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Spring 2025 MCA & Fall 2026 FastBridge Results

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Executive Summary

Fall screening held or rose in most grades; MCA overall math rose 0.9 points

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FastBridge, Fall 2026

- **Reading:** 60% to 76% of students met the Fall benchmark in every grade K–8; five of nine grades rose from last Fall.
- 4th grade led reading at 76%, up 8 points; kindergarten fell 5 points to 62%.
- 1st grade earlyReading has the widest school gap: 88% at Pinecrest, 43% at Kennedy.
- **Math:** 58% to 88% met the benchmark in grades 1–8; 2nd and 8th grade are lowest.

MCA, Spring 2026

- Math rose 0.9 points to 44.1% overall, the first gain since 2022-23.
- Reading was 46.8% on the new MCA-IV, 2.3 points below last year's MCA-III result.
- Science was 16.5% in the second year of its new test; HHS fell 15.4 points to 17.6%.
- Pinecrest reading rose 9.5 points to 59.8%; HHS reading fell 11.2 points to 38.0%.

Grade-level, school and intervention detail follows each section for review before or after the meeting. FastBridge: percent of students at or above the Fall benchmark. MCA: percent of students meeting or exceeding standards; sources on each slide.

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MCA Results
Five-Year Trends

Spring 2026 MCA · Reading, math and science proficiency, 2021-22 to 2025-26

District Proficiency

Math rose 0.9 points in 2025-26; reading and science are on new tests

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Subject	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Change vs. 2024-25
Reading	52.1%	53.0%	51.8%	49.1%	46.8%	−2.3 pts
Math	48.6%	49.2%	47.1%	43.2%	44.1%	+0.9 pts
Science	45.7%	42.8%	40.5%	21.5%	16.5%	−5.0 pts

New tests: science changed in 2024-25 and reading in 2025-26. Those years start new trend lines and are not directly comparable with earlier years.

Source: Minnesota Department of Education Report Card, retrieved October 26, 2026. Percent of students meeting or exceeding standards.

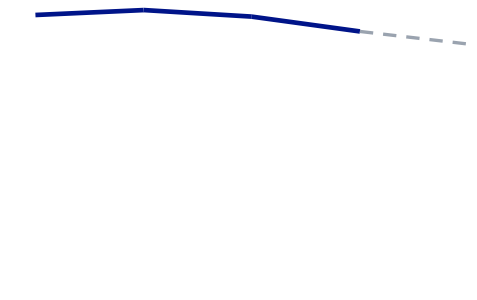
District Trends, 2021-22 to 2025-26

Math held near 44%; new reading and science tests restarted those trend lines

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Reading

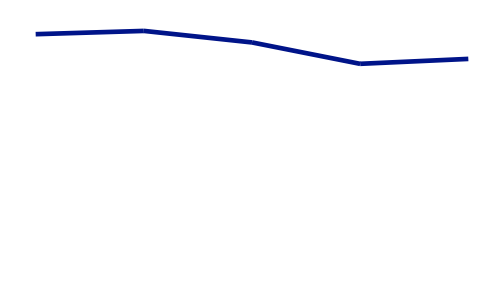
2025-26: 46.8% · −2.3 pts (new test)



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Math

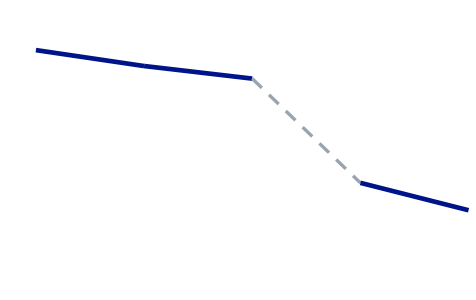
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Science

2025-26: 16.5% · −5.0 pts vs. 2024-25



21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
45.7%	42.8%	40.5%	21.5%	**16.5%**

Dashed segments mark a change of test: a new science test began in 2024-25 and a new reading test in 2025-26, so results on either side are not directly comparable. Source: Minnesota Department of Education Report Card, retrieved October 26, 2026. Percent of students meeting or exceeding standards.

Results by Grade Band, 2025-26

Grades 3–4 rose in reading; grades 5–8 rose in math; HHS fell in all three

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Grade band	Reading	Change
Grades 3–4	52.9%	+3.1
Grades 5–8 (HMS)	46.2%	−2.7
Hastings High School	38.0%	−11.2
District	46.8%	−2.3

Grade band	Math	Change
Grades 3–4	60.0%	−1.0
Grades 5–8 (HMS)	37.8%	+3.3
Hastings High School	38.8%	−4.4
District	44.1%	+0.9

Grade band	Science	Change
Grades 3–4	–	–
Grades 5–8 (HMS)	16.1%	+1.8
Hastings High School	17.6%	−15.4
District	16.5%	−5.0

Change is percentage points vs. 2024-25. Reading moved to a new test in 2025-26, so its change compares the new test with the old one. Source: Minnesota Department of Education Report Card, as recorded in the district's Vision Card/Data Dashboard data. Percent of students meeting or exceeding standards.

Results by Building, 2025-26

Pinecrest led in math and reading; McAuliffe math fell 8 points

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School	Math	Change	Reading	Change	Science	Change
Pinecrest Elementary (K–4)	65.6%	+3.9	59.8%	+9.5	–	–
McAuliffe Elementary (K–4)	60.3%	−8.0	54.5%	−0.4	–	–
Kennedy Elementary (K–4)	53.8%	+1.1	43.9%	−0.8	–	–
Hastings Middle School (5–8)	37.7%	+3.2	46.1%	−2.6	16.0%	+1.2
Hastings High School	38.8%	−4.4	38.0%	−11.2	17.6%	−15.4
District	44.1%	+0.9	46.8%	−2.3	16.5%	−5.0

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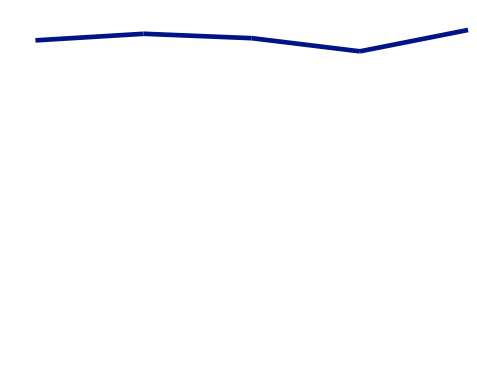
Elementary Math, 2021-22 to 2025-26

Pinecrest and Kennedy rose this year; McAuliffe fell 8 points after three gains

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Pinecrest

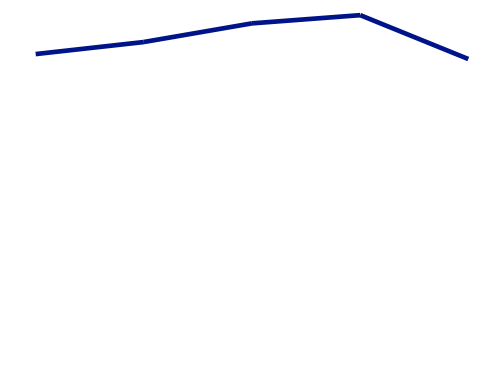
2025-26: 65.6% · +3.9 pts vs. 2024-25



21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
63.7%	64.9%	64.1%	61.7%	**65.6%**

McAuliffe

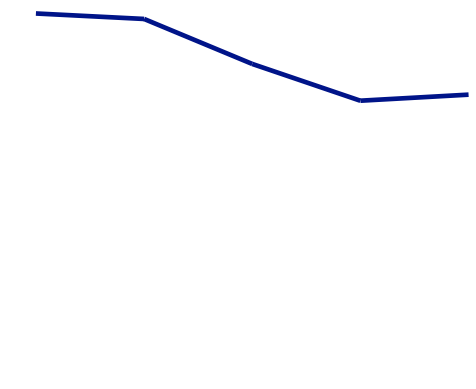
2025-26: 60.3% · −8.0 pts vs. 2024-25



21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
61.2%	63.4%	66.8%	68.3%	**60.3%**

Kennedy

2025-26: 53.8% · +1.1 pts vs. 2024-25



21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
68.6%	67.6%	59.4%	52.7%	**53.8%**

The elementary schools serve grades K–4, so their math results cover grades 3 and 4. Source: Minnesota Department of Education Report Card, school accountability results, retrieved October 26, 2026. Percent of students meeting or exceeding standards.

