



**NORTHWEST CHINESE ACADEMY**




**西北中文书院**

## **SY 2017 – 18 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT BRIEF<sub>v4</sub>**

Northwest Chinese Academy (NWCA) reviews and publishes our school-wide test results to keep our stakeholders informed of students' achievement in Chinese and core-subject areas. Unlike traditional schools and many Chinese language programs in the United States, NWCA maintains a 90:10 Chinese immersion model for all grades. While caution is warranted in making comparisons due to the small sample sizes in each grade level, NWCA students demonstrate strong and consistent performance in all core-subject areas. This is quite an accomplishment because our students complete standardized assessments in core-subject areas in English, while learning the content in Chinese. We believe NWCA's advantage can be attributed to a proven standards-based instruction, personalized learning afforded by small class sizes, and an extended learning day that includes a study hall hour led by students' classroom teachers. We are proud of our dedicated faculty, students, and parents, who come together to create an enriching community of learning.

This brief summarizes NWCA's assessment system which is comprised of three standardized assessments. NWCA's assessment systems are summarized below. This brief also compares the performance of NWCA students with the performance of students in Oregon State schools and a national sample of students in Chinese programs.

### **NWCA'S ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

<b>Smarter Balance<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>OAKS Extended<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>STAMP 4Se<sup>3</sup></b>
<p><i>NWCA uses Smarter Balanced to measure students' achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics.</i></p> 	<p>NWCA uses OAKS Extended to measure students' achievement in Science and Social Sciences.</p> 	<p><i>NWCA uses STAMP 4Se to assess students' Chinese proficiency in four essential skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening.</i></p> 

<sup>1</sup> Smarter Balanced is a required component of Oregon's Statewide Assessment System. For more information on scores and achievement standards, see <http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/Pages/Achievement-Performance-Standards.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup> OAKS Extended is a component of Oregon's Statewide Assessment System. For more information regarding the specific content on the subject area tests, visit the Oregon Department of Education website at <http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessmenUPages/Test-Specifications-and-Blueprints.aspx>. For more information on scores and achievement standards, see <http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/Pages/Achievement-Performance-Standards.aspx>.

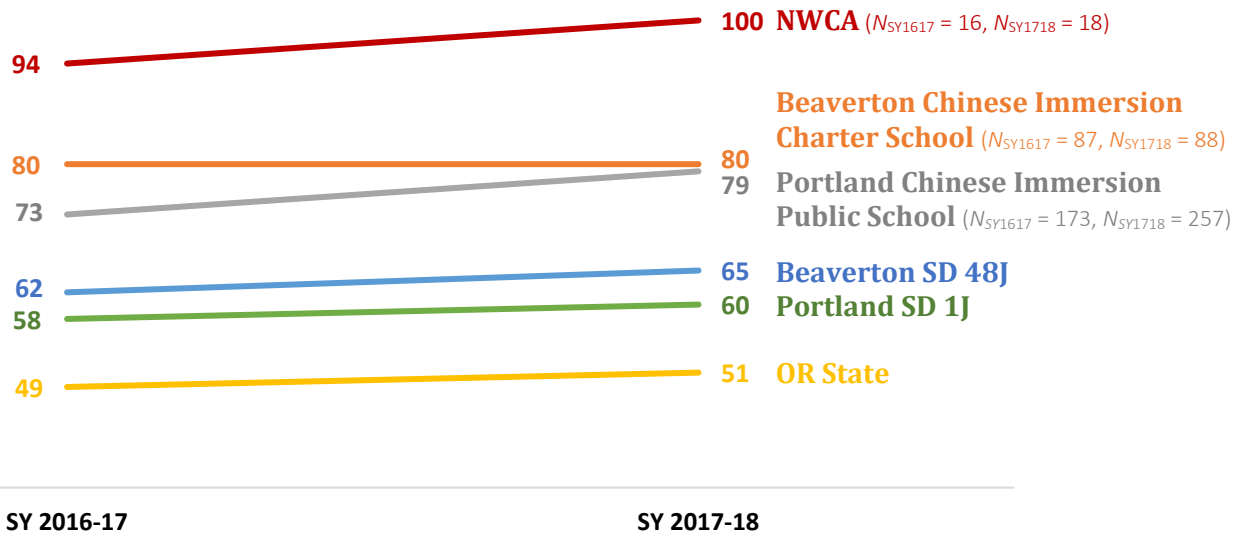
<sup>3</sup> For more information on STAMP 4Se, visit <https://avantassessment.com/stamp4se>



