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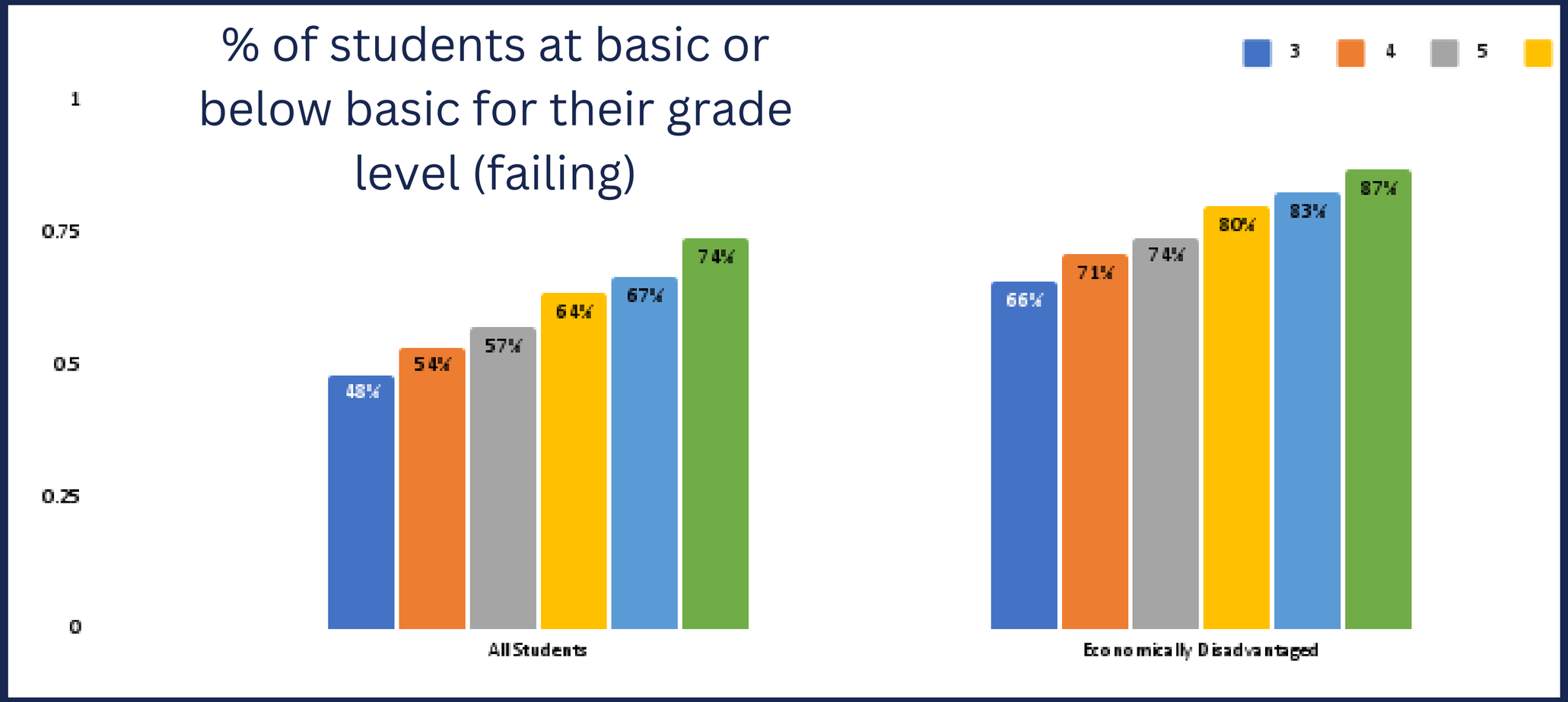
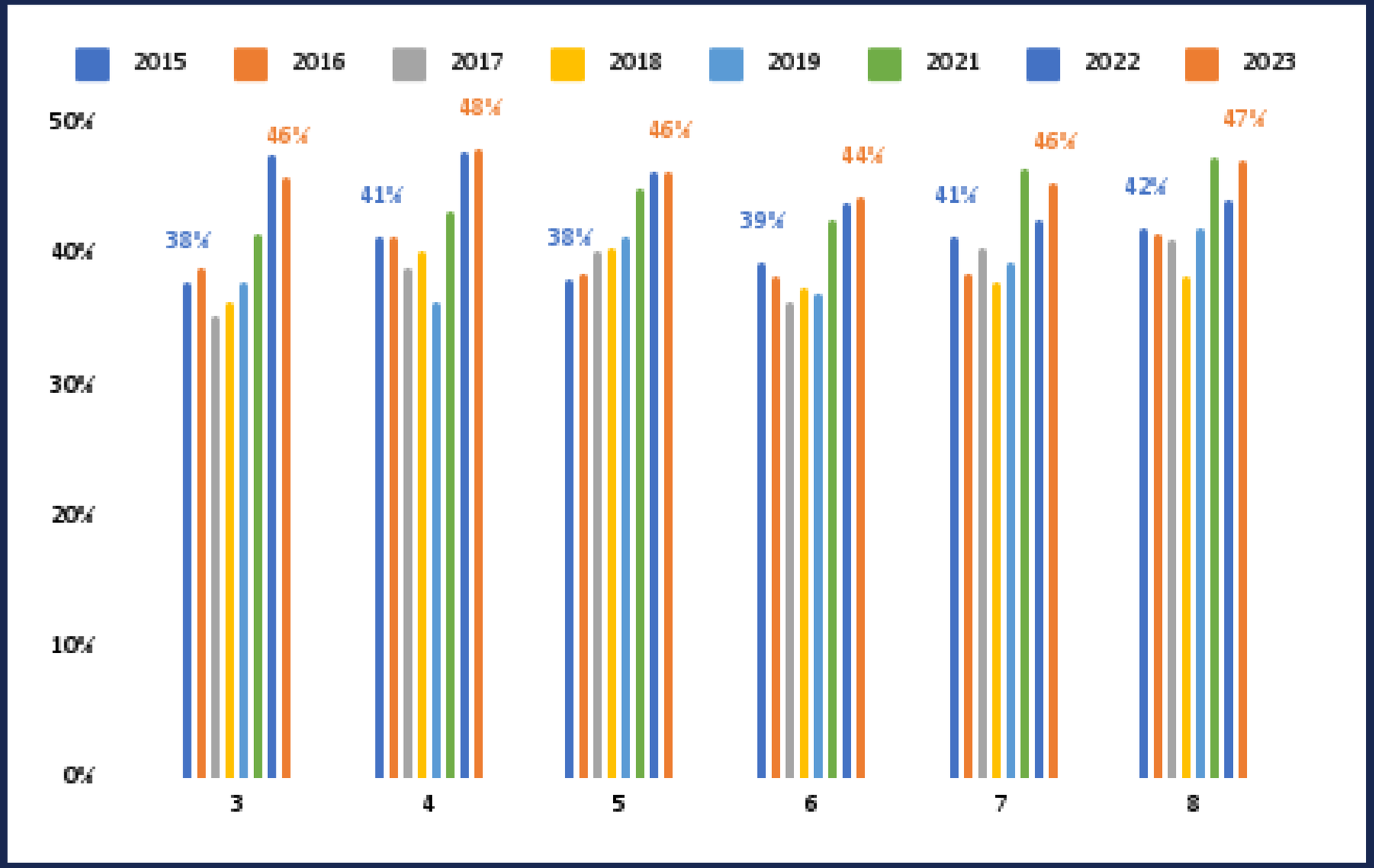
Dauphin Co Schools: How are they doing?