Secondary Math, 2021-22 to 2025-26

HMS rose 3.2 points; HHS fell 4.4 to its lowest rate in five years

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Hastings Middle (5–8)

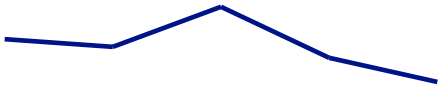
2025-26: 37.7% · +3.2 pts vs. 2024-25



21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
42.6%	43.1%	38.2%	34.5%	**37.7%**

Hastings High

2025-26: 38.8% · −4.4 pts vs. 2024-25



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HMS serves grades 5–8; HHS math is grade 11; its 2024-25 and 2025-26 values are grade-level results, as on slide 6. Source: Minnesota Department of Education Report Card, school accountability results, retrieved October 26, 2026. Percent of students meeting or exceeding standards.

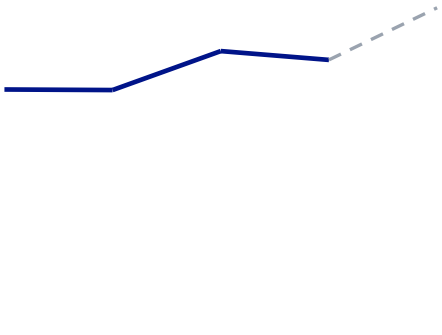
Elementary Reading, 2021-22 to 2025-26

Pinecrest jumped 9.5 points on the new test; McAuliffe and Kennedy held steady

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Pinecrest

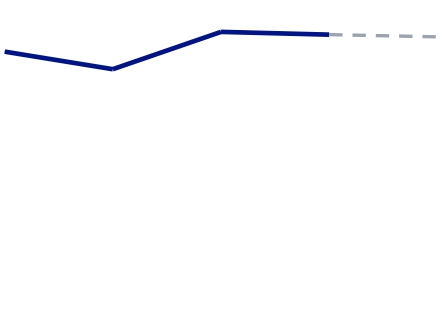
2025-26: 59.8% · +9.5 pts (new test)



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McAuliffe

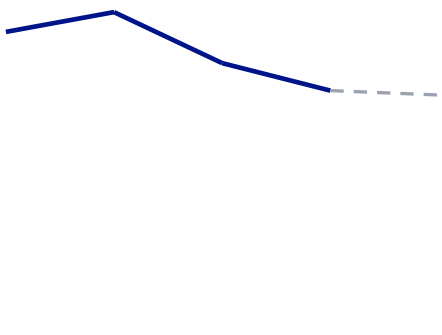
2025-26: 54.5% · −0.4 pts (new test)



21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
51.8%	48.6%	55.4%	54.9%	**54.5%**

Kennedy

2025-26: 43.9% · −0.8 pts (new test)



21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
55.4%	59.0%	49.7%	44.7%	**43.9%**

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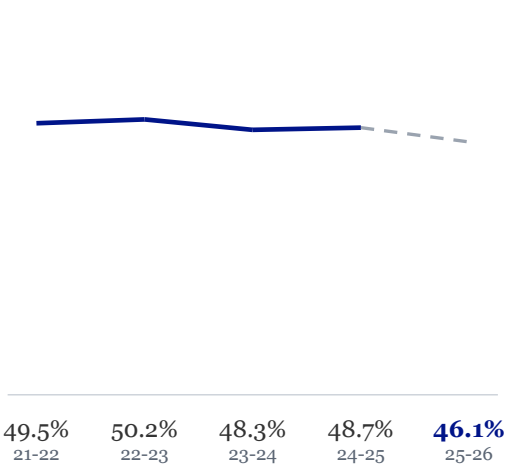
Secondary Reading, 2021-22 to 2025-26

HHS reading fell 11 points; HMS and the district dipped about 2.5

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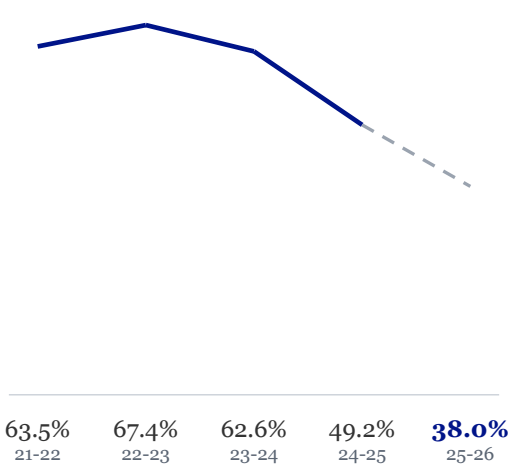
Hastings Middle (5–8)

2025-26: 46.1% · −2.6 pts (new test)



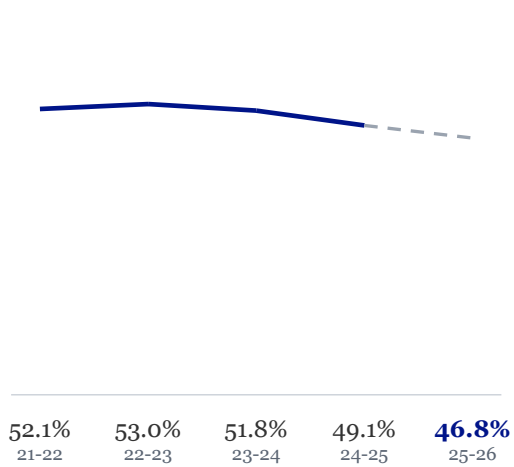
Hastings High

2025-26: 38.0% · −11.2 pts (new test)



District

2025-26: 46.8% · −2.3 pts (new test)



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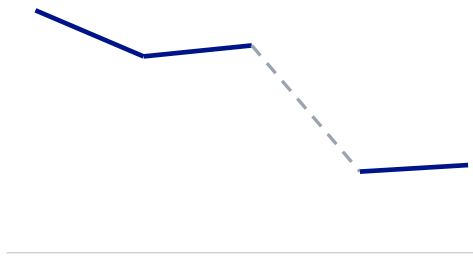
Secondary Science, 2021-22 to 2025-26

New 2024-25 test lowered scores; HMS rose this year, HHS fell 15.4 points

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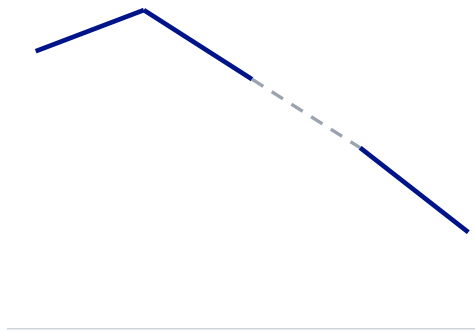
2025-26: 16.0% · +1.2 pts vs. 2024-25



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44.2%	35.8%	37.8%	14.8%	**16.0%**

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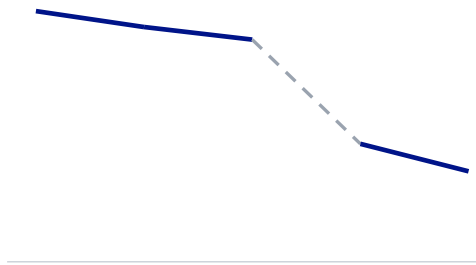
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Fall 2026 Screening

