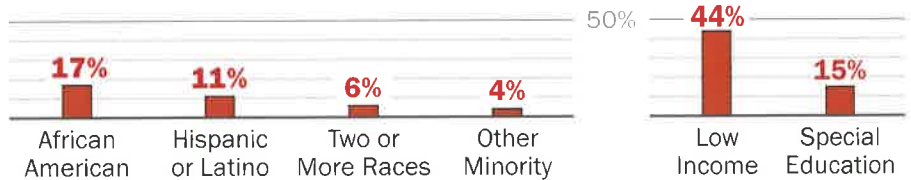
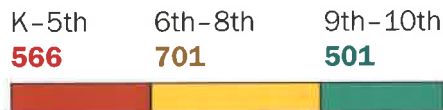


NORTH CAROLINA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY 2016-2017 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY



ABOUT OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF Statistics as of October 2016.

Student Enrollment: 1,768



Staff:

Teachers with Advanced Degrees: **60%**



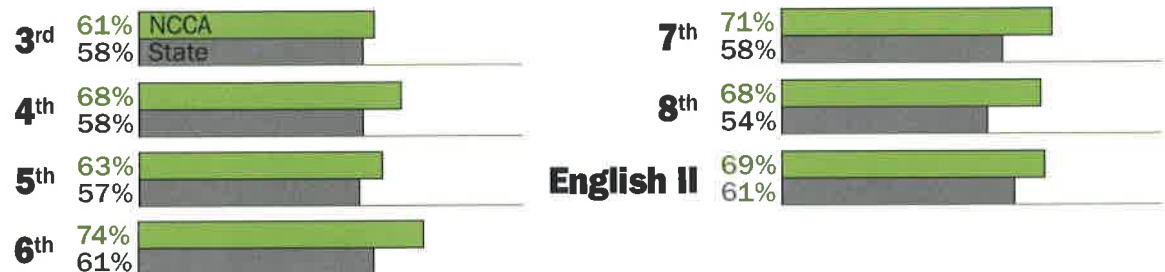
Average Years of Experience: **10.13**



2016-2017 ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS Based on state testing data.

READING PROFICIENCY TEST

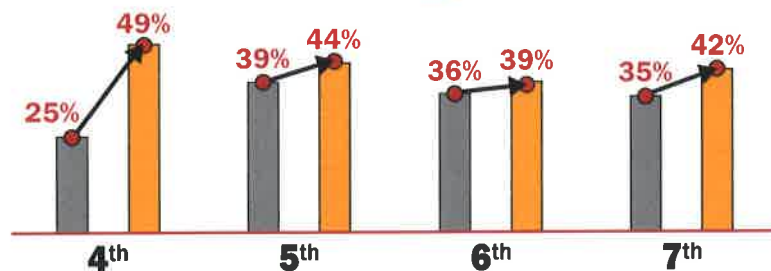
NCCA students **exceeded** state proficiency rates in **Reading** in **all tested grades**.



MATH

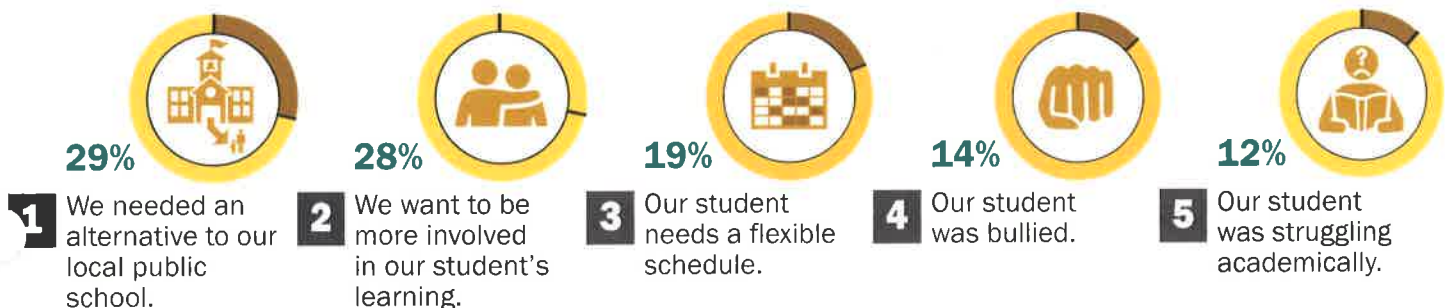
2015-16 2016-17

NCCA performance **improved** on state proficiency rates in **Math** in **grades 4th-7th**.



TOP REASONS NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES NEED NCCA

Based on families' responses during 2016-2017 enrollment process.*



*Parents could choose multiple reasons. Percentages represent the percent of parents that included this reason.

SPECIAL HONORS FOR NORTH CAROLINA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

IN THE MOST RECENT PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY:



93% OF PARENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE HELPFULNESS OF NCCA'S TEACHERS.



91% OF PARENTS WOULD RECOMMEND NCCA TO PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN AREN'T ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.



92% OF PARENTS SAID THAT THE NCCA CURRICULUM IS HIGH QUALITY.



IN 2017, NCCA IMPROVED ONE LETTER GRADE ON THE STATE REPORT CARD IN BOTH MATH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

WHAT STUDENTS & PARENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL

"I really enjoy having my daughter enrolled in this school. I really feel that the teachers deeply care about my daughter's education and they reach out to help in every way that they can."

"I appreciate being able to get help and feedback right away from all of my son's teachers."

"I think Connections Academy is awesome. It gives those children who may not work well in a traditional school setting an alternative and comfortable environment for learning."

"The schedule flexibility is amazing! Teachers are very helpful anytime assistance is needed. Lessons are easy to follow and understand. Learning coach information is helpful and readily available."

"The teachers are great. They work well with the students and parents and return emails quickly. It is clear that the teachers are aiming to get the best out of the students and will work with them to make sure that happens. Our experience with NC Connections Academy has been wonderful!!"

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Policy Recommendation #1

Clarify charter school law regarding virtual charter schools as a school model.

Policy Recommendation #2

Treat virtual charter school students the same as brick-and-mortar charter school students by equalizing local funding.

Policy Recommendation #3

Allow flexibility in state testing for virtual schools by allowing online testing or expanding the time window for testing.