

Academic Performance & Growth Review

September 8, 2026 | BOE Meeting



Middletown Public Schools
Cultivating the Brilliance in Each Student





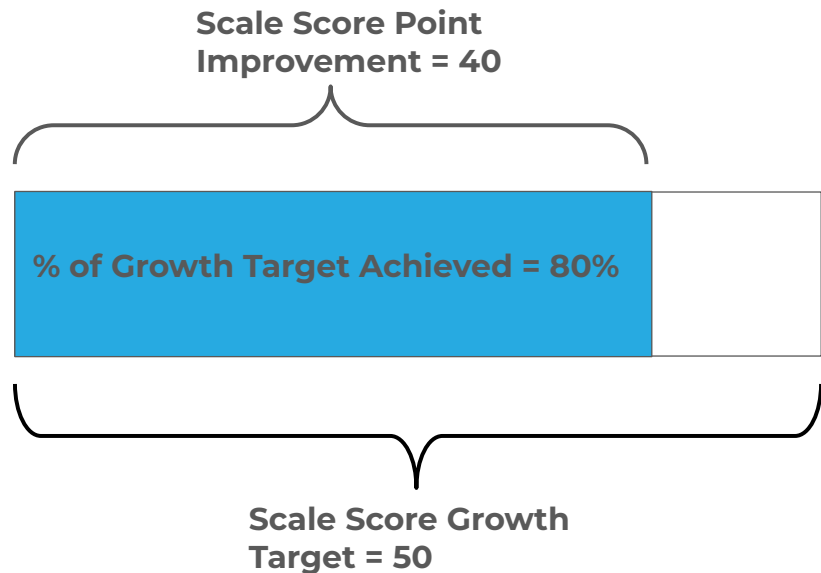
What is Smarter Balanced?

- Annual, state-required, assessment for all students in grades 3-8 in ELA and Mathematics
- Measures achievement and growth in reference to the Connecticut Core Standards
- Used as key indicator of school performance on Next Generation Accountability Index

Smarter Balanced Assessment Data Overview

Definitions

- **Proficiency (grades 3-8)**- demonstration of grade-level or higher skills/knowledge. Sum of percentage of students scoring at Levels 3 and 4.
- **Growth Measure (grades 4-8)**- students are assigned a growth target in scale score points based on the previous year's assessment; the measure is the average % of that target achieved across a group of students

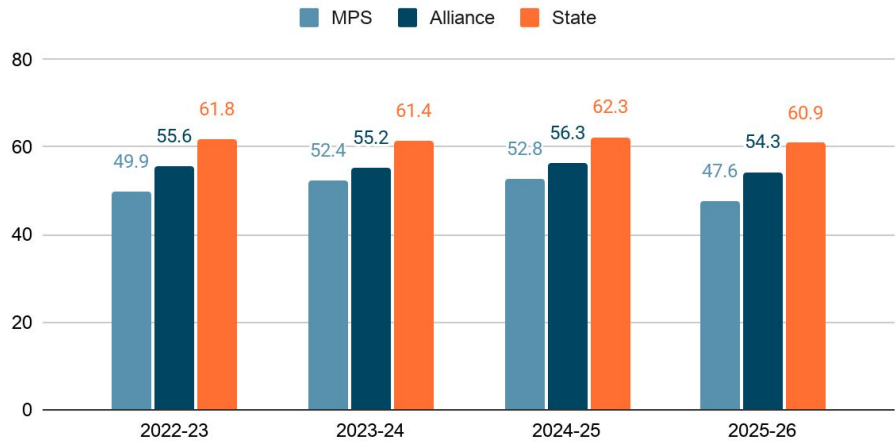


Mathematics

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Smarter Balanced Growth, Math