Reading grades K–8 and math grades 1–8 · Percent of students at or above the Fall benchmark

Fall Reading Benchmark, 2021–2026

Five of nine grades rose from last Fall; 4th grade led at 76%

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	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2021	NA	55%*	59%	65%	70%				
2022	NA	59%*	57%	63%	66%				
2023	59%	50%	55%	58%	69%				
2024	70%	48%	61%	59%	66%	67%	66%	60%	52%
2025	67%	65%	62%	67%	68%	57%	64%	64%	61%
2026	62%	62%	66%	68%	76%	63%	64%	60%	66%

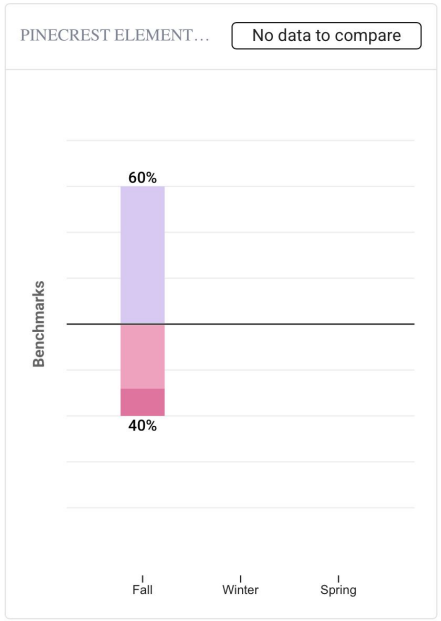
Following one class: last Fall's 3rd graders (67%) are this Fall's 4th graders (76%), and last Fall's 2nd graders rose from 62% to 68% as 3rd graders.

Percent of students at or above the Fall benchmark: earlyReading in K–1, aReading in grades 2–8. Each class keeps one color as it moves down one row and right one column (blue, yellow and gray repeat). Outlined cells: the class described above. White cells: no data. *Sentence reading is introduced for 1st grade in the Fall, an area where students typically struggle after summer break. Source: FastBridge Fall screening.

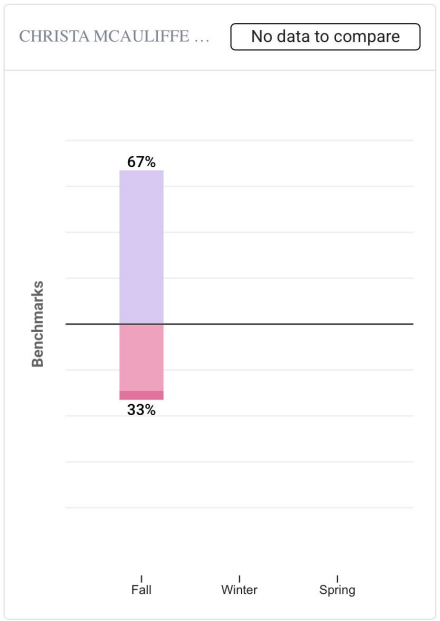
Kindergarten earlyReading, Fall 2026

62% met the Fall benchmark, down from 67% last Fall; McAuliffe led at 67%

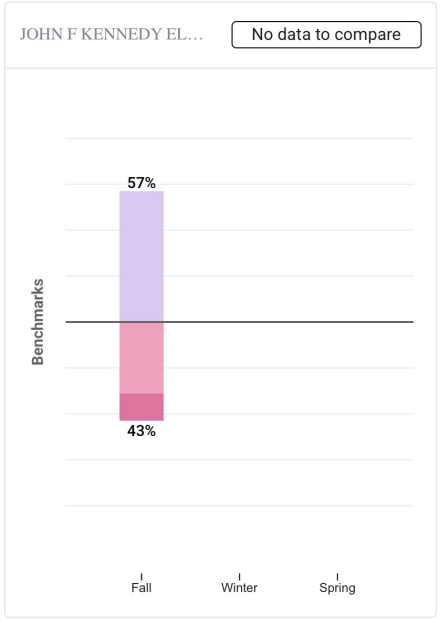
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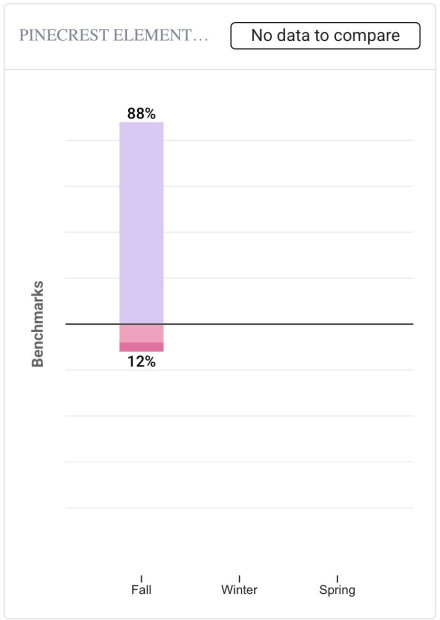
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earlyReading measures early literacy skills. Bars show the share of students at or above the Fall benchmark (above the line) and below it (below the line). Source: FastBridge Fall 2026 screening.

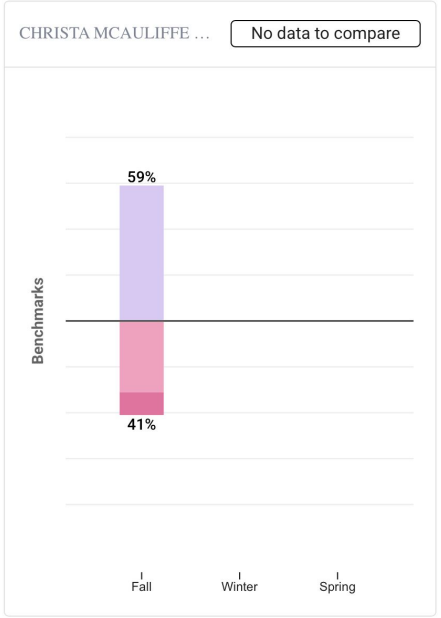
1st Grade earlyReading, Fall 2026

Pinecrest at 88% and Kennedy at 43%: the widest school gap of any grade

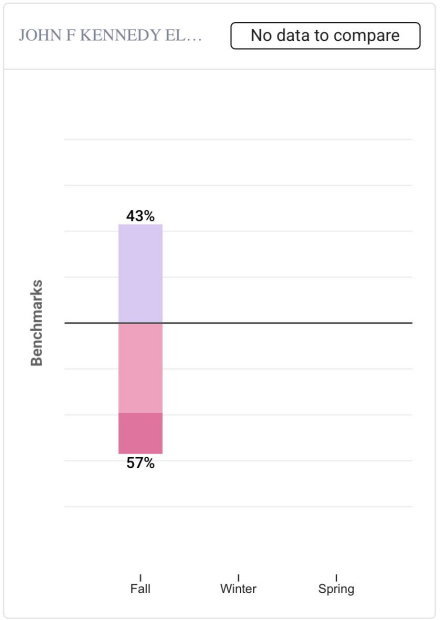
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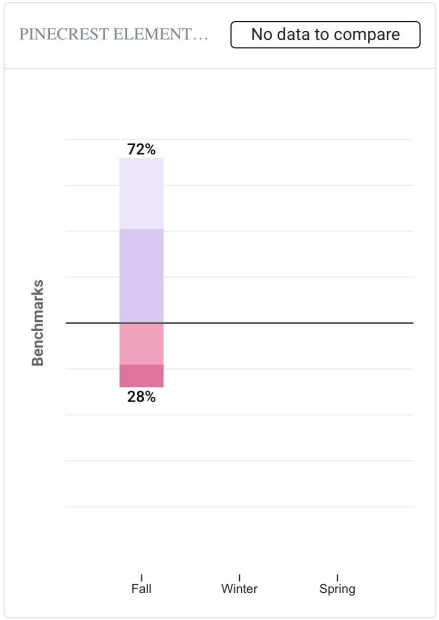
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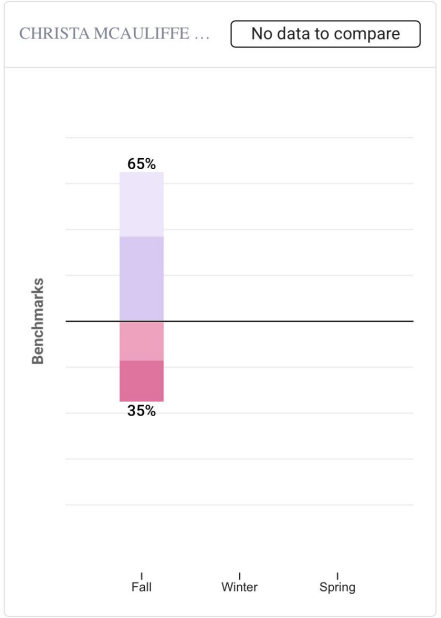
2nd Grade aReading, Fall 2026

