





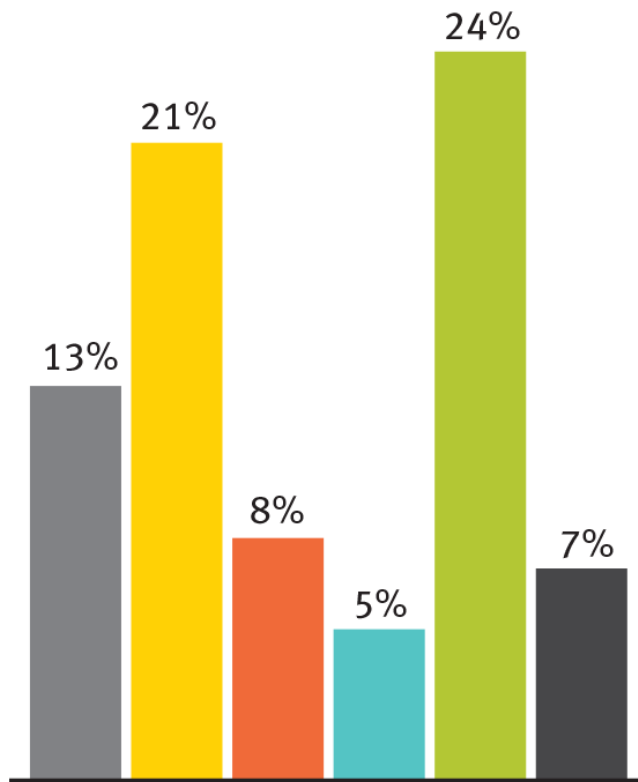
# The Santa Clara County Children's Agenda

***Building a community where every  
child is safe, healthy, successful in  
learning, successful in life.***

Most people would like to help our community's children be successful but don't know what to do. One key to making sustained positive changes for children is collaboration. The more that people work together, set goals, design plans to achieve those goals and measure progress, the more likely that the changes will have an enduring, positive impact. The Children's Agenda brings together people interested in working together to improve outcomes for our children..

