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## English Learner Performance on the 2021-22 ACCESS, Star Reading, and Star Math Assessments

*The ACCESS assessment is administered to English Learners (ELs) annually each winter to measure their progress toward English proficiency. Star Computer Adaptive Tests (CATs) are a suite of assessments administered 3-4 times during the school year to students in grades K-12 that measure students' reading and math skills, monitor achievement and growth, and track how well students understand skills aligned to state and Common Core standards. Although some ELs are excused from participation in Star, most take Star Reading and Math. This report examines EL performance on the ACCESS and EL performance on Star within the context of ACCESS performance.*

### Key findings include:

- English Learners' ACCESS and Star performance were generally aligned with each other. For example, ELs who scored in the highest ACCESS levels, on average, also scored in the highest Star performance groups, and ELs who scored in the lowest ACCESS levels, on average, also scored in the lowest Star performance groups.
- Nearly all students, on average, displayed growth on Star Reading and Math from fall to spring, regardless of their ACCESS level. In half of the ACCESS levels, students even moved to higher Star Reading performance groups from fall to spring.

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## Background

Every year, English Learners (ELs) nationally take the ACCESS assessment to measure their English proficiency level. In the School District of Philadelphia (SDP), all students<sup>1</sup> take the Star Reading and Star Math assessments multiple times per year<sup>2</sup> to measure student proficiency and growth in literacy and mathematics skills. Unlike end-of-year standardized assessments that provide a summative description of student performance, within-year assessments like Star provide real-time information about students' knowledge of reading and math skills that teachers and school administrators use to inform instructional decisions and monitor student progress.

The goal of this report is to examine EL performance on the ACCESS, and the relationship between EL performance on the ACCESS assessment and EL performance on Star Reading and Star Math in 2021-22 within the context of ACCESS performance.

## About the ACCESS Assessment

Assessing Communication and Comprehension in English State to State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs™) is a standards-based English language proficiency test for students in grades K-12 designed to measure English language learners' proficiency in English. It assesses social and instructional English as well as the language associated with Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies within the school context across the four language domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

ELs take the ACCESS assessment annually in January to determine their progress toward English proficiency. The ACCESS assessment identifies students who could use additional support to achieve English proficiency and to track progress toward potentially exiting students from English as a Second Language (ESL) programming. The ACCESS assessment provides six *proficiency levels* and *score ranges* that range from students *entering* English language proficiency (Level 1) to *reaching* English language proficiency (Level 6; Table 1).

Table 1. ACCESS performance groups

Proficiency Level	Score Ranges	Description
Level 1	1.0 – 1.9	Entering
Level 2	2.0 – 2.9	Emerging
Level 3	3.0 – 3.9	Developing
Level 4	4.0 – 3.9	Expanding
Level 5	5.0 – 4.9	Bridging
Level 6	6.0 +	Reaching

<sup>1</sup> There are exceptions for English Learners who have been in the United States for one year, and for students with severe cognitive disabilities.

<sup>2</sup> In 2021-22, Star was administered four times: Fall, Winter 1, Winter 2, and Spring.

When ELs achieve Level 4 on ACCESS, they are eligible for reclassification, which means exiting English as a Second Language services (ESL).<sup>3</sup> Meeting Level 4 is not the sole determinant for reclassification: SDP students must also be recommended for reclassification by their teachers based on student performance on *language use inventories*, a more holistic view of students' speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills than are tested on the ACCESS.<sup>4</sup> For example, a student could score in ACCESS Level 6, but have very low performance on the *language use inventories* and not be reclassified.<sup>5</sup> Likewise, a student could score in ACCESS Level 2, but could also have very high marks on the *language use inventories* and not be reclassified. In general, however, as ELs start scoring in ACCESS Levels 4, 5, and 6, they are considered for reclassification and could presumably be exited from EL status, and thus would not take the ACCESS again afterwards.

Therefore, the ACCESS test is unlike many other standardized tests (like PSSA and Star administered in SDP),<sup>6</sup> where students take the tests each year (or multiple times per year), regardless of performance, and the goal is to increase the number of students scoring in the highest levels.<sup>7</sup> On the ACCESS assessment, the better students perform, the more likely they are to be reclassified and not take the ACCESS in future years.<sup>8</sup> This process decreases the number and proportion of students who would score in ACCESS Levels 4, 5, and 6 compared to the number and proportion of students who would score in the ACCESS Levels 1, 2, and 3. Thus, when we describe the results of these analyses, it is important to keep in mind that the population of students who score in ACCESS Levels 4, 5, and 6 is much smaller than the population of students who scored in ACCESS Levels 1, 2, and 3. This pattern has two implications: 1) the average results are skewed toward the performance of students with lower English proficiency, and 2) as the analyses dig into differences by student groups, sometimes performance of students in ACCESS Levels 5 and 6 are excluded from the analyses due to extremely small group sizes.

## About the Star Assessments

SDP uses Star Assessments, a suite of tests developed by Renaissance Learning, to assess students' reading and math skills. Starting in the 2021-22 school year, SDP expanded Star to grades K-12 so that the same within-year assessment would be used across all grade levels. In 2021-22, Star

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<sup>3</sup> For more information about reclassification in Pennsylvania, see <https://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Curriculum/English%20As%20A%20Second%20Language/Pages/Reclassification-and-Exit-Criteria.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> In spring yearly, ESL teachers complete *language use inventories*, and during the summer months, SDP makes recommendations for reclassifying ELs based on their ACCESS and *language use inventory* performance.

<sup>5</sup> Information from internal documentation: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KtS4R-1LE0aC77vNRBNuroX8rNcglAan/view>

<sup>6</sup> For more information about assessments at SDP visit <https://www.philasd.org/era/assessment/> or <https://www.philasd.org/research/category/assessments/>

<sup>7</sup> For more information, see Sugarman, J (2018). A Guide to Finding and Understanding English Learner Data. Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute. p. 12 <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/guide-finding-understanding-english-learner-data>

<sup>8</sup> Appendix B includes comparisons to Former ELs, or ELs who had high enough English proficiency to be exited from EL status.



Assessments were administered to students in grades K-12 four times a year. Star tests used by the District and presented in this report are computer adaptive tests, or CATs. Star CATs adjust the difficulty of items administered to the student depending on how well the student performed on previous items within a given testing session. The Star CATs have a short practice test to identify students who are not ready to take the Star CAT. This practice test is typically very simple, and is meant to identify students who have trouble navigating the platform, or potentially cannot comprehend the practice questions. When a student fails the practice test they do not take the rest of the CAT. This practice test has the potential to impact ELs more than their peers, and may decrease EL Star CAT participation rates.<sup>9</sup> These tests are designed to broadly assess students' skills across a number of literacy or math domains.

To examine system-level trends in reading performance, in addition to other schoolwide and classroom-level purposes, SDP uses the Star Early Literacy (K-2), the Star Reading (3-12) CATs, and the Star Math (3-12) CATs.

The following domains make up the Star Early Literacy/Star Reading assessments for each grade level:

- The Star Early Literacy assessment domains for grades K-2 include Word Knowledge and Skills, Comprehension Strategies and Constructing Meaning, and Number and Operations.
- The Star Reading assessment domains for grades 3-12 include Word Knowledge and Skills, Comprehension Strategies and Constructing Meaning, Analyzing Literary Text, Understanding Author's Craft, and Analyzing Argument and Evaluating Text.

Scores on Star Early Literacy and Star Reading estimate students' proficiency in specific domains based on overall proficiency and indicate a student's progress toward meeting grade-level expectations. Scores are also reported on a common scale, allowing comparison of student proficiency across the tests.<sup>10</sup> Throughout this report, Star Early Literacy and Star Reading will be referred to as Star Reading for simplicity.

Students in grades 3-12 take the Star Math CAT, while students in K-2 take the Star Math Curriculum Based Measures (or CBMs); only students who took the Star Math CAT (grades 3-12) are included in the math analysis of this report.<sup>11</sup>

- The domains that make up the Star Math assessment include Number and Operations, Algebra, Geometry and Measurements, and Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability.

Scores on Star Math (CAT) estimate students' proficiency in specific domains based on overall proficiency, which is different than directly testing students' proficiency on each specific skill.

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<sup>9</sup> For more information about Star practice tests, see <https://renaissance.widen.net/view/pdf/xutuykogl/SRRPTechnicalManual.pdf?t.download=true&u=zceria>

<sup>10</sup> See <https://www.philasd.org/research/2022/06/09/star-tests-in-the-school-district-of-philadelphia-a-summary-of-metrics-that-describe-achievement-and-growth/>

<sup>11</sup> Students who have scored 852 on Star Early Literacy have the opportunity to take Star Math even if they are in first or second grade. Therefore, a small group of first and second grade students are included in the Star Math analysis.



The Star CATs provide several metrics that describe student performance. The metrics used in this analysis are the national percentile rank and Star performance groups.

### *National Percentile Rank*

National percentile rank is a norm-referenced performance measure that compares students' scaled scores to a nationally representative sample of grade-level peers.<sup>12</sup> The national percentile rank is useful for understanding student skill development in comparison to students of the same grade nationally. Based on the number of correct responses, each student is assigned a national percentile rank. Percentiles range from 1-99. For example, a national percentile rank in the 23<sup>rd</sup> percentile indicates that the student is performing better than 23% of the nationally normed sample based on their number of correct responses. While national percentile ranks are a familiar metric for most readers, they should not be used in arithmetic operations, such as averaging national percentile ranks across multiple students in the same student group, because the intervals between national percentile ranks are not the same across the percentile range.<sup>13</sup>

### *Normal Curve Equivalent*

Normal curve equivalent (NCE) scores are another type of norm-referenced performance measure, and are one way to address the limitations of percentile ranks. Like percentile ranks, NCEs range from 1-99 and describe student performance among a nationally normed sample. However, unlike national percentile ranks, NCEs are interval-scaled so that the intervals between scores along the entire range of NCE scores are the same. Therefore, NCEs can be used to calculate an average or to calculate differences between groups. NCEs are scaled with a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 21.06.<sup>14</sup>

### *Normal Curve Equivalent-Based National Percentile Rank*

A challenge of NCE is that it is not interpreted the same way as an NPR. Therefore, after averaging NCE across student groups, we can convert NCE back to NPR, and interpret average student-group NPR via an NCE-based NPR value. Average group NCE scores in the current sample were converted to an NCE-based NPR value using the following formula:  $100 \times \text{Normal Distribution} \times ((\text{NCE} - 50) / 21.06)$ .<sup>15</sup> See the Report Addendum for differences between traditional NPR values provided by Star and averaged within groups, and the NCE-based NPR values used in this report.<sup>16</sup>

### *Performance Groups*

The Star performance groups metric provides information about student performance in four categories: At/Above Benchmark, On Watch, Strategic Intervention, and Intensive Intervention.

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<sup>12</sup> In 2021-22, norm-referenced metrics on the Star CATs were based on a national sample of students who took the tests in the 2014-15 school year.

<sup>13</sup> For example, the test score interval between the 23<sup>rd</sup> percentile and 24<sup>th</sup> percentile and the interval between the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 51<sup>st</sup> percentile are not equivalent to each other.

<sup>14</sup> In this report, they are derived from the percentile ranks using the equation  $\text{NCE} = 21.06 * z\text{-score} + 50$  (Lipsey et al., 2012), where the z-score comes from the percentile rank value.

<sup>15</sup> We calculated in Microsoft Excel using the following formula:  $100 * \text{NORMSDIST}((\text{NCE} - 50) / 21.06)$

<sup>16</sup> For more information about NCE-NPR conversions and equivalencies see the addendum to this report: <https://www.philasd.org/research/2023/08/11/english-learner-performance-on-the-2021-22-access-star-reading-and-star-math-assessments/>

They are based on the student’s NPR. Both Star assessments place students into performance groups depending on how they perform on the tests. For each test, At/Above Benchmark indicates that a student is performing at grade level.

Critically, the At/Above Benchmark percentile rank cutoff is at the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile for Star Reading and Early Literacy, and the At/Above Benchmark percentile rank cutoff is at the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile for Star Math, making it more challenging to score in At/Above Benchmark on Star Math (Table 2).

Table 2. Star performance groups

Performance Groups	Star Reading and Early Literacy	Star Math
At/Above Benchmark	≥ 40 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	≥ 70 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
On Watch	25 <sup>th</sup> - 39 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	25 <sup>th</sup> - 69 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Strategic Intervention	10 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	10 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Intensive Intervention	< 10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	< 10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile

SDP guidance explains that ELs are expected to take the Star Reading and Star Math CAT just like non-ELs in SDP. There are a few notable exceptions: 1) ELs in grades 3-8 who are enrolled in the United States for the first time after the final Thursday in April of the prior school year are considered first-year ELs and are exempt from taking the Star Reading CAT until the next school year; 2) ELs in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in the United States for the first time after the final Thursday in May of the prior school year are considered first-year ELs and are exempt from taking the Star Reading CAT until the next school year.

Additionally, ELs who have been enrolled in school in the United States for fewer than three years and whose home language is Spanish may take the Star Math CAT in English *or* Spanish. Star Reading Spanish results are not used for District-wide accountability (with the potential exception of Dual Language schools), but ELs may take Star Reading in Spanish as a supplementary assessment for classroom use. Because Star assessments are available only in English and Spanish, these options are limited to ELs whose home language is Spanish. In this report, unless explicitly broken out by test language, data from students who took Star Math in Spanish are included in analyses and collapsed in with data from students who took Star Math in English. Data on Star Reading in Spanish are not included due to small sample size.

## Research Questions

We examined two primary research questions:

1. How did students perform on the ACCESS assessment in the 2021-22 school year?
2. (Of students who took the ACCESS assessment in 2021-22), how did students perform on Star Reading and Star Math, by ACCESS level, in the 2021-22 school year?

## Analytic Approach

This report used two samples of students to investigate our research questions. The first sample included ELs who took the ACCESS in the 2021-22 school year. This sample was used to investigate research question 1: *How did students perform on the ACCESS assessment in the 2021-22 school year?*

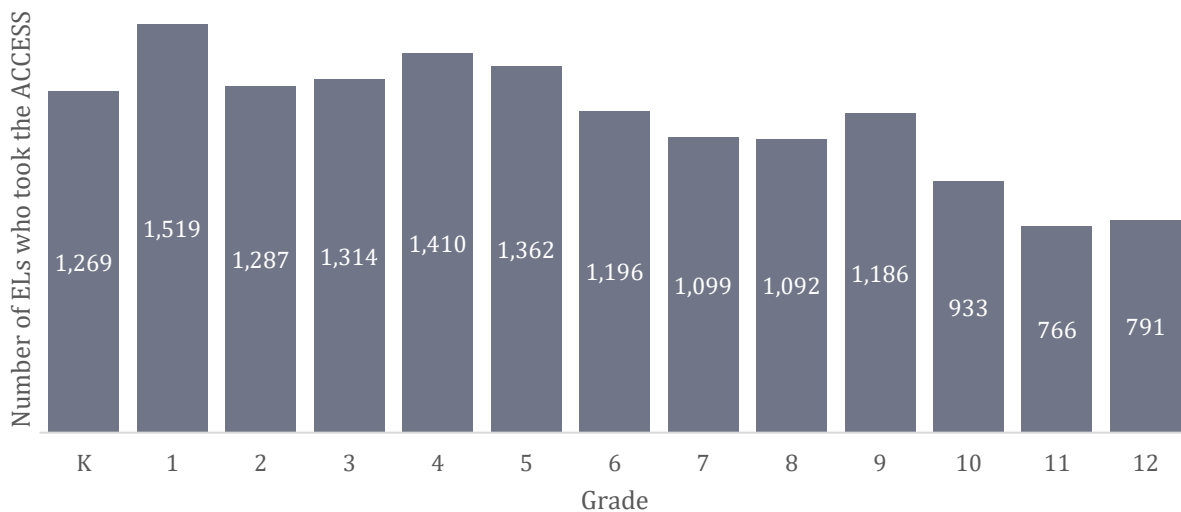
The second sample included ELs who took the Star Reading and Star Math tests in the 2021-22 school year who also have an ACCESS score. For the second sample, students' ACCESS levels were based on their most recent score, meaning that ELs who did not take the ACCESS in 2021-22 were included in the sample, but their ACCESS levels were based on a prior administration of the test.<sup>17</sup> This sample was used to investigate research question 2: *How did students perform on Star Reading and Star Math, by ACCESS level, in the 2021-22 school year?*

## How did students perform on the ACCESS assessment in the 2021-22 school year?

### Demographic characteristics

Over 15,000 ELs took the ACCESS assessment and had a score in 2021-22. The number of test takers was lower in the higher grades. Over 1,000 ELs took the ACCESS in each grade K-9, and fewer than 1,000 ELs took the ACCESS in each grade 10-12 (Figure 1).

Figure 1. The number of ELs who took the ACCESS assessment in 2021-22 by grade level

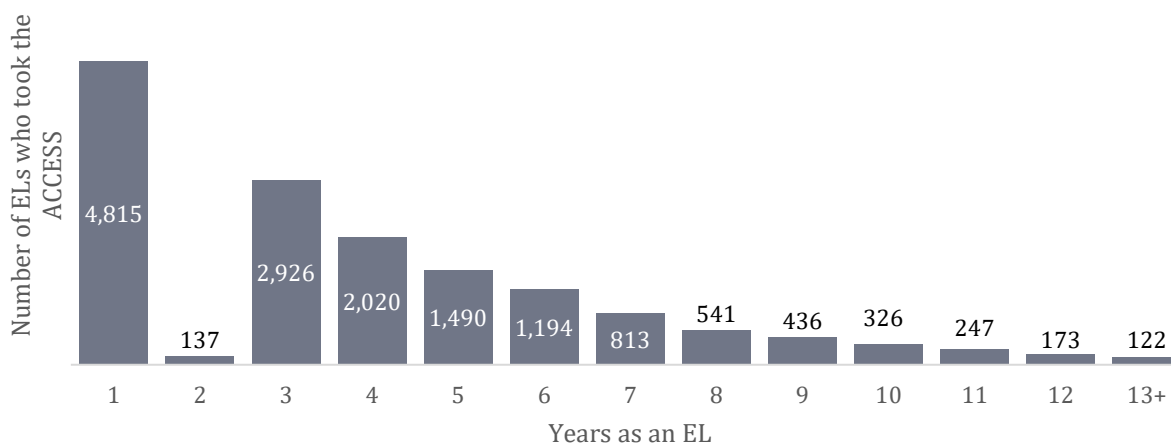


**Source:** Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

<sup>17</sup> For School District of Philadelphia staff, this analysis matches the Qlik Academic Screeners Application in Winter 2023.

