

Dropout Prevention and Persistence to Graduation

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**Each student will
graduate prepared to
succeed in college, career,
and life choices, and to
become a productive,
contributing citizen.**



Jefferson County Public Schools

- **28th largest school district in U.S.**
- **98,000+ students** (slightly increased over last 5 years)
 - 1/7 of all students in KY
 - 36% African-American (1/2 of all African-American students in KY)
 - 57.6% White
 - 7.7% Other

- **153 Schools**

- **Preschool.....3- and 4-year-olds**
- **K-5 (Elementary)..... 89 schools**
- **6-8 (Middle)..... 22 schools**
- **9-12 (High)..... 19 schools**
- **Special Education..... 9 schools**
- **Alternative/Other..... 14 schools**



Changes in Student Demographics

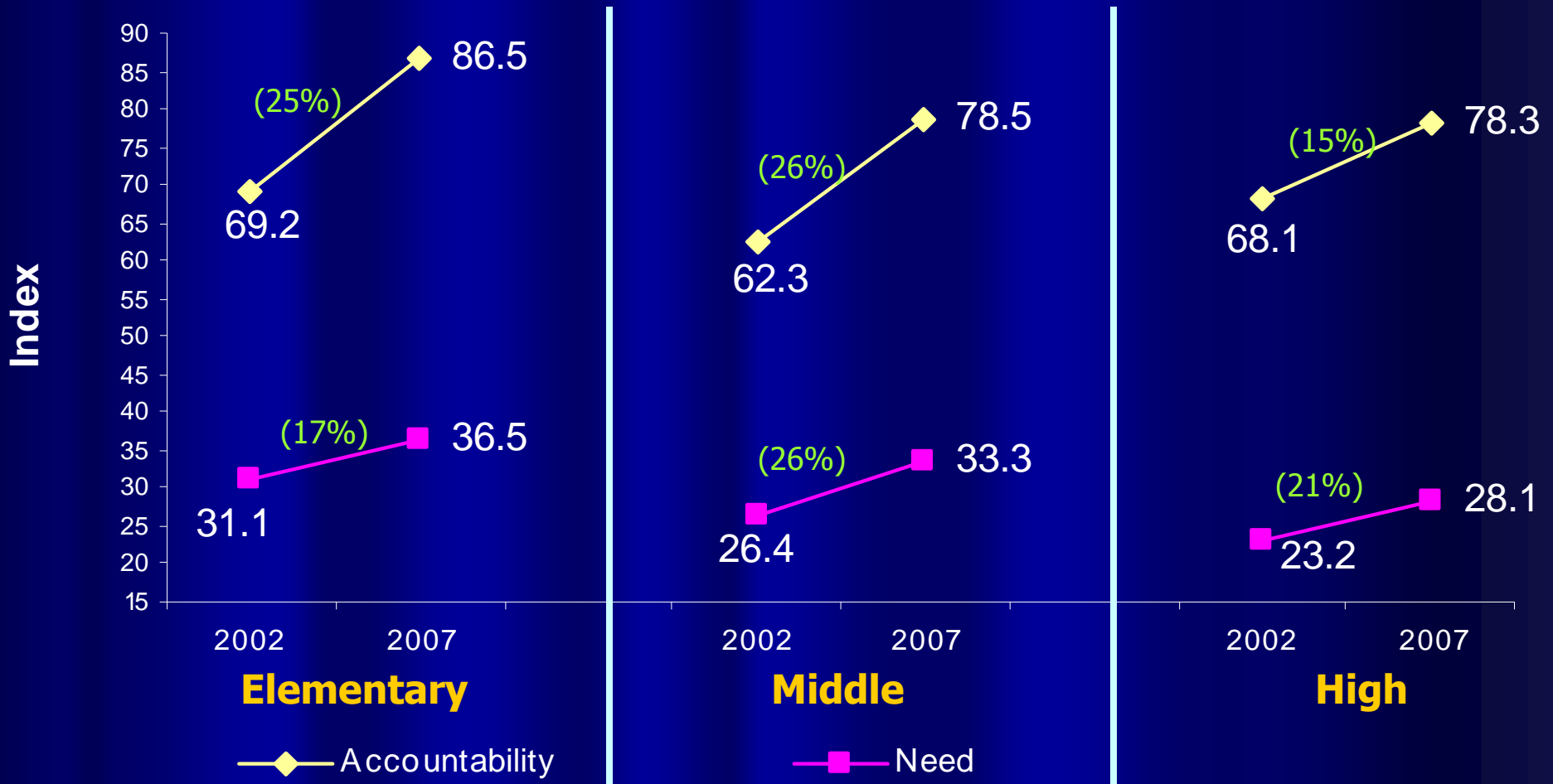
	2003	2007	% Increase
Homeless	3,892	7,341	89%
English as a Second Language	1,907	3,081	62%
Exceptional Child Education	13,326	13,574	2%
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Free/Reduced-Price Meals	*2003	*2007	Change in Percent
Elementary	59.1%	60.9%	1.8%
Middle	51.6%	55.6%	4.0%
High	35.9%	44.6%	8.7%