Pinecrest led at 72%; McAuliffe and Kennedy were close behind at 65% and 64%

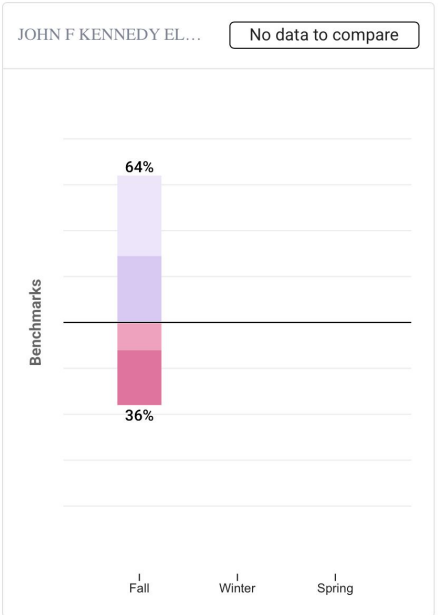
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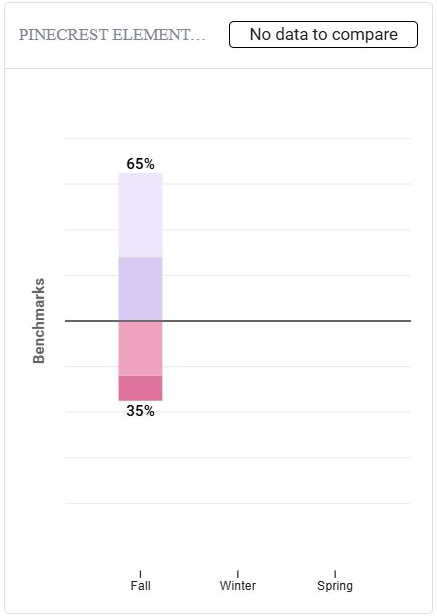
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aReading measures broad reading skills. Bars show the share of students at or above the Fall benchmark (above the line) and below it (below the line). Source: FastBridge Fall 2026 screening.

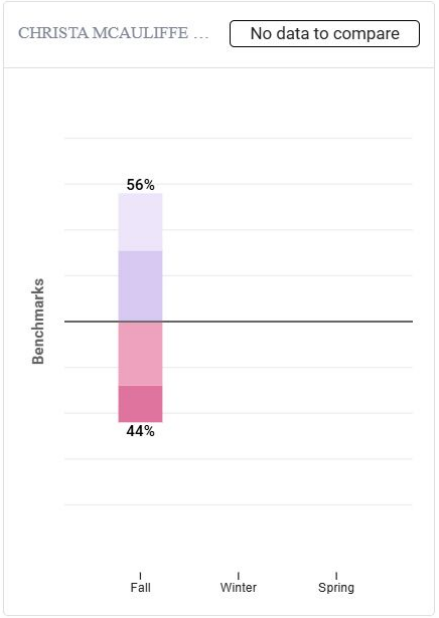
2nd Grade CBMreading, Fall 2026

Fluency trails aReading at every school: 56% to 65% met the benchmark

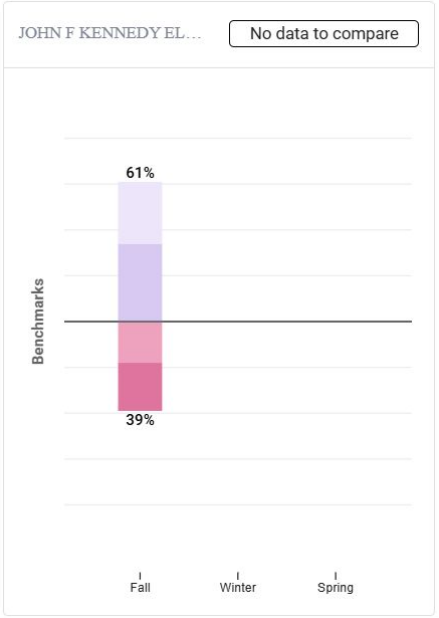
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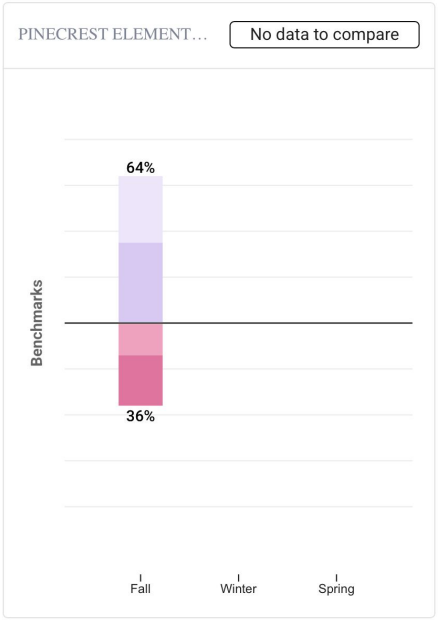
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CBMreading measures oral reading fluency. Bars show the share of students at or above the Fall benchmark (above the line) and below it (below the line). Source: FastBridge Fall 2026 screening.

