

ELIMINATE INEQUITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS



Integrated Comprehensive Systems for Equity: An Introduction to Disrupting and Solving Disproportionality through Systems Change

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Agenda



- I. Introduction
- II. Current State of Education for Racialized and Minoritized Populations
- III. How did we get here? Brief History of Educational Marginalization
- IV. ICS Equity Systems Change Framework: Disrupting and Solving Disproportionality
- V. Closing & Connecting with Us





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4 Agreements of Courageous Conversations (Singleton, 2022)



- Experience discomfort
- Stay engaged
- Speak your truth
- Expect and accept non-closure

Community Agreements (Continued)



No blame, shame, judgment.

Equity work is life-long, never ending—at individual & organizational levels.

“Collective Equity Capacity”
Mutual learning, challenging, growing together.

Current State of Education for Racialized and Minoritized Populations

A Brief Word...

The Reality



“The overrepresentation of students of color in special education represents an area in which complex intersections of race, class, and ability translate into marginalization and exclusion.”

(Theoharis and Scanlan, 2021)

The Reality



- ❖ “School discipline disproportionately targets students of color, students with disabilities, and transgender students.”
- ❖ Students with disabilities are **twice as likely** to be suspended than their peers who are not identified for special education services.
- ❖ Nearly **25%** of male students of color identified with disabilities are suspended and approximately **20%** of female students of color with disabilities receive suspension, compared to **6%** of students without disabilities.
- ❖ Transgender students are **twice as likely** to be disciplined than their cisgender peers.

(Radd, et al., 2021)

The Headlines



EDUCATION

State tests trending up but less than 40 percent of Wisconsin students are proficient in reading, math

Wisconsin continues to have the largest achievement gap between Black and white students

BY CORRINNE HESS • OCTOBER 10, 2023

Wisconsin's black-white achievement gap worst in nation despite decades of efforts

'We're at a point where we cannot go failing another generation of people,' UW-Madison education professor Gloria Ladson-Billings warns

by Abigail Becker

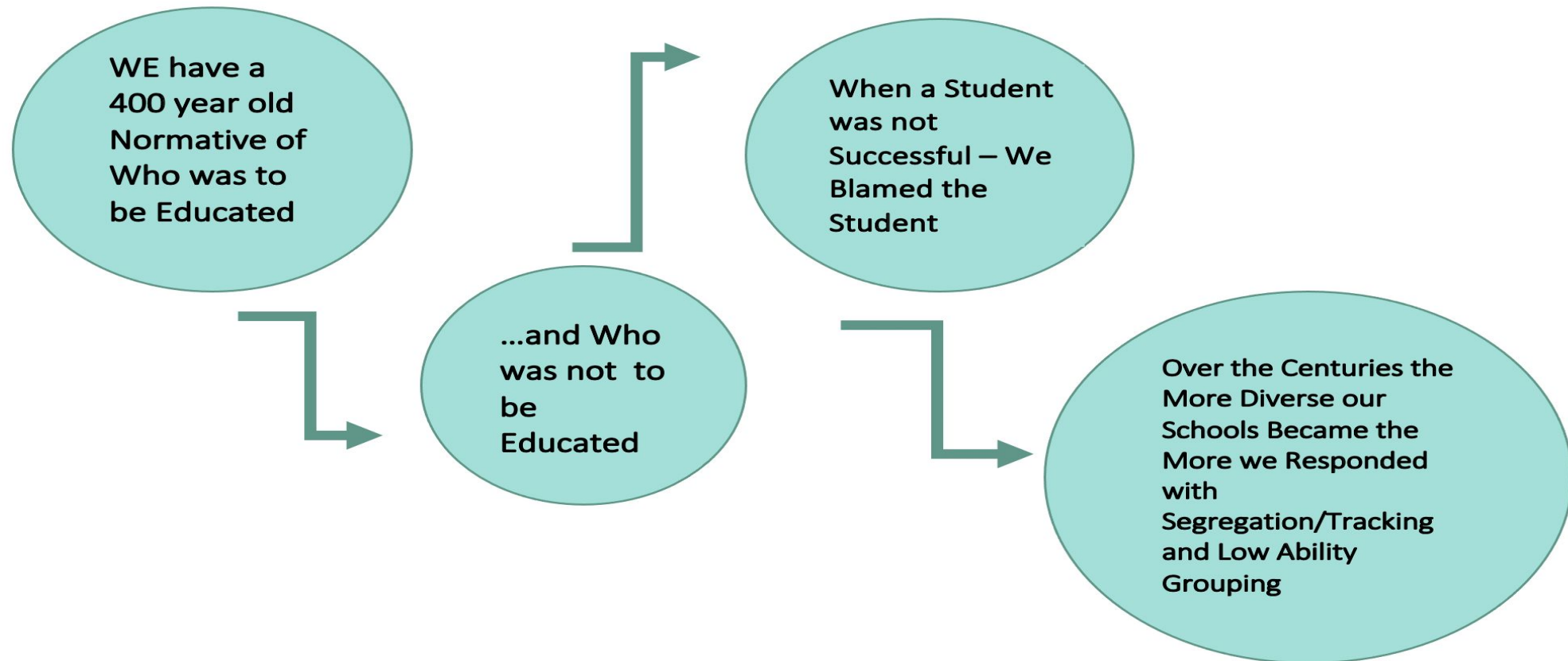
December 16th, 2015  Why you can trust Wisconsin Watch