* Source: JCPS Data Books for 2002-03 and 2006-07

Student Population Trends

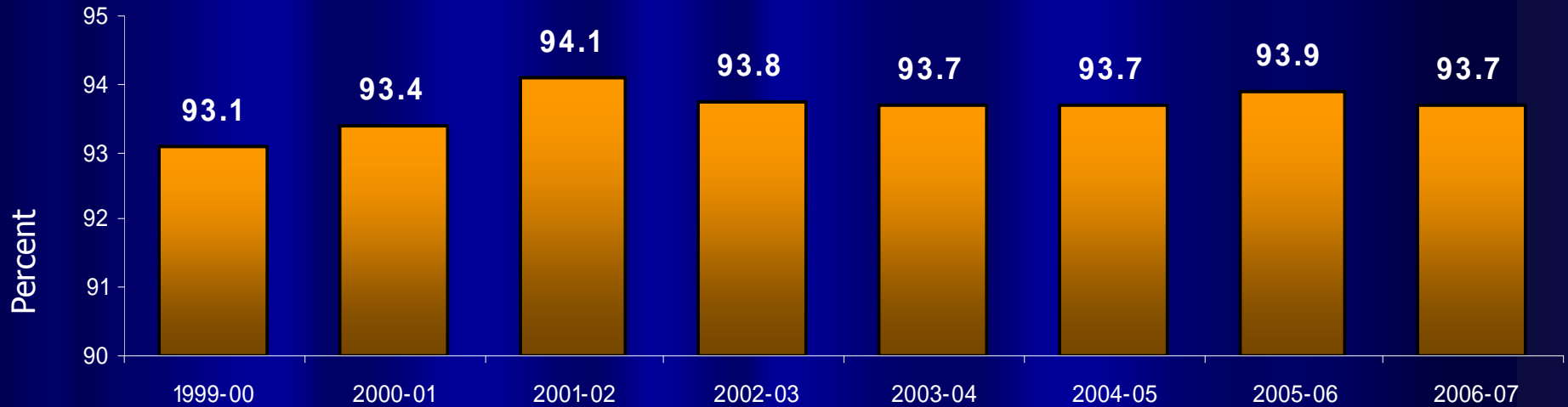
	1993	2001	2007
Living with both natural parents	49.4%	46.3%	
Receiving subsidized meals			
Elementary	53.3%	57.5%	62.9%
Middle	44.1%	47.6%	57.4%
High	28.7%	32.9%	46.4%
Districtwide	NA	48.1%	57.4%
Receiving ECE services			
Speech only	4,290	3,284	3,029
Moderate disabilities	5,958	7,096	8,250
Severe disabilities	2,031	2,714	2,295
Total	12,279	13,094	13,574

JCPS Need Index vs. CATS Accountability Index: 2002-2007 Trends



(% Change 2002-2007)

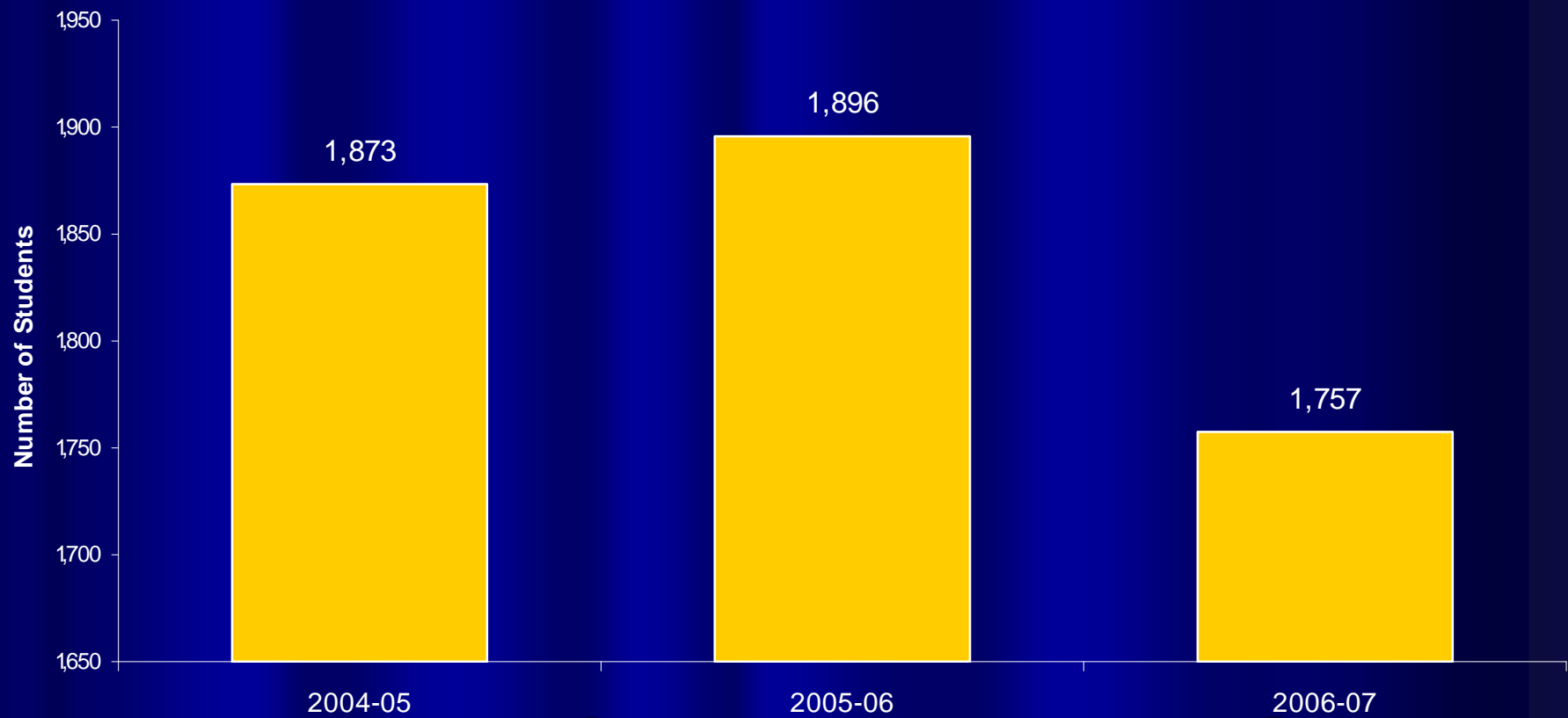
Attendance Results



Every 1/10 point increase means about 100 more students in school every day.

