

# E3-3D: Math Matters!

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# Pathways of Promise Initiative



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## Today's Conversation

- I. Pathways of Promise Overview
- II. Keynote Remarks by Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette
- III. Statewide and Central Texas Mathematics Analysis
- IV. Questions & Answer
- V. Recommendations for Fortifying Math Pathway
- VI. Panel Conversation: Implementation
- VII. Call to Action

# E3 Alliance is a Catalyst For Educational Change in Central Texas



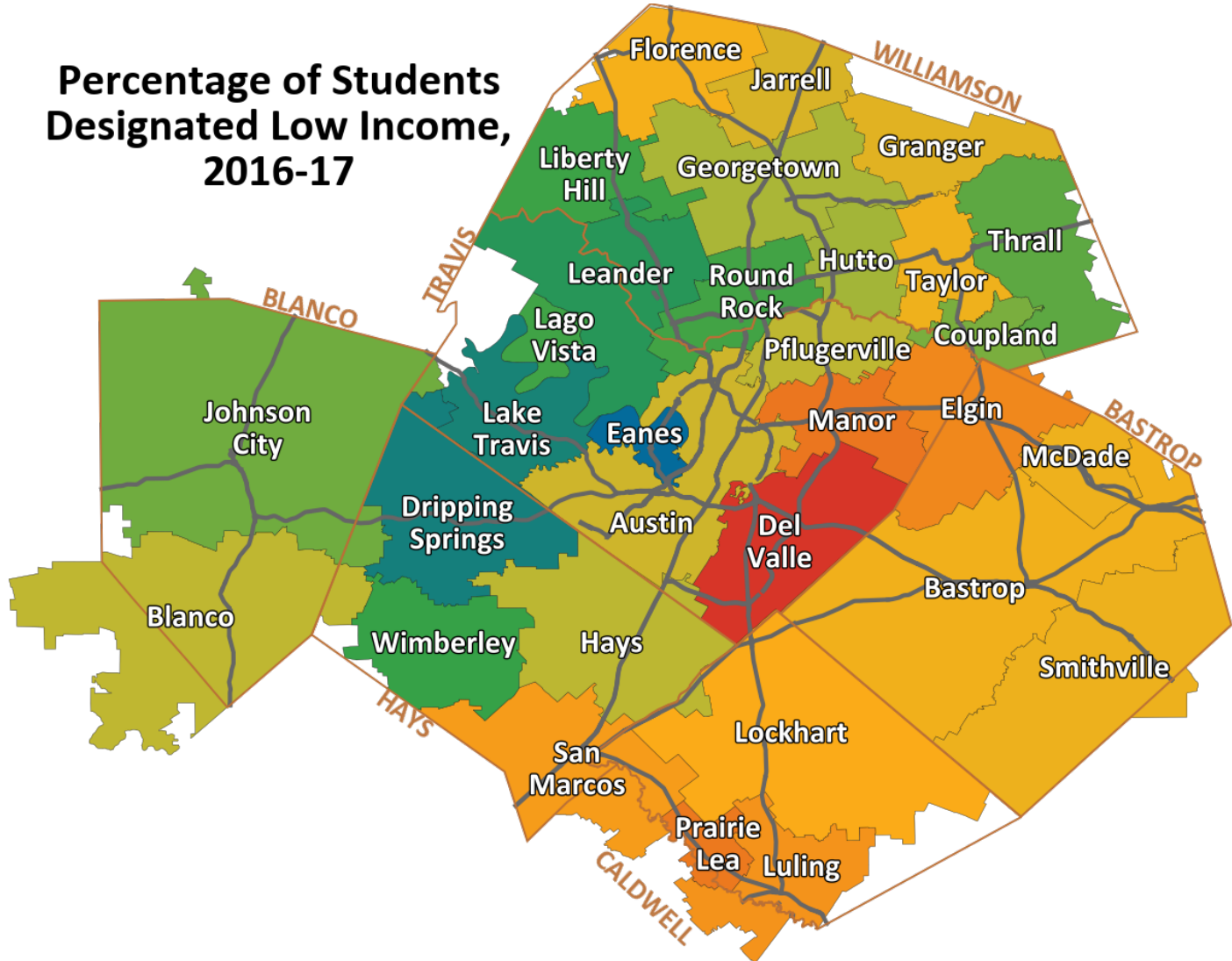
## Mission

*E3 Alliance uses **objective data** and **focused community collaboration** to align our education systems so all students succeed and lead Central Texas to economic prosperity*

# Equity Lens Drives Our Work in Central Texas

2% Eanes
10% Dripping Springs
12% Lake Travis
19% Leander
24% Wimberley
25% Liberty Hill
26% Lago Vista
26% Round Rock
30% Thrall
34% Johnson City
36% Coupland
42% Hutto
43% Georgetown
48% Hays
48% Pflugerville
49% Blanco
53% Austin
56% Jarrell
59% Granger
63% Smithville
63% McDade
64% Taylor
64% Bastrop
65% Florence
68% Lockhart
71% San Marcos
72% Luling
74% Elgin
76% Prairie Lea
77% Manor
87% Del Valle

**Percentage of Students Designated Low Income, 2016-17**





# Pathways of Promise Steering Committee



# Texas Mandates 60% of Young Adults with College Degree by 2030, But...

## Postsecondary Completion Rates

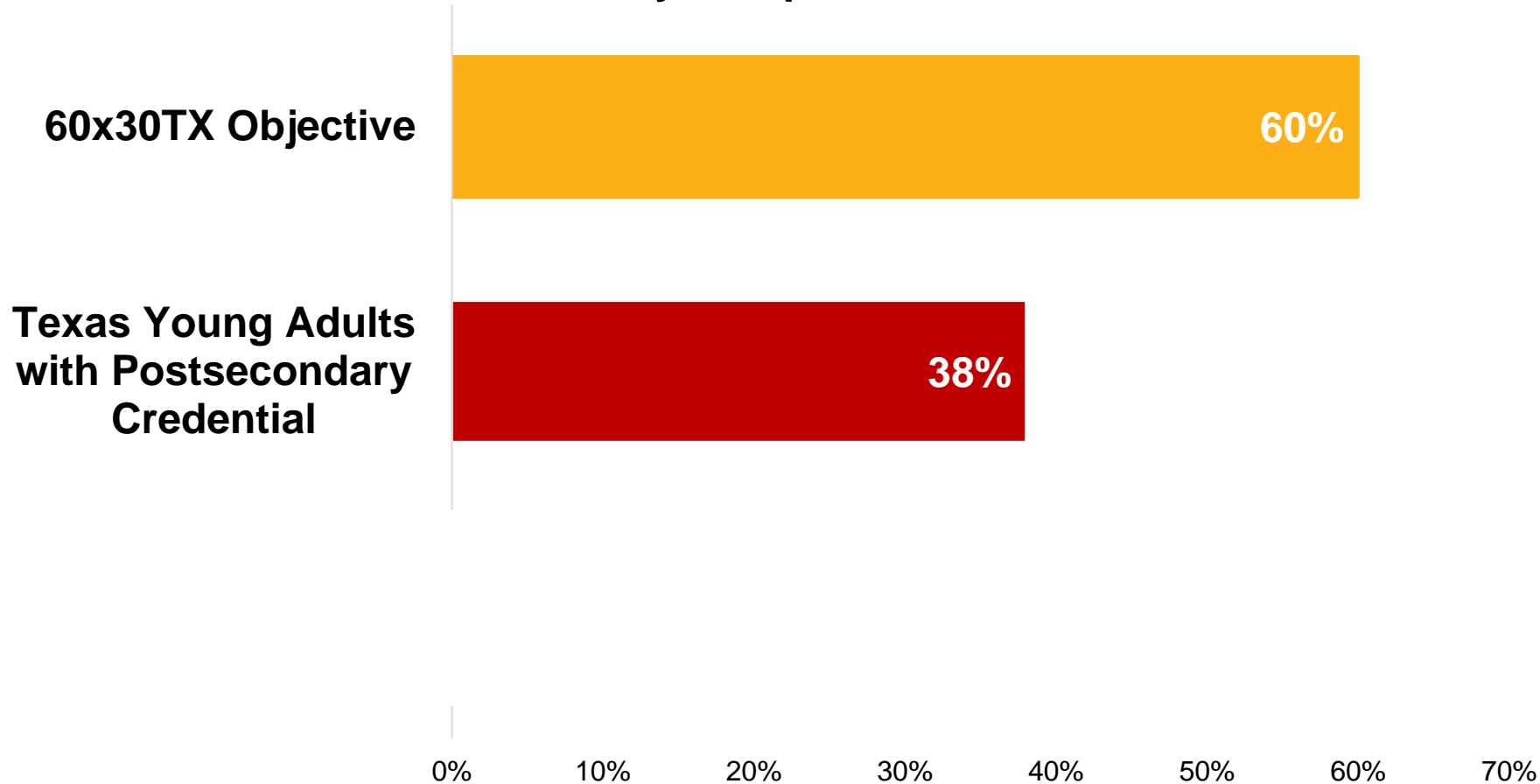
**60x30TX Objective**



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70%

# We Are Only 2/3 of the Way There

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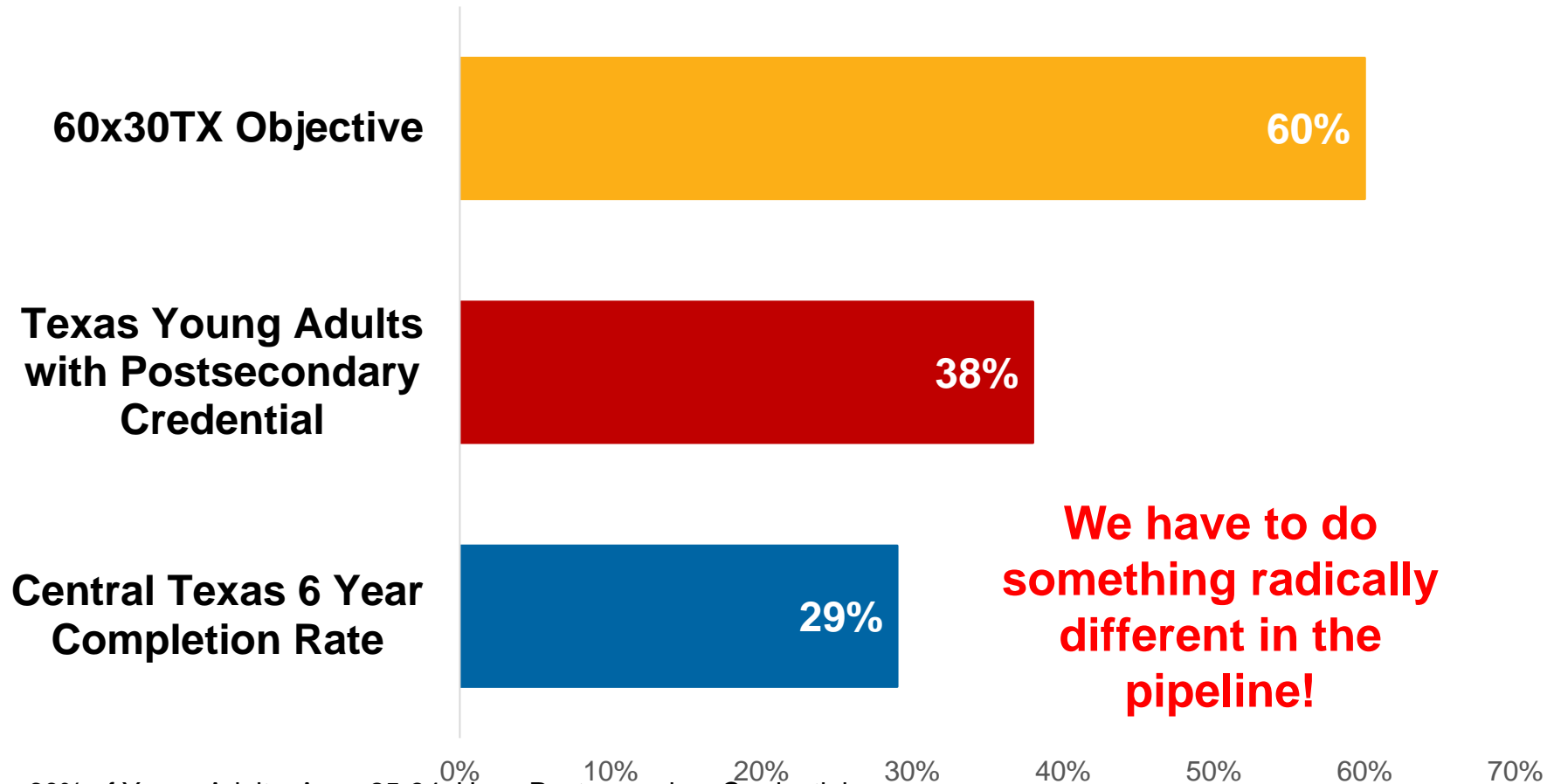


Objective: 60% of Young Adults, Ages 24-35, Have Postsecondary Credential

Source: THECB report <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/6584.PDF>

# We Are NOT on Track to Meet 60x30TX

## Postsecondary Completion Rates



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Sources: Objective, TX Young Adult IHE credential: THECB report, Texas: 2008-12 American Community Survey data;

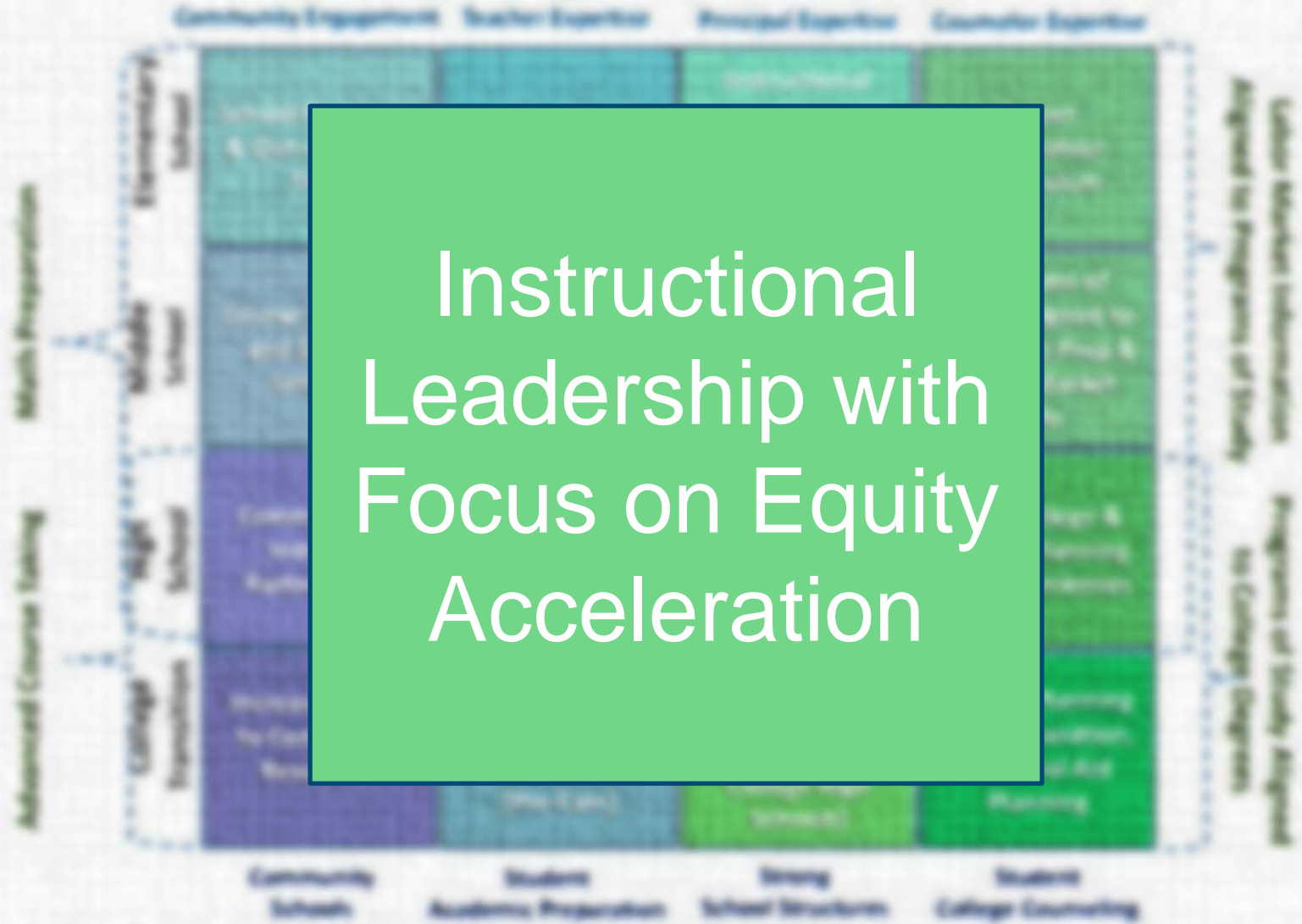
Central Texas 6 Yr completion rate: E3 Alliance analysis at UT Austin ERC.

