











## State of the SPCSA

January 27, 2023



















#### Overview

- Overview of the SPCSA
- Overview of Strategic Plan
- Progress in Meeting our Strategic Goals



## SPCSA Overview









#### Creation and Purpose

The purpose of the State Public Charter School Authority is to:



Provide oversight to the charter schools that it sponsors to ensure that those charter schools maintain high educational and operational standards, preserve autonomy and safeguard the interests of pupils and the community.

Serve as a model of the best practices in sponsoring charter schools and foster a climate in this State in which all high-quality charter schools, regardless of sponsor, can flourish.

NRS 388A.150



#### About the State Public Charter School Authority



Member board appointed by Governor, Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the Assembly, State Board of Education, and Charter School Association of Nevada

> Full time employees who conduct oversight of schools and execute Local Education Agency responsibilities (ex. monitoring, technical assistance, managing grants)

> > Offices, one located in Carson City and one located in Las Vegas

> > > \$26M

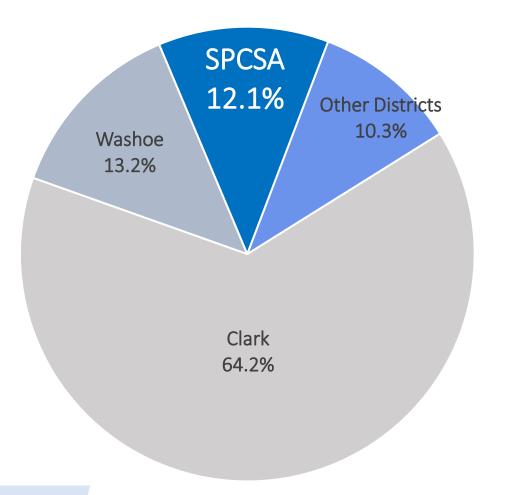
Estimated pass-through of annual federal and state grants to schools for FY 2023 (excluding emergency funding)

5103M Estimated pass-through of federal emergency funds



Overview of Schools and Students Served

There are 78 charter school campuses sponsored by the SPCSA located across five counties: Churchill, Clark, Elko, Washoe, and White Pine. Of the school campuses sponsored by the SPCSA, about 85% are located in Clark County.



Entity	# Enrolled	% of State
STATE	489597	-
Clark	314372	64.2%
Washoe	64990	13.2%
SPCSA	59670	12.1%
Elko	10171	2.0%
Lyon	9085	1.8%
Carson City	7722	1.5%
Nye	5873	1.1%
Douglas	5331	1.0%
Churchill	3394	0.6%
Humboldt	3329	0.6%
White Pine	1322	0.2%
Lander	1059	0.2%
Lincoln	958	0.1%
Pershing	684	0.1%
Mineral	613	0.1%
Storey	416	<0.1%
Eureka	333	<0.1%
University	163	<0.1%
Esmeralda	88	<0.1%
Correctional	24	<0.1%





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## New Charter School Campuses

- The SPCSA has opened 22 New Charter School Campuses in the last four years
  - 4 New Charter School Campuses in the 2019-20 School Year
  - 7 New Charter School Campuses in the 2020-21 School Year
  - 3 New Charter School Campuses in the 2021-22 School Year
  - 8 New Charter School Campuses in the 2022-23 School Year
- 77% of the New Charter School Campuses are currently Title I Schools



### SPCSA-Sponsored Schools

By offering a variety of school models, the SPCSA enables Nevada families to choose schools that best align with the needs and interests of their children.

- Arts Integration
- Montessori
- Bi-lingual education
- Career and Technical Education
- Alternative High School Serving Under-Credited Students
- Schools aimed to meet the needs of young women
- Dual Enrollment High Schools
- Online or Blended Learning
- Classical Education
- STEM/STEAM
- Project-based learning





DORAL ACADEMY NORTHERN NEVADA



















# Strategic Plan

2019 through 2024





#### Vision

Equitable access to diverse, innovative, and high-quality public schools for every Nevada student.

#### Mission

The SPCSA sponsors, supports, and oversees dynamic and responsive public charter schools that prepare all students for academic, social, and economic success.



#### STUDENT FOCUSED

We put what is best for students at the center of our work and honor the critical role that families play in student success.





#### **LEADERSHIP**

We earn the public's trust by holding our agency to the highest standards and investing in our growth and development.



OUR

**VALUES** 

#### **EXCELLENCE THROUGH IMPROVEMENT**

We establish clear, high expectations and constantly seek growth for ourselves and foster improvement for our schools.



We are committed to ensuring equitable access for students from all backgrounds and value the voices of all members of our community.



#### TRANSPARENCY

We promote transparent and open communication and make school performance data accessible to all stakeholders.



#### ACCOUNTABLE AUTOMONOMY

We provide our charter schools with the autonomy to innovate in the best interests of students while holding them accountable for academic results, financial performance, and legal compliance, so that students, families, and taxpayers can be confident in the quality of the schools we sponsor.



#### Five-Year Goals

- ✓ Provide families with access to high quality schools
- ✓ Ensure that every SPCSA student succeeds – including those from historically underserved student groups
- ✓ Increase the diversity of students served by SPCSA schools

#### Strategies





Proactive Oversight



Strategic Growth



**Expanded Support** 



Recognize Progress



























# Provide families with access to high quality schools

The SPCSA aims for all sponsored schools to meet academic, organizational and financial performance standards.





## Despite the impact of COVID-19, SPCSA-sponsored schools have continued to make academic gains







(2021-22 School Year)



80%

of SPCSA schools earning an index score of 50+



55%\*

of SPCSA schools would be rated as 4- and 5-star schools

\*Projected ratings based on Nevada School Performance Framework index scores, as official 2021-22 star ratings were not issued.

#### Graduation Rates

(Class of 2022)



#### 22 of 24 high schools

exceeded the statewide graduation rate





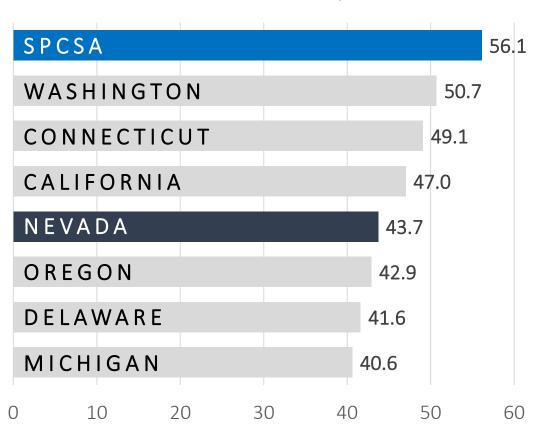


#### SPCSA-Sponsored Schools Demonstrate Higher Rates of Proficiency in a National Comparison

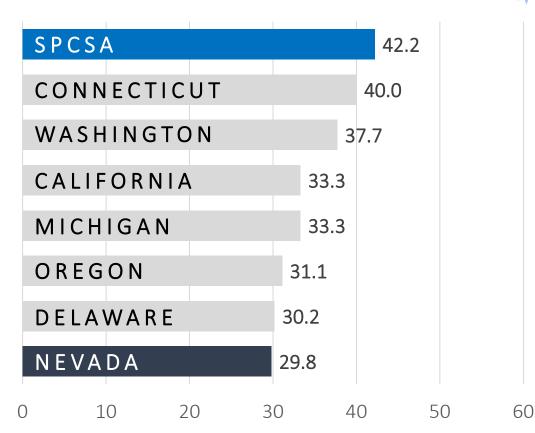




#### **ELA Proficiency**



#### Math Proficiency







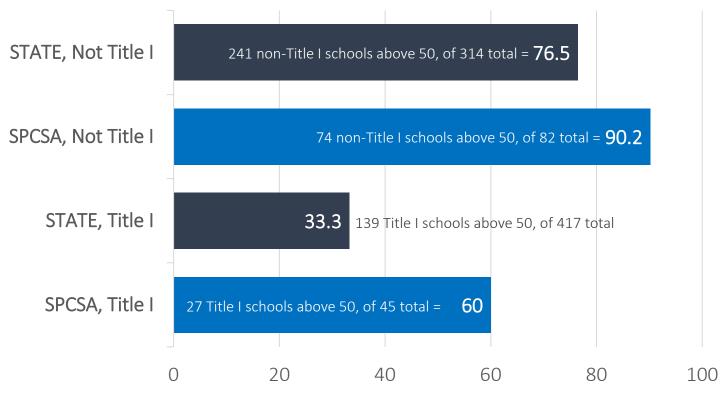
# SPCSA-Sponsored Schools Outperform the State, but Title I schools are Less Likely to Earn an Index Score of 50+













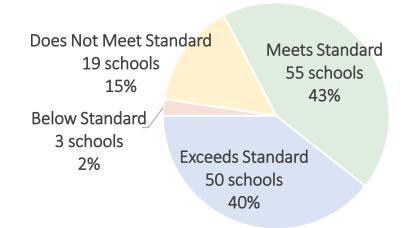




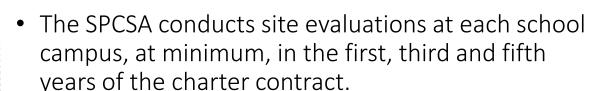


- The SPCSA adopted a new Academic Performance Framework (APF) in 2019 that is based on:
  - School Index Score (NSPF);
  - Performance comparisons (NSPF index score) to the local school district and nearby school; and
  - Enrollment diversity compared to the local school district.

#### 2021-22 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Ratings



#### **Site Evaluations**



- Each site evaluation involves document submissions, classroom observations, and focus groups.
- For the 2022-23 school year, the SPCSA has 57 site evaluations scheduled, with 23 complete as of January 1, 2023.



The data shown above exclude schools that did not receive a rating. The requirements to receive an SPCSA Academic Performance Framework score and rating are found here.







