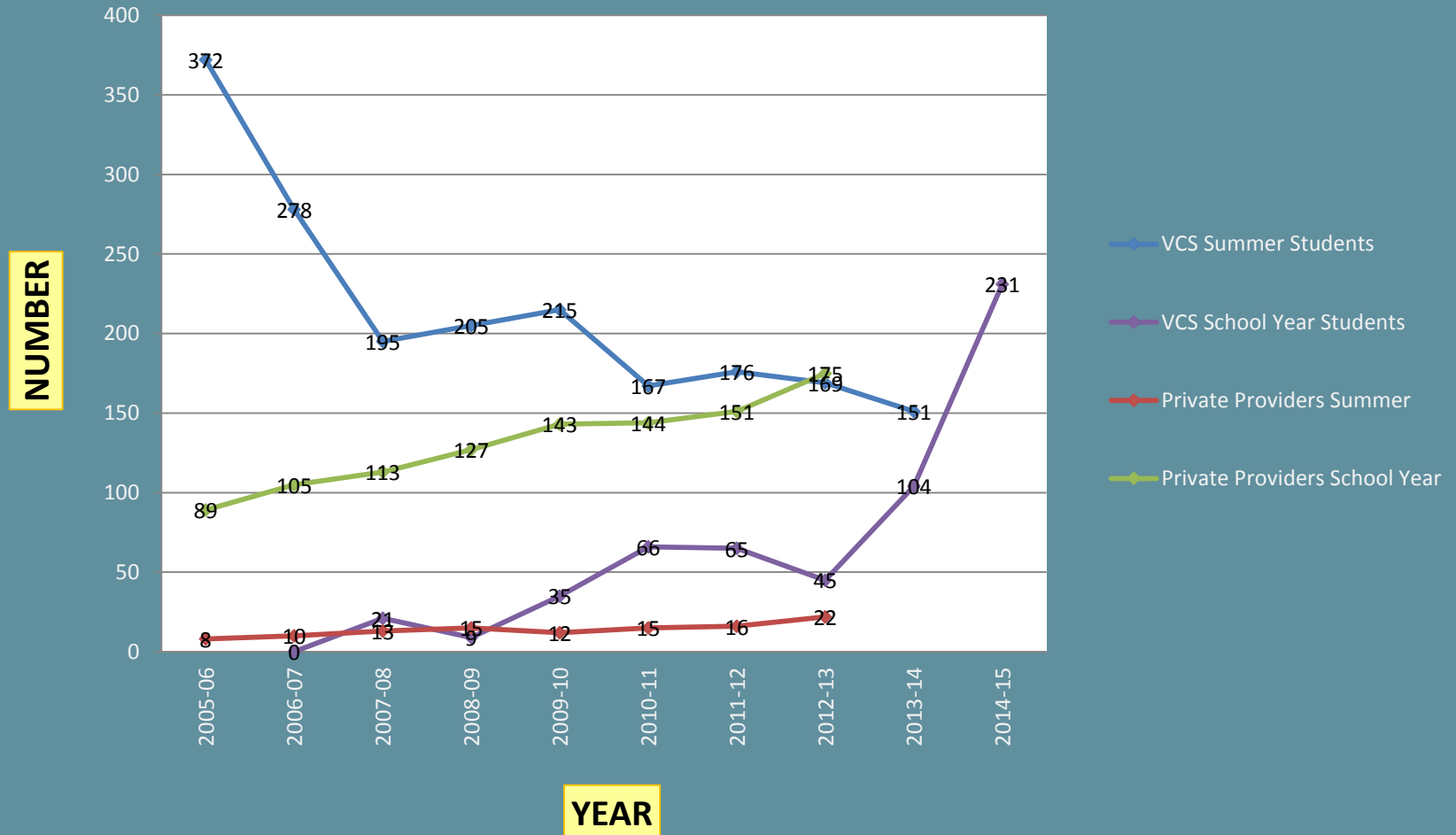
Pierson
Turie T. Small
Westside



Phase II Schools 2014 - 2015

McInnis	Starke, 2* units
Orange City	Sugar Mill
Palm Terrace	Turie T. Small
Pierson, 2 units	Westside

VPK Provider Trends



Volusia County Schools VPK

Curriculum

Readiness Rates

Assessments

Needs



Pre-K ~ Kindergarten Curriculum Standards

Standards for 4-year-olds Kindergarten Standards

Domain: Language, Communication & Literacy - Reading Benchmark a:

Child can distinguish individual words within spoken phrases or sentences.

LAFS.K.RF.1.1

Understand that words are separated by spaces in print.

Domain: Language, Communication & Literacy - Reading Benchmark b:

Child names most letters correctly when shown upper or lowercase letters.

LAFS.K.RF.1.1

Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.

FLDOE/Office of Early Learning Provider Accountability

VPK Readiness Rate is calculated using FLKRS
(Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener)
Includes **FAIR – FS and WSS**

Passing scores:

- 70% of students at each VPK site must pass both sections of FLKRS.
- less than 70% of students passing FLKRS determines a low performing status- **Provider on Probation**

Provider on Probation must:

- *use an approved curriculum*
- *submit improvement plan to FLDOE/Office of Early Learning*
- *provide additional professional development for instructors*
- *submit “Good Cause Exemption” if probation continues beyond 2 years*
- *if exemptions are not granted, providers are closed*

