

# NEW LIFE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

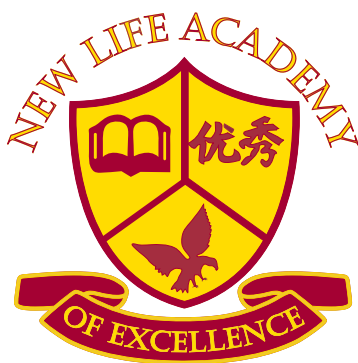
*"A School Where Educating Is Our Number One Goal"*

## ANNUAL REPORT



*Perfecting*  
**EXCELLENCE**





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Dear Parents of New Life Academy of Excellence:

On behalf of New Life Academy of Excellence, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support of our rigorous educational institution. It is because of valued parents like you that we are able to continue to offer your children the finest education at no direct cost to you.

New Life Academy of Excellence has been in operation for five years. The theme for this year is "Perfecting Excellence", so it is our utmost desire to celebrate our accomplishments and to identify areas that need enhancement. We are dedicated in providing our students with a quality education. As the Founder of New Life Academy of Excellence, I truly believe that we are "A SCHOOL WHERE EDUCATING IS OUR #1 GOAL."

New Life Academy has received the following state and national recognitions:

1. 2010 Platinum Award for Greatest Gains in Student Achievement
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4. 2011 Silver Award for Outstanding Student Achievement (Norcross campus)
5. 2011 Bronze Award for Outstanding Student Achievement (Duluth campus)
6. AdvancEd Accreditation (SACS)

Let's continue to work together for overall continuous improvement. We will perfect and accelerate excellence together.

Sincerely,

Mr. Alphonsa Foward, Jr.  
Founder and CEO

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## OUR MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of New Life Academy of Excellence, Inc. is to assist the parents of Gwinnett County by providing a school of choice. Our goal is to create an educational environment suitable for academic achievement. New Life Academy of Excellence, Inc. will prepare students to be successful in a global economy.

New Life Academy of Excellence, Inc. will:

- ✓ Provide students with a sound learning opportunity by maintaining a caring and learning environment.
- ✓ Work with parents and local communities to develop the intellect and character of the students.
- ✓ Utilize innovative teaching techniques delivered by a superior faculty.
- ✓ Offer a challenging curriculum that prepares children for lives of leadership in a rapidly changing world.

### CHANGES AND CHALLENGES

The 2010 - 2011 school year brought many changes and multiple challenges. The year began with a new seventh grade for our Duluth campus and intensified emphasis on academic rigor and professional development. Our goal is for each student to be a motivated learner and emerging leader. Educating students to success in school and success in life.

### NEW LOOKS

The New Life Academy of Excellence Duluth Campus now serves students in kindergarten through seventh grade. New Life Academy offers five years of rigorous readiness training and preparation for our young and eager learners. Recent findings by Harvard economists confirm the critical importance of readiness training, especially in kindergarten. The researchers studied the "legacy" of kindergarten. They found that students who demonstrate success in kindergarten are more likely to go to college, save for retirement, and earn significantly more than their lesser performing peers. In reporting on these findings, the *New York Times* noted that a solid kindergarten education seems to impart skills that last a lifetime: patience, discipline, manners, and perseverance. Here at New Life Academy, these are the cornerstones of our program.

The economic effects of kindergarten success are remarkable. A full class of kindergarten high achievers can expect to earn \$320,000 in additional money over their careers!

### ACADEMIC RIGOR

The district's continuing emphasis on ever-increasing academic rigor included the refinement of our standards aligned short cycle assessments. Students were tested monthly on their mastery of specific content areas that are most likely to appear on Georgia's annual spring battery of Academic Assessments. Each month students' answer sheets are quickly scanned and scored. Within 48 hours a variety of performance data is electronically dispatched to teachers for immediate use in planning and instruction. The objective is to help each student be as fully prepared as possible for the spring tests, which measure individual and campus academic achievement.