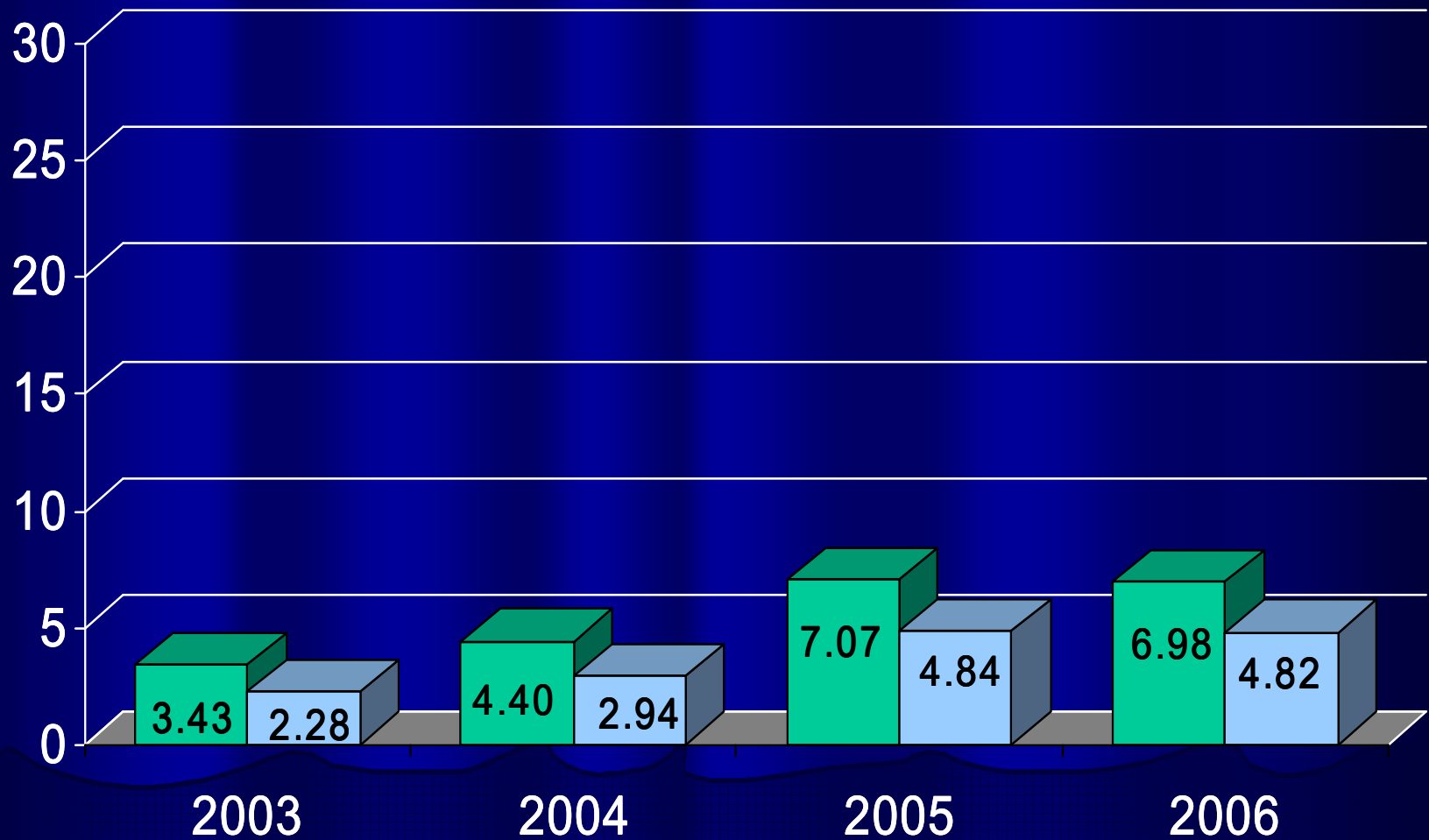
Dropouts (High School)