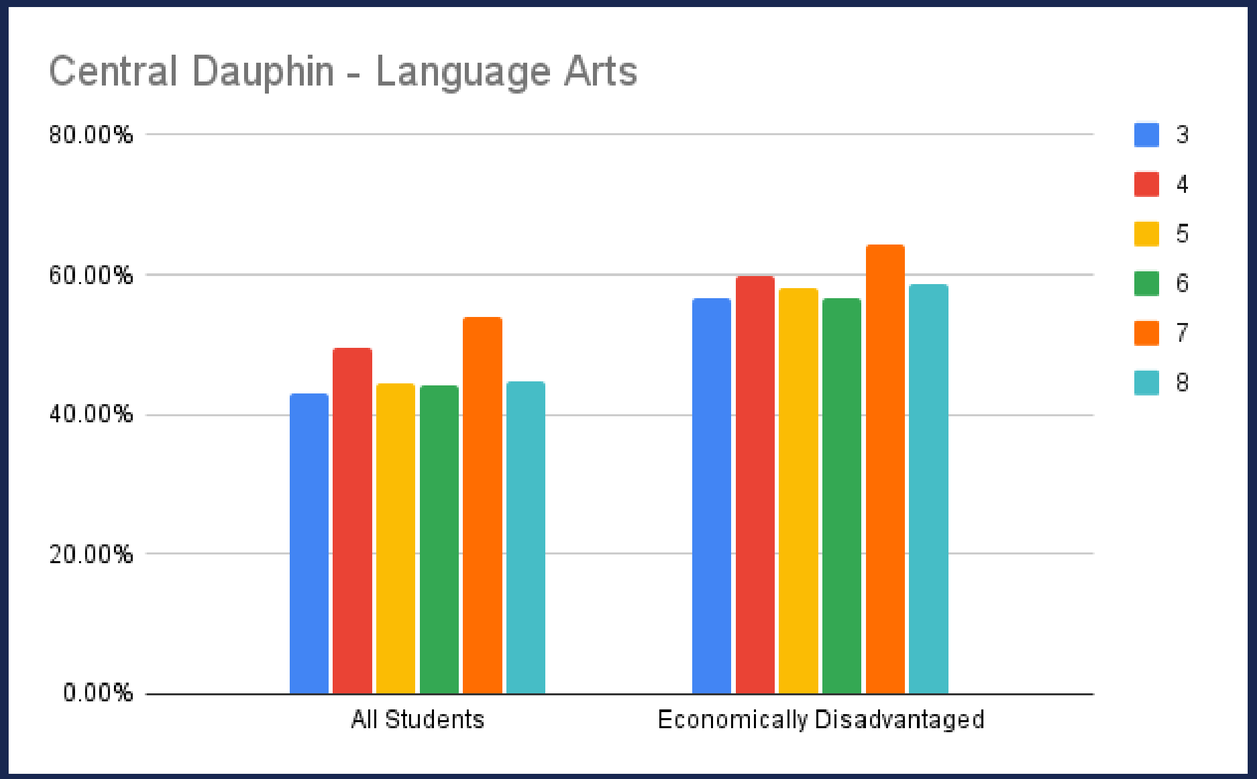
2023 Statewide Scores

More than 6 out of 10 - 6th-8th graders are failing
5 out of 10 - 3rd-5th graders are failing



COVID is just an excuse. This is an institutional failure.





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3rd-8th graders failing Language Arts

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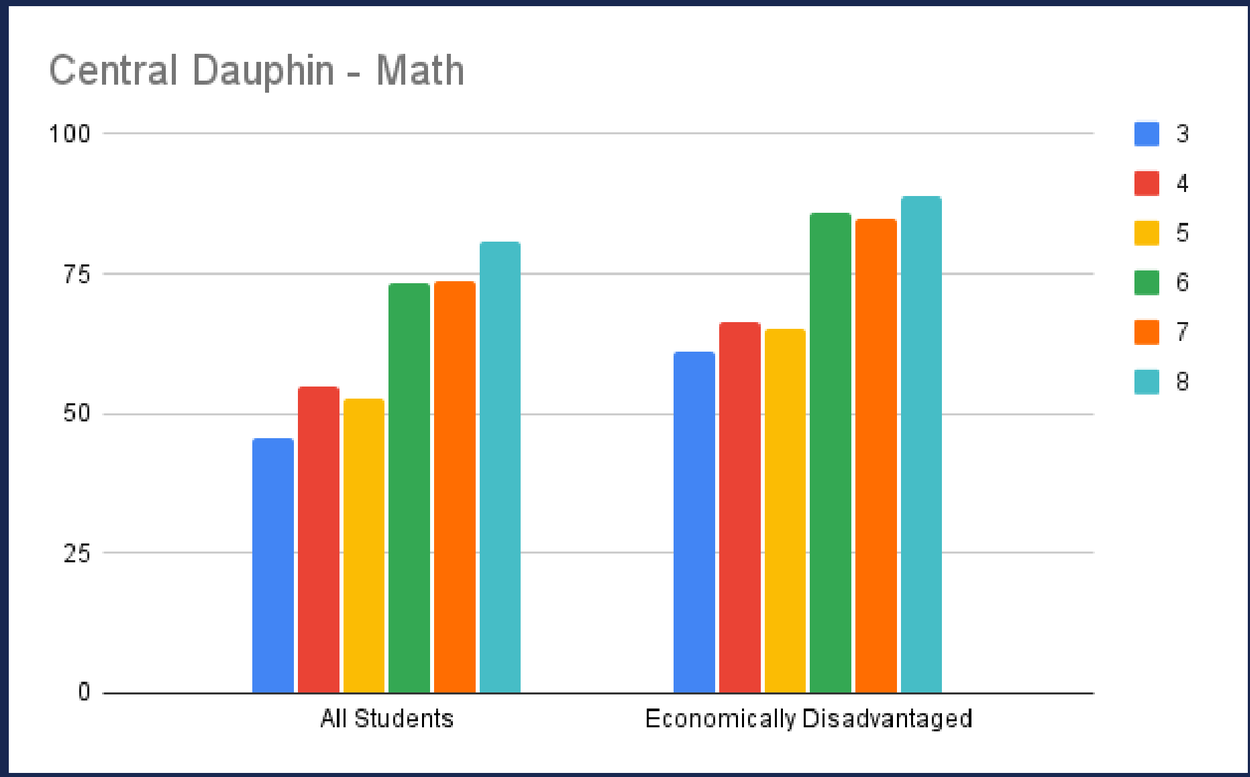
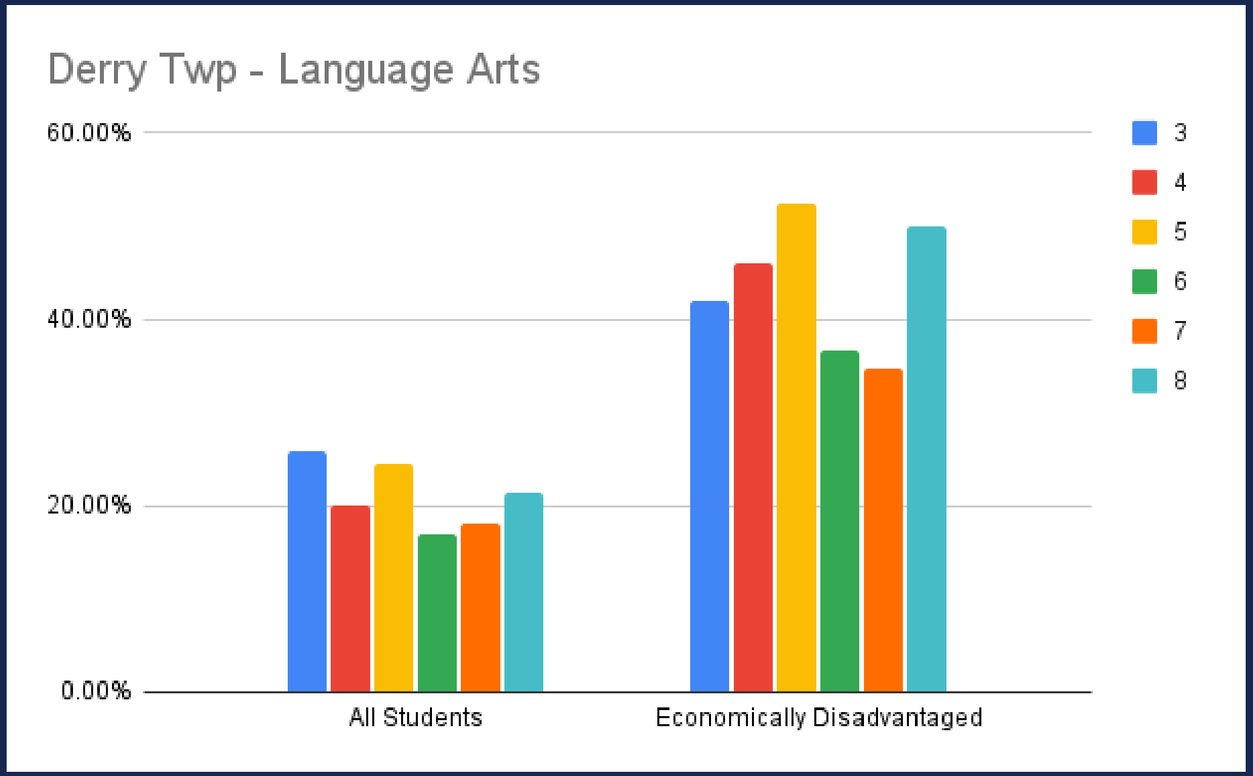
6th-8th graders failing math



56%

of students at poverty level or lower



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3rd, 5th, 8th graders failing Language Arts

