

Department of Student Services

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Student Services & Wraparound Supports in APS

- 📍 The Location
- 💼 The Work
- 👥 The People
- 🤝 The Partners



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The APS Student & Family Support Hub

- The APS Student and Family Support Hub is officially open for Student Registration, Student Records, and Discipline Hearings.
- Local organizations can also sign-up in SchoolDude to offer programming for our students and families.
- The Hub store is accepting donations, and the Goodr grocery store is starting construction soon!



Road to the Hub



Idea

This work started in August of 2023 with an idea that we could do better for our students and families. Our current set-up just wasn't working anymore.



Construction

We spent almost a year working on a total renovation and re-creation of the current space.



Stakeholder Engagement

The Student Services team held several stakeholder engagement sessions to help construct a building that met the complex needs of our community.



Opening and Engaging

Ribbon cutting and 6 open houses are complete! School Dude is available for scheduling events, services, and programming. Individual tours and meetings continue to be set-up.



Get Involved Today!

Programs, Events, & Services

Get on our schedule! We welcome small and large programs, events, and services for evenings and weekends at the Hub. Reserve today in SchoolDude.

Donations

We are seeking donations from the store on our Amazon wish list or drop off new items from 8:30-4:30 daily.

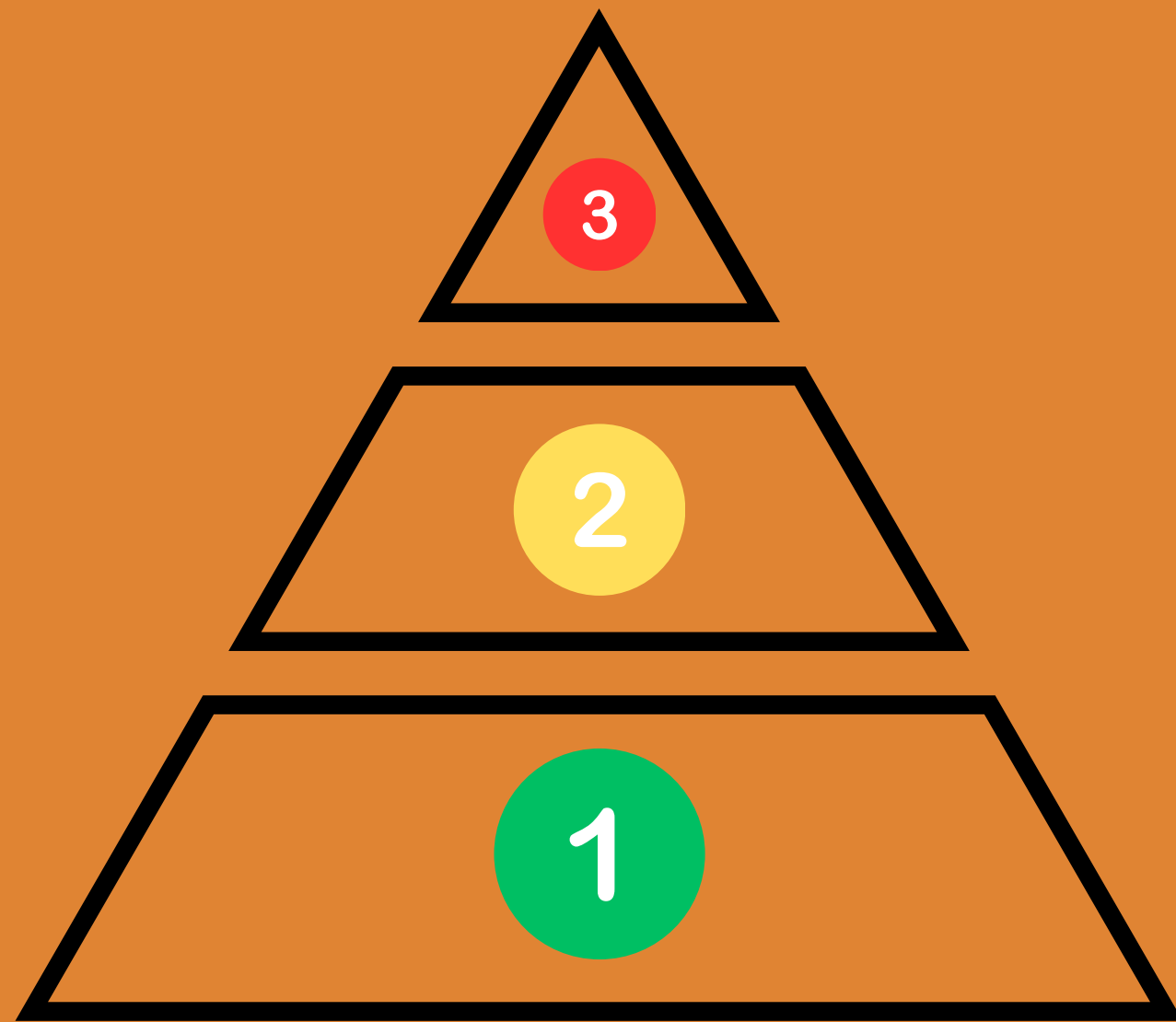
Volunteering

Once we are up and running in the store we will need steady volunteers. Stay tuned on social media!



Multi-Tiered System of Supports

Academics, Behavior, Attendance, & Mental Health



Multi-level: GaMTSS includes three tiers. The purpose or intent of the tiers is not to categorize students; instead, it is a prevention model to establish a continuum of supports including high quality core instruction and evidence-based interventions. Tier 1 provides academic, behavior, and wellbeing support for 100% of students. Interventions and supports delivered in the Advanced Tiers are designed to meet the needs of about 20% of students through the implementation of targeted groups at Tier 2 and individualized student interventions at Tier 3.

Prevention: GaMTSS is grounded in the premise that focusing on prevention is better than waiting and responding to problems as they arise. Decision guidelines support preventative decision making by helping educators determine the most efficient approach for addressing challenges. For example, a district or school may create a Tier 1 decision guideline stating 80% of students should be reading at grade level.





Behavior Summary

SY2024-2025

Data as of: 10/23/2024 7:24:50 PM

School Year SY2024-2025
Cluster All
Race Short All
SPED All
Grade All
Gender All

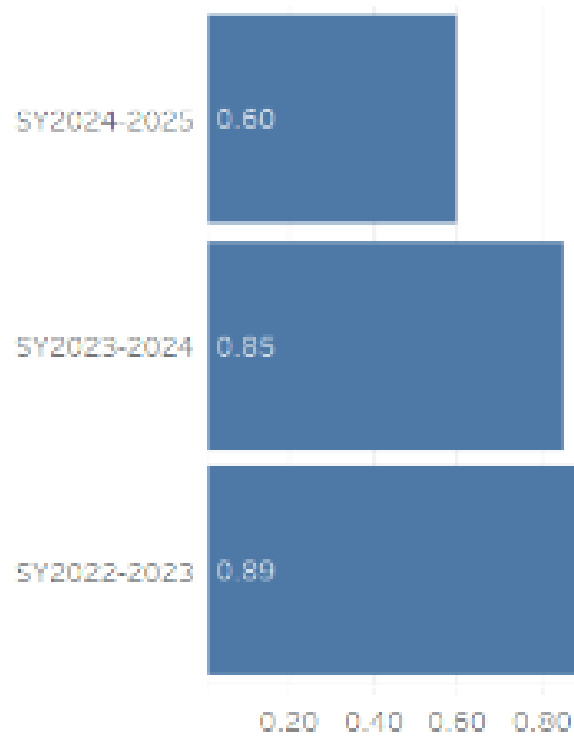
Total Students
49,956
Total Active Students
48,661

2,087 (4.2%) students with OSS Day(s)

Incidents by Time and Day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before 8AM	19	31	26	27	12
8AM-10AM	219	240	339	237	226
10AM-12PM	204	245	296	204	184
12PM-2PM	261	322	353	295	237
2PM-4PM	339	312	374	326	221
After 4PM	96	101	218	152	78

Suspension Rate



Suspension Total Student Counts

	General Ed.	SPED
>10 Days OSS	47	21
10 Days OSS	79	8
9 Days OSS	6	2
8 Days OSS	19	2
7 Days OSS	30	7
6 Days OSS	51	12
5 Days OSS	112	35
4 Days OSS	107	27
3 Days OSS	362	71
2 Days OSS	372	142
1 Day OSS	438	134
0 Days OSS	2,197	386