■ Total

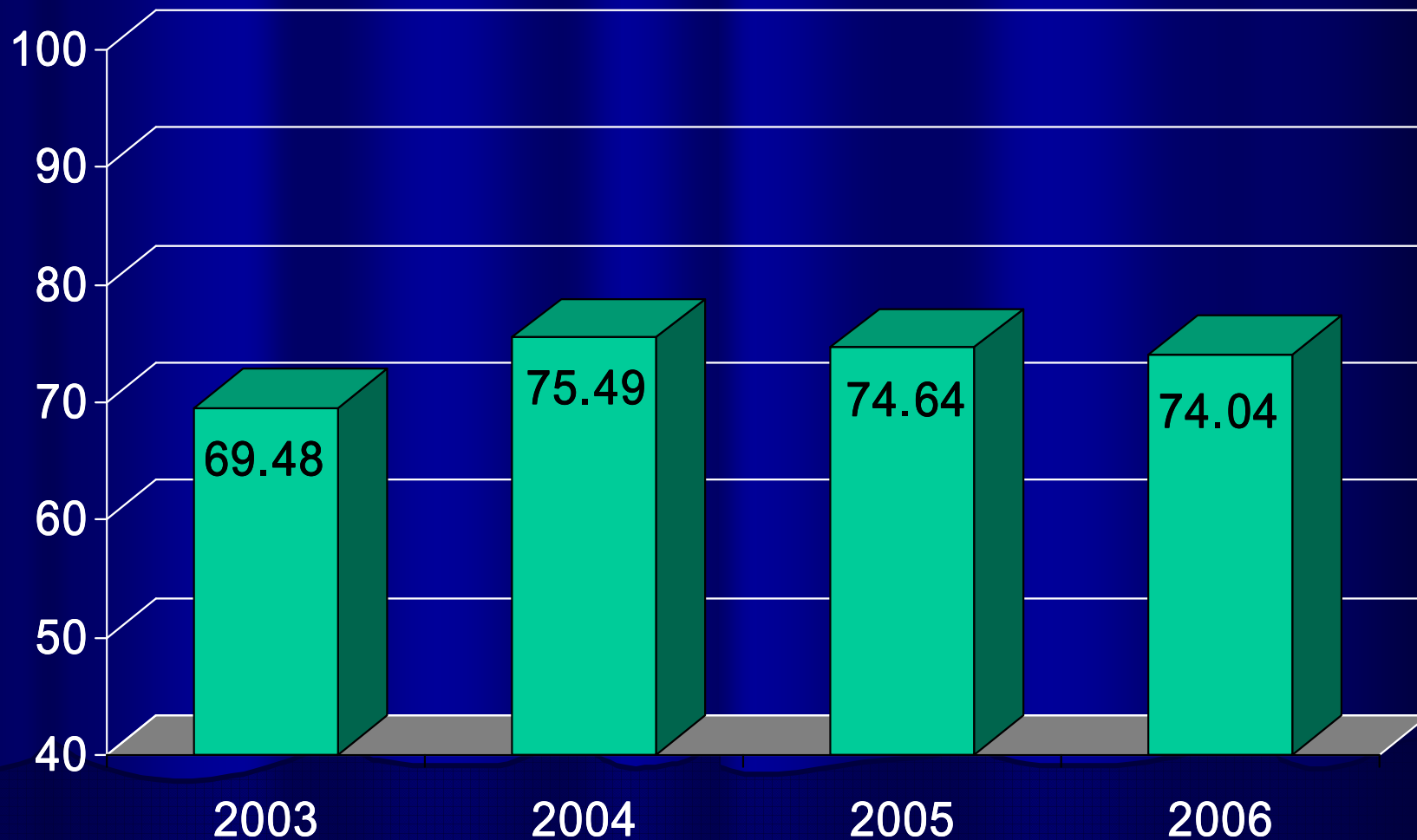


JCPS Dropout Rate

■ 9-12 ■ 7-12



JCPS Graduation Rate (4 years)



High Schools

- Grades 9-12
- All 11th grade students take ACT
- Every school offers advanced placement classes
- Dual-credit courses
- 14 Magnet Career Academies
- 107 separate career major programs



School-level Interventions

- FRYSC -- Family Resource/Youth Services Centers
- Home-School Coordinators
- LEEP – Louisville Education and Employment Partnership
- Pyramid of interventions

FRYSC

Family Resource/Youth Services Centers

- 95 Centers serve 131 schools
- Help students and families overcome barriers to educational success
- Provide, arrange for, or make referrals
 - Adult education
 - Health Services
 - Social Services
 - Employment training and placement
 - Substance abuse counseling
 - Family and mental health counseling