Nearly 5,000 ELs who took the ACCESS were in their first year as an EL; these ELs took the WIDA test in SDP in the 2021-22 school year<sup>18</sup>(Figure 2). Almost 3,000 ELs who took the ACCESS were in their third year as an EL, and about 2,000 were in their fourth year as an EL. About 4,000 students (or about 25%) who took the ACCESS in 2021-22 were in their 6+ year as an EL, which is also referred to as long-term ELs.<sup>19</sup>

Figure 2. The number of ELs who took the ACCESS assessment in 2021-22 by the number of years as an EL



**Source:** Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

**Note:** Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, classification and reclassification processes to determine English Learner status were interrupted because a very small number of students took the WIDA English proficiency screener that identifies English Learners<sup>20</sup> (information used for classifying students as ELs) and the ACCESS in 2020-21 (information used for reclassifying students as former ELs). Due to this interruption, there is a very small population of students who were tested in 2021-22 after being classified in 2020-21 (137 students in the bar representing 2 years as an EL). If WIDA and ACCESS testing had not been interrupted by virtual schooling due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is likely that a percentage of students who *had spent one year as an EL in 2021-22 (4,815)* would be in the next column of students who *had spent two years as an EL in 2021-22*, increasing the number from 137.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Many of these students enrolled in SDP in 2021-22 and received the WIDA in that year. However, other students in this group enrolled in SDP in 2020-21 but did not take the WIDA until 2021-22 due to testing limitations during the Covid-19 pandemic, and were therefore not categorized as ELs in administrative records until 2021-22.

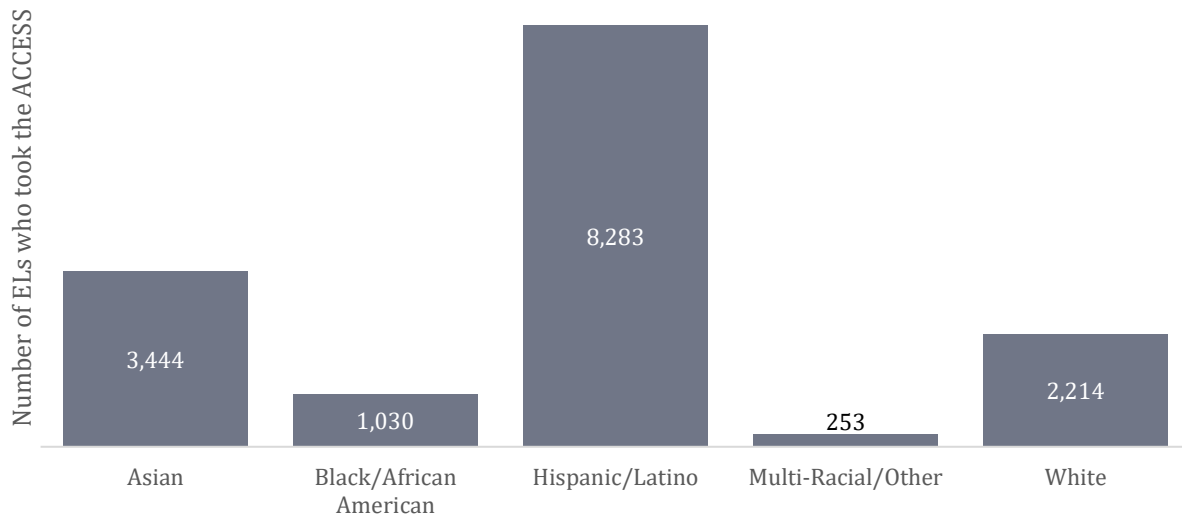
<sup>19</sup> Long-term English Learners is a general classification applied to students who have been enrolled in school in the United States for six or more years and are still considered English Learners, or have not exited EL status. This classification is general and glosses over the nuances of students and different reasons why students may have an EL status for numerous years.

<sup>20</sup> Students who have a home language other than English when they register for SDP are recommended for the WIDA evaluation. For more information about WIDA, visit <https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/screener>

<sup>21</sup> English Learners in Pennsylvania have the right to attend school until the age of 21. For more information visit <https://www.education.pa.gov/Policy-Funding/BECS/PACode/Pages/EducatingELs.aspx> or <https://www.elc-pa.org/>

Over half of ELs, or over 8,000 students, who took the ACCESS assessment in 2021-22 were Hispanic/Latinx (Figure 3). Just shy of 3,500, or about 25%, of ELs who took the ACCESS were Asian and about 2,000 (15%) were White.<sup>22</sup>

Figure 3. The number of ELs who took the ACCESS assessment in 2021-22 by student race/ethnicity



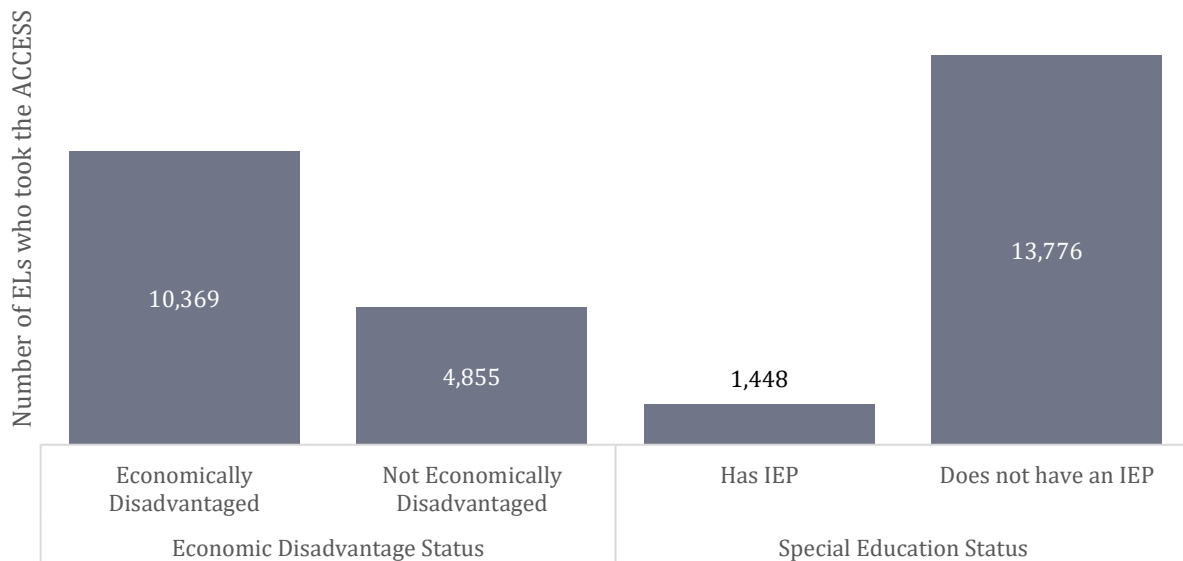
**Source:** Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

Over 10,000 ELs who took the ACCESS assessment were economically disadvantaged, and fewer than 1,500 had an IEP (Figure 4).<sup>23</sup>

<sup>22</sup> For more information about SDP EL race/ethnicity see <https://www.philasd.org/research/2022/06/23/exploratory-analysis-of-english-learners-identified-race-ethnicity-and-home-language-in-the-school-district-of-philadelphia-2019-20/>

<sup>23</sup> Note that SDP students' economic disadvantage data comes from the State of Pennsylvania and is based on families' eligibility for income-tested federal assistance programs, like TANF and SNAP. Because families who are new to the United States and who live below the poverty line may not be registered for government benefits immediately upon their arrival to the United States, we may be missing groups of students who are economically disadvantaged from the economic disadvantage data. Therefore, the economically disadvantaged group is likely undercounting students.

Figure 4. The number of ELs who took the ACCESS assessment in 2021-22 by economic disadvantage and special education status



**Source:** Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

The majority of ELs’ home language was Spanish (Table 3). Languages with over 1,000 ELs who took the ACCESS included Portuguese and Chinese.

Table 3. The number of ELs who took the ACCESS assessment in 2021-22 by top 16 student home language

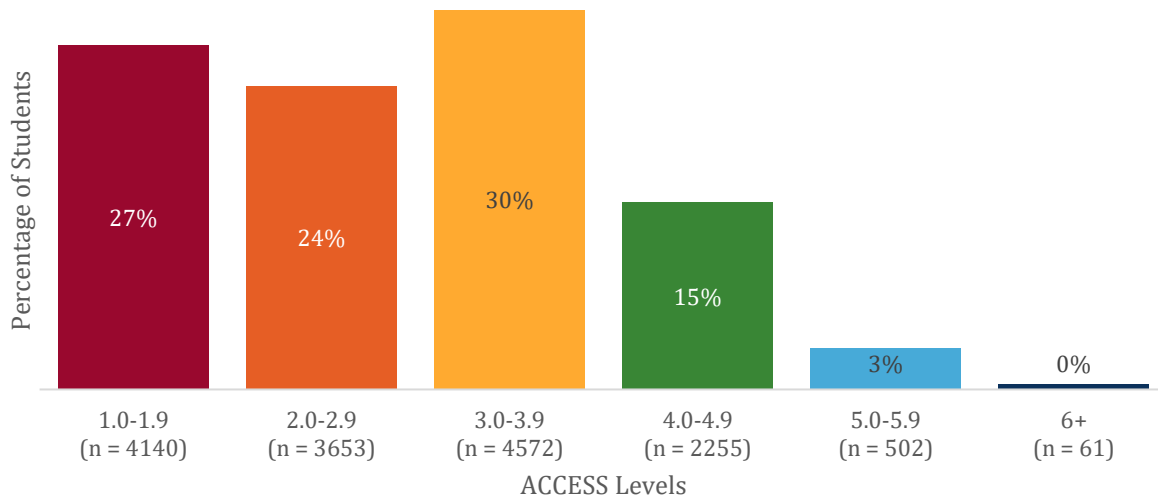
Home Language	Students with 2021-22 ACCESS scores
Spanish	7,616
Portuguese	1,451
Chinese (Mandarin)	1,283
Arabic	754
Russian	545
Vietnamese	342
Uzbek	261
Khmer	262
Bengali	207
Pashto	178
Tajik	180
French	181
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	156
Haitian Creole	155
Albanian	150
Ukrainian	131

**Source:** Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

## How did students perform on the ACCESS assessment in the 2021-22 school year?

Of the 15,183 ELs who took the ACCESS assessment in 2021-22, 27% scored in Level 1, 24% in Level 2, and 30% in Level 3 (Figure 5). Additionally, fewer than 20% of ELs scored in Levels 4-6. This means the majority of ELs were entering, emerging, or developing in 2021-22 (see Table 1).<sup>24</sup>

Figure 5. The percentage of ELs who scored in each of the six ACCESS levels



**Source:** Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

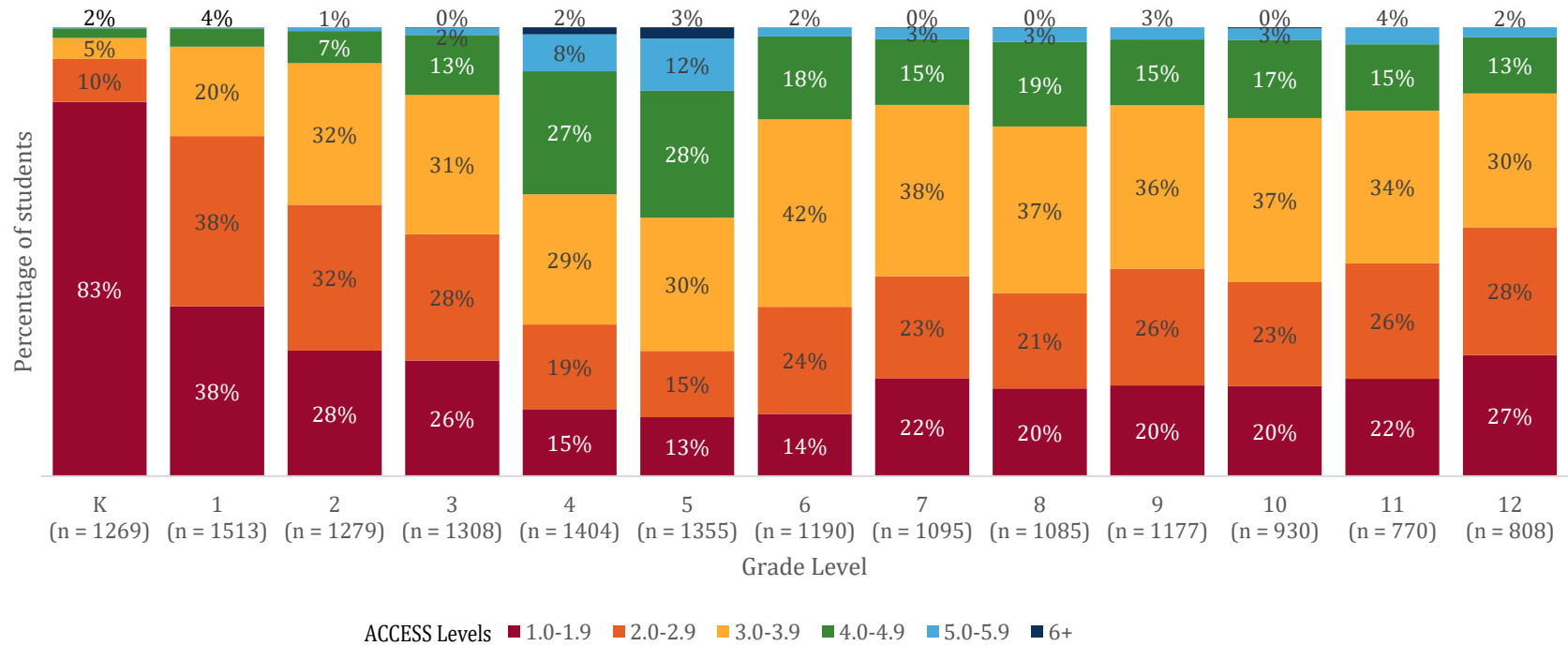
**Note:** Together, the bars in this figure sum to about 100%; due to rounding, the total may be close to 99% or 101%.

<sup>24</sup> Recall that we expect there to be a higher percentage of ELs with lower performance on the ACCESS because as students' English proficiency improves, they are reclassified from *being* ELs to *exited* out of EL status, and no longer take the ACCESS. This is in contrast to other assessments where the pool of students is similar yearly for each performance group, but for the ACCESS, by design, the testing pool shrinks for higher level performers.



By grade level, ACCESS performance for students in grades K-5 varied more than for students in grades 6-12 (Figure 6). For grades K-5, there was a trend for ACCESS performance to incrementally improve as grade levels increased. For example, only 2% of kindergarteners scored in ACCESS Levels 4-6, but this increased to 4% for 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 8% for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 15% for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 37% for 4<sup>th</sup> graders, and 43% for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Conversely, while 83% of incoming kindergarten students who were identified as EL scored in ACCESS Level 1, the percentage of Level 1 students decreased to 38% for 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 28% for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 26% for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 15% for 4<sup>th</sup> graders, and 13% for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. For ELs in grades 6-12, however, ACCESS performance tended to remain similar across grades, with the percentage of students who scored in ACCESS Levels 4-6 ranging from 15%–22%, and the percentage who scored in Level 1 ranging from 22%–27%.