# Pathways of Promise: Recommendations for Strengthening & Deepening College & Career Pathways in Texas

		Community Engagement	Teacher Expertise	Principal Expertise	Counselor Expertise		
Math Preparation	Elementary School	School Readiness & Out-of-School Time	Instructional Excellence Across Programs	<b>Instructional Leadership with Focus on Equitable Acceleration</b>	Career Exploration Curriculum	Aligned to Programs of Study	Labor Market Information Programs of Study Aligned to College Degrees
	Middle School	Course Selection and Support Services	Middle School Math Preparation & 8th Grade Gap	Instructional Leadership with Focus on Building Content Expertise	Programs of Study Aligned to Academic Prep & Labor Market Info		
Advanced Course Taking	High School	Community & Industry Partnerships	4 Years of College Aligned Math (e.g., HB 5 College Prep Courses)	Build Strong, Relevant Programs of Study	LMI, College & Career Planning and Experiences		
	College Transition	Increase Access to Community Resources	Dual Credit CTE & Advanced Level Math (Pre-Cal+)	Innovative School Design (e.g., Early College High Schools)	College Planning and Preparation, Financial Aid Planning		
		<b>Community Schools</b>	<b>Student Academic Preparation</b>	<b>Strong School Structures</b>	<b>Student College Counseling</b>		

These recommendations result from a Career and Technical Education Study conducted by E3 Alliance and supported by the Greater Texas Foundation. For the Study Brief, visit [www.e3alliance.org](http://www.e3alliance.org).

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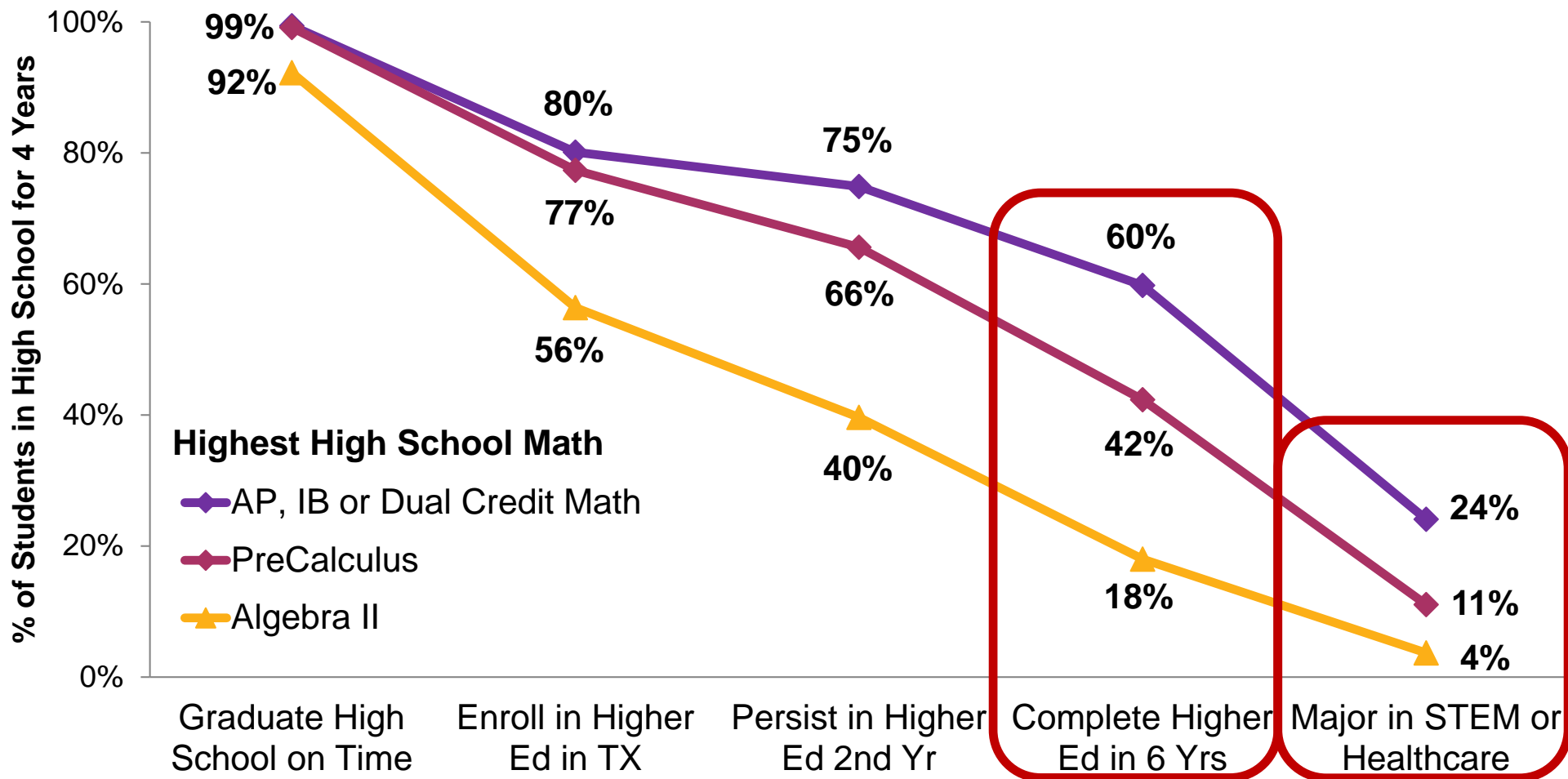






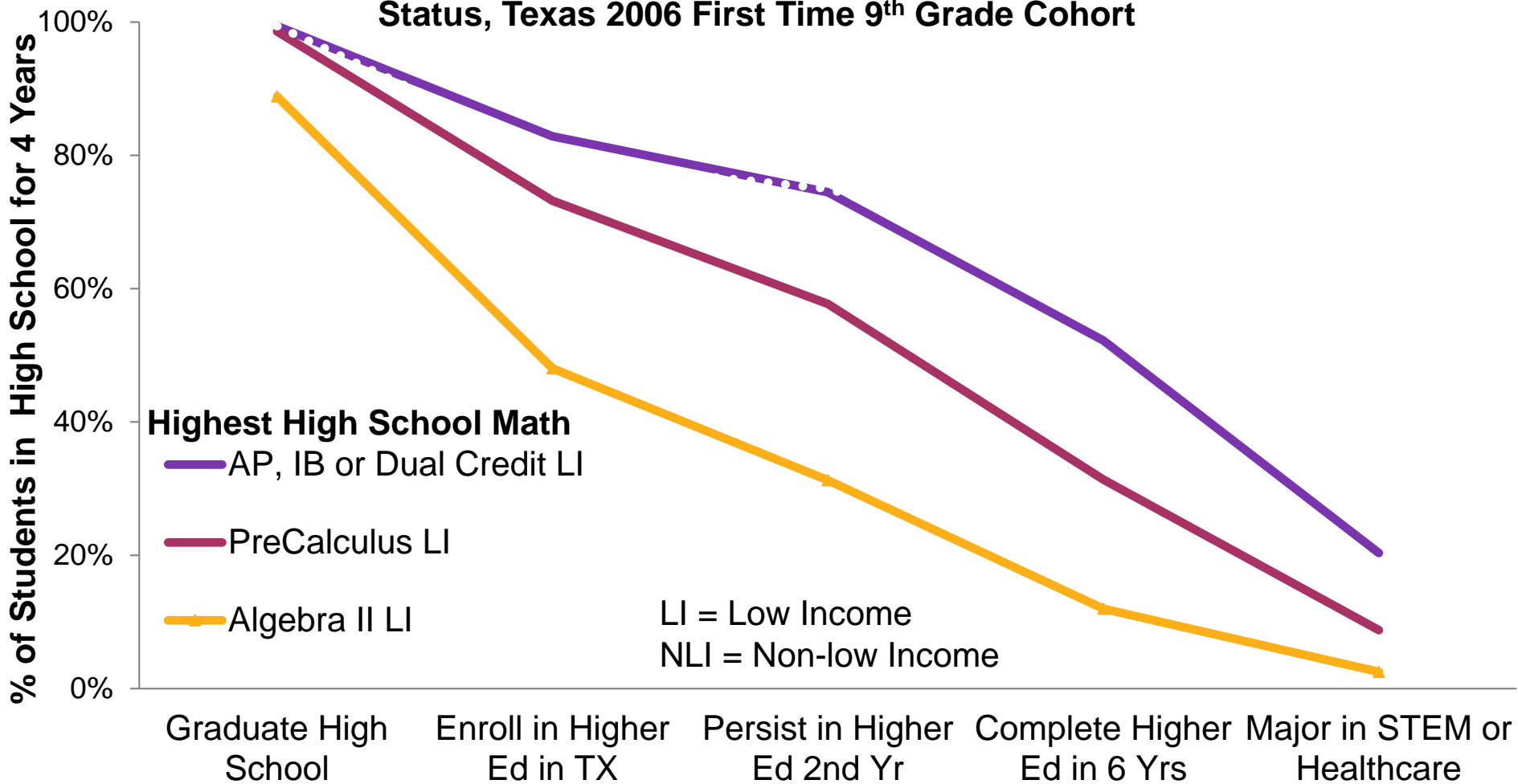
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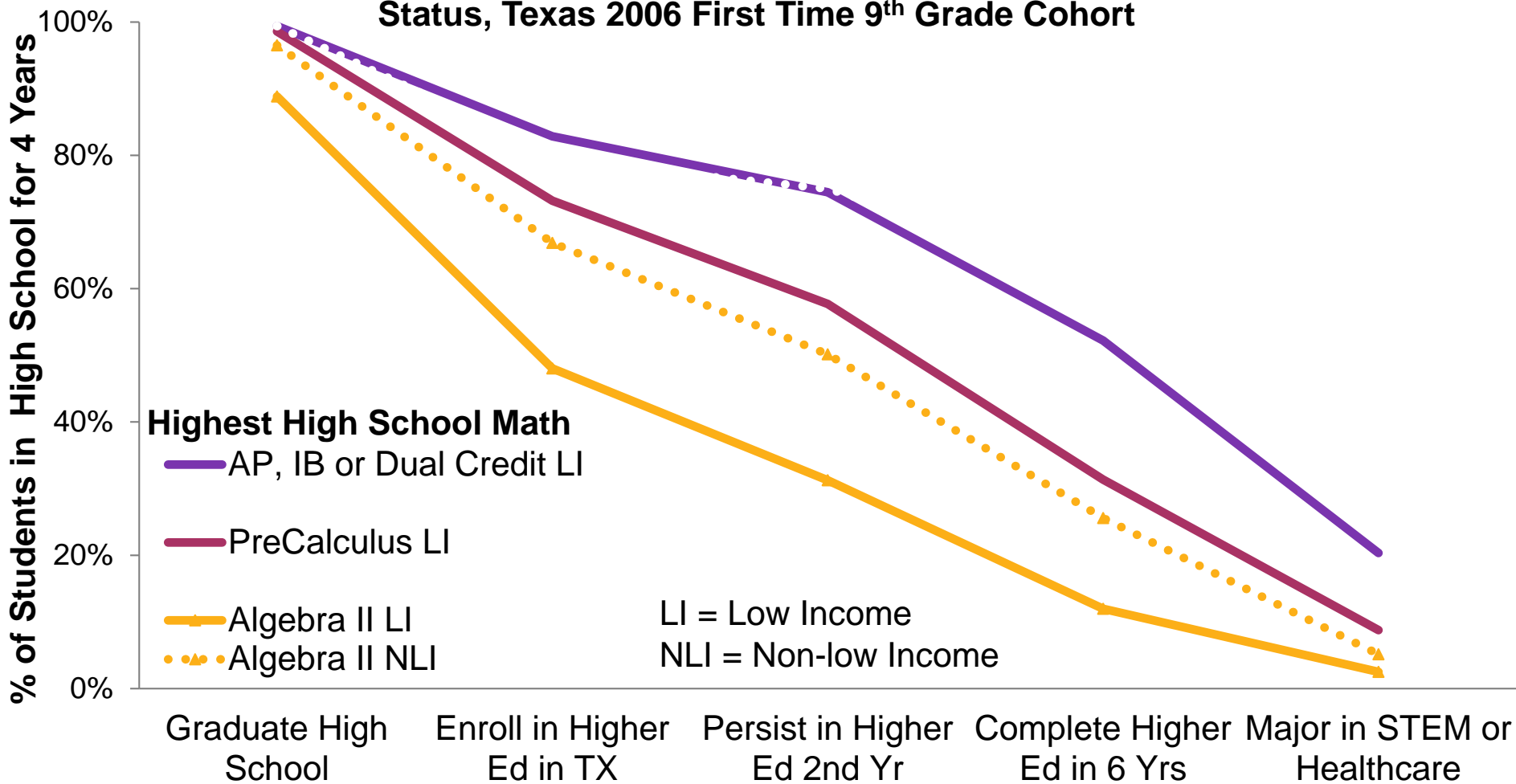
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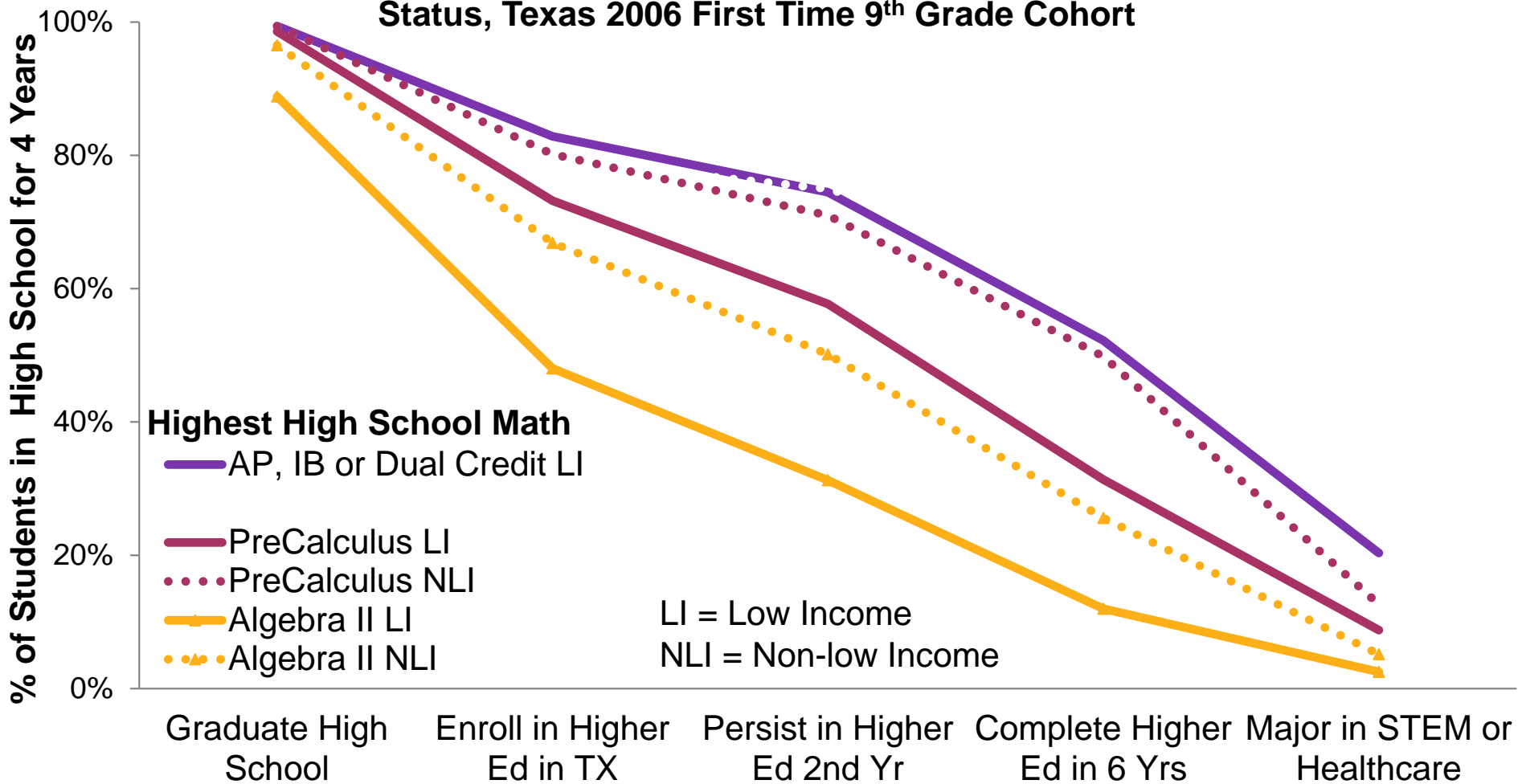
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How Do We Get Students to Take More Math?