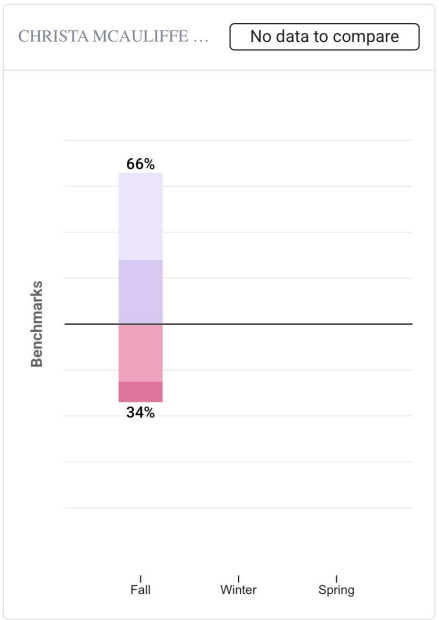
3rd Grade aReading, Fall 2026

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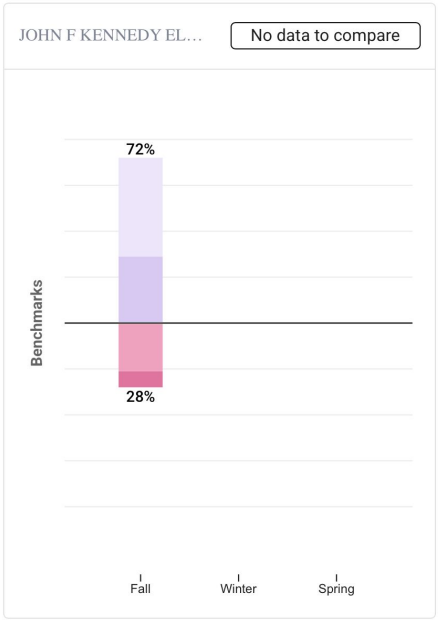
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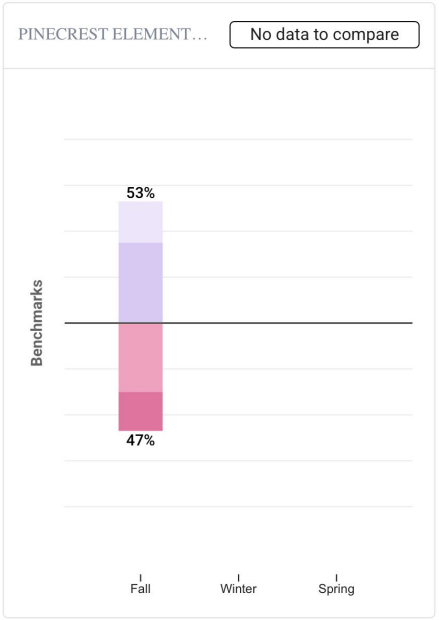
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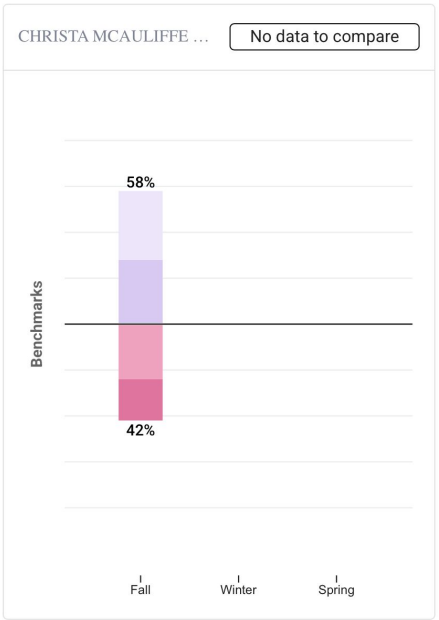
3rd Grade CBMreading, Fall 2026

Fluency trails aReading at every school; Pinecrest is lowest at 53%

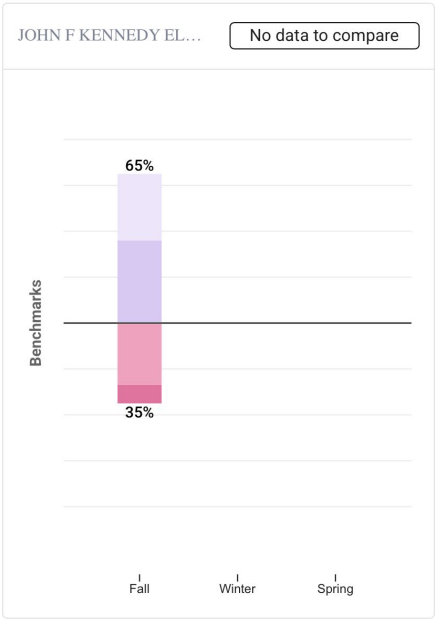
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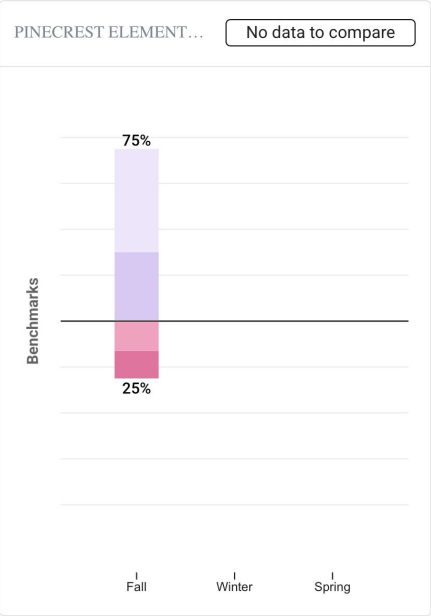
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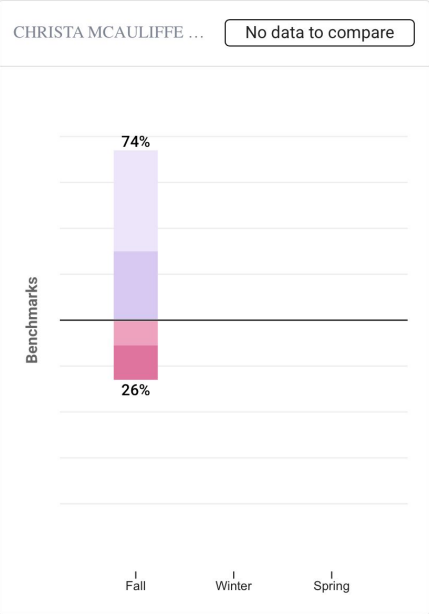
4th Grade aReading, Fall 2026

About three in four 4th graders met the benchmark at every school (74% to 78%)

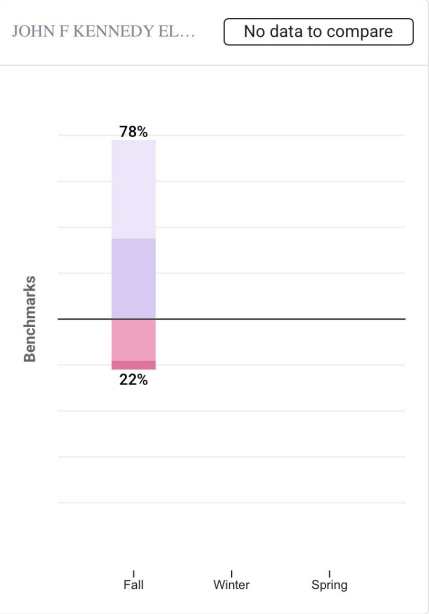
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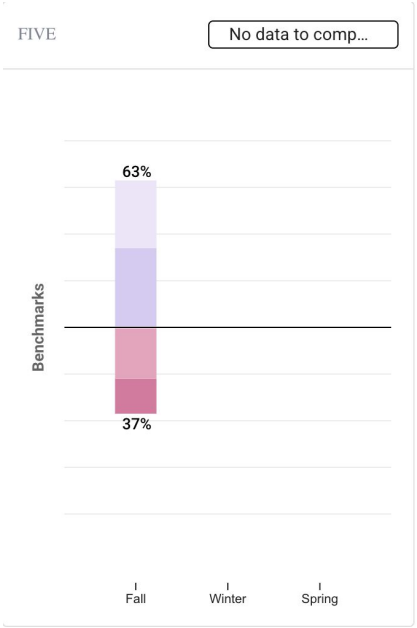
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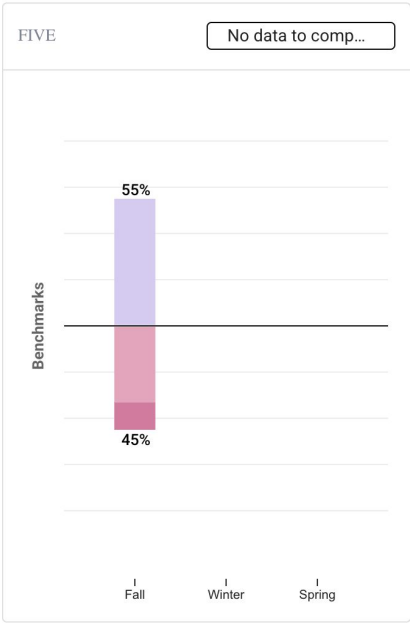
5th Grade Reading, Fall 2026