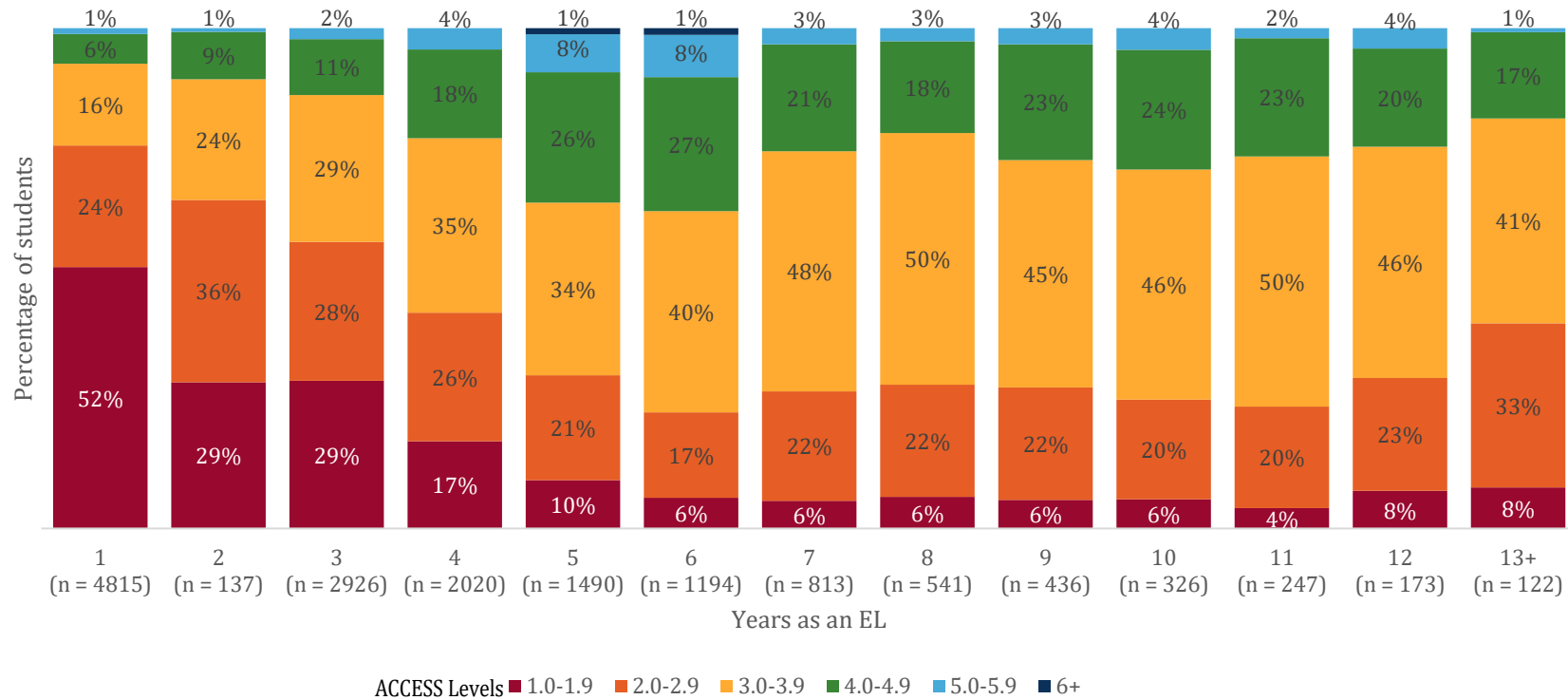
Figure 6. ACCESS performance by 2021-22 grade level



Source: Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

When looking at ACCESS performance by the number of years students have been an EL, performance differed more among students who had been an EL for one to six years than for students who had been an EL for 7+ years (Figure 7). It is important to note that the number of ELs in each column varies widely. For students who had been an EL for one to six years, there was a trend for ACCESS performance to incrementally improve by the number of years students had been an EL. For example, only 7% of students who had been an EL for one year scored in ACCESS Levels 4-6, and this increased to 10% for students who had been an EL for two years, 17% for students who had been an EL for three years, 26% for students who had been an EL for four years, 34% for students who had been an EL for five years, 40% for students who had been an EL for six years, 48% for students who had been an EL for seven years, 50% for students who had been an EL for eight years, 45% for students who had been an EL for nine years, 46% for students who had been an EL for ten years, 50% for students who had been an EL for eleven years, 46% for students who had been an EL for twelve years, and 41% for students who had been an EL for 13+ years. However, for students who had been an EL for 7+ years, the percentage of ELs scoring in ACCESS Levels 4-6 hovered around 18%–28%.

Figure 7. ACCESS performance by 2021-22 number of years as an EL

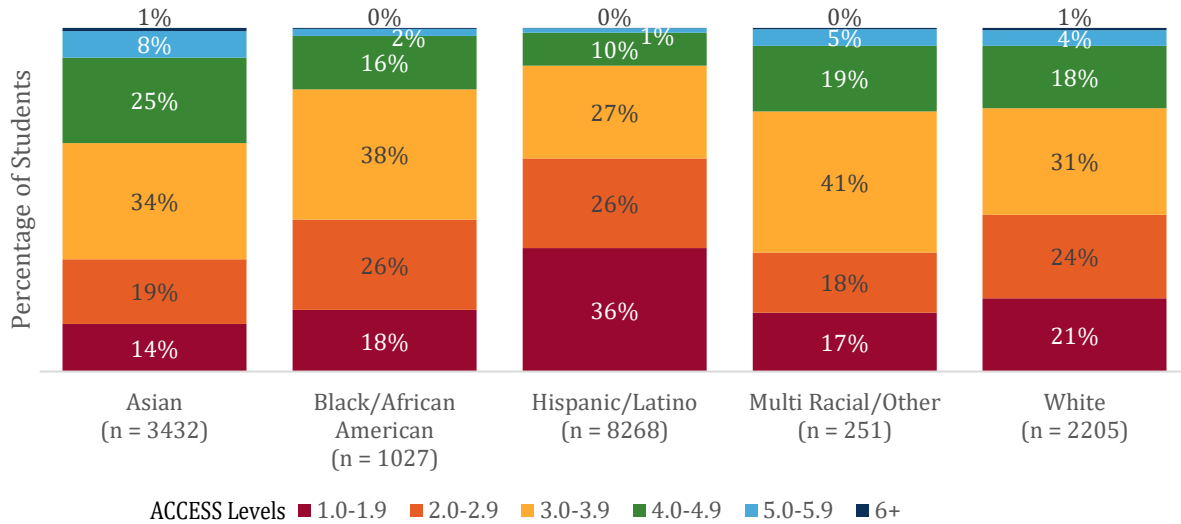


Source: Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

How to read this figure: Below the label for *Years as an EL*, “n” refers to the number of students in the column. To calculate the number of students in each *ACCESS level* by *years as an EL* within a column, multiply the number in the parentheses by the percentage in the box.

Performance on the ACCESS differed by student race/ethnicity (Figure 8). A higher percentage of Asian (34%) ELs students scored in ACCESS Levels 4-6 than Multi-Racial/Other (24%), White (23%), Black/African American (18%), and Hispanic/Latinx (11%) ELs.

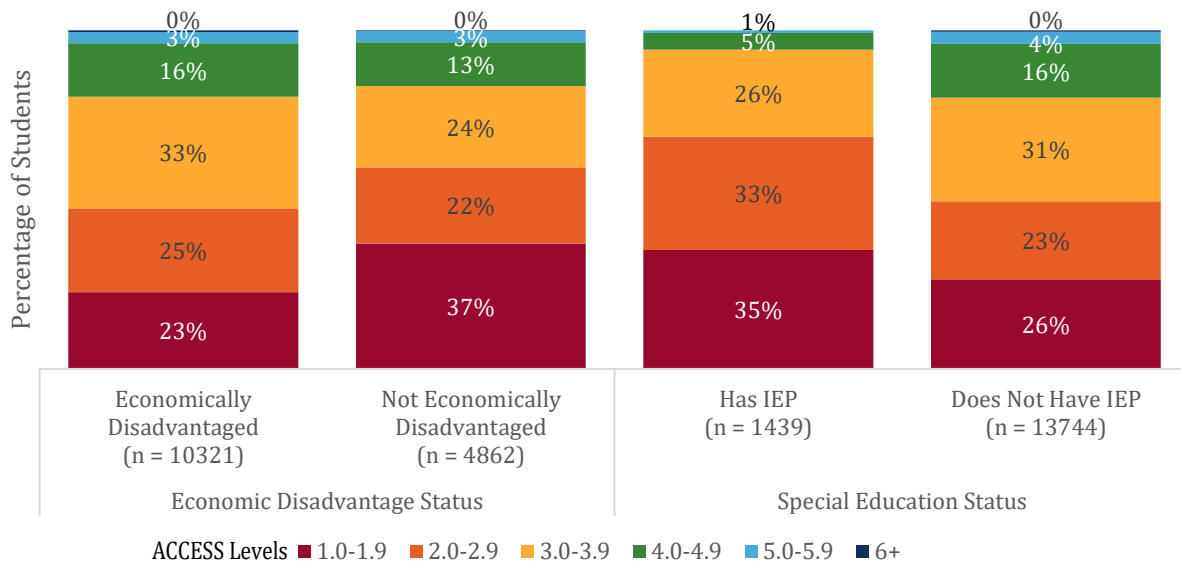
Figure 8. ACCESS performance by student race/ethnicity



Source: Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

Performance on the ACCESS was rather similar by economic disadvantage status (Figure 9). Additionally, a lower percentage of students with an IEP (6%) scored in ACCESS Levels 4-6 than students without an IEP (20%).

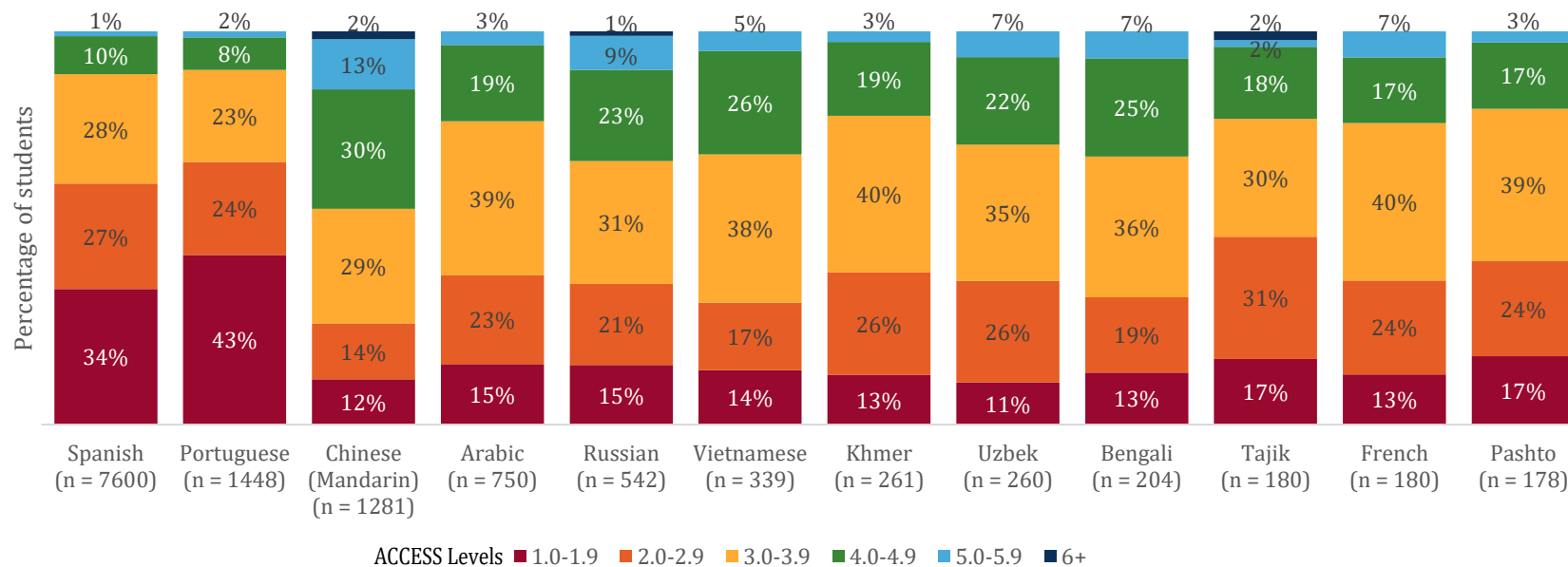
Figure 9. ACCESS performance by economic disadvantage and special education status



Source: Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

Performance on the ACCESS differed by home language (Figure 10), primarily for Spanish speakers, Portuguese speakers, and Chinese speakers compared to students who speak other home languages. Between 10%–11% of Spanish and Portuguese speakers scored in ACCESS Levels 4 and 5, with none scoring in ACCESS Level 6. In comparison, 45% of Chinese speakers scored in ACCESS Levels 4, 5, and 6, a higher rate than speakers of any other home languages in Figure 10. For all other home languages, between 20%–33% of ELs scored in ACCESS Levels 4 and above.

Figure 10. ACCESS performance by home language



Source: Qlik ACCESS for ELs App, data downloaded January 6, 2023

# How did students perform on Star Reading and Star Math, by ACCESS Level, in the 2021-22 school year?

## Demographic characteristics

The number of ELs with Star data in 2021-22 who also had an ACCESS score varied slightly between Star assessment windows. Overall, about 14,000 ELs who had ACCESS scores took Star Reading in the four Star assessment windows (Table 4) and about 11,000 ELs who had ACCESS scores took Star Math in the four Star assessment windows (Table 5). The difference in the number of test-takers between Star Reading and Math are primarily due to grades K-2 students not taking Star Math, while they do take Star Reading. Additionally, unless noted otherwise, the ACCESS score in this report is students' most recent ACCESS test. This means that if students did not take the ACCESS in 2020-21 or 2021-22, their 2019-20 ACCESS score or their original WIDA screener determines their ACCESS group. This sample for this research question is slightly different from the sample in the section above.

Grades K-5 students made up more than 50% of ELs with an ACCESS score and Star Reading scores in each assessment window, and made up about 65% in the spring assessment window (Table 4). Hispanic/Latinx students consistently made up 53% of ELs with an ACCESS score and Star Reading scores in each assessment window, while 24% were Asian and 15% were White. About 70% of the population of ELs with an ACCESS score and Star Reading scores were economically disadvantaged, and about 10% had an IEP. About 75% of ELs scored in ACCESS Levels 1-3, compared to fewer than 25% of ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 4-6. About half of ELs with an ACCESS score and Star Reading scores in each assessment window had a home language of Spanish.

Table 4. Students with ACCESS scores and scores on the Star Reading assessments in 2021-22 in each of the four Star administration windows

Student Group	Students with ACCESS scores and 2021-22 scores in:			
	Fall Star	Winter 1 Star	Winter 2 Star	Spring Star
English Learners with ACCESS Scores	13,962	13,936	14,456	13,261
<b>2021-22 Grade Level</b>				
K	9%	10%	10%	11%
1	11%	12%	13%	14%
2	10%	10%	10%	11%
3	8%	8%	8%	8%
4	9%	9%	9%	10%
5	9%	9%	9%	9%
6	8%	8%	8%	8%
7	7%	7%	7%	7%
8	7%	7%	7%	7%
9	6%	6%	6%	5%
10	6%	5%	5%	4%
11	5%	4%	4%	3%
12	5%	5%	4%	2%

Student Group	Students with ACCESS scores and 2021-22 scores in:			
	Fall Star	Winter 1 Star	Winter 2 Star	Spring Star
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0%	0%	0%	0%
Asian	24%	24%	24%	24%
Black/African American	7%	7%	7%	7%
Hispanic/Latinx	53%	53%	53%	53%
Multi-Racial/Other	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	0%
White	15%	15%	15%	15%
<b>Economic Disadvantage Status</b>				
Economically Disadvantaged	69%	69%	70%	71%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	31%	31%	30%	29%
<b>Special Education Status</b>				
Has IEP	10%	9%	9%	9%
Does not have an IEP	90%	91%	91%	91%
<b>ACCESS Level</b>				
1.0-1.9	28%	30%	31%	33%
2.0-2.9	32%	32%	31%	31%
3.0-3.9	16%	15%	14%	13%
4.0-4.9	20%	20%	19%	19%
5.0-5.9	4%	4%	3%	4%
6+	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Top 16 Most Frequent Home Languages</b>				
Spanish	49%	49%	49%	49%
Portuguese	9%	9%	9%	9%
Chinese (Mandarin)	9%	9%	9%	9%
Arabic	5%	5%	5%	5%
Russian	4%	4%	4%	4%
Vietnamese	2%	2%	2%	2%
Uzbek	2%	2%	2%	2%
Khmer	2%	2%	2%	2%
Bengali	1%	1%	1%	1%
Pashto	1%	1%	1%	1%
Tajik	1%	1%	1%	1%
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	1%	1%	1%	1%
French	1%	1%	1%	1%
Albanian	1%	1%	1%	1%
Ukrainian	1%	1%	1%	1%
Haitian Creole	1%	1%	1%	1%

**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 4, 2023

**Note:** Cells with 0% can have up to 60 students in the percentage. See Appendix A Table A1 for the numbers of students in each cell.

Grades 3-6 students made up about 50% of ELs with an ACCESS score and Star Math scores in each assessment window in 2021-22 (Table 5). Hispanic/Latinx students consistently made up about 50% of ELs with an ACCESS score and Star Math scores in each assessment window, while about 24% were Asian and about 15% were White. About 85% of the population of ELs with an ACCESS score and Star Math scores were economically disadvantaged, and about 10% had an IEP. More than 70% of ELs scored in ACCESS Levels 1-3, compared to fewer than 30% of ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 4-6. In each assessment window, about half of ELs with an ACCESS score and Star Math scores had Spanish as home language, although this percentage slightly declined from the fall to spring windows.

Table 5. Students with ACCESS scores and scores on the Star Math assessments in 2021-22 in each of the four Star administration windows

Student Group	Students with ACCESS scores and 2021-22 scores in:			
	Fall Star	Winter 1 Star	Winter 2 Star	Spring Star
English Learners with ACCESS Scores	11283	11371	12503	11557
<b>Grade Level</b>				
1	2%	2%	3%	3%
2	4%	4%	6%	6%
3	12%	12%	12%	13%
4	13%	13%	13%	14%
5	12%	12%	12%	13%
6	10%	11%	11%	12%
7	10%	10%	10%	10%
8	10%	10%	10%	10%
9	9%	9%	9%	8%
10	7%	6%	6%	5%
11	5%	5%	5%	4%
12	5%	4%	4%	2%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0%	0%	0%	0%
Asian	24%	24%	24%	25%
Black/African American	8%	8%	8%	7%
Hispanic/Latinx	52%	52%	51%	51%
Multi-Racial/Other	2%	2%	2%	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	0%
White	14%	15%	15%	15%
<b>Economic Disadvantage Status</b>				
Economically Disadvantaged	88%	86%	85%	86%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	45%	48%	48%	47%
<b>Special Education Status</b>				
Has IEP	10%	9%	9%	9%
Does not have an IEP	90%	91%	91%	91%



Student Group	Students with ACCESS scores and 2021-22 scores in:			
	Fall Star	Winter 1 Star	Winter 2 Star	Spring Star
<b>ACCESS Level</b>				
1.0-1.9	22%	24%	27%	28%
2.0-2.9	32%	31%	30%	30%
3.0-3.9	18%	17%	16%	15%
4.0-4.9	24%	23%	22%	22%
5.0-5.9	4%	4%	4%	4%
6+	1%	1%	0%	1%
<b>Top 16 Most Frequent Home Languages</b>				
Spanish	49%	47%	46%	45%
Portuguese	9%	10%	11%	12%
Chinese (Mandarin)	9%	9%	9%	9%
Arabic	5%	5%	5%	5%
Russian	4%	4%	4%	4%
Vietnamese	3%	2%	2%	2%
Uzbek	2%	2%	2%	2%
Khmer	2%	2%	2%	2%
Bengali	1%	1%	1%	1%
Pashto	1%	1%	1%	1%
Tajik	1%	1%	1%	1%
Haitian Creole	1%	1%	1%	1%
French	1%	1%	1%	1%
Ukrainian	1%	1%	1%	1%
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	1%	1%	1%	1%
Albanian	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>Star Assessment Language</b>				
English	97%	96%	96%	96%
Spanish	7%	8%	8%	8%

**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 4, 2023

**Note:** Cells with 0% can have up to 60 students in the percentage. See Appendix A Table A2 for the numbers of students in each cell.