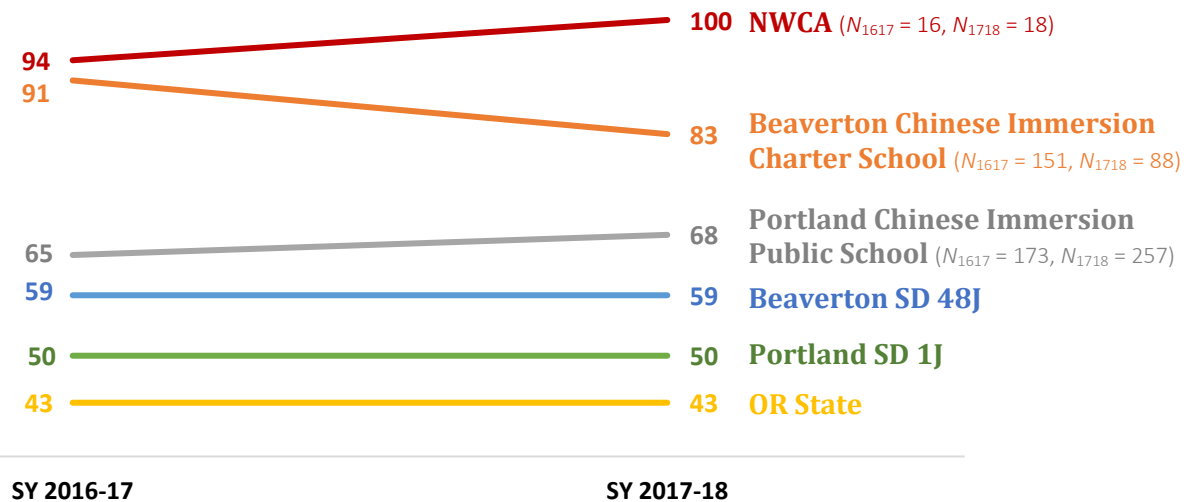
## Students in Chinese programs outperform students in traditional education programs; NWCA outperforms local-area Chinese programs.

The charts depict School Years 2016-17 and 2017-18 (SY1617 and SY1718) outcomes for students enrolled in NCWA, local area Chinese immersion schools/programs, the Beaverton School District (SD 48J, a high-performing Oregon school district), the Portland School District (SD 1J) and Oregon public schools. The percentage of Grade 3 through Grade 5 students performing at Level 3 and 4 in Smarter Balanced English and Math subtests are illustrated. Data for comparison schools was retrieved from [www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov).

### Smarter Balanced English Exam: Percentage of Students Performing at Level 3 or 4 Performance Across Grades 3-5

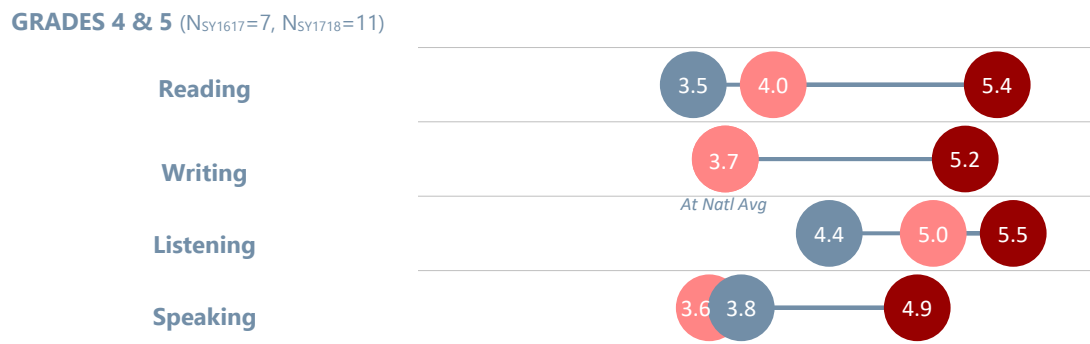
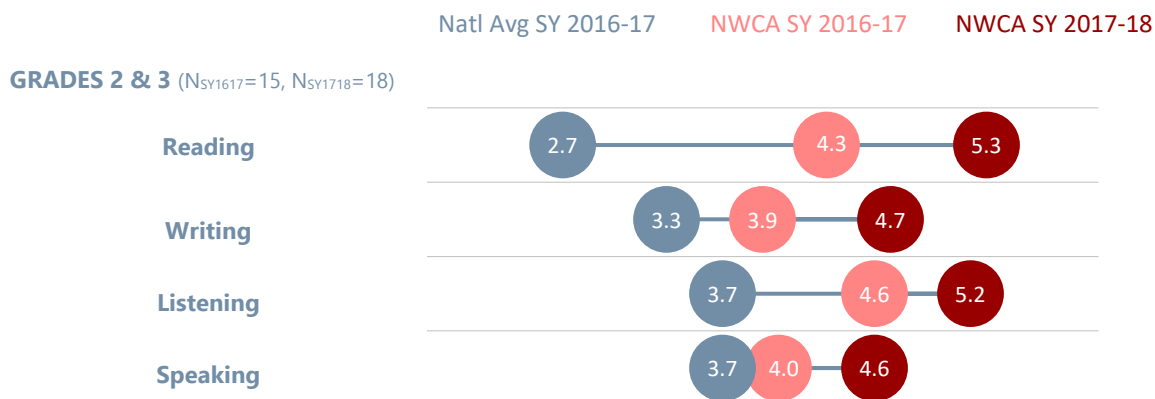


### Smarter Balanced Math Exam: Percentage of Students Performing at Level 3 or 4 Performance Across Grades 3-5





# NWCA Students' Average STAMP 4SE Scores Exceed National Averages and Increased between SY 2016-17 and SY 2017-18



Avant STAMP 4Se Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
ACTFL Standards	Novice			Intermediate		
	Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High

### More on the STAMP 4Se

NWCA students complete the STAMP 4Se in Grades 2 - 5. Students receive an achievement rating ranging from 1 – 9. A score of 1 -3 correspond to novice proficiency and 4 - 6 correspond to intermediate proficiency based on ACTFL standards. The NWCA faculty set ambitious, but achievable targets for student proficiency for each skill and grade level based on the expertise of our faculty and external consultants. In SY2017-18, 100% of students met NWCA Chinese language standards. Note SY2016-17 STAMP 4SE national averages (Natl Avg), the most recent available at time of publication, are presented above; the average scores across grade levels were calculated.