– *Len Edwards, Co-Chair  
Children's Agenda Vision Council*

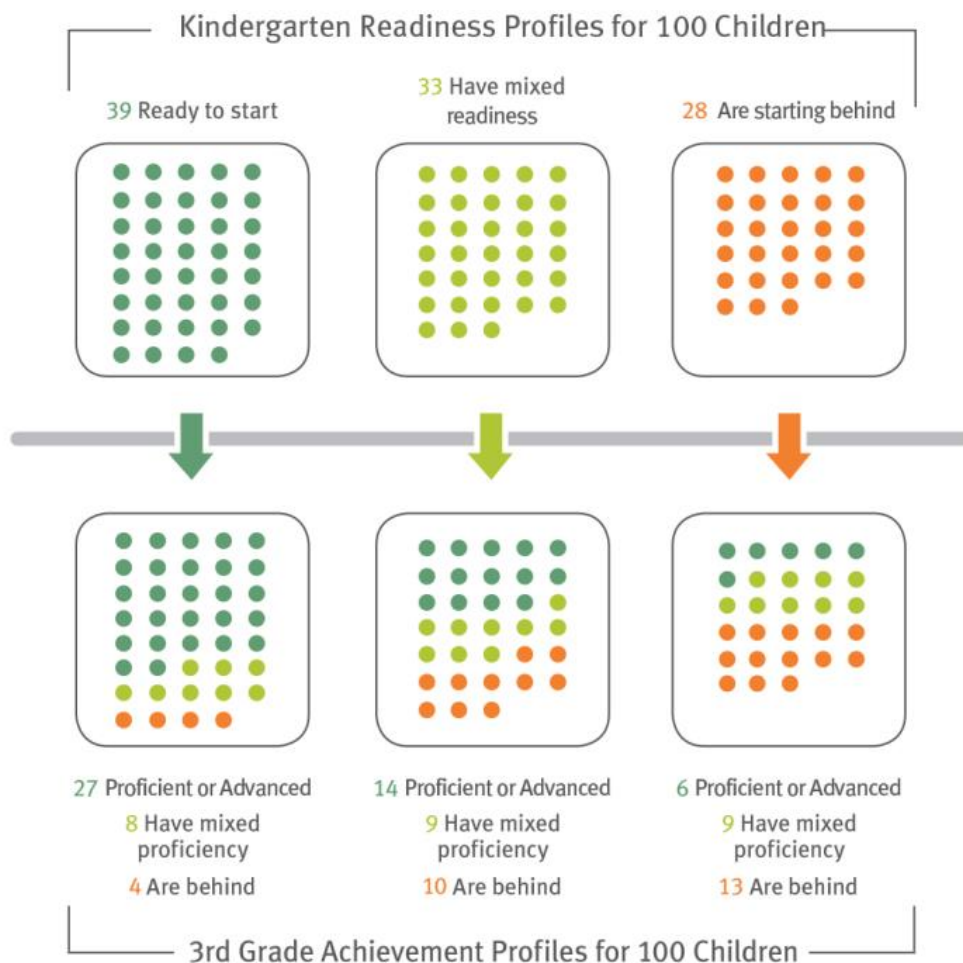




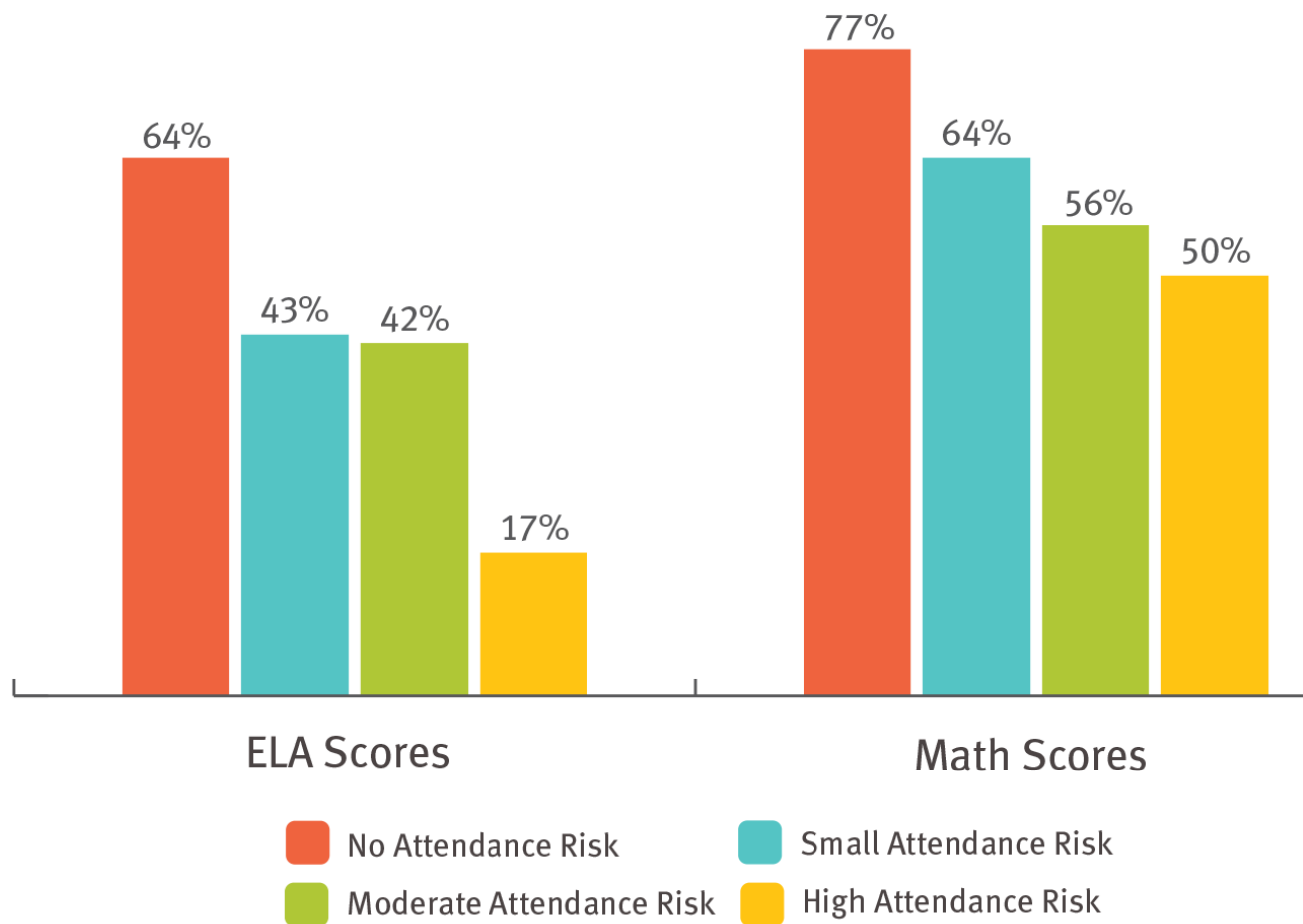
*Figure 2—Percent of Children Living in Poverty by Race/Ethnicity, 2012*