Incident Status



Incidents by Student

45,421 (90.9%) students with 0 Incidents
2,967 (5.9%) students with 1 Incident
1,257 (2.5%) students with 2 to 3 Incidents
446 (0.9%) students with 4+ Incidents

Incidents by Gender

2,424 Incidents involving F
4,081 Incidents involving M
4 Incidents involving N

Incidents by Grade

KK	158 Incidents
01	155 Incidents
02	121 Incidents
03	180 Incidents
04	232 Incidents
05	255 Incidents
06	577 Incidents
07	574 Incidents
08	685 Incidents
09	1,282 Incidents
10	1,002 Incidents
11	783 Incidents
12	534 Incidents

Top 10 Events

927 7C.1 Insubordination
497 9G.2 Fighting
432 7C.2 Insubordination
418 3C.1 Tardy
313 3B.1 Skipping
290 7H.2 Class/School Disruption
268 **TEACHER REFERRAL**
263 9C. 2 Battery
207 7H.1 Class/School Disruption
172 9G.1 Fighting

Top 10 Resolutions

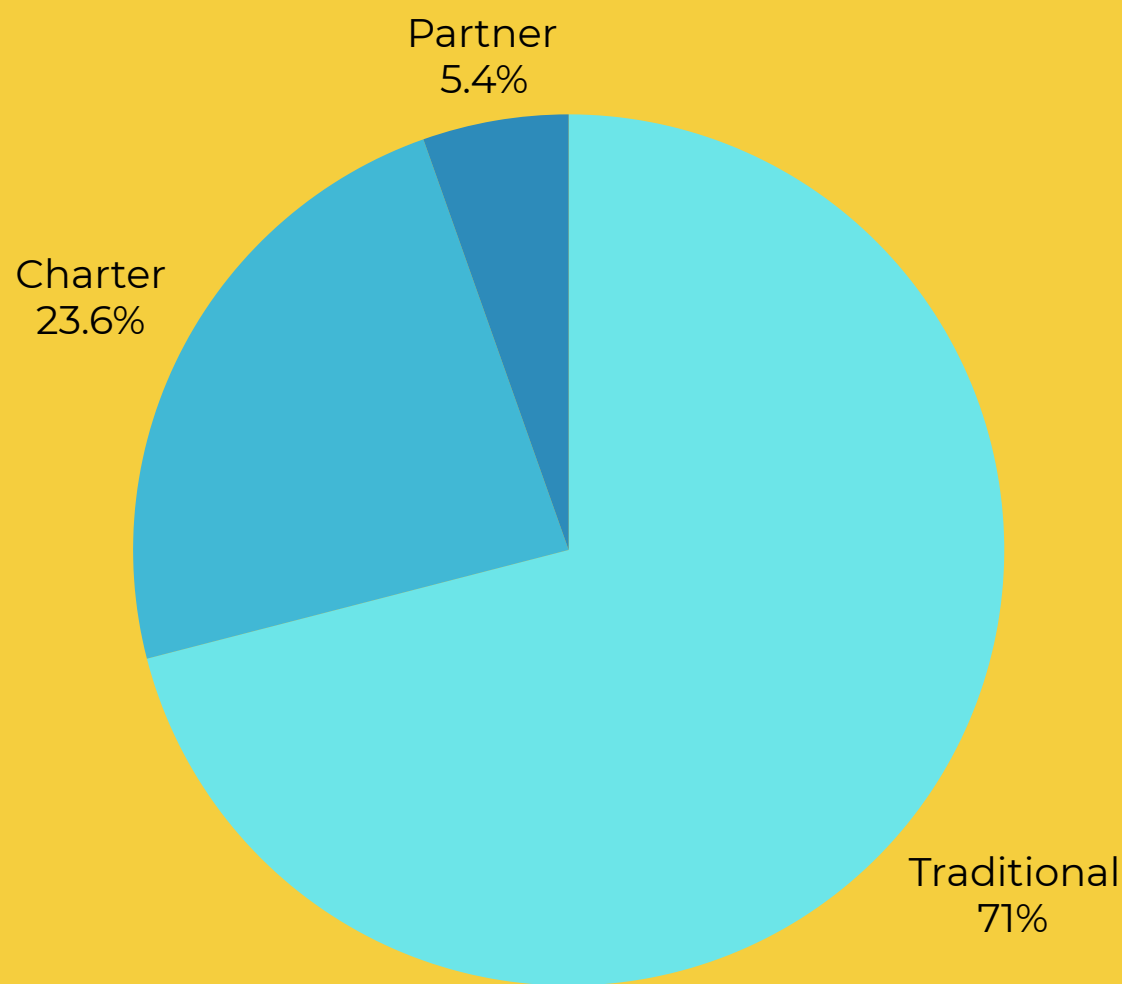
1,806 22. OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION
907 07. VERBAL WARNING
795 21. IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION
417 14. ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION INTERVENTION
397 19. DETENTION < 2 DAYS
380 05. PARENT CONFERENCE
299 18. DETENTION
260 01. CONTINUATION OF ACTION
197 02. TEACHER INTERVENTION
156 23. OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION/DISCIPLIN

Top 10 Locations

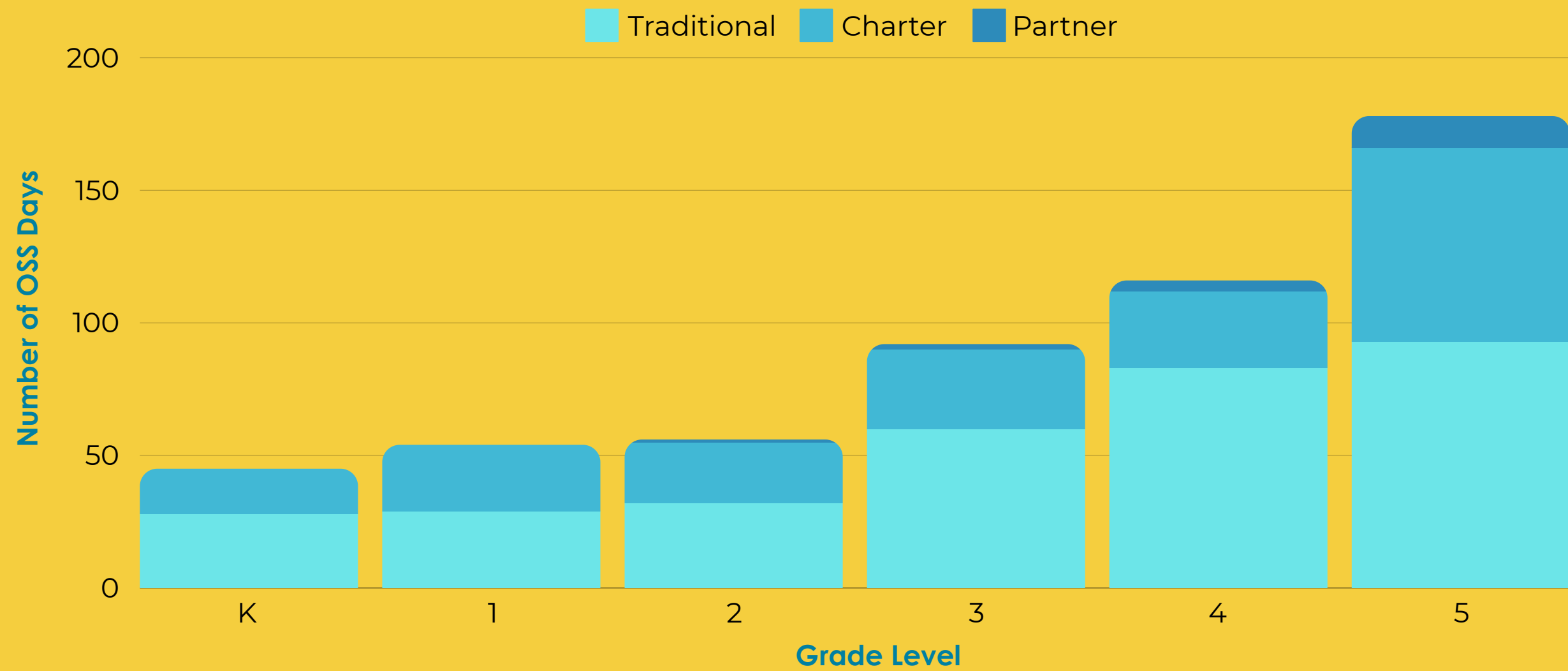
2,456 Incidents in Classroom
1,563 Incidents in Hallway
964 Incidents in Other
428 Incidents in Cafeteria
265 Incidents in Restroom
251 Incidents in Bus
163 Incidents in Gymnasium
114 Incidents in Playground
88 Incidents in Office
28 Incidents in Parking Lot