## How did students perform on Star Reading and Star Math, by ACCESS level, in the 2021-22 school year?

**For both Star Reading and Star Math, ELs with higher ACCESS performance had higher Star performance and larger average increases on Star from fall to spring, compared to students with lower ACCESS performance.**

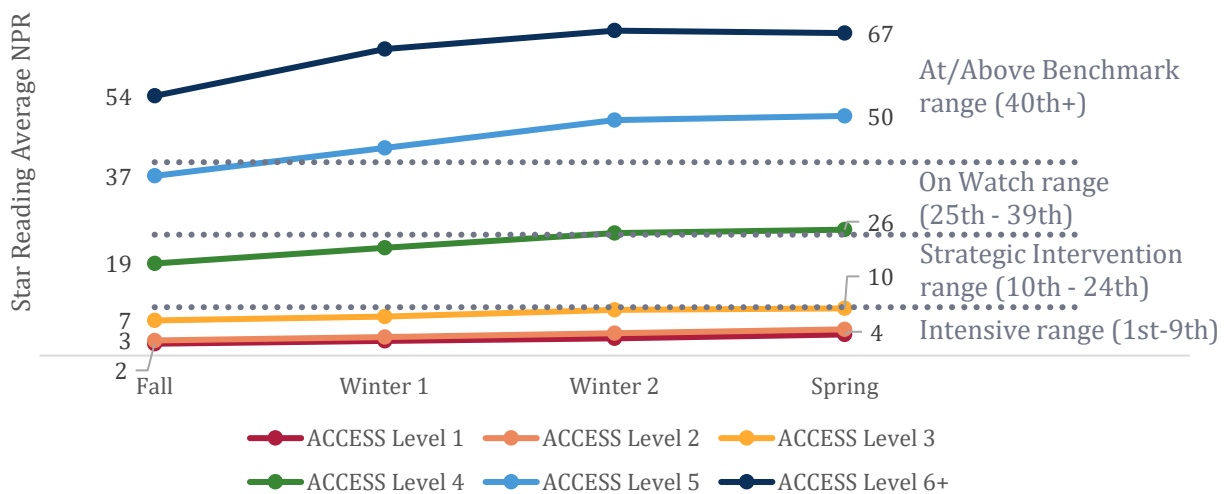
On average, ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 6+ (dark blue) performed in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in 2021-22, with their average NPR increasing from the 54<sup>th</sup> percentile in fall to the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile in spring (Figure 11).<sup>25</sup> ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 (light blue) moved,

<sup>25</sup> As a reminder, the ACCESS levels in the Star analyses refer to students' most recent ACCESS assessment. If they did not take the ACCESS in 2021-22, their ACCESS level may be from 2020-21 or an earlier year.

on average, from the On Watch range in fall to the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading by spring, with average NPR increasing from the 37<sup>th</sup> percentile in fall to the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in spring. This means that, on average, compared to their peers nationally, ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 5 or 6+ were performing on grade level on Star Reading in spring 2021-22. ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 (green) moved, on average, from the Strategic Intervention range (19<sup>th</sup> percentile) to the On Watch range (26<sup>th</sup> percentile) on Star Reading from fall to spring.

On average, ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 (yellow line) moved from the Intensive Intervention Star Reading range to the Strategic Intervention range on Star Reading in 2021-22, with their average NPR increasing from the 7<sup>th</sup> percentile in fall to 10<sup>th</sup> percentile in spring. ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 1 (red) and 2 (orange) scored, on average, in the Intensive Intervention Star Reading range, with their average NPR increasing from the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> percentile in fall to the 4<sup>th</sup> percentile in spring.

Figure 11. Average Star Reading NPR performance by ACCESS level



**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 3, 2023

**Note:** See Table 6 for Winter NPR values. See Table 7 for the number of students in each ACCESS level group in each window, or the number of students for each marker. See Figure A1 in the appendix for a visualization by the size of Star performance groups. See Appendix B for performance comparisons to former ELs. See Appendix C for Average NPR.

Table 6. Average Star Reading NPR performance by ACCESS level

ACCESS Level	Fall	Winter 1	Winter 2	Spring
1.0-1.9	2	3	4	4
2.0-2.9	3	4	5	5
3.0-3.9	7	8	9	10
4.0-4.9	19	22	25	26
5.0-5.9	37	43	49	50
6+	54	63	67	67

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure 11.

Table 7. Number of students in each ACCESS level group who took Star Reading in each testing window

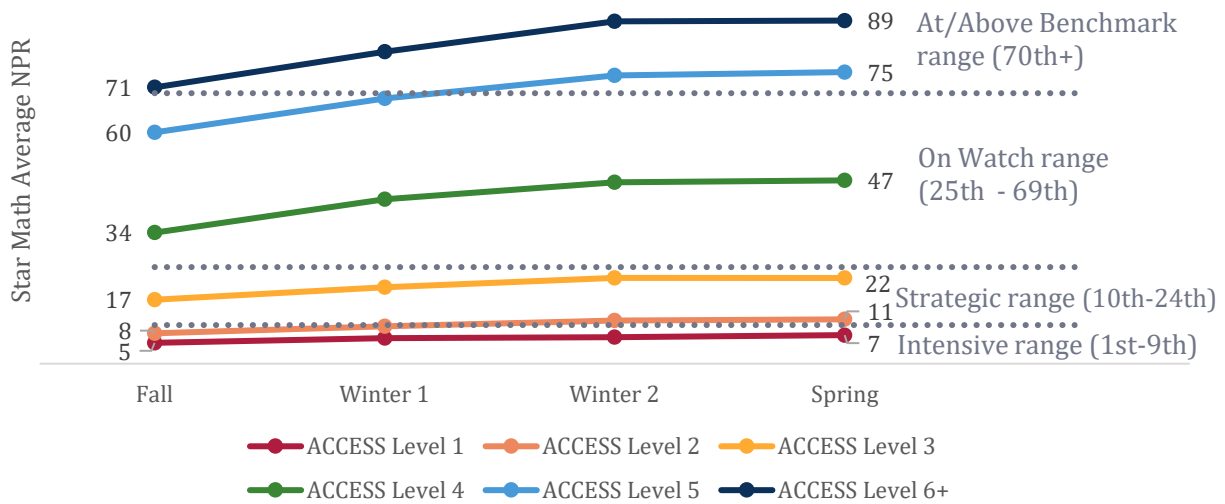
ACCESS Level	Fall	Winter 1	Winter 2	Spring
<b>1.0-1.9</b>	3,974	4,201	4,540	4,370
<b>2.0-2.9</b>	4,425	4,400	4,505	4,051
<b>3.0-3.9</b>	2,190	2,039	2,058	1,753
<b>4.0-4.9</b>	2,812	2,738	2,796	2,563
<b>5.0-5.9</b>	502	499	499	467
<b>6+</b>	59	59	58	57

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22, or the number of students for each marker in Figure 11.

On average, ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 6+ (dark blue) performed in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math in 2021-22, increasing from the 71<sup>st</sup> percentile to the 89<sup>th</sup> percentile from fall to spring (Figure 12). ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 (light blue) moved, on average, from the On Watch range to the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math in 2021-22, increasing from the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile from fall to spring. On average, ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 (green) performed in the On Watch range on Star Math in 2021-22, with average NPR increasing from the 34<sup>th</sup> percentile in fall to the 47<sup>th</sup> percentile in spring.

ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 (yellow) performed, on average, in the Strategic Intervention range, moving from the 17<sup>th</sup> percentile to the 22<sup>nd</sup> percentile on Star Math from fall to spring. On average, ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 2 (orange) moved from the Intensive Intervention range to the Strategic Intervention range on Star Math in 2021-22, with average NPR increasing from the 8<sup>th</sup> percentile in fall to 11<sup>th</sup> percentile in spring. ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 1 (red) performed, on average, in the Intensive Intervention range on Star Math in 2021-22, with average NPR increasing from the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile in fall to 7<sup>th</sup> percentile in spring.

Figure 12. Average Star Math NPR Performance by ACCESS level



**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 3, 2023

**Note:** See Table 8 for Winter NPR values. See Table 9 for the number of students in each ACCESS level group in each window, or the number of students for each marker. See Figure A2 in the appendix for a visualization by the size of Star performance groups. See Appendix B for performance comparisons to former ELs. See Appendix C for NCE-based Average NPR.

Table 8. Average Star Math NPR performance by ACCESS level

ACCESS Level	Fall	Winter 1	Winter 2	Spring
1.0-1.9	5	7	7	7
2.0-2.9	8	10	11	11
3.0-3.9	17	20	22	22
4.0-4.9	34	43	47	47
5.0-5.9	60	69	75	75
6+	71	81	89	89

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure 12.

Table 9. Number of students in each ACCESS level group who took Star Math in each testing window

ACCESS Level	Fall	Winter 1	Winter 2	Spring
1.0-1.9	2,464	2,762	3,394	3,280
2.0-2.9	3,596	3,516	3,776	3,412
3.0-3.9	2,004	1,891	1,978	1,760
4.0-4.9	2,662	2,637	2,791	2,564
5.0-5.9	497	505	505	483
6+	60	61	59	58

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22, or the number of students for each marker in Figure 12.

**Grades K-3 ELs had the greatest increases in Star Reading and Math performance from fall to spring 2021-22 when compared to students in higher grade bands who scored in the same ACCESS level.**

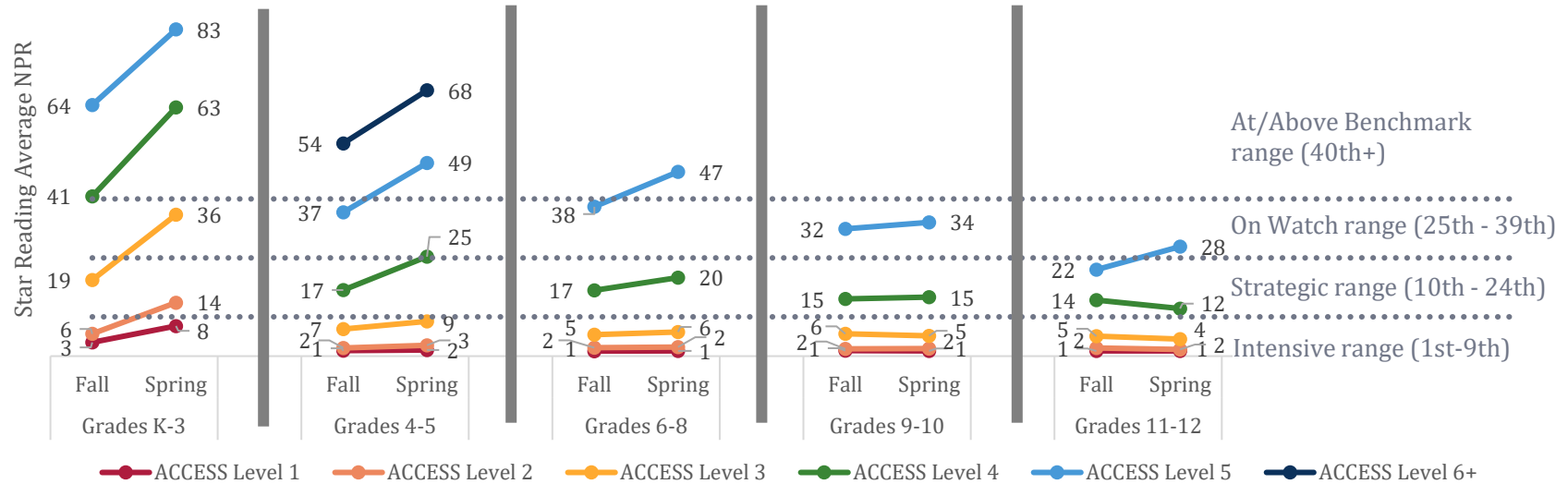
Grades K-3, 4-5, and 6-8 ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 5 (light blue) and 6+ (dark blue) performed, on average, in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in the spring 2021-22 assessment window, with grades 4-5 and 6-8 ELs moving from the On Watch range in the fall to the At/Above Benchmark range in spring (Figure 13). In contrast, grades 9-10 ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 performed, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Reading in both 2021-22 fall and spring assessment windows, and grades 11-12 ELs moved from the Strategic Intervention range to the On Watch range from fall to spring.

Additionally, of ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 (green), grades K-3 ELs performed, on average, in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in both assessment windows, whereas grades 4-5 ELs moved from the Strategic Intervention range to the On Watch range from the fall to spring 2021-22 assessment windows. On average, grades 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12 ELs performed in the Strategic Intervention range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

For ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 (yellow), grades K-3 ELs moved, on average, from the Strategic Intervention range to the On Watch range from the fall to spring 2021-22 assessment windows, and grades K-3 ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 2 (orange) moved from the Intensive Intervention range to the Strategic Intervention range from the fall to spring 2021-22 assessment windows. In comparison, grades K-3 ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 1 (red) and grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12 ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 1, 2, and 3 performed, on average, in the Intensive Intervention range from fall to spring 2021-22.

Overall, K-3 ELs had higher average performance and higher NPR growth from fall to spring 2021-22 on Star Reading than students in higher grades.

Figure 13. Average Star Reading NPR performance by grade bands



**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 9, 2023

**Note:** See Table 10 for NPR values. See Table 11 for the number of students in each ACCESS level and grade band in each window. See Appendix B for performance comparisons to former ELs. See Appendix C for NCE-based Average NPR.

Table 10. Average Star Reading NPR performance by grade band

Grade Bands	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
K-3	Fall	3	6	19	41	64	Sup
	Spring	8	14	36	63	83	Sup
4-5	Fall	1	2	7	17	37	54
	Spring	2	3	9	25	49	68
6-8	Fall	1	2	5	17	38	Sup
	Spring	1	2	6	20	47	Sup
9-10	Fall	1	2	6	15	32	Sup
	Spring	1	2	5	15	34	Sup
11-12	Fall	1	2	5	14	22	N/A
	Spring	1	2	4	12	28	N/A

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure 13. Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group, and thus the NPR averages are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR. See Table 11 for numbers of students in each cell.

Table 11. Number of students in each grade band who took Star Reading in each testing window

Grade Bands	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
K-3	Fall	2,603	1,775	374	436	45	1
	Spring	3,243	1,857	359	425	46	1
4-5	Fall	370	737	364	768	259	54
	Spring	403	745	314	761	257	52
6-8	Fall	439	889	743	905	96	2
	Spring	426	857	688	877	91	2
9-10	Fall	260	582	405	419	57	2
	Spring	156	355	248	334	44	2
11-12	Fall	302	442	304	284	45	0
	Spring	142	237	144	166	29	0

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level and grade band who were tested in each window in 2021-22.



Grades K-3 ELs, grades 4-5 ELs, and grades 6-8 ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 5 (light blue) and 6+ (dark blue) performed, on average, in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math during the spring 2021-22 assessment window (Figure 14). In contrast, grades 9-10 and 11-12 ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 performed, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Reading in both 2021-22 assessment windows. This includes grades 11-12 ELs moving from the At/Above Benchmark range in fall to On Watch in spring.

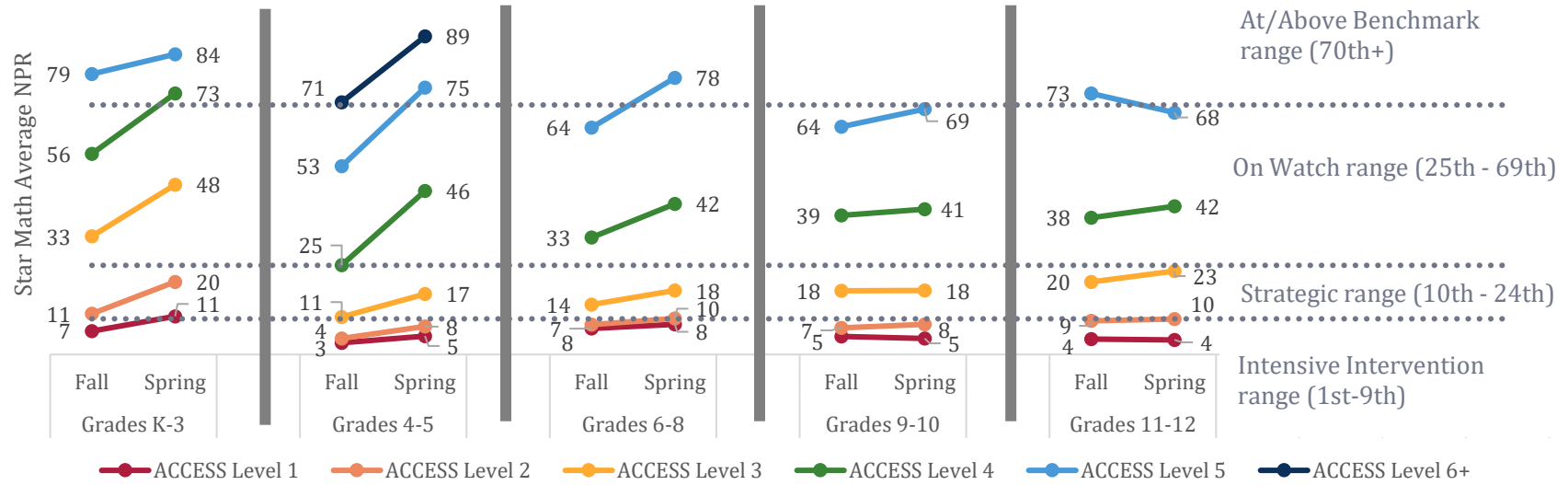
For ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 (green), grades K-3 students moved, on average, from the On Watch range in fall to the At/Above Benchmark range in spring. Additionally, grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12 ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 (green) performed, on average, in the On Watch range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows. Grades K-3 ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 (yellow) also performed in the On Watch range during this time.