Home School Coordinators

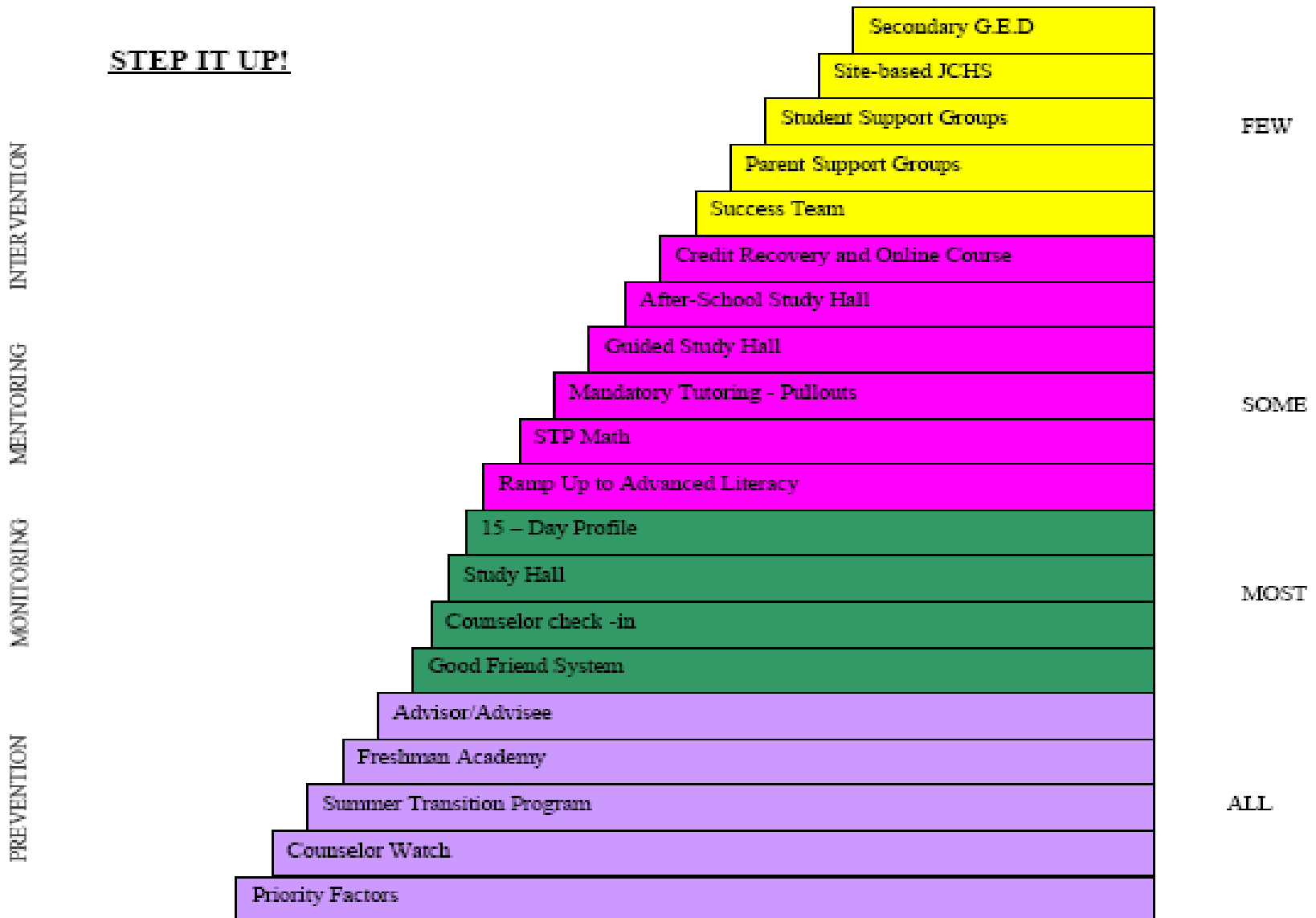
- 14 Home School Coordinators
- Primary focus 75 freshmen
- Home visits
- Focus students
 - Conflict resolution
 - Self-esteem building
 - Computer assisted instruction
- Parent workshops on dealing with teen issues

Louisville Education and Employment Partnership (LEEP)

- 16 High schools
- 55 Student case load
- Student mentoring
- Career readiness training
- Outcomes
 - Attendance
 - Transition after graduation
 - English/math achievement

Pyramid of Interventions

STEP IT UP!

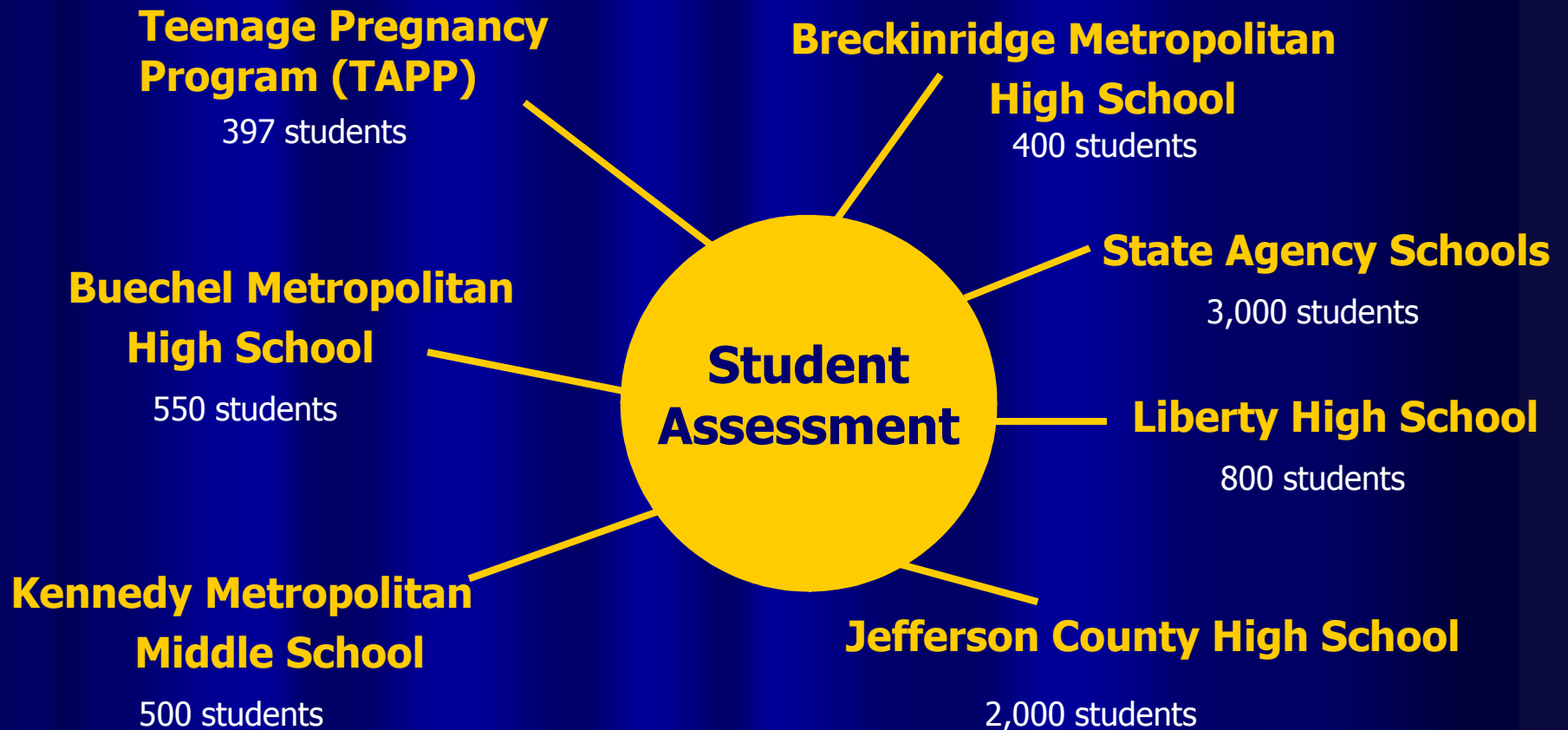


District-level Interventions

- Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline
- Student Bill of Rights
- Neighborhood Place (10 locations)
- STOP – Suspension/Truancy Off-site Program
- Assessment Center
- Parent prosecution
- Alternative Schools



