



Albuquerque Public Schools

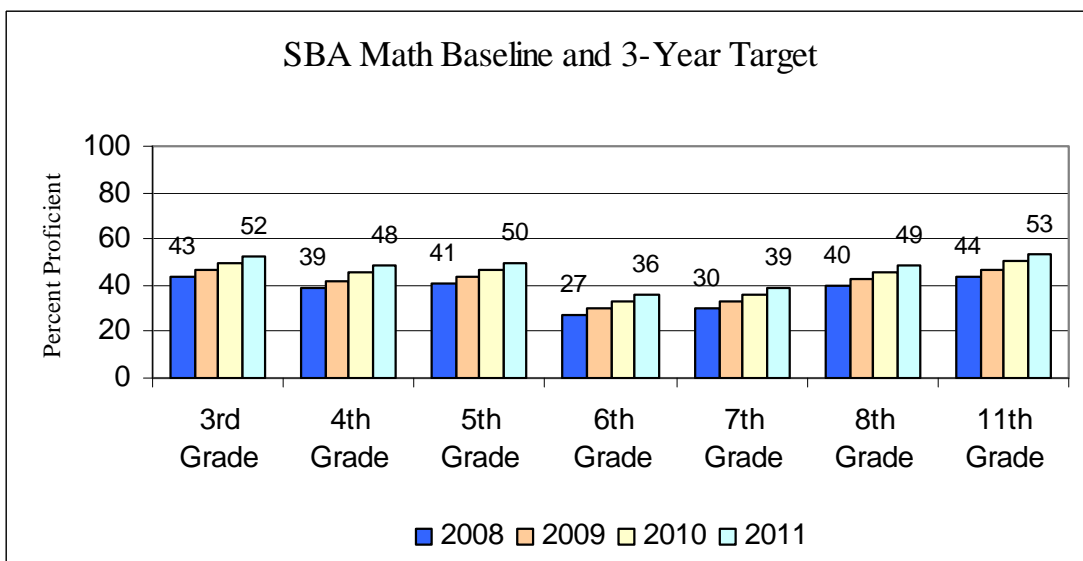
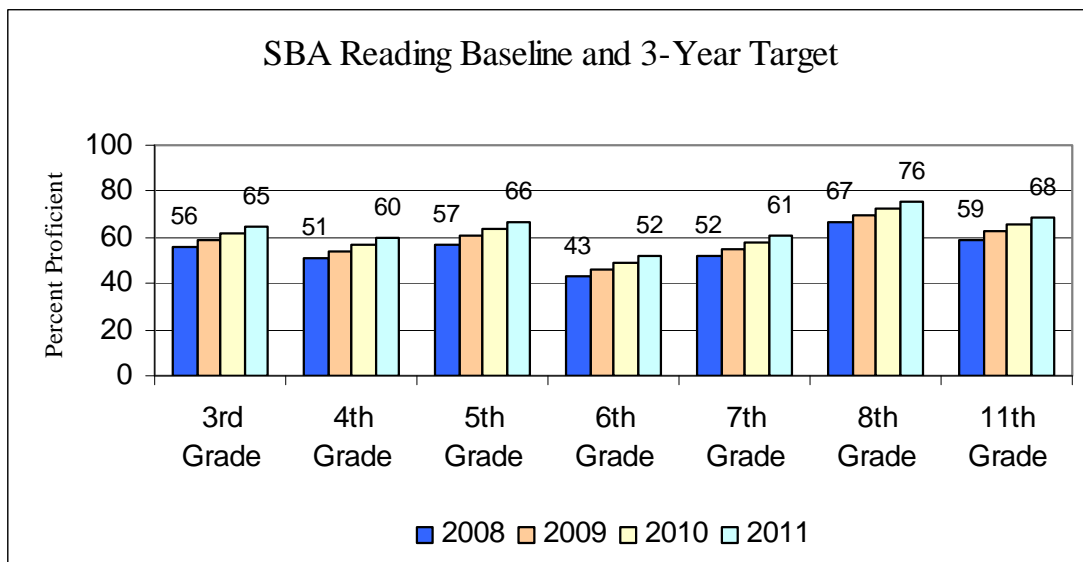
Academic Excellence

Goal One

The goals that the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education and I jointly set address eight critical areas for our district. Informing the public of our baseline and targets and keeping the public informed of our progress is an important part of creating these goals. This goals report provides you with a baseline and targets for each academic strategic objective.

Strategic Objective I

Increase by 3 points each year, the percent of students who are proficient on the state Standards Based Assessment.