Target: 100



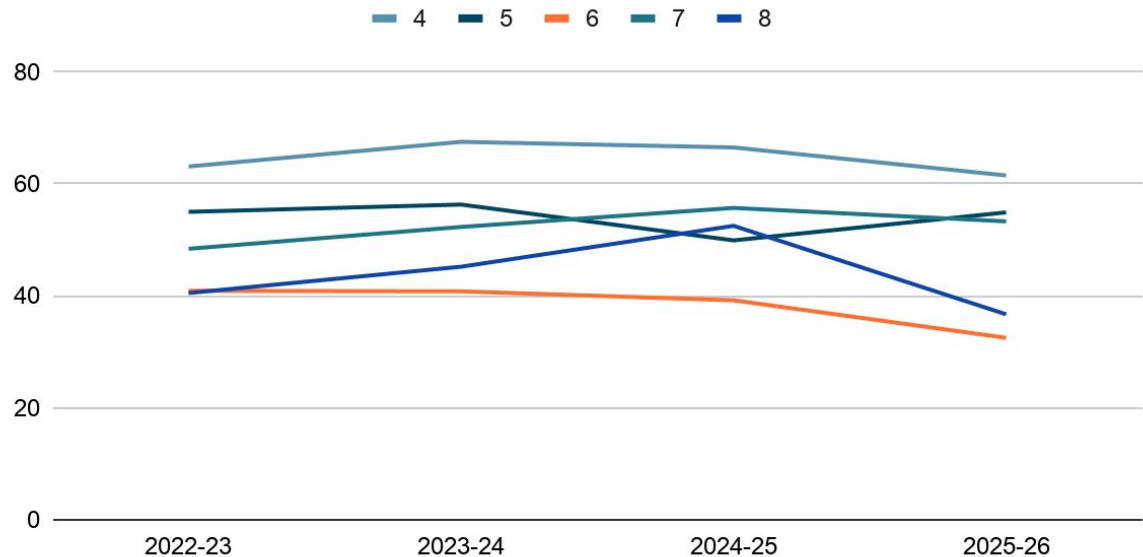
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2022-23	49.9	55.6	61.8
2023-24	52.4	55.2	61.4
2024-25	52.8	56.3	62.3
2025-26	47.6	54.3	60.9

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Grade Level



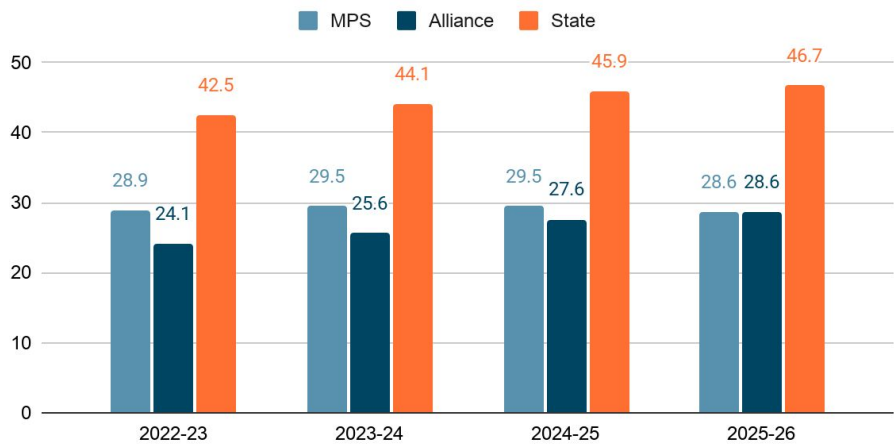
Grade	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
4	63.1	67.5	66.5	61.5
5	55	56.3	49.9	54.9
6	40.9	40.8	39.2	32.5
7	48.4	52.3	55.7	53.3
8	40.5	45.2	52.5	36.7

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Smarter Balanced % Proficient, Math