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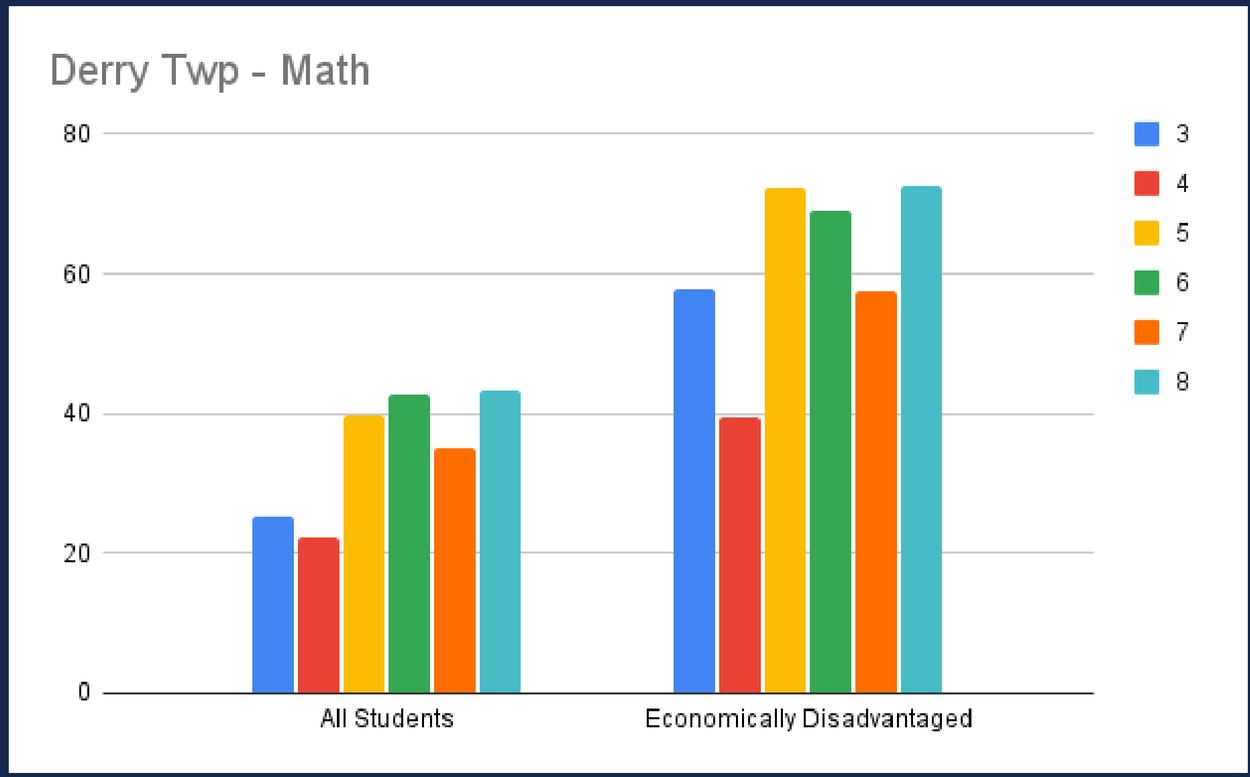
5th, 6th, 8th graders failing Math



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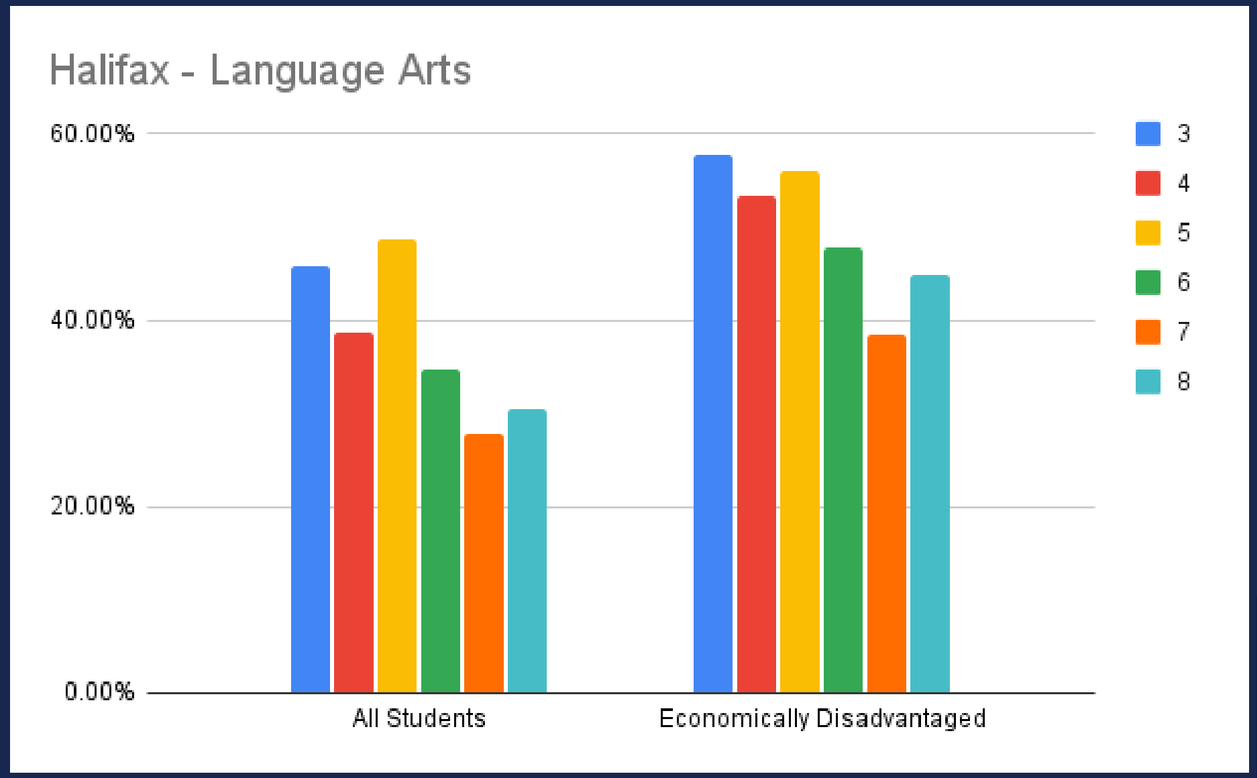

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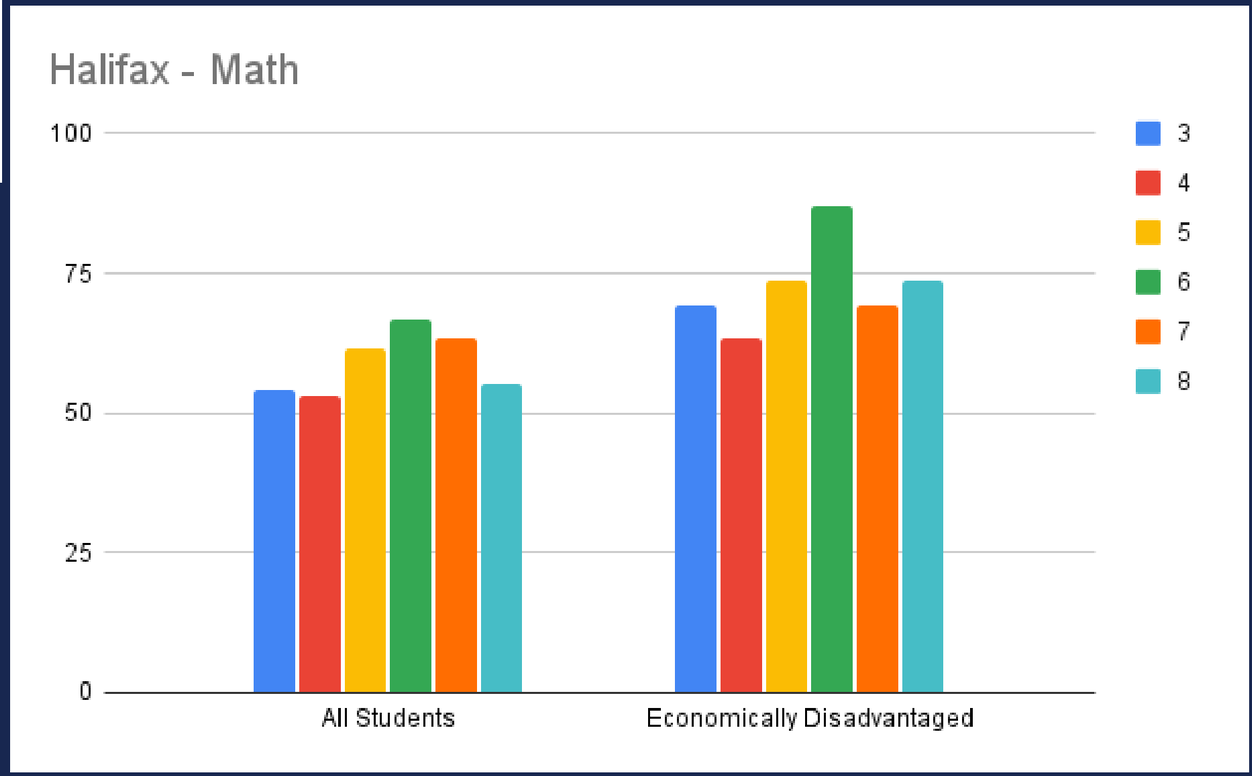