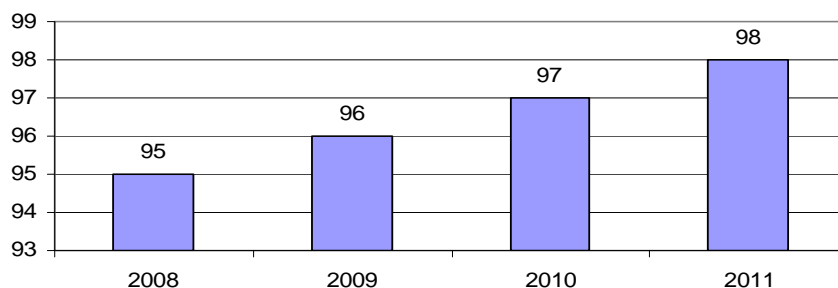
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Strategic Objective II

Participation rates in the state assessment will equal or exceed AYP requirements.

NCLB requires all schools and districts to test at least 95% of all students. 100% of APS schools meet this standard.

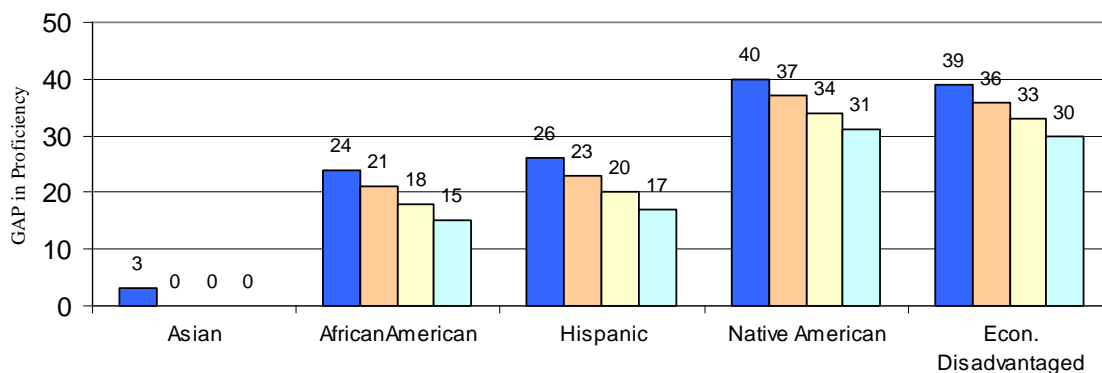
Test Participation Rates Baseline & 3-Year Targets



Strategic Objective III

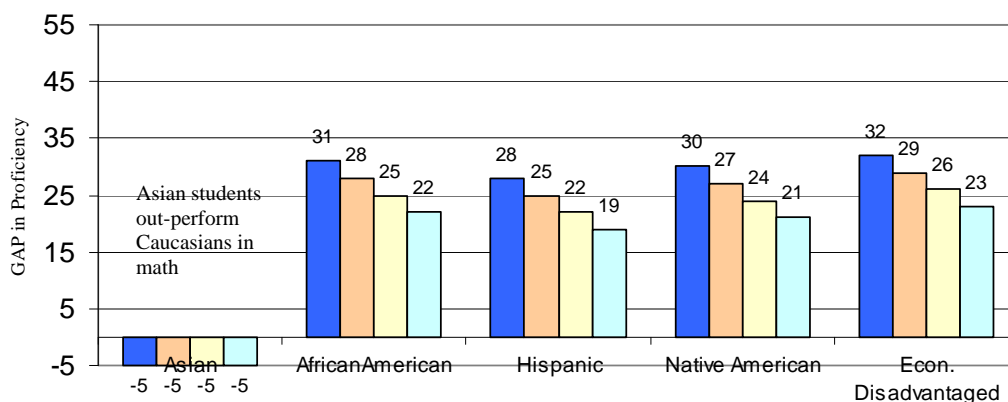
Close the achievement gap

Baseline & 3-Year Target to Close the Reading Gap



This graph shows the differences in achievement between each group and Caucasians. The closer the bar to 0 the smaller the gap in achievement. The -5 bar for Asian students shows that Asian students out-perform Caucasian students in math.