% of Level 3 + Level 4 Students



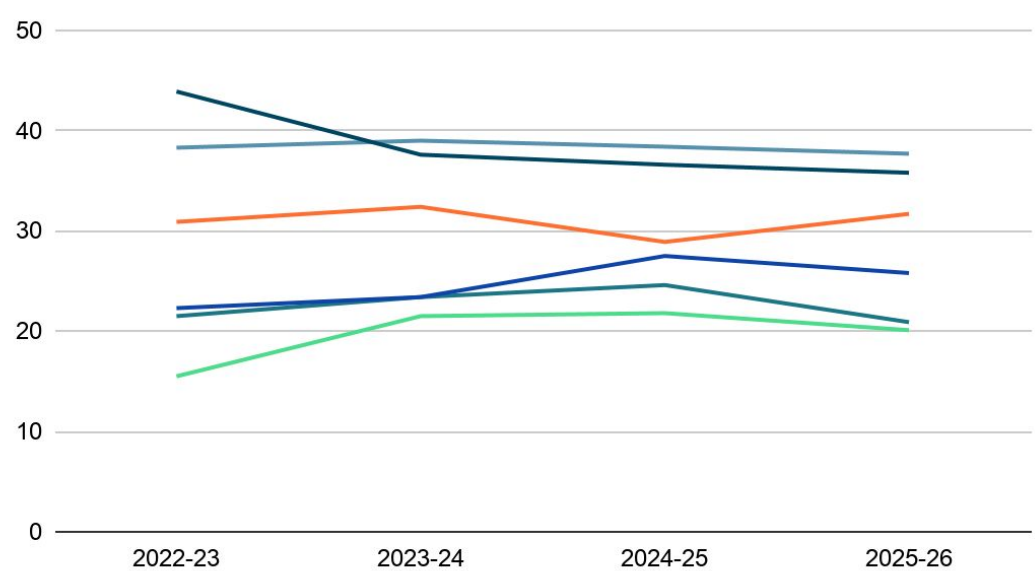
	MPS	Alliance	State
2022-23	28.9	24.1	42.5
2023-24	29.5	25.6	44.1
2024-25	29.5	27.6	45.9
2025-26	28.6	28.6	46.7

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Smarter Balance % Proficient, Math

By Grade Level



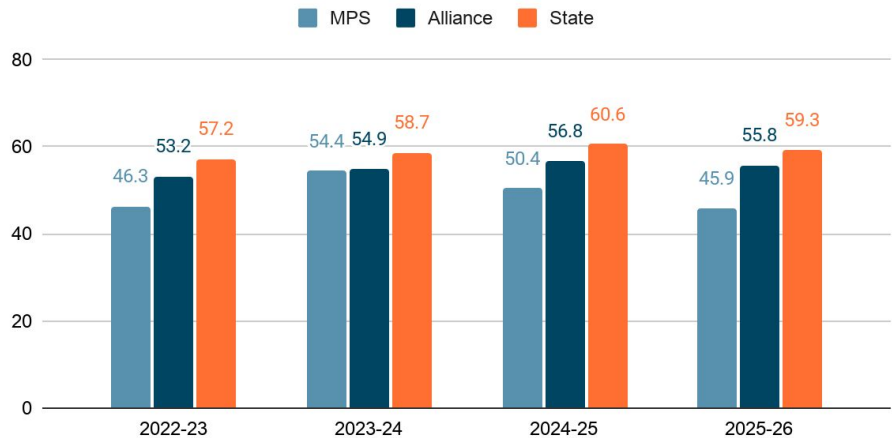
	Grade	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
3	3	38.3	39	38.4	37.7
4	4	43.9	37.6	36.6	35.8
5	5	30.9	32.4	28.9	31.7
6	6	21.5	23.4	24.6	20.9
7	7	22.3	23.4	27.5	25.8
8	8	15.5	21.5	21.8	20.1

English Language Arts

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Smarter Balanced Growth, ELA