## Algebra I Enrollment in Middle School

## 2012 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort

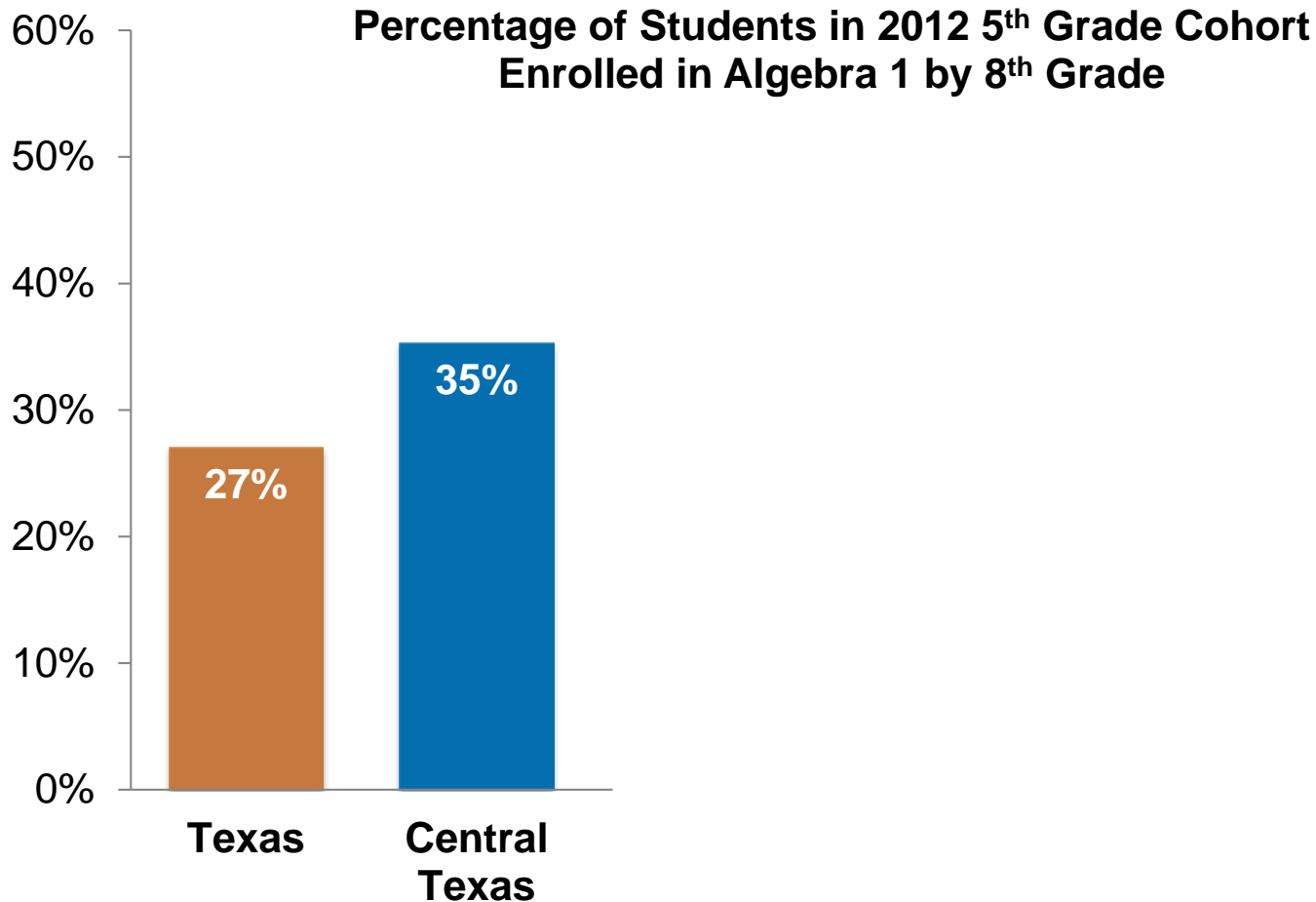
Limited to students who took 5<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Math and were enrolled across middle school

Demographic	Texas	Central Texas
Student Count	342 K	22 K
Low Income	63%	51%
Asian	4%	5%
Black	12%	8%
Hispanic	52%	47%
White	30%	37%
English Language Learner	27%	24%

## Definitions of 'Enrolled in Algebra 1 by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade'

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort students
- During *middle school*:
  - Sat through at least one semester of Algebra 1OR
  - Took high school math course beyond Algebra 1OR
  - Took Algebra 1 End of Course exam

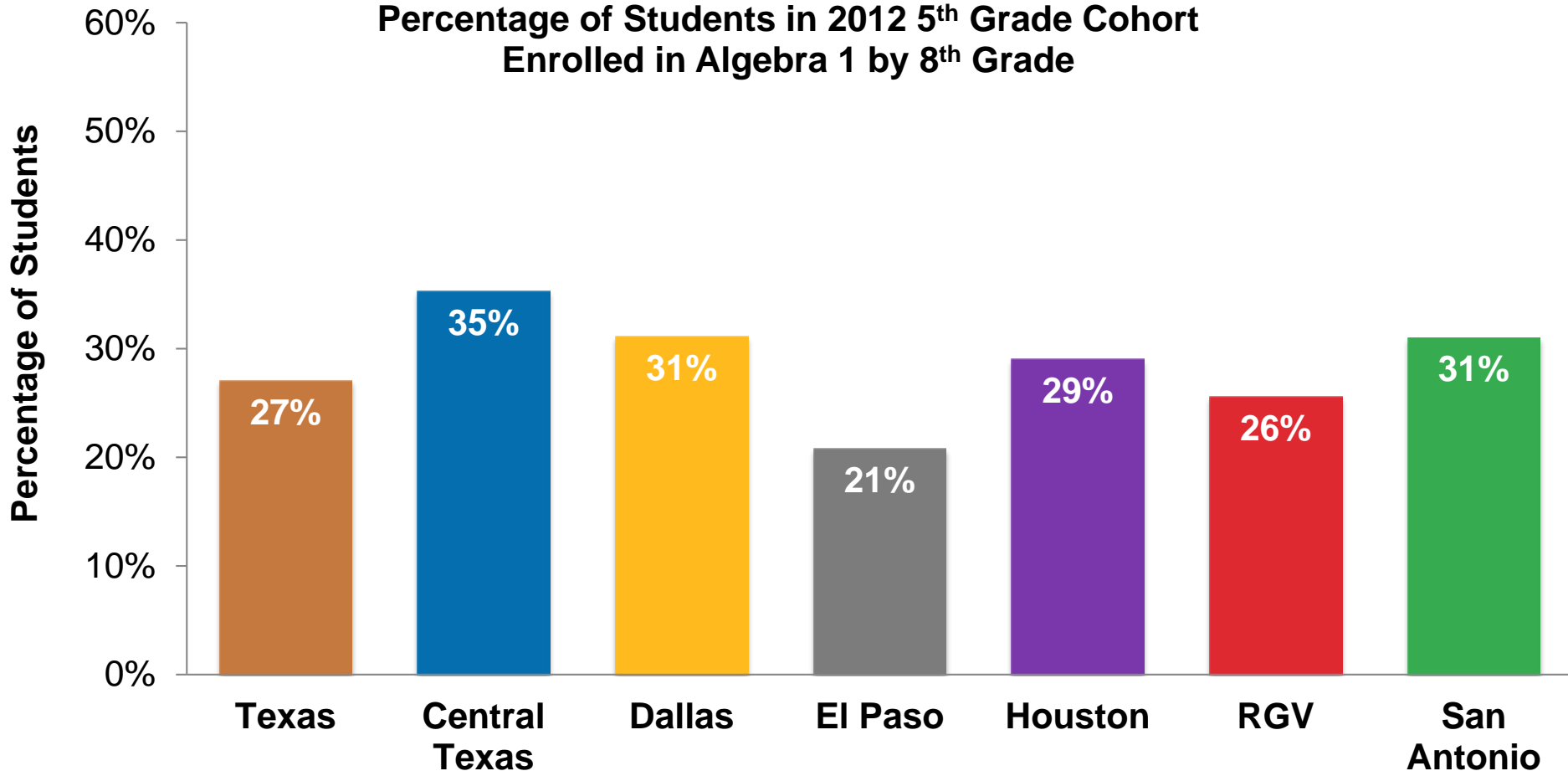
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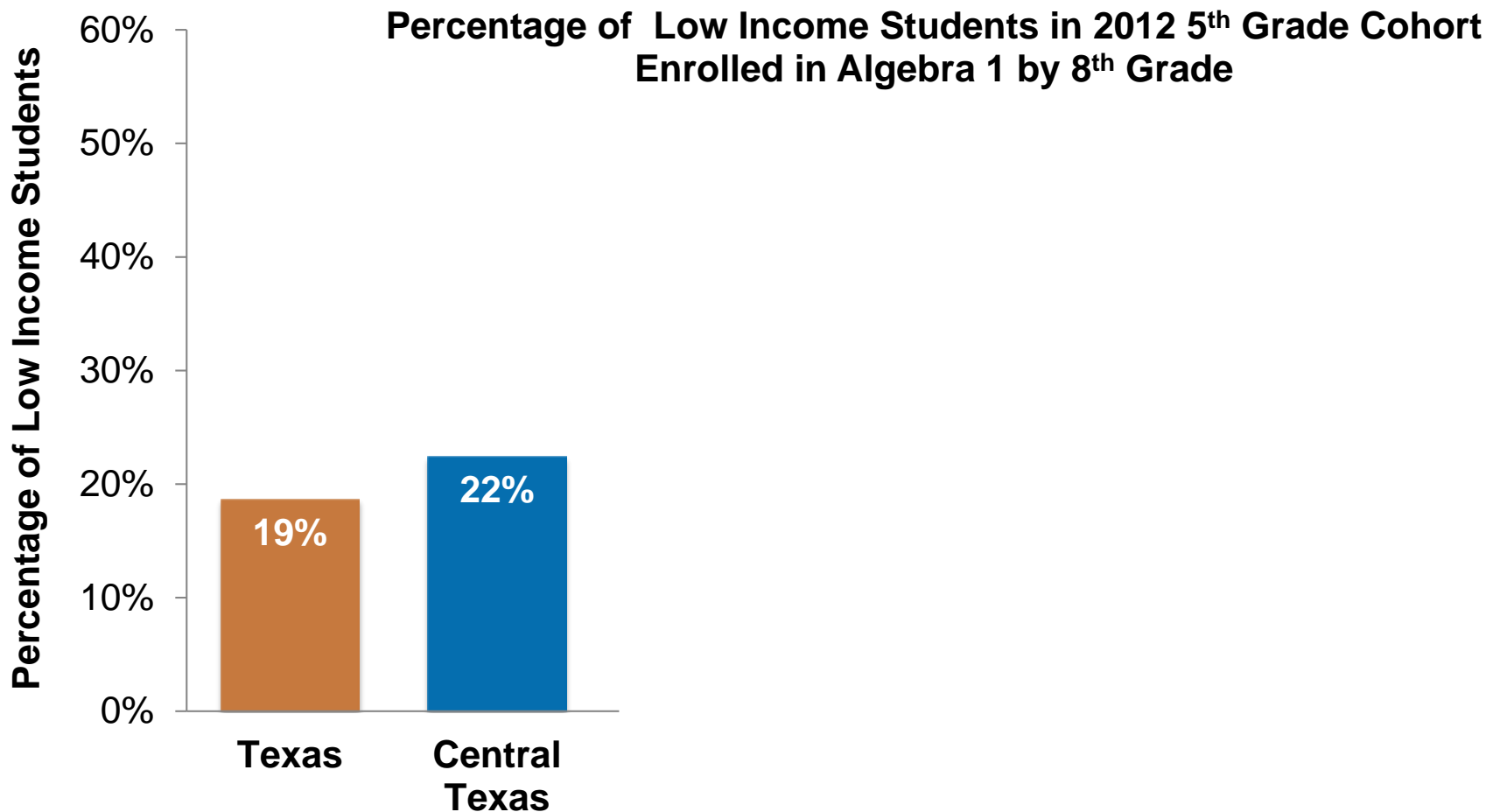