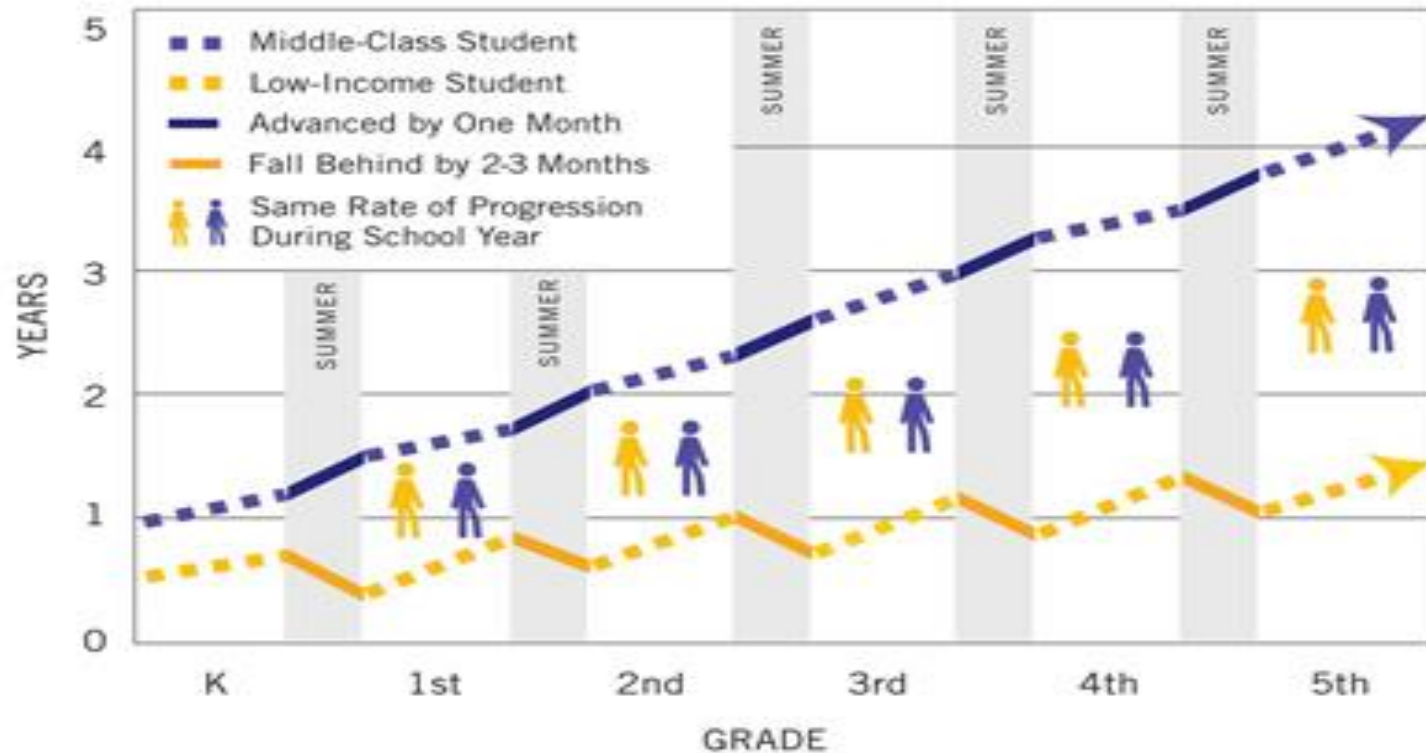
**Figure 13**  
*How Kindergarten Readiness Translates Into 3rd Grade Reading Scores*