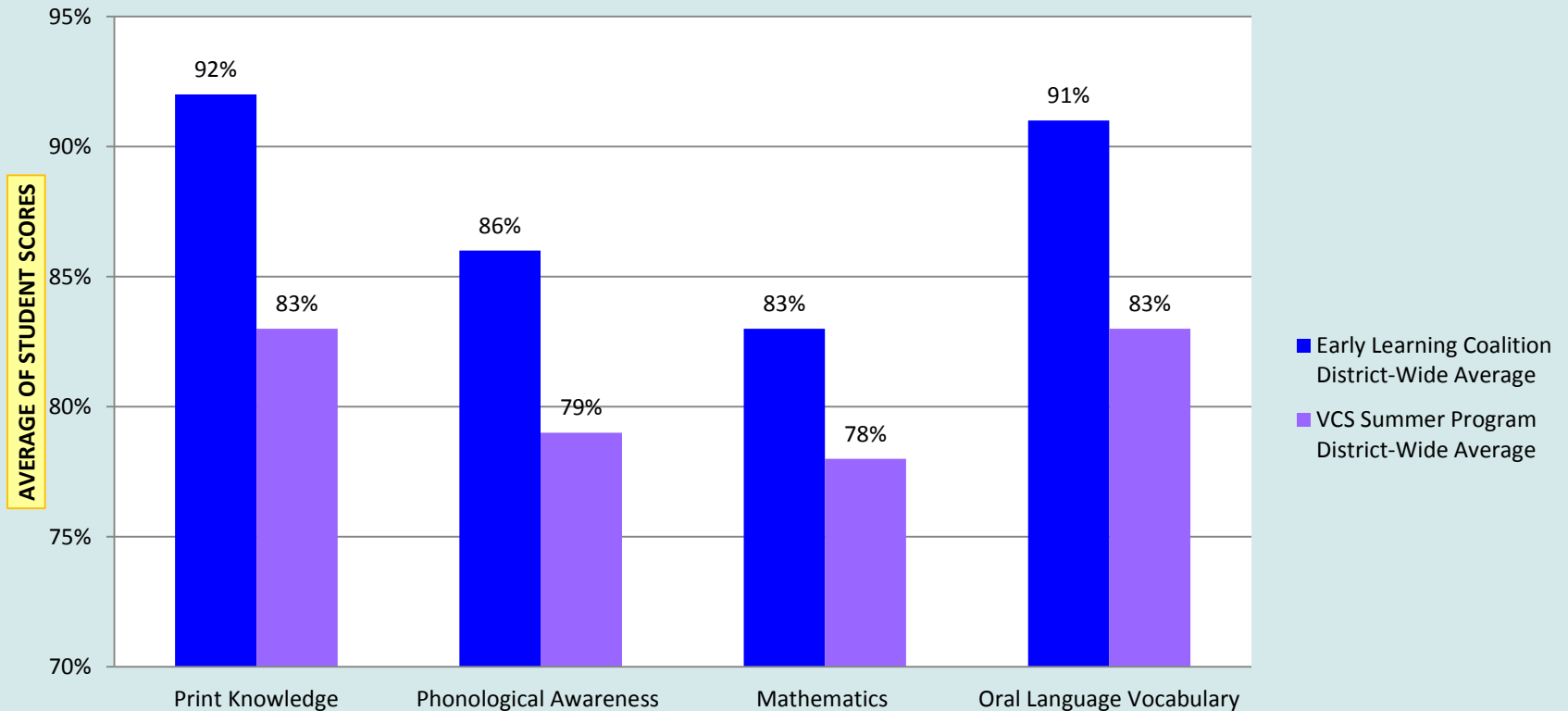
2015-2016 will include VPK assessment growth AP1 – AP3

District <u>Area</u> Program Type	2010 -2011	Readiness Rate	2011-2012	Readiness Rate	2012-2013	Readiness Rate
<u>SW</u> School Year	Forest Lake	100%	Forest Lake	100%	Forest Lake	100%
	Spirit	100%	Spirit	100%	Spirit	100%
			Enterprise	75%	Enterprise	100%
			Friendship	100%	Friendship	100%
<u>SW</u> Summer	Debary	75%	Enterprise	100%	Orange City	89%
	Spirit	76%	Deltona Lakes	57%	Timbercrest	75 %
<u>West</u> School Year	Blue Lake	100%				
<u>West</u> Summer	Woodward	67%	Citrus Grove	65%	George Marks	67%
<u>NW</u> Summer	Pierson	78%	McInnis	78%	Pierson	71%
<u>NE</u> School Year	Pine Trail	100%	Pathways	100%	Pathways	80%
<u>NE</u> Summer	Westside	52%	Holly Hill	70%	Palm Terrace	75%
					Turie T Small	73%
<u>East</u> School Year	Horizon	100%				
	Spruce Creek	100%	Spruce Creek	100%	Spruce Creek	100%
<u>SE</u> School Year	Edgewater	100%	Edgewater	75%	Edgewater	89%
<u>SE</u> Summer	So. Daytona	55%	Sugar Mill	64%	Spruce Creek	81%
	Indian River	90%	Read Pattillo	94%	Indian River	87%

What Our VPK Assessments Show

Summer VPK Comparison

2013-2014 VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN EARLY LEARNING COALITION/VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

