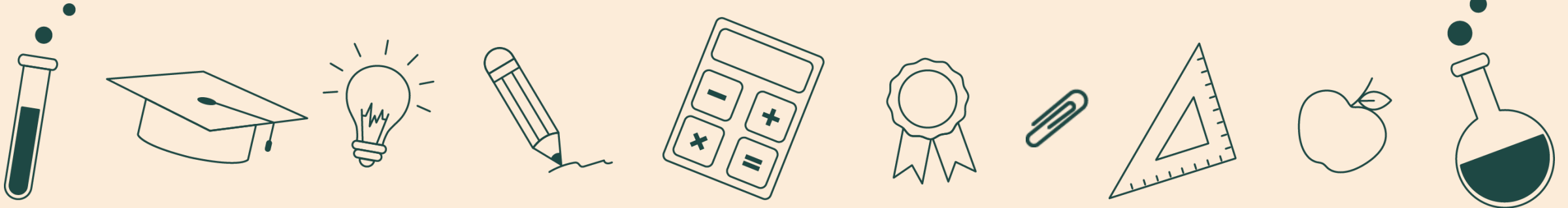




# SCSC Accountability: Comprehensive Performance Framework Results

2023-2024 School Year



# Mission

The mission of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia is to improve public education by authorizing high-quality charter schools that provide students with better educational opportunities than they would otherwise receive in traditional district schools.

# Vision

Innovative and superior charter schools advancing education in every community.



# Comprehensive Performance Framework



The Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) is the tool the SCSC uses to assess state charter performance and track progress toward renewal annually.

In each of the three areas, the framework asks a fundamental question:

- **Academic Performance:** Is the educational program offering students a better educational opportunity than they would otherwise receive at a traditional public school?
- **Financial Performance:** Is the school financially viable and responsible?
- **Organizational Performance:** Is the organization effective, compliant, and well run?





# Academic Metrics

# Academic Measures for 2023-24:



1. CCRPI Content Mastery Scores
2. CCRPI Progress Scores
3. CCRPI Grade Band Scores (now calculated by GOSA)
4. Value-Added Impact Scores

A school is considering meeting standards if it:

- Outperforms the schools/districts from which it enrolls students on any one or combination of measures 1-4 in all grade bands served

OR

- *Outperforms the schools/districts from which it enrolls students on a grade-band enrollment weighted overall school score for any measure 1-3.*



SECTION I: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE						
Indicator	Measure	Grade Band	Grade Band Designation	Overall Designation	Explanation	Data Source
Grade Band Measures	CCRPI Content Mastery	E	Meets	VARIED	The school outperformed in the elementary grade band but not the middle school grade band.	CCRPI Scoring by Component data file, Student Record data CCRPI Scoring by Component data file, Student Record data CCRPI Scoring by Component data file, Student Record data
		M	Does Not Meet			
	CCRPI Progress	E	Meets			
		M	Does Not Meet			
	CCRPI Grade Band Score	E	Meets			
		M	Does Not Meet			
	Value-Added Impact Scores	E	Does Not Meet			Georgia Milestones Assessment data, Student Record data
		M	Does Not Meet			

### Academic Designation Earned = Varied

Outperforms by 10 or more points in all grades bands served	Exceeds
Outperforms by at least 1 point in all grades bands served	Meets
Performs no more than 2 points below in all grades bands served	Approaches
Outperforms in one grade band and performs more than 2 points below in the other	Varied
Performs Below in all grade bands served	Does Not Meet

# Accountability Comparisons based on Actual Enrollment

## District Weighted Comparison Score

- The school's score will be compared to a weighted score of proportion of students from the districts in which the charter school enrolls. Determined from GaDOE Data Collections Student Record Address Report.
- *Applies to middle and high school grade bands only.*

## School Weighted Comparison Score

- The school's score will be compared to a weighted score of proportion of students from the schools in which the charter school enrolls. Determined from GaDOE Data Collections Student Record Address Report.
- Applies to all grade bands.



# School Weighted Comparison Score

SCSC School Name	Grade Band	Matched District Name	Matched School Name	% Student Enrollment	Matched School Content Mastery Score	Content Mastery* % Student Enrollment
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Atlanta Public Schools	Crawford Long Middle School	1.408%	31	0.437
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	Eddie White Academy	30.986%	39	12.085
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	Jonesboro Middle School	1.408%	35	0.489
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	Kendrick Middle School	7.042%	39	2.761
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	Morrow Middle School	1.408%	44	0.617
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	Mundys Mill Middle School	2.817%	43	1.197
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	North Clayton Middle School	5.634%	39	2.180
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	Pointe South Middle School	1.408%	39	0.542
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	Riverdale Middle School	1.408%	36	0.500
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	Sequoyah Middle School	1.408%	35	0.486
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Coweta County	Arnall Middle School	1.408%	62	0.869
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	DeKalb County	McNair Middle School	1.408%	40	0.559
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Douglas County	Turner Middle School	1.408%	41	0.583
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fayette County	Bennett's Mill Middle School	5.634%	73	4.135
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fayette County	Flat Rock Middle School	1.408%	84	1.177
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fayette County	J.C. Booth Middle School	2.817%	96	2.690
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fayette County	Whitewater Middle School	1.408%	92	1.300
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fulton County	Bear Creek Middle School	7.042%	44	3.092
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fulton County	Camp Creek Middle School	2.817%	47	1.313
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fulton County	McNair Middle School	4.225%	39	1.644
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fulton County	Renaissance Middle School	2.817%	52	1.470
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Henry County	Dutchtown Middle School	2.817%	49	1.380
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Henry County	Hampton Middle School	2.817%	44	1.225
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Henry County	McDonough Middle School	1.408%	36	0.508
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Henry County	Union Grove Middle	2.817%	73	2.065
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Henry County	Woodland Middle School	1.408%	54	0.765
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Paulding County	Herschel Jones Middle School	1.408%	47	0.668
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith Total	0	Comparison School Score	0	100.000%	0	46.737



# District Weighted Comparison Score

SCSC School Name	Grade Band	Matched District Name	% Student Enrollment	Matched School Content Mastery Score	Content Mastery* % Student Enrollment
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Atlanta Public Schools	1.408%	51	0.720
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Clayton County	53.521%	44	23.282
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Coweta County	1.408%	67	0.937
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	DeKalb County	1.408%	52	0.732
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Douglas County	1.408%	56	0.792
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fayette County	11.268%	91	10.287
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Fulton County	16.901%	77	12.930
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Henry County	11.268%	50	5.600
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith	M	Paulding County	1.408%	65	0.918
Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith		0 Comparison District Score	100.000%	0	56.197