Elementary School Enrollment % and Elementary OSS Days

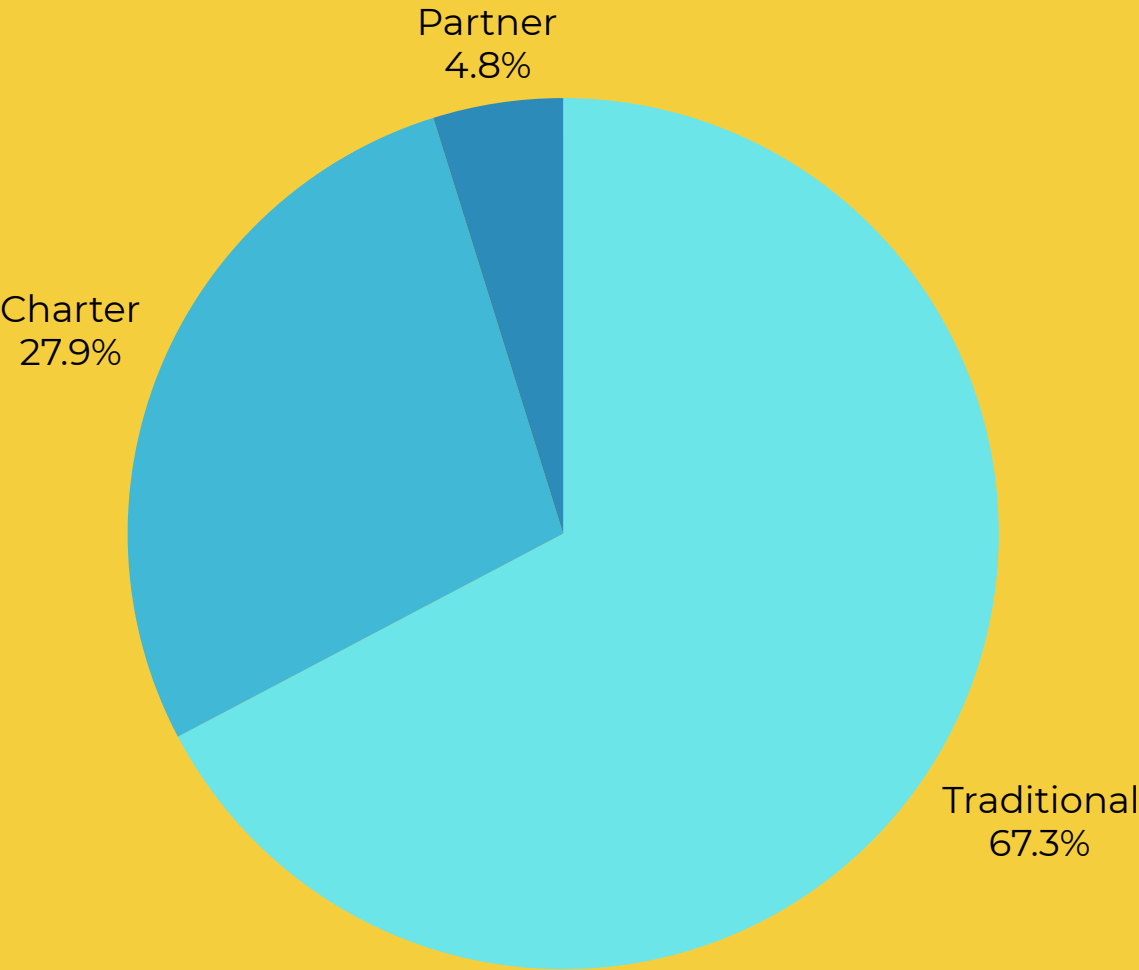


Elementary School Enrollment by School Type

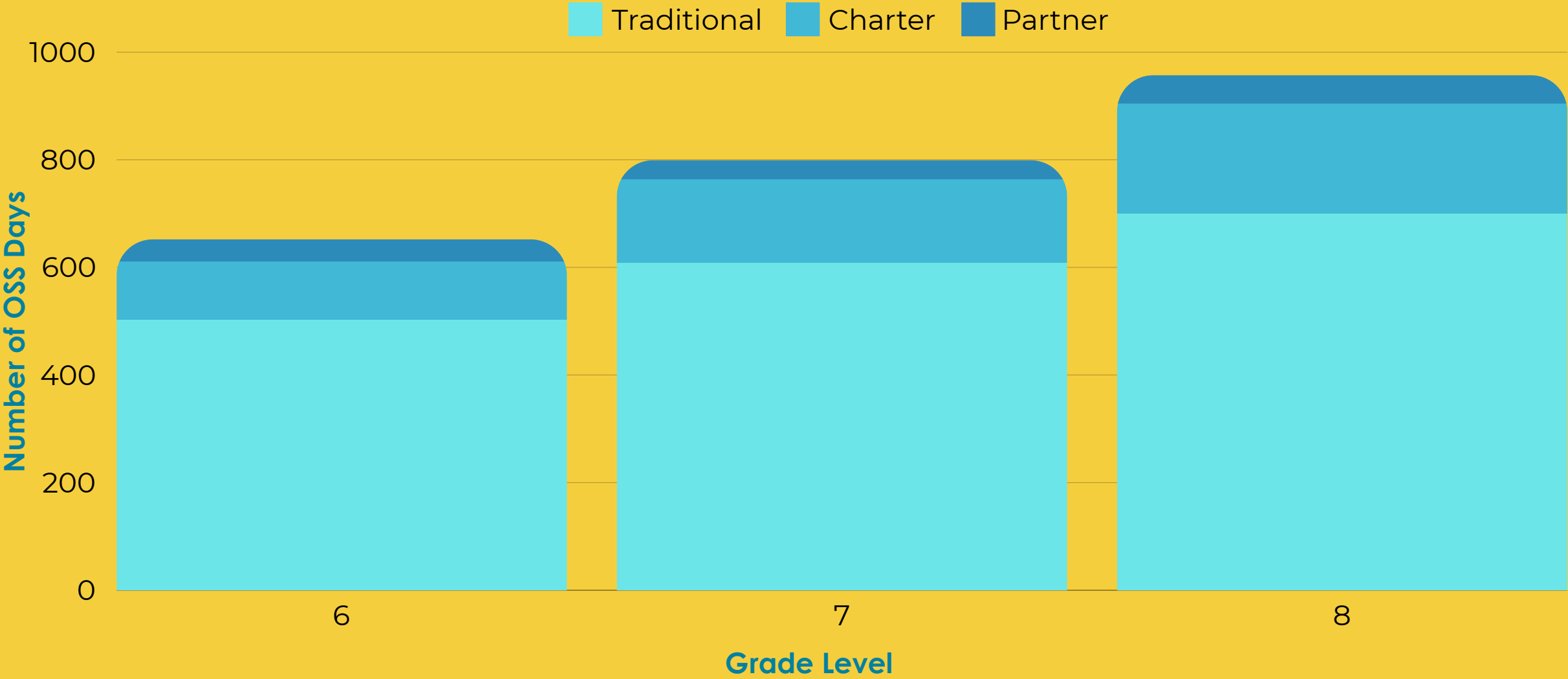