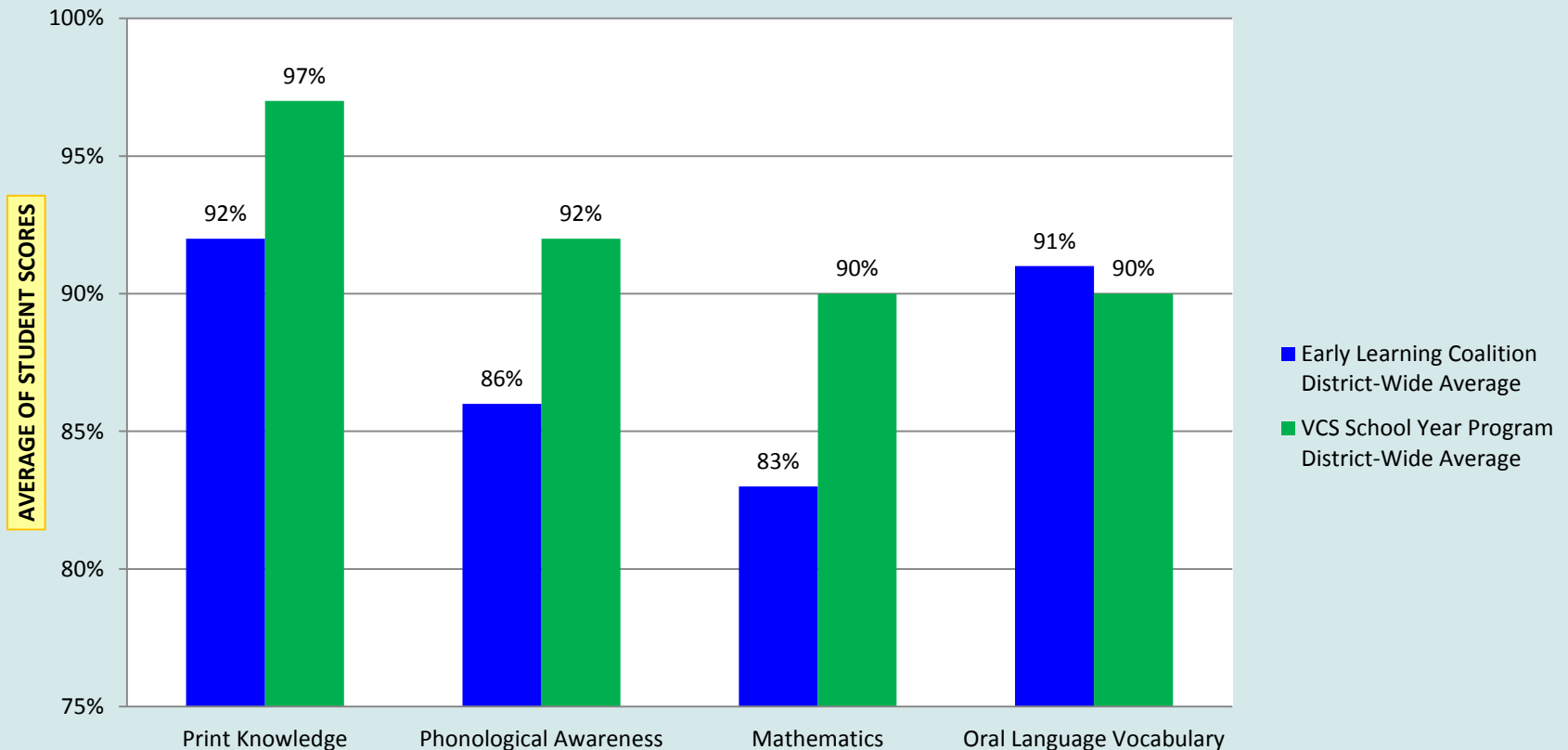


2013-14 VPK AP3 ASSESSMENT

VPK School Year Program Comparison

Employee Blended & VPK Title I Programs

2013-2014 VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN EARLY LEARNING COALITION/VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS