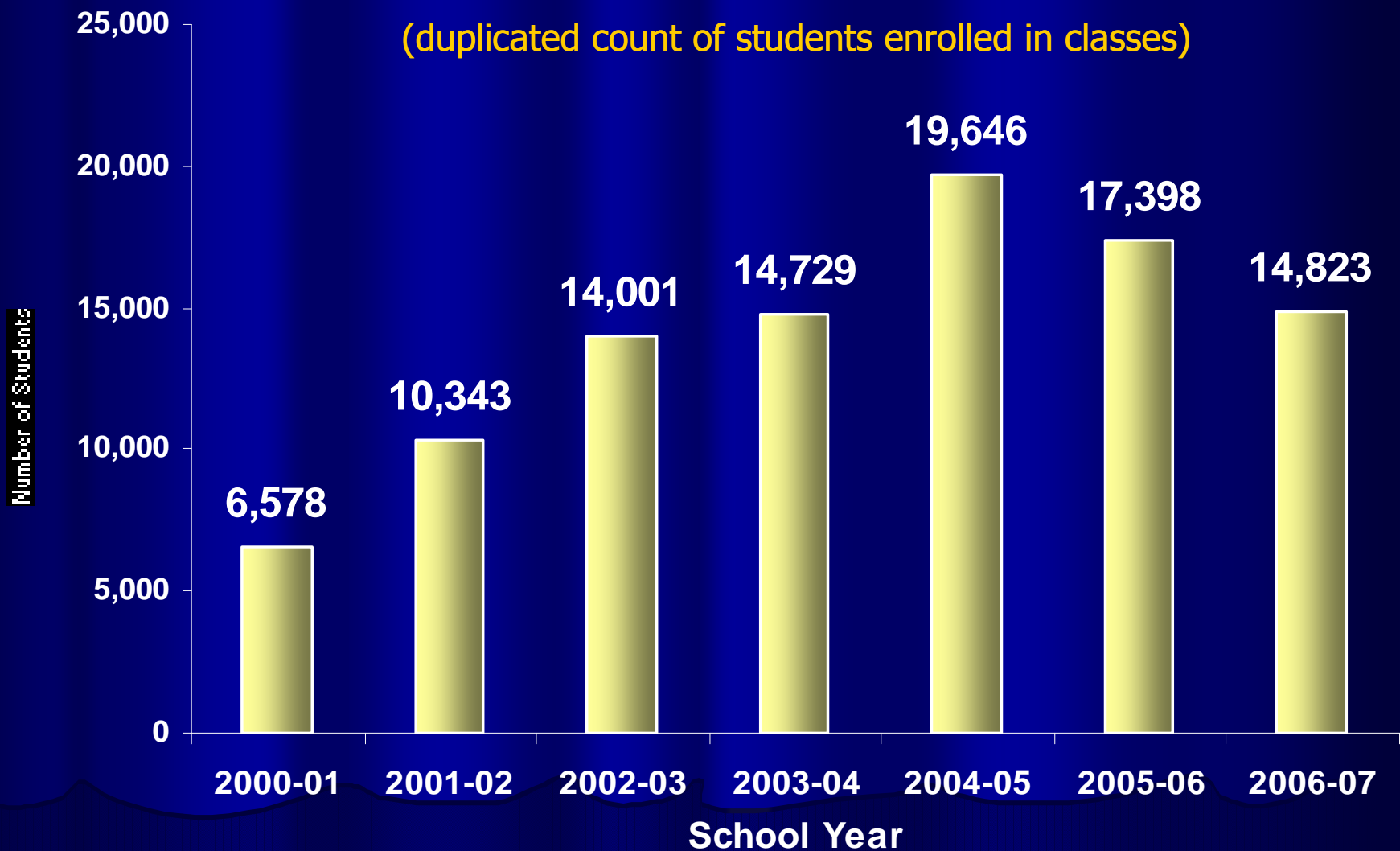
“A Place for Every Child”