#### Organizational Performance Framework

- The SPCSA approved a new Organizational Performance Framework (OPF) in 2019 with five major categories:
  - Education Program
  - Financial Management and Oversight
  - Governance and Reporting
  - Students and Employees
  - School Environment
- The Organizational Framework takes into account over 40 annual compliance requirements and is focused on answering the question: Is the organization effective and well run?
- For the 2021-2022 school year, 100% of charter holders met standards on the Organizational Performance Framework.

#### Financial Performance Framework



- The SPCSA approved a new Financial Performance Framework (FPF) in 2019 with four near-term measures and four sustainability measures.
- The Financial Framework is focused on answering the question: *Is the school financially viable?*
- For the 2020-2021 school year, 95% of charter holders met standards on the Financial Performance Framework. Ratings for the 2021-22 school year will be presented at the March 3, 2023 Board Meeting.









# Ensure that every SPCSA student succeeds – including those from historically underserved student groups

The SPCSA aims for all sponsored schools to demonstrate strong academic growth, high levels of proficiency, and on-time graduation across all student groups, including historically underserved student groups.















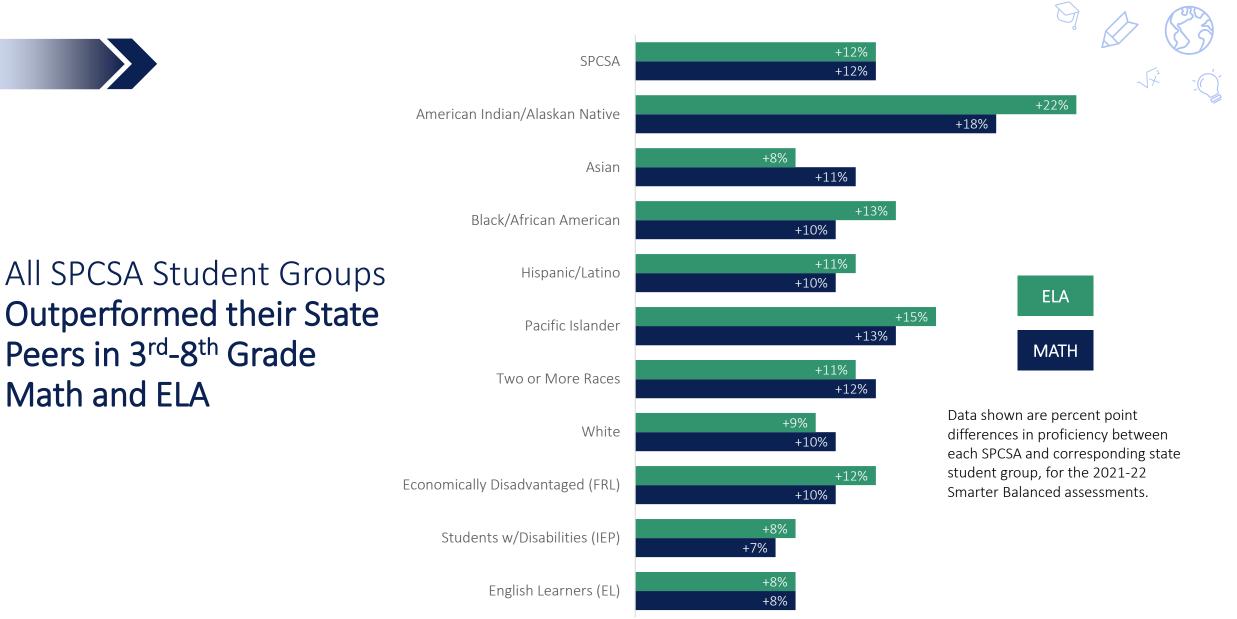






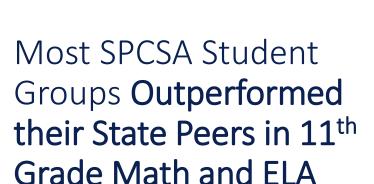


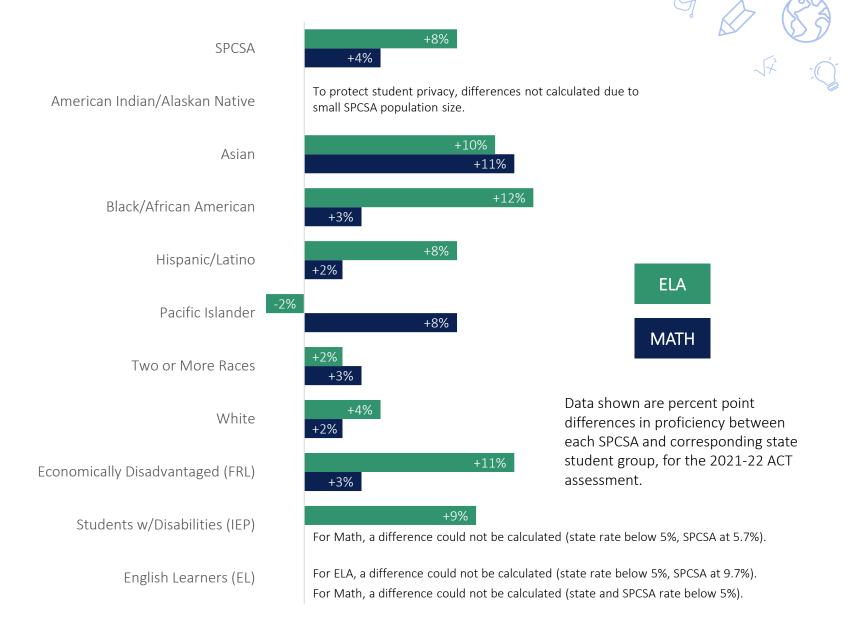






Math and ELA















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American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian

Black/African American +7

-1%

+1%

Hispanic/Latino

Pacific Islander

Two or More Races

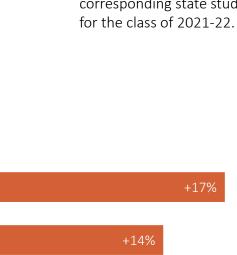
White

Economically Disadvantaged (FRL)

Students w/Disabilities (IEP)

English Learners (EL)

Data shown are percent point differences in graduation rate between each SPCSA and corresponding state student group, for the class of 2021, 22



+12%



Most SPCSA student

respective statewide

student group

groups had graduation

rates that exceeded the



The SPCSA aims for sponsored schools to serve a population of students that is representative of the State with regard to race/ethnicity and additional student groups.



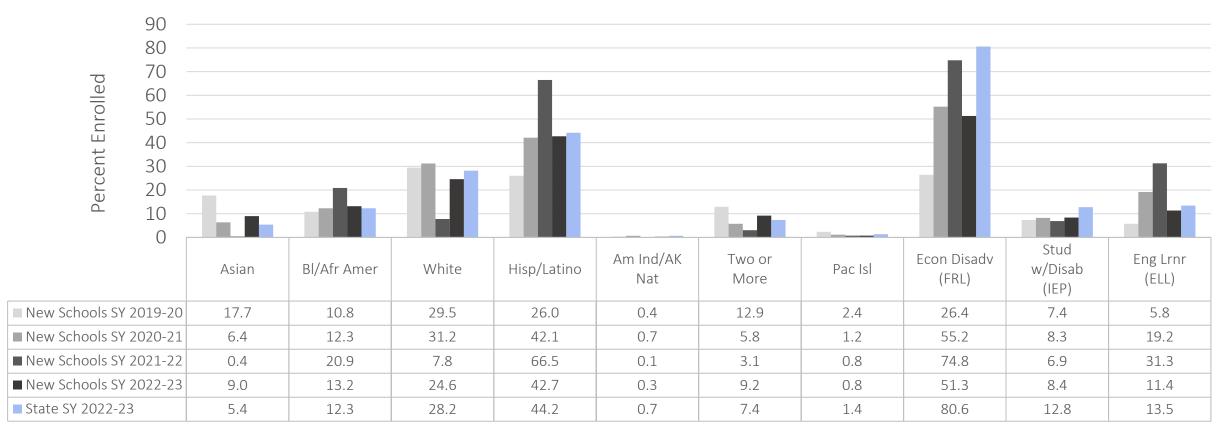












Enrollment rates are from the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) October validation day of the respective year. New schools in SY 2019-20 include Legacy SW, NSHS SW, Pinecrest Sloan Canyon, and Signature Prep. New schools in SY 2020-21 include Amplus Acad Rainbow, Explore Acad, GALS, Mater East, NSHS Dtwn Henderson, NSHS NW, and Pinecrest Northern NV. New schools in SY 2021-22 include CIVICA and TEACH Las Vegas. New schools in SY 2022-23 include Battle Born Academy, Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas Cadence, Nevada State High School North Las Vegas, pilotED Cactus Park, Pinecrest Virtual, Sage Collegiate, Strong Start Academy, and Young Women's Leadership Academy.