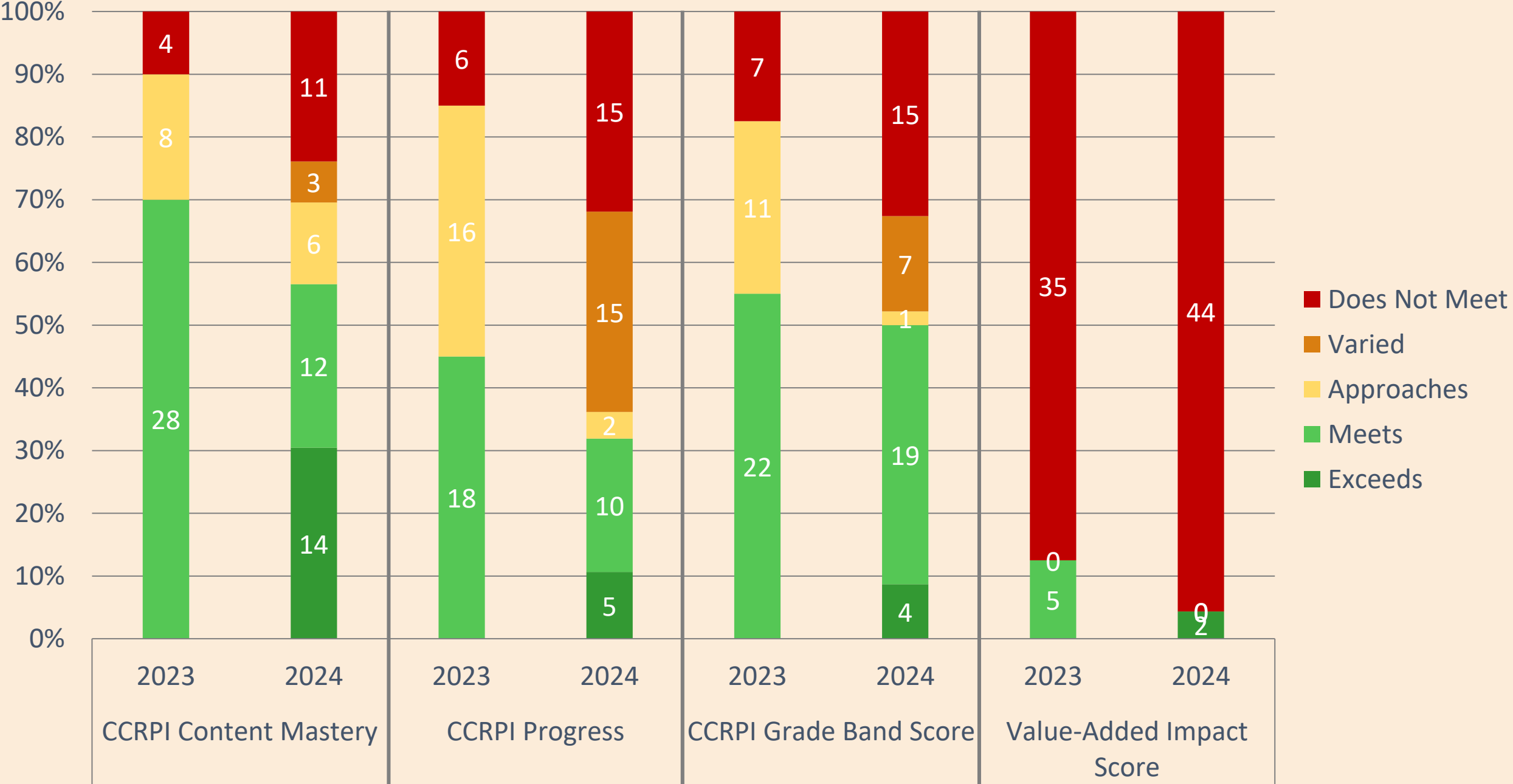
# Academic Performance



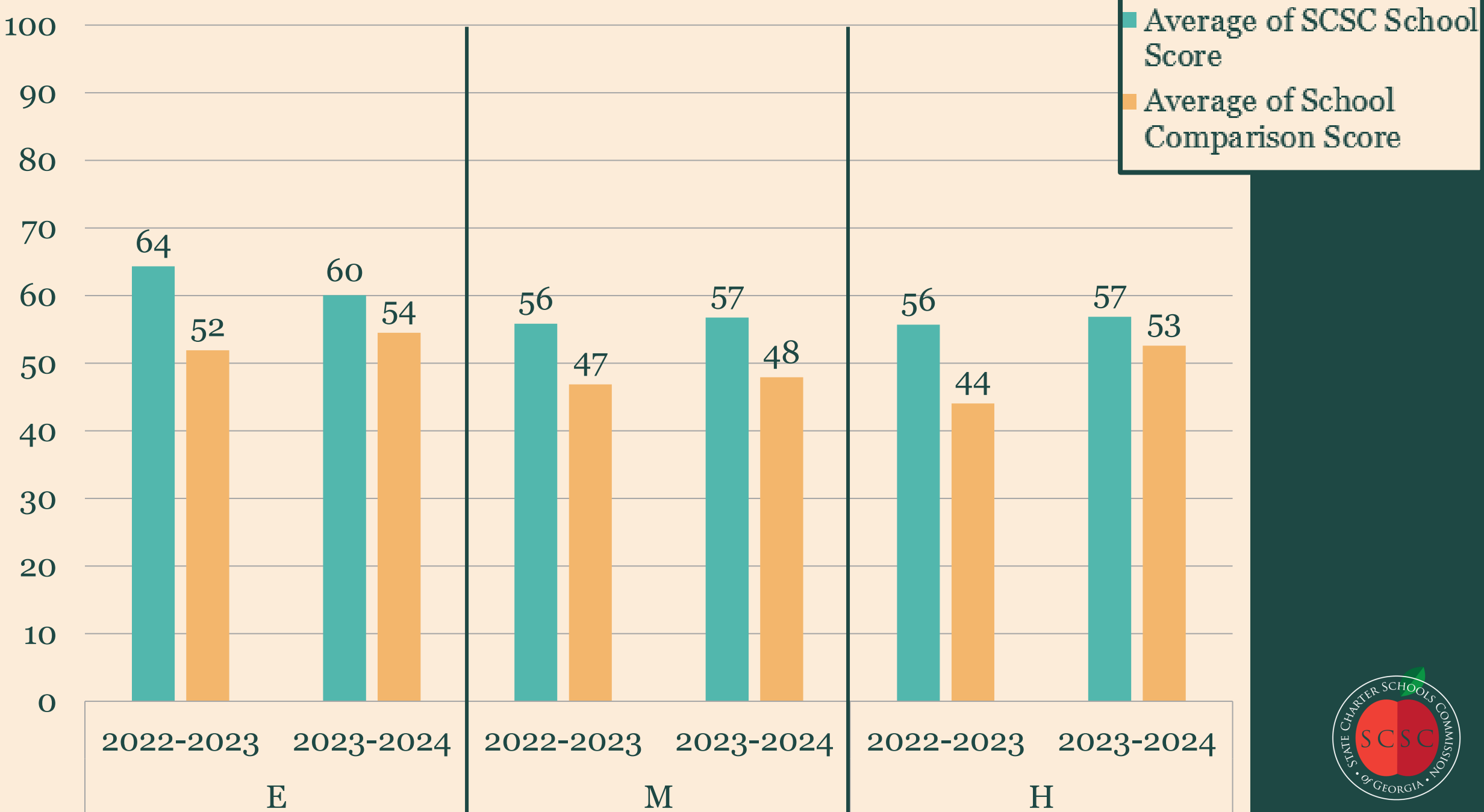
Fewer state charter schools met academic standards in 2024 compared to 2023.

- Highest Performing Measure: CCRPI Content Mastery
- Strongest and Consistent Grade Band Performance: Middle School

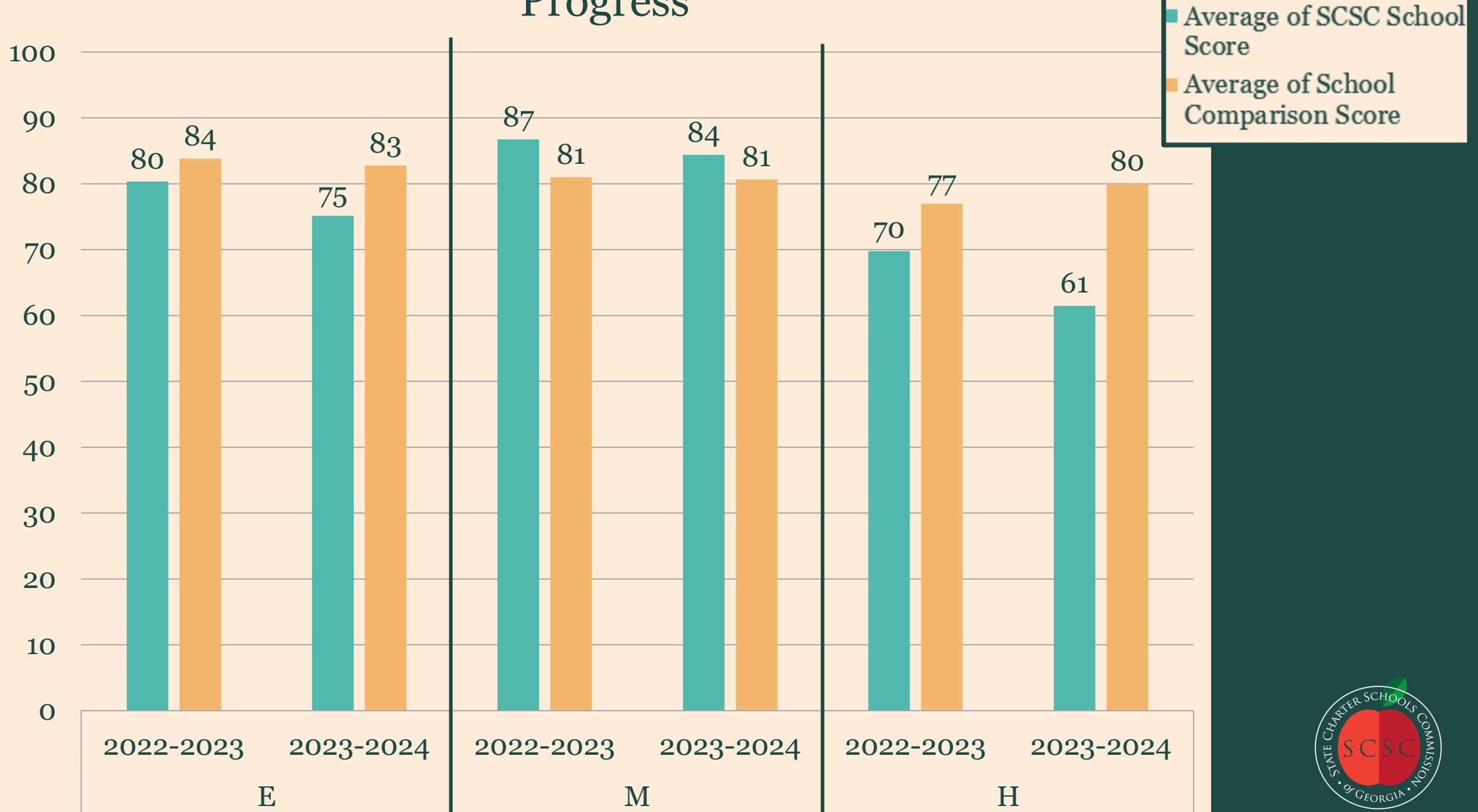
Academic Performance Prior Year Comparison