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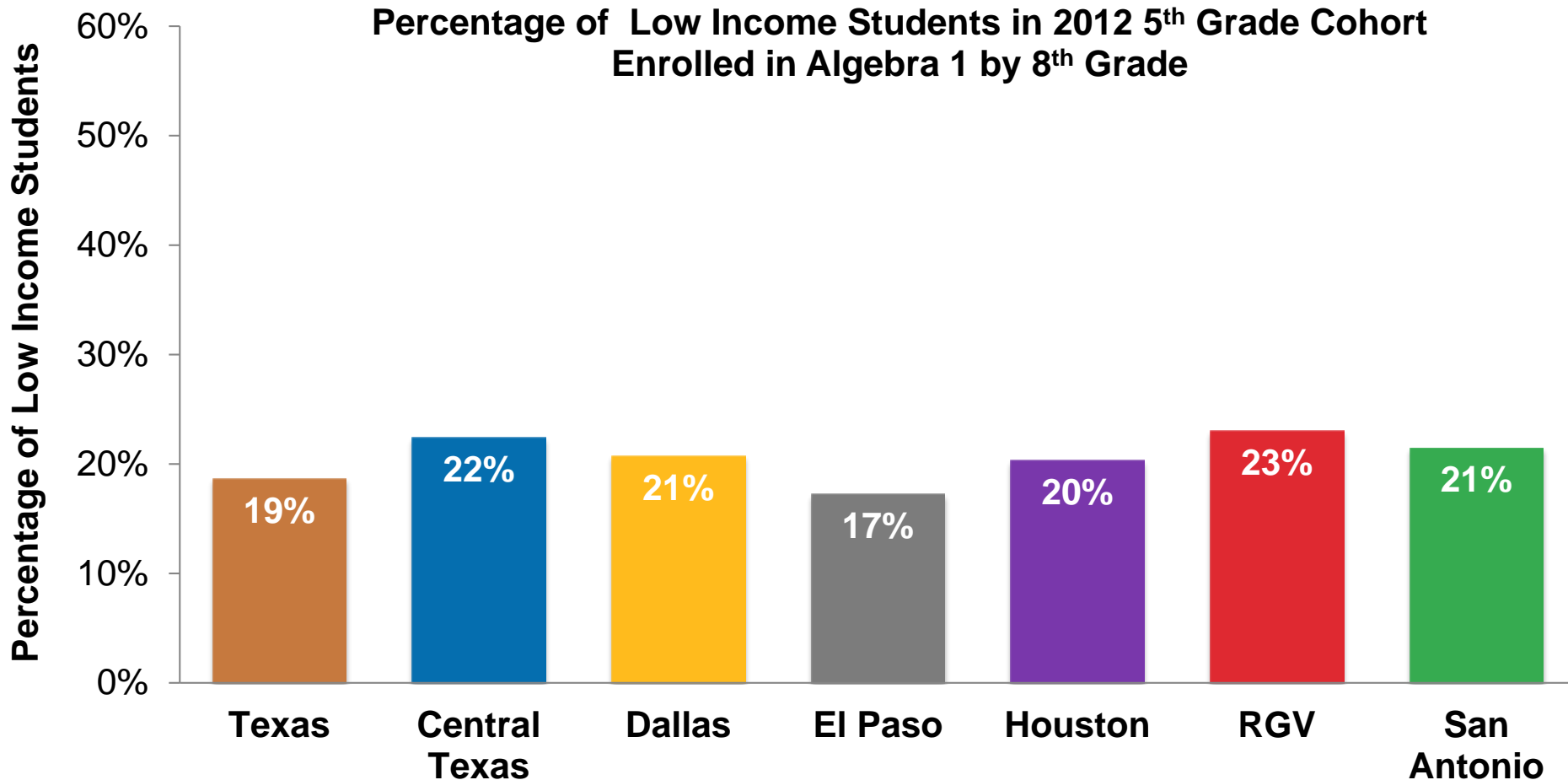
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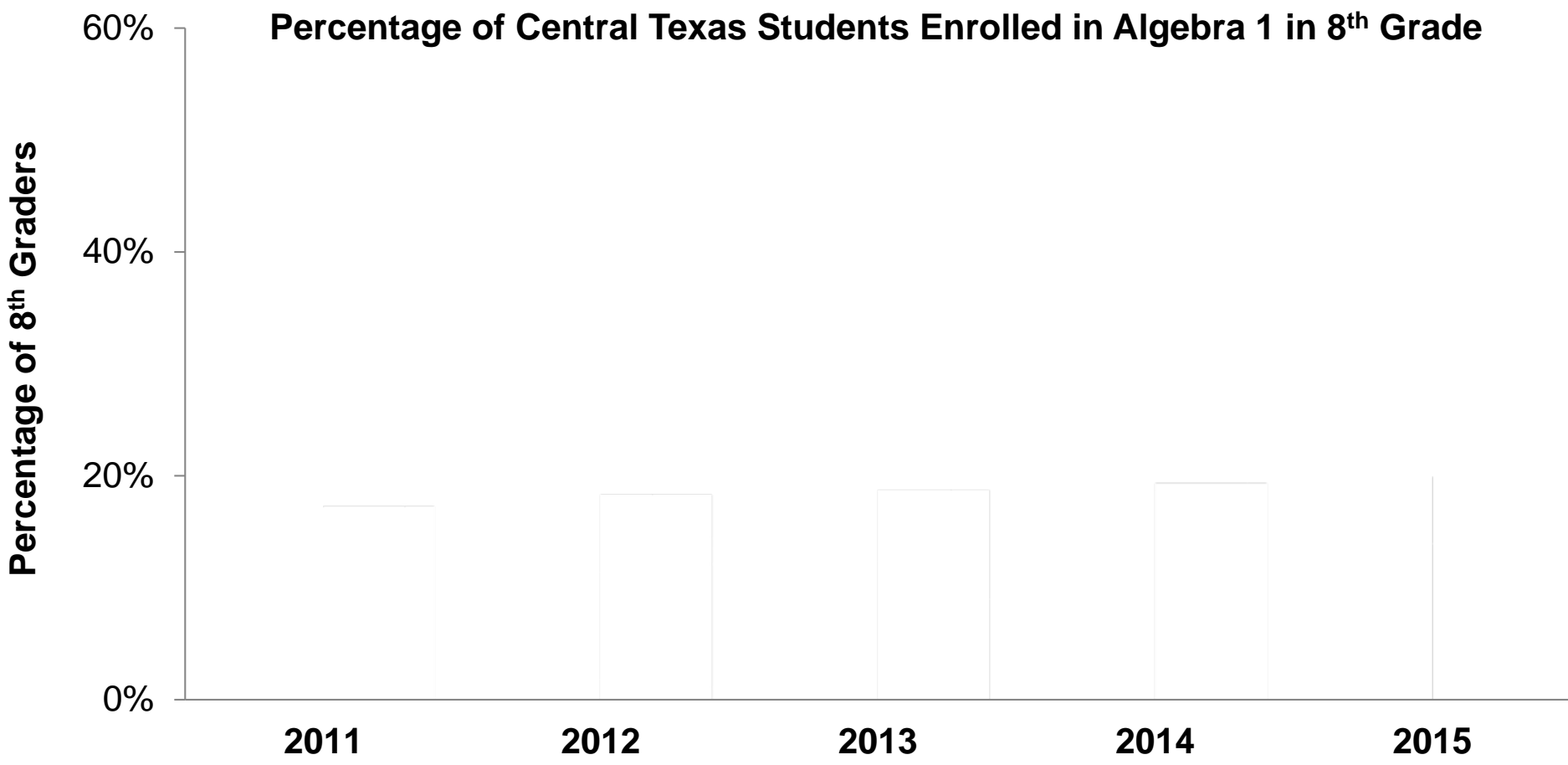
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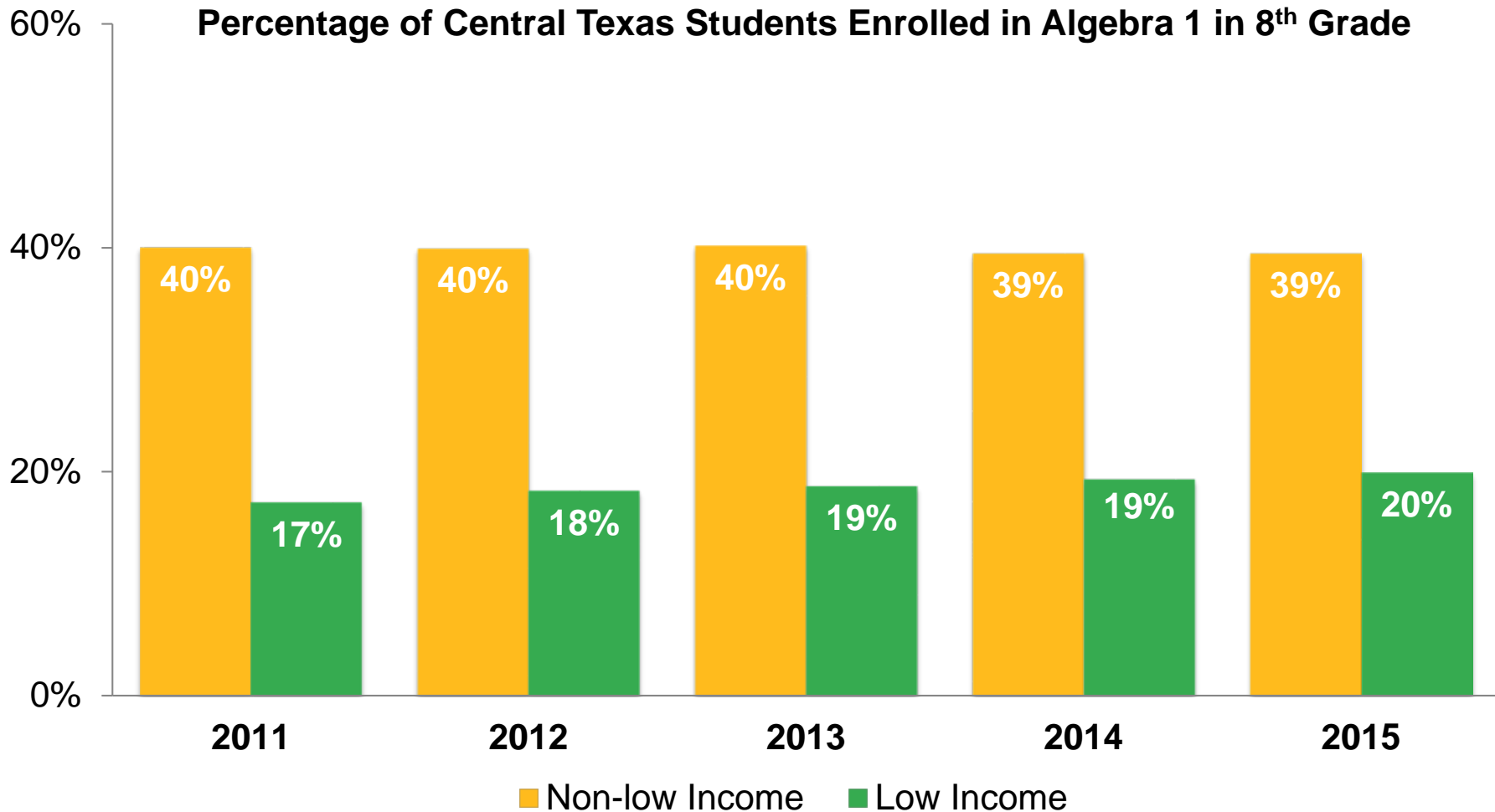
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# Low Income Enrollment Rates for Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Slowly Increasing

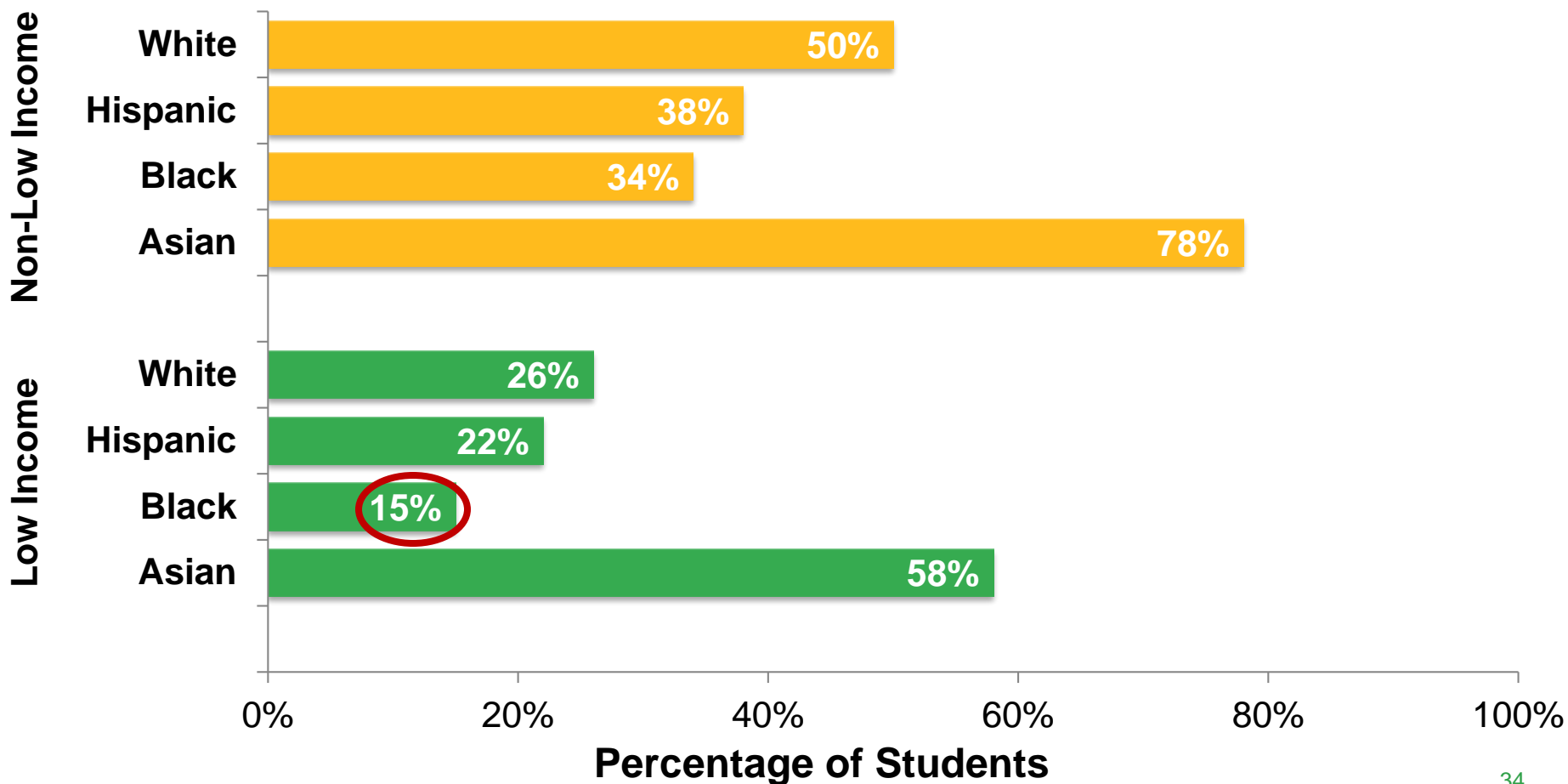


# Income Gaps for Enrollment in Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Persist Over Time



# Enrollment Gap Exists Even for Non-Low Income Black & Hispanic Students

Percentage of Central Texas Students in 2012 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort  
Enrolled in Algebra 1 by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



## What about Passing?

Algebra I taken in Middle School in Central Texas:

- 93% Pass *both* semesters of the course
- 98% Approach Grade Level Standard
  - Standard students in cohort were held to
- 84% Meet Grade Level Standard
  - Standard students are held to now
- 58% Master Grade Level Standard!
  - College and Career Ready Standard

Sometimes equity gaps exist because of concerns that not all student can be successful...

➤ **But the data shows this isn't the case**

Quantitative Longitudinal Analysis

# Algebra I Enrollment for Middle School Years Based on Prior Achievement (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math STAAR)



# Using Quintiles to Study Outcomes of Texas Students

## Most Prepared in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

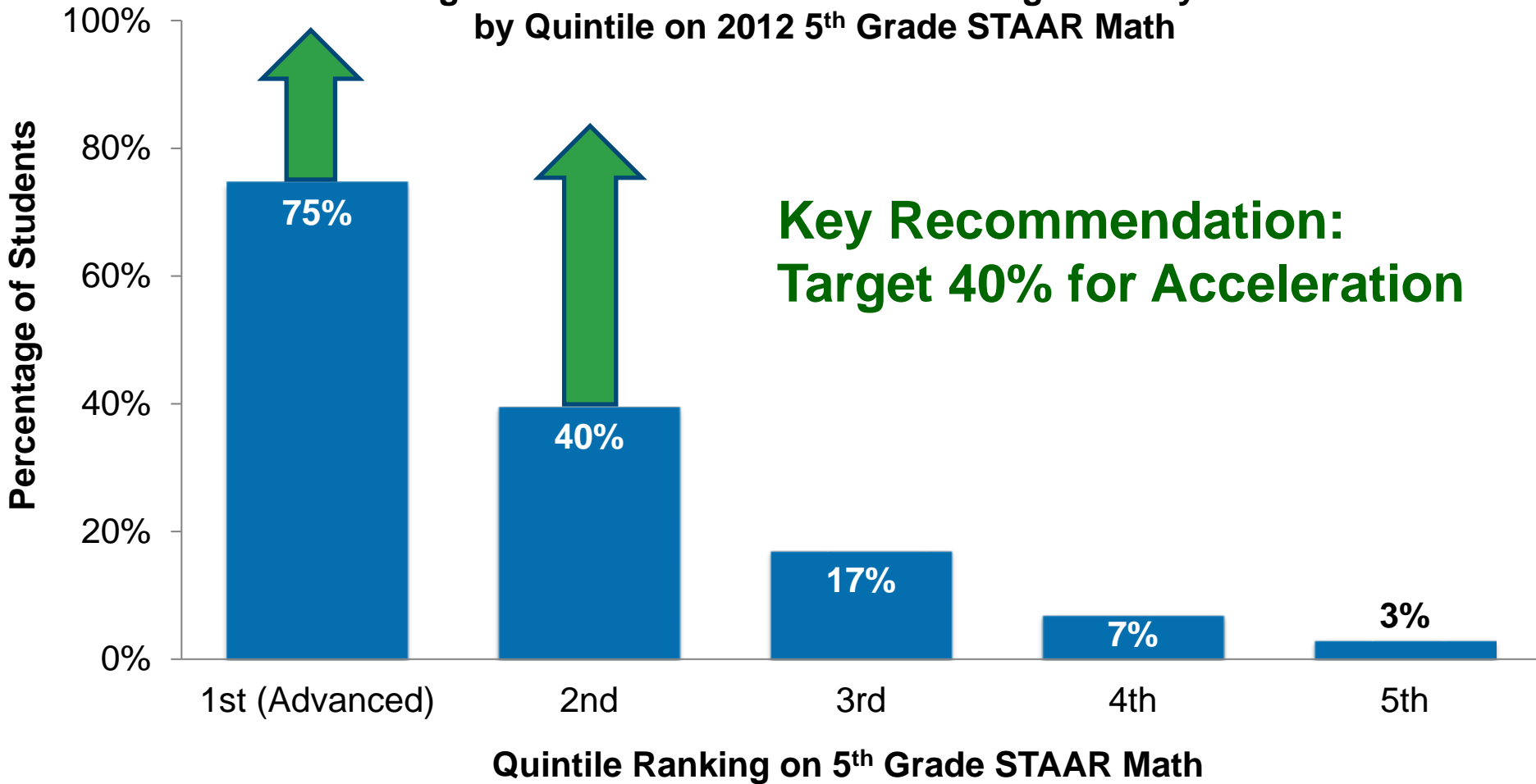
### On track for CCR



	Quintile 1	Quintile 2	Quintile 3	Quintile 4	Quintile 5
Percent range	0% – 18%	18% - 39%	39%-58%	58%-77%	77%-100%
Scaled Score range	> 1700	> 1600 and <= 1700	>= 1542 and <= 1600	>= 1475 and < 1542	< 1475 or STAAR M
Grade Level Score Meaning	<b>Masters</b>	<b>Meets/ Approaches</b>	<b>Approaches</b>	<b>Approaches/ Did Not Meet</b>	<b>Did Not Meet or STAAR M</b>
% Low Income Texas	37%	54%	64%	72%	80%