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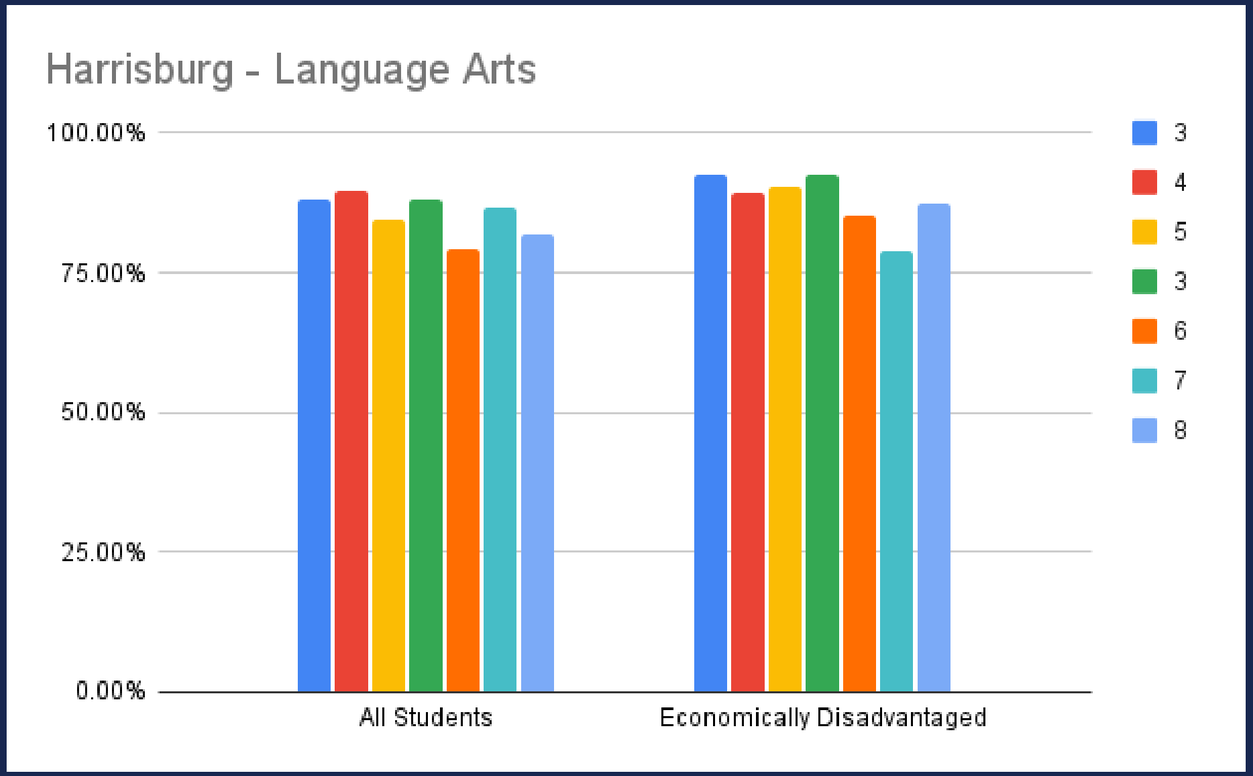

over 7 out of 10

3rd-8th graders failing Language Arts

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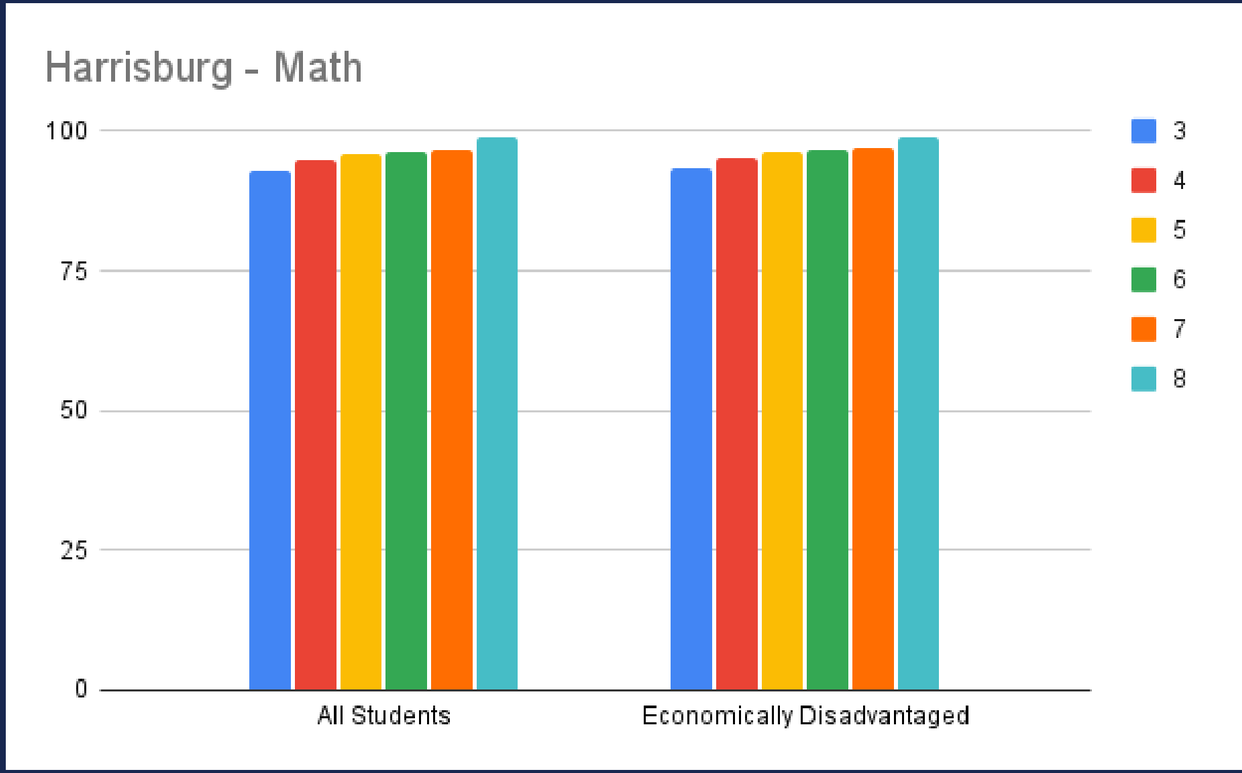
3rd-8th graders failing Math



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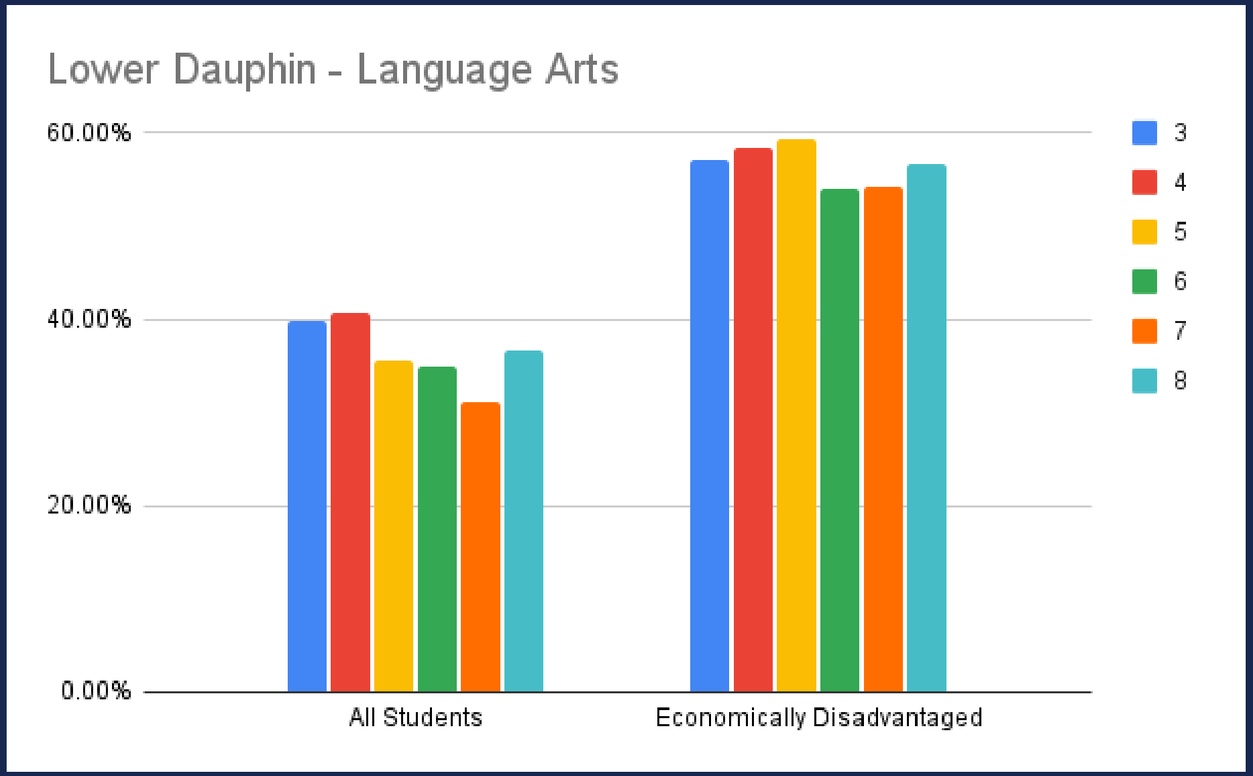

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3rd-4th graders failing Language Arts