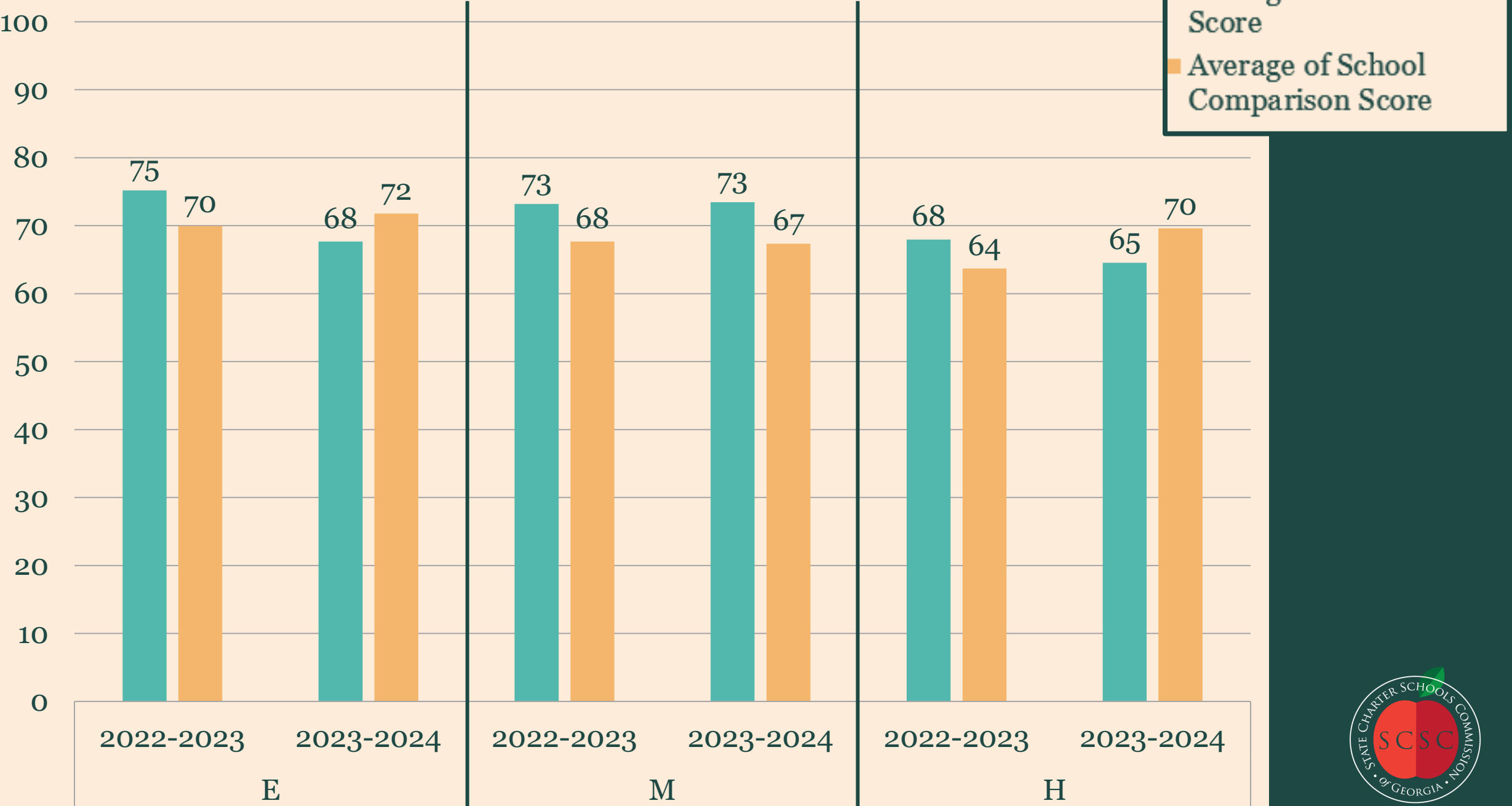
# Content Mastery



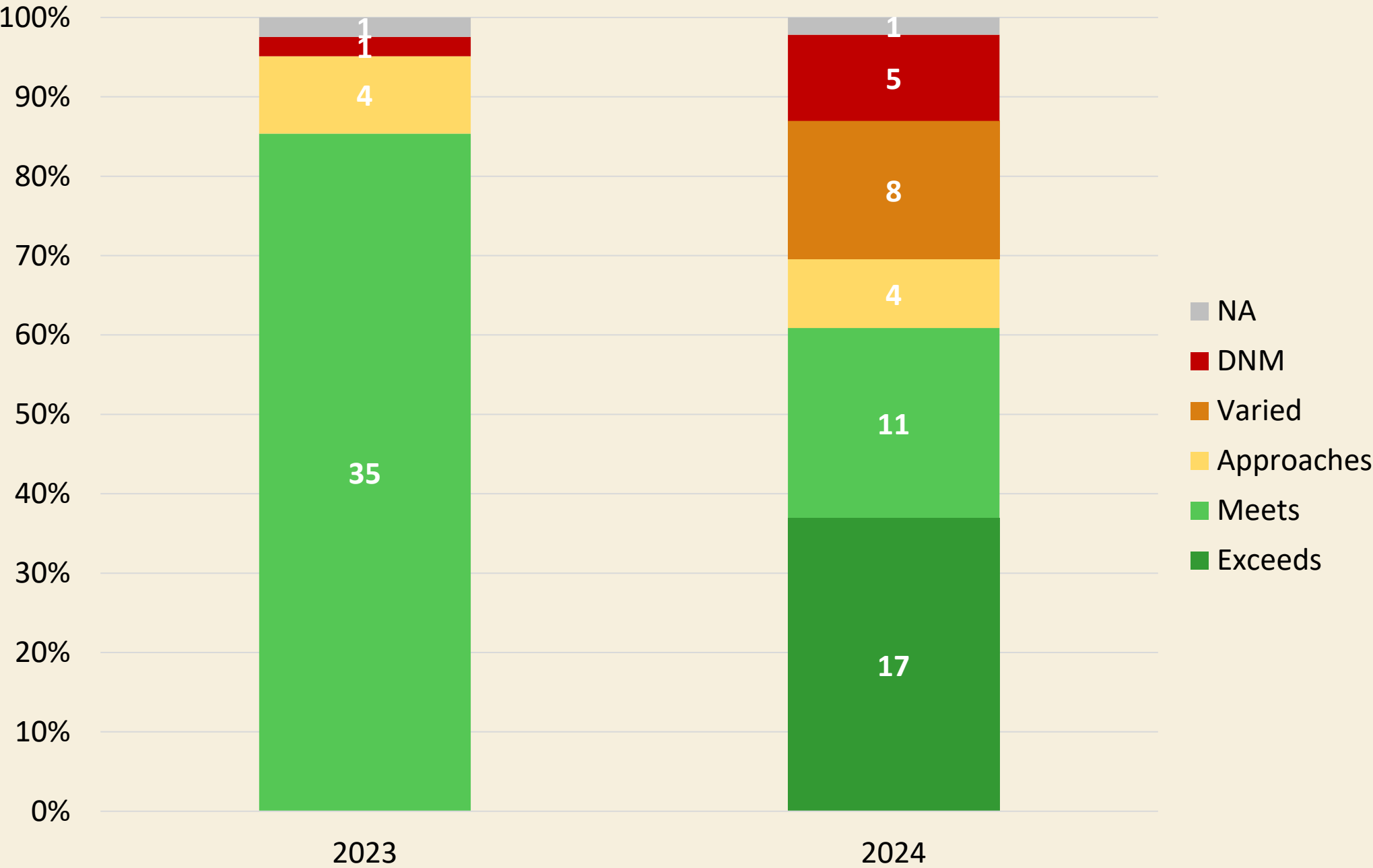
# Progress



# Grade Band Score



# Overall Academic Designations Comparison







28 of 46 (61%) state charter schools are meeting or exceeding academic standards for the 2023-2024 school year.

56% of SCSC students were enrolled in one of the 28 schools, that's just under 20,000 students.



# Financial Metrics

# Financial CPF Changes from FY23 to FY24



*Moved Fiscal Oversight measures from the Operations section of the CPF to the Financial section.*

Rationale: Allows for a fuller picture of the school's financial position and provides a more qualitative look at performance.

- All fiscal viability measures are grouped under Indicator 1 and are derived from the school's independent financial audit.
- All fiscal management and oversight measures are grouped under Indicator 2 and are derived from SCSC and GaDOE data collections and monitoring activities.