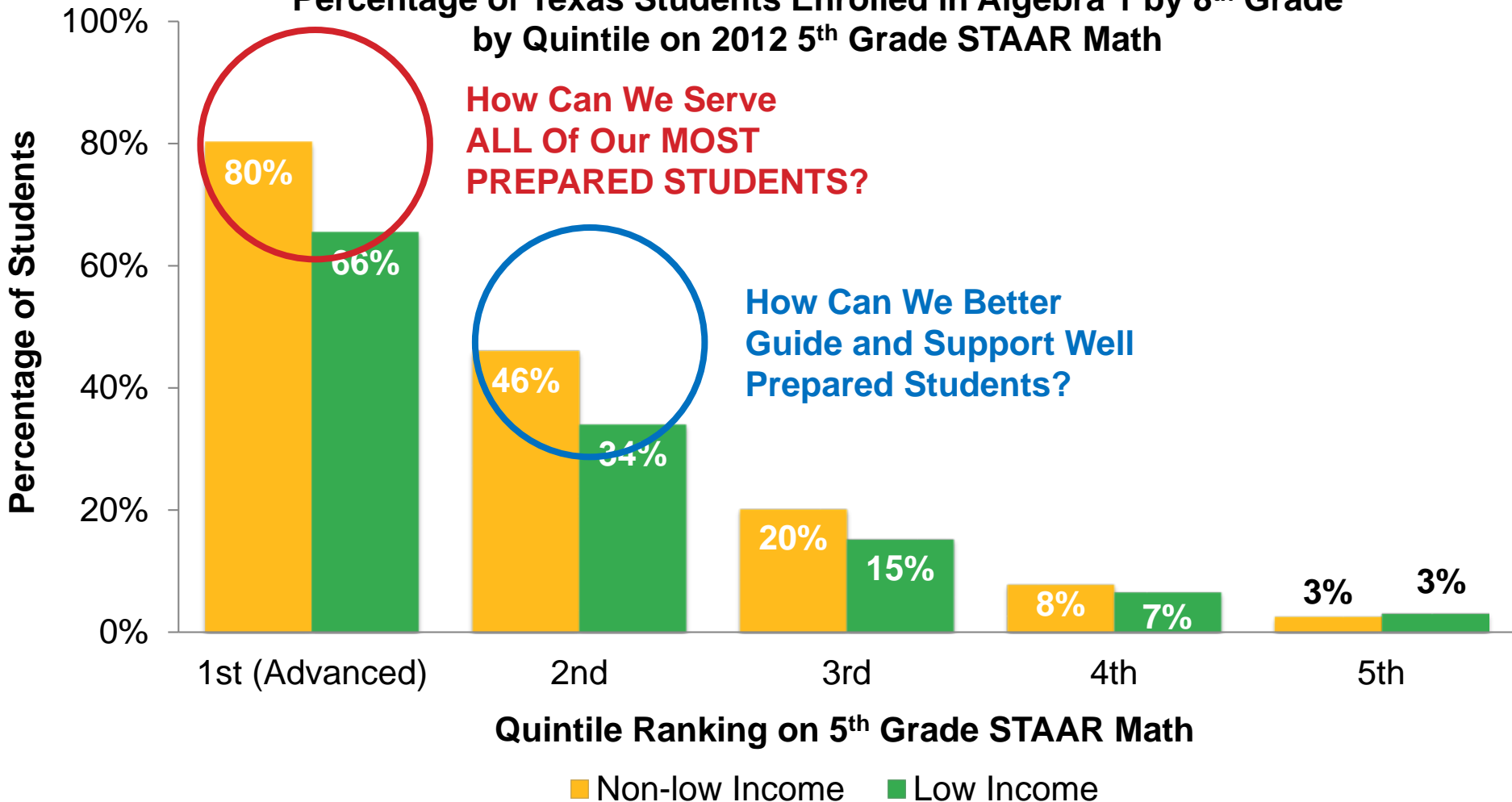
# Three-Fourths of Students at Advanced Standard in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reach Algebra I by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Percentage of Texas Students Enrolled in Algebra 1 by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade by Quintile on 2012 5<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Math



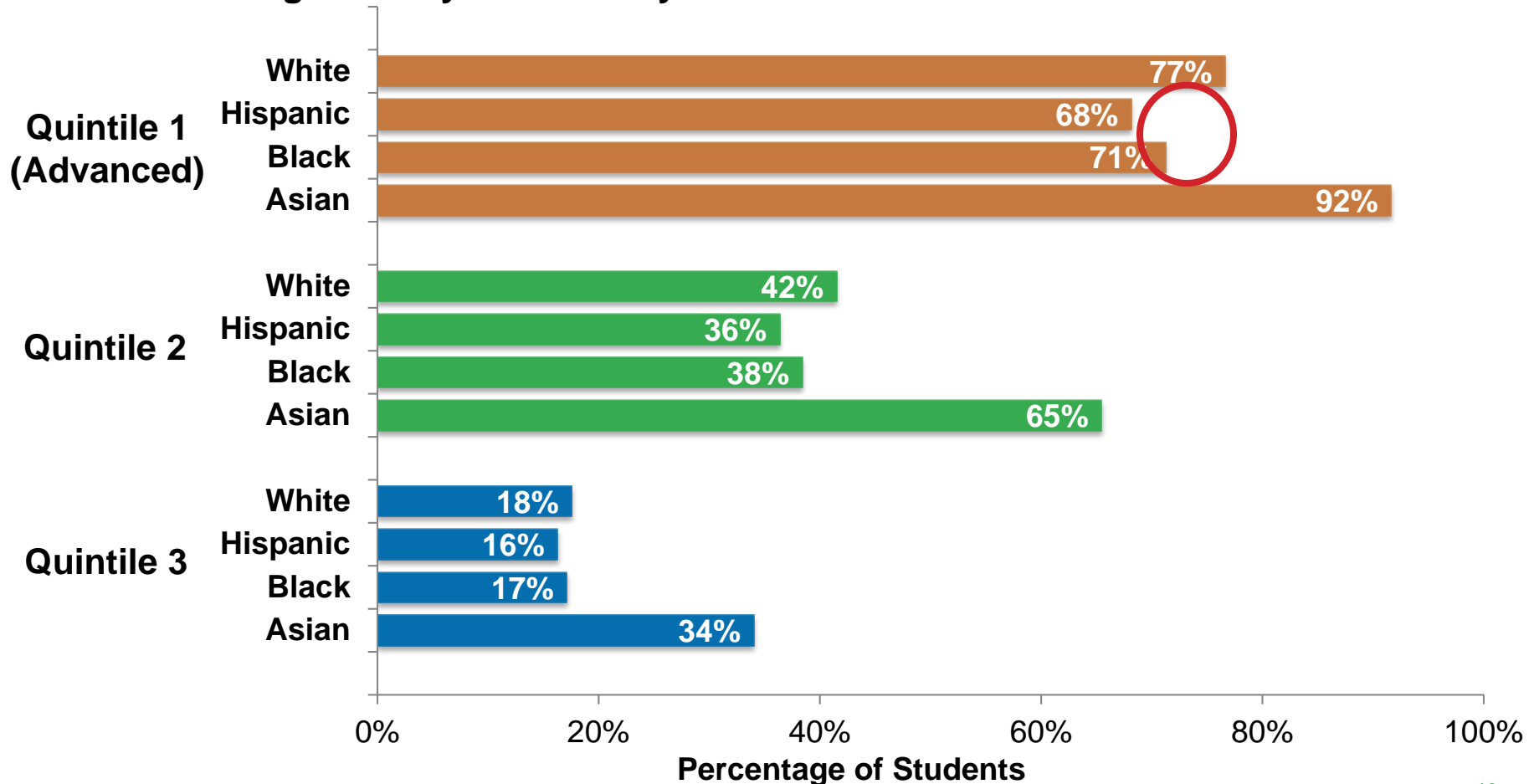
# 2/3 of Low Income Students at Advanced Standard for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Were in Algebra I by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Percentage of Texas Students Enrolled in Algebra 1 by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade by Quintile on 2012 5<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Math**



# Lower Proportion of Black and Hispanic Students at Advanced Std in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrolled in Algebra 1 in MS

**Percentage of 2012 Texas 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort Enrolled in Algebra 1 by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade by Quintile on 5<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Math**



Algebra 1 Timing

# Student Outcomes Based on Timing of Algebra I

## Algebra 1 Timing

Groups based on the timing of “successful” completion of Algebra 1

Accelerated = completed Algebra 1 *before 9<sup>th</sup> grade*

On Track = completed Algebra 1 *in 9<sup>th</sup> grade*

Behind = enrolled in Algebra 1 *after 9<sup>th</sup> grade*

## 2013 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort (Class of 2016)

Limited to students enrolled 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade with math in 10<sup>th</sup>

Demographic	Texas	Central Texas
Student Count	325 K	20.5 K
Low Income	68%	55%
Asian	4%	4%
Black	13%	9%
Hispanic	50%	44%
White	32%	40%

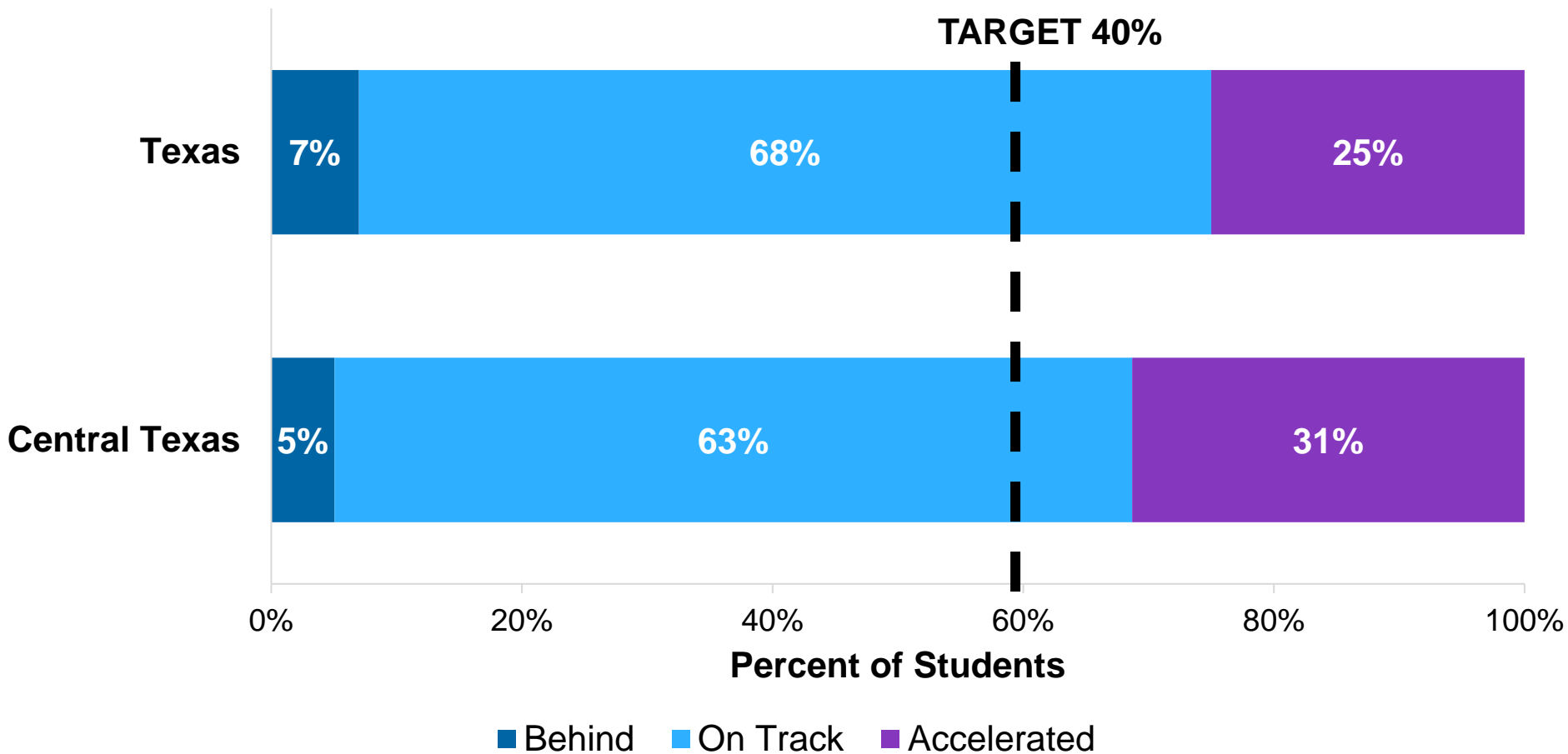
Algebra 1 Timing

Percent of Students Behind, On Track and Accelerated



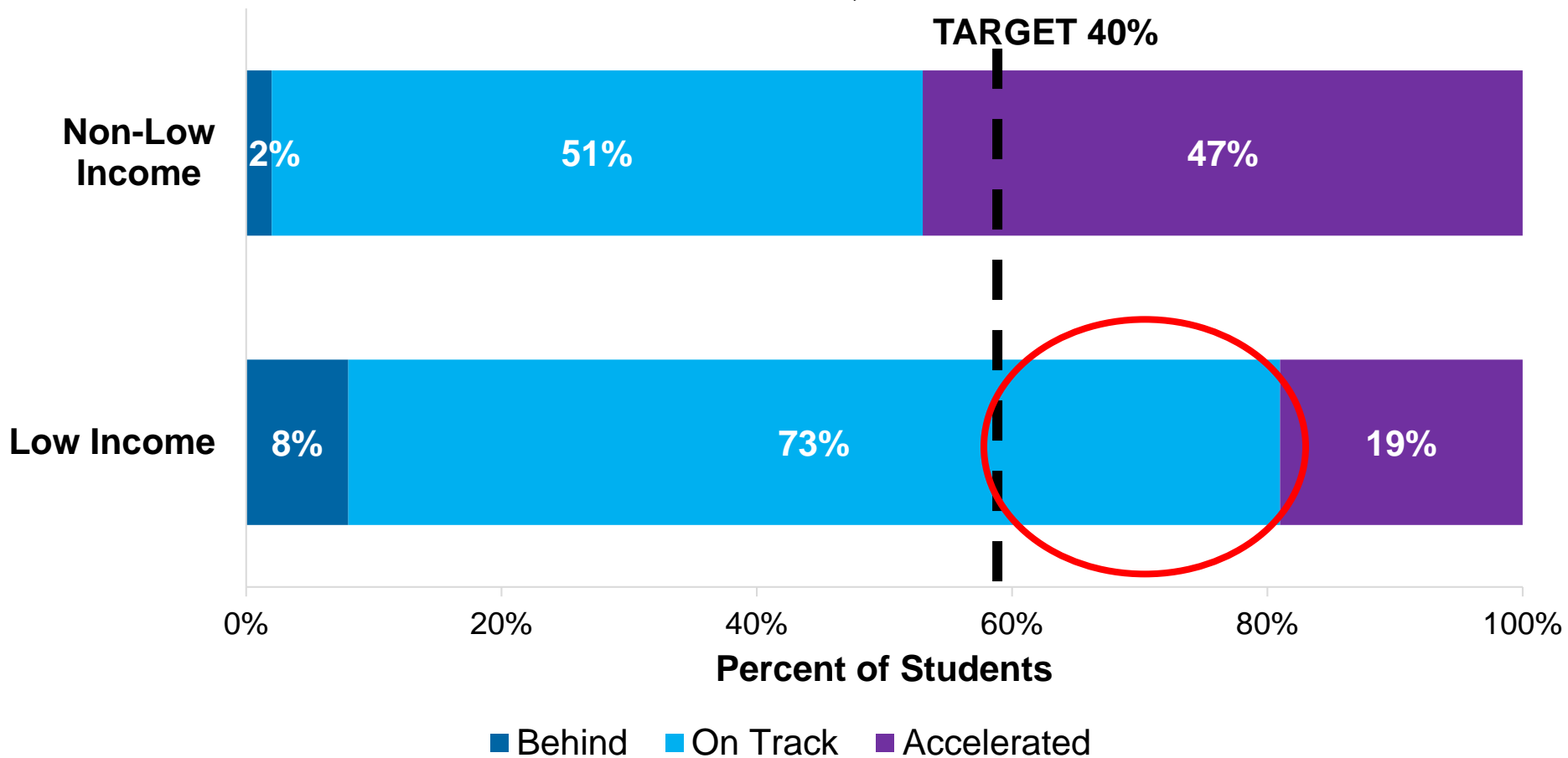
# Larger % of CTX Students Accelerated in Math