Student academic performance was also tracked and compared to their grade level peers across the country. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills administered each fall and spring provides valuable insights into how our students are doing in the core areas of reading and math at the national level. These tests also benchmark student growth over time. They provide a measure of what is called value-added; this is the amount of new material students have mastered over the period of on school year.



## OUR MISSION AND GOALS (CONT.)

The district's Leadership Team helps to guide all aspects of our academic programs. The team includes senior classroom professionals and administrative staff, who determine strategic academic initiatives, oversee current projects, and pilot new materials for eventual adoption.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers participated in multiple professional development programs designed to equip them with higher level planning skills through a process that begins with the end in mind. The trainings call for instructional planning that clearly defines exactly what academic content students will be expected to master. Teachers then plan, instruct, and assess with specific outcomes in mind. Comprehensive data analysis keeps the process highly focused on results and highlights each student's progress and consequent need for enrichment or remediation.

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We look to the future with confidence and determination. NLAE is committed to Perfecting Excellence in the lives of our brilliant children.

## GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Angela Lewis  
Ms. Celeste Anderson  
Mrs. Stacey Adams  
Dr. Gloria Foward  
Dr. Mary Parker  
Mr. Carter Wilson  
Mr. Alphonsa Foward, Jr. - Founder and CEO

### ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Alphonsa Foward, Jr. - President  
Mrs. Martha Wheeler-Fair - Director of Curriculum & Academics  
Dr. Michelle Thomas - Educational Specialist

### SUPPORT STAFF

Ms. Granada A. Kendrick - HR Specialist  
Ms. Ericka McGinnis - Treasurer  
Mrs. Felicia Foward - Business Specialist  
Mrs. Monique Thompson - Executive Administrator  
Ms. G. Tiffany Johnson - Operations Specialist  
Mr. John Thompson - Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Sara Edmondson - School Clerk  
Mrs. Kelly Purdie - SASI Clerk



## 2010 - 2011 TEST SCORE COMPARISON (AYP)

### CRCT Comparison: Meet + Exceeds Rate 2010 - 2011

#### Reading/English Language Arts

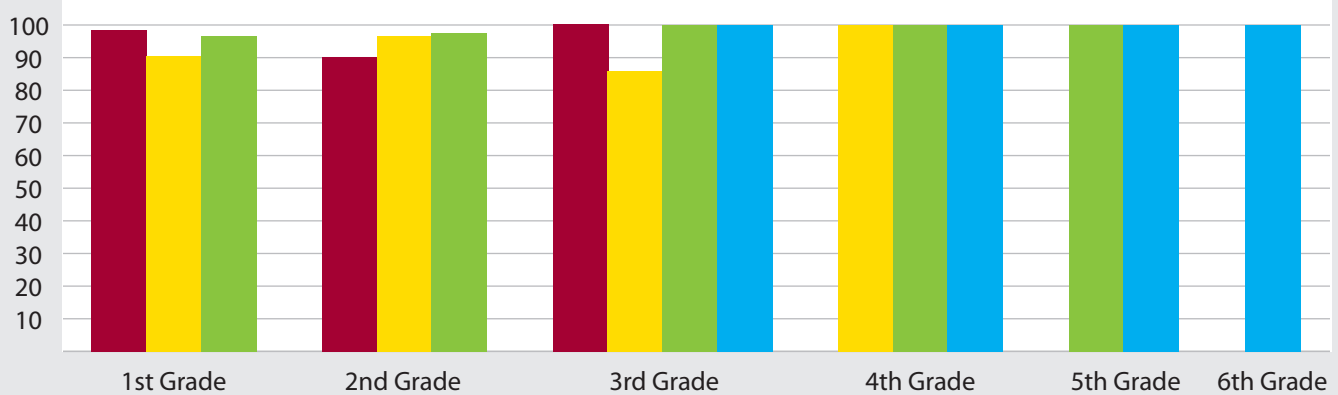
1. Simpson Elementary School	99.8
2. <b>New Life Academy of Excellence</b>	<b>99.4</b>
3. Parsons Elementary School	99.3
4. Berkley Lake Elementary School	96.5
5. Chattahoochee Elementary School	93.1
6. Peachtree Elementary School	92.4
7. Norcross Elementary School	90.9