# Financial Measures

Near-term and sustainability measures - TOTAL 100:

- Current ratio (15 pts)
- Unrestricted days cash (20 pts)
- Debt to income ratio (20 pts)
- Default on debt (10 pts)
- Efficiency margin (15 pts)
- Debt to asset ratio (20 pts)

Management and oversight measures - TOTAL 100:

- GAAP standards (20 pts)
- Federal financial requirements (15 pts)
- Local Units of Administration (15 pts)
- School policies (20 pts)
- Enrollment variance (10 pts)
- Audit submission timeline (20 pts)

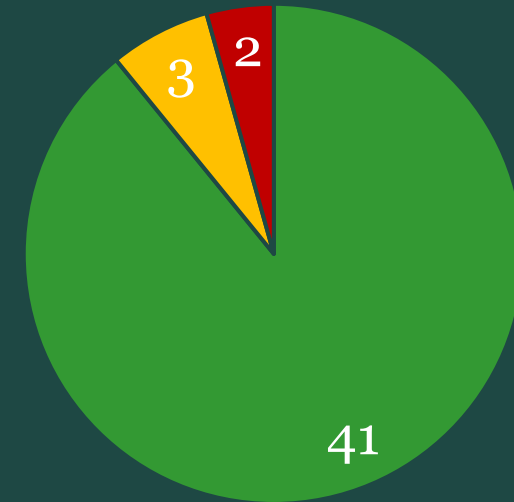


# New Measure FY24- Timely Audit Submission-

- *Meets Standard:* The school submitted its financial audit on time, on or before November 1st.
- *Approaches Standard:* The school submitted its financial audit late, on or before December 1st.
- *Does Not Meet Standard:* The school submitted its financial audit late, after December 1st.

Rationale: To emphasize the importance of submitting the financial audit by the required deadline. The audit is the SCSC's main tool for measuring a school's near-term financial health and long-term sustainability. Receiving the audit more than 6 months into the new fiscal year prevents the SCSC from exercising proper oversight.

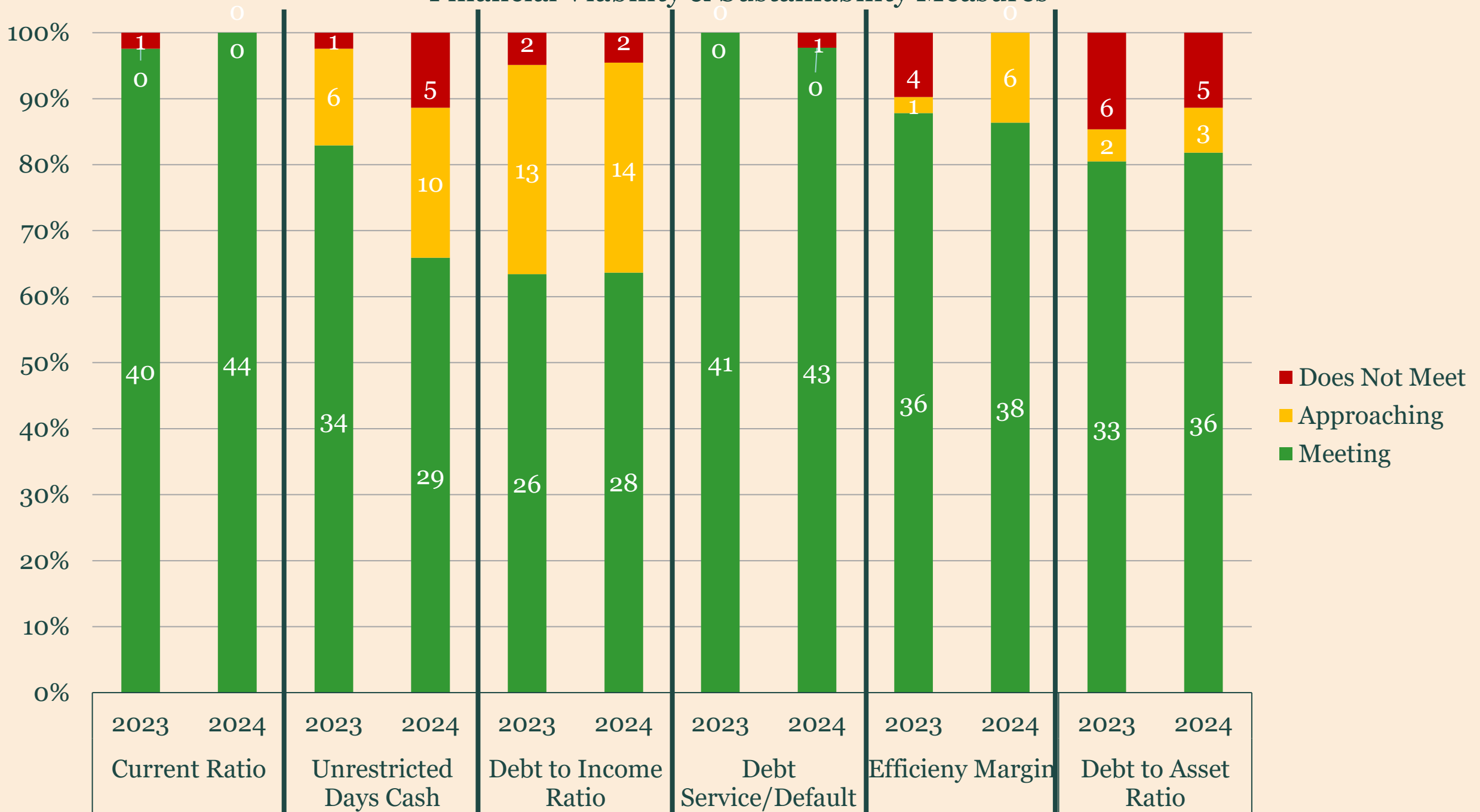
## On-Time Audit Submission 46 Schools



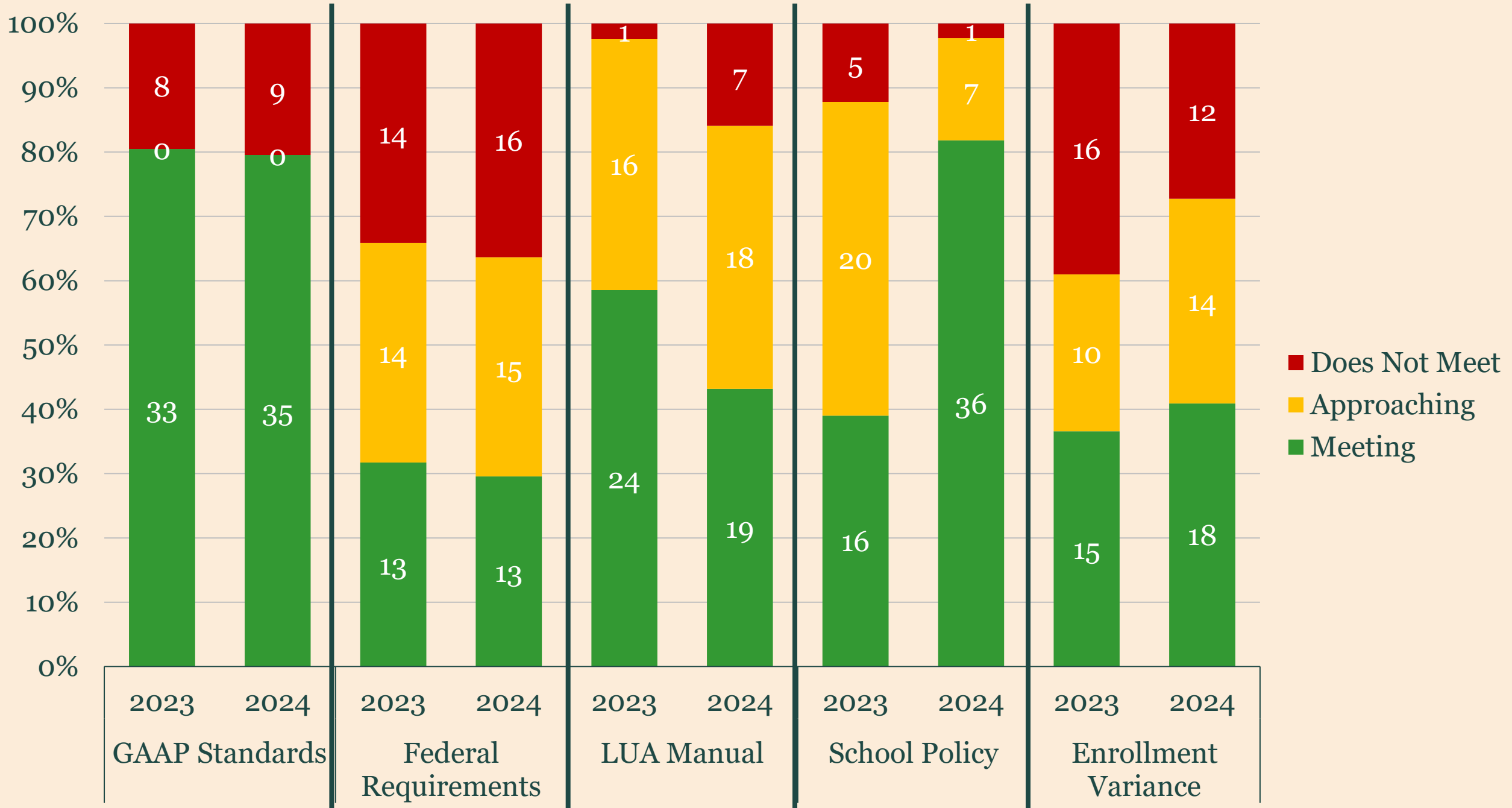
■ Meeting ■ Approaching ■ Does Not Meet



# Financial Viability & Sustainability Measures



# Financial Management and Oversight Measures



# Overall Scoring

- A school must earn a “Meets Standard” designation on Indicator 1 & Indicator 2 to receive an overall “Meets Financial Standards”
- If a school earns a “Does Not Meet” on both Indicator 1 and Indicator 2, it will receive an overall “Does Not Meet Financial Standards”
- Any other combination of points/ratings will result in an Approaches Financial Standards” designation