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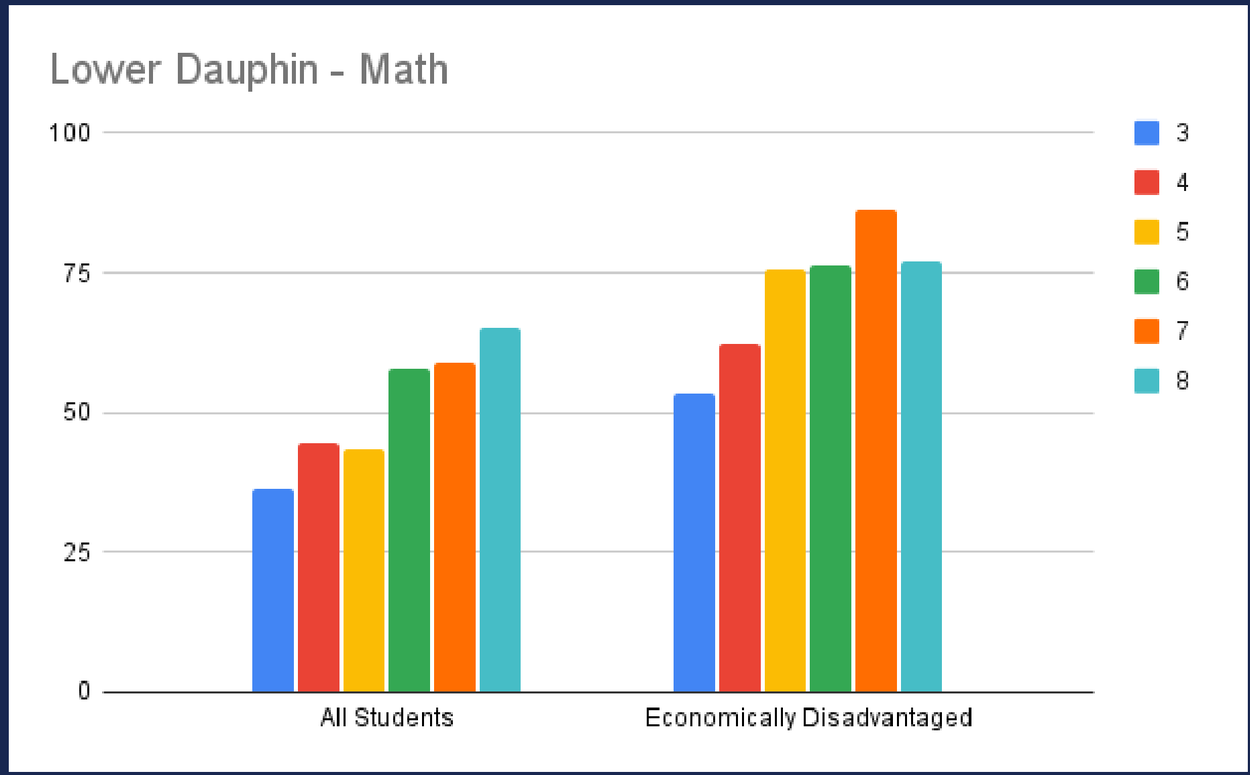

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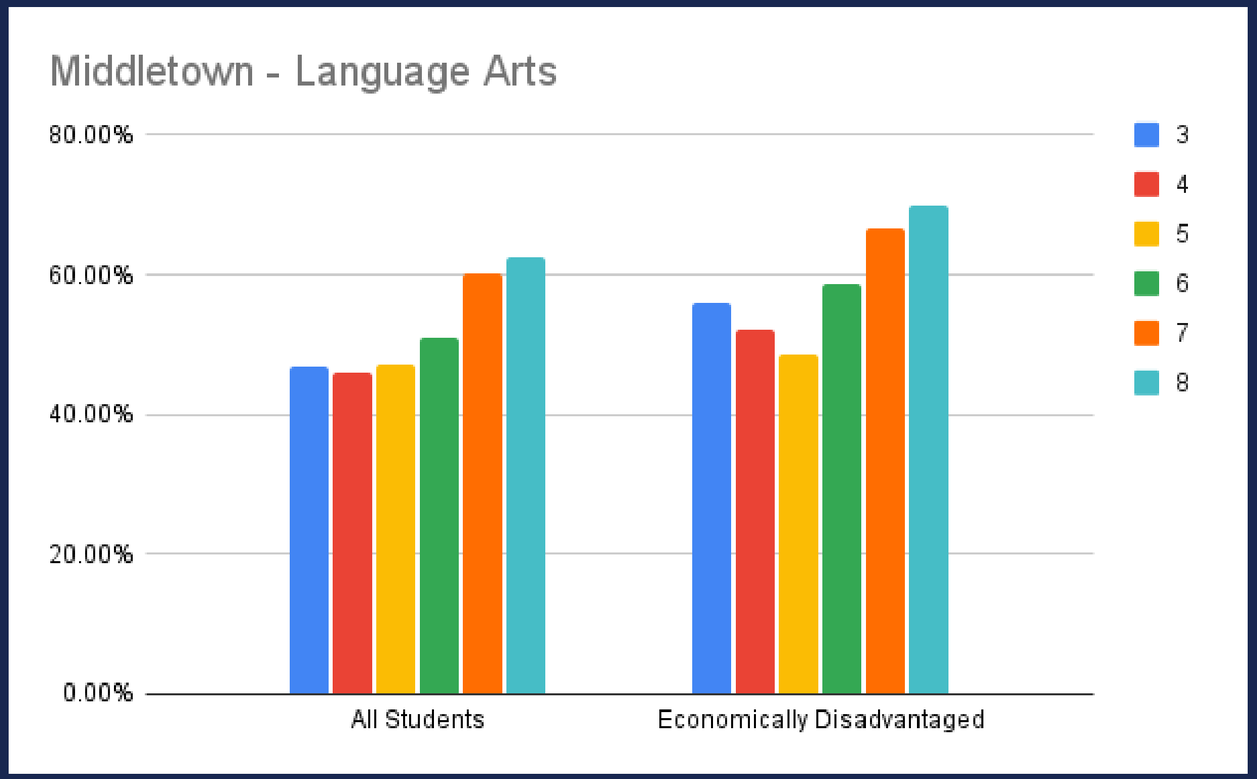

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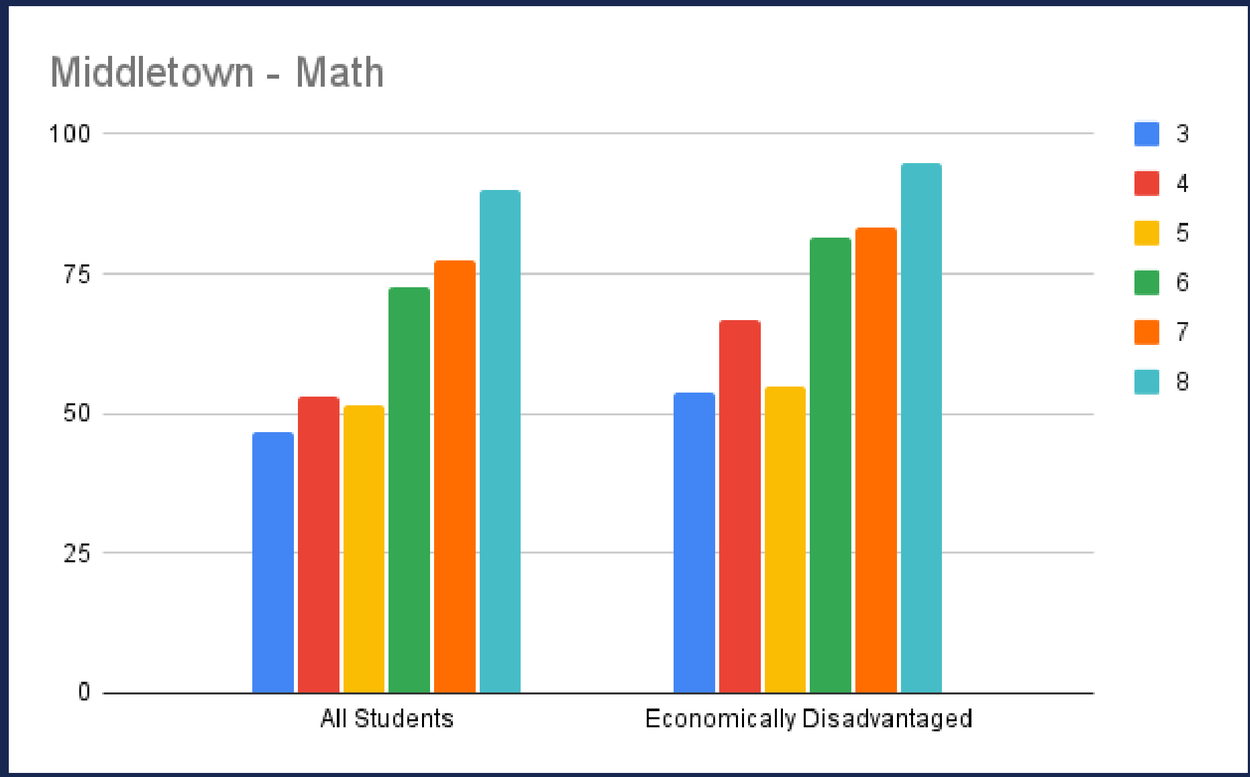