#### Mathematics

1. Simpson Elementary School	98.9
2. Parsons Elementary School	97.9
3. <b>New Life Academy of Excellence</b>	<b>95.8</b>
4. Berkley Lake Elementary School	93.0
5. Chattahoochee Elementary School	90.1
6. Peachtree Elementary School	88.7
7. Norcross Elementary School	84.1

### CRCT Comparison: Reading

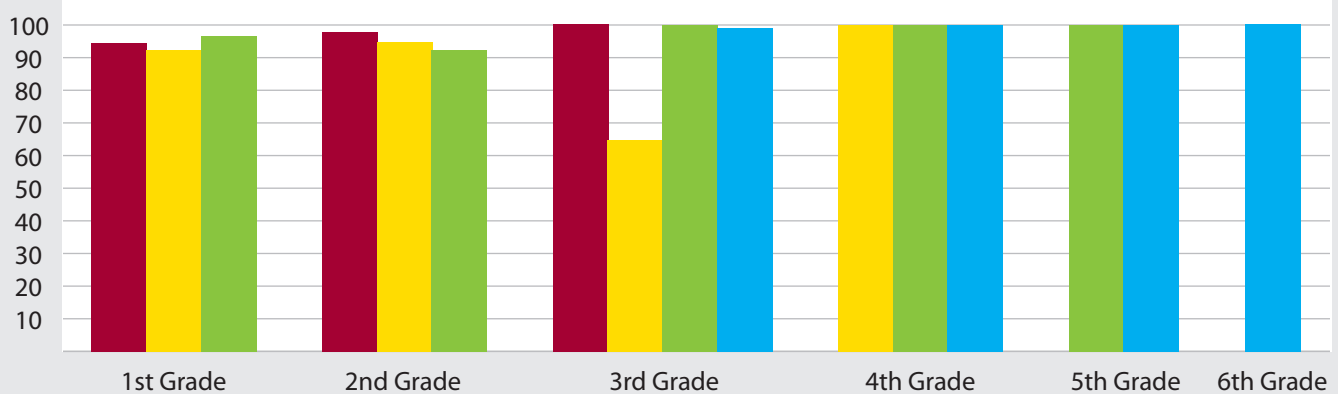
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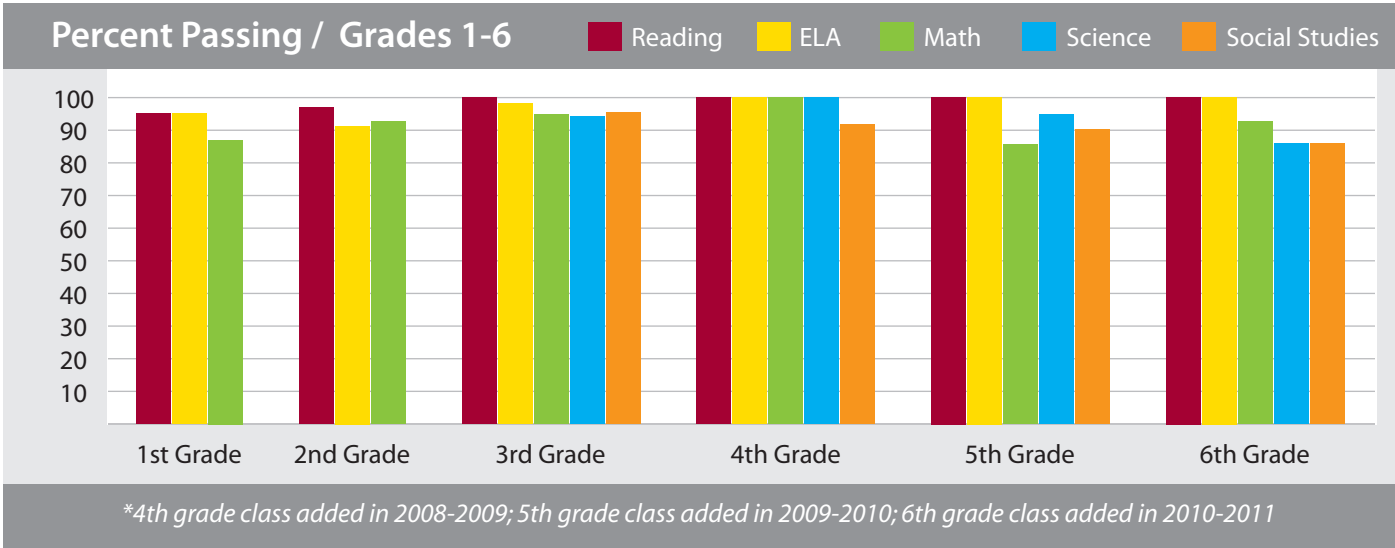
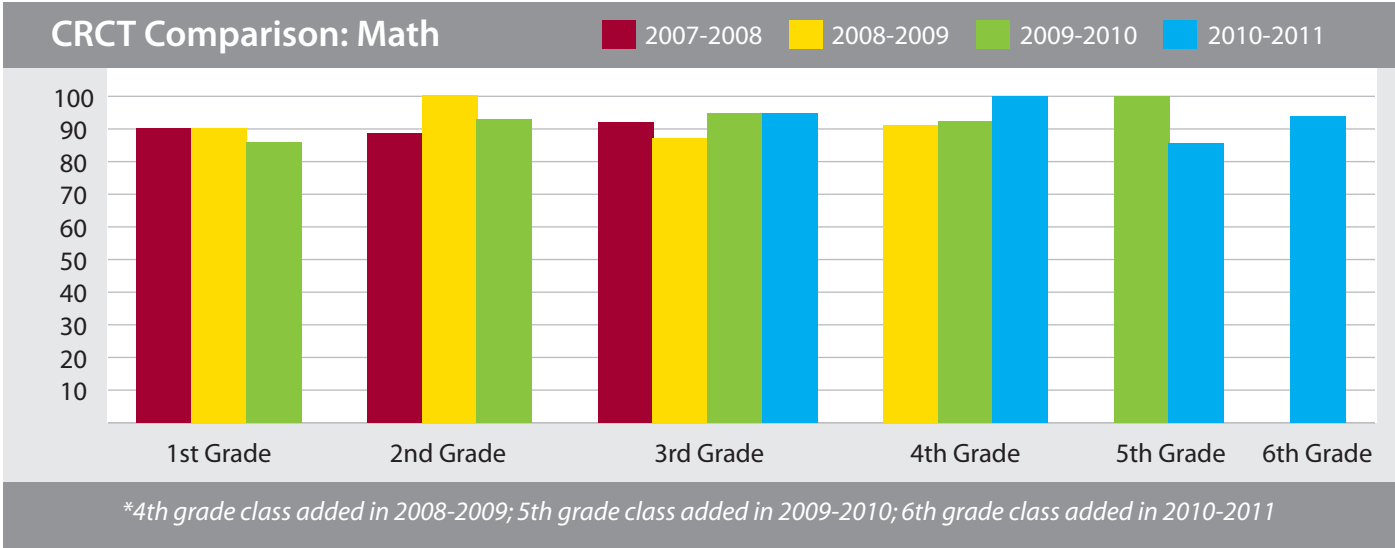
### CRCT Comparison: ELA