Overall Scoring

Near-term and sustainability measures TOTAL 100:

CPF Points

☐ Current ratio (15 pts)
 ☐ Unrestricted days cash (20 pts)
 ☐ Debt to income ratio (20 pts)
 ☐ Default on Debt (10 pts)
 ☐ Efficiency margin (15 pts)
 ☐ Debt to asset ratio (20 pts)

Management and oversight measures - TOTAL 100:

CPF Points

☐ GAAP standards (20 pts)
 ☐ Federal financial requirements (15 pts)
 ☐ Local Units of Administration (15 pts)
 ☐ School policies (20 pts)
 ☐ Enrollment variance < 3% (10 pts)
 ☐ Audit submission timeline due Nov 1 annually (20 pts)

Overall Scoring

Meets Standards	80-100 points
Approaches Standards	70-79 points
Does Not Meet Standards	0-69 points

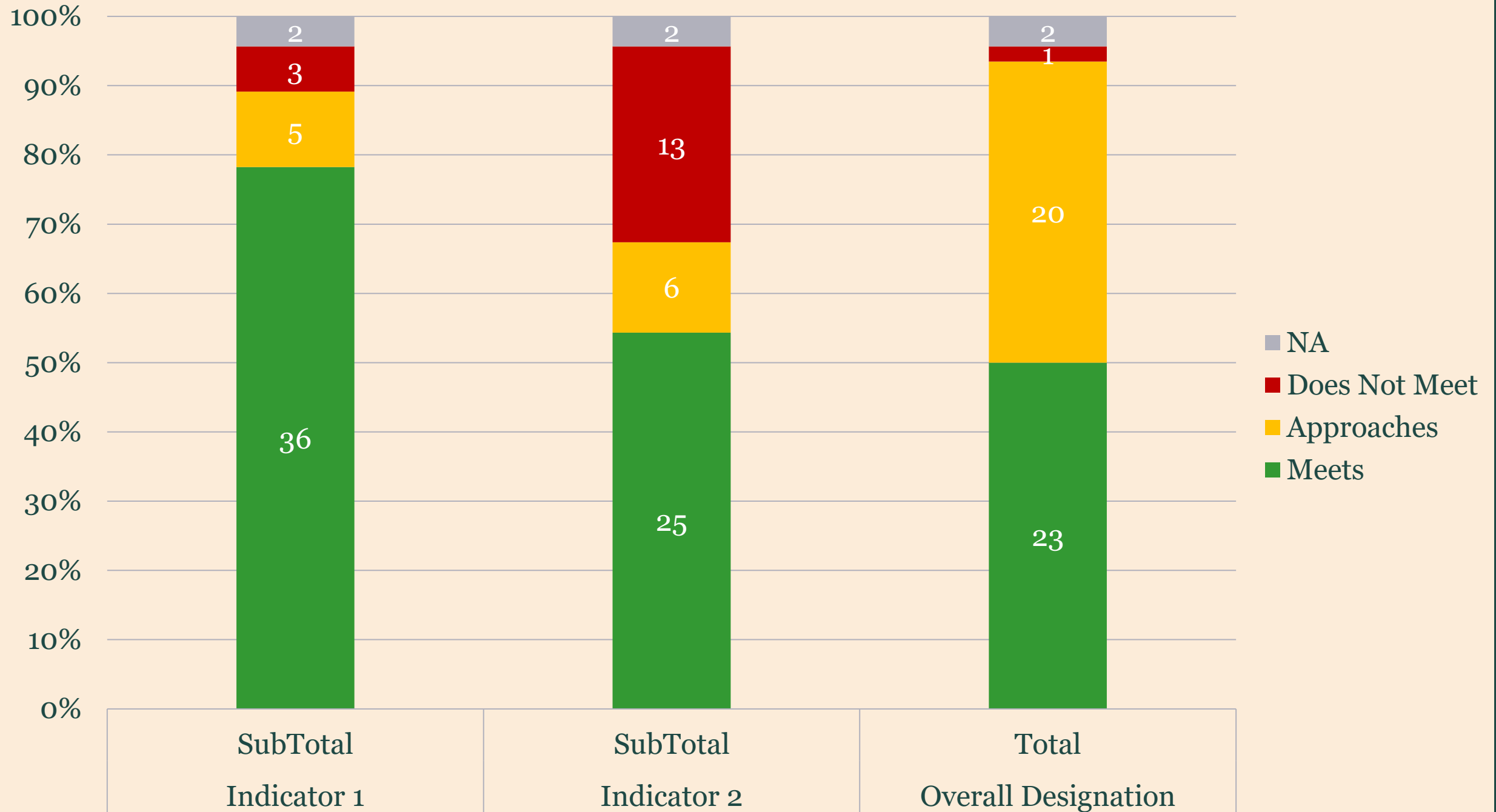
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# Overall Financial Designations 2024





# Proposed Finance Changes for FY25

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- Debt Service by acknowledging “Building Related Debt”
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  - ☐ Change the total points available for the Debt to Asset Ratio from 20 to 15 points
  - ☐ The total points available for Indicator 1 remain at 100 points

**Measure 1c, Annual Debt to Income : Total Annual Debt Payments (Debt Service) / Total Revenue**

**Points  
Available**

**Does the school have enough income to cover short-term debt payments?**

**Maximum Points for Annual Debt to Income:**

**25**

Meets Standard:

**20**

- Annual Debt to Income is below 5 percent

Approaches Standard:

**10**

- Annual Debt to Income is between 5 and 15 percent

Does Not Meet Standard:

**0**

- Annual Debt to Income is above 15 percent

Does the school acquire building-related debt?

If Yes

**5**

If No

**0**

**Measure 1f, Debt to Asset Ratio: (Total Liabilities-Deferred Pension Liability) divided by Total Asset**

**Points  
Available**

**Does the school maintain an appropriate balance between assets and liabilities over time?**

Meets Standard:

**15**

- Debt to Asset Ratio is less than 95 percent

Approaches Standard:

**10**

- Debt to Asset Ratio is between 95 and 100 percent

Does Not Meet Standard:

**0**

- Debt to Asset Ratio is greater than 100 percent



# Proposed New Financial Performance Scoring



## Near-term and sustainability measures - TOTAL 100:

- Current ratio (15 pts)
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# Operations Metrics

# Operational CPF Changes from SY23 to SY24

Indicator	Title
Indicator 1	Education Program Requirements- No Changes
Indicator 2	<del>Financial Oversight</del> → Governance, Ethics, & Transparency
Indicator 3	<del>Governance and Transparency</del> → Obligations to Students
Indicator 4	<del>Students and Employees</del> → Employer Obligations
Indicator 5	School Environment - No changes
Indicator 6	Additional & Continuing Obligations - No changes