**Timing of Successfully Completing Algebra I  
2013 9th Grade Cohort**



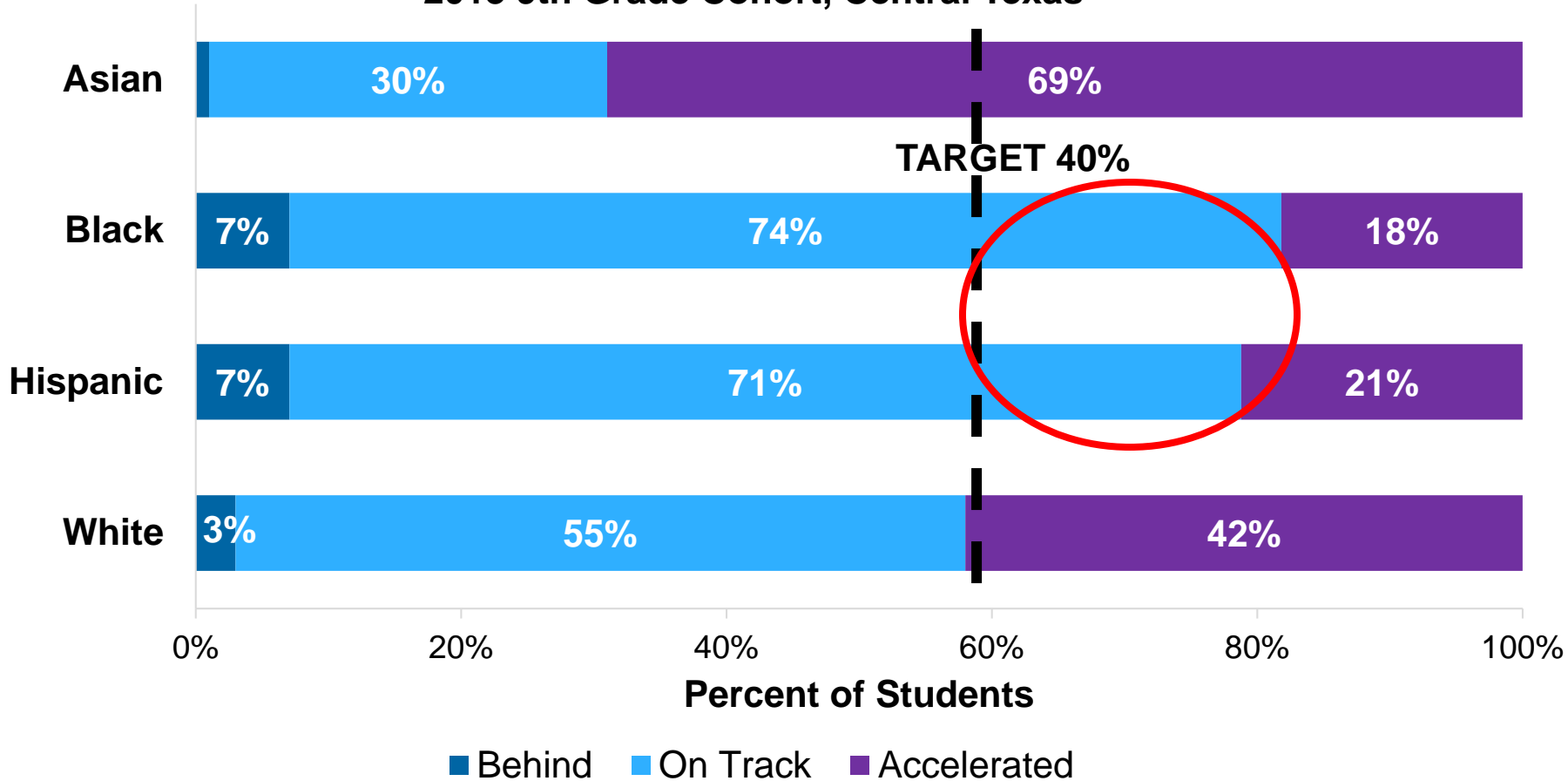
# Large Gap in Math Acceleration by Income

**Timing of Successfully Completing Algebra I  
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# Similar Rate of Asian Students Accelerated as Black and Hispanic Students On Track

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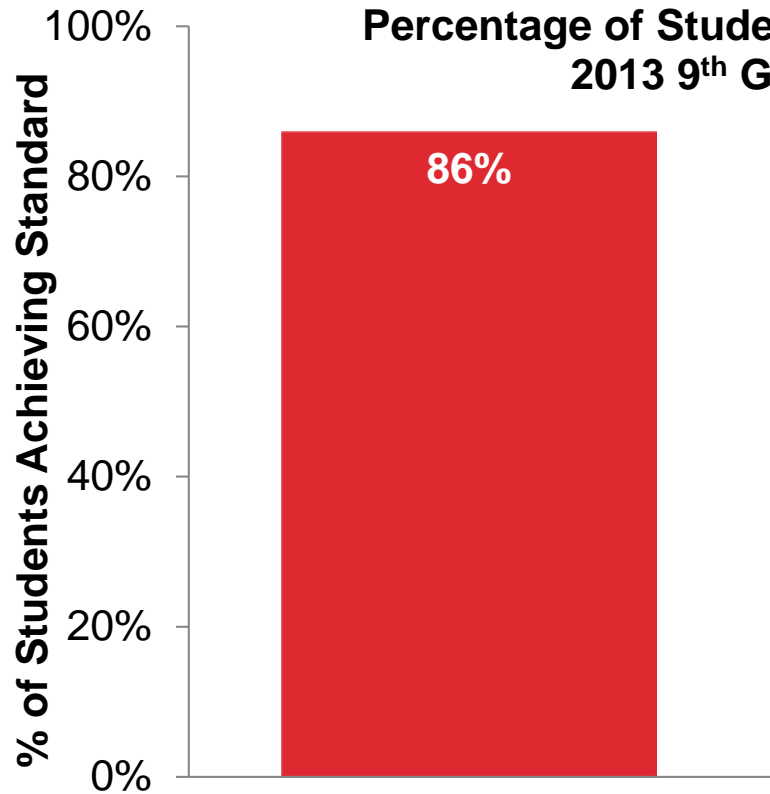


Outcomes by Algebra 1 Timing

# Algebra 1 EOC Results

# Fewer Than Half of Students Would Have Reached Current Grade Level Standard

**Percentage of Students Achieving Algebra EOC Standard  
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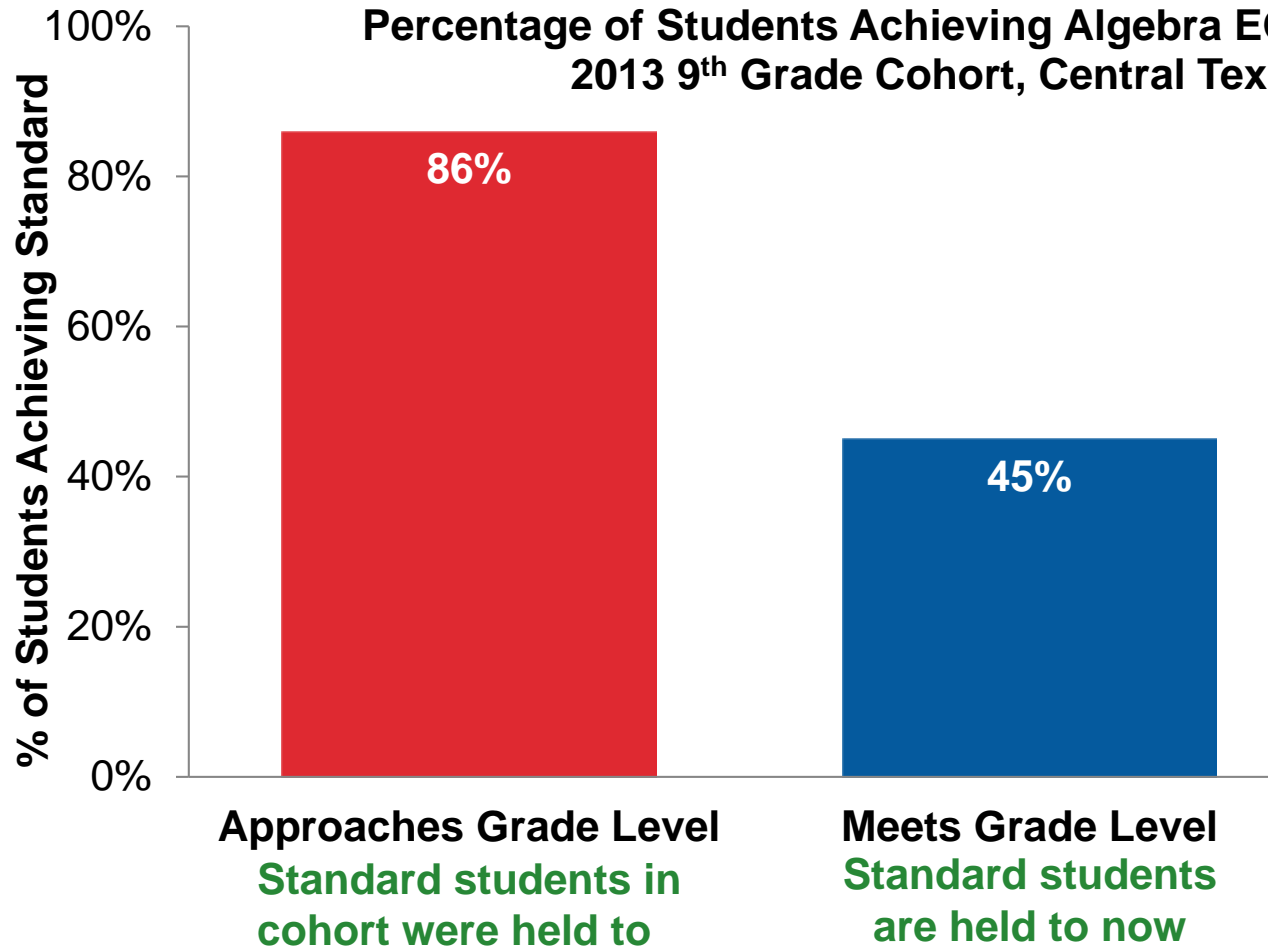


**Approaches Grade Level  
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**Algebra 1 EOC Performance Standards**

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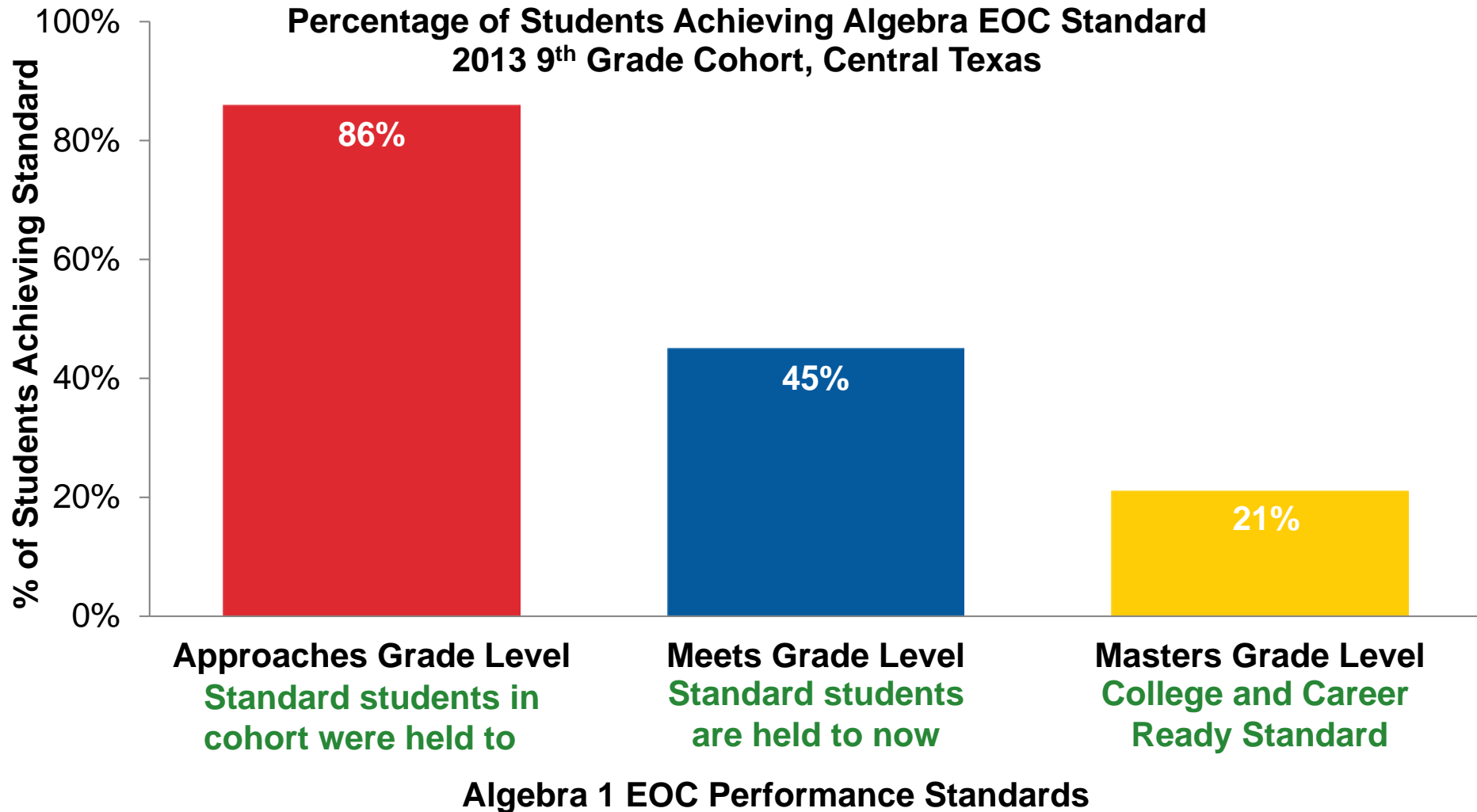
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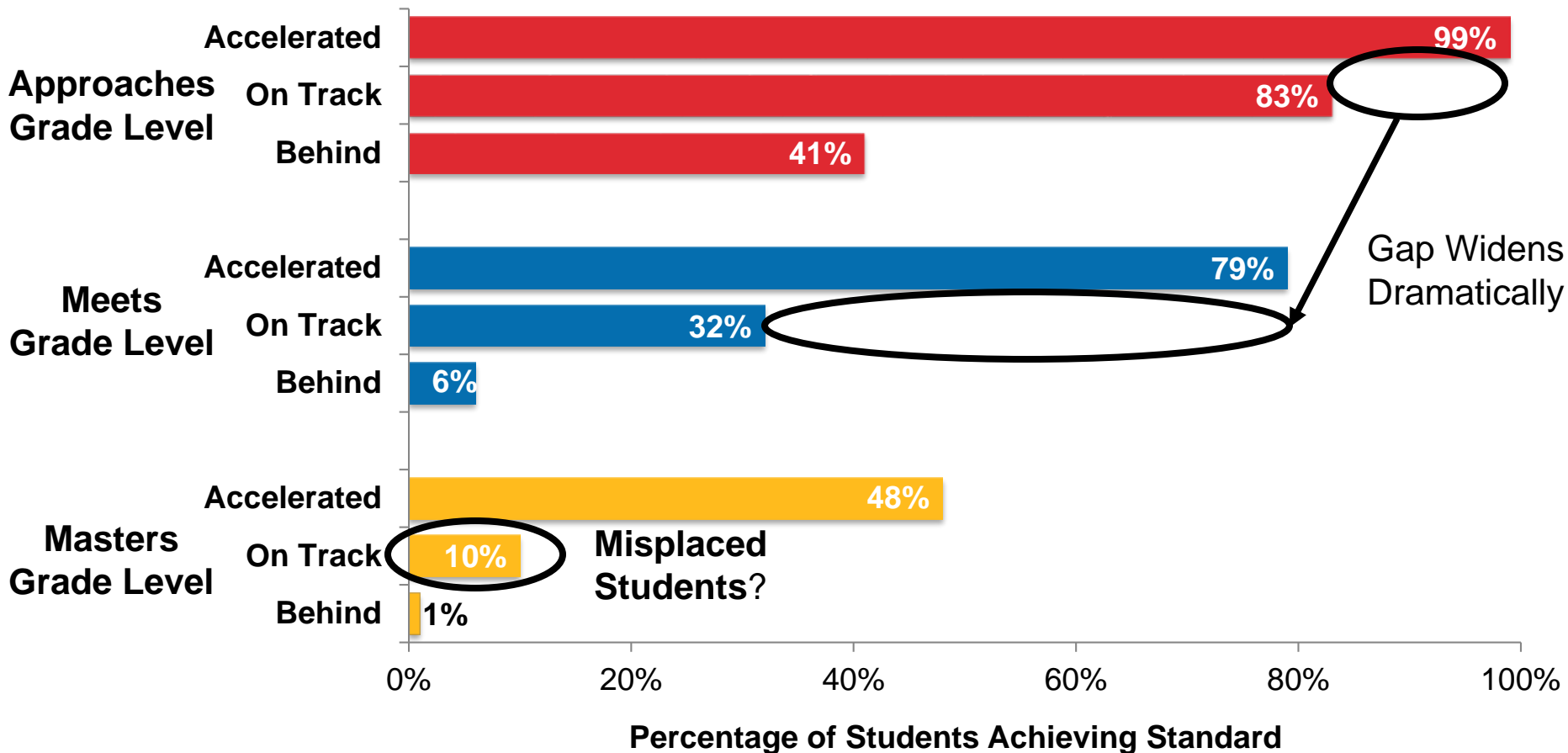
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## Algebra 1 EOC Performance Standards

