



# 2024-2025 STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT DATA OVERVIEW

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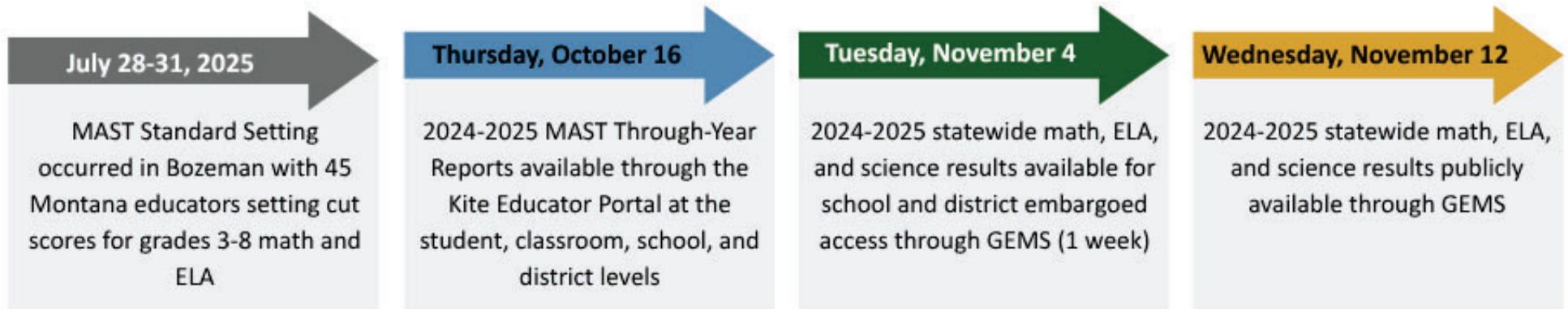
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# DATA OVERVIEW

- Statewide data release timeline
- Considerations for MAST data interpretation
- Grades 3-8 math and ELA
- Grade 11 math, ELA, and science
- Grades 5 and 8 science



# STATEWIDE DATA RELEASE TIMELINE



# WHY MAST CREATES A NEW BASELINE

- **New assessment system:** Multiple MAST testlets replace one end-of-year test—different structure, scoring, and reporting.
- **New proficiency expectations:** Montana educators set new grade-specific cut scores after reviewing student work and alignment to standards.
- **Multiple evidence sources:** Standard setting used impact data including historical Smarter Balanced trends results to ensure validity.
- **New baseline established:** 2024–2025 results serve as the starting point for measuring future progress and trends.