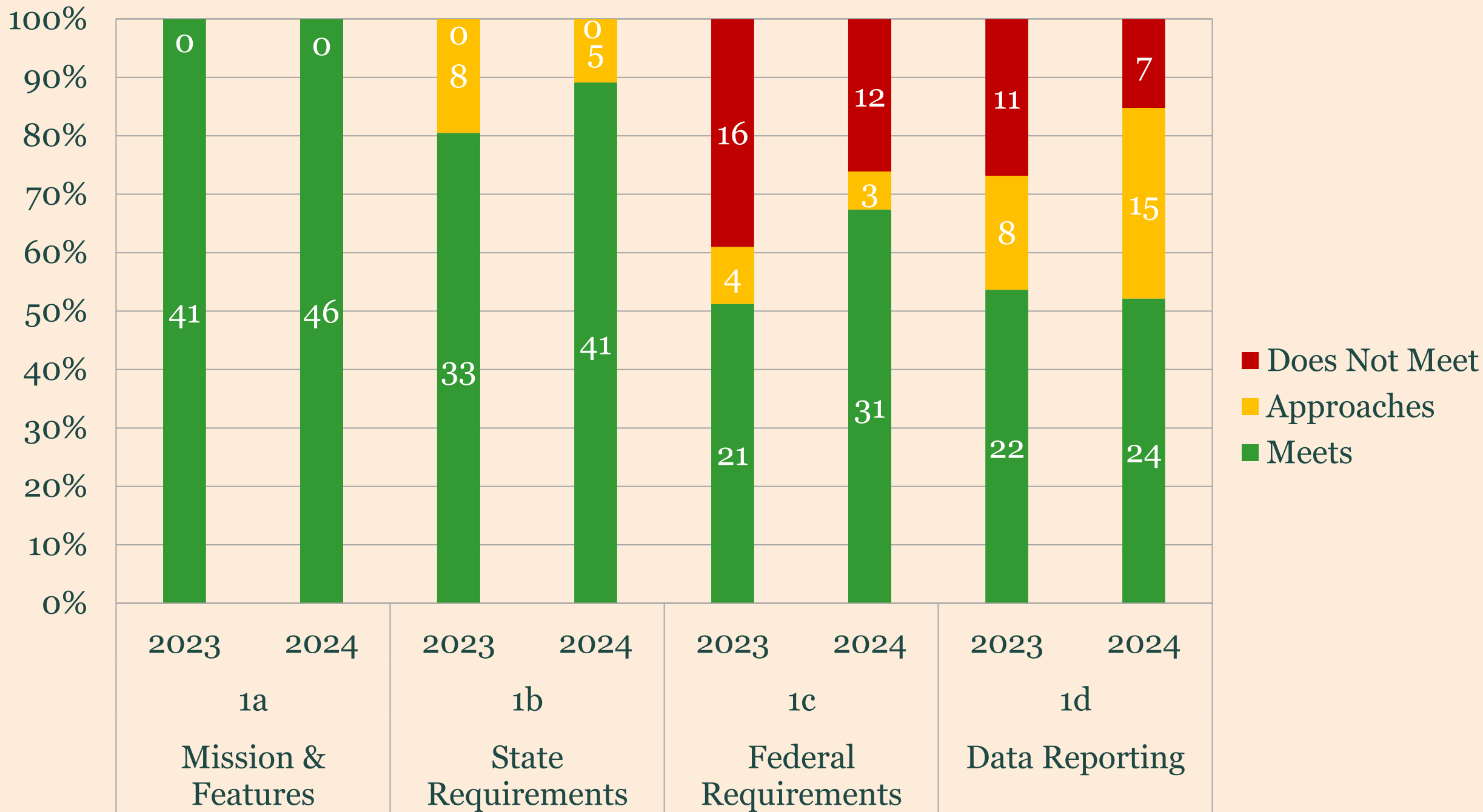
# Operations Metrics 2023-2024

Schools may satisfy annual operational requirements by adhering to the requirements of their charter contracts and all applicable rules and laws as measured by:

1. Educational Program Compliance
2. Governance, Ethics, and Transparency
3. Obligations to Students
4. Employer Obligations
5. School Environment
6. Additional and Continuing Obligations