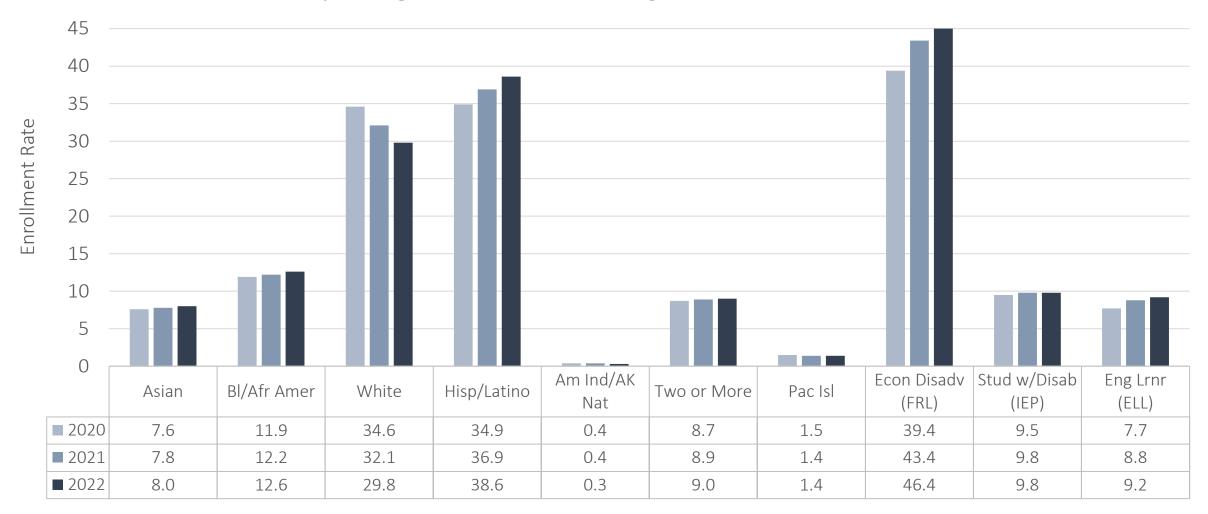
# The SPCSA's Demographics Show Steady Progress Towards Alignment with the State











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# Appendix



## New Charter Schools





School Name	Opening Year	Location	Full Scale Grade Levels	Full Scale Enrollment	Title I
Legacy Traditional – Southwest	2019-20	Las Vegas	K-8	1,450	Yes
Nevada State High School – Southwest	2019-20	Las Vegas	11-12	188	Yes
Pinecrest Academy – Sloan Canyon	2019-20	Henderson	K-12	2,025	No
Signature Preparatory	2019-20	Henderson	K-8	1,080	Yes
Amplus Academy – Rainbow	2020-21	Las Vegas	K-5	640	Yes
Explore Academy	2020-21	North Las Vegas	6-12	570	Yes
Girls Empowerment Middle School (GEMS)	2020-21	Las Vegas	6-8	215	Yes
Mater Academy of Nevada – East	2020-21	Las Vegas	PK-12	2,209	Yes
Nevada State High School – Downtown Henderson	2020-21	Henderson	11-12	190	No
Nevada State High School – Northwest	2020-21	Las Vegas	11-12	166	No
Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada	2020-21	Sparks	K-8	988	No







School Name	Opening Year	Location	Full Scale Grade Levels	Full Scale Enrollment	Title I
Beacon Academy of Nevada – East	2021-22	Las Vegas	9-12	350	Yes
CIVICA Nevada	2021-22	North Las Vegas	K-12	1,650	Yes
TEACH Las Vegas	2021-22	Las Vegas	K-12	975	Yes
Battle Born Academy	2022-23	Las Vegas	K-8	540	Yes
Coral Academy of Science – Cadence	2022-23	Henderson	K-12	1,850	Yes
Nevada State High School – North Las Vegas	2022-23	North Las Vegas	11-12	170	Yes
Pinecrest Academy – Virtual	2022-23	Henderson (Virtual)	6-12	170	No
PilotED Cactus Park	2022-23	Las Vegas	K-5	486	Yes
Sage Collegiate	2022-23	Las Vegas	K-8	588	Yes
Strong Start Academy	2022-23	Las Vegas	K-5	360	Yes
Young Women's Leadership Academy	2022-23	Las Vegas	6-12	600	Yes







School Name	Opening Year	Location	Full Scale Grade Levels	Full Scale Enrollment
Eagle Charter School	2023-24	Las Vegas	K-8	918
Pinecrest Academy – Springs	2023-24	Las Vegas	K-12	1,200
Rooted School – Clark County	2023-24	Las Vegas	9-12	360
Southern Nevada Trades High School	2023-24	Las Vegas	9-12	550



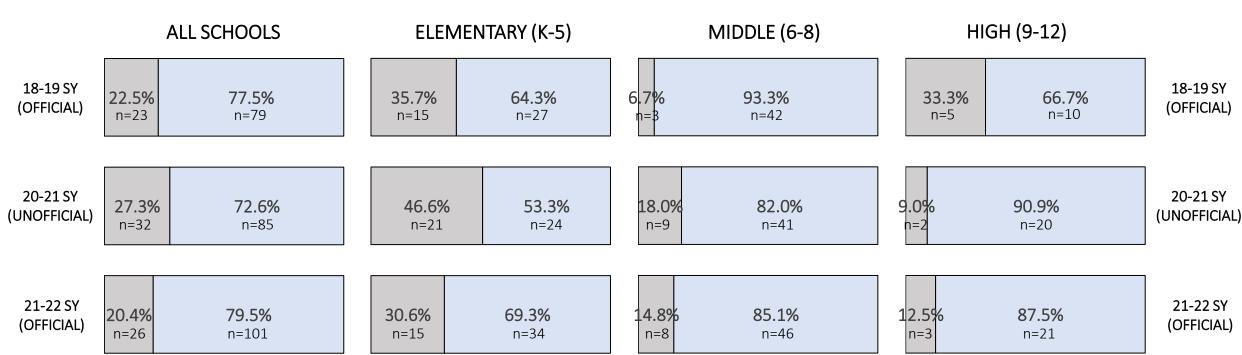
# Star Ratings

#### SPCSA Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) Adjusted Index Scores Trend



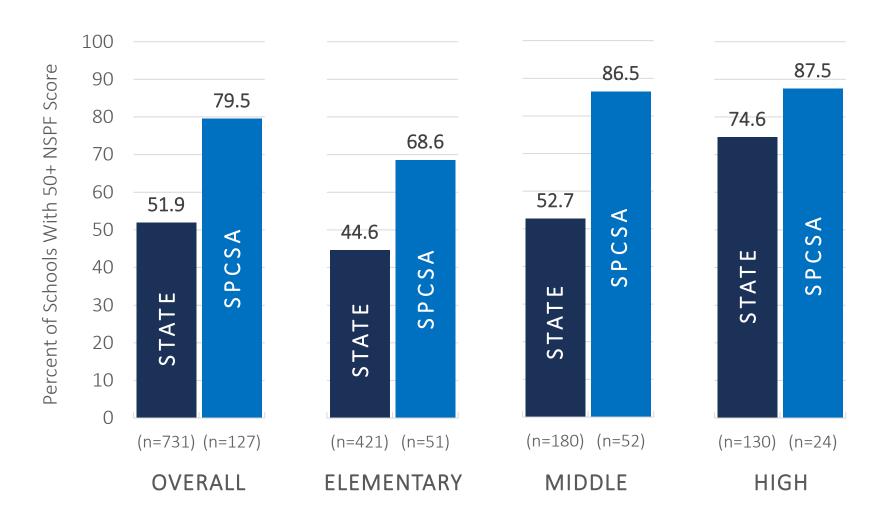
#### SCORE ≥ 50 (3-star and higher)

#### SCORE < 50 (2-star and lower)



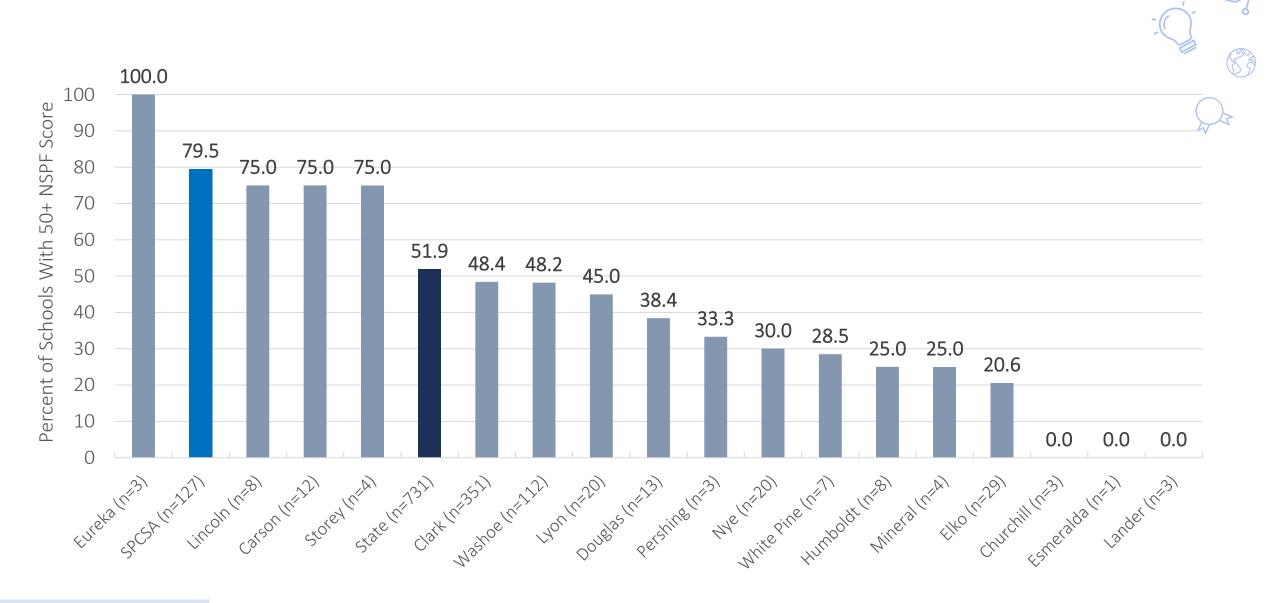


#### SPCSA vs. State: Schools With 50+ NSPF Score (2021-22 School Year)





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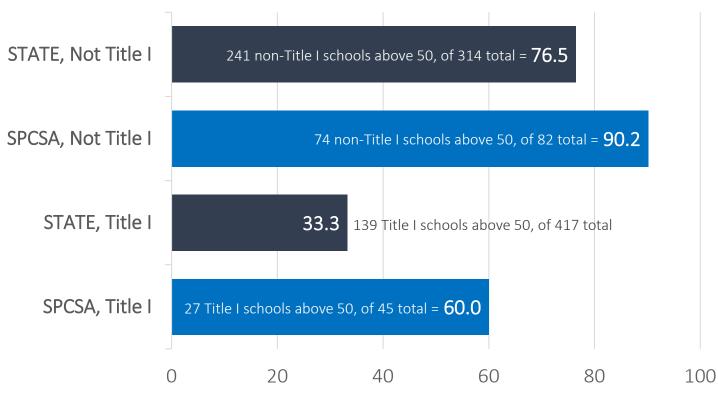