Elementary School OSS by School Type

Middle School Enrollment % and Middle OSS Days

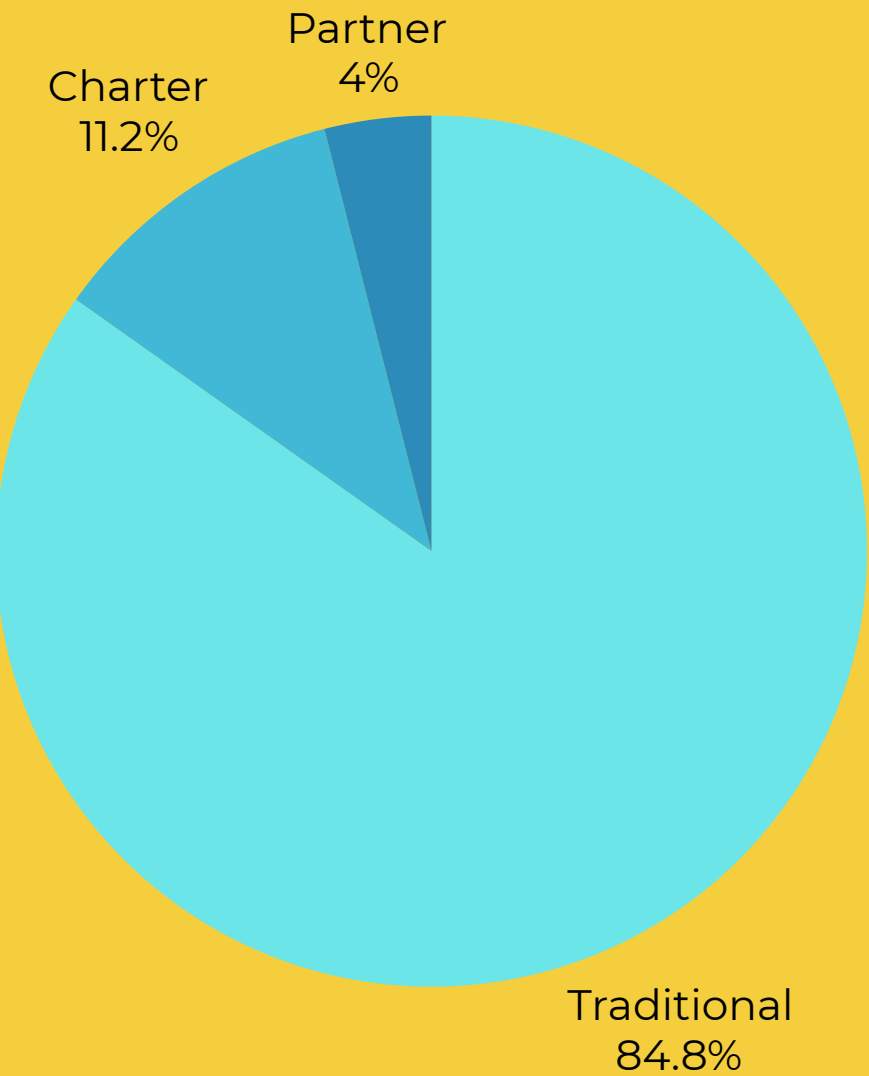


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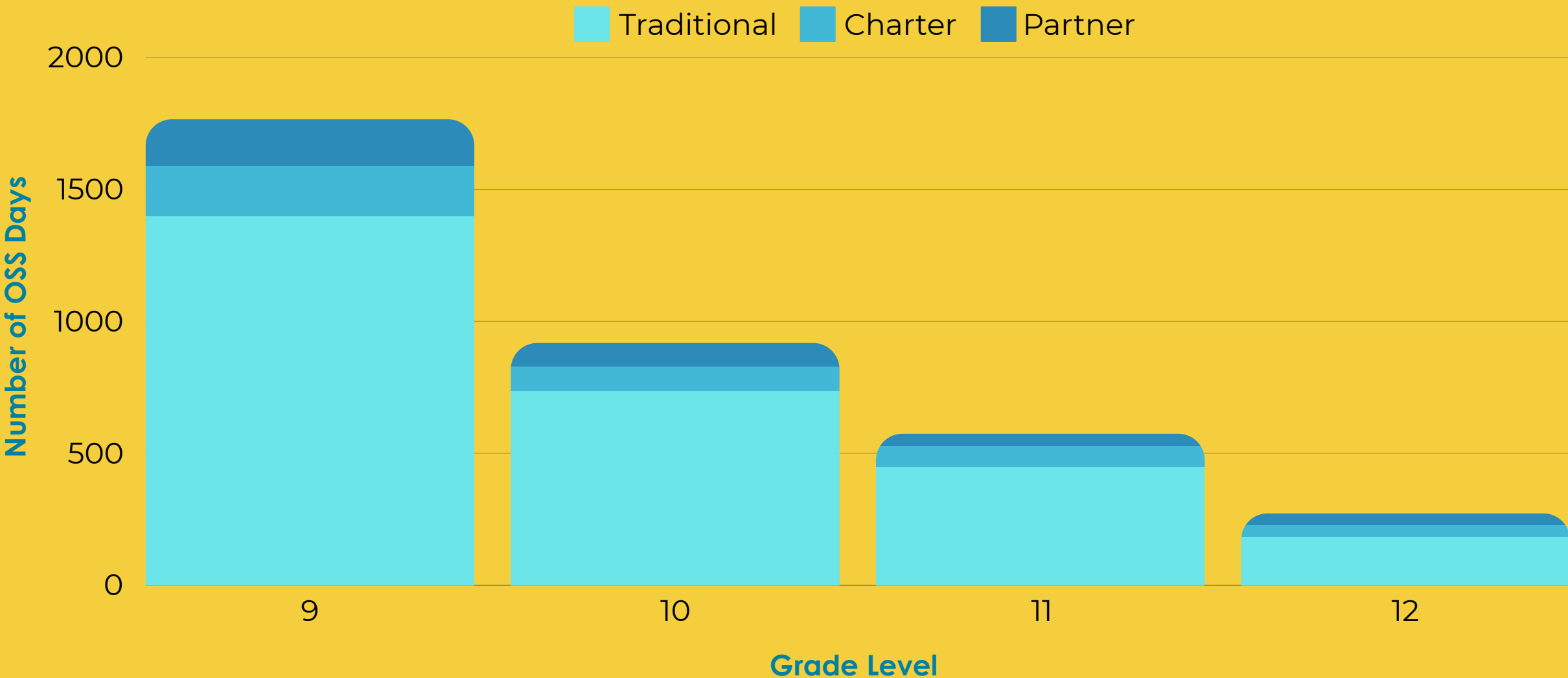


