

## College Achieve Paterson Charter School

### PARCC 2017 - 2018

#### FAQ

#### 1. How long has College Achieve Paterson Charter School (CAPCS) been open?

CAPCS was established in 2017 and has served its scholars for one school year. Ninety-nine percent of our scholars previously attended Paterson Public School, which was established in 1902 and has served students for one hundred sixteen years.

#### 2. What grade levels at CAPCS took the 2017 - 2018 PARCC assessment?

CAPCS were required to test all 5th and 6th-grade students. Scholars in Kindergarten and 1st grade are not required to take the PARCC assessment.

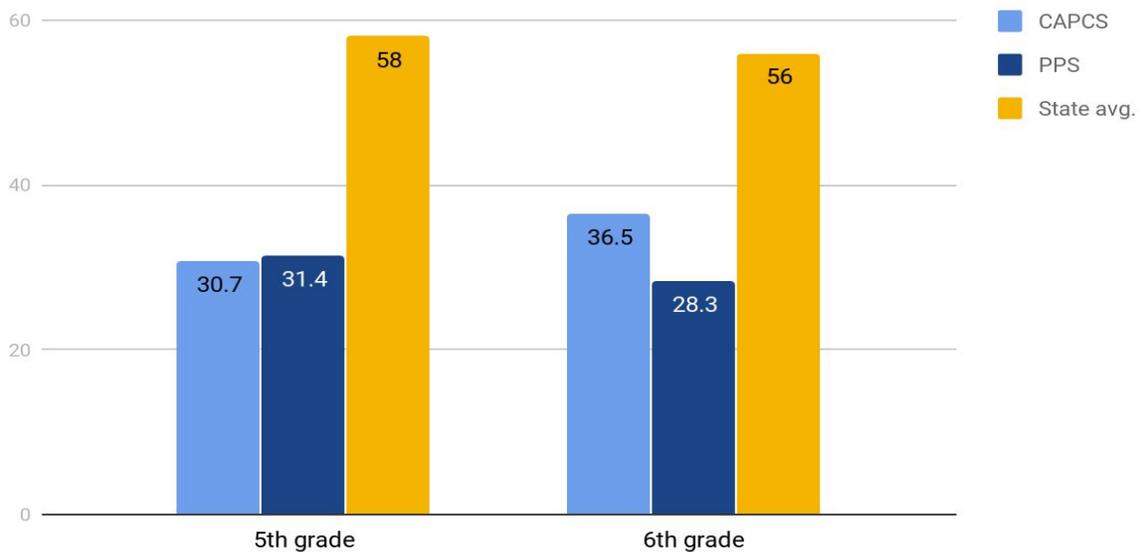
#### 3. How long has CAPCS worked to prepare its scholars for PARCC?

CAPCS opened in August of 2017, the PARCC assessment was administered in April of 2018. CAPCS had **8 months to prepare scholars for PARCC**. All 5th-grade scholars were prepared for PARCC by **another school district for 4 school years**. All 6th-grade scholars were prepared for PARCC by **another school district for 5 school years**.

#### 4. How did CAPCS perform on the 2017- 2018 Language Arts portion of the PARCC assessment?

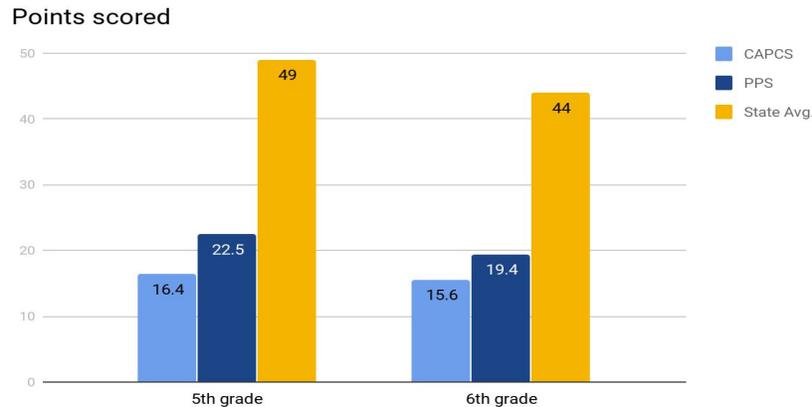
- In 5th grade, LAL our test takers underperformed PPS by **0.7** percentage points.
- In 6th grade, LAL our test takers outperformed PPS by **8.2** percentage points.

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## 5. How did CAPCS perform on the 2017-2018 Math portion of the PARCC assessment?

- In 5th grade, Math our test takers underperformed PPS by **6.1** percentage points.
- In 6th grade, Math our test takers underperformed PPS by **3.8** percentage points.



## 6. What has CAPCS done to better prepare students for future PARCC assessments?

- **Staffing:**
  - CAPCS has hired additional staff members to work as co-teachers within our middle school to reduce the student to teacher ration from 1:24 to 1:12.
  - CAPCS hired new teachers that have several years of teaching experience and a proven track record to improve student achievement.
- **Curriculum:**
  - CAPCS has switched to a new curriculum called Springboard for Math and Language Arts created by Collegeboard: an American not-for-profit organization that was formed in December 1899 as the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) to expand access to higher education. Springboard aligns to standards—while ensuring college and career readiness.

The SpringBoard curriculum is aligned to state standards, and the connections to standards are made clear both to teachers and to students (in student-friendly language), at the beginning of each activity. And because it's made by the College Board, the program's instruction and assessments align with the skills, knowledge, and standards that ensure students are career and college ready. This includes being aligned with the SAT® Suite of Assessments: SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, PSAT 8/9, etc.

- **Intervention**
  - CAPCS has increased the amount of intervention time for mathematics by almost 200 hours. All middle school students are now enrolled in 65 min. Courses that occur daily. The teachers create individualized lessons based on student math standard deficiencies. Though the use of chrome books, co-teachers, and math stations students are able to focus on the standards germane to them.
  - CAPCS has increased the number of tutoring hours available to students after school and on Saturdays by almost 100 hours. All middle school students are given an opportunity to apply to attend the LAL and Math academy.