

A Look at the Promising Progress of PARCC Scores in Camden



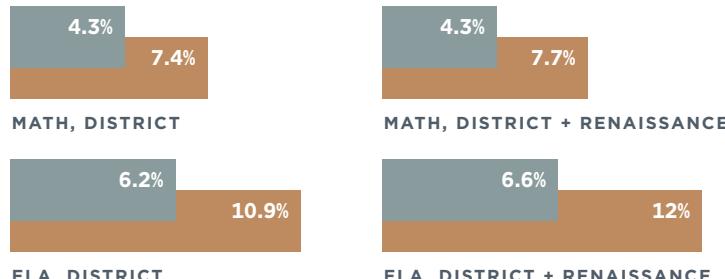
In September of 2016, the results from the 2015-16 statewide PARCC test were released across the state. In Camden, Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard highlighted significant gains but also cautioned there was still a long way to go. We created this brief guide to help parents, local community members and city leaders understand what these results have meant for schools and students, most notably ones enrolled in Camden's neighborhood district schools and recently created renaissance schools.

What do the latest PARCC results tell us?

When compared to the 2014-2015 school year results, the 2015-2016 Camden PARCC results show overall promising gains for the district and its renaissance schools, but there is a lot more work to do:

■ 2014-15
■ 2015-16

GRADES 3-8 PROFICIENCY GAINS:



HIGH SCHOOL:

More high school students met the bar for college and career readiness (scoring at 3 or above) in Algebra II and English Language Arts this year as compared to last year, but the district remains far behind the state average.

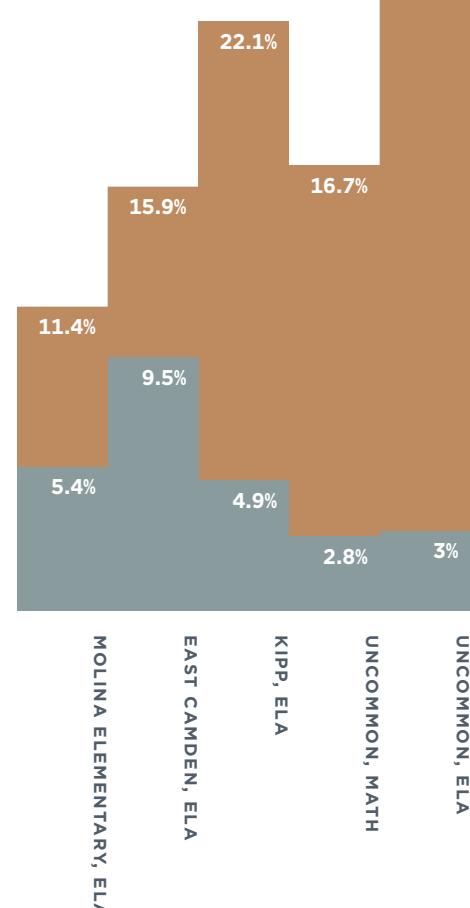
MATH VS. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY:

Although the district generally saw gains across the board, proficiency rates still remain quite low and have a long way to go, and remain lower than for English Language Arts.

What are renaissance schools?

Public school partnerships with local and national non-profits with a proven track record for dramatically improving student achievement. As a reminder, those non-profit operators are Mastery Charter Schools, Uncommon Schools, and KIPP.

RENAISSANCE SCHOOLS SAW SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN PROFICIENCY RATES:



What does this mean for students?

In a city that now has 35% of its students in traditional charter schools and 20% in renaissance schools, we still need to understand how well students enrolled in traditional charter schools in Camden fared with PARCC; at this time, those scores are unavailable. At the end of the day, the Superintendent's words ring true. We're making significant headway in the right direction, but the test confirms that our schools are only halfway there on making good on the fundamental right that every child in Camden deserves a quality education.