Middle School OSS by School Type

High School Enrollment % and High OSS Days

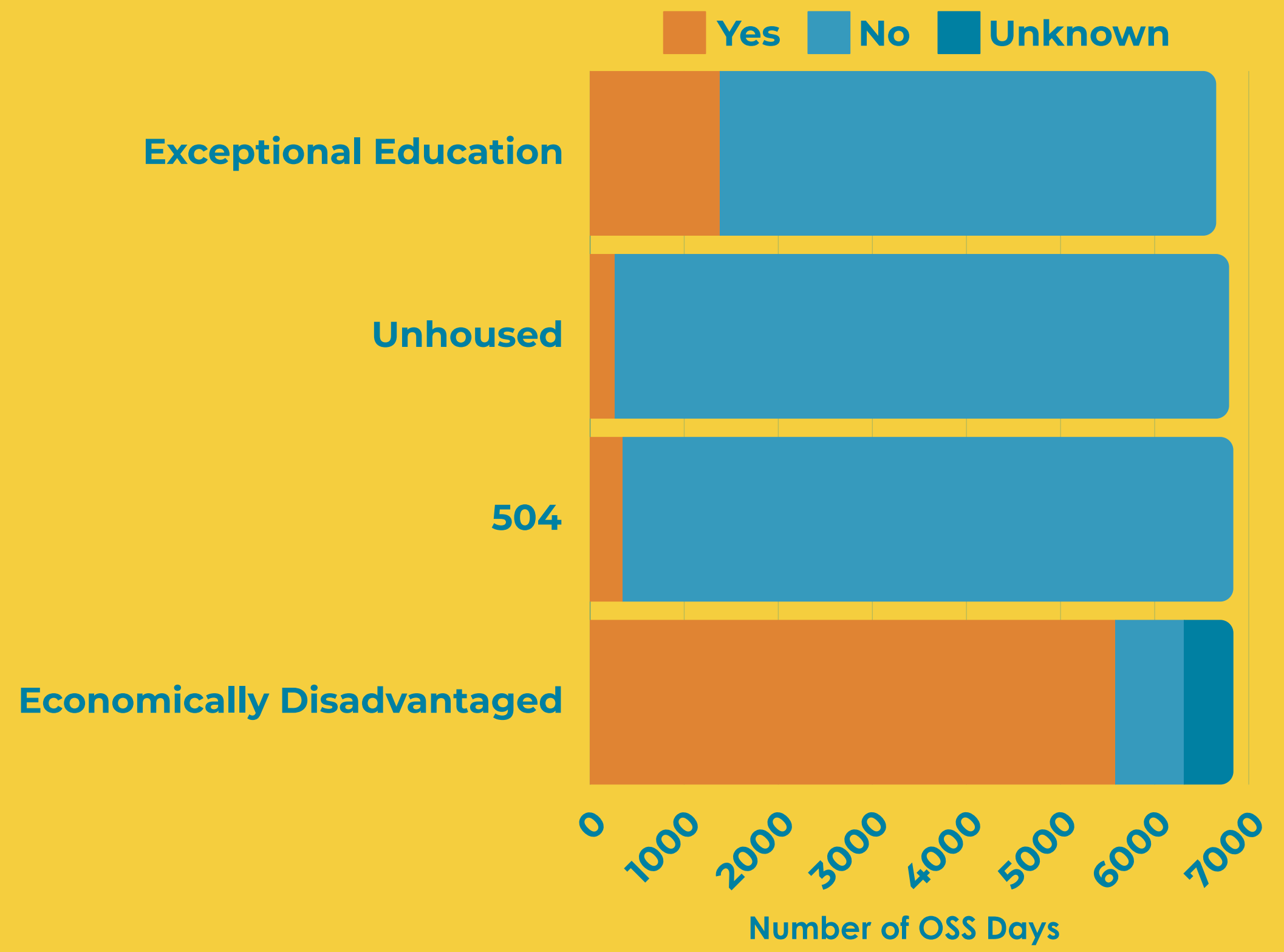
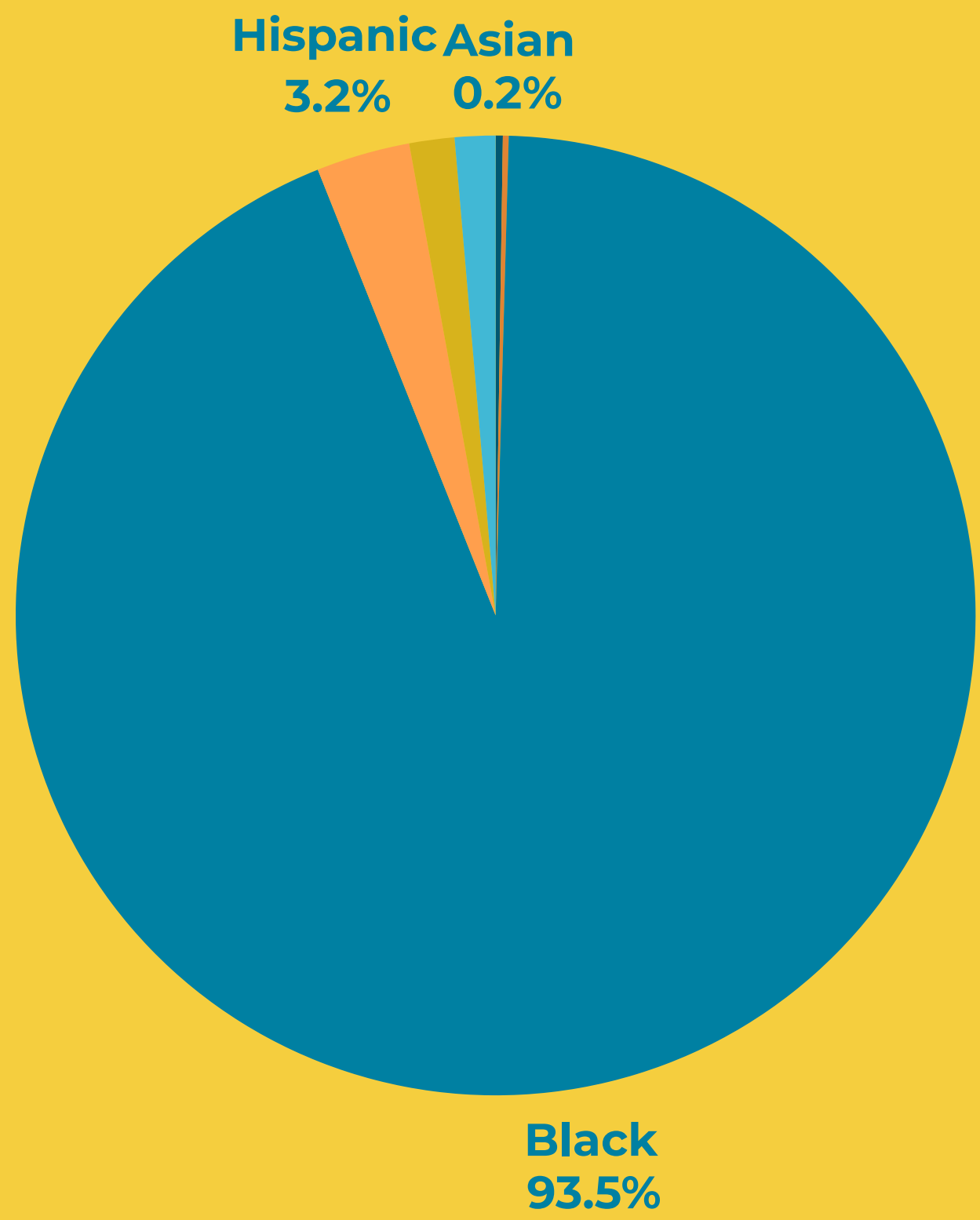