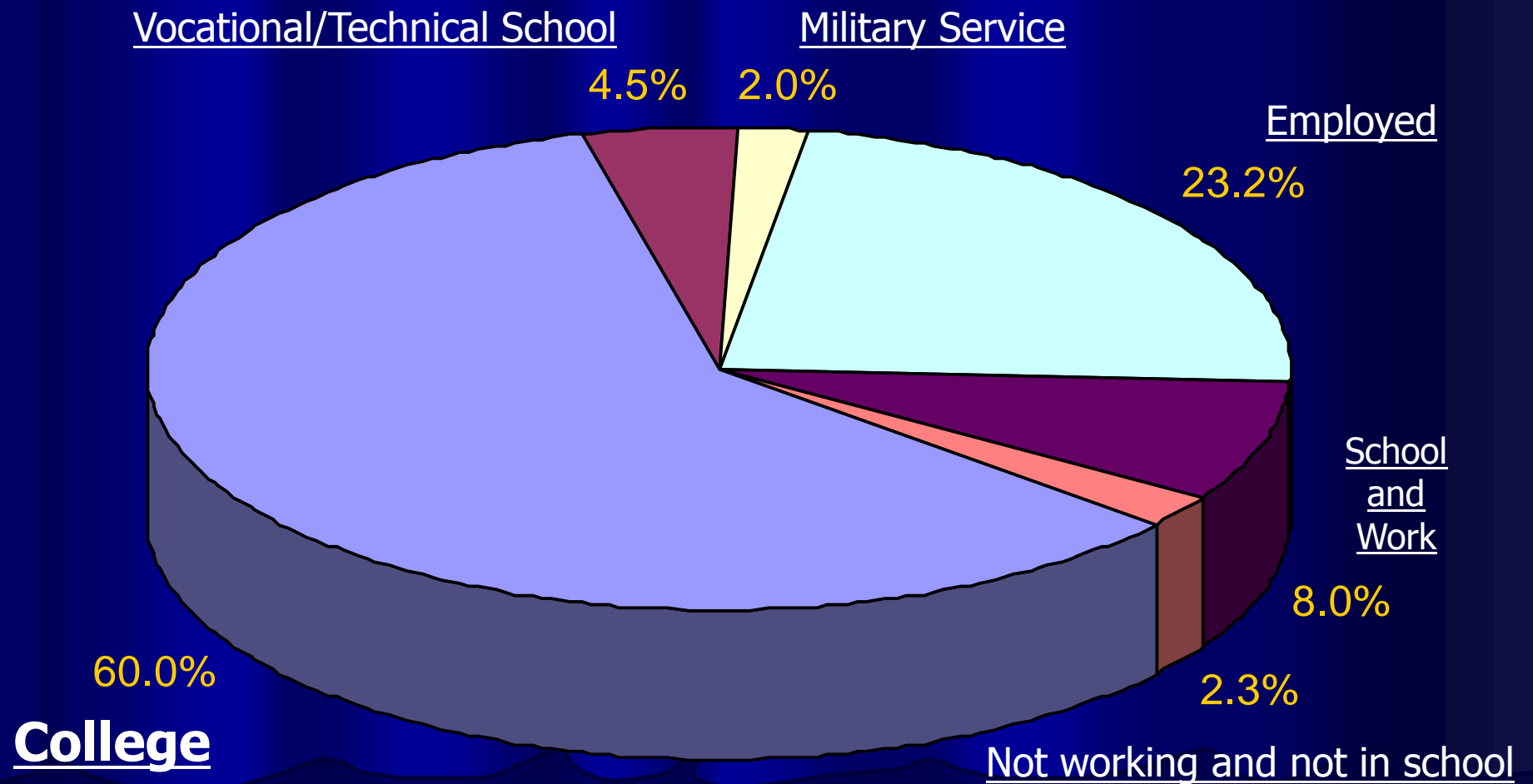
NO EXPULSIONS

College Now

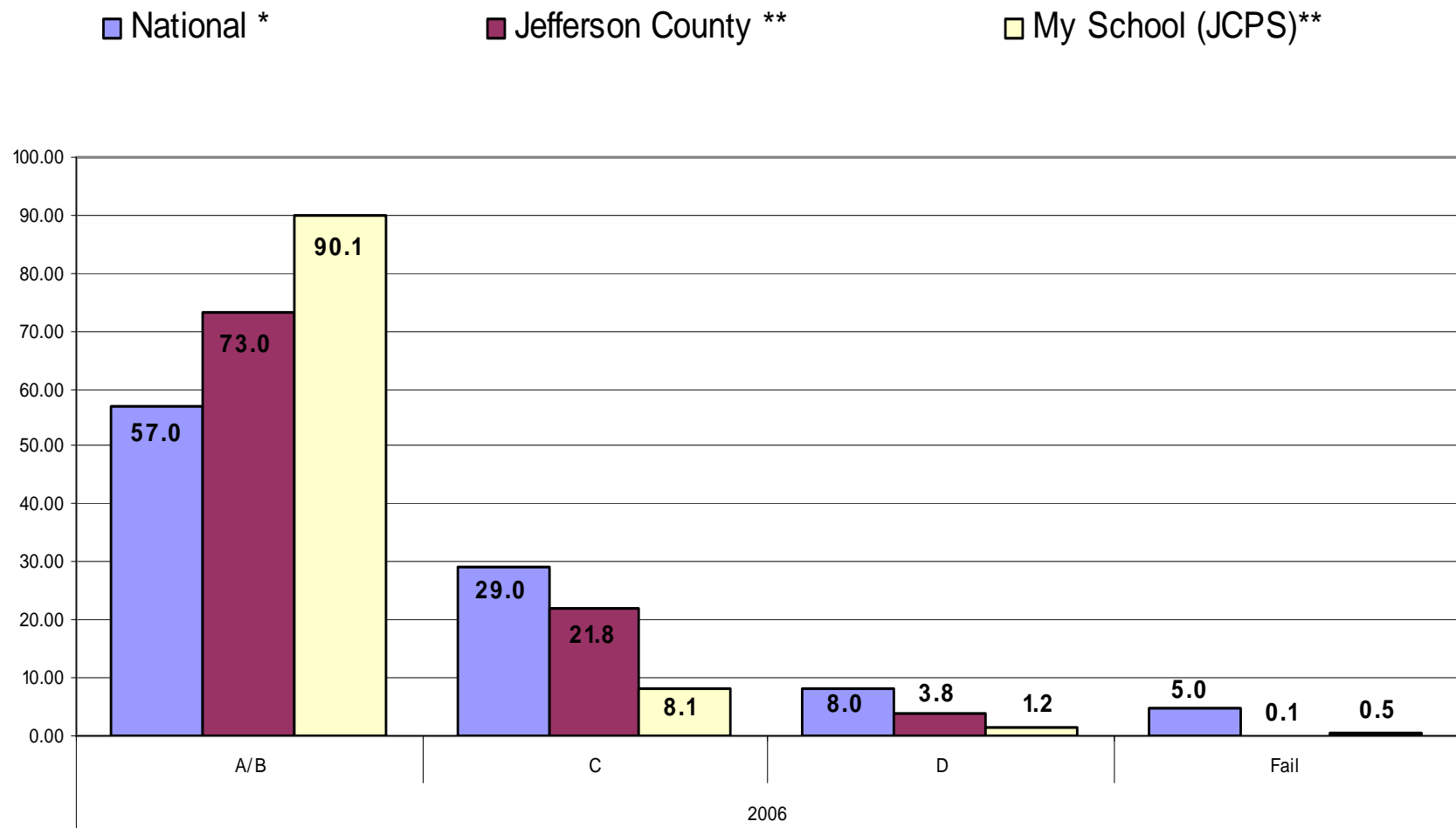
Students earning post-secondary credits while still in high school
(duplicated count of students enrolled in classes)