On average, among ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3, grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12 ELs—and grades K-3 ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 2 (orange)—performed in the Strategic Intervention range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 2 or ACCESS Level 1 (red) in grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12 performed, on average, in the Intensive Intervention range in fall and spring or moved from the Intensive Intervention range to the Strategic Intervention range from the fall to spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

Overall, while K-3 ELs had higher average performance on Star Math than students in other grade bands, grades 4-5 students had higher NPR growth from fall to spring 2021-22 on Star Math than students in other grades bands, particularly for grades 4-5 ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 4, 5, and 6.

Figure 14. Average Star Math NPR performance by grade band



**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 9, 2023

**Note:** See Table 12 for NPR values. See Table 13 for the number of students in each ACCESS level and grade band in each window. See Appendix B for performance comparisons to former ELs. See Appendix C for NCE-based Average NPR.

Table 12. Average Star Math NPR performance by grade band

Grade Bands	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
K-3	Fall	7	11	33	56	79	Sup
	Spring	11	20	48	73	84	Sup
4-5	Fall	3	4	11	25	53	71
	Spring	5	8	17	46	75	89
6-8	Fall	7	8	14	33	64	Sup
	Spring	8	10	18	42	78	Sup
9-10	Fall	5	7	18	39	64	Sup
	Spring	5	8	18	41	69	Sup
11-12	Fall	4	9	20	38	73	N/A
	Spring	4	10	23	42	68	N/A

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure 14. Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group, and thus the NPR averages are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR. See Table 13 for numbers of students in each cell.

Table 13. Number of students in each grade band who took Star Math in each testing window

Grade Bands	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
K-3	Fall	702	842	236	258	31	1
	Spring	1,000	934	294	340	42	1
4-5	Fall	556	807	366	798	268	55
	Spring	785	824	336	813	269	53
6-8	Fall	651	959	745	936	99	2
	Spring	974	979	714	917	99	2
9-10	Fall	313	625	402	426	58	2
	Spring	394	469	264	331	50	2
11-12	Fall	242	363	255	244	41	0
	Spring	127	206	152	163	23	0

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level and grade band who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

**On average, at each ACCESS level, Asian and White ELs had slightly higher Star Reading and Math performance and higher NPR growth from fall to spring 2021-22 than Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and Multi-Racial/Other ELs.**

On average, Asian ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 5 (light blue) and 6+ (dark blue) performed in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Figure 15). In contrast, Hispanic/Latinx and White ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 moved, on average, from the On Watch range in the fall to the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in the spring 2021-22 assessment window, while the average performance for Black/African American ELs at Level 5 stayed in the On Watch range in fall and spring.

Asian and White ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 (green) moved, on average, from the Strategic Intervention range in fall to the On Watch range in the spring 2021-22 assessment window, while Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and Multi-Racial/Other ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 performed in the Strategic Intervention range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

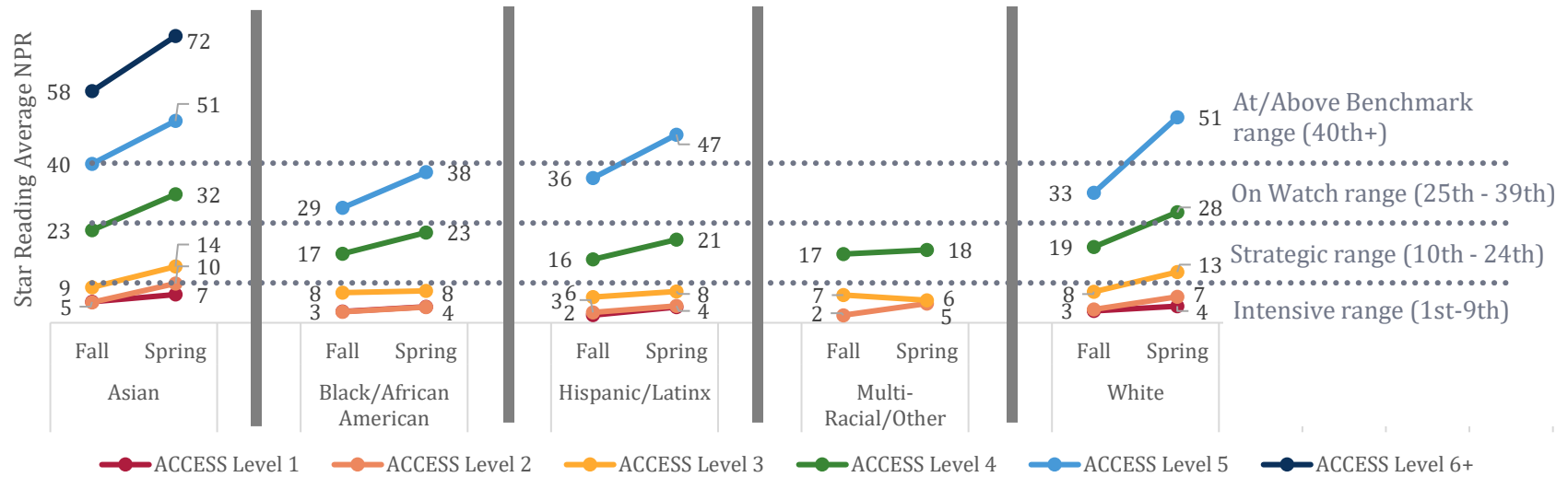
On average, Asian and White ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 (yellow) moved from the Intensive Intervention range in fall to the Strategic Intervention range in the spring 2021-22 assessment window. In comparison, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and Multi-Racial/Other ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 performed, on average, in the Intensive Intervention range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

While Asian ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 2 (orange) moved, on average, from the Intensive Intervention range in fall to the Strategic Intervention range in the spring, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Multi-Racial/Other, and White ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 2 performed in the Intensive Intervention range in both the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

Finally, of ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 1 (red), all student groups on average performed in the Intensive Intervention range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

Overall, at each ACCESS level, Asian and White ELs had higher average performance and had higher NPR growth from fall to spring 2021-22 on Star Reading than Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Multi-Racial/Other ELs.

Figure 15. Average Star Reading NPR performance by student race/ethnicity



**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

**Note:** See Table 14 for NPR values. See Table 15 for the number of students by race/ethnicity in each ACCESS level in each window. See Appendix B for performance comparisons to former ELs. See Appendix C for NCE-based Average NPR.

Table 14. Average Star Reading NPR performance by student race/ethnicity

Student Groups	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
Asian	Fall	5	5	9	23	40	58
	Spring	7	10	14	32	51	72
Black/African American	Fall	3	3	8	17	29	66
	Spring	4	4	8	23	38	44
Hispanic/Latinx	Fall	2	3	6	16	36	Sup
	Spring	4	4	8	21	47	Sup
Multi-Racial/ Other	Fall	2	2	7	17	Sup	Sup
	Spring	2	5	6	18	Sup	Sup
White	Fall	3	3	8	19	33	Sup
	Spring	4	7	13	28	51	Sup

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure 15. Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group, and thus the NPR averages are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR. See Table 15 for numbers of students in each cell.

Table 15. Number of students by student race/ethnicity who took Star Reading in each testing window

Student Groups	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
Asian	Fall	630	886	530	1,017	258	32
	Spring	702	822	439	954	239	32
Black/African American	Fall	195	330	199	209	25	3
	Spring	208	283	157	188	24	3
Hispanic/Latinx	Fall	2,584	2,502	1,096	1,059	104	8
	Spring	2,799	2,328	888	953	94	7
Multi-Racial/ Other	Fall	27	54	49	56	8	1
	Spring	28	41	37	47	8	1
White	Fall	525	642	309	462	103	15
	Spring	618	566	227	414	99	14

**Note:** These are the numbers of students by race/ethnicity in each ACCESS level who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

On average, Asian ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 6+ (dark blue line) performed in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Figure 16). Asian and White ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 (light blue line) moved, on average, from the On Watch range in fall to the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math in the spring 2021-22 assessment window. In comparison, Black/African American and Hispanic/Latinx ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 performed, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

Asian, Multi-Racial/Other, and White ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 (green) performed, on average, in the On Watch range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment window. Additionally, Black/African American and Hispanic/Latinx ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 moved from the Strategic Intervention range in fall to the On Watch range in the spring 2021-22 assessment window.

Of ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 (yellow line), Asian ELs performed, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows, White ELs moved from the Strategic Intervention range in fall to the On Watch range in the spring 2021-22 assessment window, and Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and Multi-Racial/Other ELs performed in the Strategic Intervention range on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

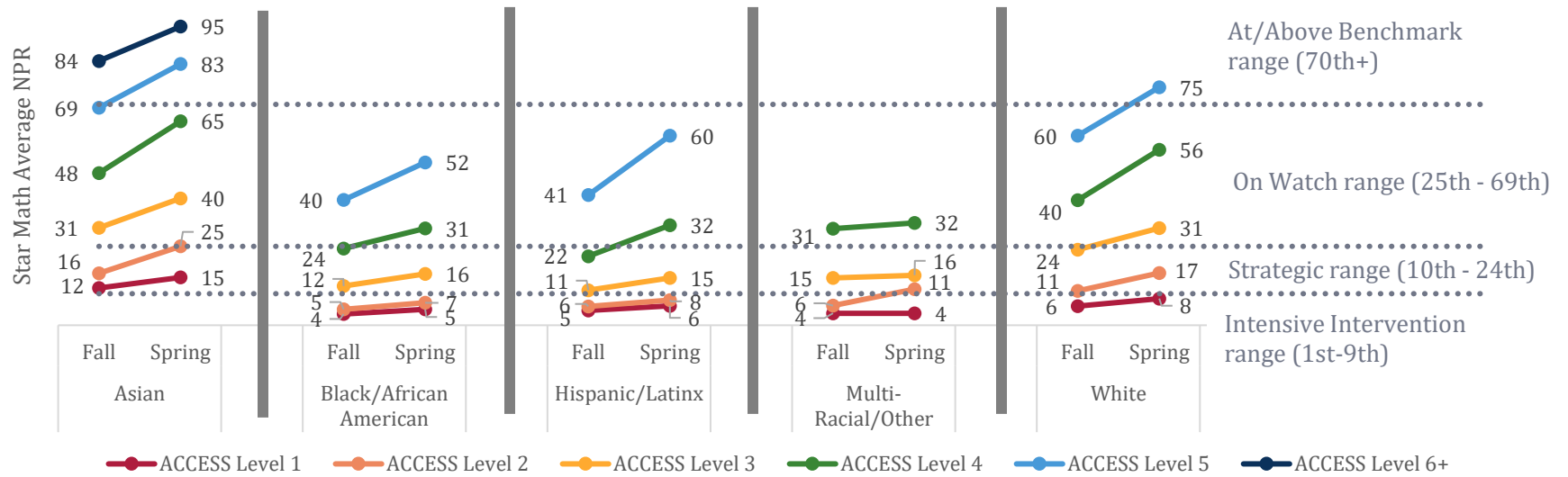
For ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 2 (orange line), Asian ELs moved, on average, from the Strategic Intervention range in fall to the On Watch range in spring, White ELs performed in the Strategic Intervention range in fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows, Multi-Racial/Other ELs moved from the Intensive Intervention range to the Strategic Intervention range from the fall to spring 2021-22 assessment windows, and Black/African American and Hispanic/Latinx ELs performed in the Intensive Intervention range in both assessment windows.

Finally, of ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 1 (red), Asian ELs performed, on average, in the Strategic Intervention range in both assessment windows, while, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Multi-Racial/Other, and White ELs performed in the Intensive Intervention range in both assessment windows.

Overall, Asian and White ELs had higher average performance and had higher NPR growth from fall to spring 2021-22 on Star Math than Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Multi-Racial/Other ELs.



Figure 16. Average Star Math NPR performance by student race/ethnicity



Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

Note: See Table 16 for NPR values. See Table 17 for the number of students by race/ethnicity in each ACCESS level in each window. See Appendix B for performance comparisons to former ELs. See Appendix C for NCE-based Average NPR.

Table 16. Average Star Math NPR performance by student race/ethnicity

Student Groups	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
Asian	Fall	12	16	31	48	69	84
	Spring	15	25	40	65	83	95
Black/African American	Fall	4	5	12	24	40	58
	Spring	5	7	16	31	52	80
Hispanic/Latinx	Fall	5	6	11	22	41	Sup
	Spring	6	8	15	32	60	Sup
Multi-Racial/Other	Fall	4	6	15	31	Sup	Sup
	Spring	4	11	16	32	Sup	Sup
White	Fall	6	11	24	40	60	Sup
	Spring	8	17	31	56	75	Sup

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure 16. Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group, and thus the NPR averages are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR. See Table 17 for numbers of students in each cell.

Table 17. Number of students by student race/ethnicity who took Star Math in each testing window

Student Groups	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
Asian	Fall	318	629	475	961	256	32
	Spring	496	688	434	942	244	32
Black/African American	Fall	162	296	182	209	26	3
	Spring	203	278	154	200	25	3
Hispanic/Latinx	Fall	1,652	2,100	1,029	999	104	9
	Spring	2,019	1,919	887	955	103	8
Multi-Racial/Other	Fall	19	51	49	48	8	1
	Spring	22	43	44	47	7	1
White	Fall	306	509	262	438	99	15
	Spring	526	475	236	412	101	14

**Note:** These are the numbers of students by race/ethnicity in each ACCESS level who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

**Chinese (Mandarin) speaking ELs had the highest Star Reading and Math performance in comparison to speakers of other languages who scored in the same ACCESS levels.**

On average, Chinese (Mandarin)-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 5 and 6+ performed in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Table 18). Portuguese-, Russian-, and Spanish-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 stayed, on average, in the On Watch range in fall and spring 2021-22. Additionally, Arabic-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 performed, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Reading in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

Chinese (Mandarin)-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 performed, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Reading in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows. Arabic- and Russian-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 moved, on average, from the Strategic Intervention range in fall to the On Watch range in spring. Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 performed, on average, in the Strategic Intervention range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

On average, Chinese (Mandarin)-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 performed in the Strategic Intervention range on Star Reading in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows. Arabic- and Russian-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 moved, on average, from the Intensive Intervention range in fall to the Strategic Intervention range in spring. Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 performed in the Intensive Intervention range in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

Chinese (Mandarin)-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 1 and 2 moved, on average, from the Intensive Intervention range in the fall to the Strategic Intervention range in the spring. Additionally, Arabic-, Portuguese-, Russian-, and Spanish-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 1 and 2 performed in the Intensive Intervention range on Star Reading in both 2021-22 assessment windows.

Overall, Chinese (Mandarin)-speaking ELs had the highest average Star Reading performance in comparison to speakers of other languages who scored in the same ACCESS levels.

Table 18. Average Star Reading NPR performance by home language

Student Groups	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
Albanian	Fall	9	5	7	29	Sup	Sup
	Spring	20	10	11	35	Sup	Sup
Arabic	Fall	5	4	8	17	28	Sup
	Spring	7	6	11	25	36	Sup
Chinese (Mandarin)	Fall	8	7	10	25	42	57
	Spring	13	13	17	36	54	71
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	Fall	9	7	14	23	Sup	Sup
	Spring	10	15	18	33	Sup	Sup
French	Fall	Sup	2	7	19	Sup	N/A
	Spring	Sup	2	8	16	Sup	N/A
Haitian Creole	Fall	2	3	9	14	Sup	N/A
	Spring	4	6	14	32	Sup	N/A
Khmer	Fall	3	5	7	23	Sup	N/A
	Spring	6	8	9	23	Sup	N/A
Pashto	Fall	4	3	6	18	Sup	N/A
	Spring	5	5	12	23	Sup	N/A
Portuguese	Fall	2	2	7	17	32	N/A
	Spring	3	3	8	21	47	N/A
Russian	Fall	4	4	8	21	36	Sup
	Spring	4	9	14	33	56	Sup
Spanish	Fall	2	3	6	16	39	Sup
	Spring	4	4	8	21	49	Sup
Tajik	Fall	2	4	7	20	Sup	Sup
	Spring	4	13	13	25	Sup	Sup
Uzbek	Fall	4	4	10	16	Sup	N/A
	Spring	7	9	14	25	Sup	N/A
Vietnamese	Fall	4	4	9	21	Sup	N/A
	Spring	5	8	17	31	Sup	N/A

**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

**Note:** Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group, and thus NPR averages are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR. See Table 19 for numbers of students in each cell. See Appendix B for performance comparisons to former ELs. See Appendix C for NCE-based Average NPR.

Table 19. Number of students by home language who took Star Reading in each testing window

Student Groups	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
Albanian	Fall	25	30	19	52	13	1
	Spring	27	27	16	48	13	1
Arabic	Fall	164	222	138	182	28	2
	Spring	159	196	109	162	27	2
Chinese (Mandarin)	Fall	215	261	156	423	157	25
	Spring	221	260	140	412	154	25
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	Fall	36	38	18	40	11	2
	Spring	33	37	16	36	11	2
French	Fall	18	59	36	40	12	0
	Spring	18	43	29	35	11	0
Haitian Creole	Fall	33	51	32	28	1	0
	Spring	38	41	24	26	1	0
Khmer	Fall	42	80	54	68	7	0
	Spring	44	68	47	65	6	0
Pashto	Fall	43	57	37	39	5	0
	Spring	57	48	25	34	3	0
Portuguese	Fall	537	380	114	149	21	0
	Spring	699	331	81	127	21	0
Russian	Fall	96	148	86	148	49	6
	Spring	147	129	69	127	43	6
Spanish	Fall	2,309	2,372	1,053	989	90	8
	Spring	2,430	2,216	857	897	81	7
Tajik	Fall	30	63	27	46	3	4
	Spring	42	58	16	36	2	3
Uzbek	Fall	47	86	39	64	18	0
	Spring	63	76	27	61	15	0
Vietnamese	Fall	61	89	60	109	17	0
	Spring	53	79	55	95	13	0

Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

Note: These are the numbers of students by home language in each ACCESS level who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

On average, Chinese (Mandarin)-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 5 and 6+ performed in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Table 20). Russian-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5 and Chinese-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 moved, on average, from the On Watch range in fall to the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math in the spring 2021-22 assessment window.