#### SPCSA Title I Schools NSPF Adjusted Index Scores (2021-22 School Year)











#### Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) Index Scores by School (2021-22 SY)

School	Index Score
Alpine Acad HS	63.8
Amplus Durango ES	76.5
Amplus Durango MS	87.0
Amplus Durango HS	80.5
Amplus Rainbow ES	82.0
Beacon Acad HS	3.7
CASLV Centennial ES	95.5
CASLV Centennial MS	94.4
CASLV Eastgate ES	87.0
CASLV Eastgate MS	92.5
CASLV Nellis AFB ES	43.8
CASLV Nellis AFB MS	68.3
CASLV Sandy Ridge MS	67.7
CASLV Sandy Ridge HS	95.0
CASLV Tamarus ES	99.0
CASLV Windmill ES	92.3
CASLV Windmill MS	89.6
CIVICA ES	26.5
CIVICA MS	54.6
Democracy Prep ES	46.5
Democracy Prep MS	57.5
Democracy Prep HS	45.2
Discovery Hillpointe ES	76.6
Discovery Hillpointe MS	73.8
Discovery Sandhill ES	37.0
Doral Cactus ES	89.5
Doral Cactus MS	96.1

School	Index Score
Doral Fire Mesa ES	61.0
Doral Fire Mesa MS	82.2
Doral North NV ES	86.1
Doral North NV MS	93.3
Doral Pebble ES	87.5
Doral Pebble MS	89.4
Doral Red Rock ES	89.0
Doral Red Rock MS	90.0
Doral Red Rock HS	76.0
Doral Saddle ES	84.5
Doral Saddle MS	85.5
Elko Institute ES	78.3
Elko Institute MS	93.8
Equipo Acad MS	68.5
Equipo Acad HS	69.5
Explore Acad MS	18.8
Explore Acad HS	N/A
Founders Acad ES	55.0
Founders Acad MS	63.8
Founders Acad HS	68.8
Freedom Classical Acad ES	35.0
Freedom Classical Acad MS	70.0
Futuro Acad ES	20.0
GEMS MS (fka GALS MS)	47.5
Honors Acad ES	38.8
Honors Acad MS	45.0
Imagine Mtn View ES	67.7

School	Index Score
Imagine Mtn View MS	81.6
Leadership Acad MS	75.5
Leadership Acad HS	81.6
Learning Bridge ES	16.1
Learning Bridge MS	63.3
Legacy Cadence ES	23.5
Legacy Cadence MS	59.5
Legacy N. Valley ES	34.5
Legacy N. Valley MS	51.5
Legacy Southwest ES	69.5
Legacy Southwest MS	73.0
Mater Bonanza Acad ES	48.5
Mater Bonanza Acad MS	47.0
Mater East ES	26.5
Mater East MS	46.0
Mater East HS	N/A
Mater Mtn Vista Acad ES	61.0
Mater Mtn Vista Acad MS	85.5
Mater North NV ES	64.0
Mater North NV MS	55.5
NSHS Downtown HS	80.6
NSHS Dtwn Henderson HS	100.0
NSHS Henderson HS	96.8
NSHS Meadowood HS	94.3
NSHS Northwest HS	99.3
NSHS Southwest HS	100.0
NSHS Summerlin HS	90.6

NSHS Sunrise HS NV Connections Acad HS NV Prep ES NV Prep MS NV Rise ES NV Virtual Acad MS NV Virtual Acad HS Oasis Acad ES Oasis Acad MS Oasis Acad HS Pinecrest Cadence ES	93.1
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Pinecrest Cadence HS	87.2
Pinecrest Horizon ES	80.5
Pinecrest Inspirada ES	92.7
Pinecrest Inspirada MS	97.2
Pinecrest North NV ES	79.0
Pinecrest North NV MS	71.6
Pinecrest Sloan Canyon ES	92.5
Pinecrest Sloan Canyon MS	84.4
Pinecrest Sloan Canyon HS	N/A
Pinecrest St Rose ES	83.5
Pinecrest St Rose MS	94.4
Quest Northwest ES	57.5
Quest Northwest MS	52.2
Signature Prep ES	
Signature Prep MS	37.5

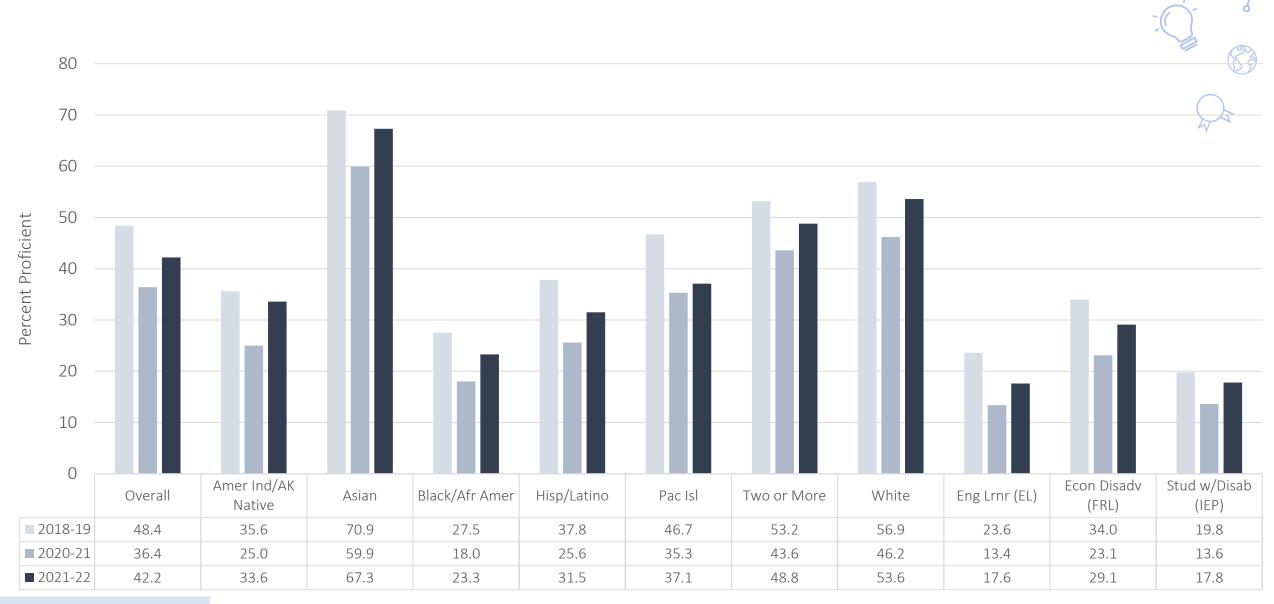
School	Index Score
Silver Sands ES	53.0
Silver Sands MS	56.1
SLAM Acad ES	60.0
SLAM Acad MS	57.5
SLAM Acad HS	73.5
Somerset Aliante ES	63.0
Somerset Aliante MS	80.0
Somerset Lone Mtn ES	79.0
Somerset Lone Mtn MS	73.5
Somerset Losee ES	51.0
Somerset Losee MS	52.0
Somerset Losee HS	49.0
Somerset NLV ES	50.5
Somerset NLV MS	48.5
Somerset Sky Pointe ES	85.5
Somerset Sky Pointe MS	92.2
Somerset Sky Pointe HS	66.5
Somerset Skye Canyon ES	93.0
Somerset Skye Canyon MS	92.2
Somerset Stephanie ES	48.0
Somerset Stephanie MS	72.5
TEACH LV ES	N/A
TEACH LV MS	62.6

NA = Not Applicable (score not displayed as school did not meet NSPF rating requirements)