How Did We Get Here? The 400 Year History of Educational Marginalization

**A Brief Overview of the Construction of a Deficit-based,
Reactionary System**

History of Educational Marginalization



Historically Speaking

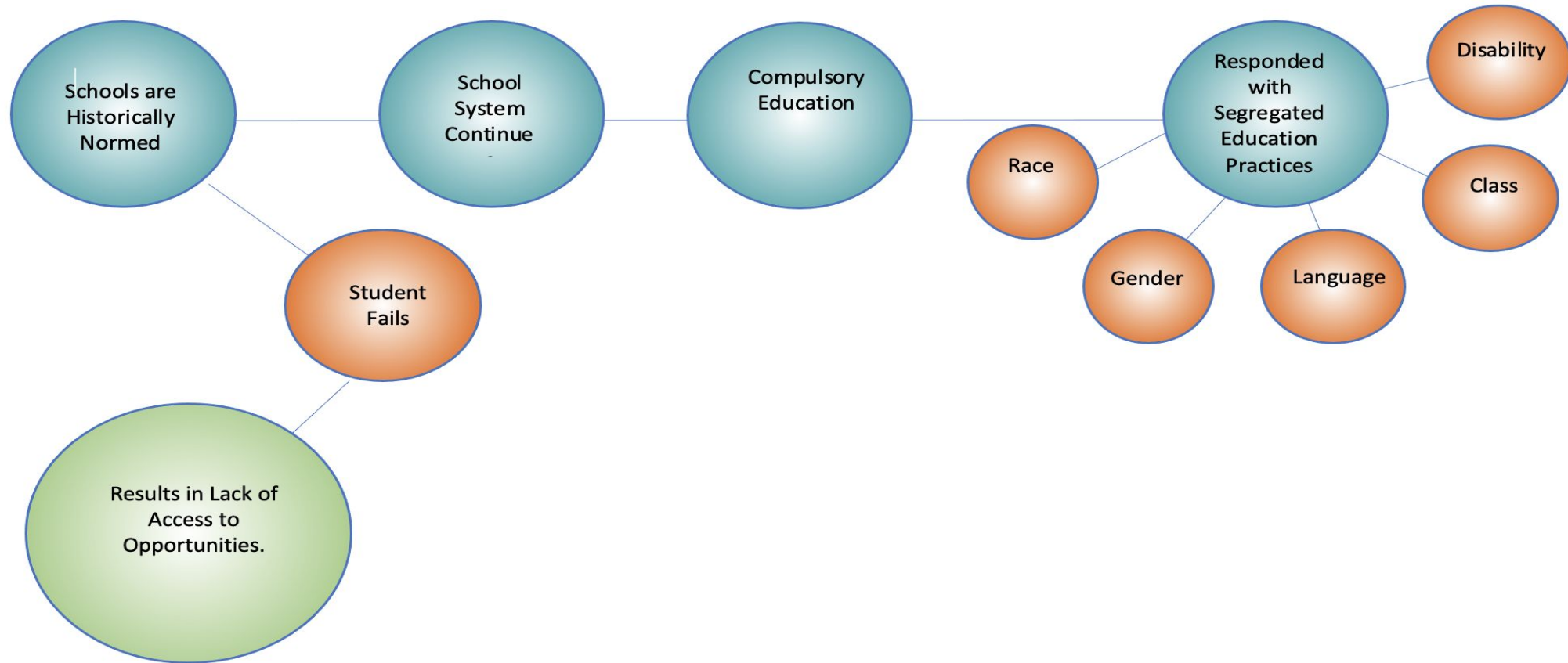


Discuss:

1. Beginning in 1635 (Boston Latin School), which students were educated in U.S. public schools by: race, class, ability, gender, religion?
2. Who was not educated?
3. How did legislation and compulsory education in the early to mid 1800's change who was educated, or did it?