Arabic-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 4 and 5, Portuguese-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 4 and 5, Spanish-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 5, Russian-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 3 and 4, and Chinese (Mandarin)-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 1, 2, and 3 performed, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows.

Arabic-, Portuguese-, and Spanish-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 performed, on average, in the Strategic Intervention range in the fall and spring windows, whereas Russian-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 1 and 2 moved from the Strategic range in the fall to the On Watch range in the spring.

On average, Arabic-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 1 and 2 moved from the Intensive Intervention range in fall to the Strategic Intervention range in spring. Finally, Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 1 and 2 performed, on average, in the Intensive Intervention range in both assessment windows.

Table 20. Average Star Math NPR performance by home language

Student Groups	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
Albanian	Fall	4	30	29	50	Sup	Sup
	Spring	27	18	25	61	Sup	Sup
Arabic	Fall	7	8	19	33	46	Sup
	Spring	10	14	19	47	56	Sup
Chinese (Mandarin)	Fall	27	27	47	57	73	85
	Spring	43	41	56	73	87	95
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	Fall	19	38	32	56	Sup	Sup
	Spring	34	53	53	77	Sup	Sup
French	Fall	Sup	7	18	29	Sup	N/A
	Spring	Sup	16	30	25	Sup	N/A
Haitian Creole	Fall	3	4	16	25	Sup	N/A
	Spring	8	6	17	34	Sup	N/A
Khmer	Fall	4	8	18	38	Sup	N/A
	Spring	6	10	20	47	Sup	N/A
Pashto	Fall	3	8	19	27	Sup	N/A
	Spring	5	17	34	46	Sup	N/A
Portuguese	Fall	4	7	14	26	42	N/A
	Spring	5	9	15	37	58	N/A
Russian	Fall	21	17	32	45	67	Sup
	Spring	20	29	46	63	81	Sup
Spanish	Fall	5	6	11	22	42	Sup
	Spring	7	8	15	32	62	Sup
Tajik	Fall	7	7	29	33	Sup	Sup
	Spring	12	21	50	41	Sup	Sup
Uzbek	Fall	19	14	31	44	Sup	N/A
	Spring	18	26	42	59	Sup	N/A
Vietnamese	Fall	10	17	35	51	Sup	N/A
	Spring	14	22	40	65	Sup	N/A

Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

Note: Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group, and thus NPR averages are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR. See Table 21 for numbers of students in each cell. See Appendix B for performance comparisons to former ELs. See Appendix C for NCE-based Average NPR.

Table 21. Number of students by home language who took Star Math in each testing window

Student Groups	Star Window	ACCESS Levels					
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+
Albanian	Fall	9	21	15	47	12	1
	Spring	15	15	19	49	13	1
Arabic	Fall	85	190	118	172	28	2
	Spring	115	164	108	163	29	2
Chinese (Mandarin)	Fall	90	188	132	400	158	25
	Spring	120	210	138	410	157	25
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	Fall	14	19	13	37	12	2
	Spring	17	31	13	36	11	2
French	Fall	23	54	30	41	12	0
	Spring	20	54	26	38	11	0
Haitian Creole	Fall	31	50	31	31	1	0
	Spring	35	46	29	32	1	0
Khmer	Fall	22	66	55	66	7	0
	Spring	30	63	49	64	6	0
Pashto	Fall	24	47	34	32	5	0
	Spring	43	38	28	32	3	0
Portuguese	Fall	377	344	103	142	20	0
	Spring	780	329	82	135	21	0
Russian	Fall	50	96	74	131	48	6
	Spring	117	104	70	125	45	6
Spanish	Fall	1,471	1,981	996	935	91	9
	Spring	1,570	1,800	859	894	90	8
Tajik	Fall	12	34	22	43	3	4
	Spring	38	47	19	33	1	3
Uzbek	Fall	23	49	33	66	17	0
	Spring	38	56	28	62	15	0
Vietnamese	Fall	46	78	54	104	14	0
	Spring	41	67	50	88	14	0

**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

**Note:** These are the numbers of students by home language in each ACCESS level who were tested in each window in 2021-22.



## Conclusions

Overall, ACCESS performance was generally aligned to Star performance. For the most part, ELs who scored in ACCESS Levels 5 or 6+ performed, on average, in the At/Above Benchmark range for Star Reading throughout the year and performed in the At/Above Benchmark range for Star Math by spring. Following this pattern, ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 4 performed, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Reading and Math, and ELs who scored in ACCESS Level 3 generally scored On Watch on Star Math in the spring. ELs scoring in ACCESS Levels 1 and 2, performed, on average, in Strategic Intervention on Star Reading and Math, but even ELs with the lowest English proficiency still made sizeable gains from fall to spring that allowed them to move into higher Star performance groups.

While trends varied for different student groups, higher ACCESS performers consistently had higher Star performance than lower ACCESS performers when holding other student demographic variables constant as much as possible. There were notable patterns of ELs in lower grades having higher Star performance than their peers in the same ACCESS level in higher grades, as well as ELs who had been an EL in SDP for fewer years having higher Star performance than their peers in the same ACCESS level who had been an EL in SDP longer.

Based on these analyses and other work understanding the context for ELs in SDP, we can point to three groups of ELs.

- 1) ELs with *high English competency* and *high performance* on the ACCESS and Star assessments: These ELs are likely learning English quickly, as reflected in both their assessments, and will more quickly be reclassified from an EL to Exiting EL status, and may continue to demonstrate high Star achievement as part of the Former EL group.<sup>26</sup>
- 2) ELs with *high English competency* but *low performance* on the ACCESS and Star assessments: ELs' high English proficiency could be confirmed by school staff or through an alternative EL proficiency metric like a language use inventory, but their English competency may not be reflected on the ACCESS because they struggle with standardized tests or because they generally have lower academic performance, and these challenges are also reflected in their Star performance metrics.
- 3) ELs with *low English competency* and *low performance* on the ACCESS and Star assessments: Generally, if students cannot understand English, they cannot have strong Star performance. Critically, however, when students have both low ACCESS and Star performance, it is extremely difficult without knowing individual students to ascertain whether low performance is primarily due to low English proficiency, low academic achievement, or both. For example, students who have high academic performance in their first language, but do not have this achievement reflected in Star because they are not yet proficient in English would likely have strong Star performance after attaining English proficiency. By using ACCESS and Star as the only metrics, this population is

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<sup>26</sup> For examples of Former EL Star performance, see <https://www.philasd.org/era/wp-content/uploads/sites/865/2022/08/Spring-2022-Progress-Monitoring-Report-Reading-Goals-1-2.pdf> or <https://www.philasd.org/era/wp-content/uploads/sites/865/2022/07/Progress-Monitoring-Report-Math-Goal-3-Spring-2022.pdf>

indistinguishable from the other lower performing groups. Additionally, students may also have low academic performance (found in other classroom-level metrics) coupled with low English proficiency, and may be struggling to learn English for the same reasons their academic achievement suffers. This further complicates their academic progress, as the longer it takes them to learn English, the longer it will take them to learn grade-level content and have the opportunity to catch up with their English-proficient peers.

It is important to recognize the caveat that ELs are not a monolith, especially in the student race/ethnicity and home language analysis. For the purpose of looking at patterns by student race/ethnicity (a common way the District examines student performance) and home language, these analyses grouped students by one demographic characteristic, without being able to account for all of the other critical characteristics that contribute to English proficiency and Star performance. Additionally, as we try to identify groups of students who have high performance on the ACCESS by demographic characteristic, or multiple overlapping demographic characteristics (e.g., home language and race/ethnicity), the numbers of students in the groups are so small that it is not appropriate to display their average data or compare them to much larger populations of students, which limits the analyses and the patterns we can infer from this data. This analysis is a starting point to understand the EL populations that are generally making strong English proficiency growth and populations who can benefit from more supports.

## Appendix A: Star Performance Group Percentages

Table A1. Students with ACCESS scores and scores on the Star Reading assessments in 2021-22 in each of the four Star administration windows

Student Group	Students with 2021-22 ACCESS scores and scores in:			
	Fall Star	Winter 1 Star	Winter 2 Star	Spring Star
English Learners with ACCESS Scores	13,962	13,936	14,456	13,261
<b>2021-22 Grade Level</b>				
K	1,236	1,330	1,492	1,502
1	1,584	1,687	1,822	1,826
2	1,332	1,376	1,490	1,482
3	1,082	1,127	1,119	1,121
4	1,273	1,294	1,309	1,282
5	1,279	1,249	1,281	1,250
6	1,078	1,069	1,092	1,063
7	991	929	967	922
8	1,005	995	1,018	956
9	901	873	871	622
10	824	738	742	517
11	671	622	622	419
12	706	646	631	299
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	17	16	19	17
Asian	3,348	3,343	3,434	3,184
Black/African American	961	958	978	863
Hispanic/Latinx	7,355	7,338	7,680	7,072
Multi-Racial/Other	197	205	199	164
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	27	26	31	24
White	2,057	2,049	2,115	1,937
<b>Economic Disadvantage Status</b>				
Economically Disadvantaged	9,702	9,684	10,167	9,460
Not Economically Disadvantaged	4,260	4,251	4,289	3,801
<b>Special Education Status</b>				
Has IEP	1,336	1,297	1,311	1,213
Does not have an IEP	12,626	12,638	13,145	12,048
<b>ACCESS Level</b>				
1.0-1.9	3,974	4,201	4,540	4,370
2.0-2.9	4,425	4,400	4,505	4,051
3.0-3.9	2,190	2,039	2,058	1,753
4.0-4.9	2,812	2,738	2,796	2,563
5.0-5.9	502	499	499	467
6+	59	59	58	57

Student Group	Students with 2021-22 ACCESS scores and scores in:			
	Fall Star	Winter 1 Star	Winter 2 Star	Spring Star
<b>Top 16 Most Frequent Home Languages</b>				
Spanish	6,825	6,781	7,068	6,492
Portuguese	1,200	1,242	1,332	1,258
Chinese (Mandarin)	1,238	1,246	1,273	1,213
Arabic	735	724	751	654
Russian	534	521	555	521
Vietnamese	334	323	325	293
Uzbek	255	263	263	243
Khmer	252	241	250	231
Bengali	200	197	205	174
Pashto	180	188	199	166
Tajik	172	173	185	156
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	146	149	150	136
French	164	163	164	135
Albanian	140	144	146	132
Ukrainian	130	124	128	130
Haitian Creole	144	144	153	129

**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 4, 2023

**Note:** Cells with 0% can have up to 60 students in the percentage.

Table A2. Students with ACCESS scores and scores on the Star Math assessments in 2021-22 in each of the four Star administration windows

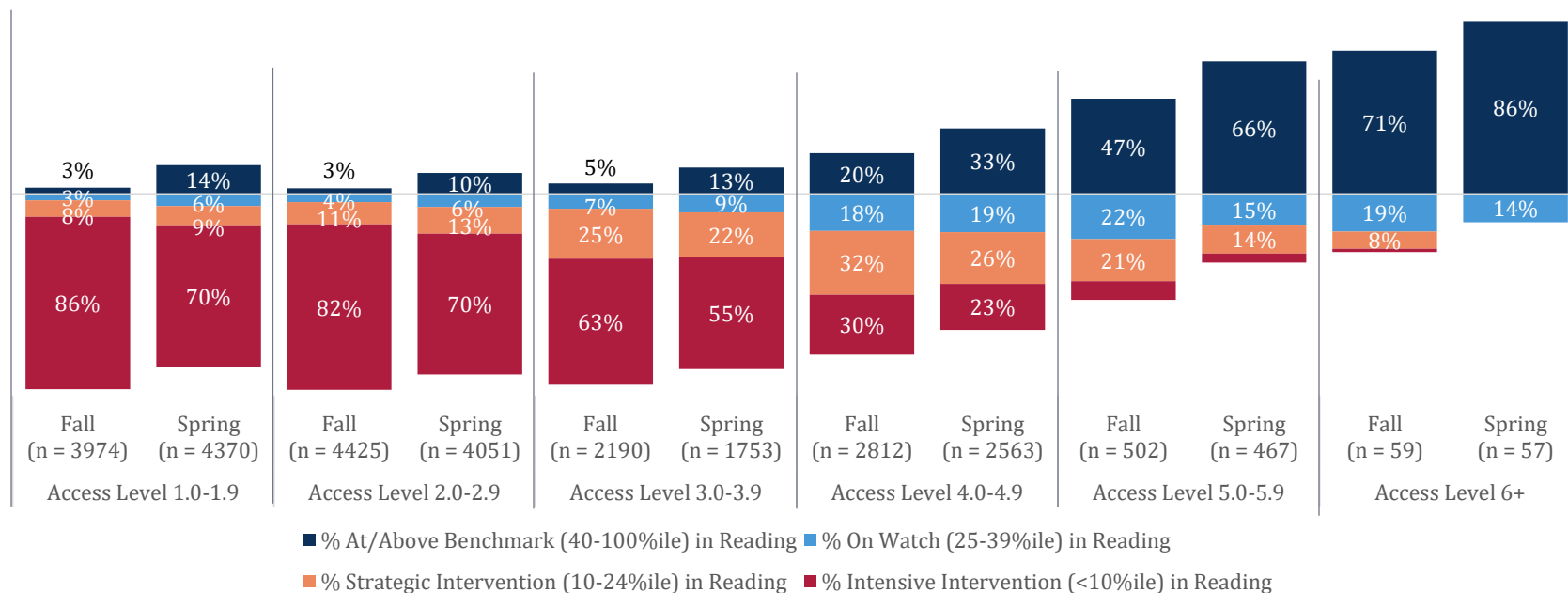
Student Group	Students with 2021-22 ACCESS scores and scores in:			
	Fall Star	Winter 1 Star	Winter 2 Star	Spring Star
English Learners with ACCESS Scores	11,283	11,371	12,503	11,557
<b>Grade Level</b>				
1	234	261	325	343
2	497	483	688	743
3	1,339	1,417	1,532	1,525
4	1,452	1,506	1,589	1,571
5	1,398	1,402	1,519	1,509
6	1,175	1,233	1,331	1,330
7	1,093	1,125	1,214	1,165
8	1,124	1,158	1,264	1,190
9	1,029	1,055	1,144	924
10	797	737	804	586
11	620	572	648	457
12	525	422	445	214
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	10	10	11	11
Asian	2,667	2,754	3,026	2,833
Black/African American	878	885	942	863
Hispanic/Latinx	5,894	5,857	6,420	5,892
Multi-Racial/Other	178	177	191	166
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	26	30	31	28
White	1,630	1,658	1,882	1,764

Student Group	Students with 2021-22 ACCESS scores and scores in:			
	Fall Star	Winter 1 Star	Winter 2 Star	Spring Star
<b>Economic Disadvantage Status</b>				
Economically Disadvantaged	7,451	7,342	8,067	7,529
Not Economically Disadvantaged	3,832	4,029	4,436	4,028
<b>Special Education Status</b>				
Has IEP	1,100	1,054	1,094	1,001
Does not have an IEP	10,183	10,317	11,409	10,556
<b>ACCESS Level</b>				
1.0-1.9	2,464	2,762	3,394	3,280
2.0-2.9	3,596	3,516	3,776	3,412
3.0-3.9	2,004	1,891	1,978	1,760
4.0-4.9	2,662	2,637	2,791	2,564
5.0-5.9	497	505	505	483
6+	60	61	59	58
<b>Top 16 Most Frequent Home Languages</b>				
Spanish	5,487	5,320	5,721	5,223
Portuguese	985	1136	1399	1346
Chinese (Mandarin)	993	1018	1102	1061
Arabic	594	584	633	580
Russian	406	422	494	468
Vietnamese	294	284	292	259
Uzbek	189	208	219	200
Khmer	217	211	226	213
Bengali	149	160	169	153
Pashto	141	153	174	143
Tajik	117	123	162	140
Haitian Creole	143	143	151	142
French	159	163	177	148
Ukrainian	98	97	107	110
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	98	105	122	111
Albanian	105	107	119	112
<b>Star Assessment Language</b>				
English	10,921	10,910	12,052	11,118
Spanish	823	920	938	878

Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 4, 2023

Students who scored in ACCESS Level 1 had an 11-point increase in the percentage of students scoring At/Above Benchmark on Star Reading from fall (3%) to spring (14%) 2021-22 (Figure A1). Additionally, students who scored in ACCESS Level 2 had a 7-point increase in the percentage of students scoring At/Above Benchmark on Star Reading from fall (3%) to spring (10%) 2021-22. Students who scored in ACCESS Level 3 had an 8-point increase in the percentage of students scoring At/Above Benchmark on Star Reading from fall (5%) to spring (13%) 2021-22. Students who scored in ACCESS Level 4 had a 13-point increase in the percentage of students scoring At/Above Benchmark on Star Reading from fall (20%) to spring (33%) 2021-22. Students who scored in ACCESS Level 5 had a 19-point increase in the percentage of students scoring At/Above Benchmark on Star Reading from fall (47%) to spring (66%) 2021-22. Students who scored in ACCESS Level 6 had a 15-point increase in the percentage of students scoring At/Above Benchmark on Star Reading from fall (71%) to spring (86%) 2021-22.