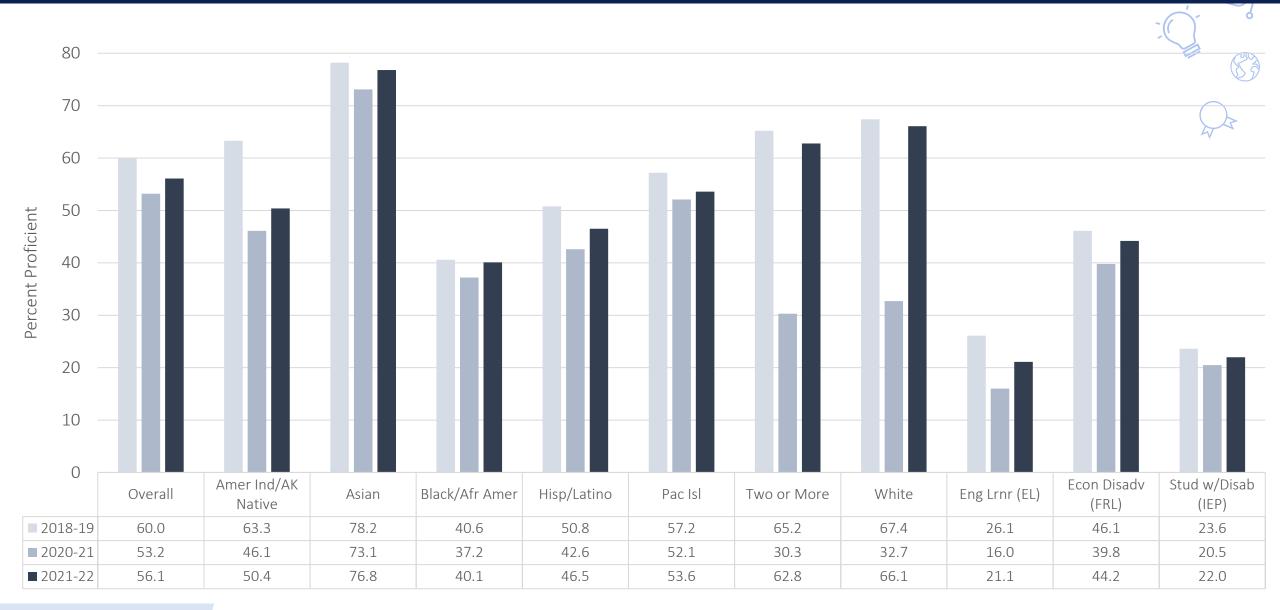
## Proficiency on State Assessments

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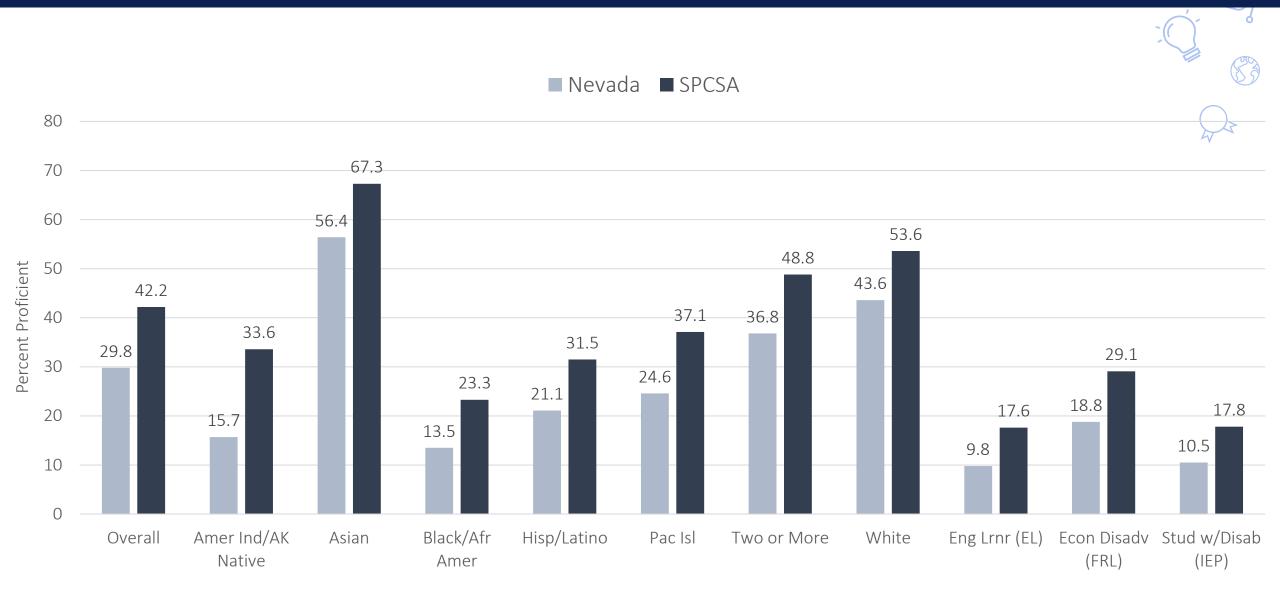


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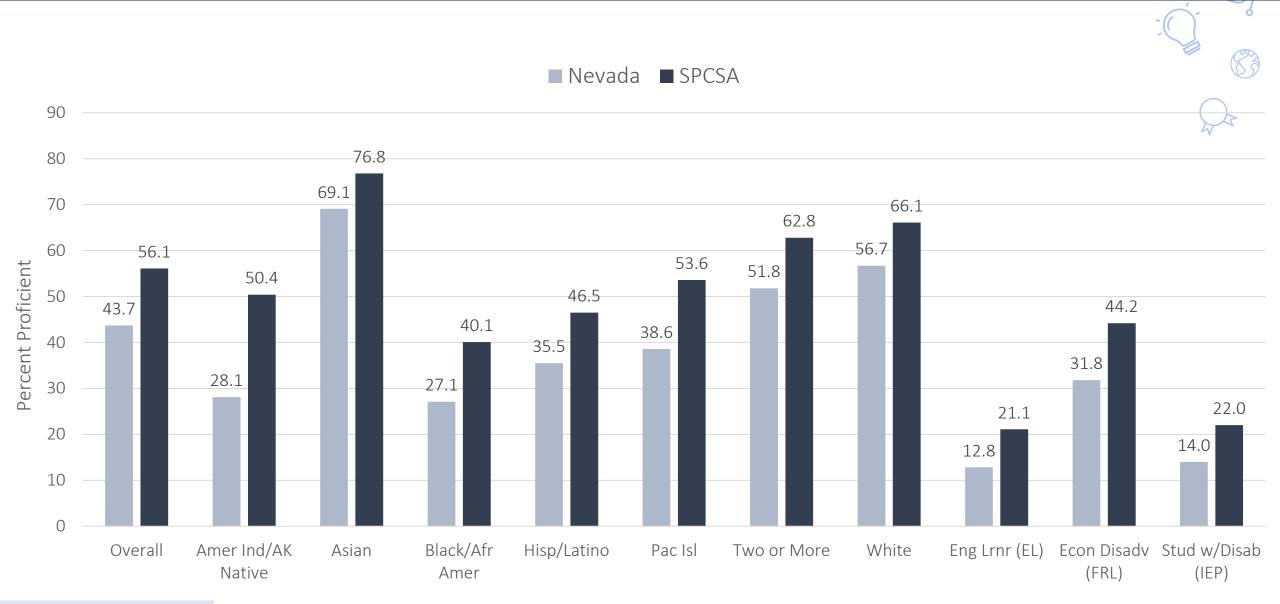


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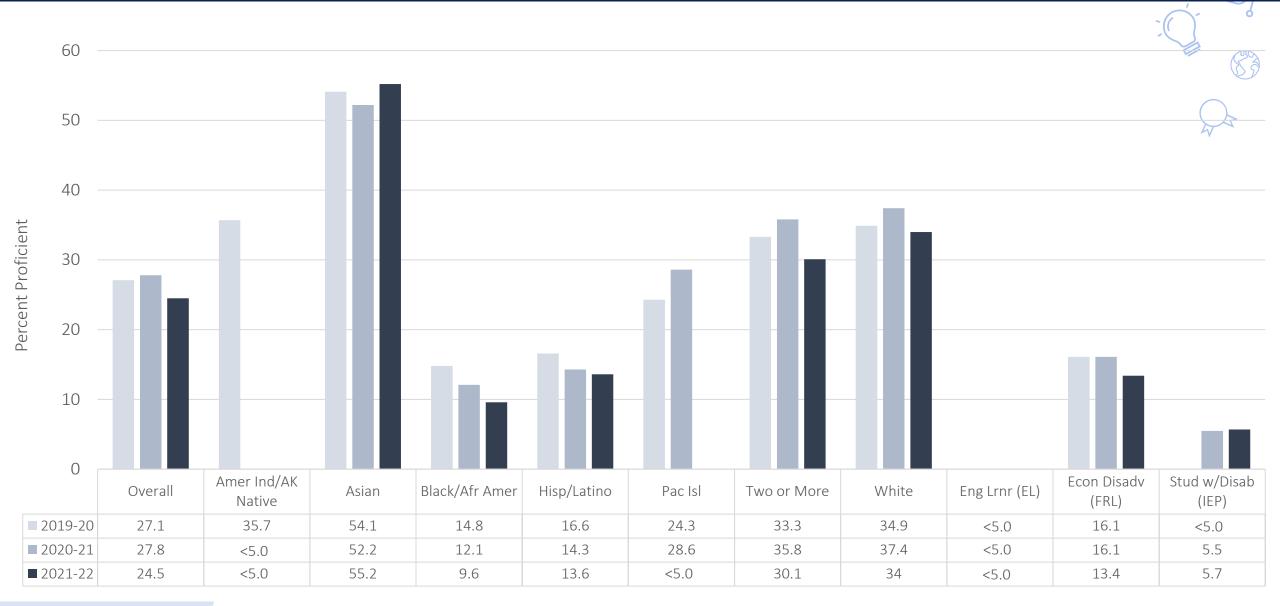