63% met the aReading benchmark, up from 57% last Fall; 55% met AUTOreading

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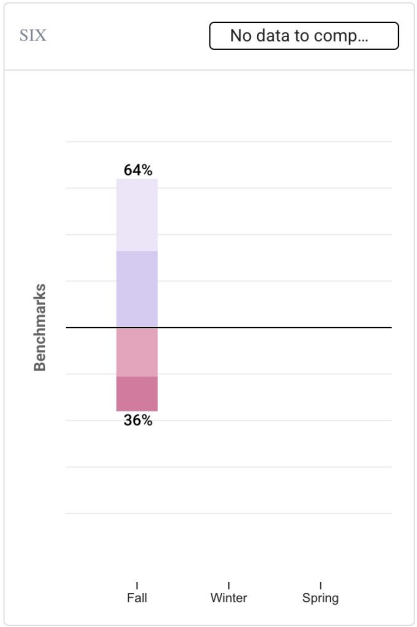
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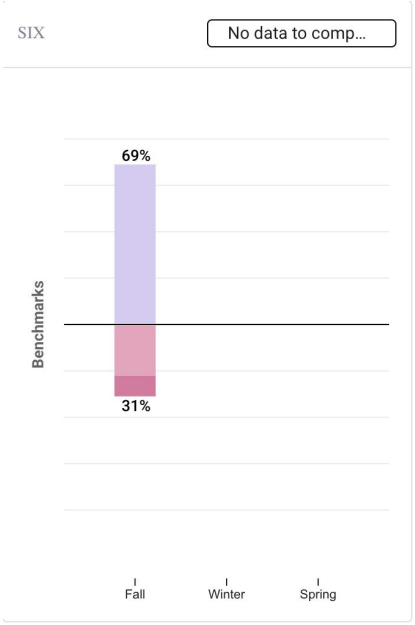
6th Grade Reading, Fall 2026

64% met the aReading benchmark, the same as last Fall; 69% met AUTOreading

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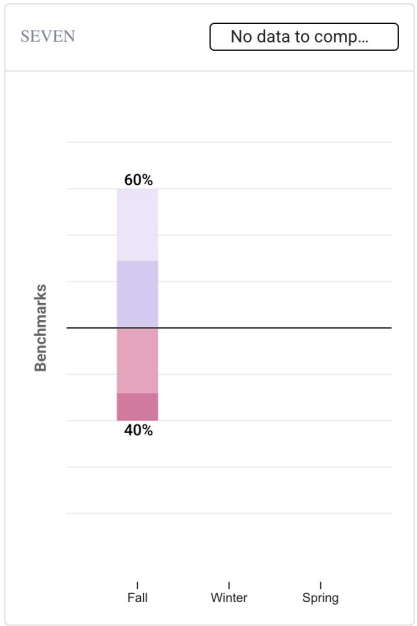
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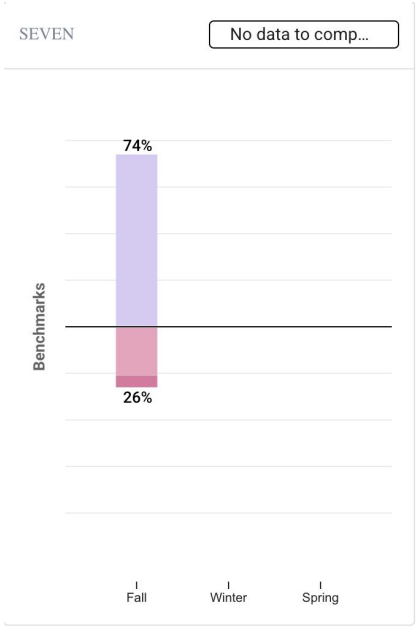
7th Grade Reading, Fall 2026

aReading fell to 60% from 64% last Fall; AUTOreading was higher at 74%

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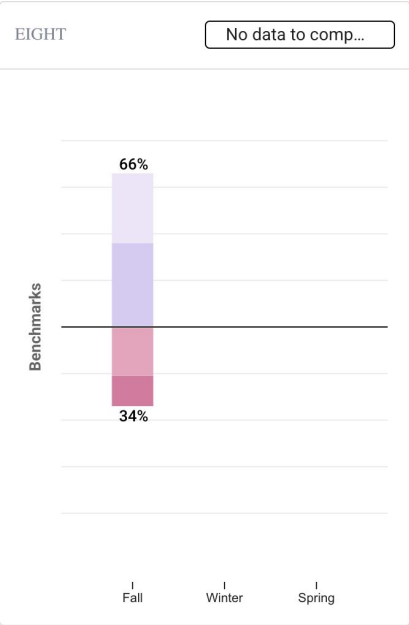
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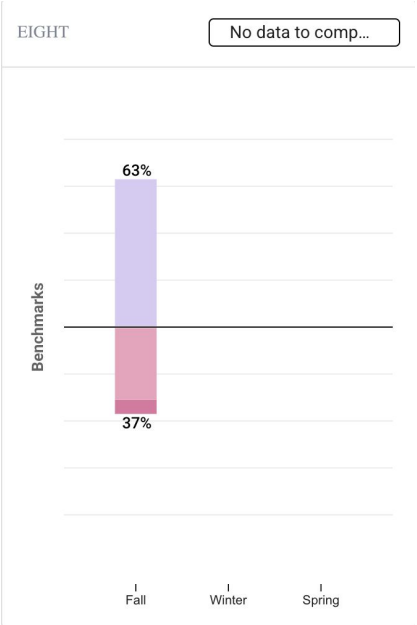
8th Grade Reading, Fall 2026

66% met the aReading benchmark, up from 61% last Fall; 63% met AUTOreading

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Fall Math Benchmark, 2021–2026

1st grade led at 80%; three of eight grades rose from last Fall

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	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2021		62%	70%	74%	70%				
2022		66%	62%	78%	73%				
2023		61%	64%	69%	76%				
2024		57%*	64%	75%	69%	72%	73%	72%	57%
2025		77%	63%	74%	72%	69%	77%	71%	65%
2026		80%	62%	72%	71%	71%	69%	76%	62%

Percent of students at or above the Fall benchmark on FastBridge math. Each class keeps one color as it moves down one row and right one column (blue, yellow and gray repeat). Outlined cells: the class described above. White cells: no data; kindergarten is not assessed in math in the Fall. *In 2025, 1st grade switched to the earlyMath test, a different measure. Source: FastBridge Fall screening.

Capti ReadBasix

Capti ReadBasix gives us a large amount of foundational literacy data.

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Word Recognition and Decoding

Vocabulary

Morphology

Sentence Processing

Reading Efficiency

Reading Comprehension

Last year...

We assessed students who were not demonstrating grade level proficiency in literacy in grades 4-12.

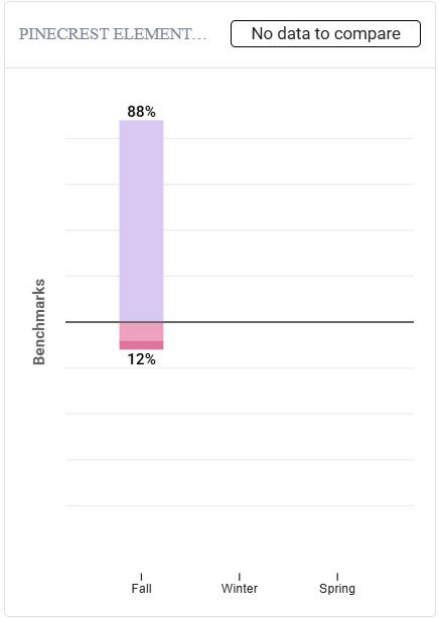
This year...