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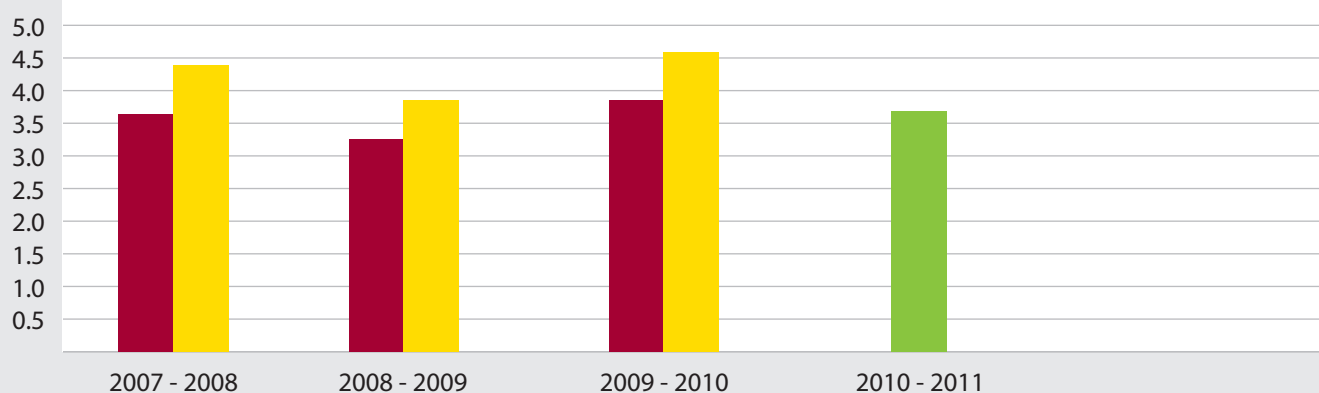
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## IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS, GRADE 3

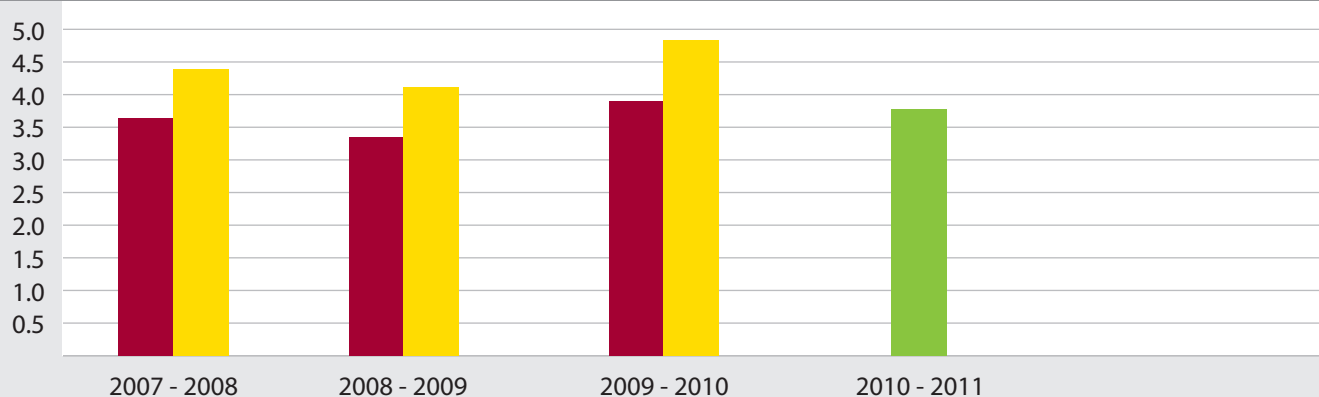
2007 - 2010 Yearly Gains in 3rd Grade *Reading*