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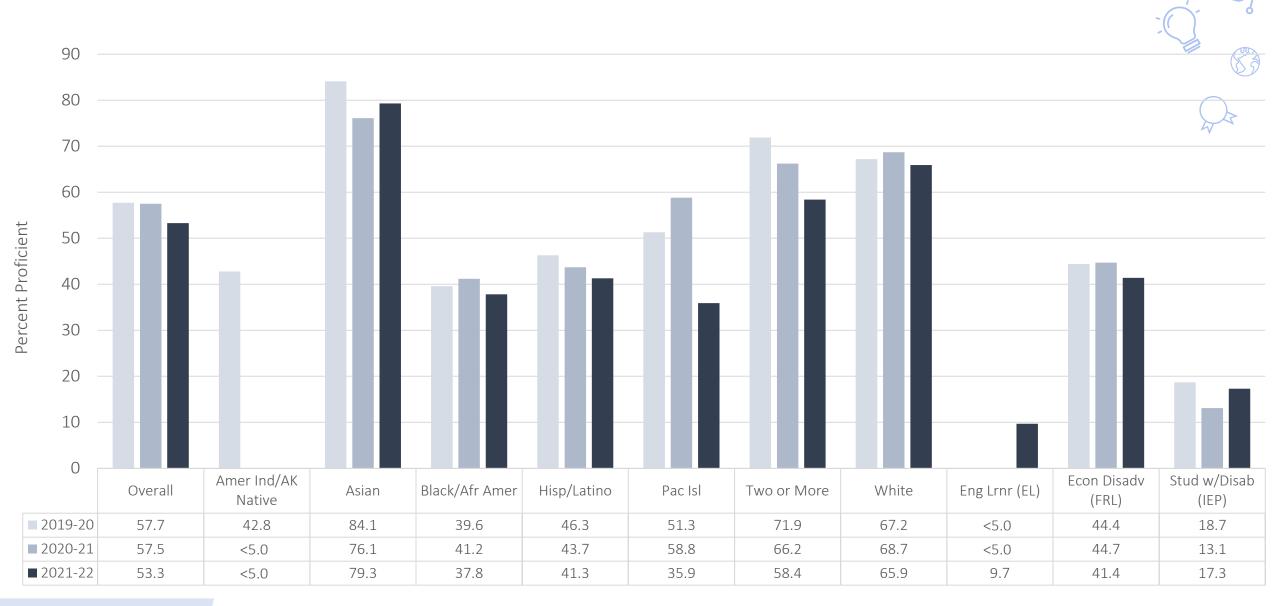


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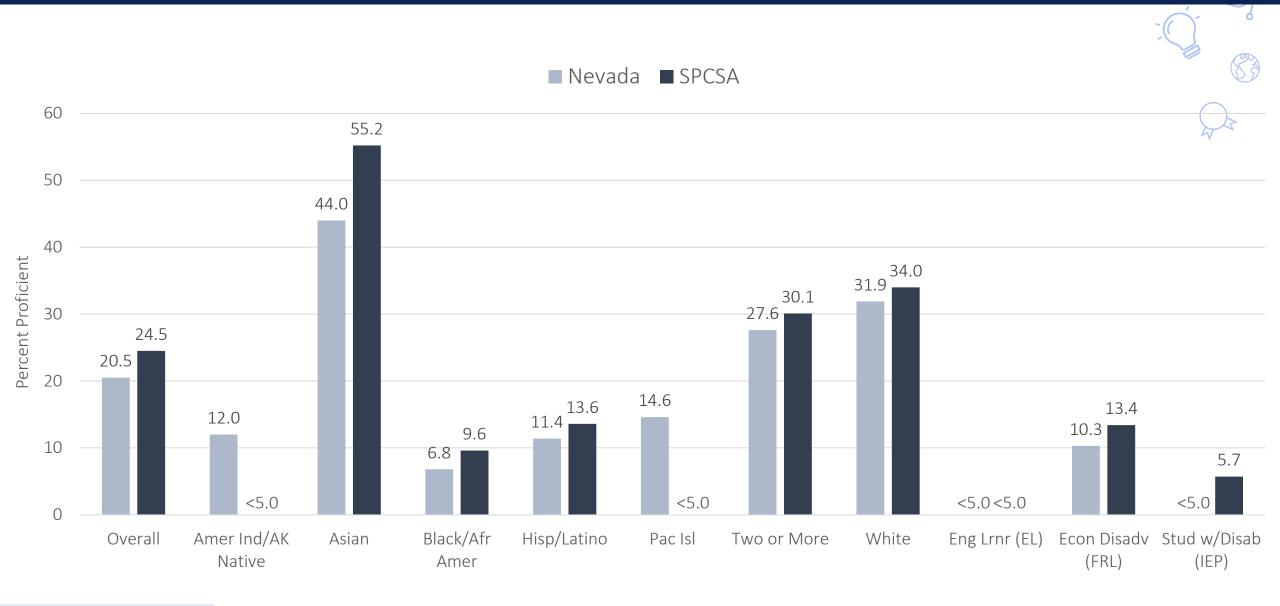


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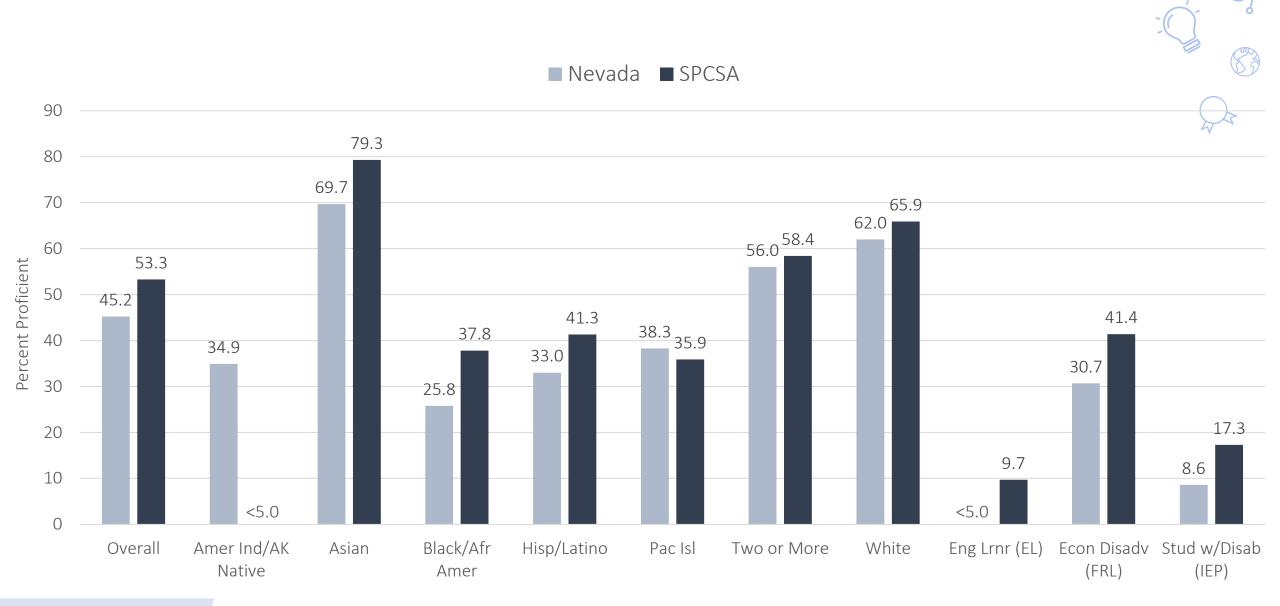


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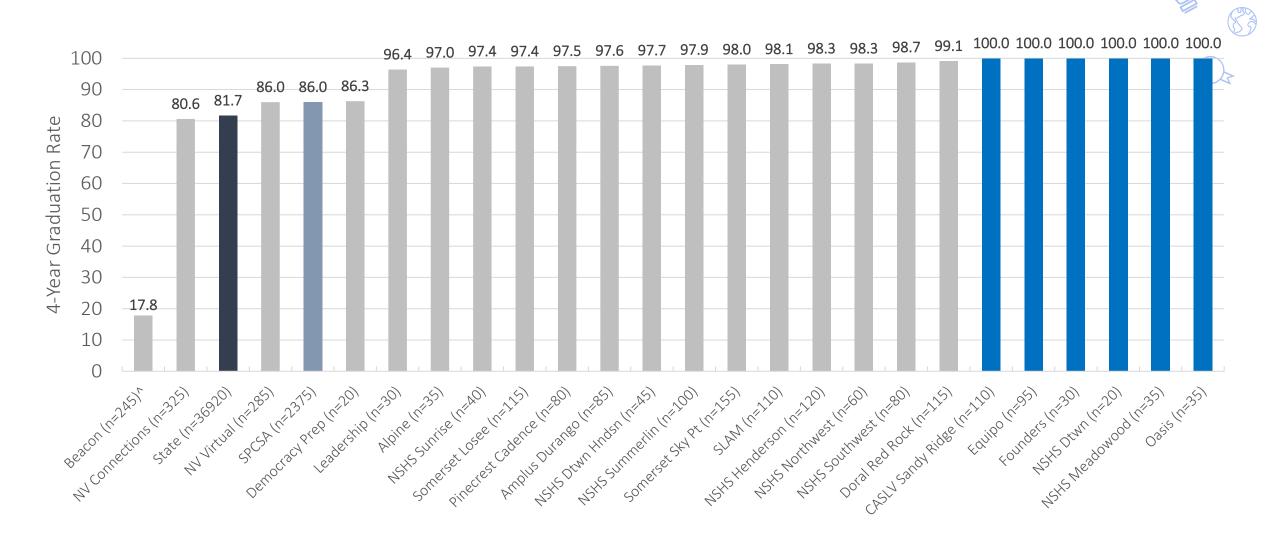
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### Graduation Rates