*Figure 14—Attendance Risk and Students who are Proficient or Advanced in Third Grade*



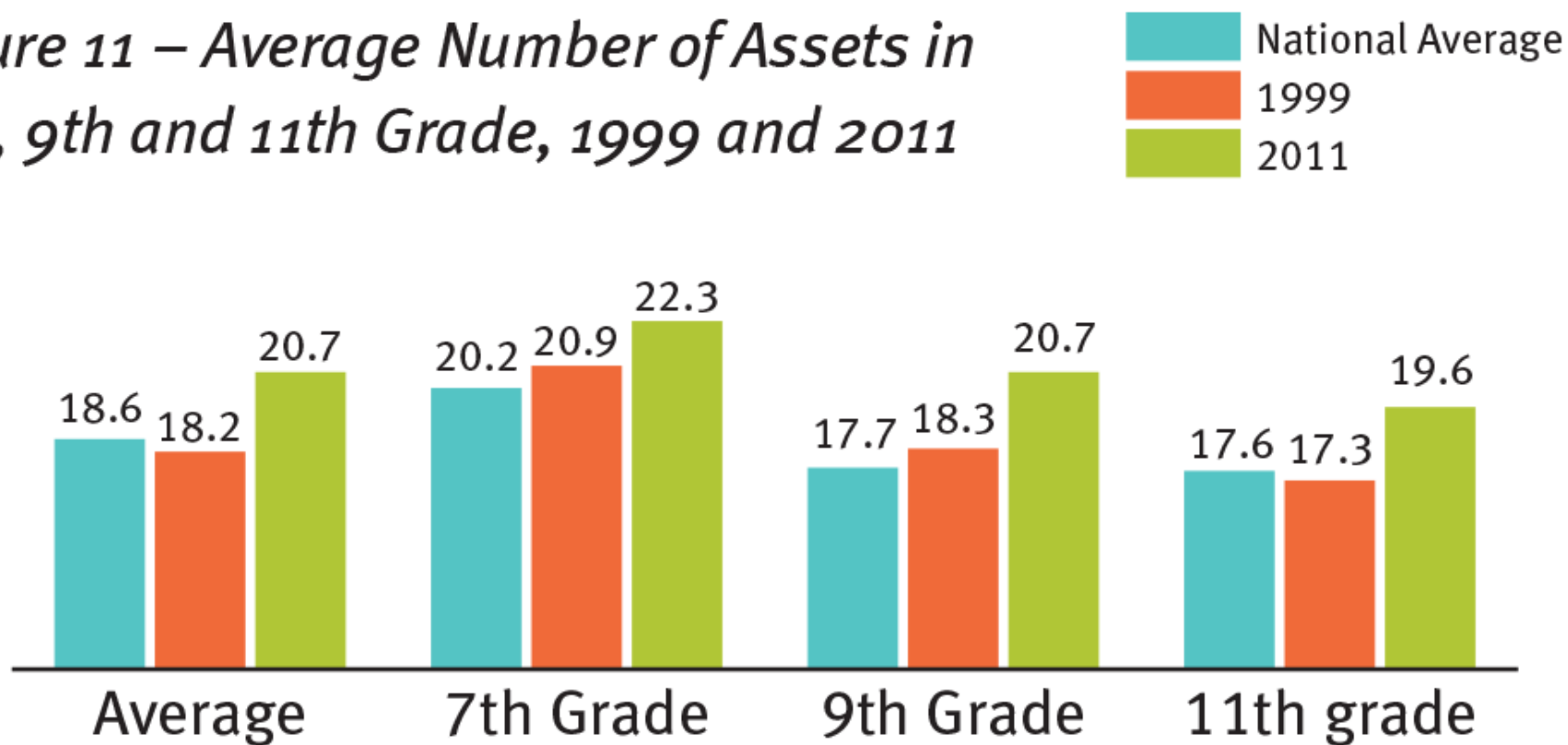
## Low-Income Students Fall 2.5 to 3 Years Behind by Fifth Grade