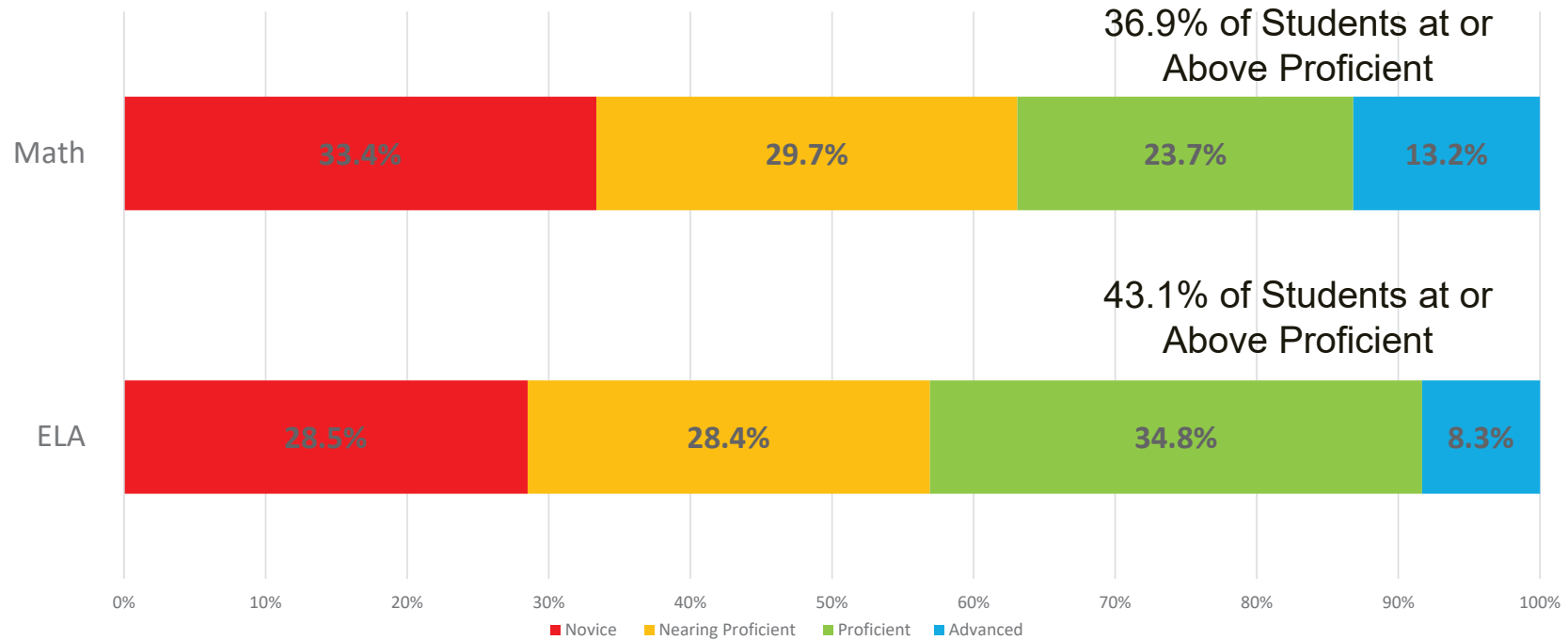


# GRADES 3-8 MATH & ELA RESULTS

- First full statewide administration of MAST for Grades 3-8
- Includes all eligible students in public accredited Montana schools
- Approximately 66,500 students statewide participated in MAST or MSAA alternate math and ELA testing (98%)