#### 4-Year Graduation Rates: SPCSA Schools (Class of 2021-22)

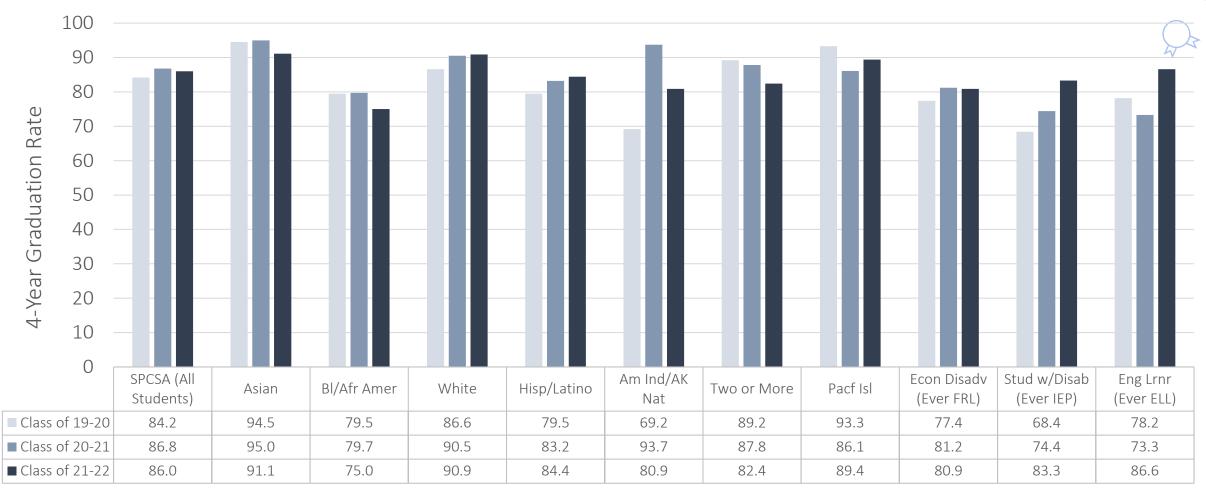




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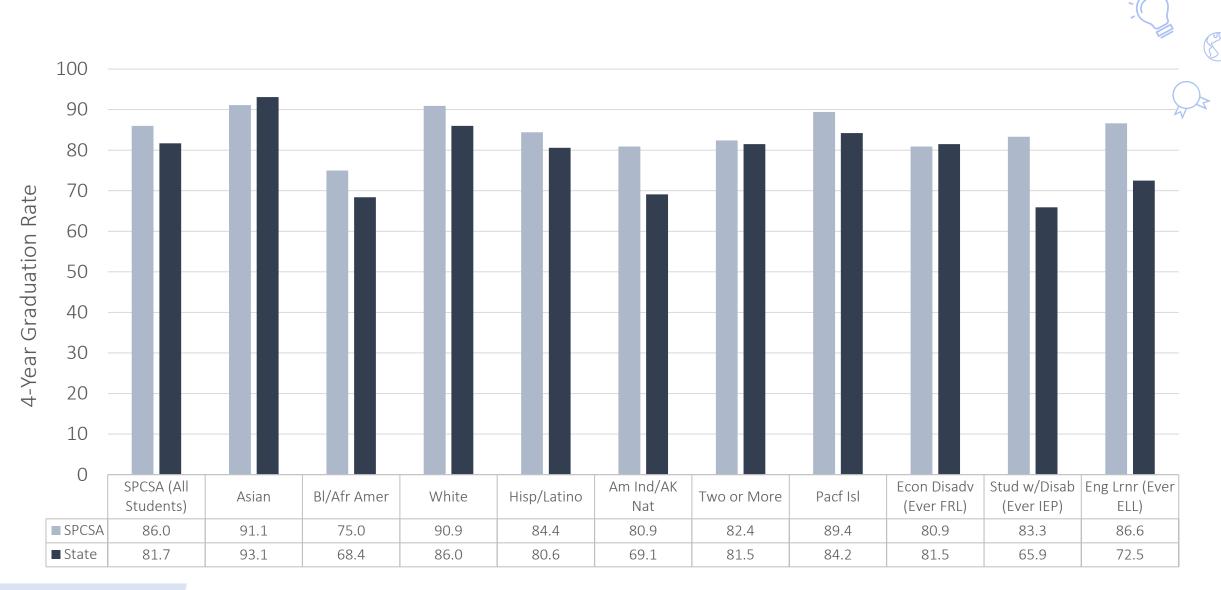
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#### 4-Year Graduation Rates: SPCSA Comparison to State (Class of 2021-22)

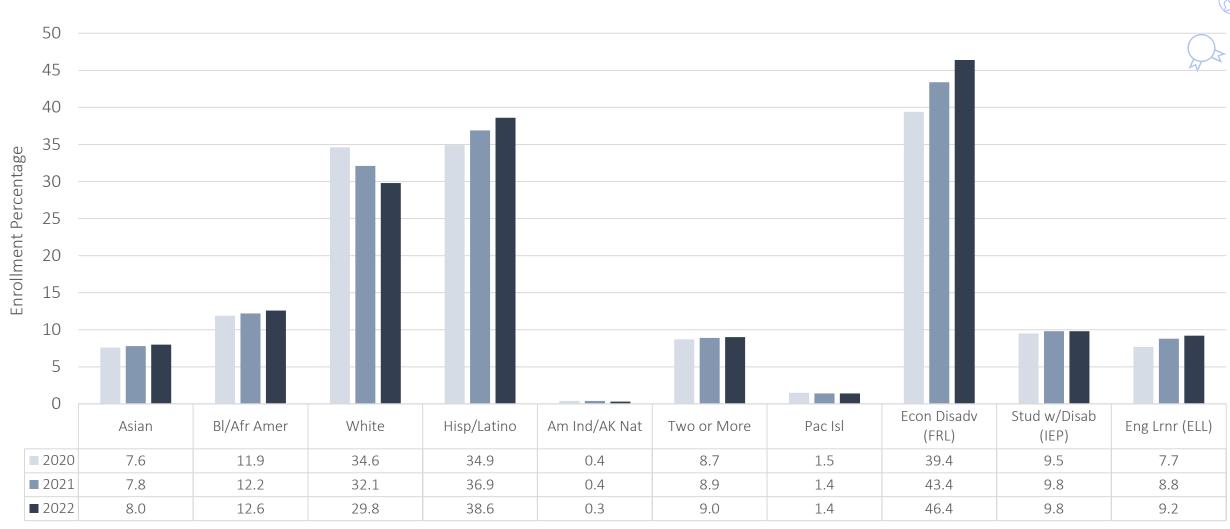




# Enrollment and Demographics

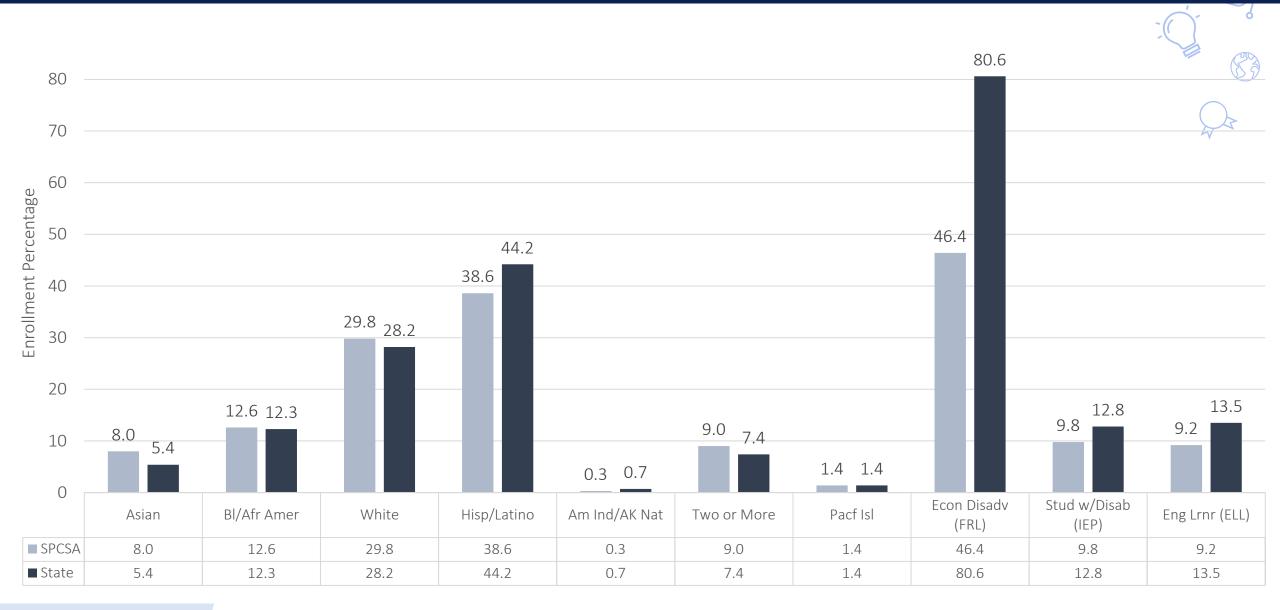
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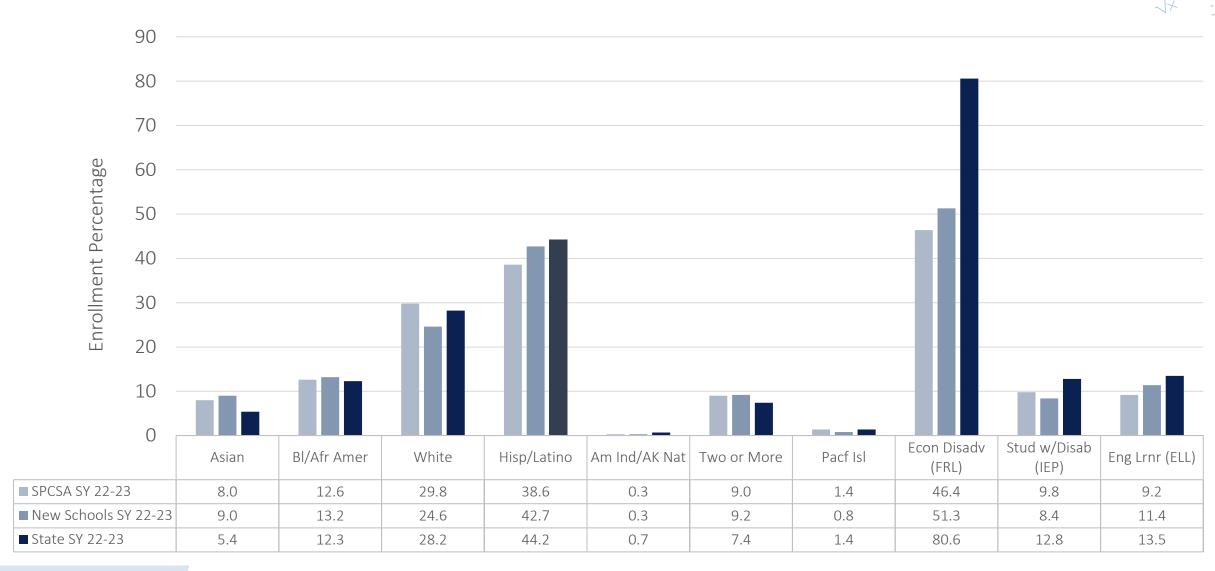