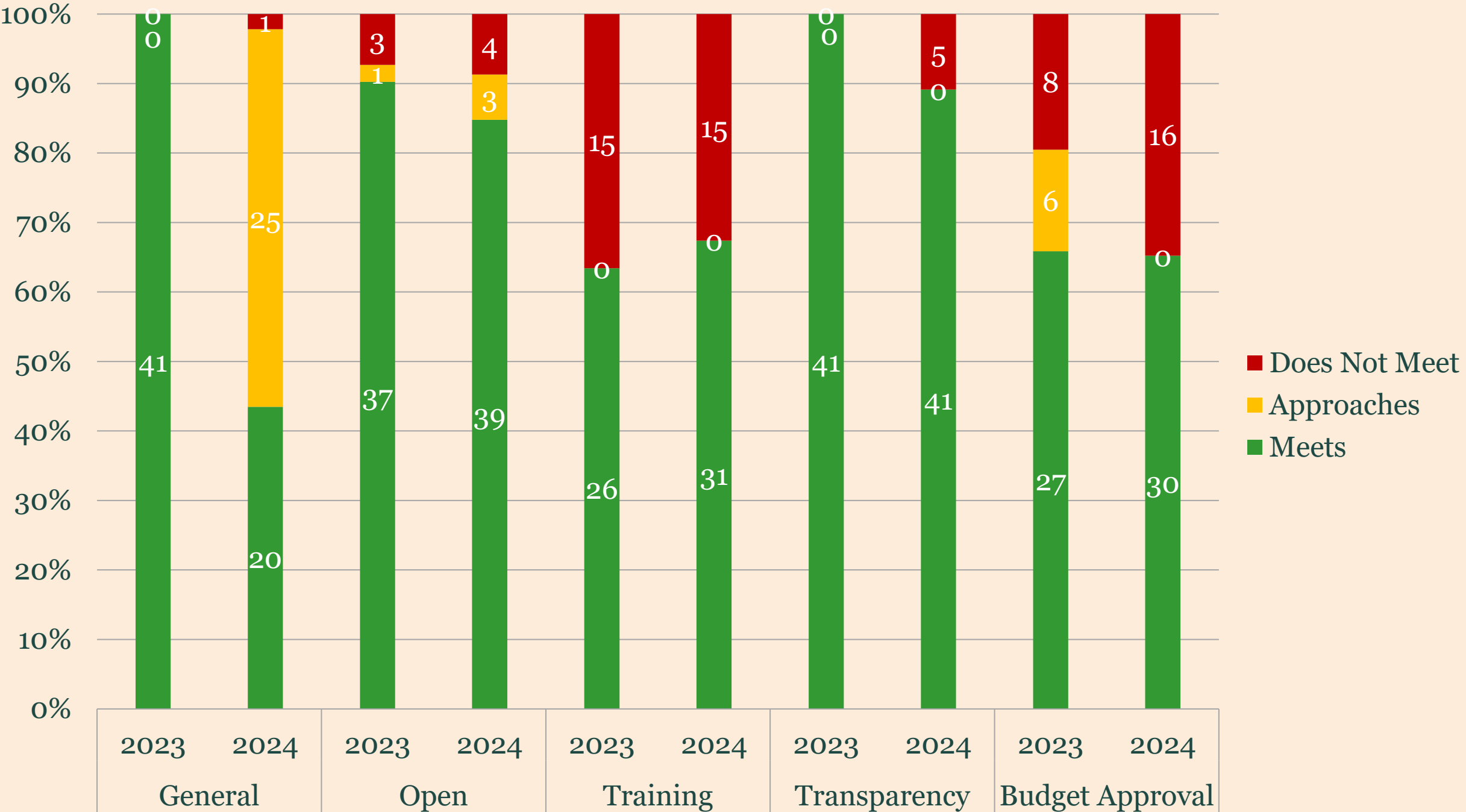


# Education Program Requirements

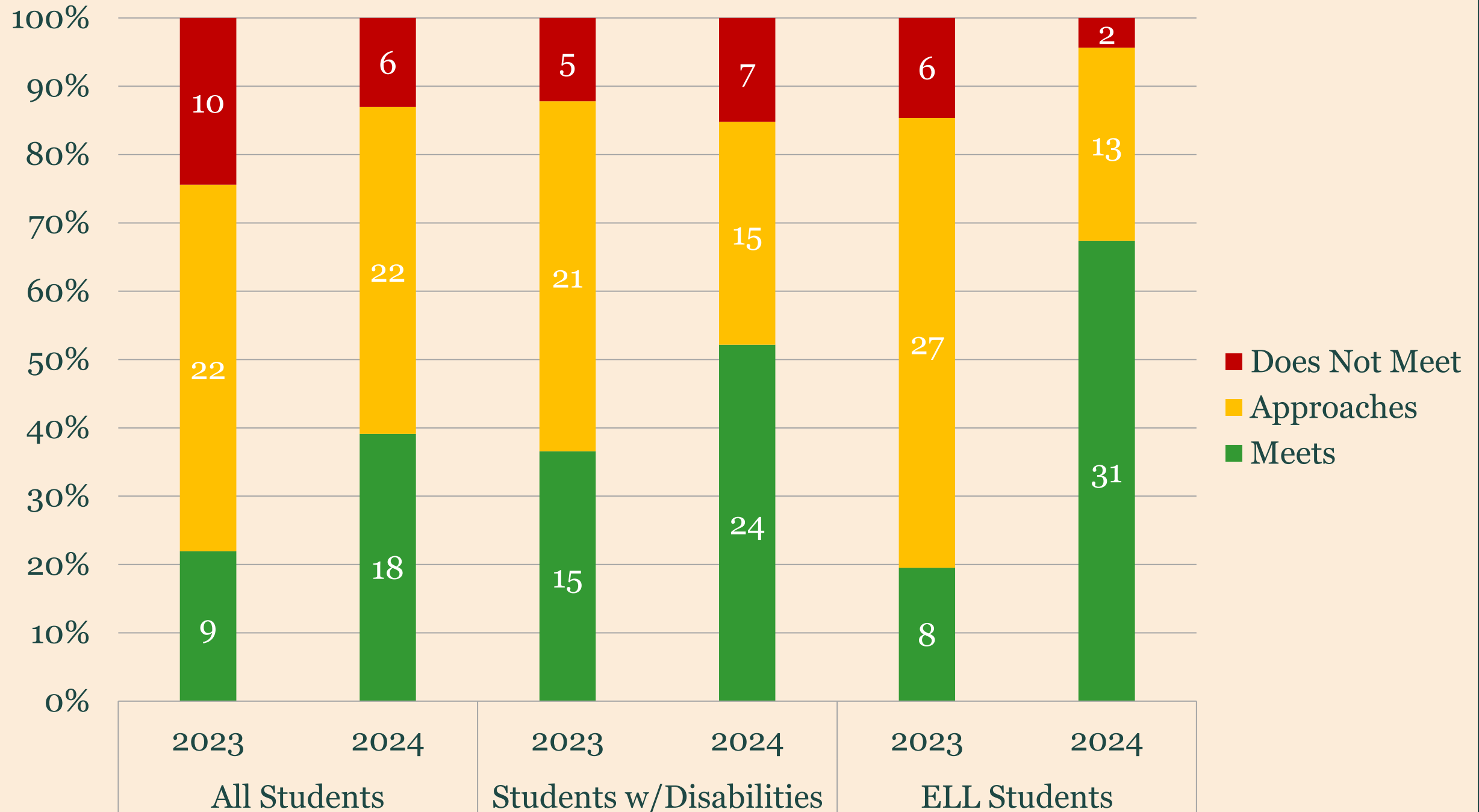




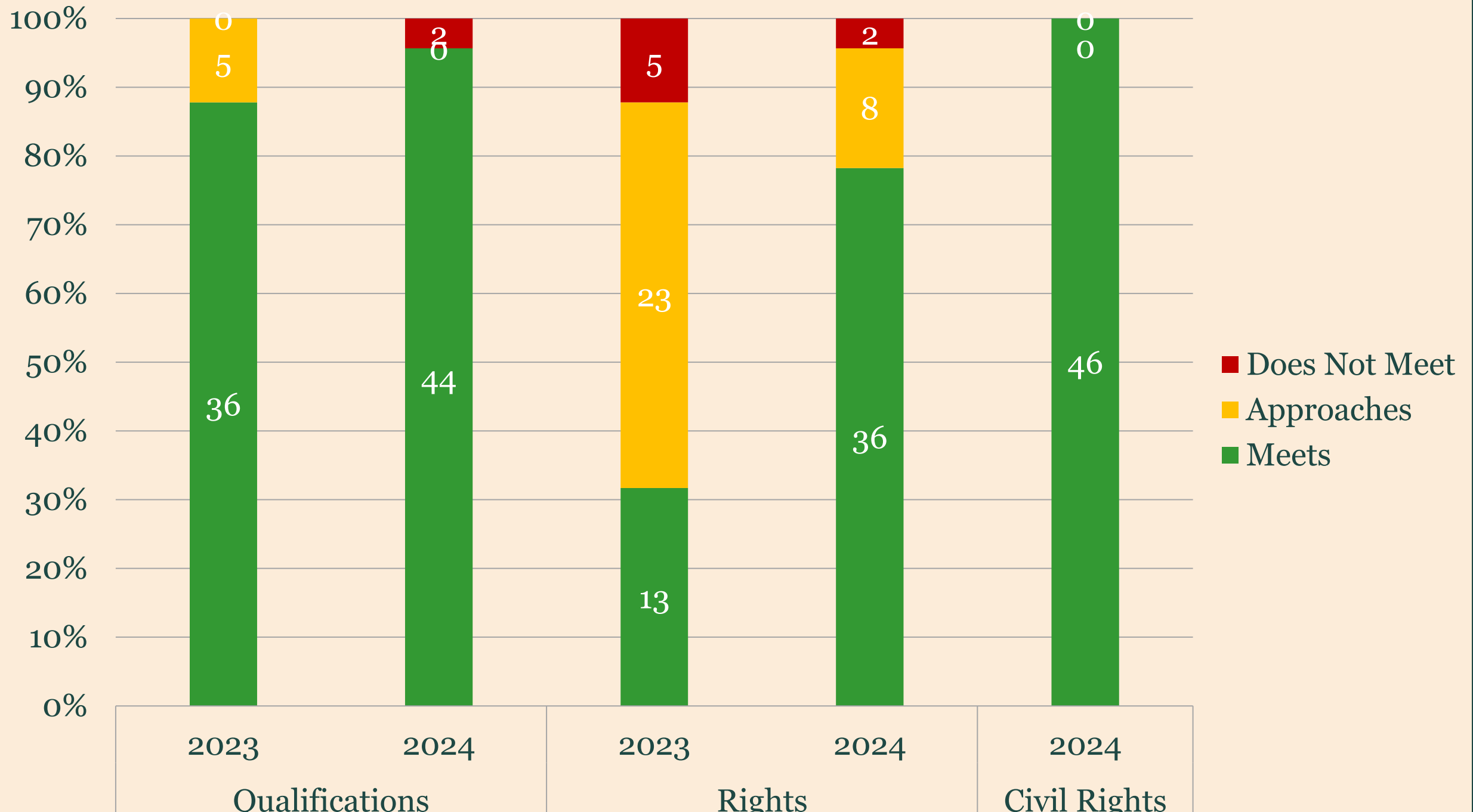
# Governance



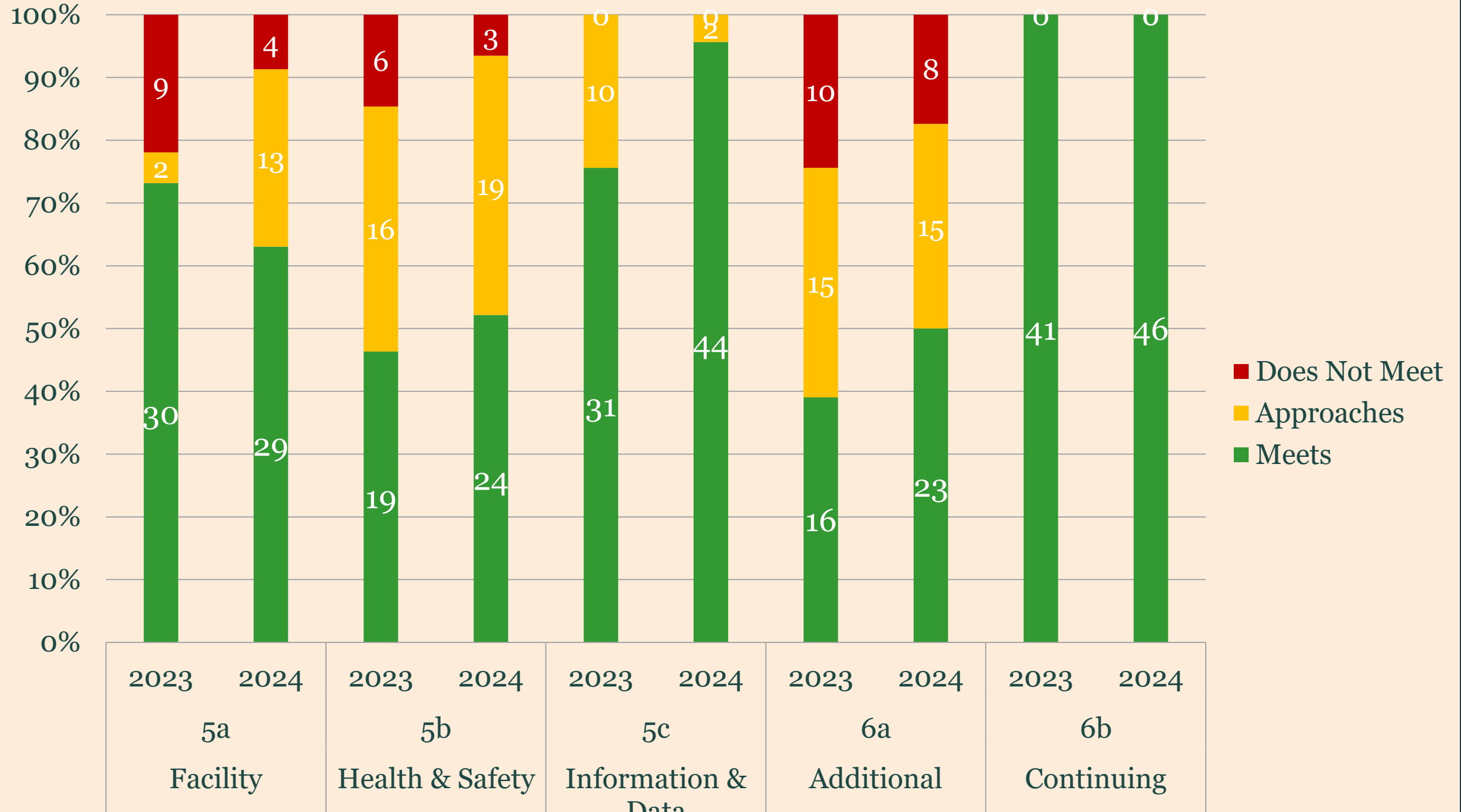
# Obligations to Students



# Employer Obligations



# School Environment (5) and Additional & Continuing Obligations (6)





29 of 46 (63%) state charter schools are meeting operational standards for the 2023-2024 school year.

That's up from 32% in 2022-23 and 1% point higher than the 2021- 2022 school year.

# Proposed Changes

## 1. Increase Approaches Standards Points

	“4” Maximum Points Available	“5” Maximum Points Available	“6” Maximum Points Available
<b>Meets</b>	4	5	6
<b>Approaches</b>	2	3 (*previously was 2)	4 (*previously was 3)
<b>Does Not Meet</b>	0	0	0

**2. Modify On-Time Data Reporting Standards to allow an ‘Approaches’ if a school submits up to two reports late.**  
Currently, a school Approaches the standard if it submits one report late to SCSC or GaDOE.



# Proposed Changes, cont.

**3. Add 'Approaches' to Measure 2c if at least 75% of governing board members complete governing training requirements.**

Currently, the measure awards “0” points if less than 100% of board members attend.