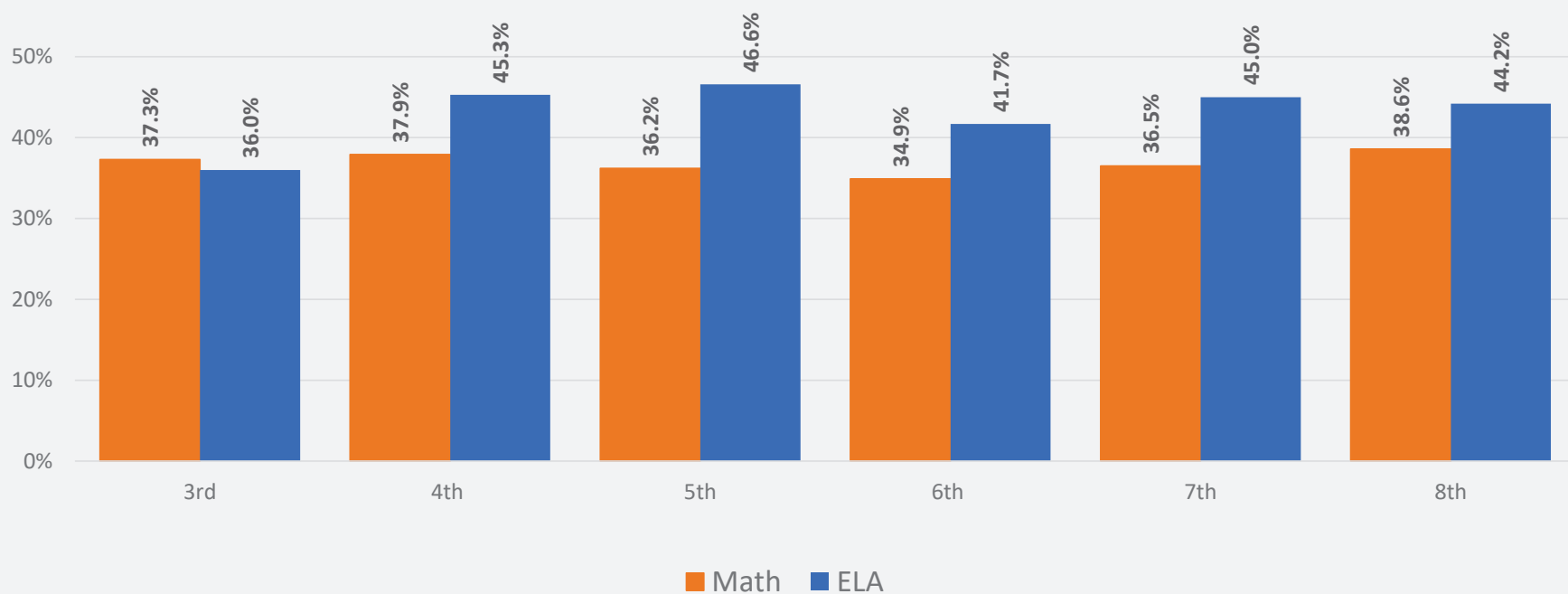


# GRADES 3-8 2024-26 MATH & ELA ACHIEVEMENT

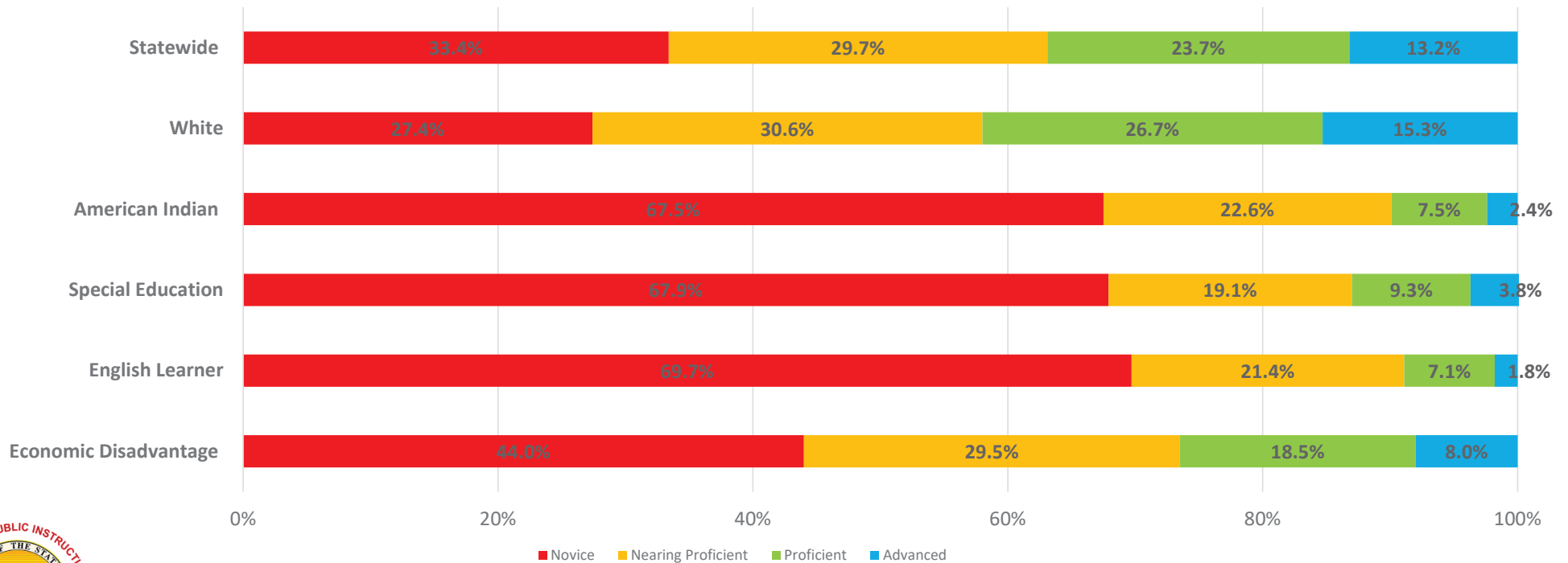


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## Percent At or Above Proficient by Grade