High School Enrollment by School Type

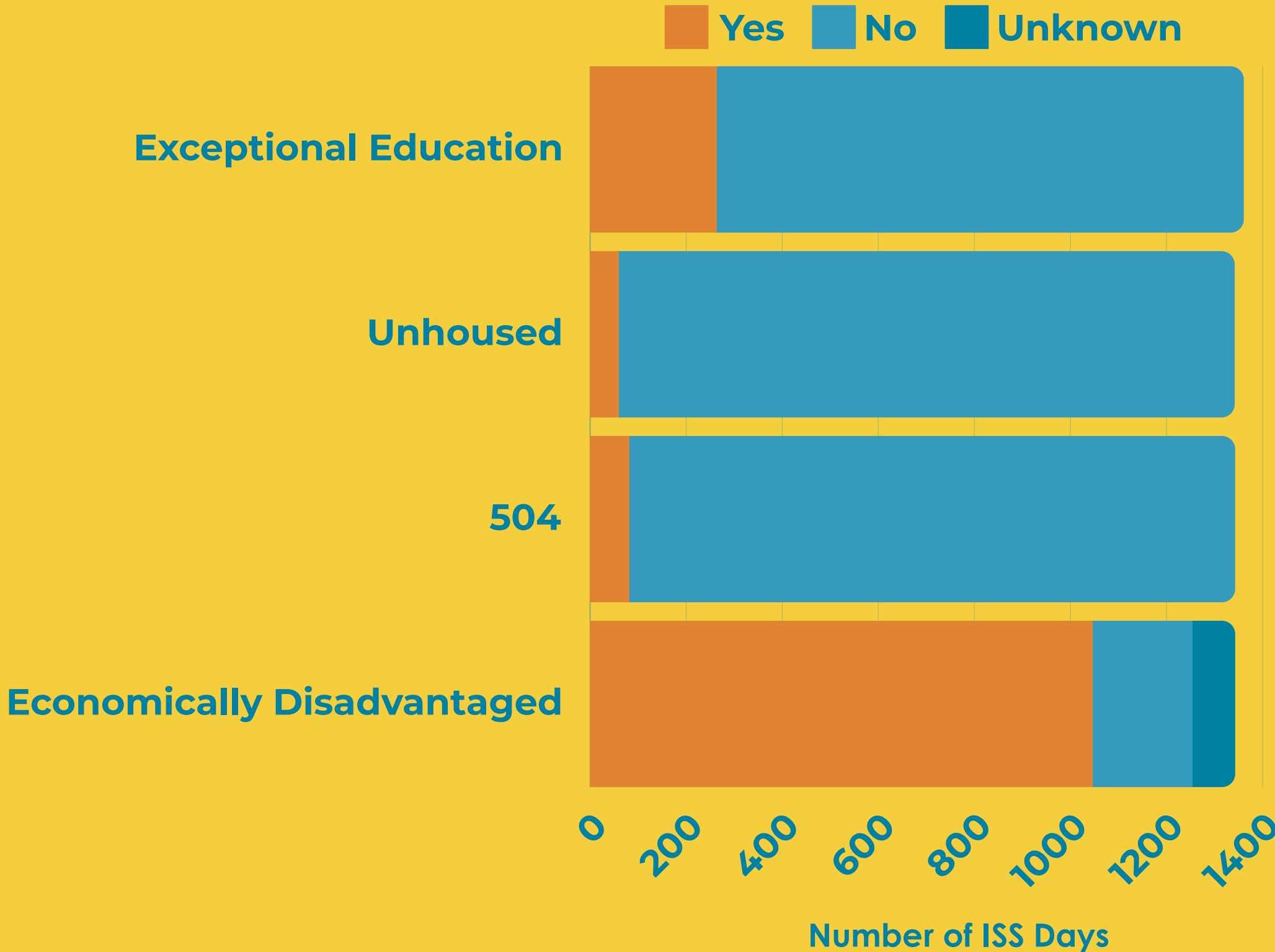
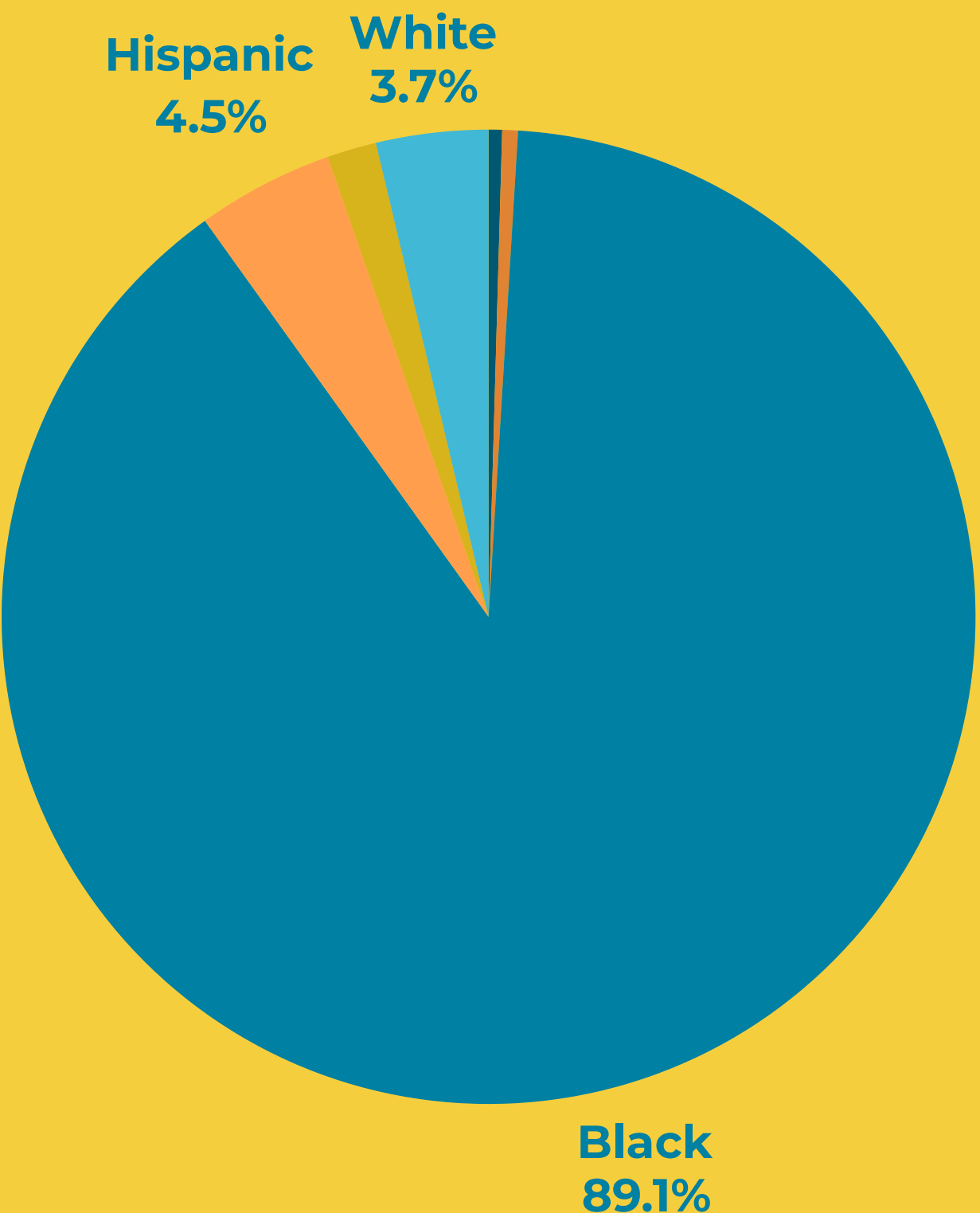


High School OSS by School Type

% of OSS Days by Race and # of Days by Subgroup



% of ISS Days by Race and # of Days by Subgroup





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Behavior



Tier 1

We currently have 17 schools in APS implementing PBIS with a designation from the GADOE. The state is undergoing a restructuring combining MTSS and PBIS. APS was already moving in this direction and we are looking forward to continuing to learn more. Schools can also access Restorative Practice training, classroom management training, and de-escalation training.



Tier 2

APS has a vetted menu of Tier 2 interventions to develop student's individual behavior intervention plans. Schools also have a vetted menu of small-group skill building programs.



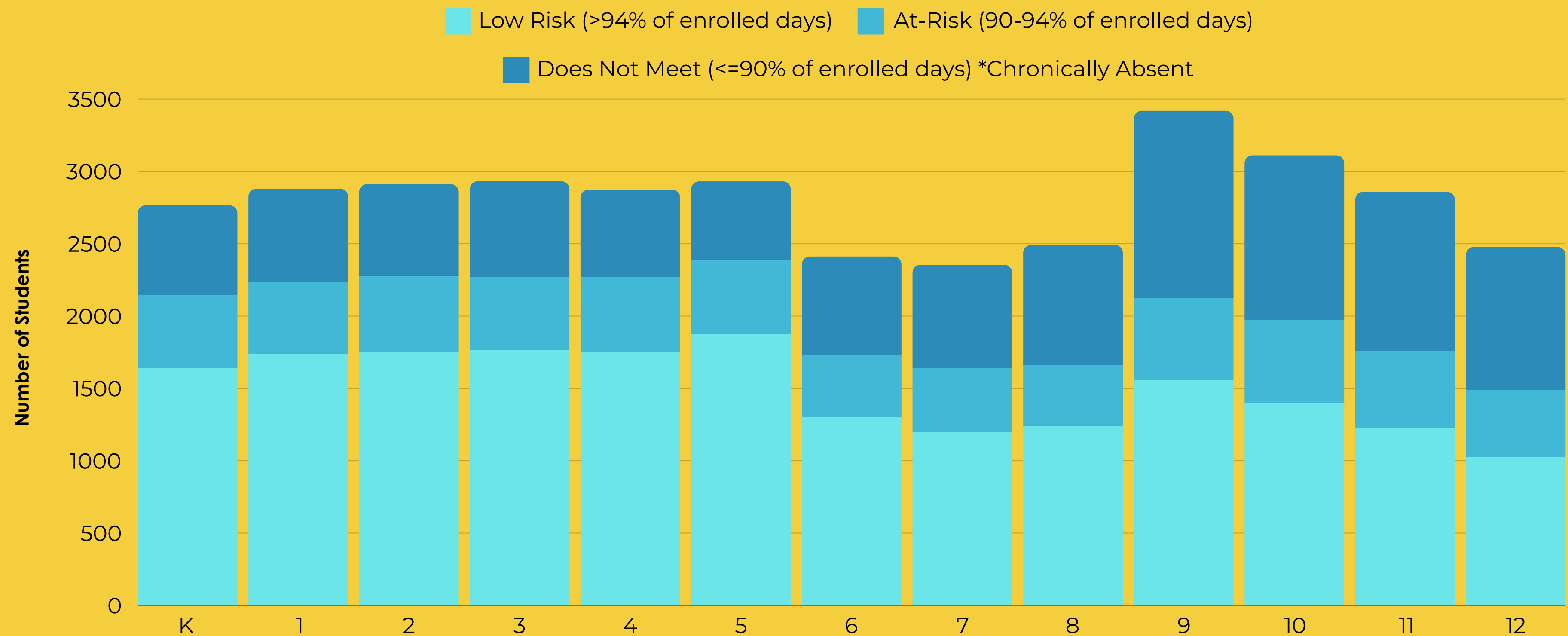
Tier 3

APS has two Board Certified Behavior Analysts that support students with individual function-based intervention plans.