Target: 100



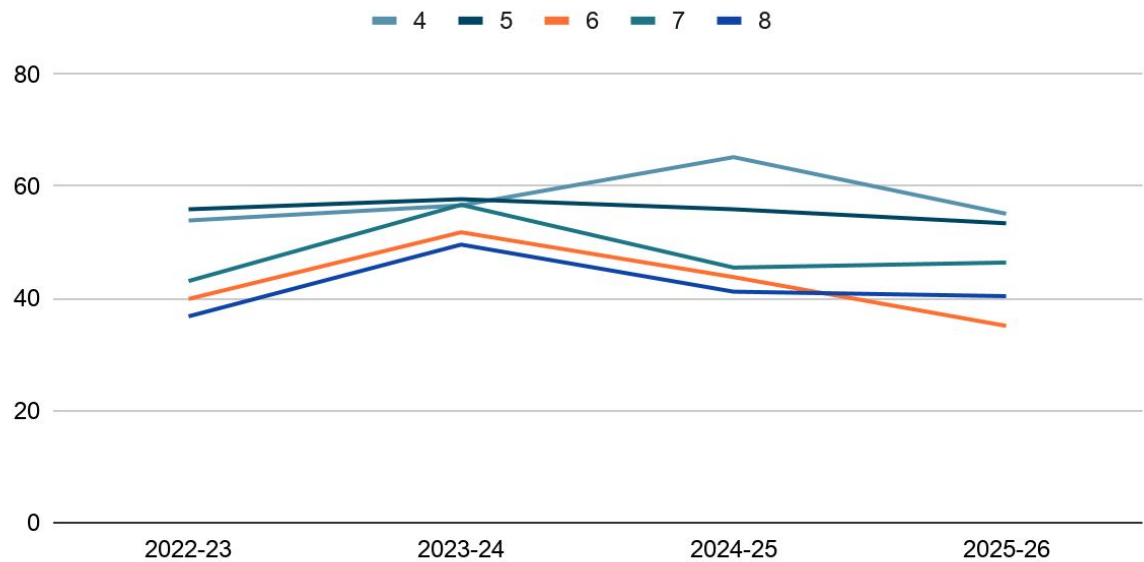
	MPS	Alliance	State
2022-23	46.3	53.2	57.2
2023-24	54.4	54.9	58.7
2024-25	50.4	56.8	60.6
2025-26	45.9	55.8	59.3

English Language Arts

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Grade Level



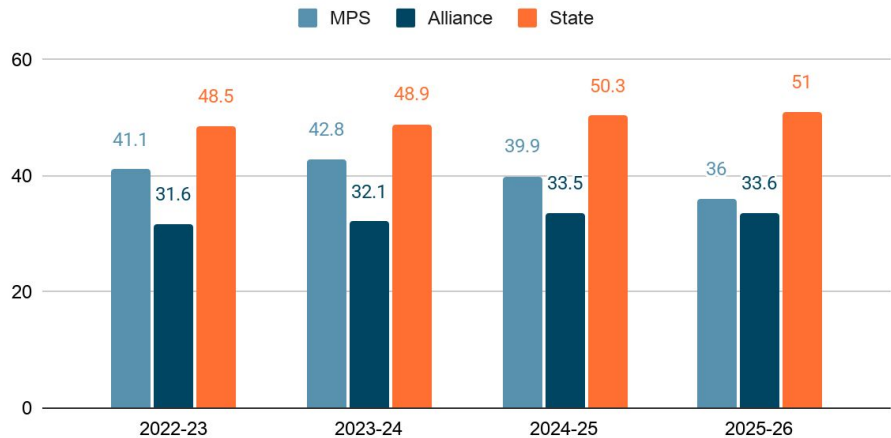
Grade	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
4	53.9	56.6	65.2	55.1
5	55.9	57.7	55.9	53.4
6	39.9	51.8	43.8	35.1
7	43.1	56.7	45.5	46.4
8	36.8	49.6	41.2	40.4

English Language Arts

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Smarter Balanced % Proficient, ELA