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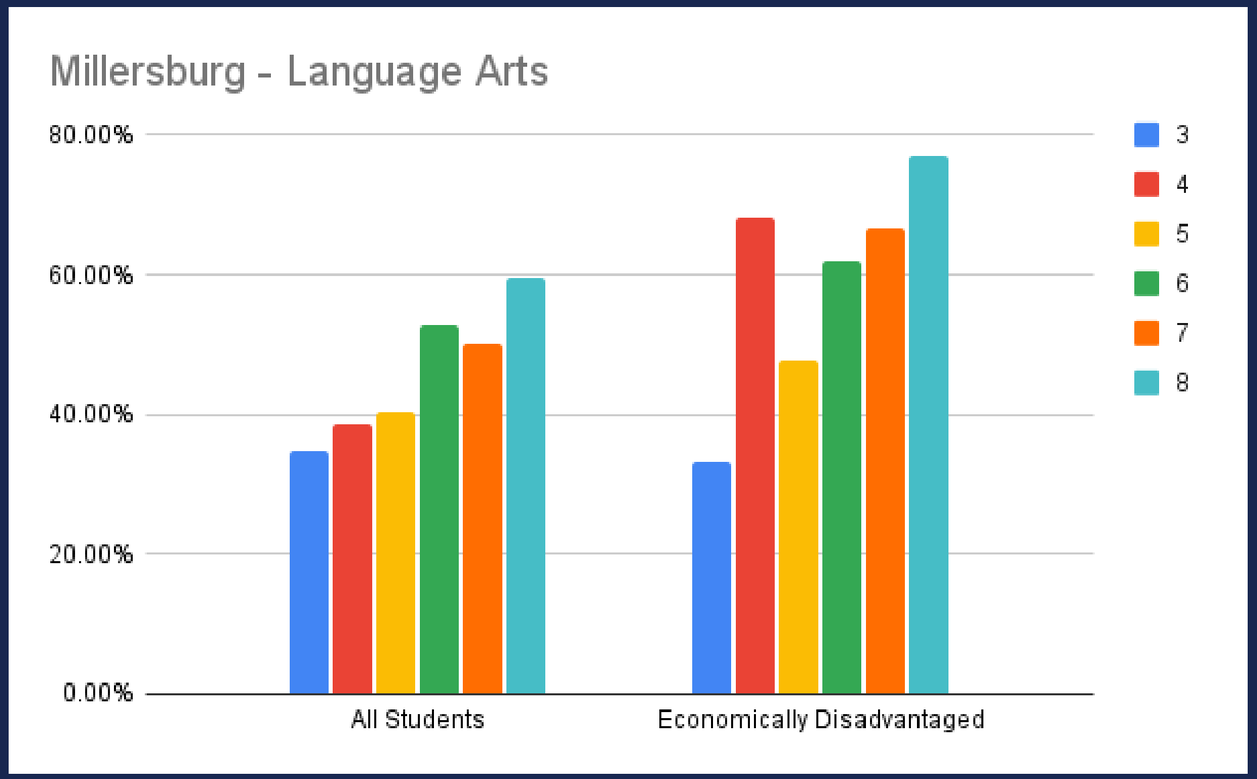

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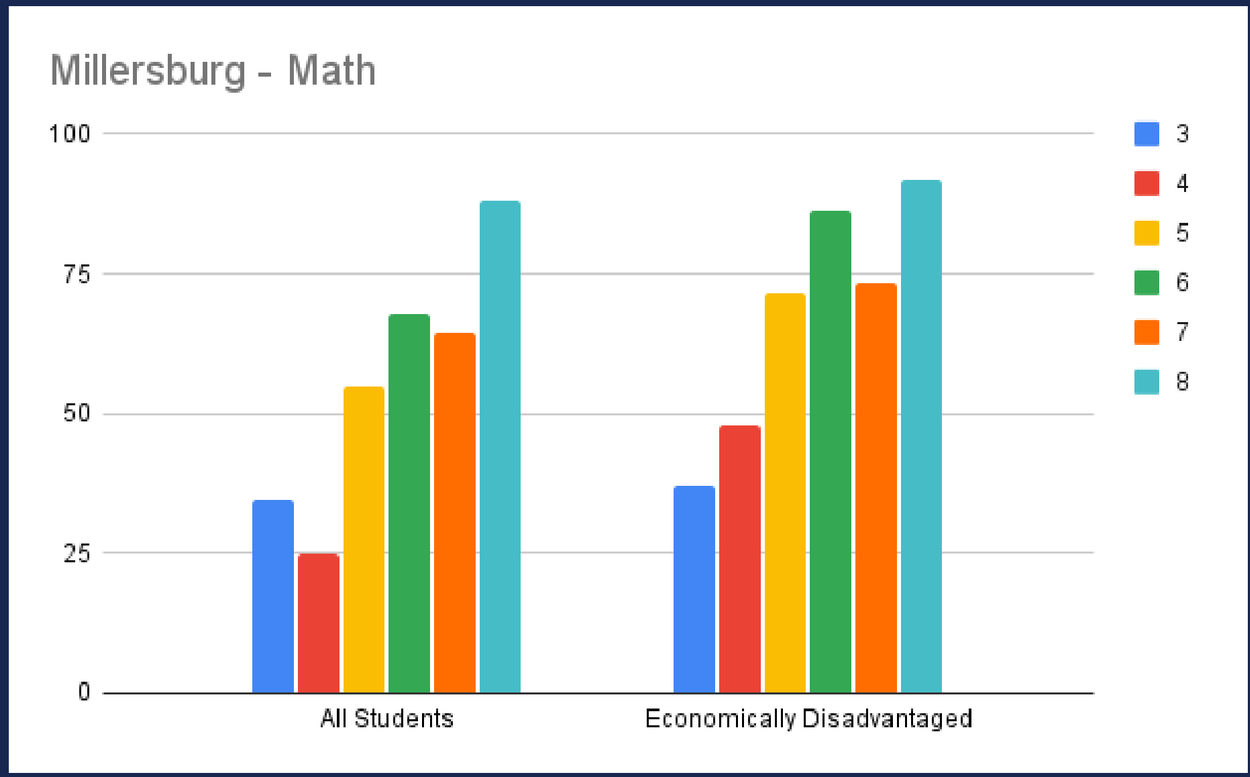

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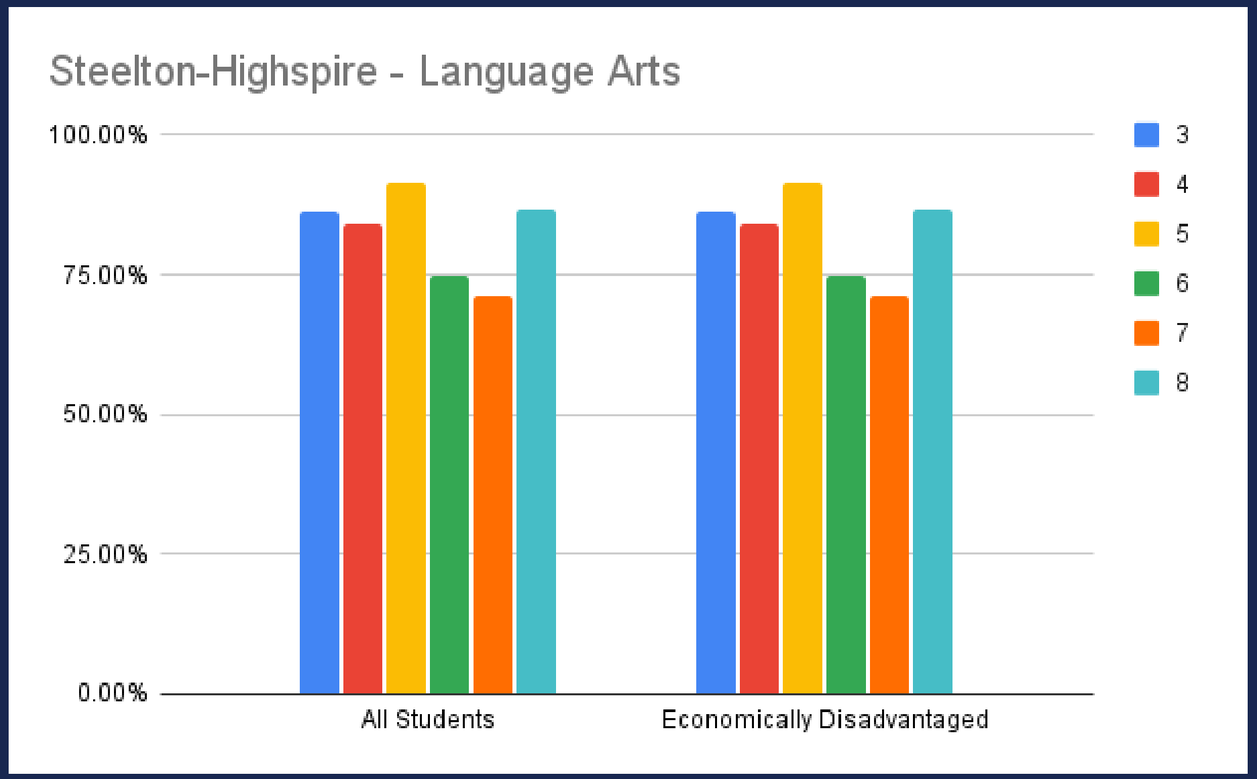