2013-14 VPK AP3 ASSESSMENT

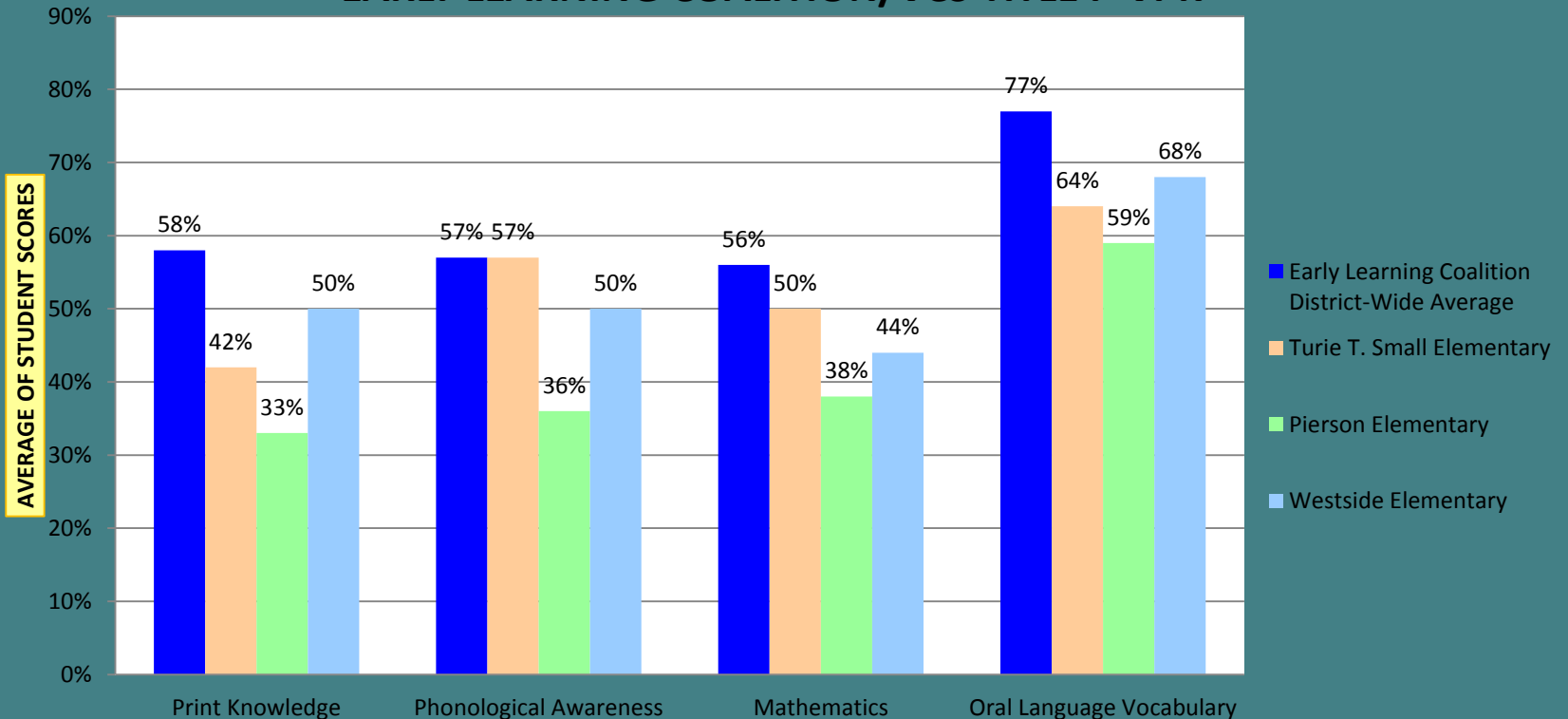
Changes for Summer VPK

Community & District Concerns	Solutions
Instructional days are too long 32 days: 7:37am - 5:30 pm	Extend the number of days to 35 days: 7:50 am - 5:00 pm
No time for a “Meet the Teacher”	Preplanning day will offer a “Meet the Teacher”
Post Planning not within regular work hours extending the day even longer	Last day early release with Completion Ceremony and Parent Literacy Workshop
VPK assessments mandated and take time to individually administer	TOA’s will cover teacher lunch breaks, assist with curriculum needs and administer VPK assessments
Programs are placed on “probation” for low performing FLKRS scores	Decrease the summer program need by expanding – School Year Programs