Figure A1. Percentage of ELs who scored in At or Above Benchmark on Star Reading in fall and spring 2021-22



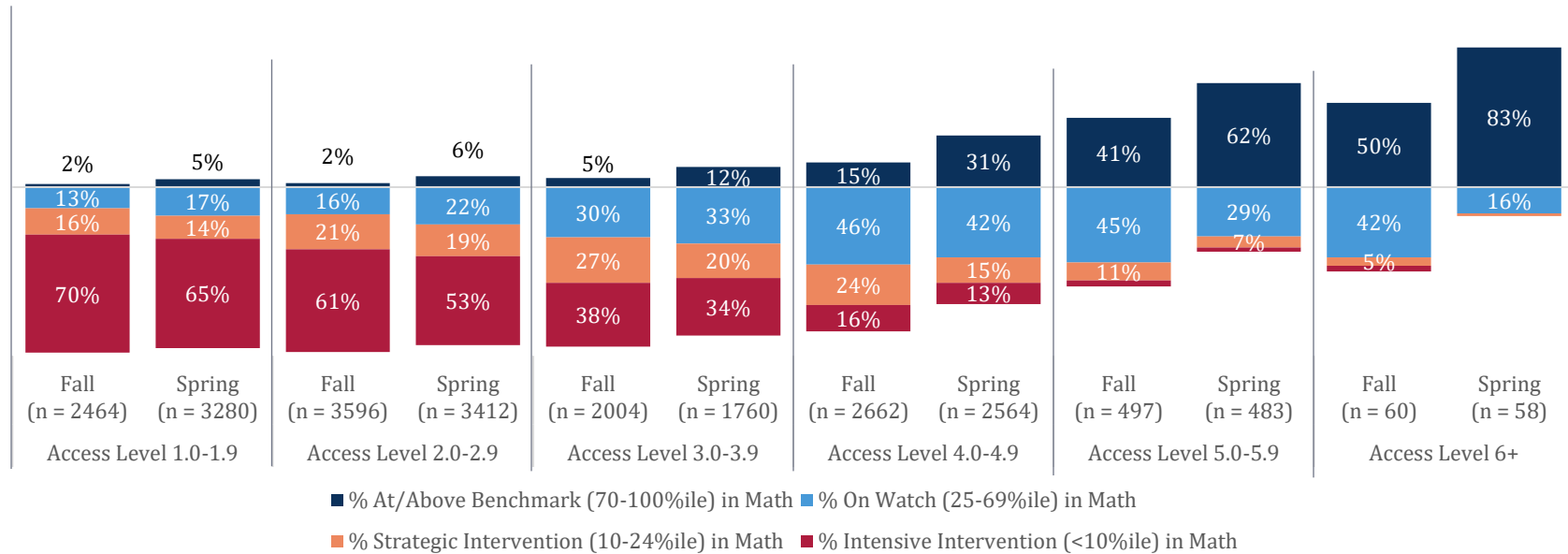
**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 3, 2023

**Note:** The n count under the columns label represents the number of students who took the assessment in each window. To calculate the number of students who scored in each performance group in each window, multiply the n count under the label by the percentage in the block in the column.

Students who scored in ACCESS Level 1 had a 3-point increase in the percentage of students scoring At/Above Benchmark on Star Math from fall (2%) to spring (5%) 2021-22 (Figure A2). Additionally, students who scored in ACCESS Level 2 had a 4-point increase the percentage of students scoring At or Above Benchmark on Star Math from fall (2%) to spring (6%). Students who scored in ACCESS Level 3 had a 7-point increase the percentage of students scoring At or Above Benchmark from fall (5%) to spring (12%) on Star Math.

Students who scored in ACCESS Level 4 had a 16-point increase the percentage of students scoring At or Above Benchmark from fall (15%) to spring (31%) on Star Math. Students who scored in ACCESS Level 5 had a 21-point increase the percentage of students scoring At or Above Benchmark from fall (41%) to spring (62%) on Star Math. Students who scored in ACCESS Level 6+ had a 33-point increase the percentage of students scoring At or Above Benchmark from fall (50%) to spring (83%) on Star Math.

Figure A2. Percentage of ELs who scored in At or Above Benchmark on Star Math in fall and spring 2021-22



Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 3, 2023

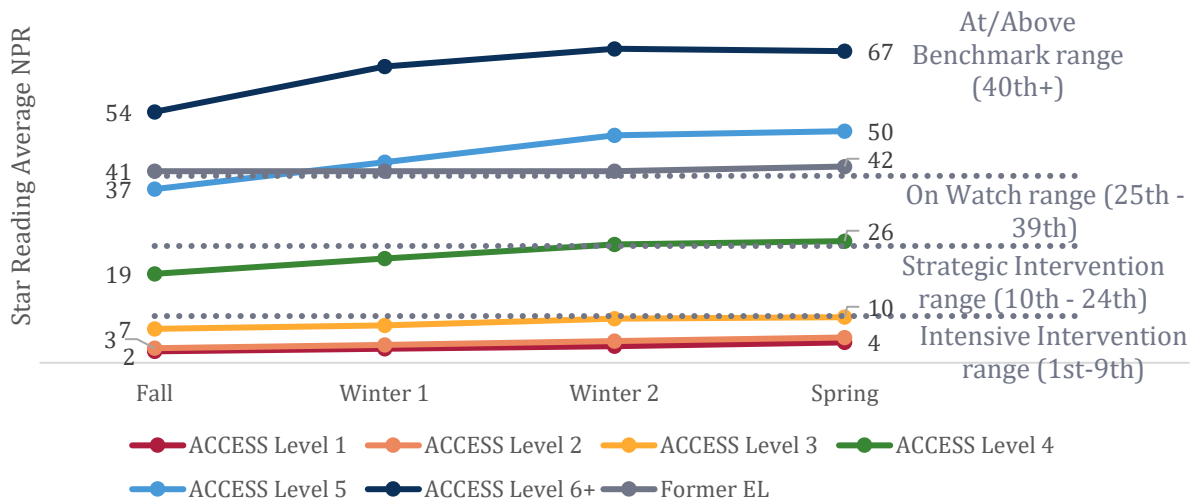
Note: The n count under the columns label represents the number of students who took the assessment in each window. To calculate the number of students who scored in each performance group in each window, multiple the n count under the label by the percentage in the block in the column.

## Appendix B: Former EL Star Performance

### How did students who performed at different English proficiency levels on ACCESS score on Star?

On average, former ELs (grey) performed in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in 2021-22, with their average NPR increasing from the 41<sup>st</sup> percentile in fall to 42<sup>nd</sup> percentile in spring (Figure B1). Their average performance falls between students who scored in ACCESS Levels 4 and 5.

Figure B1. Average Star Reading NPR performance by ACCESS level



**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 13, 2023

**Note:** See Table B1 for Winter NPR values. See Table B2 for the number of students in each ACCESS level group in each window.

Table B1. Average Star Reading NPR performance by ACCESS level

ACCESS Level	Fall	Winter 1	Winter 2	Spring
1.0-1.9	2	3	4	4
2.0-2.9	3	4	5	5
3.0-3.9	7	8	9	10
4.0-4.9	19	22	25	26
5.0-5.9	37	43	49	50
6+	54	63	67	67
Former ELs	41	41	41	42

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure B1.



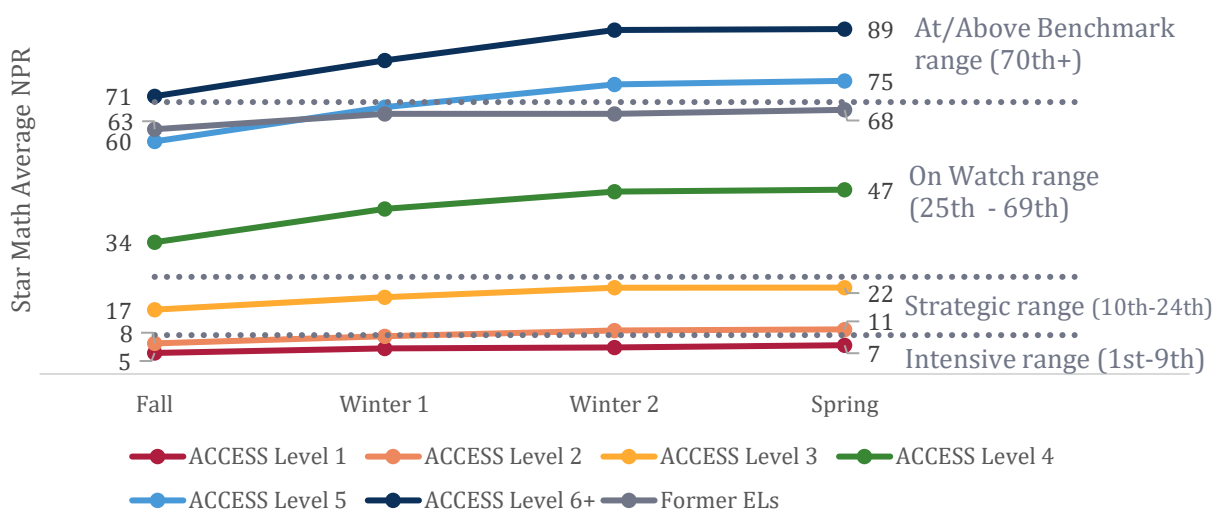
Table B2. Number of students in each ACCESS level group who took Star Reading in each testing window

ACCESS Level	Fall	Winter 1	Winter 2	Spring
1.0-1.9	3,974	4,201	4,540	4,370
2.0-2.9	4,425	4,400	4,505	4,051
3.0-3.9	2,190	2,039	2,058	1,753
4.0-4.9	2,812	2,738	2,796	2,563
5.0-5.9	502	499	499	467
6+	59	59	58	57
Former ELs	3,313	3,184	3,106	2,531

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

On average, Former ELs (grey) performed in the On Watch range on Star Math in 2021-22, with their average NPR increasing from the 63<sup>rd</sup> percentile in fall to 68<sup>th</sup> percentile in spring (Figure B2). Their average performance falls between students who scored in ACCESS Levels 4 and 5.

Figure B2. Average Star Math NPR performance by ACCESS level



**Source:** Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 13, 2023

**Note:** See Table B3 for Winter NPR values. See Table B4 for the number of students in each ACCESS Level group in each window.

Table B3. Average Star Math NPR Performance by ACCESS level

ACCESS Level	Fall	Winter 1	Winter 2	Spring
1.0-1.9	5	7	7	7
2.0-2.9	8	10	11	11
3.0-3.9	17	20	22	22
4.0-4.9	34	43	47	47
5.0-5.9	60	69	75	75
6+	71	81	89	89
Former ELs	63	67	67	68

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure B2.

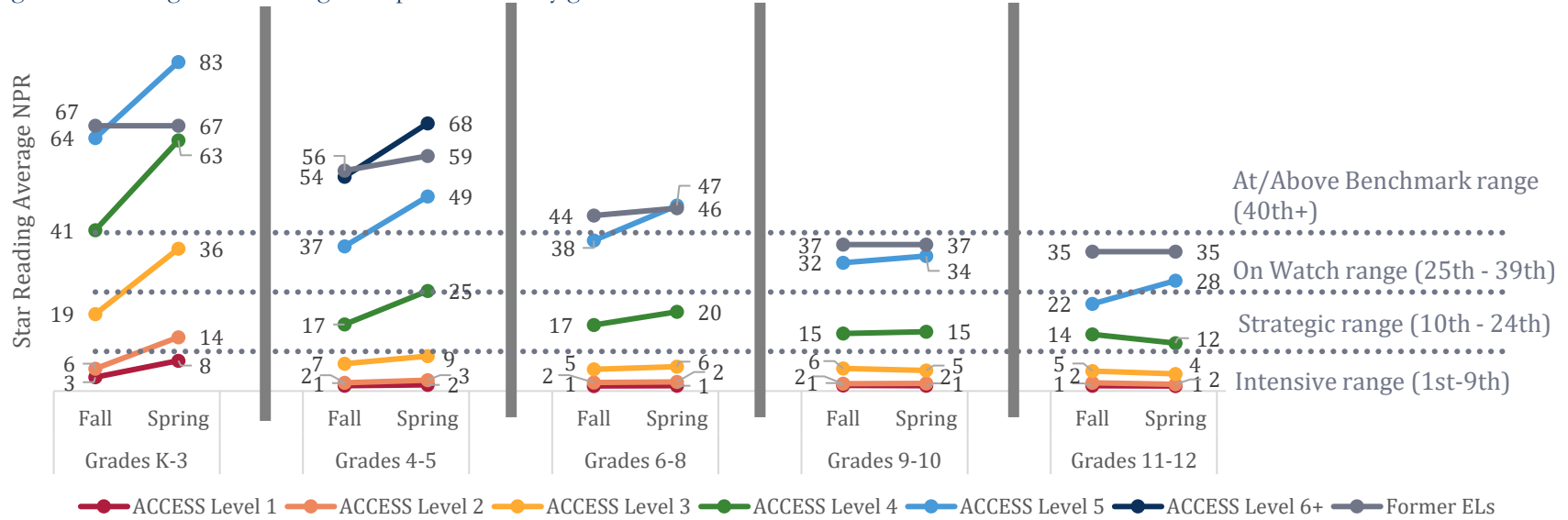
Table B4. Number of students in each ACCESS level group who took Star Math in each testing window

<b>ACCESS Level</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter 1</b>	<b>Winter 2</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>1.0-1.9</b>	2,464	2,762	3,394	3,280
<b>2.0-2.9</b>	3,596	3,516	3,776	3,412
<b>3.0-3.9</b>	2,004	1,891	1,978	1,760
<b>4.0-4.9</b>	2,662	2,637	2,791	2,564
<b>5.0-5.9</b>	497	505	505	483
<b>6+</b>	60	61	59	58
<b>Former ELs</b>	3,182	3,004	2,970	2,474

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

On average, grades K-3, 4-5, and 6-8 former ELs scored in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in both fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Figure B3). In contrast, grades 9-10 and 11-12 former ELs scored, on average, in the On Watch range but at higher percentiles than current ELs on Star Reading in both 2021-22 fall and spring assessment windows. Their average performance is generally above students who scored in ACCESS Level 5.

Figure B3. Average Star Reading NPR performance by grade bands



Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 13, 2023

Note: See Table B5 for NPR values. See Table B6 for the number of students in each student group in each window.

Table B5. Average Star Reading NPR performance by grade band

Grade Bands	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	Former ELs
K-3	Fall	3	6	19	41	64	Sup	67
	Spring	8	14	36	63	83	Sup	67
4-5	Fall	1	2	7	17	37	54	56
	Spring	2	3	9	25	49	68	59
6-8	Fall	1	2	5	17	38	Sup	44
	Spring	1	2	6	20	47	Sup	46
9-10	Fall	1	2	6	15	32	Sup	37
	Spring	1	2	5	15	34	Sup	37
11-12	Fall	1	2	5	14	22	N/A	35
	Spring	1	2	4	12	28	N/A	35

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure B3. Cells with *Suppressed* have fewer than 20 students in the group and are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR.

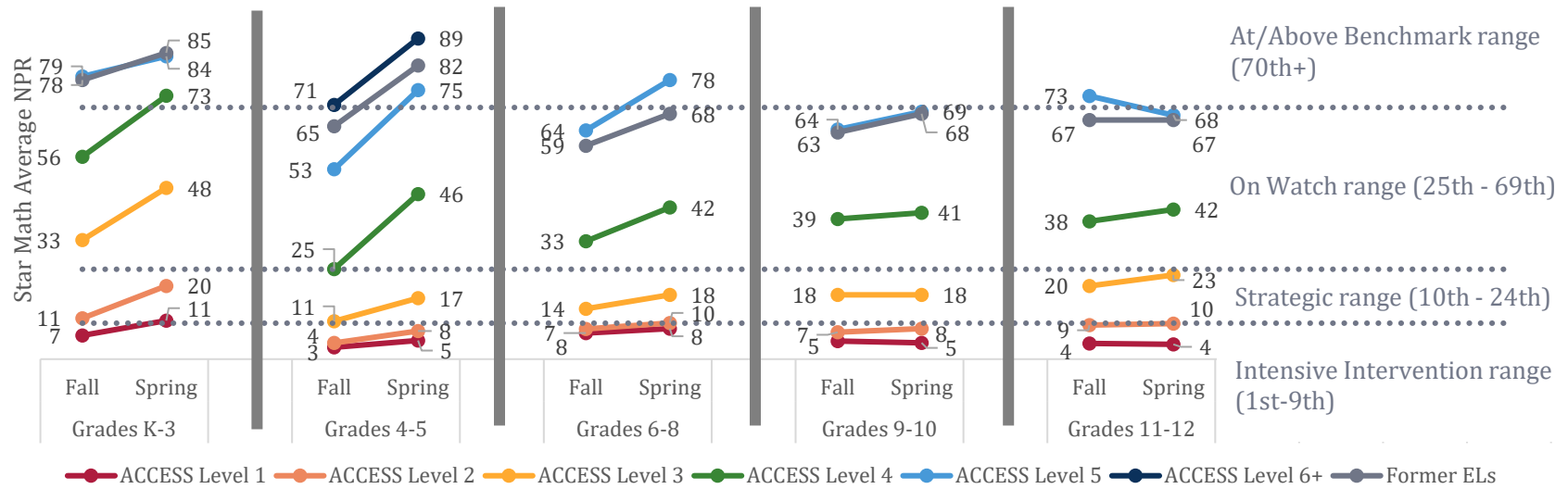
Table B6. Number of students in each grade band who took Star Reading in each testing window

Grade Bands	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	Former ELs
K-3	Fall	2,603	1,775	374	436	45	1	26
	Spring	3,243	1,857	359	425	46	1	24
4-5	Fall	370	737	364	768	259	54	152
	Spring	403	745	314	761	257	52	149
6-8	Fall	439	889	743	905	96	2	1015
	Spring	426	857	688	877	91	2	966
9-10	Fall	260	582	405	419	57	2	1049
	Spring	156	355	248	334	44	2	803
11-12	Fall	302	442	304	284	45	0	1071
	Spring	142	237	144	166	29	0	589

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level l group who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

On average, grades K-3 Former ELs stayed in the At/Above Benchmark range in fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Figure B4). Additionally, grades 4-5 former ELs moved, on average, from the On Watch range to the At/Above Benchmark range from the fall to spring 2021-22 assessment windows. Finally, grades 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12 former ELs scored, on average, in the On Watch range on Star Math in both 2021-22 assessment windows. Their average performance is a bit higher or equivalent to students who scored in ACCESS Level 5.