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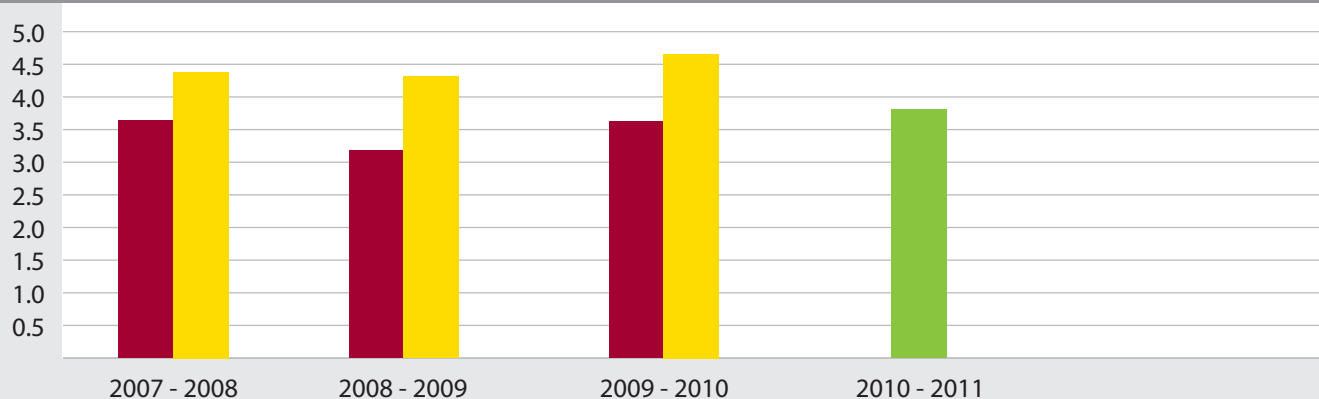
2007 - 2010 Yearly Gains in 3rd Grade *Language*

Fall 2009 Spring 2010 Fall 2010



2007 - 2010 Yearly Gains in 3rd Grade *Math*

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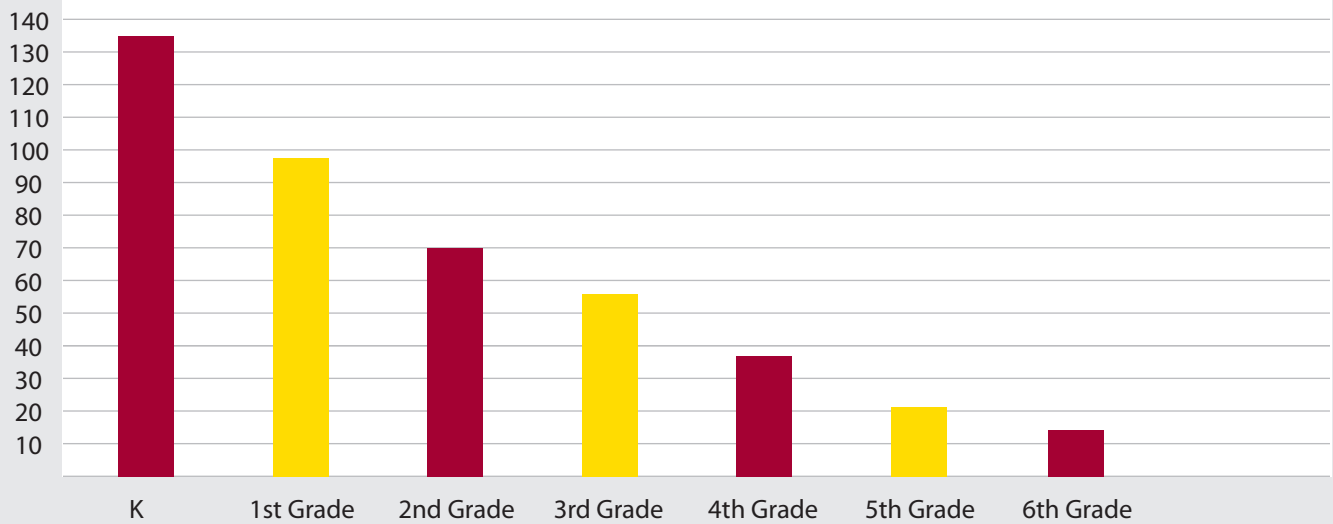


\* 2010 - 2011 ITBS Testing brought down to once a year.