Baseline VPK Assessments

Phase I Schools

2013 - 2014 VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN EARLY LEARNING COALITION/VCS TITLE I -VPK

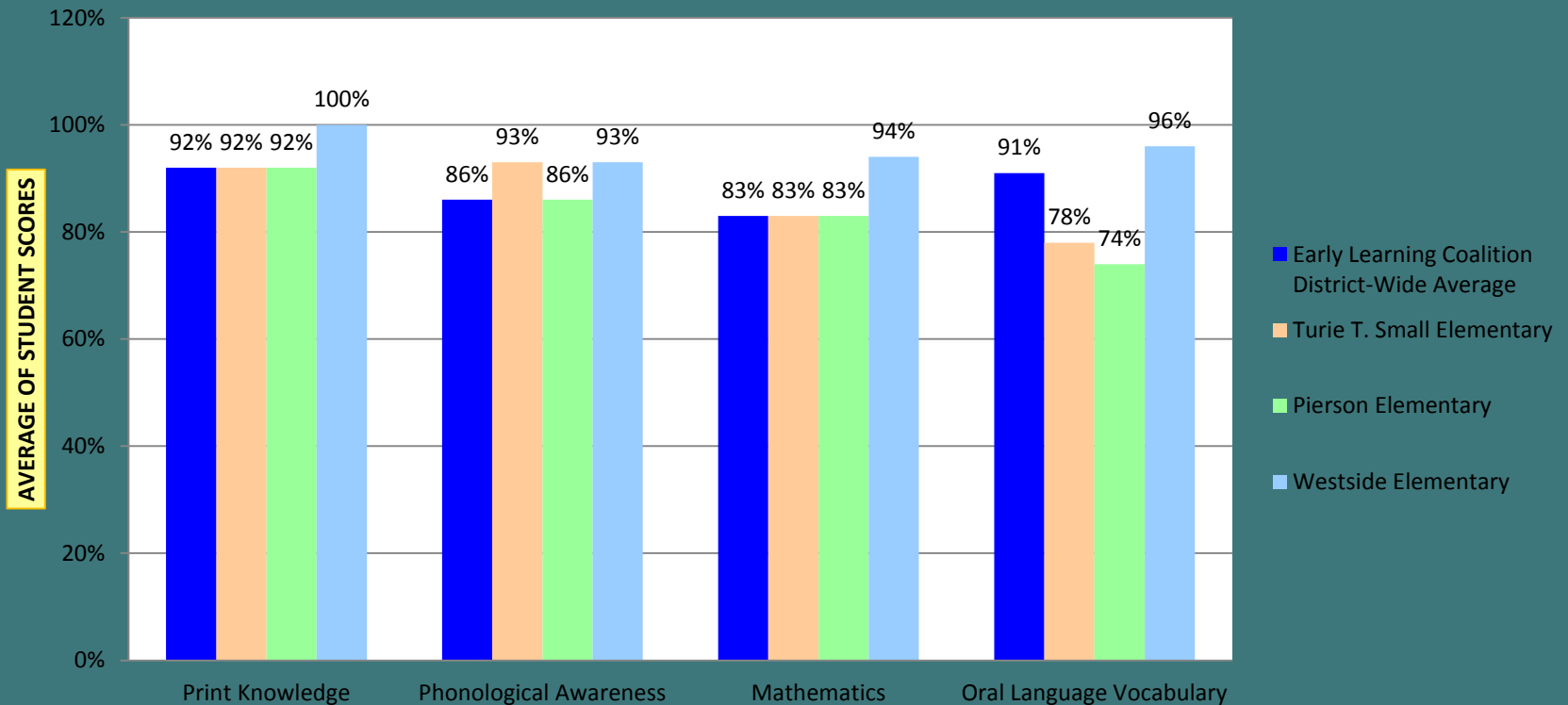


2013 - 2014 VPK AP1 ASSESSMENT

VPK End of Year Assessments

Phase I Schools

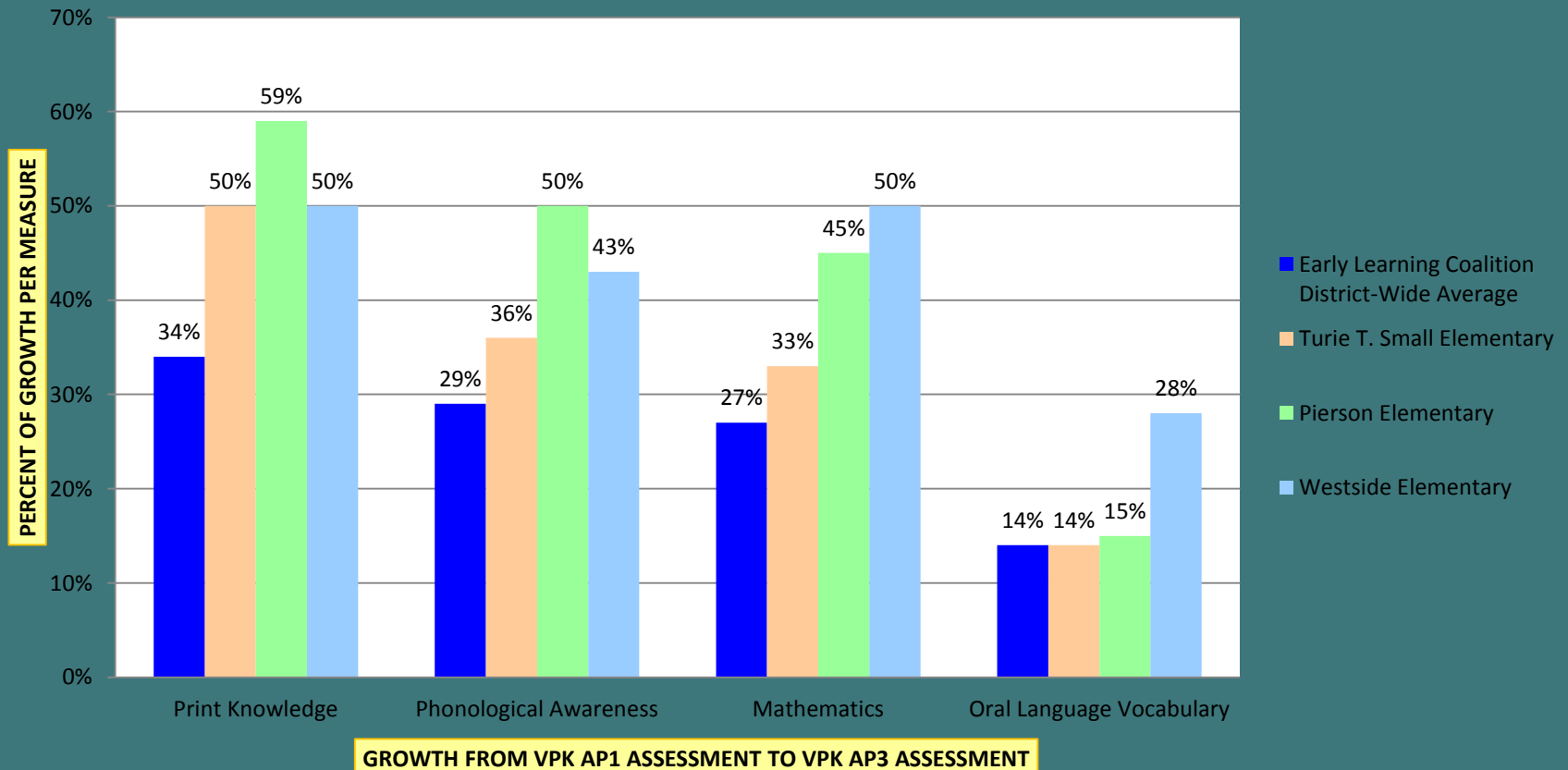
2013 - 2014 VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN EARLY LEARNING COALITION/VCS TITLE I VPK