# Large Differences in Algebra 1 EOC Performance Based on When Successfully Completed Course

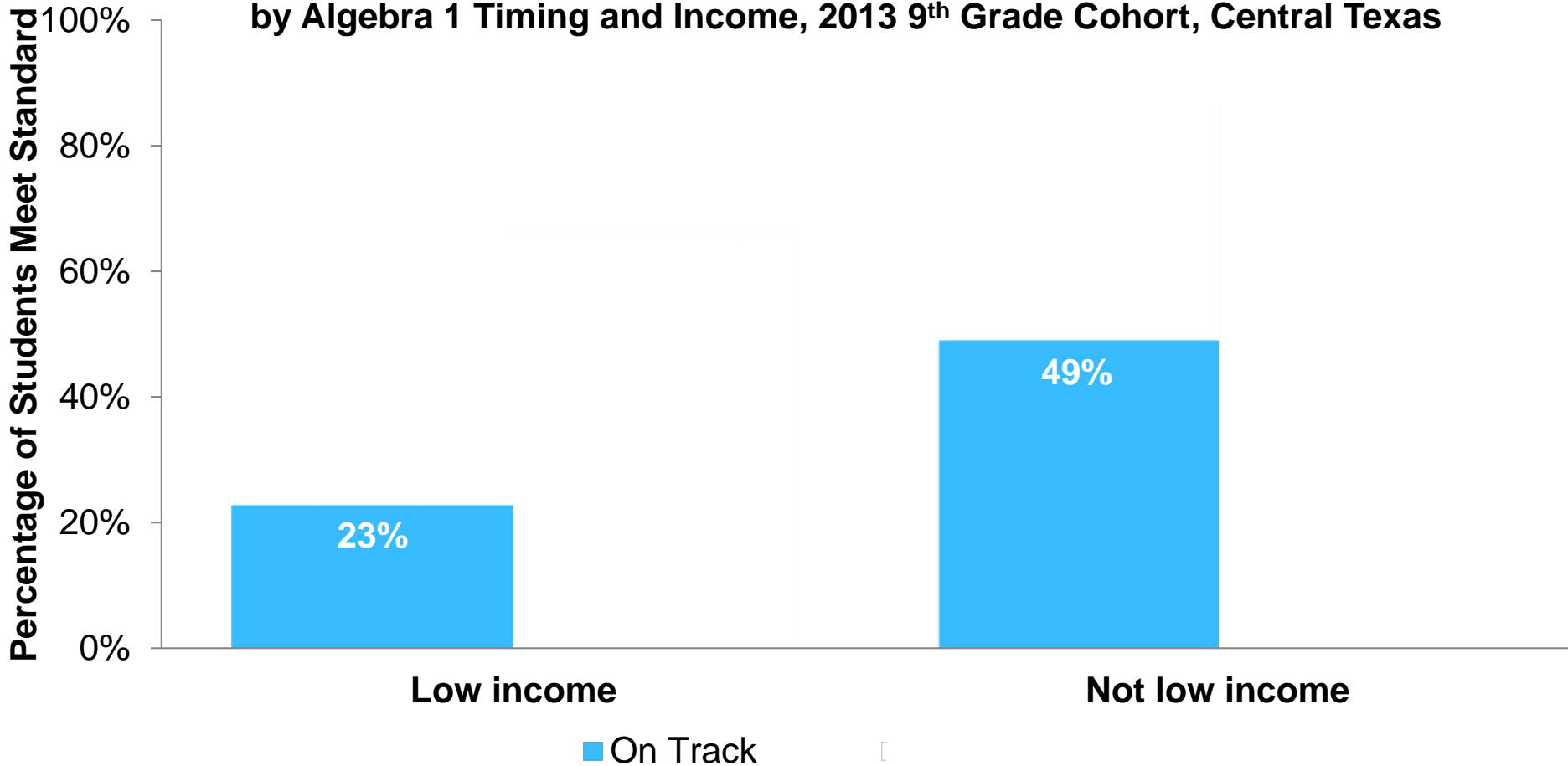
**Percentage of Students Achieving Algebra EOC Standard by Algebra I Timing  
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# Gap by Income in Percentage of *On Track* Students Who Meet Grade Level Standard on Algebra 1 EOC

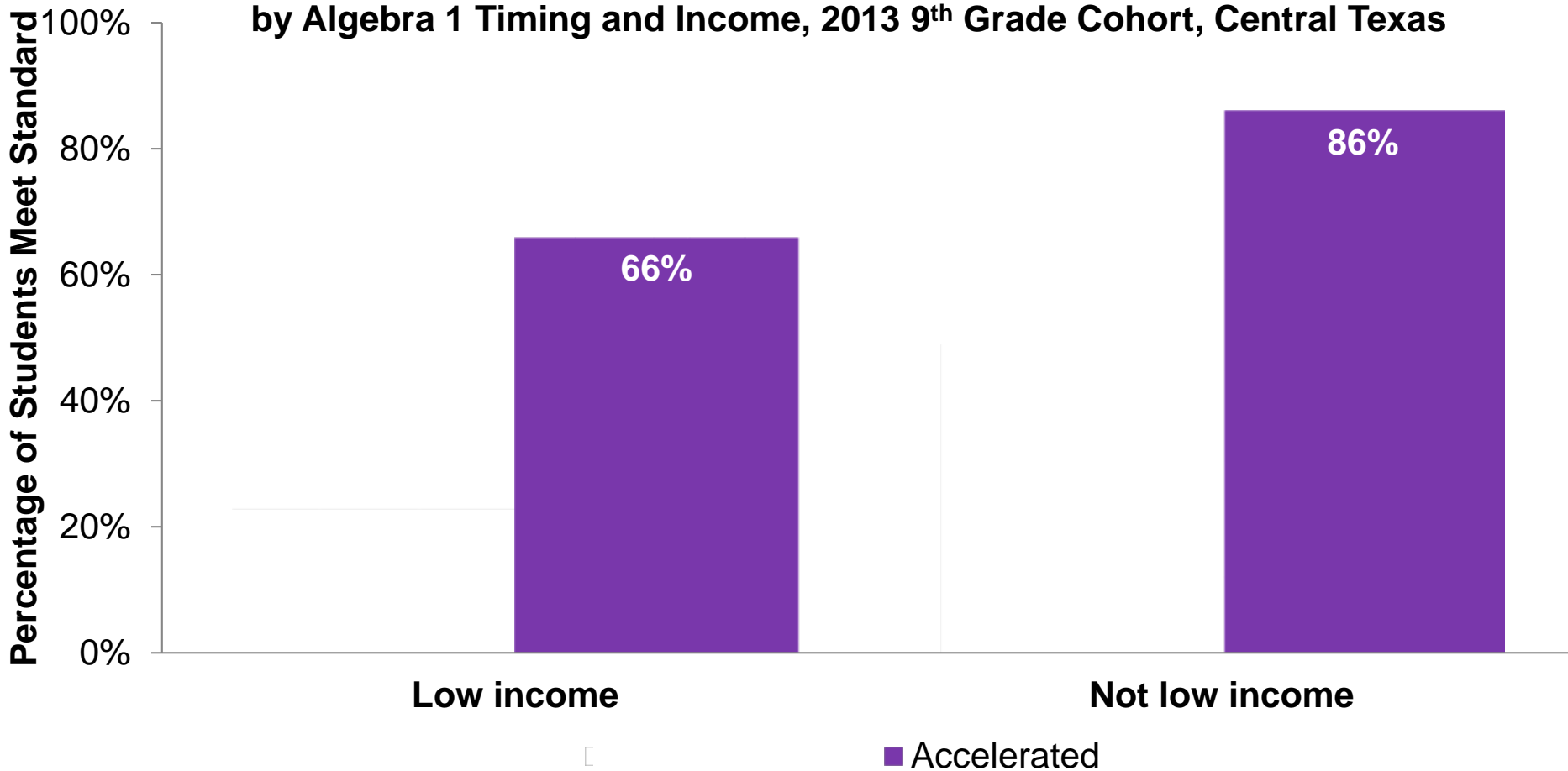
**Percentage of Students at Meets Grade Level Standard on Algebra 1 EOC by Algebra 1 Timing and Income, 2013 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort, Central Texas**



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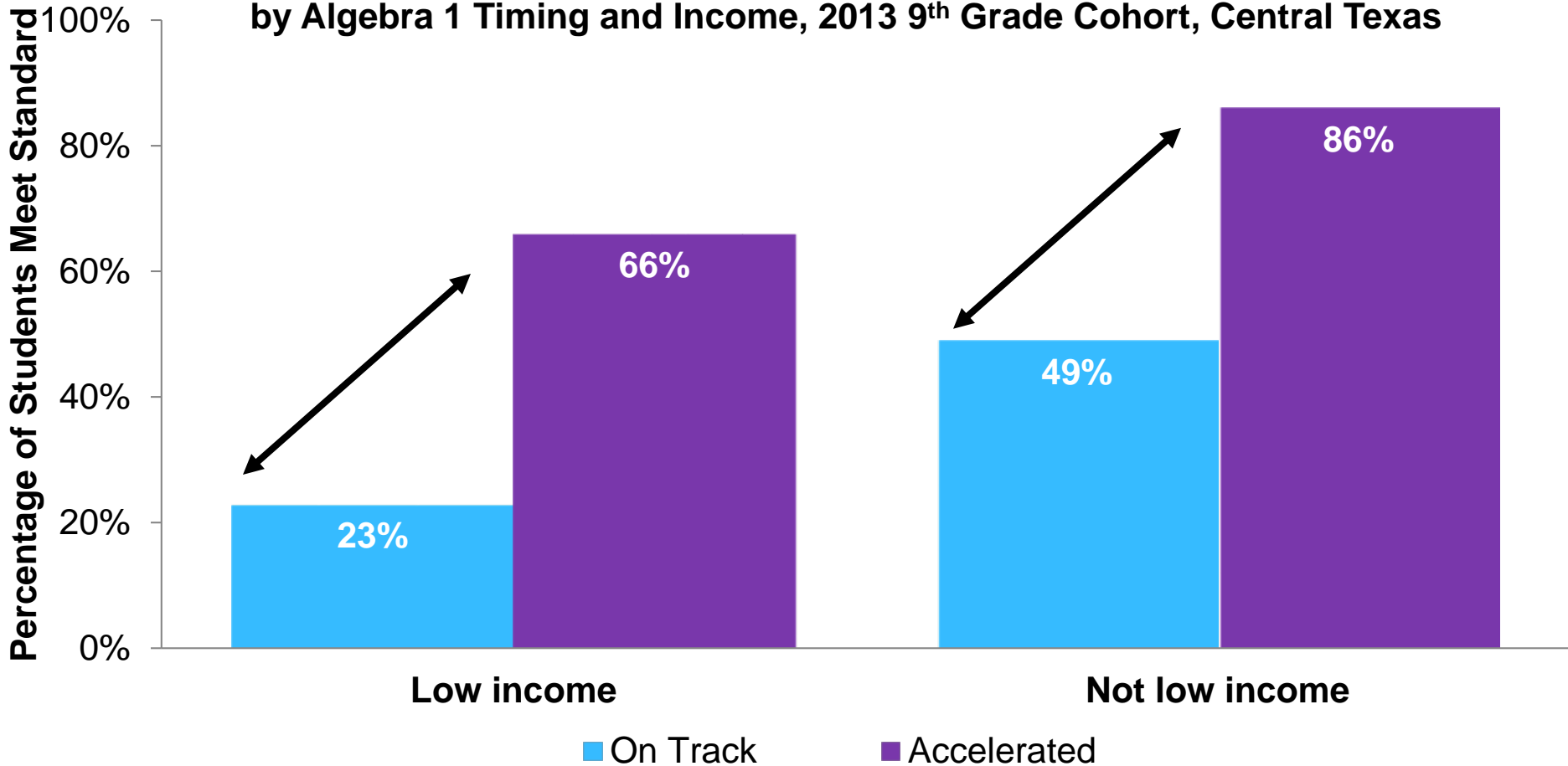
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**Percentage of Students at Meets Grade Level Standard on Algebra 1 EOC by Algebra 1 Timing and Income, 2013 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort, Central Texas**



# Similar Gap in % at Grade Level Standard Between On Track and Accelerated Students, Regardless of Income Status

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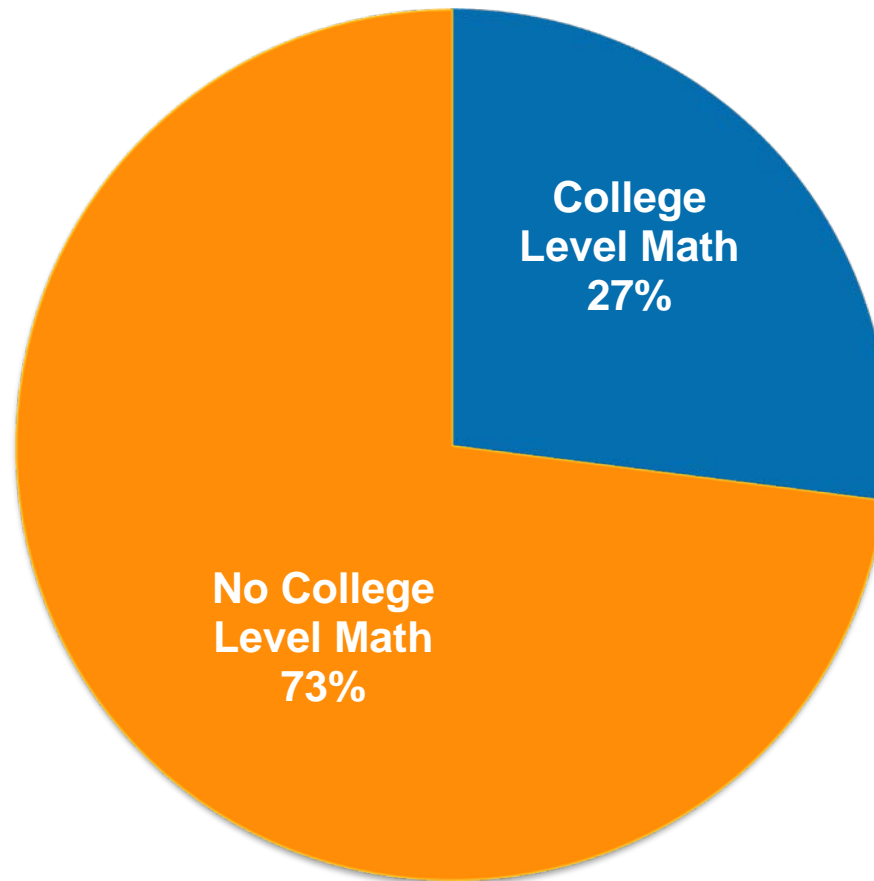
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Outcomes by Algebra 1 Timing

## High School Math Course Taking – College Level Math

# Over a Quarter of CTX Students Take College Level Math

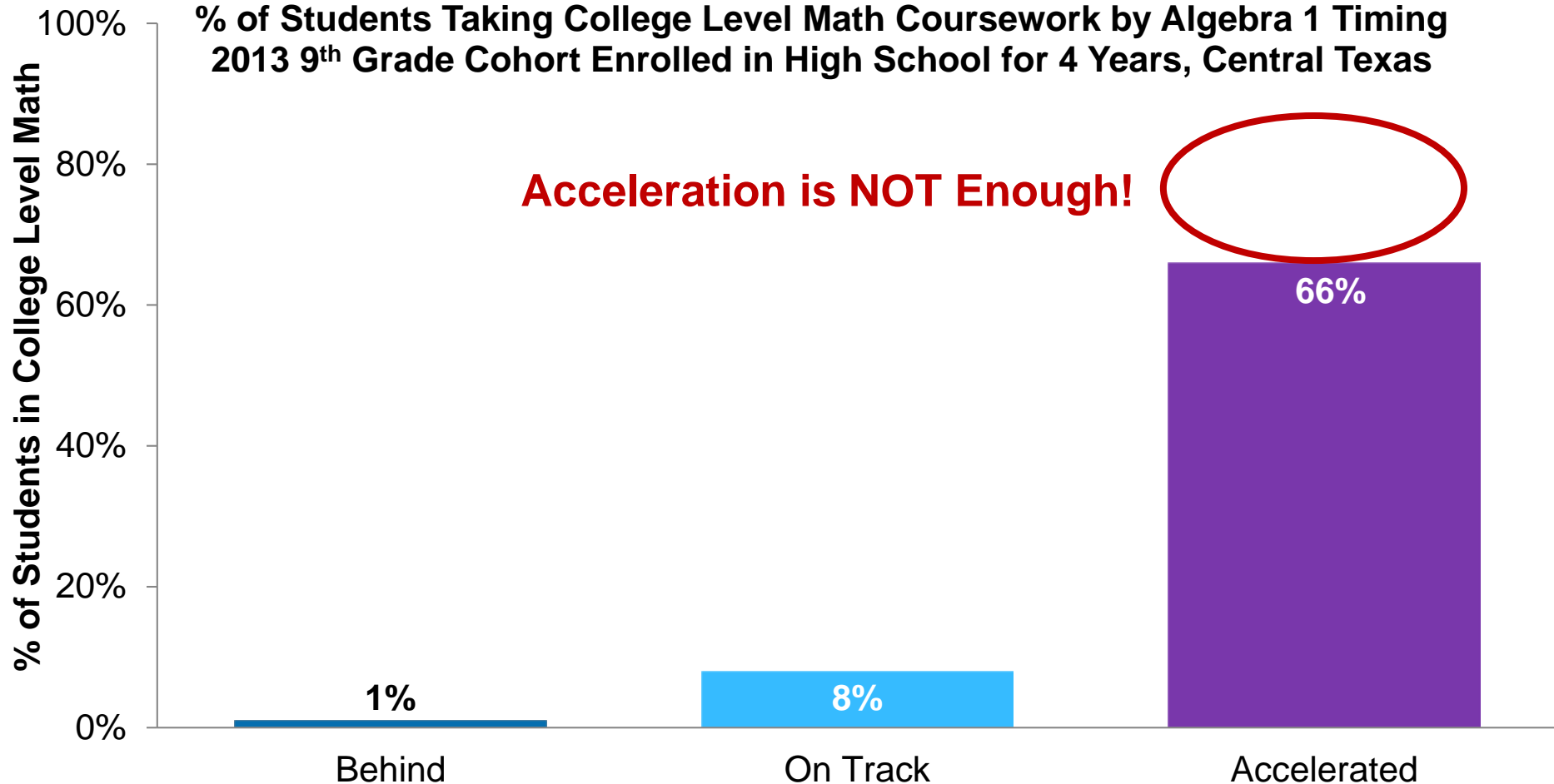
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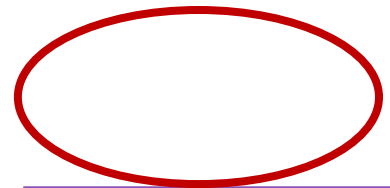
College Level Math = AP, IB or Dual Credit