Figure B4. Average Star Math NPR performance by grade band



Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 13, 2023

Note: See Table B7 for NPR values. See Table B8 for the number of students in each student group in each window.

Table B7. Average Star Math NPR performance by grade band

Grade Bands	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	Former ELs
K-3	Fall	7	11	33	56	79	Sup	78
	Spring	11	20	48	73	84	Sup	85
4-5	Fall	3	4	11	25	53	71	65
	Spring	5	8	17	46	75	89	82
6-8	Fall	7	8	14	33	64	Sup	59
	Spring	8	10	18	42	78	Sup	68
9-10	Fall	5	7	18	39	64	Sup	63
	Spring	5	8	18	41	69	Sup	68
11-12	Fall	4	9	20	38	73	N/A	67
	Spring	4	10	23	42	68	N/A	67

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure B4. Cells with *Suppressed* have fewer than 20 students in the group and are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR.

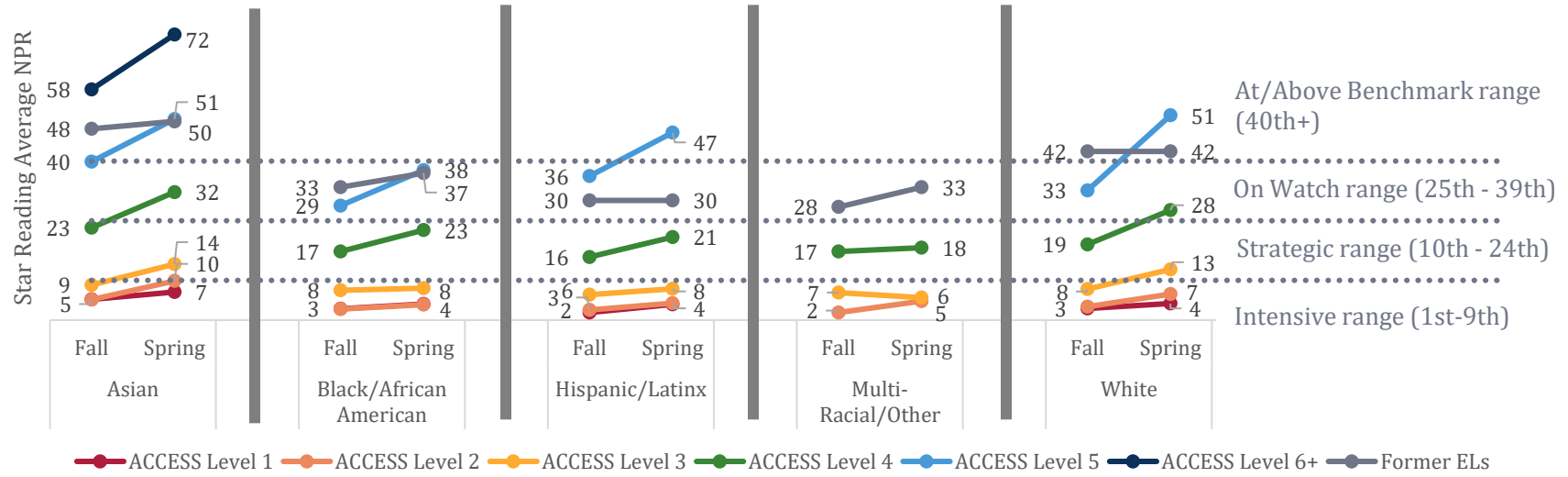
Table B8. Number of students in each grade band who took Star Math in each testing window

Grade Bands	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	Former ELs
K-3	Fall	702	842	236	258	31	1	26
	Spring	1,000	934	294	340	42	1	24
4-5	Fall	556	807	366	798	268	55	149
	Spring	785	824	336	813	269	53	148
6-8	Fall	651	959	745	936	99	2	1019
	Spring	974	979	714	917	99	2	954
9-10	Fall	313	625	402	426	58	2	1036
	Spring	394	469	264	331	50	2	769
11-12	Fall	242	363	255	244	41	0	952
	Spring	127	206	152	163	23	0	579

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

On average, Asian and White Former ELs scored in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in both fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Figure B5). In comparison, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and Multi-Racial/Other former ELs stayed, on average, in the On Watch on Star Reading in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows. The average performance of Former ELs is a bit higher or equivalent to students who scored in ACCESS Level 5, with the exception of Hispanic/Latinx Former ELs.

Figure B5. Average Star Reading NPR performance by student race/ethnicity



Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

Note: See Table B9 for NPR values. See Table B10 for the number of students in each student group in each window.

Table B9. Average Star Reading NPR performance by student race/ethnicity

Student Group	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						Former ELs
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	
Asian	Fall	5	5	9	23	40	58	48
	Spring	7	10	14	32	51	72	50
Black/African American	Fall	3	3	8	17	29	Sup	33
	Spring	4	4	8	23	38	Sup	37
Hispanic/Latinx	Fall	2	3	6	16	36	Sup	30
	Spring	4	4	8	21	47	Sup	30
Multi-Racial/Other	Fall	2	2	7	17	Sup	Sup	28
	Spring	2	5	6	18	Sup	Sup	33
White	Fall	3	3	8	19	33	Sup	42
	Spring	4	7	13	28	51	Sup	42

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure B5. Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group and are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR.

Table B10. Number of students by student race/ethnicity who took Star Reading in each testing window

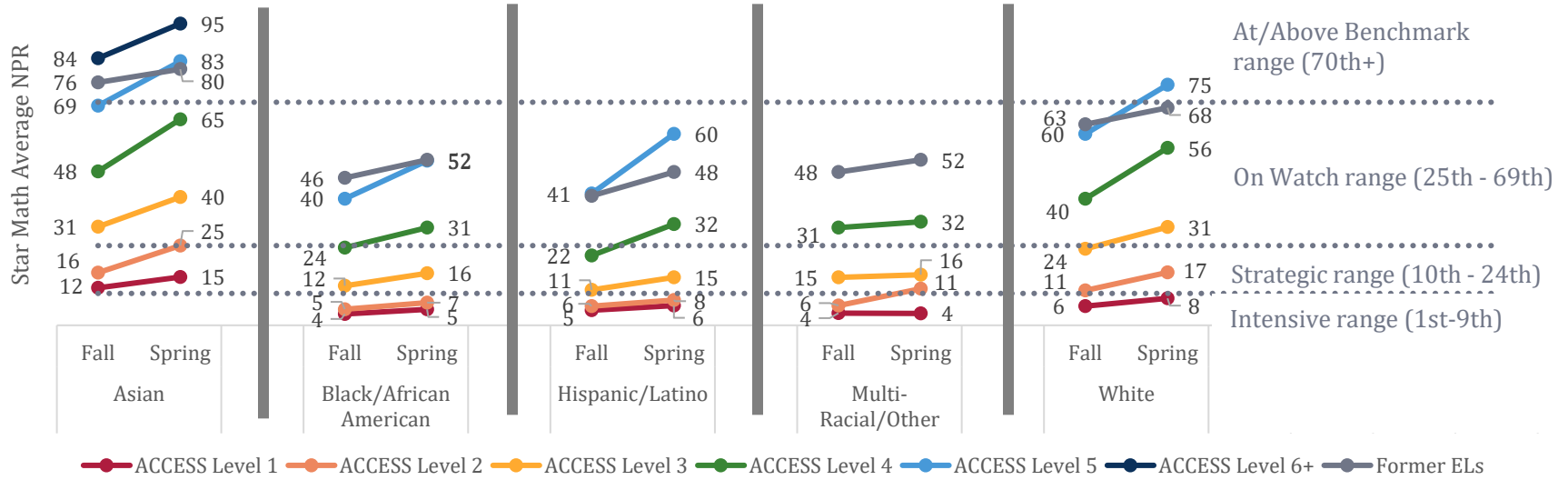
Student Group	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						Former ELs
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	
Asian	Fall	630	886	530	1,017	258	32	1,606
	Spring	702	822	439	954	239	32	1,259
Black/African American	Fall	195	330	199	209	25	3	224
	Spring	208	283	157	188	24	3	165
Hispanic/Latinx	Fall	2,584	2,502	1,096	1,059	104	8	926
	Spring	2,799	2,328	888	953	94	7	690
Multi-Racial/Other	Fall	27	54	49	56	8	1	120
	Spring	28	41	37	47	8	1	88
White	Fall	525	642	309	462	103	15	426
	Spring	618	566	227	414	99	14	320

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

On average, Asian Former ELs scored in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math in both fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Figure B6). In comparison, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Multi-Racial/Other, and White former ELs stayed, on average, in the On Watch on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows. The average performance of Former ELs is roughly equivalent to students who scored in ACCESS Level 5.



Figure B6. Average Star Math NPR performance by student race/ethnicity



Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 13, 2023

Note: See Table B11 for NPR values. See Table B12 for the number of students in each student group in each window.

Table B11. Average Star Math NPR performance by student race/ethnicity

Student Group	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						Former ELs
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	
Asian	Fall	12	16	31	48	69	84	76
	Spring	15	25	40	65	83	95	80
Black/African American	Fall	4	5	12	24	40	Sup	46
	Spring	5	7	16	31	52	Sup	52
Hispanic/Latinx	Fall	5	6	11	22	41	Sup	41
	Spring	6	8	15	32	60	Sup	48
Multi-Racial/Other	Fall	4	6	15	31	Sup	Sup	48
	Spring	4	11	16	32	Sup	Sup	52
White	Fall	6	11	24	40	60	Sup	63
	Spring	8	17	31	56	75	Sup	68

**Note:** The average NPR values reported in this table are the same as those in Figure B6. Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group and are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR.

Table B12. Number of students by student race/ethnicity who took Star Math in each testing window

Student Group	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						Former ELs
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	
Asian	Fall	318	629	475	961	256	32	1,543
	Spring	496	688	434	942	244	32	1,268
Black/African American	Fall	162	296	182	209	26	3	212
	Spring	203	278	154	200	25	3	153
Hispanic/Latinx	Fall	1,652	2,100	1,029	999	104	9	896
	Spring	2,019	1,919	887	955	103	8	652
Multi-Racial/Other	Fall	19	51	49	48	8	1	111
	Spring	22	43	44	47	7	1	89
White	Fall	306	509	262	438	99	15	410
	Spring	526	475	236	412	101	14	303

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22.

On average, Chinese (Mandarin)- and Russian-speaking Former ELs scored in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Reading in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows, whereas Arabic-, Portuguese-, and Spanish-speaking former ELs scored in the On Watch range on Star Reading in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Table B13).

Table B13. Average Star Reading NPR performance by top 14 home languages

Student Group	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	Former ELs
Albanian	Fall	9	5	7	29	Sup	Sup	46
	Spring	20	10	11	35	Sup	Sup	47
Arabic	Fall	5	4	8	17	28	Sup	38
	Spring	7	6	11	25	36	Sup	37
Chinese (Mandarin)	Fall	8	7	10	25	42	57	52
	Spring	13	13	17	36	54	71	55
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	Fall	9	7	14	23	Sup	Sup	45
	Spring	10	15	18	33	Sup	Sup	47
French	Fall	Sup	2	7	19	Sup	N/A	42
	Spring	Sup	2	8	16	Sup	N/A	42
Haitian Creole	Fall	2	3	9	14	Sup	N/A	Sup
	Spring	4	6	14	32	Sup	N/A	Sup
Khmer	Fall	3	5	7	23	Sup	N/A	37
	Spring	6	8	9	23	Sup	N/A	35
Pashto	Fall	4	3	6	18	Sup	N/A	37
	Spring	5	5	12	23	Sup	N/A	35
Portuguese	Fall	2	2	7	17	32	N/A	34
	Spring	3	3	8	21	47	N/A	34
Russian	Fall	4	4	8	21	36	Sup	48
	Spring	4	9	14	33	56	Sup	47
Spanish	Fall	2	3	6	16	39	Sup	29
	Spring	4	4	8	21	49	Sup	30
Tajik	Fall	2	4	7	20	Sup	Sup	42
	Spring	4	13	13	25	Sup	Sup	45
Uzbek	Fall	4	4	10	16	Sup	N/A	36
	Spring	7	9	14	25	Sup	N/A	41
Vietnamese	Fall	4	4	9	21	Sup	N/A	47
	Spring	5	8	17	31	Sup	N/A	48

Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

Note: Cells with *Sup* (suppressed) have fewer than 20 students in the group and are excluded from analyses. Cells with N/A have no students in the group and thus no NPR. See Table B14 for numbers of students in each cell.

Table B14. Number of students by the top 14 home languages of students who took Star Reading in each testing window

Student Group	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	Former ELs
Albanian	Fall	25	30	19	52	13	1	65
	Spring	27	27	16	48	13	1	48
Arabic	Fall	164	222	138	182	28	2	226
	Spring	159	196	109	162	27	2	171
Chinese (Mandarin)	Fall	215	261	156	423	157	25	701
	Spring	221	260	140	412	154	25	566
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	Fall	36	38	18	40	11	2	109
	Spring	33	37	16	36	11	2	92
French	Fall	18	59	36	40	12	0	34
	Spring	18	43	29	35	11	0	27
Haitian Creole	Fall	33	51	32	28	1	0	11
	Spring	38	41	24	26	1	0	9
Khmer	Fall	42	80	54	68	7	0	132
	Spring	44	68	47	65	6	0	96
Pashto	Fall	43	57	37	39	5	0	32
	Spring	57	48	25	34	3	0	25
Portuguese	Fall	537	380	114	149	21	0	70
	Spring	699	331	81	127	21	0	57
Russian	Fall	96	148	86	148	49	6	137
	Spring	147	129	69	127	43	6	102
Spanish	Fall	2,309	2,372	1,053	989	90	8	902
	Spring	2,430	2,216	857	897	81	7	676
Tajik	Fall	30	63	27	46	3	4	35
	Spring	42	58	16	36	2	3	27
Uzbek	Fall	47	86	39	64	18	0	33
	Spring	63	76	27	61	15	0	21
Vietnamese	Fall	61	89	60	109	17	0	245
	Spring	53	79	55	95	13	0	183

Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

Note: These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22 or the number of students for each cell in Table B13.

On average, Chinese (Mandarin)-speaking Former ELs scored in the At/Above Benchmark range on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows, whereas Arabic-, Portuguese-, and Spanish-speaking former ELs scored in the On Watch range on Star Math in the fall and spring 2021-22 assessment windows (Table B15).

Table B15. Average Star Math NPR performance by home language

Student Group	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	Former ELs
Albanian	Fall	4	30	29	50	Sup	Sup	72
	Spring	27	18	25	61	Sup	Sup	70
Arabic	Fall	7	8	19	33	46	Sup	55
	Spring	10	14	19	47	56	Sup	61
Chinese (Mandarin)	Fall	27	27	47	57	73	85	85
	Spring	43	41	56	73	87	95	87
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	Fall	19	38	32	56	Sup	Sup	80
	Spring	34	53	53	77	Sup	Sup	82
French	Fall	Sup	7	18	29	Sup	N/A	53
	Spring	Sup	16	30	25	Sup	N/A	62
Haitian Creole	Fall	3	4	16	25	Sup	N/A	Sup
	Spring	8	6	17	34	Sup	N/A	Sup
Khmer	Fall	4	8	18	38	Sup	N/A	54
	Spring	6	10	20	47	Sup	N/A	56
Pashto	Fall	3	8	19	27	Sup	N/A	63
	Spring	5	17	34	46	Sup	N/A	69
Portuguese	Fall	4	7	14	26	42	N/A	47
	Spring	5	9	15	37	58	N/A	53
Russian	Fall	21	17	32	45	67	Sup	69
	Spring	20	29	46	63	81	Sup	73
Spanish	Fall	5	6	11	22	42	Sup	39
	Spring	7	8	15	32	62	Sup	46
Tajik	Fall	7	7	29	33	Sup	Sup	70
	Spring	12	21	50	41	Sup	Sup	78
Uzbek	Fall	19	14	31	44	Sup	N/A	76
	Spring	18	26	42	59	Sup	N/A	77
Vietnamese	Fall	10	17	35	51	Sup	N/A	73
	Spring	14	22	40	65	Sup	N/A	77

Source: Qlik Academic Screeners App – Performance Details, data accessed January 11, 2023

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Table B16. Number of students by home language of students who took Star Math in each testing window

Student Group	Star Window	ACCESS Levels						
		1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6+	Former ELs
Albanian	Fall	9	21	15	47	12	1	62
	Spring	15	15	19	49	13	1	43
Arabic	Fall	85	190	118	172	28	2	211
	Spring	115	164	108	163	29	2	169
Chinese (Mandarin)	Fall	90	188	132	400	158	25	678
	Spring	120	210	138	410	157	25	588
Chinese (Yue/Cantonese)	Fall	14	19	13	37	12	2	106
	Spring	17	31	13	36	11	2	94
French	Fall	23	54	30	41	12	0	31
	Spring	20	54	26	38	11	0	23
Haitian Creole	Fall	31	50	31	31	1	0	11
	Spring	35	46	29	32	1	0	7
Khmer	Fall	22	66	55	66	7	0	121
	Spring	30	63	49	64	6	0	90
Pashto	Fall	24	47	34	32	5	0	31
	Spring	43	38	28	32	3	0	23
Portuguese	Fall	377	344	103	142	20	0	70
	Spring	780	329	82	135	21	0	59
Russian	Fall	50	96	74	131	48	6	133
	Spring	117	104	70	125	45	6	97
Spanish	Fall	1,471	1,981	996	935	91	9	874
	Spring	1,570	1,800	859	894	90	8	630
Tajik	Fall	12	34	22	43	3	4	36
	Spring	38	47	19	33	1	3	25
Uzbek	Fall	23	49	33	66	17	0	32
	Spring	38	56	28	62	15	0	21
Vietnamese	Fall	46	78	54	104	14	0	237
	Spring	41	67	50	88	14	0	189

**Note:** These are the numbers of students in each ACCESS level group who were tested in each window in 2021-22, or the number of students for each cell in Table B15.