We are assessing all of HMS and are doing a gated process at HHS.

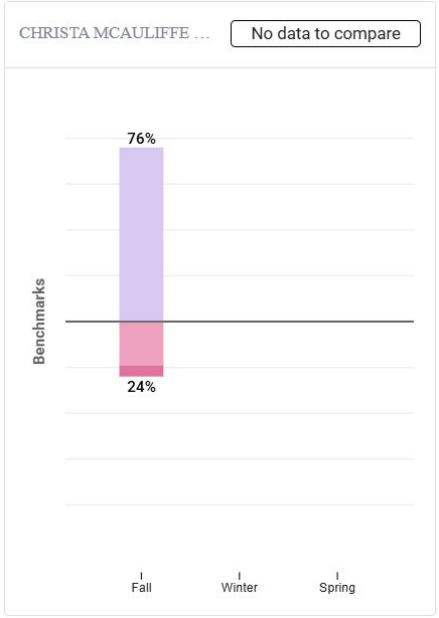
1st Grade earlyMath, Fall 2026

Pinecrest at 88%; McAuliffe and Kennedy each at 76%

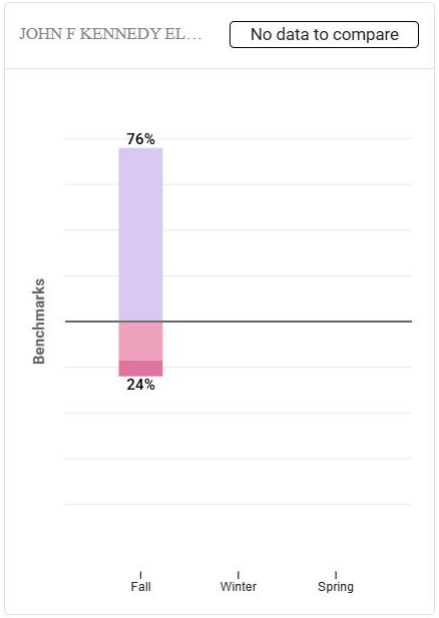
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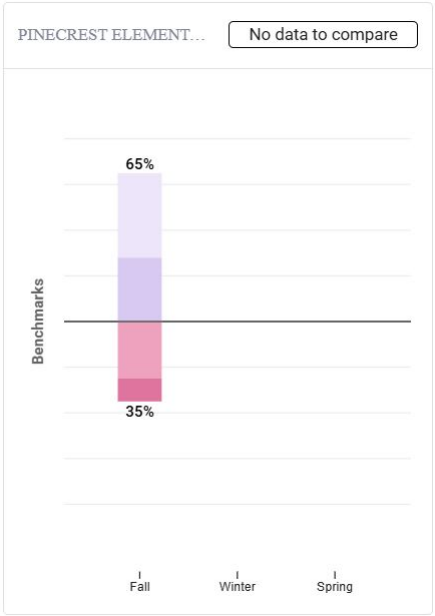
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earlyMath measures early numeracy skills. Bars show the share of students at or above the Fall benchmark (above the line) and below it (below the line). Source: FastBridge Fall 2026 screening.

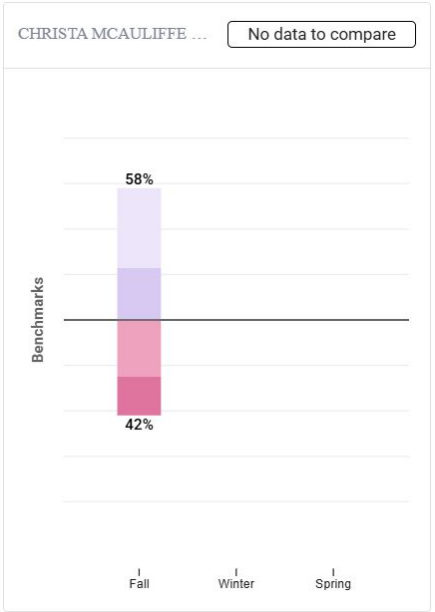
2nd Grade aMath, Fall 2026

58% to 65% met the benchmark, the lowest of the elementary math grades

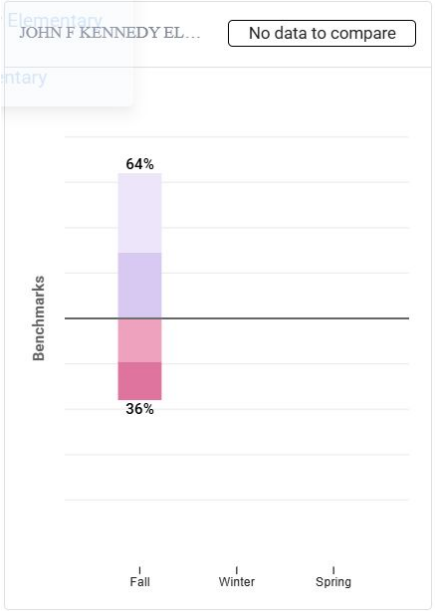
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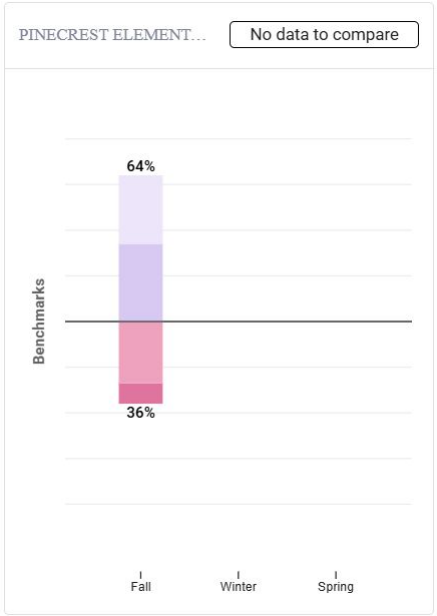
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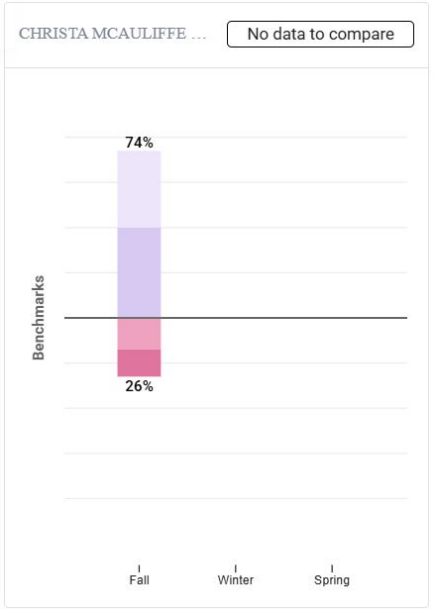
3rd Grade aMath, Fall 2026