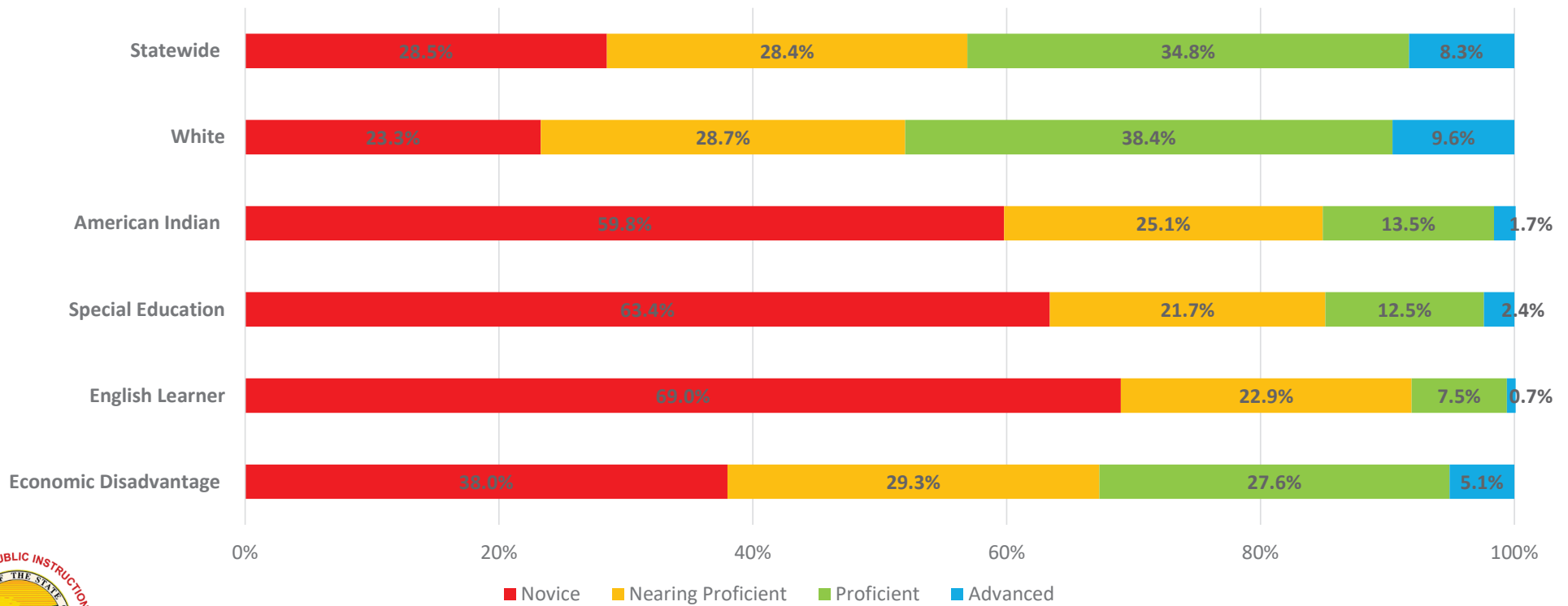


# MATH SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE





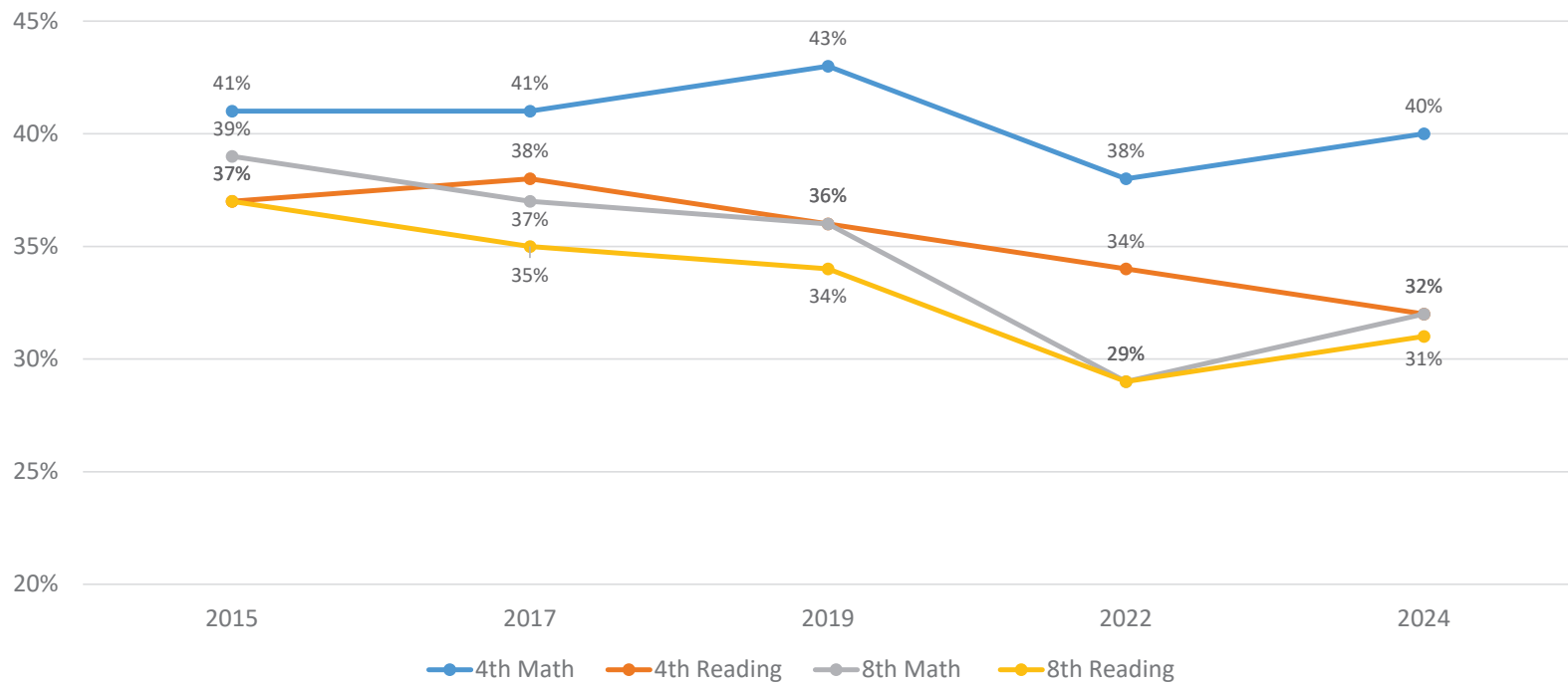
# ELA SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE



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# NAEP LONGITUDINAL DATA