Source: Cooper, H., Borman, G., & Fairchild, R. (2010). "School Calendars and Academic Achievement." In J. Meece & J. Eccles (Eds.), *Handbook of Research on Schools, Schooling, and Human Development* (pp. 342-355). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

From: [www.gradelevelreading.net](http://www.gradelevelreading.net)

*figure 11 – Average Number of Assets in 7th, 9th and 11th Grade, 1999 and 2011*





*figure 18 – Percentage of Youth who Feel Valued by the Community 2011*

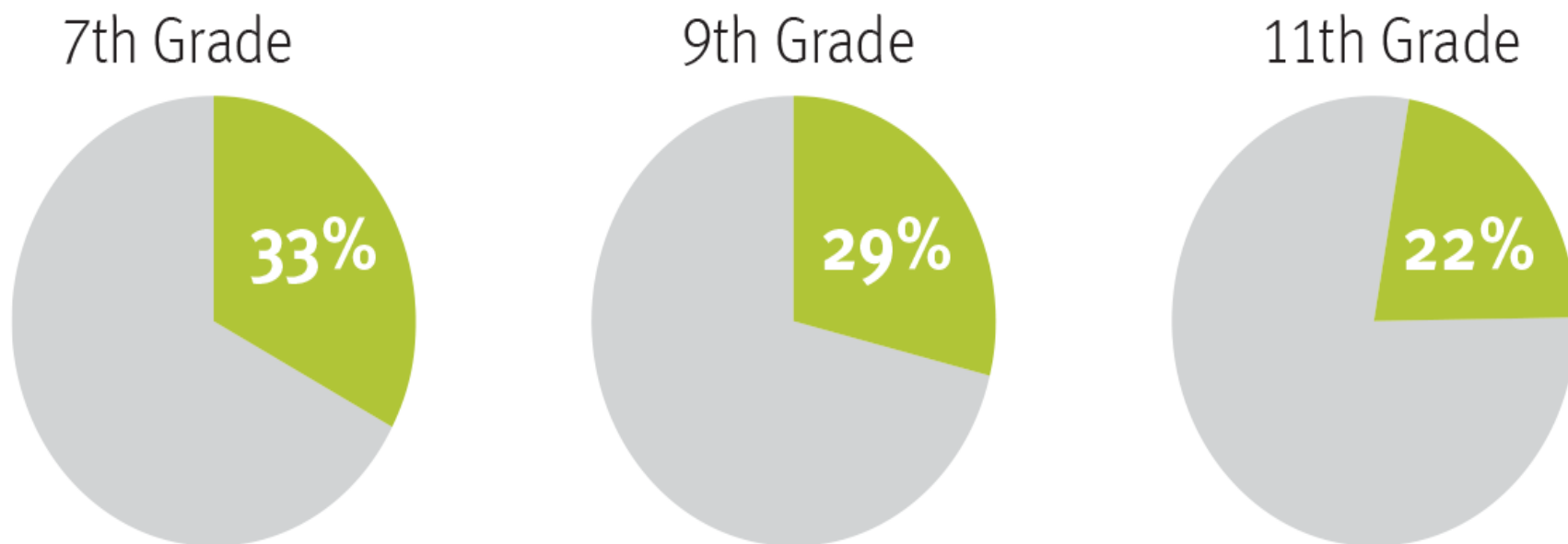


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Santa Clara County Cohort  
Drop-out Rate