History of Educational Marginalization



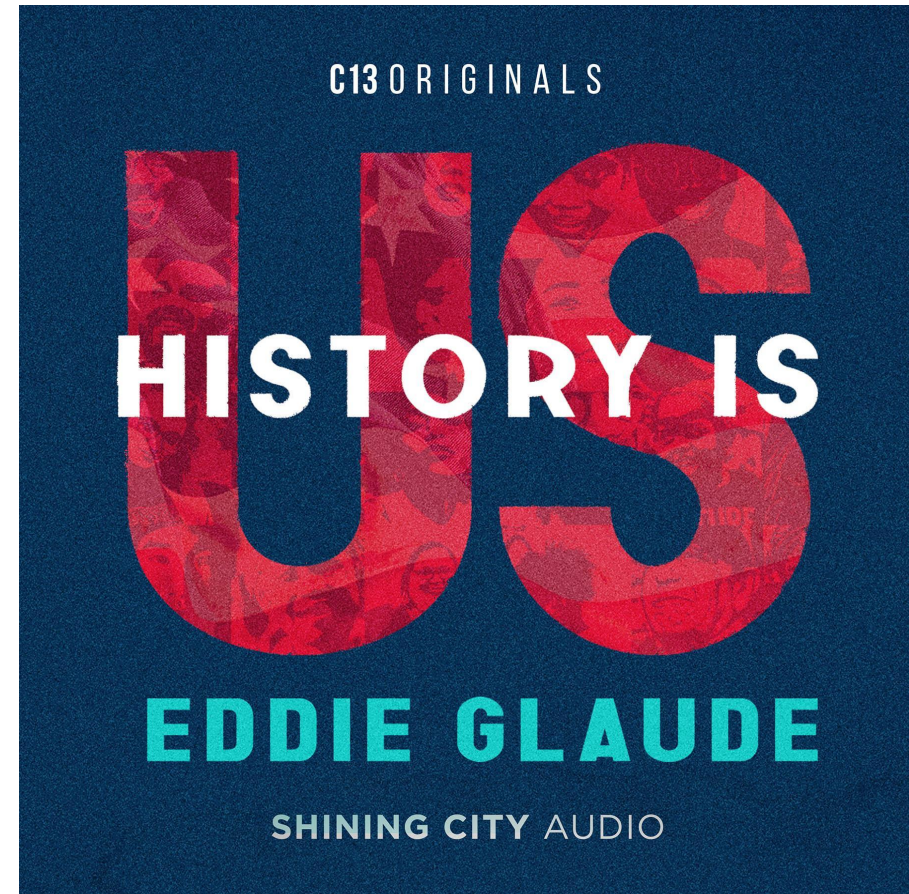
“Universal Schooling Was Not the Result of White Benevolence”



As a Response to Reconstruction (1851-1877)
Jim Crow (1877-1950) Unexpected Consequences

“Black teachers defined and created a curriculum that catered to the intellectual and cultural needs of black children growing up in black America. In segregated classrooms in schools... black students were equipped to imagine themselves beyond the constraints and deadly assumptions of a society that despised them...”

From the Black National Anthem to empowering curriculum.