% of Students at or Above Proficient



*NAEP will be administered around the state this spring with 2026 data release planned for early 2027*

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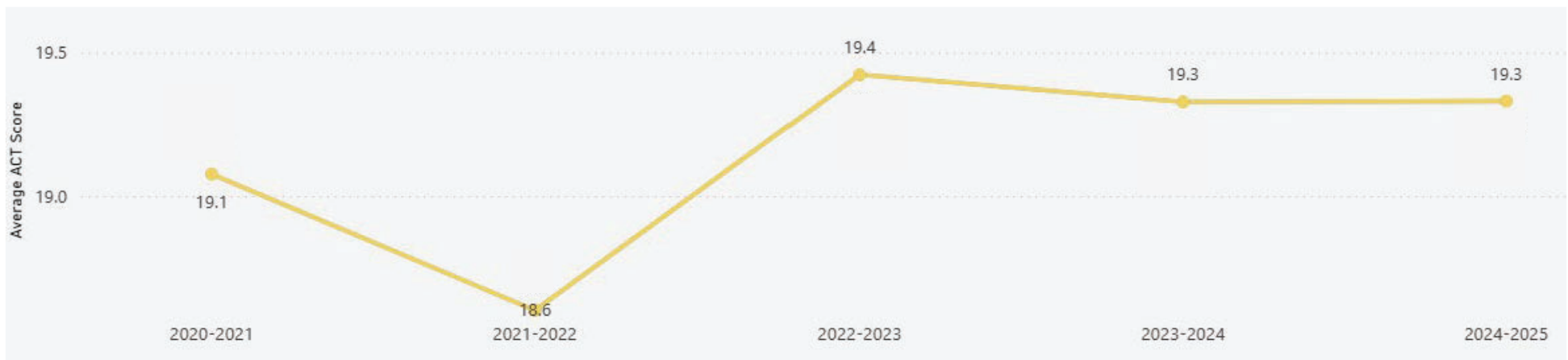