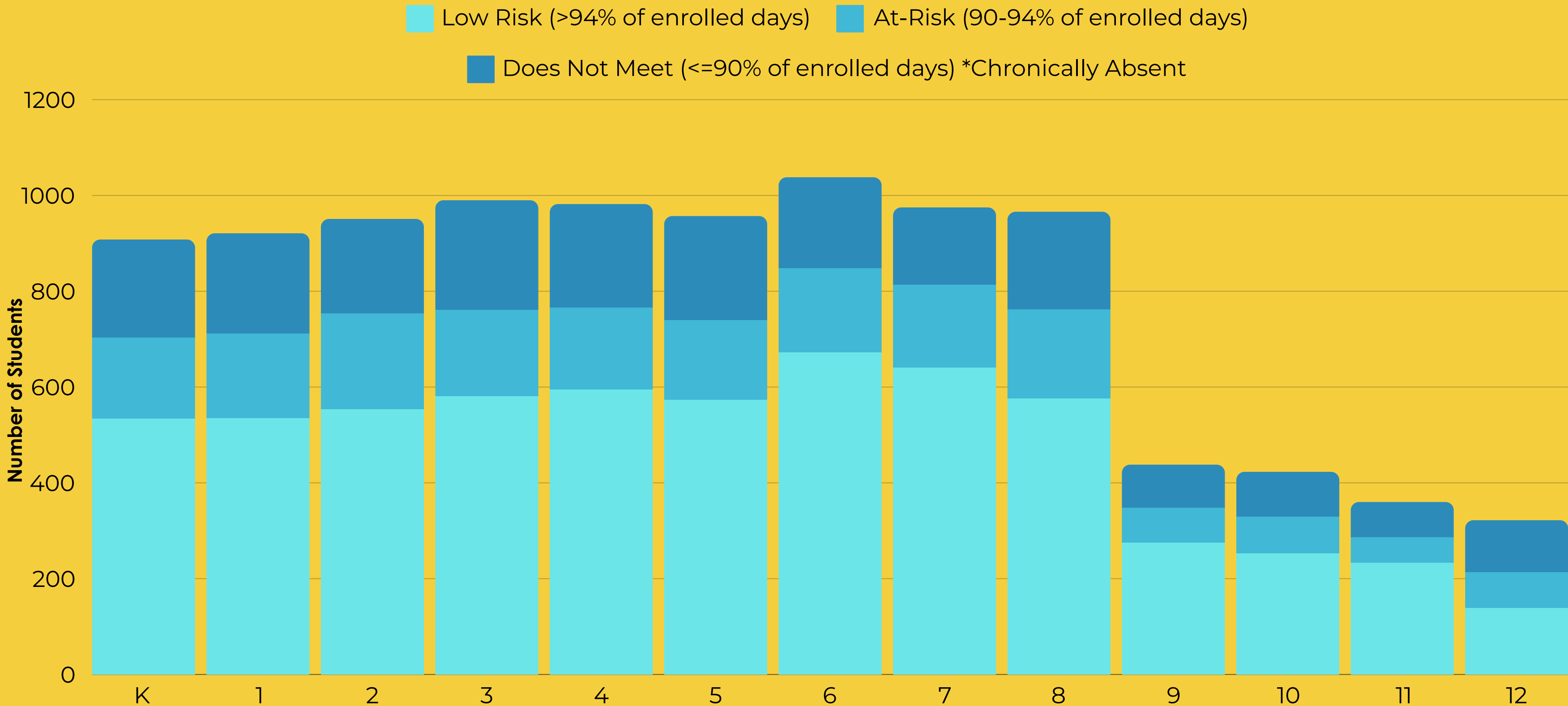
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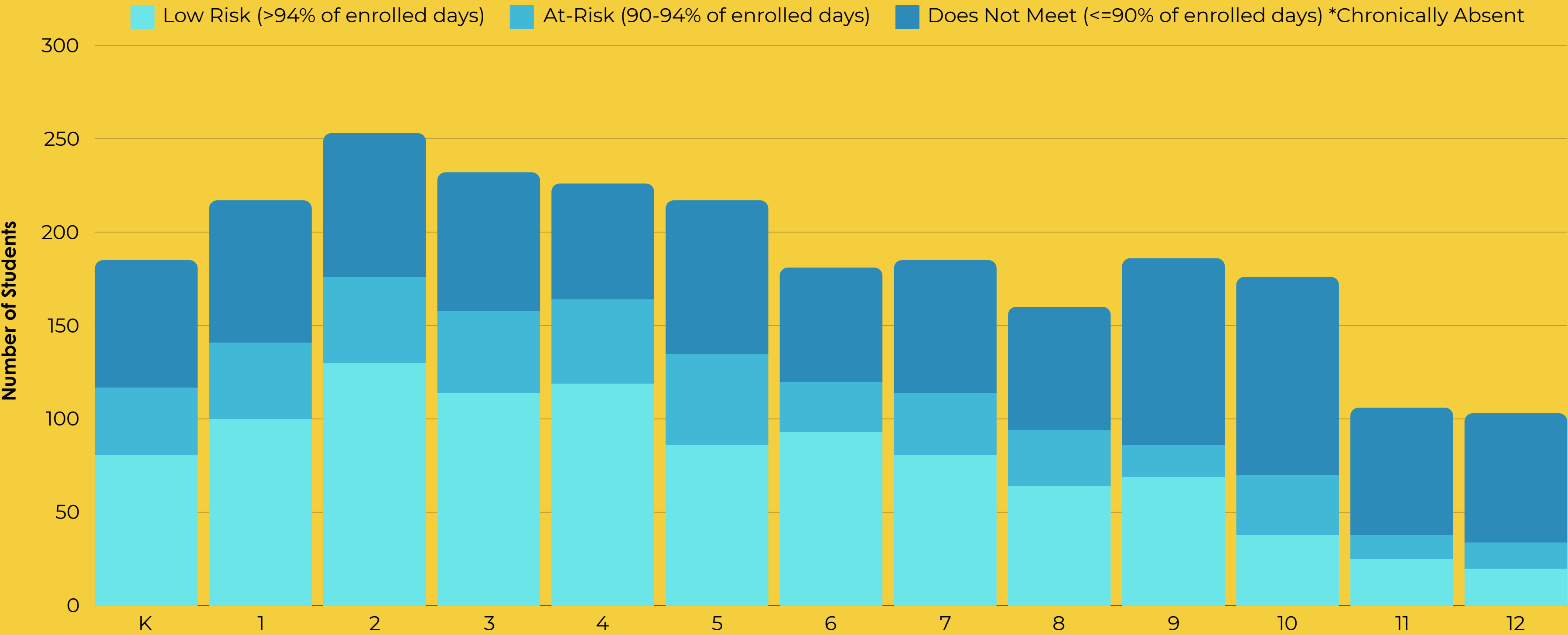
Attendance Risk Level by Grade (Traditional Schools)



Attendance Risk Level by Grade (Charter Schools)



Attendance Risk Level by Grade (Partner Schools)





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Attendance



Tier 1

Attendance awareness campaigns take place throughout the year at the school and district level. It is important that schools remain vigilant with supporting attendance with a proactive approach.



Tier 2

APS launched Everyday Intervention to send both personalized letters and text messages to students that are absent for a certain percentage of days. Students struggling with attendance are also supported with interventions and supports as determined by the Whole Child/MTSS Team.



Tier 3

The School Social Work team case manages students that are determined to be significantly chronically absent. We also work with Solicitor General's Office for the SEEDS program to address educational neglect. APS continues to work with TIP and Fulton County Truancy Court.





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Mental Health

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Tier 1

We have several events and campaigns throughout the year. Our student services teams at the school level have various approaches to “breaking the stigma” associated with mental health. APS also has several tools to notify staff of students that are struggling such as Securly, Say Something Anonymous Reporting System, and Paper. STARS Support for schools experiencing a death or crisis. Student Services has also rolled out our Threat Assessment process.

2

Tier 2

APS School Counselors, School Social Workers, and School Psychologists have been provided with a vetted list of small-group skill building programs to utilize with the specific students. These programs are relatively inexpensive and the work can take place in a variety of settings.

3

Tier 3

Every school in APS has a mental health provider on campus. Some schools also have a clinical therapist on staff.