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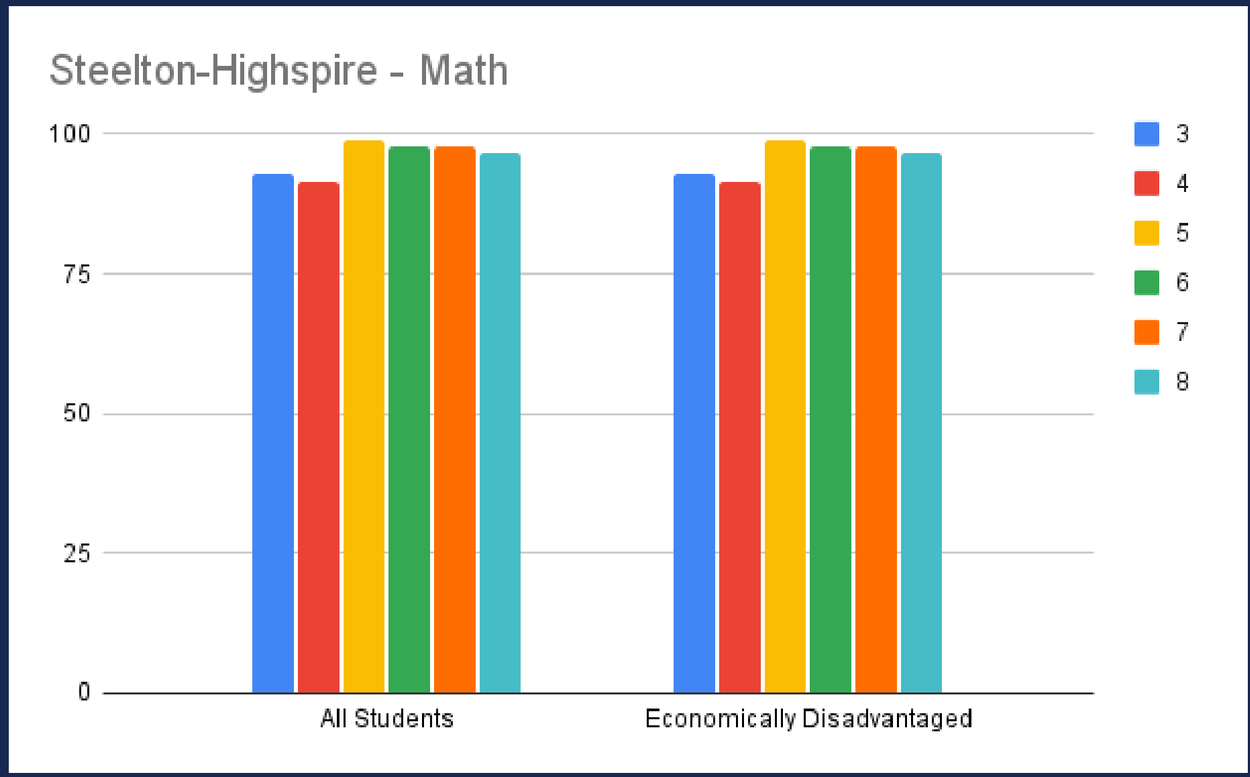

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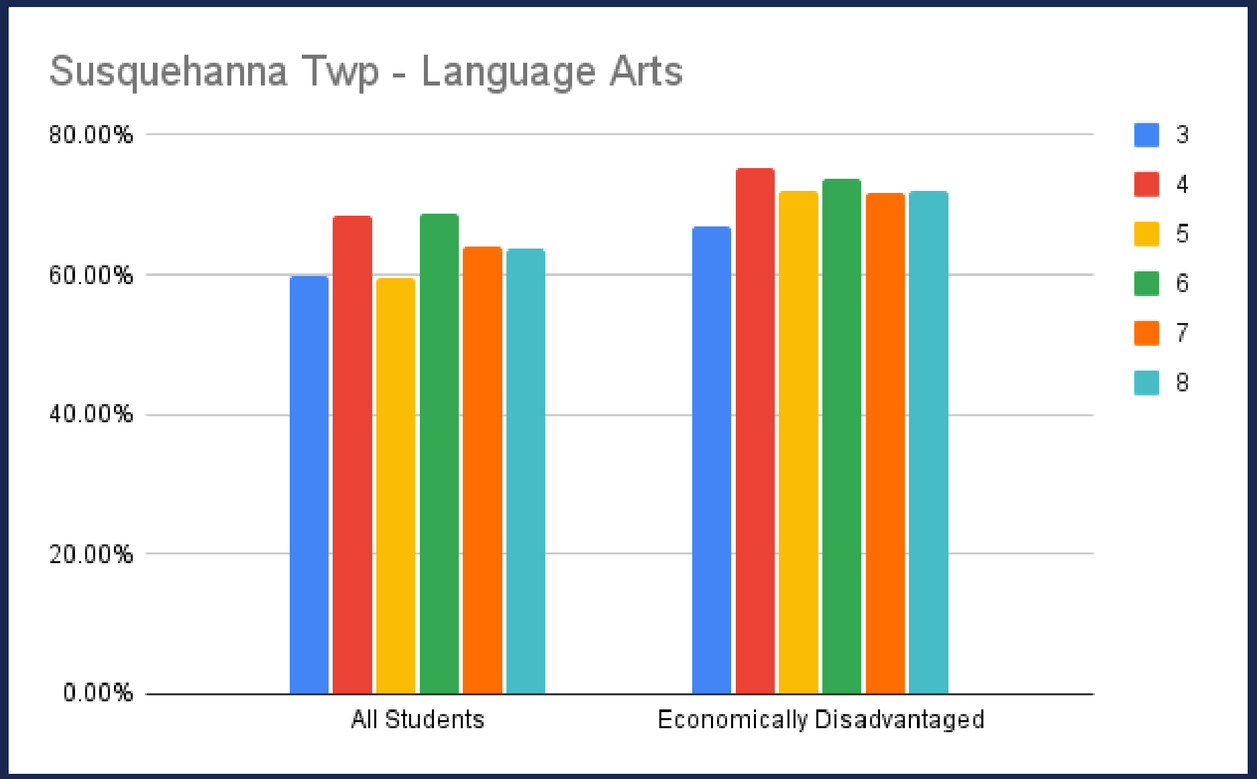

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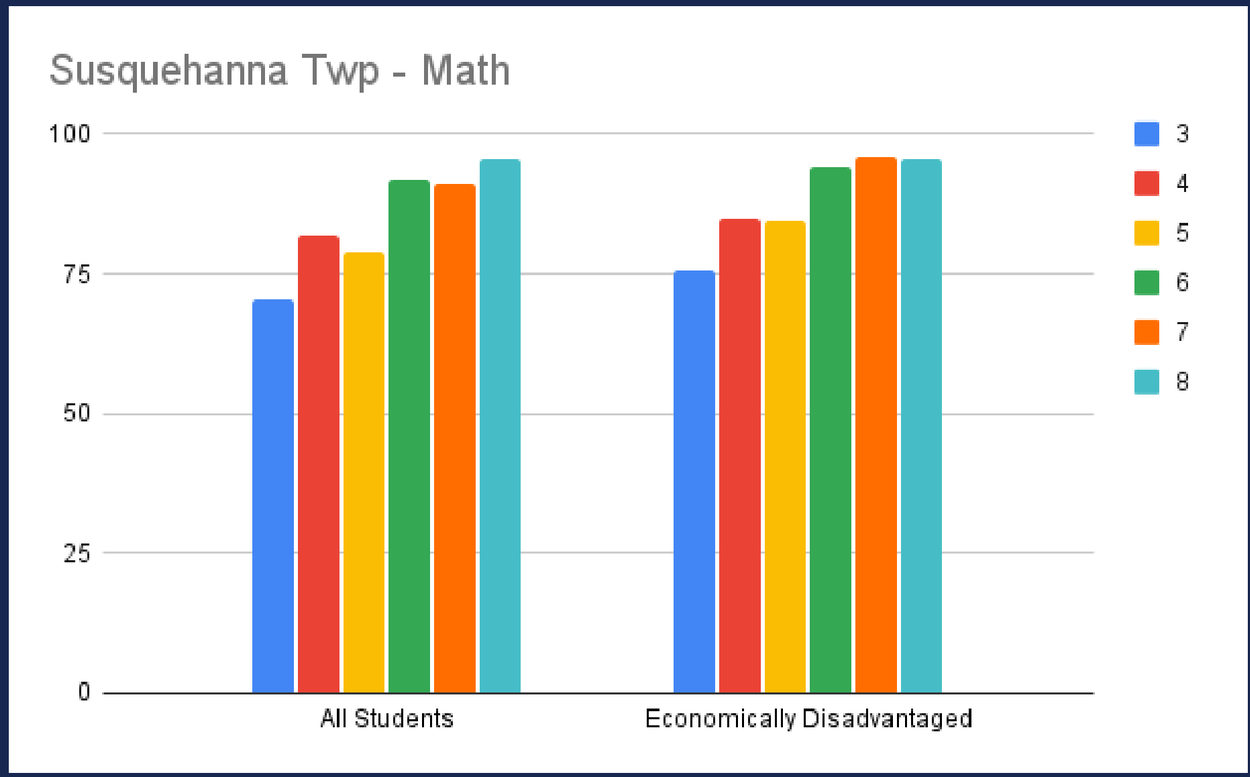