Baseline & 3-Year Target to Close the Math Gap

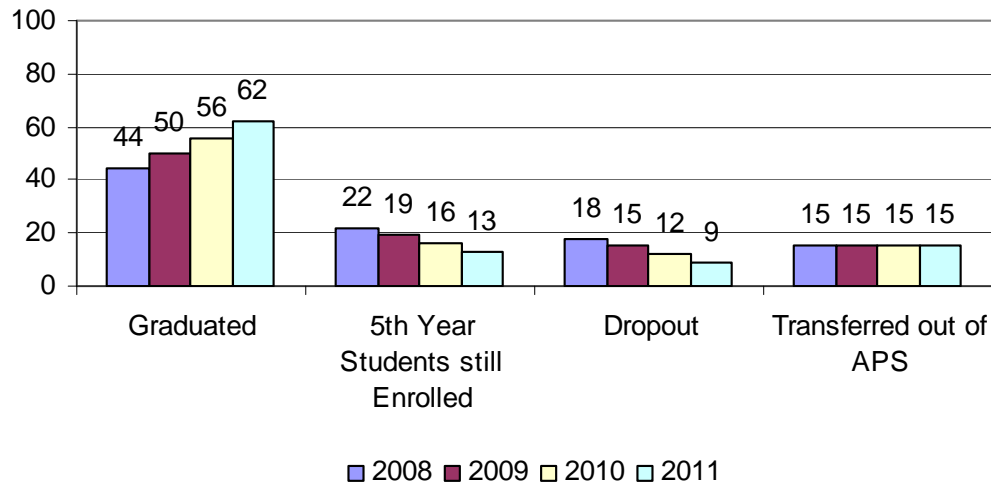


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Strategic Objective IV

Improve the graduation rate; reduce the dropout rate for each graduating class



Understanding the Cohort

Each class of 9th graders is a group called a cohort. Our expectation is that this cohort of students graduates 4 years after entering high school. This study follows each entering 9th grade class and determines their status at the end of four years. This study shows you at the end of 4 years how many students:

- Graduated
- Dropped out
- Enrolled for a 5th year to complete their studies in APS
- Transferred out of APS to another school district or to a private school, or
- Are deceased

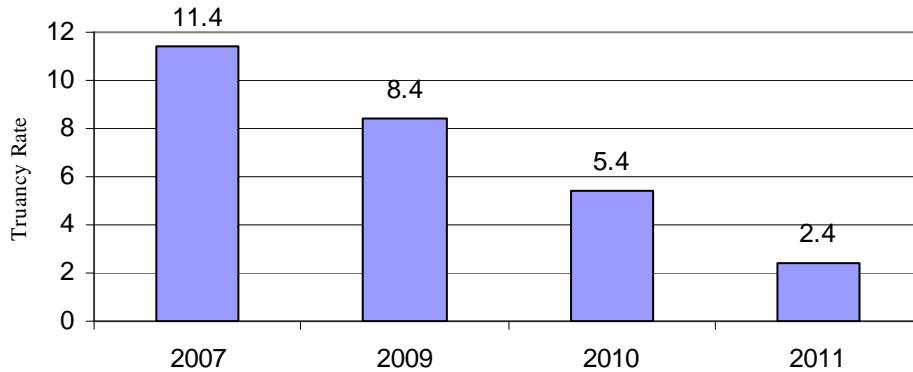
Students who transfer out of APS may go on to graduate in another school district or another state.

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Strategic Objective V
Reduce truancy by 3% each year

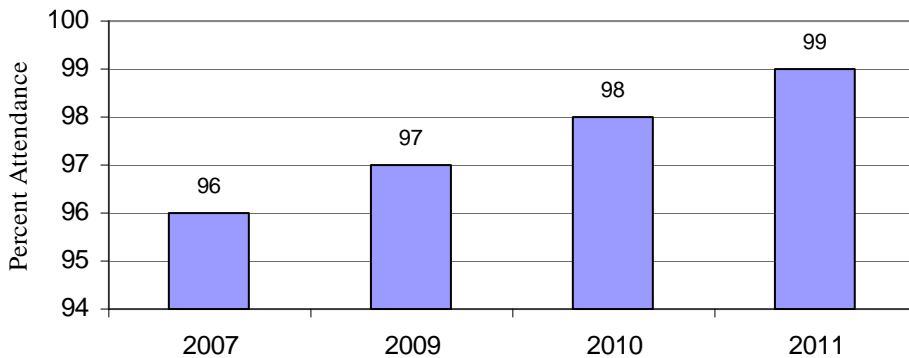
Truancy Rate Baseline & 3-Year Target



Percent of students who have 10 or more unexcused absences in a year following the New Mexico PED definition.

Strategic Objective VI
Increase attendance rates by 1% each year.

Attendance Rate Baseline & 3-Year Target



The NM PED calculates attendance rates using only unexcused absences. To maintain consistency with these published rates, APS will use the same definition.

As the year progresses, APS will update our community; describing our efforts to meet this goal, the special programs and services we provide to our students and families, and our successes in meeting these targets. As Superintendent I look forward to working with our teachers and staff, each APS family, and the many APS supporters in our community to ensure that every student has a successful learning experience in APS and a quality education!