Kennedy led at 78%; Pinecrest was lowest at 64%

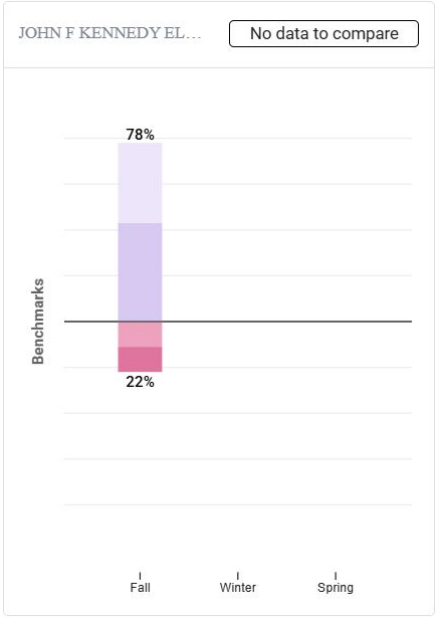
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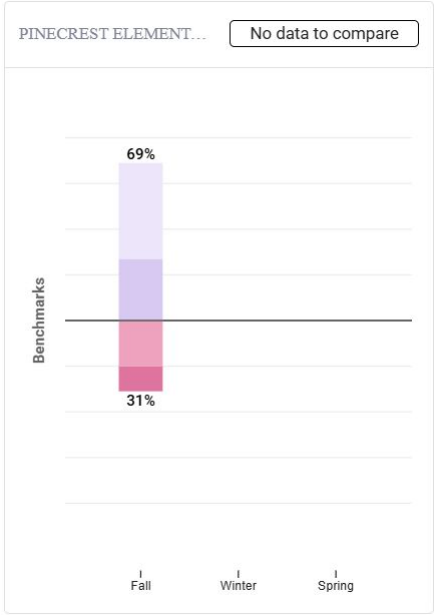
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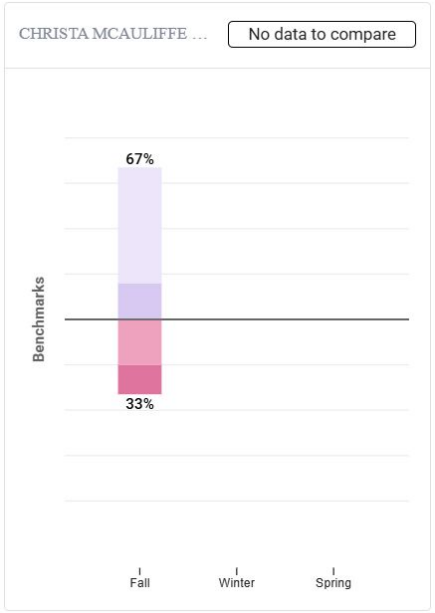
4th Grade aMath, Fall 2026

Kennedy at 75%, Pinecrest at 69% and McAuliffe at 67%

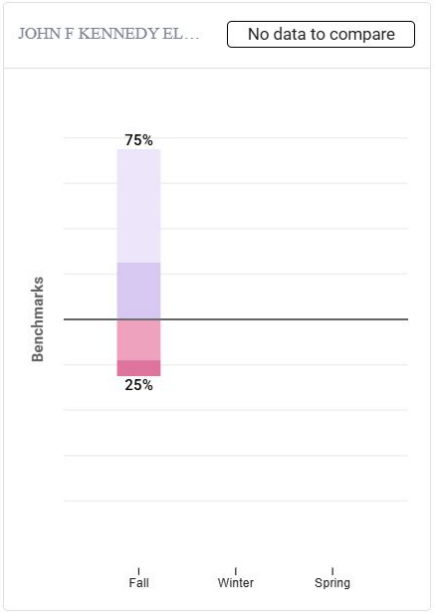
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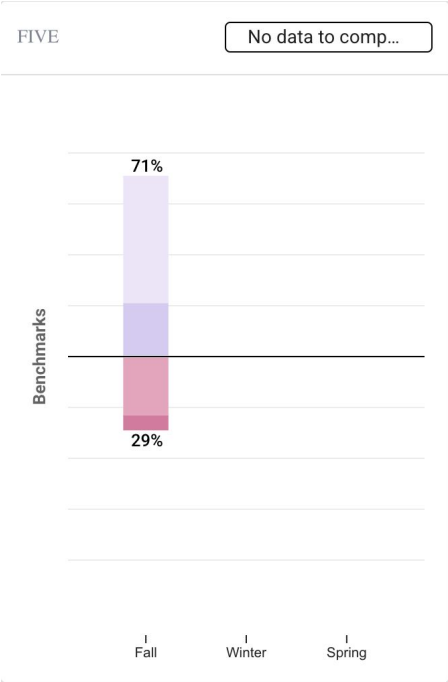
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5th Grade aMath, Fall 2026

71% of 5th graders met the Fall aMath benchmark

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Hastings Middle School aMath, Fall 2026

5th grade: 71% met, 29% below

6th grade: 69% met, 31% below

7th grade: 76% met, 24% below

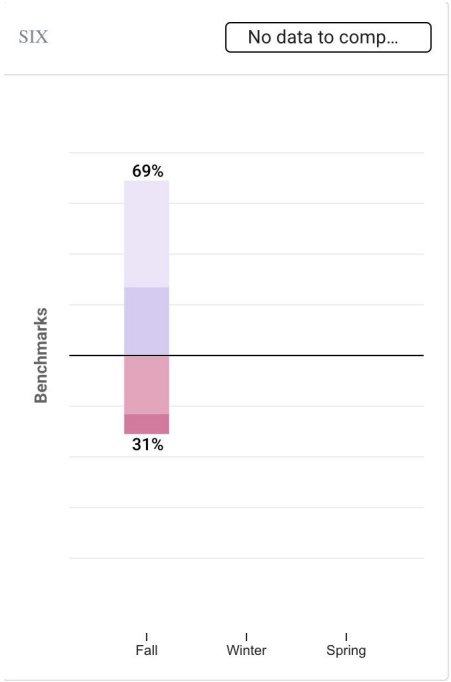
8th grade: 62% met, 38% below

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6th Grade aMath, Fall 2026

69% of 6th graders met the Fall aMath benchmark

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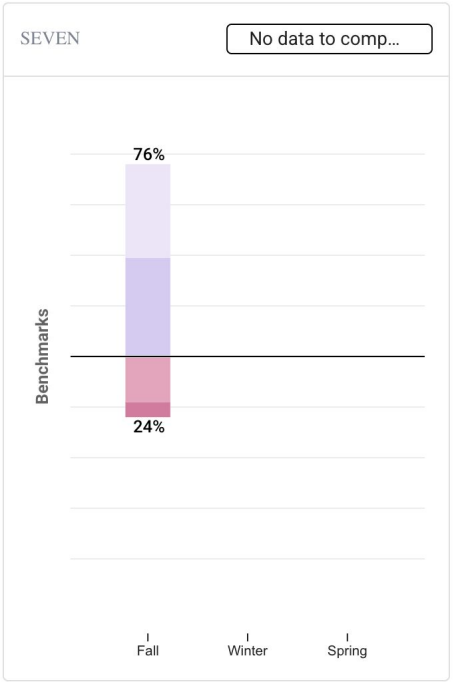
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7th Grade aMath, Fall 2026

76% met the benchmark, the highest of grades 5–8

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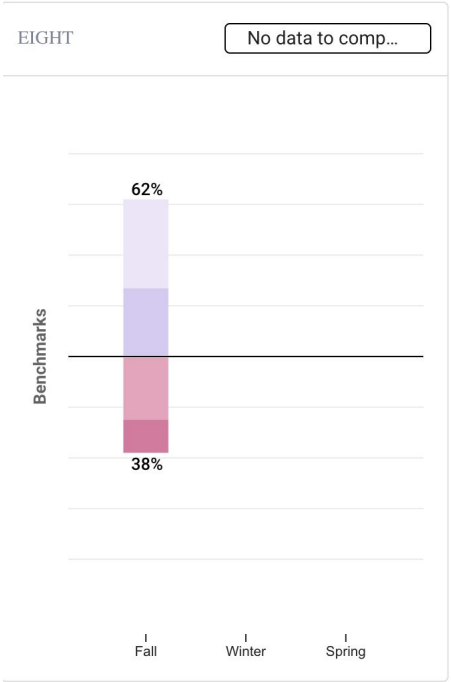
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62% met the benchmark, the lowest of grades 5–8; 38% are below it

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