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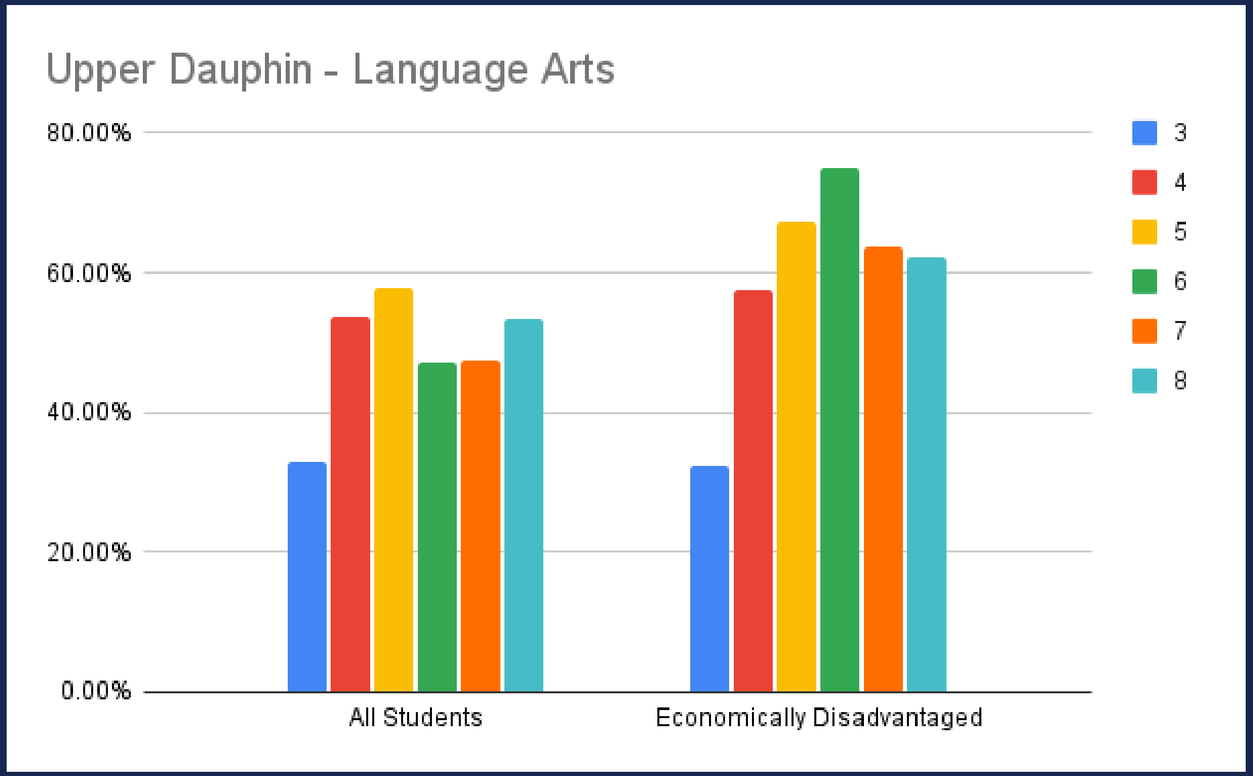

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4th-8th graders failing Language Arts

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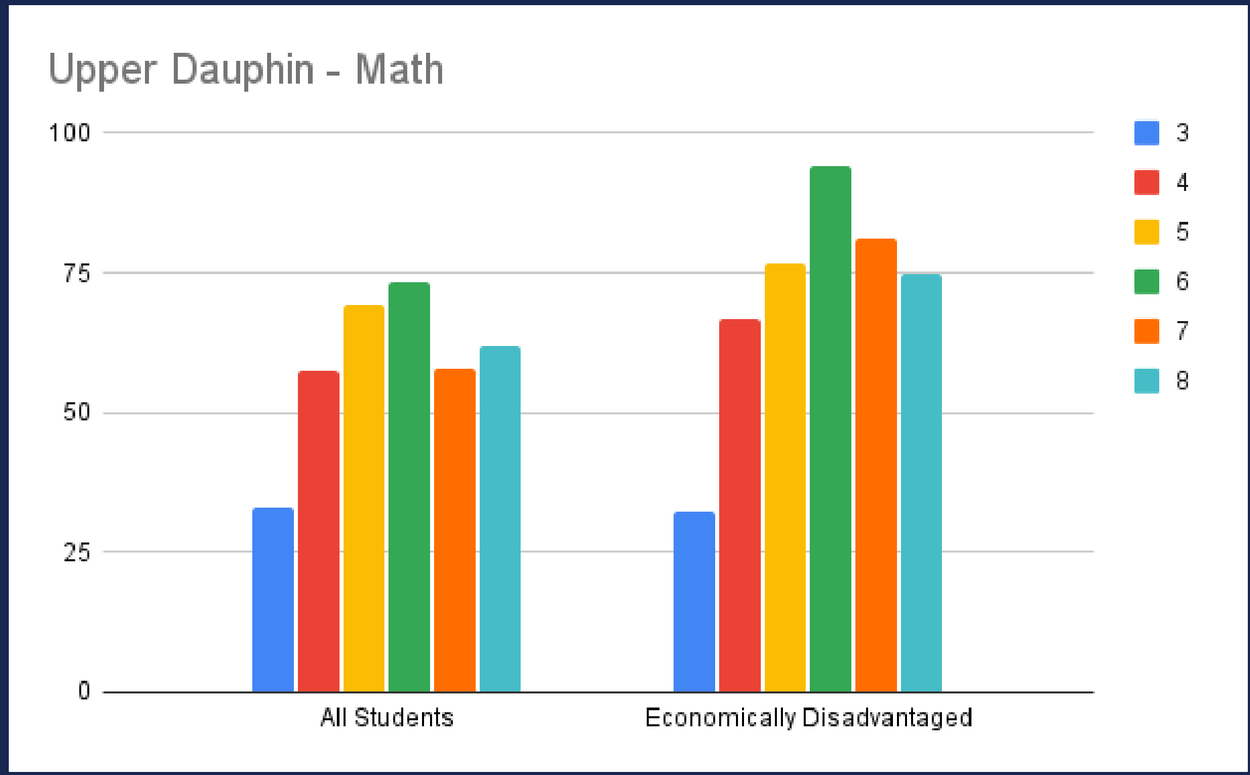

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How do we fix this?

We need to get back to the Science of Reading

-Pennsylvania added new curriculum standards emphasizing phonics

-Educator preparation programs are adding this emphasis

-Two bills introduced in the PA Legislature to improve literacy in schools

- Senate Bill 801 - Introduced by Sen. Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster), Sen. Anthony Williams (D-Philadelphia)
- House Bill 998 - Introduced by Rep. Justin Fleming (D-Harrisburg) and Rep. Jason Ortitay (R-Bridgeville)

What can parents do?

Some parents may get tutors for their students, or do extra help at home.

What about the “economically disadvantaged” students? Maybe they need a different educational environment, but they are trapped in these low-performing schools.

Dauphin County has 13 schools in the lowest 15% of schools in the state.

13 Schools

7,668 students

Lifeline scholarships

Lifeline Scholarships, also known as the Pennsylvania Award for Student Success (PASS) program, would offer an Education Opportunity Account (EOA) to any student assigned to a school ranked in the bottom 15 percent of performance.

“the program provides $5,000 and $10,000 scholarships for students who wish to leave their assigned public school—a fraction of the $21,300 per student that school districts receive.”

All 4 State Reps Voted NO on Lifeline Scholarships

- Rep. Patty Kim (D-103)
- Rep. Dave Madsen (D-104)
- Rep. Justin Fleming (D-105)
- Rep. Tom Mehaffie (R-106)

They could have helped 2,088 students in HD 103; 4,887 students in HD 104; 693 students in HD 105

Gov. Josh Shapiro

Is he really helping these students?

Vetoed Lifeline after saying he was for it
Touts “universal free breakfast” and proposed $3 million for period products
Announced he’s cutting cyber charter funding

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Take Action!

1. Go to your school board meeting and speak during public comment - give these recent test scores and ask how the board is going to take action

2. Contact your state legislator (Senator and Representative) and ask them to co-sponsor and vote for SB 801 and HB 998 to improve literacy

3. Keep an eye on talks about school funding in this year's budget - how will they help give parents/guardians more choices, not less