# Vast Majority of Students with College Level Math in HS Were Accelerated in Math in Middle School

**% of Students Taking College Level Math Coursework by Algebra 1 Timing  
2013 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Cohort Enrolled in High School for 4 Years, Central Texas**



**Acceleration is NOT Enough!**



66%

Behind

On Track

Accelerated

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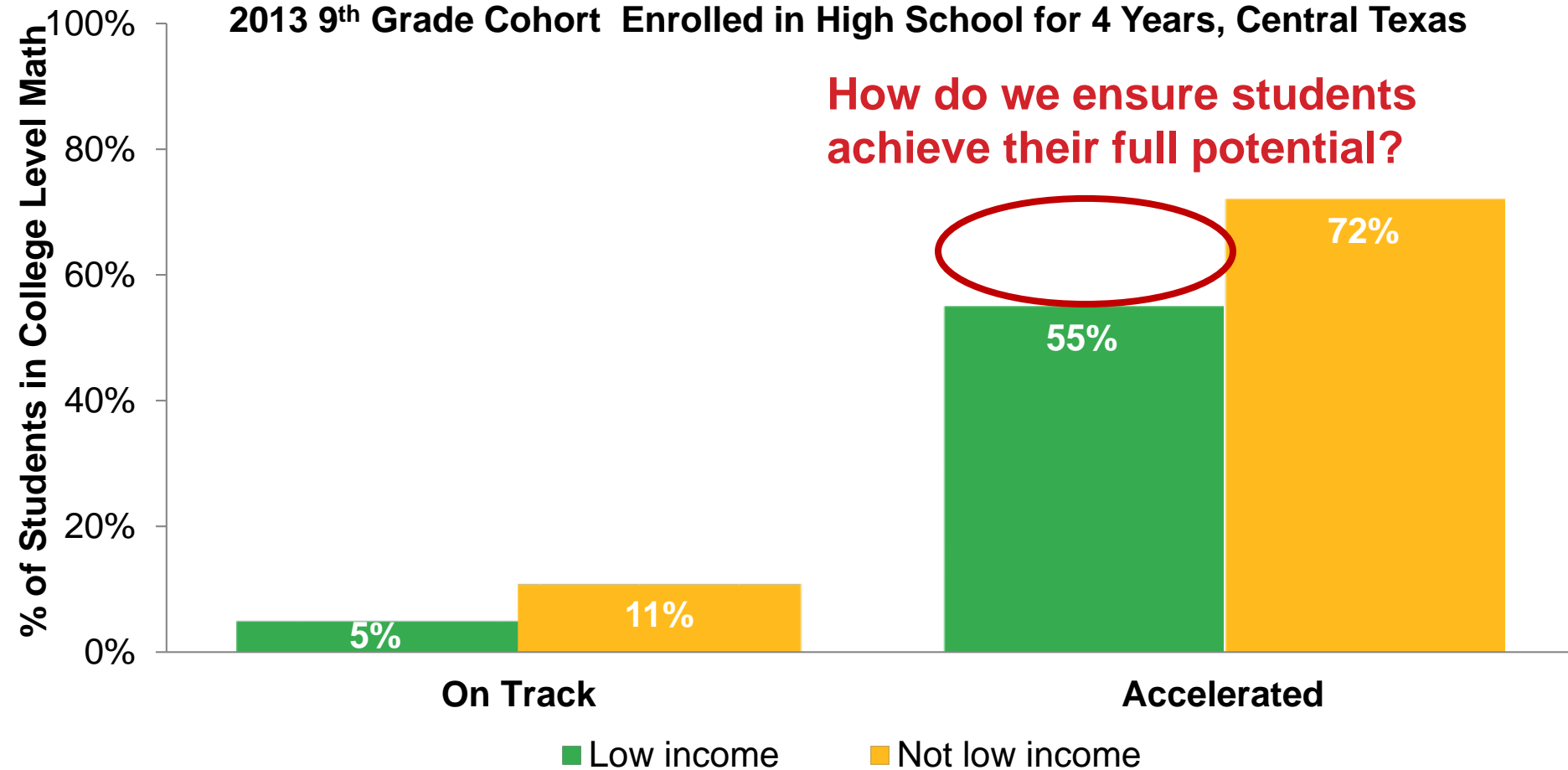
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# Who Takes College Level Math in High School is Primarily About Middle School Acceleration

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**How do we ensure students achieve their full potential?**

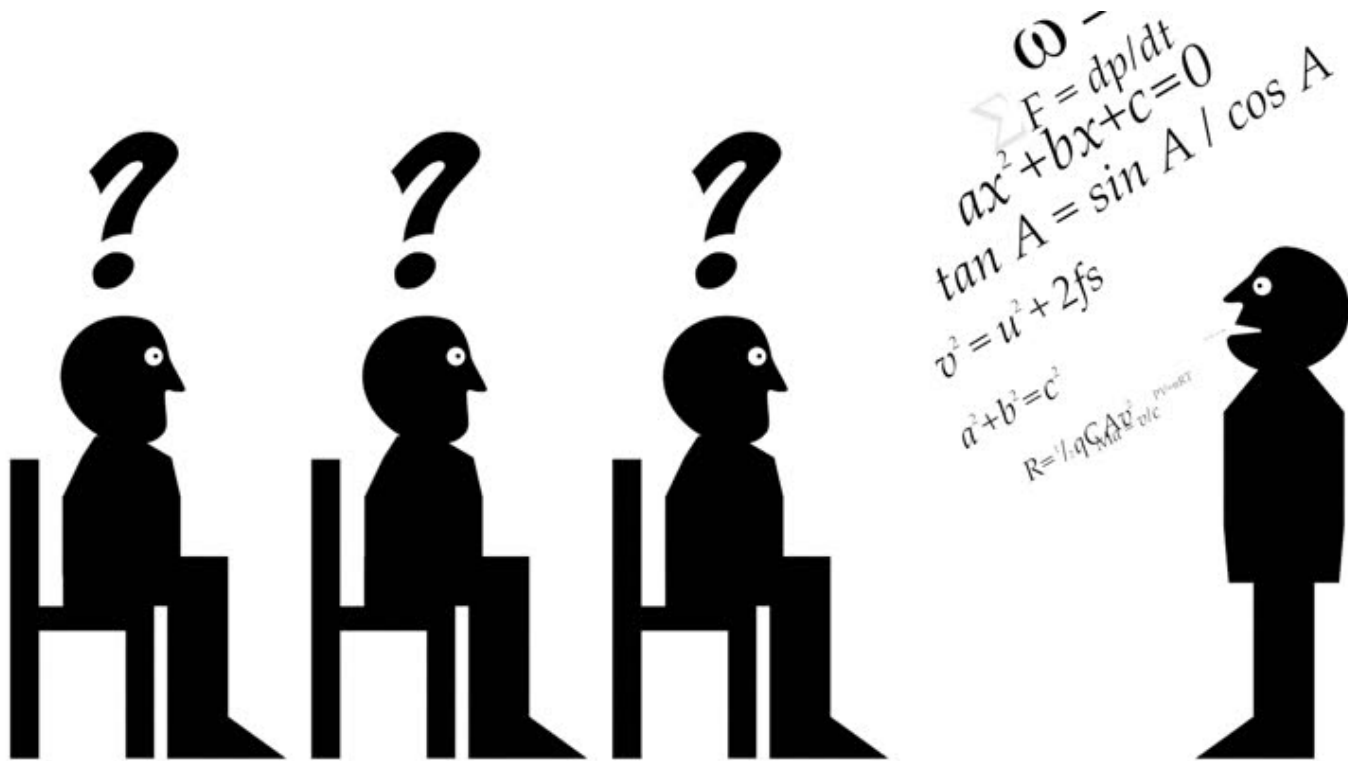


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# Questions from the Audience





# Recommendations for Building Strong Math Pathways



# Pathways of Promise Steering Committee



# How Does Our Region Get There?

## District Policies to Drive Consistency Across Schools

- **District-Wide Acceleration Policies:** Automatic enrollment for *well prepared* transitioning into middle school
  - “Opt out” policy for Top 40% of academically prepared
  - Implement standardized process to identify students likely to be successful in more rigorous math pathway
  - Push student selection process down into 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - All other families notified of open enrollment; “opt in” policy
- **Early Math Focus:** Intentional supports in PK-3 to prepare for acceleration

# How Does Our Region Get There?

## District Leadership – Curriculum and Alignment

- **Systemic Approach:** Coordination across grade levels to guide students into rigorous math
  - Planning across grades to increase % taking accelerated and Advanced Math
  - Enact “open enrollment” policies in Advanced Math in HS
- **Supports:** Redesign math curriculum & build bridge programs to support student entry into accelerated math
- **Measure Success:** Utilize data-driven approach to measure “success” of acceleration
  - % 8<sup>th</sup> graders in accelerated pathway
  - % accelerated reaching CCR standards on Algebra I EOC
  - % taking college level (AP/IB/Dual) math course in HS

# How Does a Campus Get There?

- **More Time for Math:** 90 minutes+ in ES
- **Innovative Scheduling:** Use tutorial time (ES) or double-block instruction (MS) for time to support accelerated cohort
- **Build Capacity of Math Team**
  - Hire workforce of “Highly Qualified” math teachers
  - Professional Development focused on 1) content expertise and 2) pedagogy to develop strategies for helping students access content “where they are”
  - Incorporate capacity-building strategies to leverage Professional Learning Communities

# How Does a Campus Get There?

- **Advising to Support Acceleration**
  - Target “opt into” advising efforts in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Identify wrap-around supports for students when course gets “tough”
  - Messaging to students & families
    - Algebra 2 + *more* math
    - 4 years of math in 4 years of high school
- **Campus-based plan for students not college and career ready by 12<sup>th</sup> grade**
  - Math College Prep Course or Algebra 2

# Recommendations For All Campuses

## Recommendations for Elementary Schools For Building Strong Math Pathways

### The Goal

Start in early grades (PK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) to implement strong mathematics teaching to equitably prepare as many students as possible to enter accelerated math pathway by 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Why It Matters

Mathematics performance in early grades is a strong predictor of postsecondary readiness and success.

Even our BEST performing Black, Hispanic, and low-income 5<sup>th</sup> graders are under-placed into accelerated math pathways.

Students who do not take Algebra I by 8<sup>th</sup> grade are far less likely to enroll in college level math in high school – a strong predictor of college success.

### What To Measure

- % of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders achieving Meets and Mastery level for mathematics on state assessment, by student group (income, ethnicity)
- Identify students by quintile on state math assessment in 4<sup>th</sup> and/or 5<sup>th</sup> grade to inform student placement into accelerated math pathway
- % of 5<sup>th</sup> graders placed into accelerated math in middle school, by student group (income, ethnicity)
- Measures of academic growth in mathematics to assess gains for targeted populations in grades 3-5, including shrinking equity gaps



Improving Equity and Driving Degree Completion Through Acceleration in Mathematics

### Vision of Success

- Steady and significant increase in placement and preparedness for accelerated math pathways
- Students placed in accelerated math pathways are representative of demographics (income, ethnicity)
- All students receive high-quality, problem-solving based instruction
- Culture of high expectations

### How Do We Get There?

- ☑ Engage families, students of color, and students of low income in mathematics at home
- ☑ Place every student in accelerated math pathway by 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Targeted Math Pathway)
- ☑ Encourage students to "opt in" as appropriate
- ☑ Develop rigorous content standards for mathematics so that all students are prepared for college level math
- ☑ Provide high-quality instruction for all students
- ☑ Engage all students in mathematics

## Recommendations for Middle Schools For Building Strong Math Pathways

### The Goal

Eliminate existing equity gaps in middle school math acceleration while ensuring strong math pathways for all through high school and beyond.

### Why It Matters

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade equity gap across Texas is wide – fewer than half as many low-income enroll in Algebra I by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, compared to their non-low-income peers (18% versus 40%)

There has been no change in the income or ethnicity gap for students taking Algebra I by 8<sup>th</sup> grade over the past 5 years – only with intentional focus and strategies will we address this gap.

Students who do not take Algebra I by 8<sup>th</sup> grade are far less likely to enroll in college level math in high school – a strong predictor of college success.

### What To Measure

- % of 8<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in Algebra I or higher, by student group (income, ethnicity)
- % of 8<sup>th</sup> graders achieving Meets and Masters standard on the Algebra I End of Course assessment, by student group (income & ethnicity)
- Measures of academic growth in mathematics show positive gains for targeted populations in grades 6-8, leading to a decline in equity gaps



Improving Equity and Driving Degree Completion

Through Acceleration in Mathematics

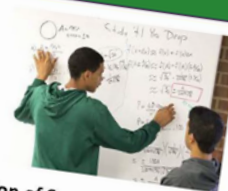
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### The Goal

For every student to graduate college and career ready in mathematics and on track for earning a postsecondary credential.

### Why It Matters

Students who do not take Algebra I by 8<sup>th</sup> grade are far less likely to enroll in college level math in high school – a strong predictor of college success.



### Vision of Success

- Students take math each year of high school
- Steady and significant increases in students taking advanced mathematics, including college level math (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit)
- Equitable distribution of low-income and minority students represented in advanced mathematics
- Culture of high expectations for all students

### What To Measure

- % of 9<sup>th</sup> graders achieving Meet and Masters standard on the Algebra I End of Course assessment, by student group (income & ethnicity)
- Measures of academic growth in mathematics show positive gains for targeted populations in Algebra I, leading to a decline in equity gaps
- % of students (overall, and by student group) taking math in Algebra II
- % of students (overall, and by student group) taking math BEYOND Algebra II
- % of students college ready in math as indicated by meeting TSI

Data from U.S. Austin Education Research Center; the conclusions of this research do not necessarily reflect the opinions or official position of the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, or the State of Texas.

Improving Equity and Driving Degree Completion Through Acceleration in Mathematics

# Data-Driven Approach to Improve Equity

## Data Dashboard: Tool to Support District and Campus Equity Dialog

Dashboard to Determine Equitable Acceleration Practices by 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade							
	Student Enrollment in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	# Students Enrolled in Algebra 1 in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	# Students Enrolled in Math Beyond Algebra I in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Total # of Students Accelerated in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I + Beyond	% of Students Accelerated in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade <small>Total Students Accelerated ÷ Enrollment</small>	Variation from Target 40% Accelerated - 40%	% of Students Accelerated Reaching Mastery on Algebra I EOC
<b>Campus 1</b>							
Asian							
Black							
Hispanic							
White							
Low Income							
Non-Low Income							
Female							
Male							
<b>Campus 2</b>							
Asian							
Black							
Hispanic							
White							
Low Income							
Non-Low Income							
Female							
Male							
<b>Campus 3</b>							
Asian							
Black							
Hispanic							
White							
Low Income							
Non-Low Income							
Female							
Male							



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## What Can You Do This Week?

### Share the Data and Make an Action Plan

- Retrieve Report & Recording Here:  
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