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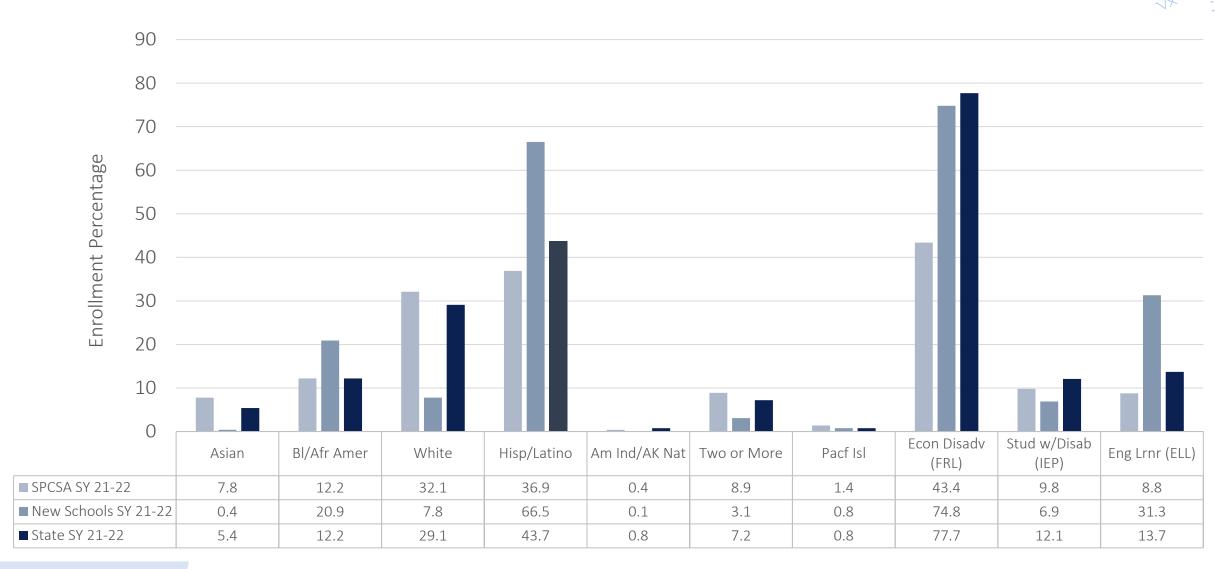
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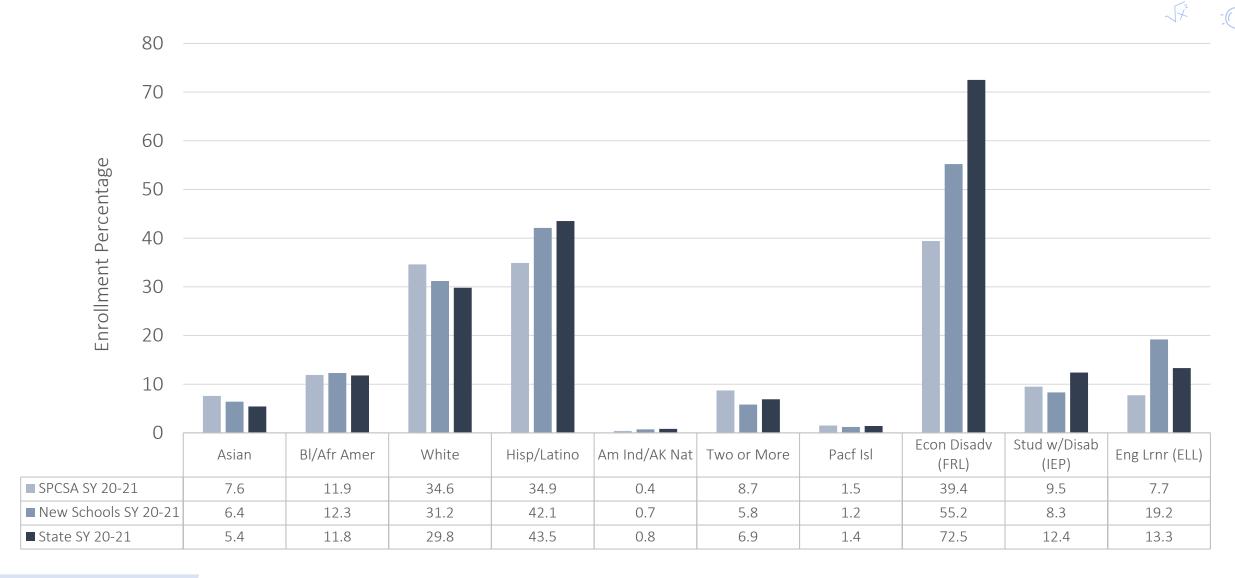
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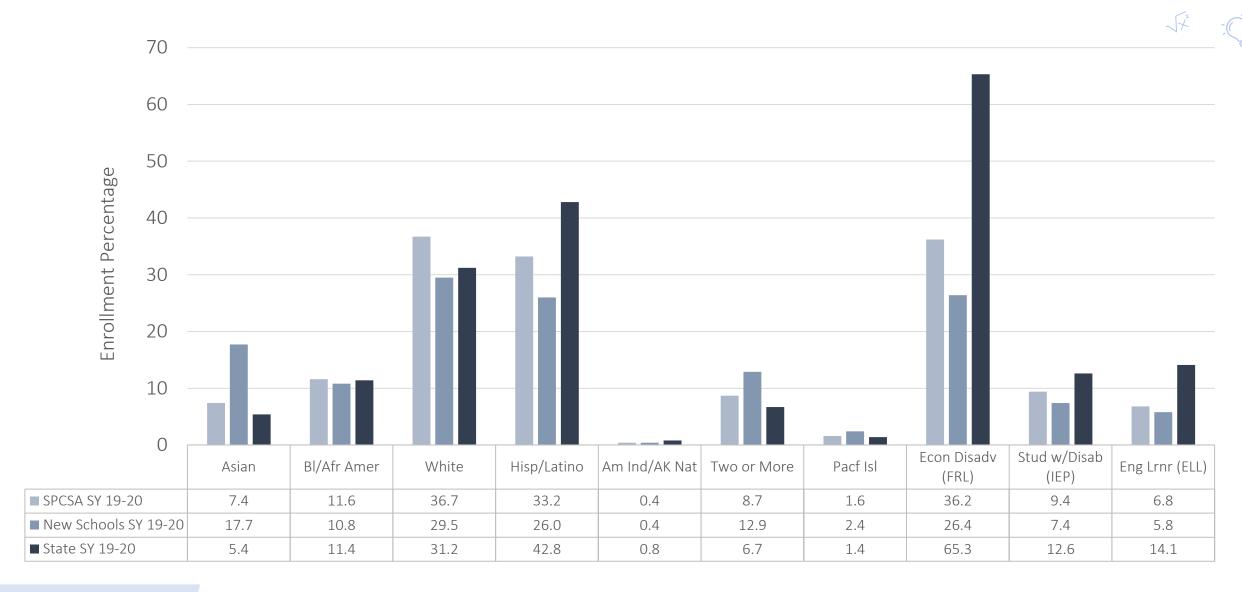


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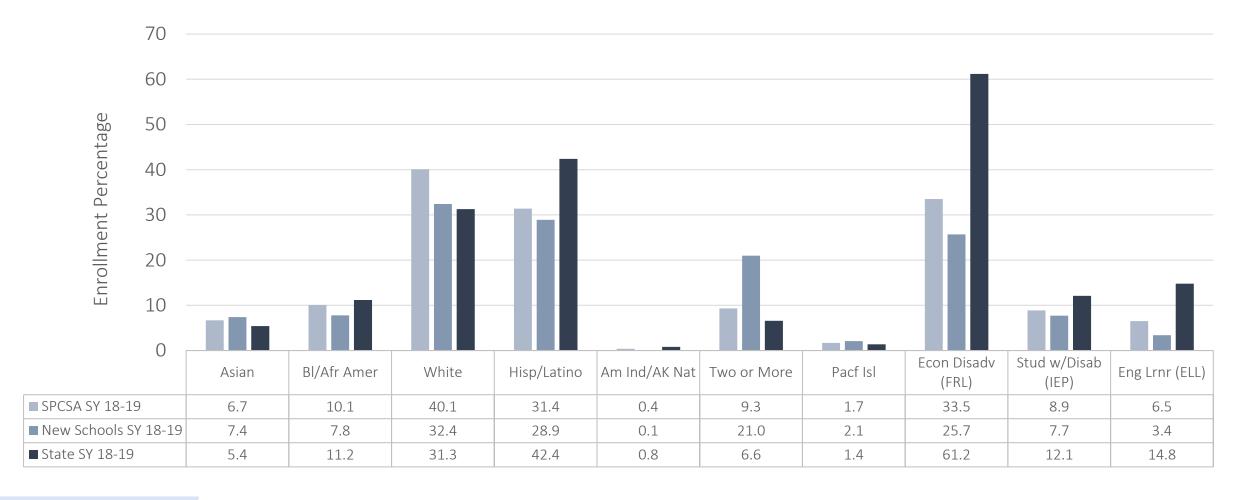
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Student

Count