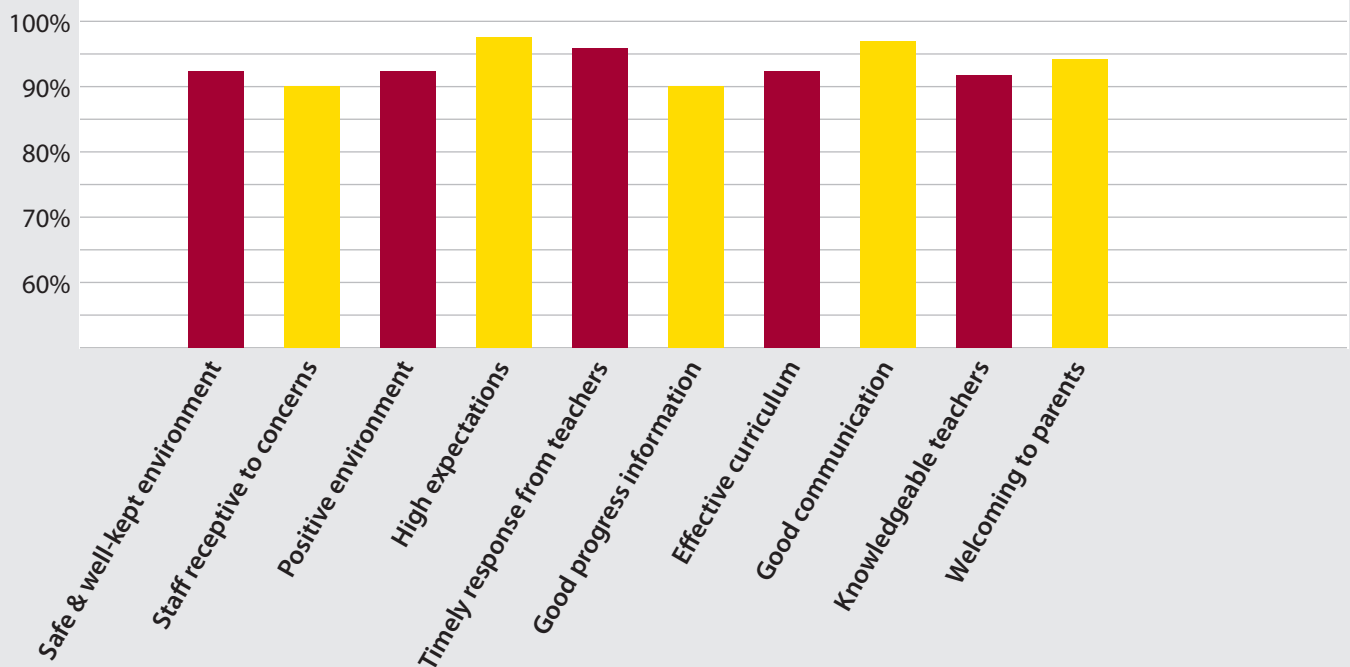
## ENROLLMENT

2010 - 2011 Enrollment by Grade



## PARENT SATISFACTION

Percent Who "Agree" or "Strongly Agree"