[Mental Health Partners and Supports](#)

Direct Supports Provided by: MTSS, School Counseling, School Social Work, and Psychological Services



Mental Health Providers YTD

Chris180	Family Ties	Pathways	Access Mental Health	GA Hope	UnderDue
169 Students	176 Students	162 Students	16 Students	13 Students	17 Students
BAMO BEST Boyd Burgess Peterson Carver EC Dunbar Finch Douglass 9th STEAM Douglass HS HJ Russell Hank Aaron Hollis Academy M.A. Jones Midtown HS Phoenix Scott TAG Usher-Collier Washington HS	Bunche MS Deerwood Dobbs Harper-Archer ES Heritage Academy Hutchinson John Lewis Long MS Maynard Jackson Mays Perkerson Peyton Forest South Atlanta Sylvan Young	Benteen Bolton Burgess Peterson E. Rivers Garden Hills Hope-Hill ES Howard MS Jackson ES King MS Mary Lin ES Morningside ES Morris Brandon North Atlanta Parkside Sarah Smith Sutton Toomer Virginia Highlands	Beecher Hills Cascade Cleveland Ave CSK F.L. Stanton West Manor	Continental Colony Humphries Springdale Park	Fickett Miles Therrell





Department of Student Services

- Office of Student Discipline
- School Counseling Department
- Psychological Services Department
- School Social Work Department
- Multi-Tiered System of Support Department
- Health Services Department



Key Collaborators

- Department of Student Records and Student Assignment
- Department of Family Engagement
- APS Partnerships Department
- Atlanta Partners for Education
- Social and Emotional Learning Department
- Exceptional Education Department

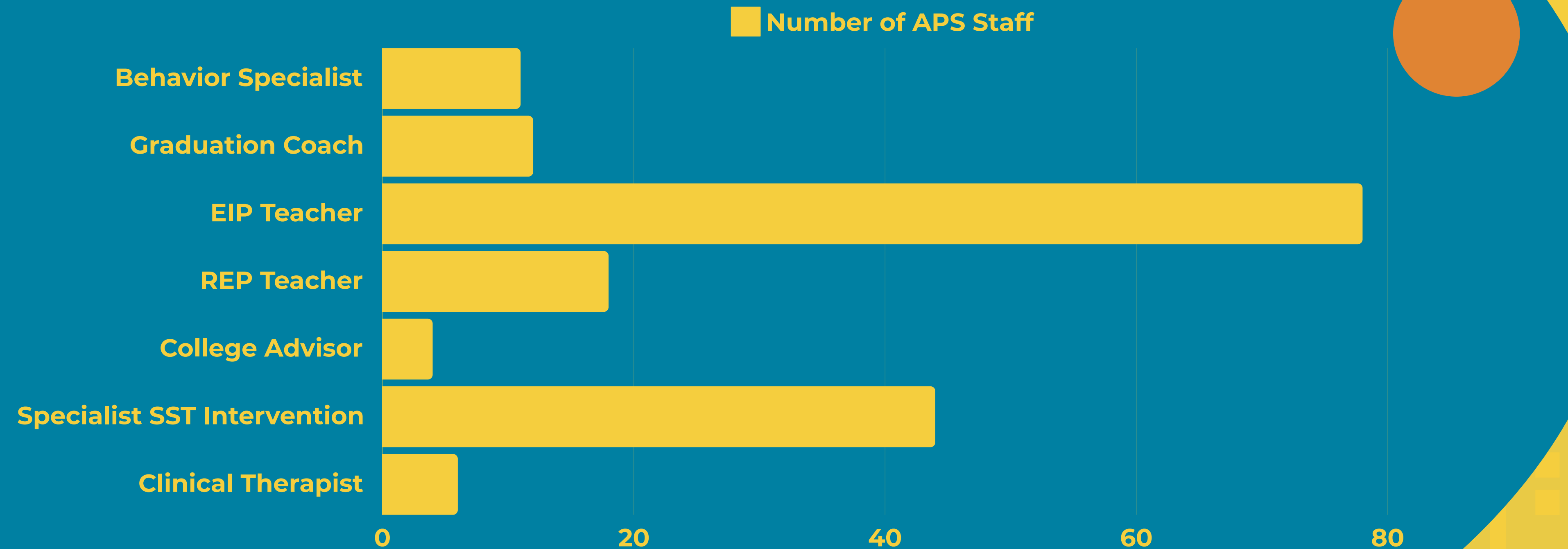


Student Services Staffing Levels

	APS Ratio	National Recommended Ratio	Other Relevant Information
School Counselors	1:328	1:250	17 schools are above the state recommended ratio of 1:450 and 50 schools are above the national recommended ratio of 1:250
School Social Workers	1:521	1:250	APS has committed (2022-2023) to at least 1.0 SSW per school
School Psychologists	1:927*	1:500	*School Psychologists also serve our APS Charter and Partner Schools
School Nurse	1:537	1:750	APS has committed to 1.0 School Nurse per school



School-Level Student Services Staff



Key Partners/Vendors



Reach

The program is launching in 4 schools to support our students in a group format. Students will learn skills in the area of conflict resolution, financial literacy, goal-setting and vision casting, leadership, etc.

Approximate number of student served: 120



Communities in Schools

CIS uses a tiered-model to support students in 16 APS Schools. The program provides small group support as well as case management support.

Approximate number of students served: 800



Big Brothers & Big Sisters

The level-up future focused mentoring system is in 4 APS middle schools. This program puts full-time mentors in our schools to support students.

Approximate number of students served: 1,200



Achieve Atlanta

Achieve Atlanta supports APS high school students with college access and college success. They also provide the Achieve Atlanta Scholarship.

Achieve Atlanta supports all APS High School Students



Thrive/Odyssey

The Thrive University program is currently in 6 APS schools. The program utilizes the evidence-based Positive Action curriculum and is funded by a federal grant provided by the Department of Justice.

Approximate number of students served: 90



100 Black Men

100 Black Men of Atlanta primarily supports BEST Academy. They also mentor about 100 annually across several high schools, including Mays and Washington.



Key Partners/Vendors



Goodr

Goodr has an existing free grocery store at Young Middle School and will be opening an additional store at the APS Hub in the coming months.



Vision to Learn

In SY2025 Vision to learn conducted 440 exams and provided 331 glasses for both traditional and partners schools. They are scheduled to serve 2 additional traditional schools SY2025. Vision to Learn will also be available at the APS Hub for several dates this summer open to ANY APS student with an appointment.



Lions Lighthouse

Lions Lighthouse serves APS traditional and charter/partner schools. For SY 2025 from August- October Lions Lighthouse screened 2330 students, provided 444 exams, 348 total glasses produced and in stages of delivery for students. Lions also provided 147 vouchers. students at schools.



Atlanta Community Food Bank

The Atlanta Community Food Bank supports several schools with distribution events, backpacks of food, and our food pantries.



Atlanta Housing

Our partnership with Atlanta Housing supports 87 APS Students in 65 families in the Bowen Choice Neighborhood.



SEEDS

S.E.E.D.S. is a holistic response to educational neglect. Atlanta Public Schools and the Fulton County Solicitor General are working collaboratively to address and reduce instances of educational neglect that negatively impact children age 12 and younger.

Approximate number of families served: 40-50





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Appendix A: Key Partners/Vendors

Reach DA Program	Communities in Schools	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Thrive/Odyssey Program
- Frederick Douglass High School - Benjamin E. Mays High School - John Lewis Invictus Academy - Young Middle School	- Benjamin E. Mays High School - Bunche Middle School - Booker T. Washington High School - D M Therrell High School - Fickett Elementary School - Frederick Douglass High School - Herman J. Russell West End Academy - John Lewis Invictus Academy - Kimberly Elementary School - Luther J. Price Middle School - Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy - Miles Elementary School 9th Grade STEAM Academy - Frederick Douglas High School - Scott Elementary School - Sylvan Hills Middle School - Usher- Collier Elementary School - Young Middle School	- Ralph J. Bunche Middle School - Price Middle School - Russell West End Academy - Young Middle School	- Frederick Douglass High School - Benjamin E. Mays High School - Young Middle School - Carver STEAM High School - Russell West End Academy - Booker T. Washington High School

Appendix C: School Health Clinics YTD

Healing Community Center	Southside Medical Center	Whitefoord Inc.
0	236	313
Hollis Innovation Academy (Reopened October 22,2024) Miles Elementary (Reopening Soon)	Dobbs	Toomer