# GRADES 3-8 MATH & ELA KEY POINTS

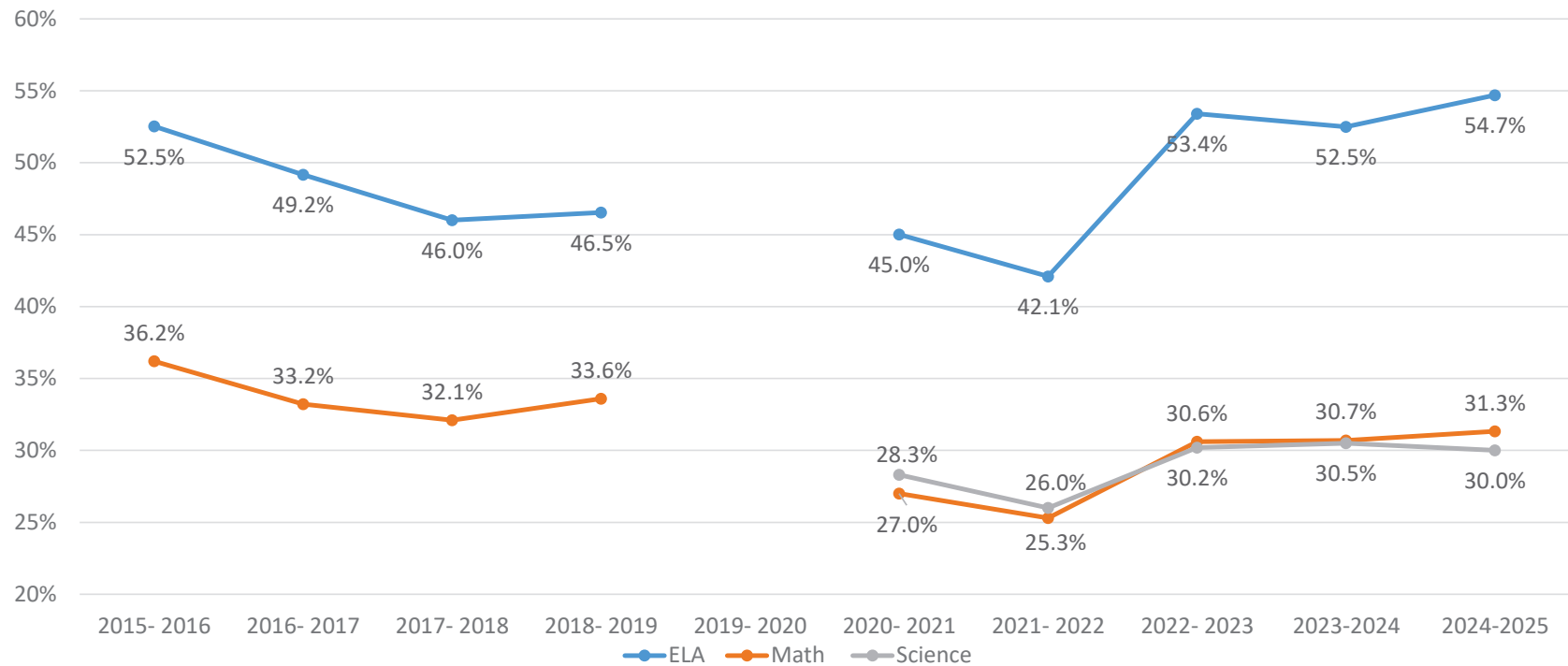
- ELA achievement is slightly higher across all grade levels except for grade 3 with the lowest ELA proficiency rate by grade level
- Math proficiency rates are consistent across all grade levels
- Large performance disparities exist between statewide results and American Indian students, students receiving special education services, English Learners and economic disadvantage students across both math and ELA