**4. Move Measure 2e (Budget Approval) to Measure 2b (Open Governance).**

**5. Increase points for Indicator 4 (Employer Obligations).**

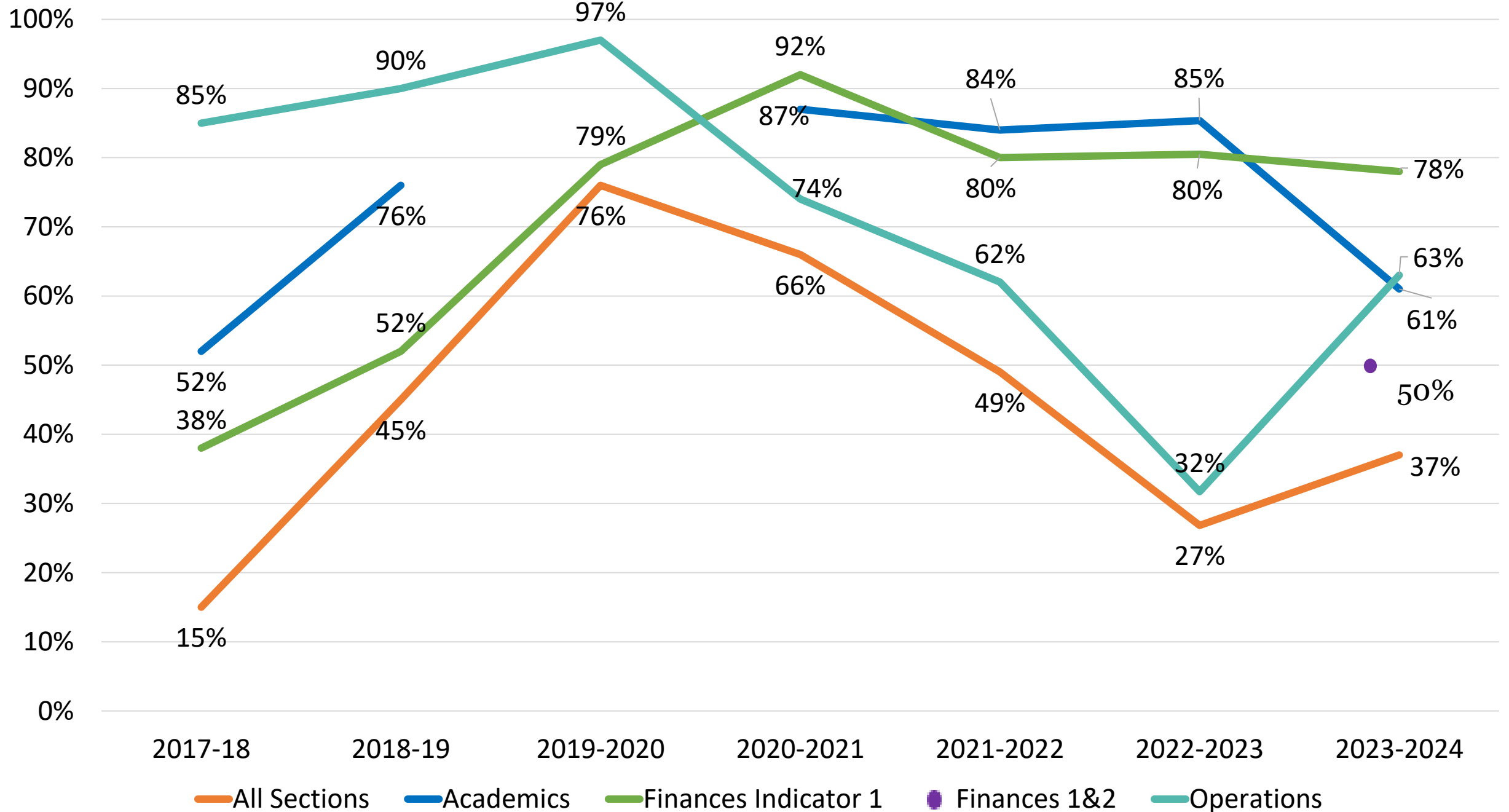




# Overall Performance



# All Sections of the CPF Performance Over Time



# Next Steps:



- The 2024-2025 CPF proposed updates to the Finance and Operations Sections
- Academic workshop for schools (in late summer/early fall)
- Annual School Performance Reviews





# School Performance Reviews

# Annual School Performance Reviews

## Who:

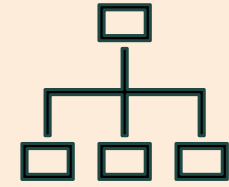
Any school that earned a “Approaches,” “Varied,” or “Does Not Meet” designation in any section (academics, finances, operations) of the CPF.

Schools that just completed the renewal cycle are exempt.

## Why:

To create a demonstrable record of school performance and efforts to remediate nonperformance. To guide the SCSC in imposing meaningful consequences under the charter contract.

# Annual School Performance Reviews



## Previously:

Schools submitted answers to a questionnaire and presented an improvement plan at an SCSC board meeting.

## Now:

Schools are placed into one of three tiers. Required follow-up responses, actions, consequences, and outcomes increase with each tier, including but not limited to responding to a questionnaire or presenting at an SCSC board meeting.

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROCESS

If a school meets or exceeds standards in all sections of the the CPF, no further action is required. However, if a school earns an "Approaches", "Varied", or "Does Not Meet" designation in any section of the CPF , it is subject to the performance review process. SCSC staff will review the school's performance and issue it one of the three tiered letters noted in the chart below.

### 1 Notification Tier

The Notification Letter explains that while the school did not meet performance expectations, SCSC staff have reviewed the school's information, and no further action is required at the time. However, the school is strongly encouraged to identify areas of improvement and internally employ relevant interventions.

### 2 Review Tier

The Review Letter will outline areas of concern and require that the school provide a written response addressing specific deficiencies identified by SCSC staff. After reviewing the school's response, if deemed necessary, the SCSC may also employ Required Outcomes or place the school on probation.

### 3 Probation

A Probation Letter will be sent to schools that meet the requirements outlined in SCSC Rule 691-2-.10 Suspension and Probation and rise to a level of concern beyond the Notification or Review Tier stage. A probation letter can be also issued after SCSC staff have reviewed Review Letter responses and continued concerns exist.

#### Required Outcomes

- Directed or Limited the use of administrative withhold funds
- High-Risk Financial Monitoring
- Performance Improvement Plan
- Reduction of State or Federal Funding
- Required Training
- SCSC Board Presentation



# Tier 1

- Amana Academy West Atlanta
- Atlanta SMART Academy
- Atlanta Heights Charter School
- Brookhaven Innovation Academy
- Cirrus Academy Charter School
- Genesis Innovation Academy for Boys
- Ivy Prep Academy at Kirkwood

# Tier 2

- Coweta Charter Academy
- Georgia Cyber Academy
- International Academy of Smyrna
- Northwest Classical Academy
- SAIL – School for Arts-Infused Learning
- Statesboro STEAM Academy

## First-year Schools

- Liberation Academy
- Miles Ahead Charter School
- PEACE Academy Charter
- Sankofa Montessori
- The Anchor School

# Tier 3

- SLAM Academy of Atlanta
- Rise Preparatory Charter School
- Zest Preparatory Academy Charter School

Tier 1- All schools met academic standards and most approached financial and/or operational standards

Tier 2- Mixed results by sections

Tier 3- Schools that were already placed on probation remain

# Timeline



## March

- CPF Reports Final
- Process Begins
- Tier Letters Sent



## April

- Review Letter Responses Due
- Probation CAPs Due



## May

- Required Outcomes Letters Sent
- Additional Probation Letters Sent



## June

- Required Outcomes Documentation Due
- Probation CAPs Due



## July

- All Follow- Up Documentation Due
- Process Ends





# Met in all sections of the 2023- 2024 CPF

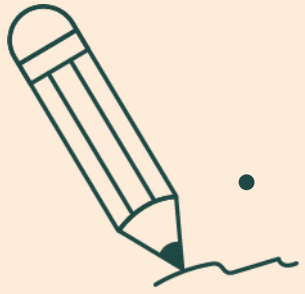


1. Academy for Classical Education
2. Baconton Community Charter School
3. DeKalb Brilliance Academy
4. Furlow Charter School
5. Genesis Innovation Academy for Girls
6. Georgia Connections Academy
7. Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics
8. International Charter Academy of Georgia
9. International Charter School of Atlanta
10. Liberty Tech Charter School
11. Pataula Charter Academy
12. Resurgence Hall Charter School
13. Resurgence Hall Middle Academy
14. Scintilla Charter Academy
15. Southwest Georgia STEM
16. Spring Creek Charter Academy
17. Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith





# CPF Proposed Updates



# Summary of Proposed Finance Changes

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# Summary of Proposed Operations Changes



1. Increase points earned for the ‘Approaches Standards’ designation
2. Modify on-time data reporting standards
3. Modify governance training standards
4. Merge Measure 2e into Measure 2b
5. Increase maximum points for Measures in Indicator 4





# CPF Updates Adoption Timeline

- April 30: Share at SCSC Board Meeting
  - May 2 – June 2: Proposal materials posted on the SCSC website & public comment period
  - June 25: Recommendation to Adopt at SCSC Board Meeting
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- CPF Updates go into effect for the 2024-2025 school year

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