% Level 3 + Level 4 Students



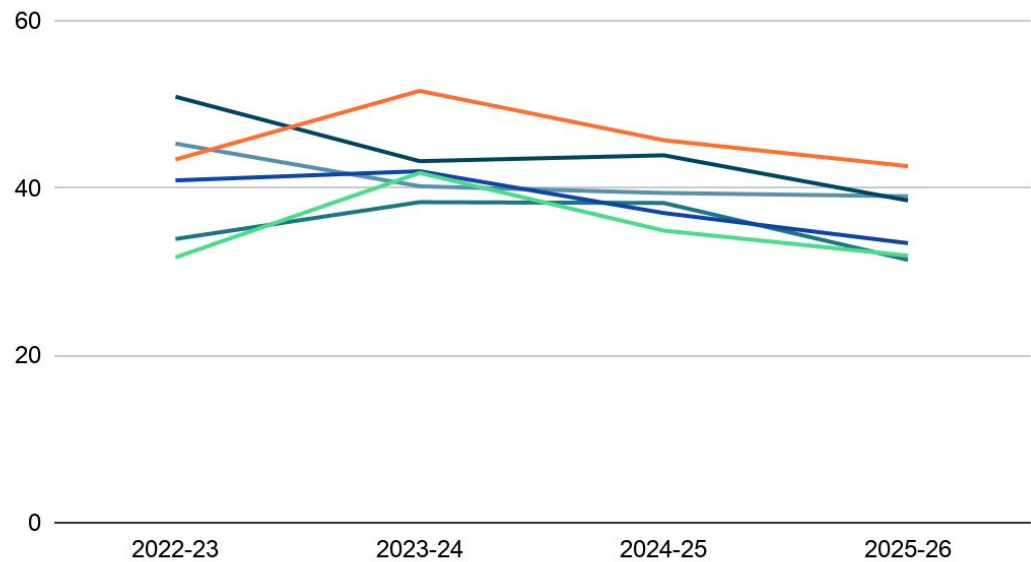
	MPS	Alliance	State
2022-23	41.1	31.6	48.5
2023-24	42.8	32.1	48.9
2024-25	39.9	33.5	50.3
2025-26	36	33.6	51

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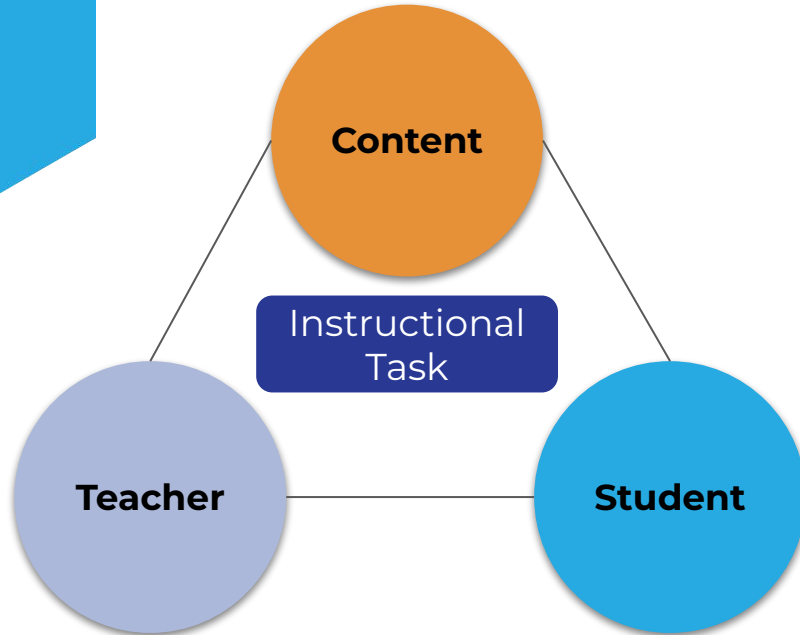
Smarter Balance % Proficient, ELA

By Grade



Grade	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
3	45.3	40.2	39.4	39
4	50.9	43.2	43.9	38.5
5	43.4	51.6	45.7	42.6
6	33.9	38.3	38.2	31.4
7	40.9	42	37	33.4
8	31.7	41.8	34.9	31.9

Improving Teaching & Learning



3 ways to improve learning

- Raise the cognitive level of **content** being taught
- Increase the instructional skills and knowledge of the **teacher**
- Increase the academic engagement of the **student** in the learning task



Initiatives to Start the Year

- Math curriculum audit with Partners for Educational Leadership
- ELA curriculum audit with Literacy How
- Coaching for EISTs and teachers through Literacy How