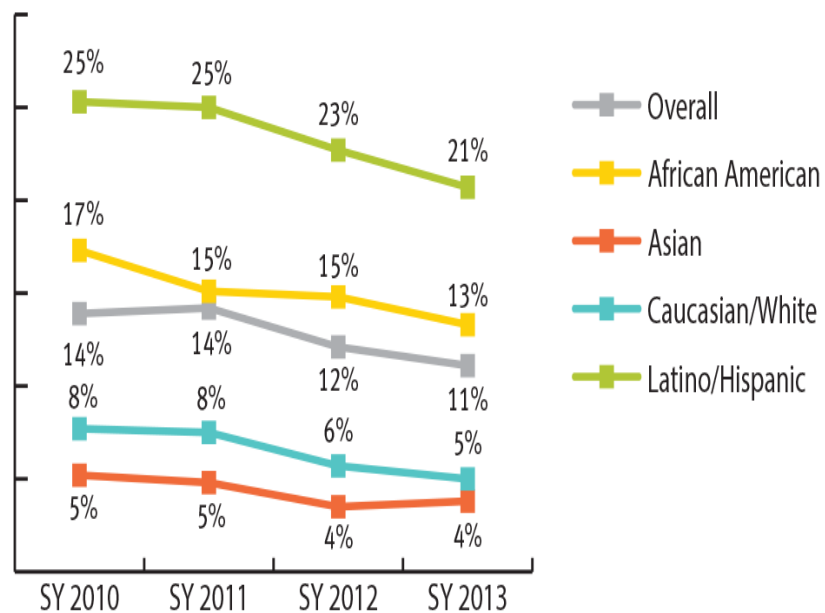
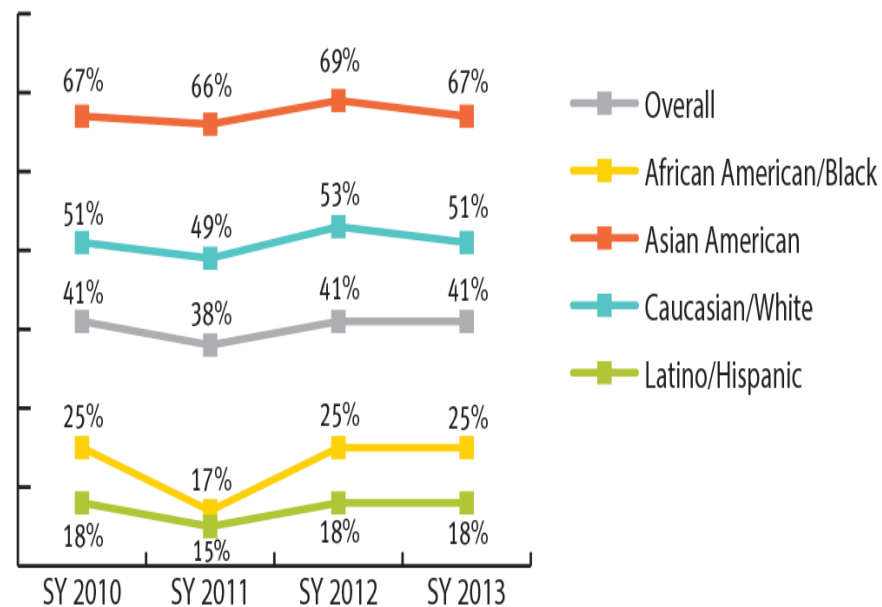
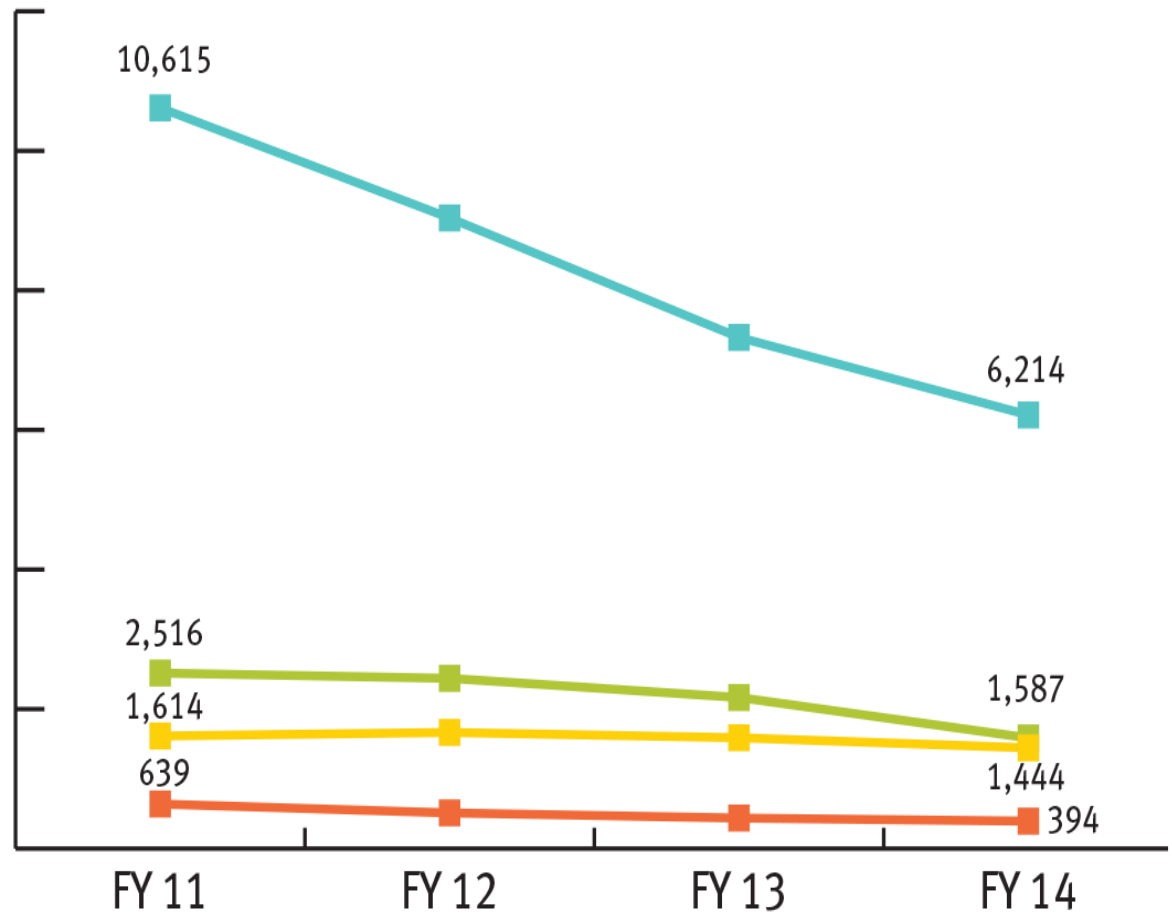


figure 16  
Percentage of Santa Clara County  
Students who Graduate with A – G



*figure 6*  
*Number of Santa Clara*  
*County Justice-Engaged*  
*Youth at Arrest and*  
*Decision Points*

- Total Arrest
- Felony Arrest
- Detentions
- Petitioned VOP's



There can be no keener  
revelation of a society's  
soul than the way in  
which it treats its children.

– Nelson Mandela



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