# ACT COMPOSITE SCORE TREND



# GRADE 11 PROFICIENCY RATES

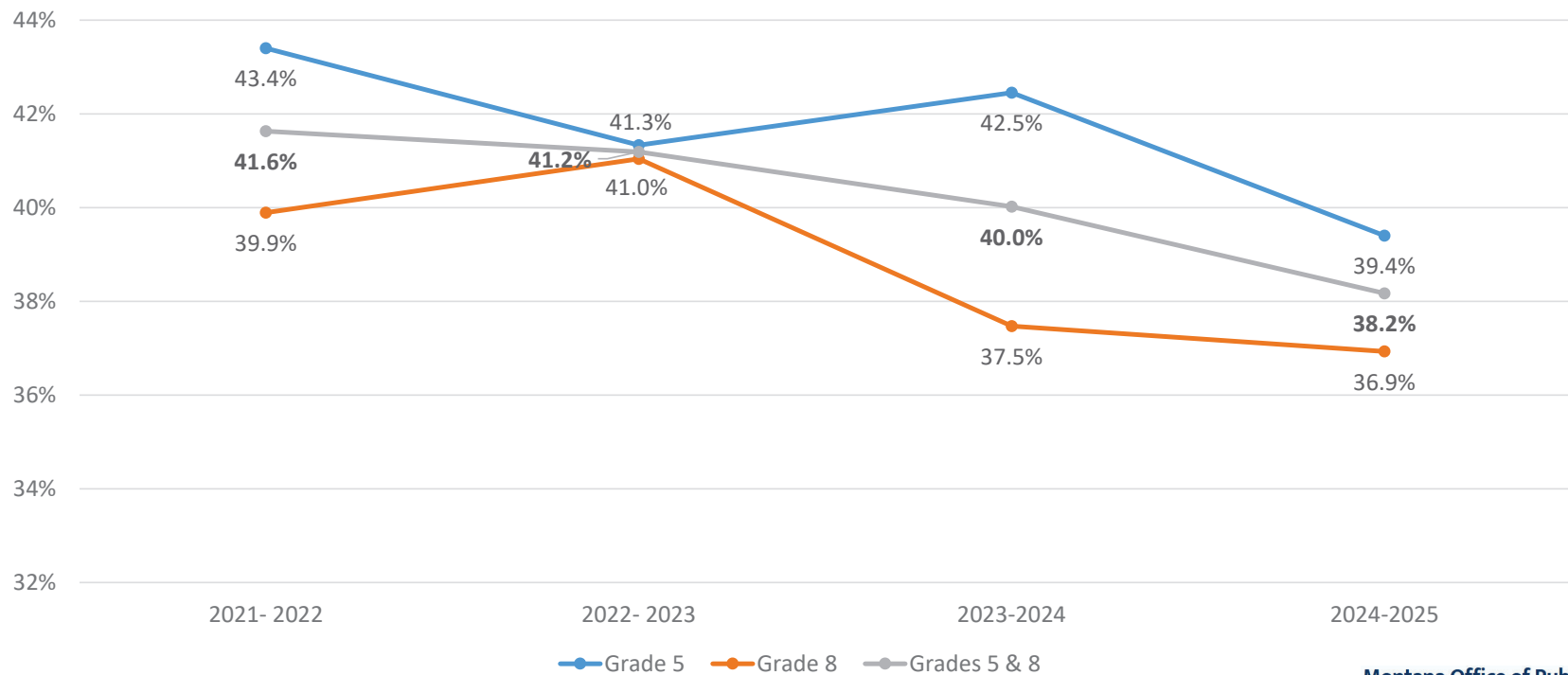


*Includes both ACT and MSAA/AMSA results  
(~9,700-9,800 students per subject)*

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# GRADES 5 AND 8 SCIENCE PROFICIENCY RATES



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# GRADE 11 AND SCIENCE KEY POINTS

## Grade 11

- Highest level of ELA proficiency since ACT statewide use in 2015-16
- Consistent composite score, math, and science proficiency rates

## Grades 5 and 8 Science

- Decrease in proficiency more prominent at grade 5
- Decline in overall proficiency consistent with the 2023-2024 school year



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Interactive Dashboards

## Student Achievement & Performance

- ▶ College Readiness
- ▶ Graduation and Dropout
- ▶ Math, ELA, and Science Assessments Dashboard (Grade High School)
- ▶ Math and ELA Assessments Dashboard (Grades 3-8)
- ▶ Montana Science Assessments Dashboard (Grades 5 & 8)

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