2013 - 2014 VPK AP3 ASSESSMENT

What It Means To Give Equity In Learning

2013-2014 VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN GROWTH EARLY LEARNING COALITION/VCS VPK-TITLE I

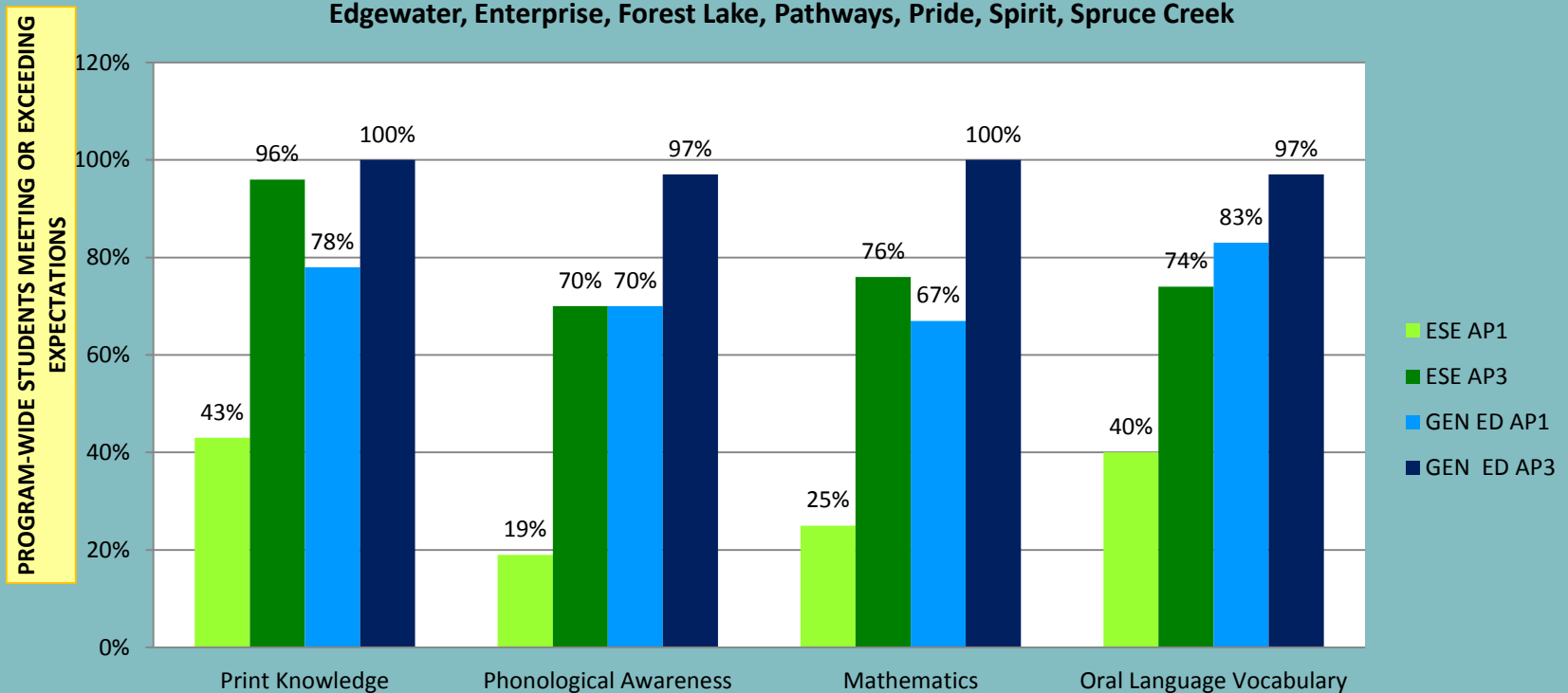


2013-2014

Employee VPK/ ESE Blended

2013-2014 All Blended VPK/ESE Sites

Edgewater, Enterprise, Forest Lake, Pathways, Pride, Spirit, Spruce Creek



AP1 and AP3 VPK ASSESSMENT

The Curriculum Connection To Kindergarten

VPK Summer & Phase I Early Learning Initiative focus:

- Social/emotional readiness implemented into curriculum
- Letter /sound fluency skills instructionally targeted everyday with developmentally appropriate practices.



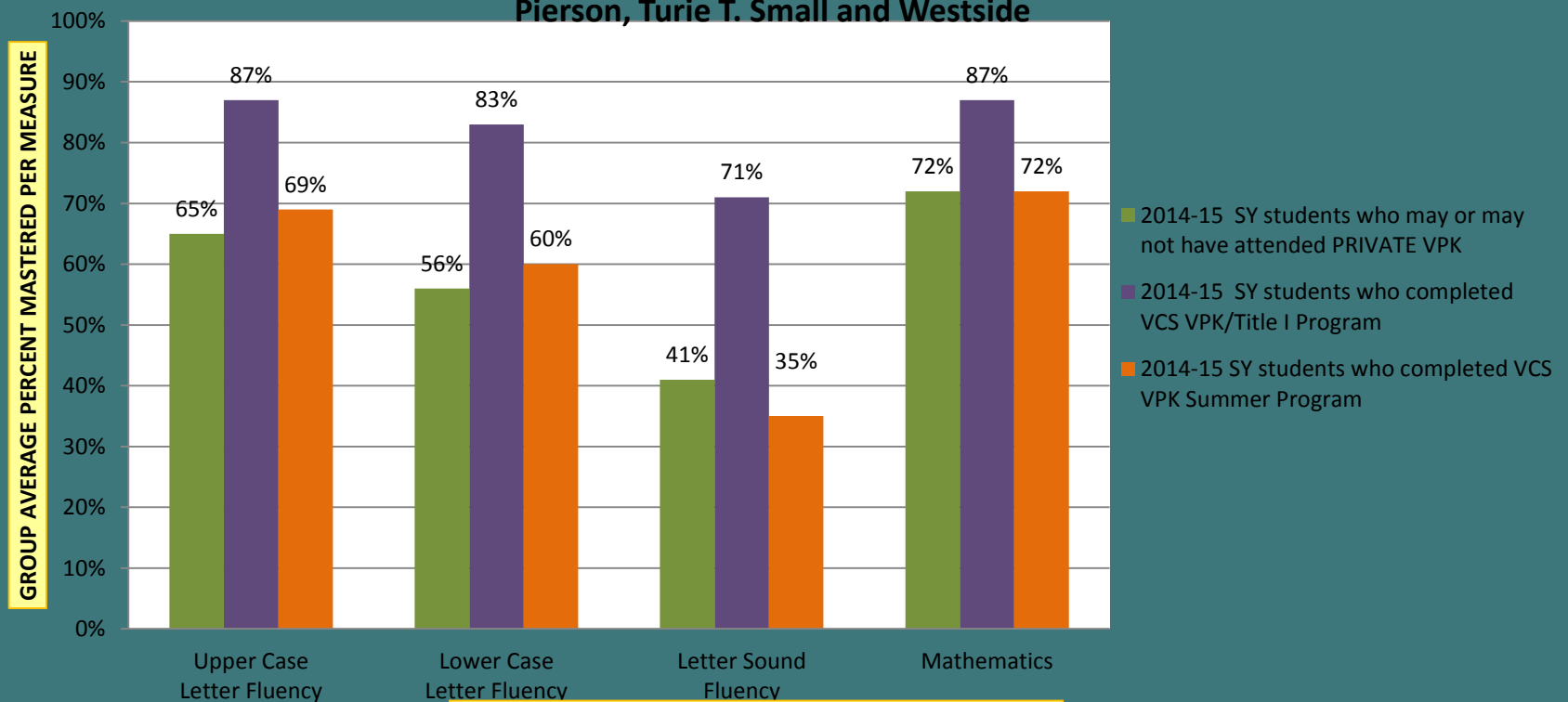
Goal:

VPK/Title I and Summer VPK students will enter kindergarten ready to receive instruction with district SIPPS (Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Word) curriculum program.

SIPPS Kindergarten Baseline needs: 20/26 letter fluency (77% mastery) to enter early emergent reading instruction.

Phase I VPK Enters Kindergarten

Kindergarten Baseline Entry Skills Comparison of VPK Program Averages Phase I Schools Pierson, Turie T. Small and Westside



DATA PROVIDED BY 2014-2015 KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

How We Made It Happen

Collaboration

Within our district: needs assessments, facility space, curriculum & materials

With the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia: determine areas of greatest need – working with Head Start and Private Providers to offer common PD and ensure we are all working toward kindergarten readiness

“We are all in this together.”

VPK School Year - TOA's

Professional Development

- FLKRS Review
- VPK Assessments
- Assessment Implications
- Standards for Four-Year-Olds
- Emergent Literacy
- Learning Concerns
- Managing Challenging Behaviors
- Coordinating PD - ESOL for ECE
- Coordinating PD - iPad Training
- Coordinating Peer Classroom Visits

Compliance Monitoring

- Teacher instruction
- Operational VPK hours (3hr)
- Attendance
- FLKRS Readiness Rate Review
- Parent sign-in/sign-out
- Monthly certification forms ELCFV/OEL
- VPK Assessment mandated AP1- AP3
- New Assessment mandated 2015-16
- VPK/FLDOE OEL conference calls
- Summer Compliance Training
- Summer Program set up & close out

Phase II AP1- AP2 Growth

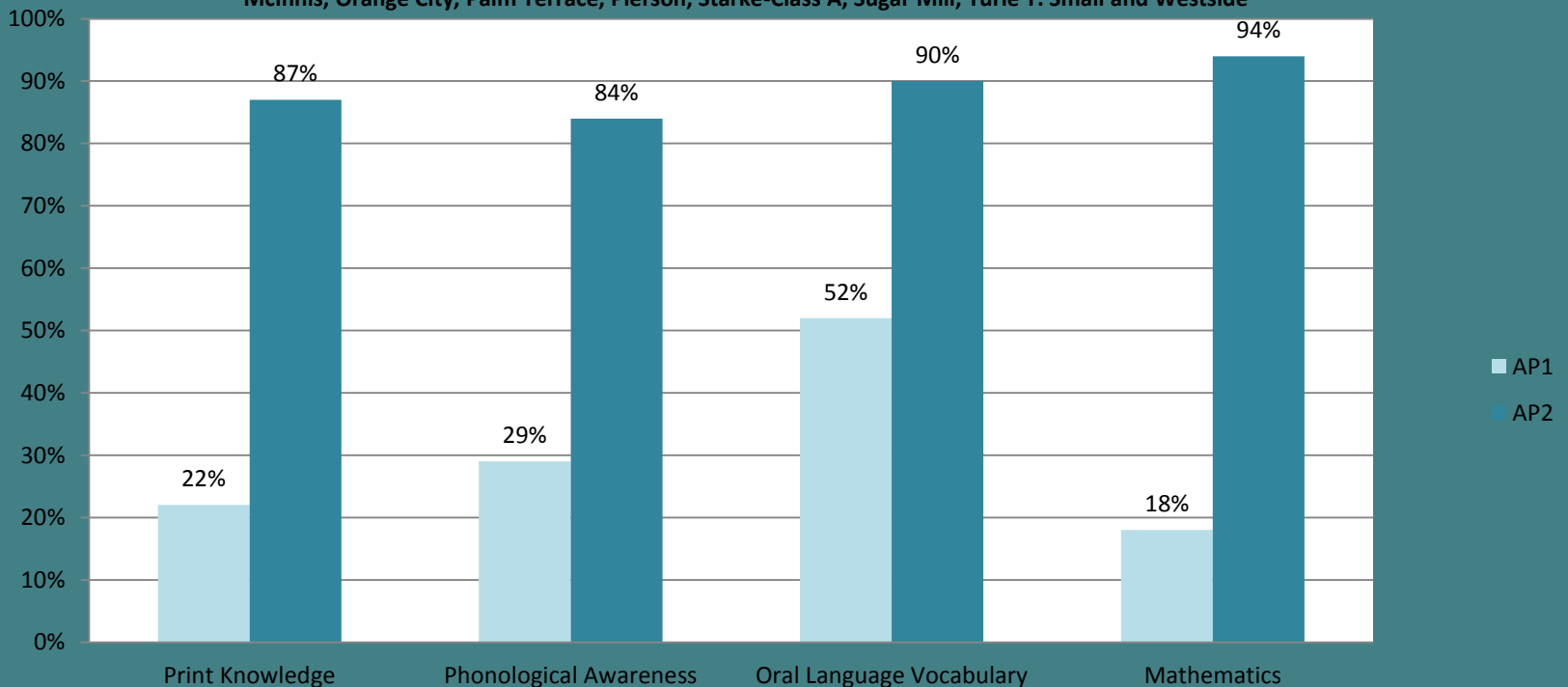


2014-2015 VPK/TITLE I EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE

Program-Wide Average Per Measure

McInnis, Orange City, Palm Terrace, Pierson, Starke-Class A, Sugar Mill, Turie T. Small and Westside

