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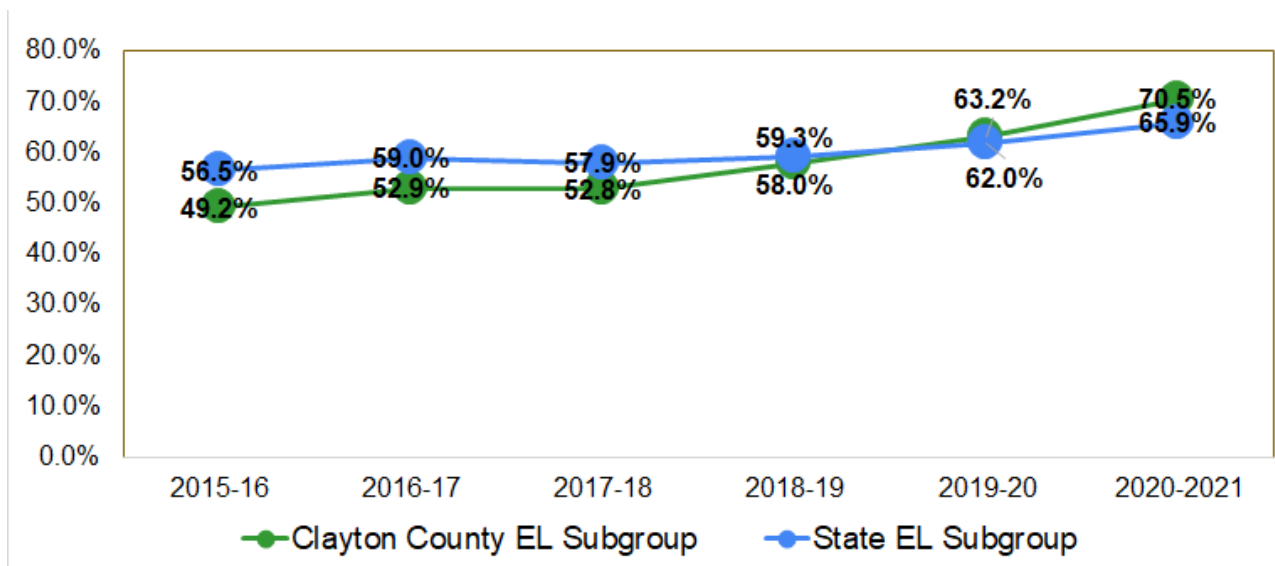
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CCPS Class of 2021 English Learners Outperform State

Subgroup's performance has improved 21.3 percentage points since 2015-16

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to share that a subgroup of its 2021 Four-Year Cohort Graduating Class outperformed the state by nearly five percentage points. Graduating seniors who met the description of a subgroup known as English Learners (ELs), achieved a graduation rate of 70.5 percent! The state's graduation rate for English Learners was reported at 65.9 percent.

The performance by members of the Class of 2021 EL subgroup continued a three-year improvement trend that has seen this group improve its performance by 17.7 percentage points (from 52.8 percent in 2017-2018). This is compared to a state improvement of English Learners of 9.4 percent over the same time period. In fact, over a five-year snapshot, beginning in 2015-2016, the district's EL subgroup has improved its performance 21.3 percentage points, more than double the state's improvement for the same timeframe. (See chart.)



“For the purposes of calculating graduation rate, the English Learner subgroup consists of a culturally and linguistically diverse group of students who are eligible to receive direct and monitored English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL services ,” said Dr. Chantal Normil, Director of the district’s ESOL program. “These students bring with them various experiences and assets to our school communities, they are multilingual, and they continue to meet and exceed expectations set.”

“We are so proud of our English Learners and the amazing strides that they continue to make to date,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “I express my profound gratitude to all of our high school teachers, our support personnel and their administrators for their continued, extraordinary efforts to cultivate, advance, and deepen a culture of high performance on the campuses of all high schools.”

“These efforts include outstanding ongoing support services provided by schools’ staff, a marked increase in meaningful parent engagement, continued implementation of school-level and district initiatives, and enhanced collaboration of all stakeholders,” Dr. Beasley said. “We are applying these and other strategies to each of the subgroups that make up our district’s high school student population in our efforts to accelerate academic growth as we work to match and exceed state performance.”

“I also express my appreciation to our former students for their hard work and commitment to excellence and to their families for providing the support necessary for their success -- a foundation that will serve them well regardless of the post scholastic path they choose,” Superintendent Beasley concluded.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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