Status of 2006 Graduates



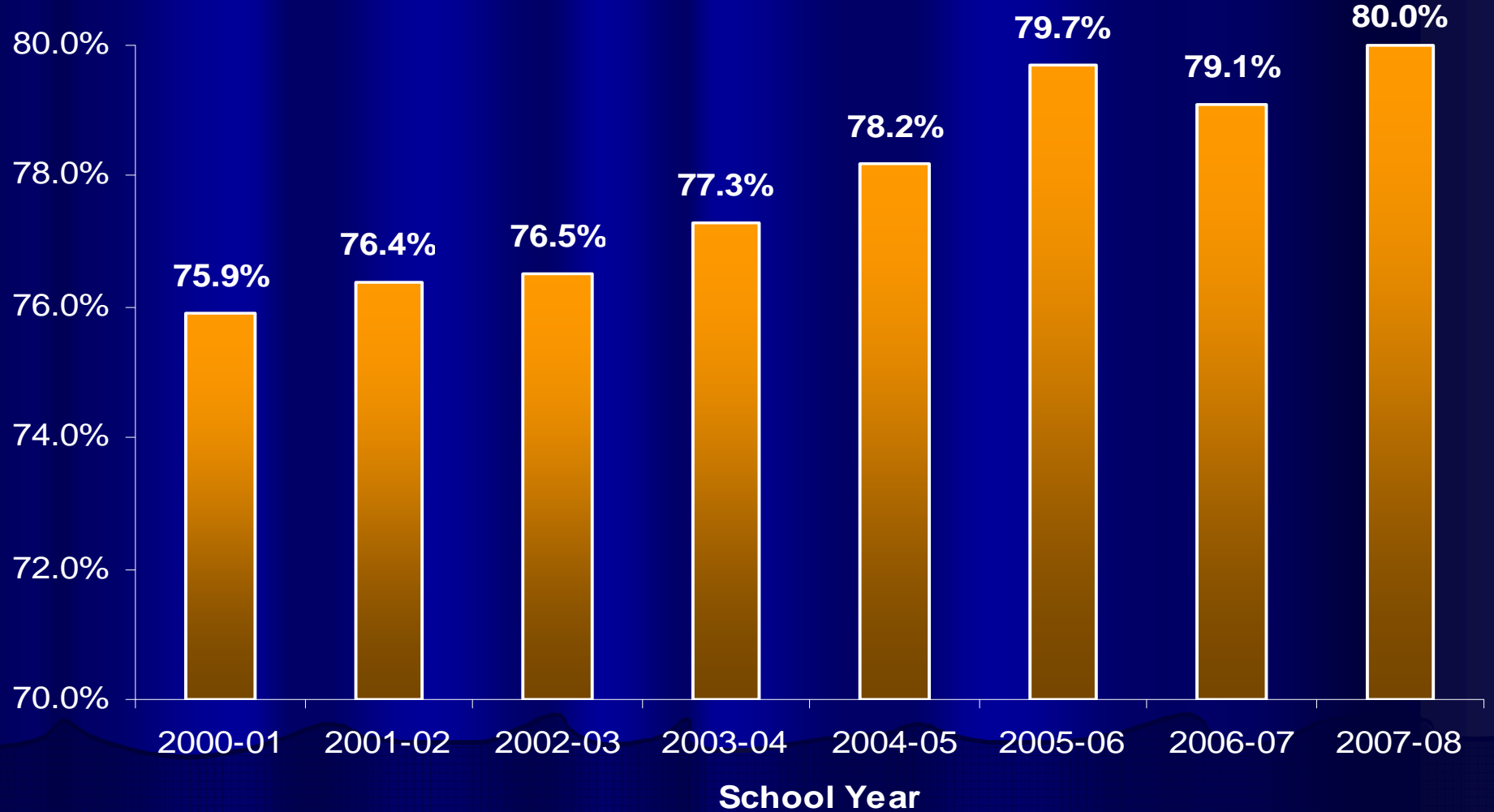
What grade would you give your local public schools?



*Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll **JCPS Comprehensive Survey Results

Market Share

Proportion of school-aged residents of Jefferson County who attend JCPS



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