STUDENTS MEETING OR EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS



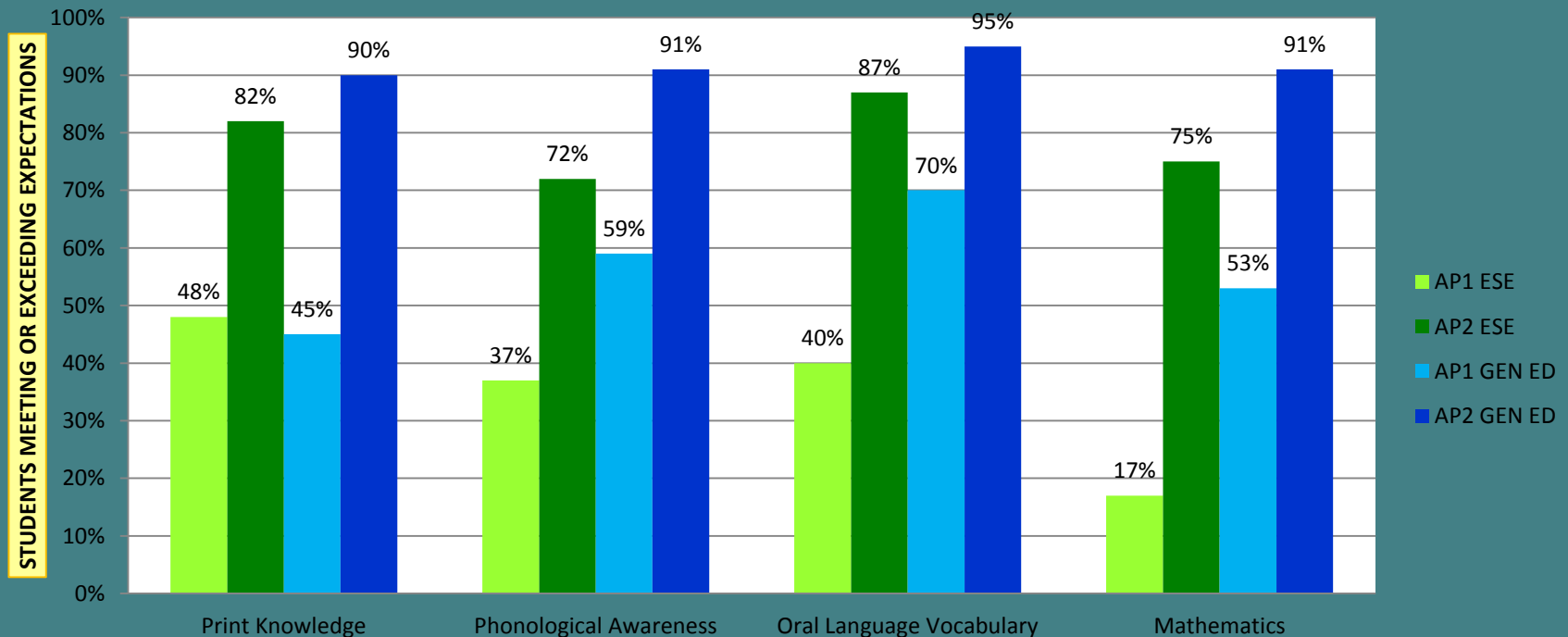
VPK ASSESSMENT AP1 & AP2

Blended AP1- AP2 Growth

2014-2015 VPK/BLENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

Program-Wide Average Per Measure

Edgewater, Enterprise, Forest Lake, Pathways, Pride, Spirit, Spruce Creek, Starke-Class B



VPK ASSESSMENT AP1 & AP2

2014-15 Eligible Students Not Enrolled	Proposed Sites 2015-16 School Year VPK Programs	Proposed or Return(R)	# of units
88 Deland	Starke	R	1
	Starke (blended)	R	1
81 Daytona Holly Hill	Palm Terrace	R	1
	Turie T. Small	R	1
	Turie T. Small	Proposed	1
	Holly Hill	Proposed	1
	Westside	R	1
4 DeLeon	McInnis (blended)	R	1
3 Pierson	Pierson	R	2
76 Deltona	Friendship	Proposed	1
	Sunrise	Proposed	1
	Forest Lake (blended)	Proposed	1
16 Orange City	Orange City	R	1
	Orange City	Proposed	1
37 Port Orange So. Daytona	Atlantic High School	Proposed	1
	Sugar Mill	R	1
	Sugar Mill (blended)	Proposed	1
13 Edgewater	Edgewater Public	Proposed	1

Summer 2015

East Volusia	Southeast Volusia	Southwest Volusia	West Volusia
Holly Hill Elementary	Read-Pattillo Elementary	Sunrise Elementary	Blue Lake Elementary
Sweetwater Elementary		Spirit Elementary	Starke Elementary

2015 - 2016 Expansion

Total VPK Units Proposed	
Returning VPK/Title I	8
Returning Employee Blended	6
Returning Community VPK/Blended	1
New VPK/Title I	5
New Community VPK/Blended	3
New Funding Projects	2
Summer VPK - projected units	13
Total	38

Projected Student Enrollment is 570