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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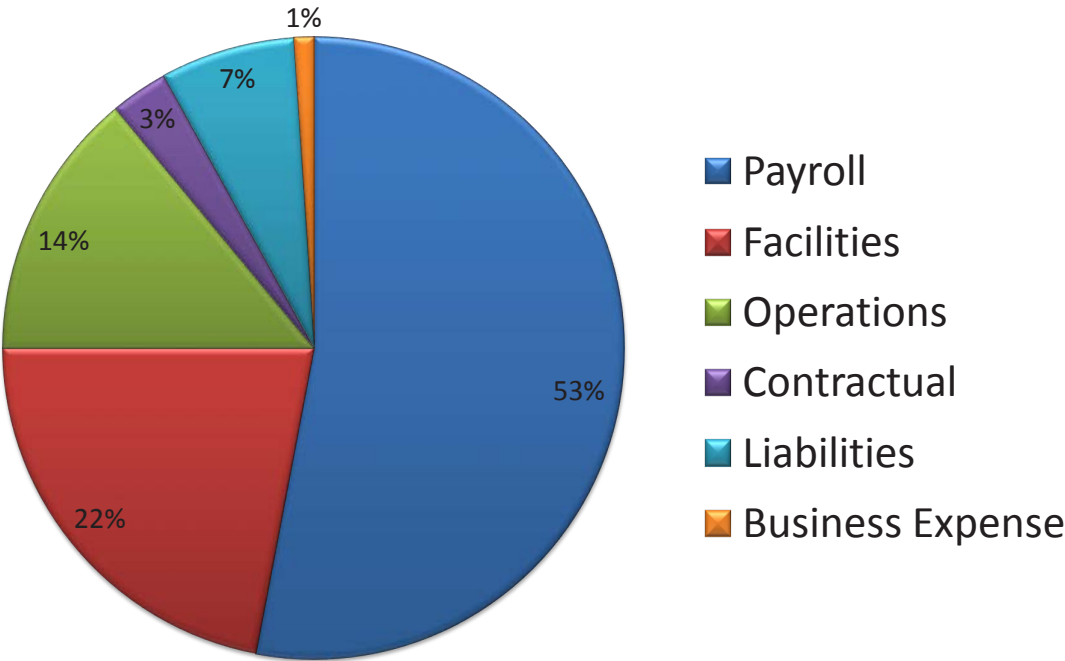
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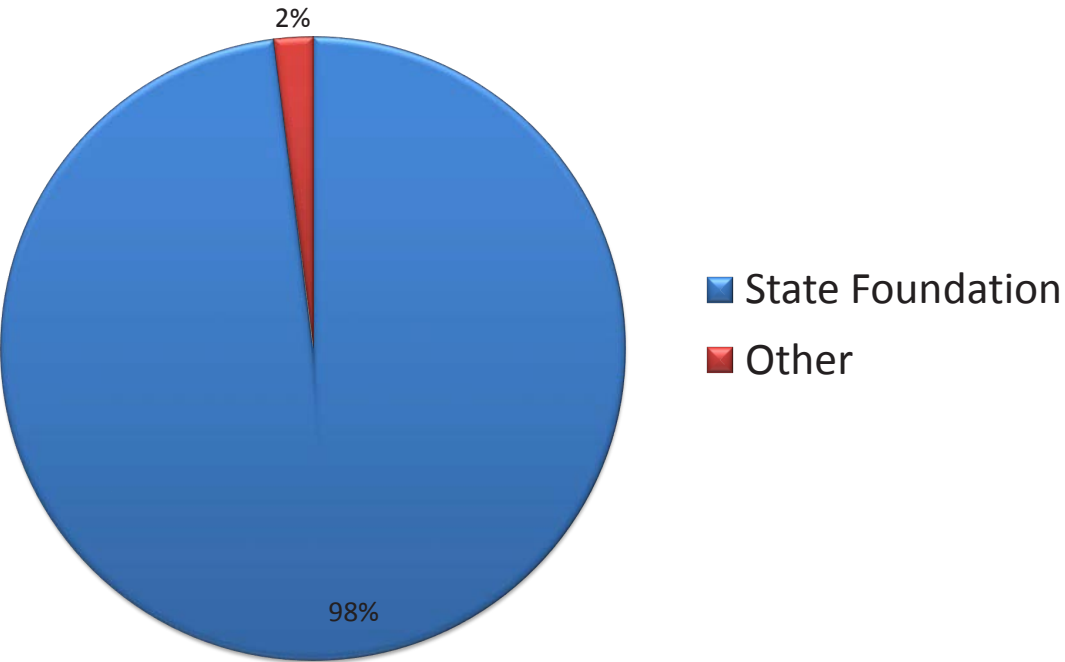
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**FINANCIAL REPORT (UNAUDITED)**

**Expenses By Category**



**Revenue By Source**





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