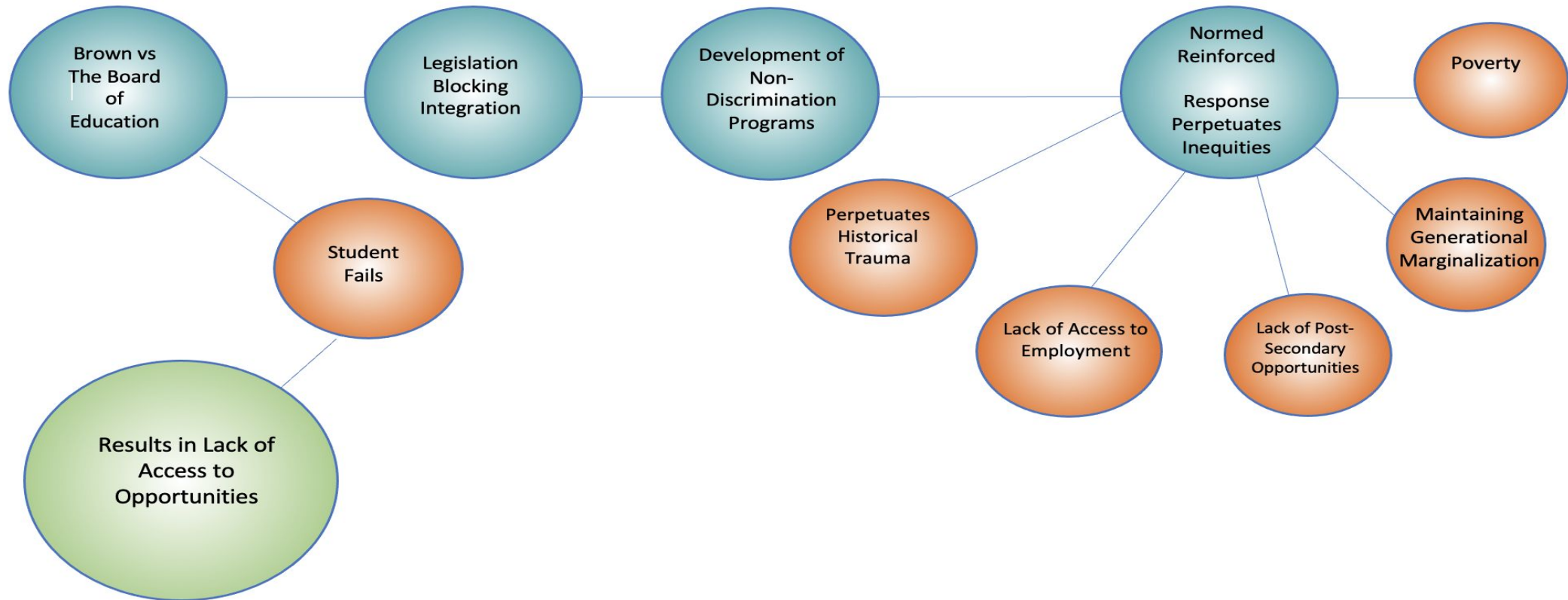
Brown vs. the Board of Education



What were the actual results of Brown vs. the Board of Education?



History of Educational Marginalization (Continued)



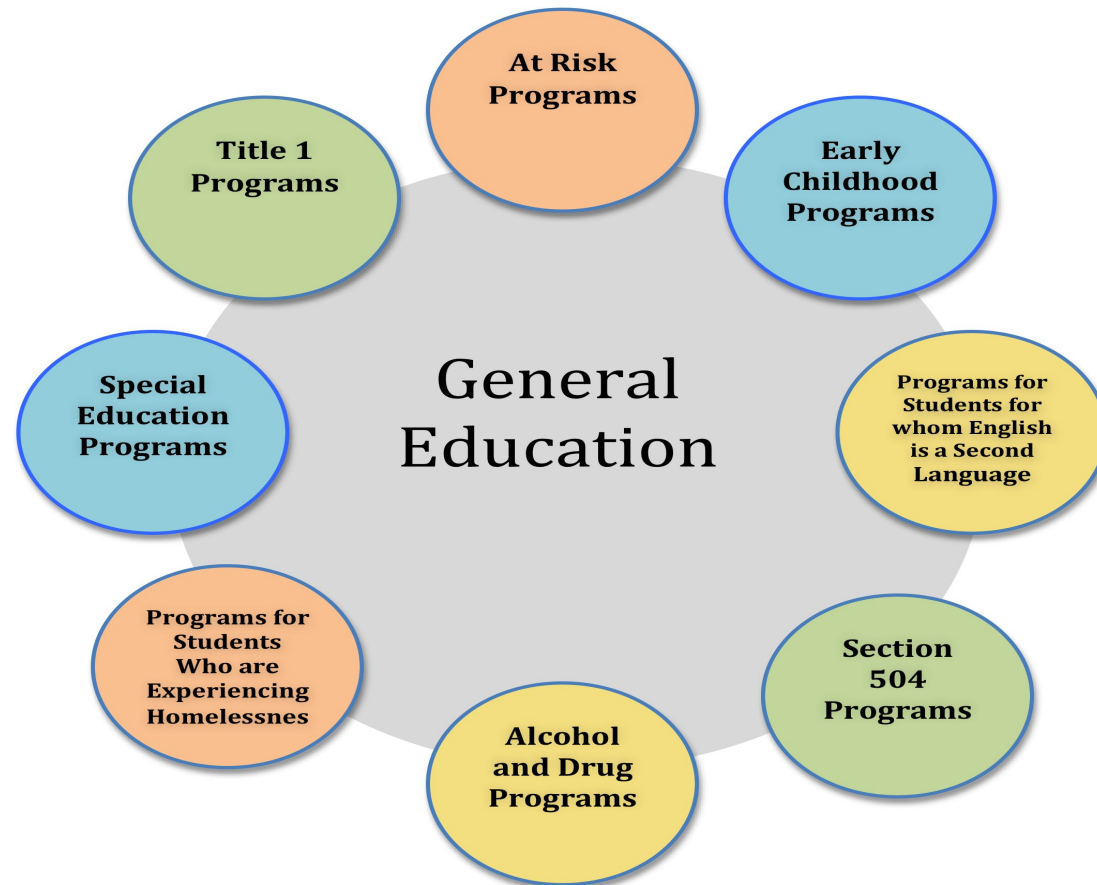
Two Consistent Factors Over 400 Years → Creation and Maintenance of Institutional Marginalization

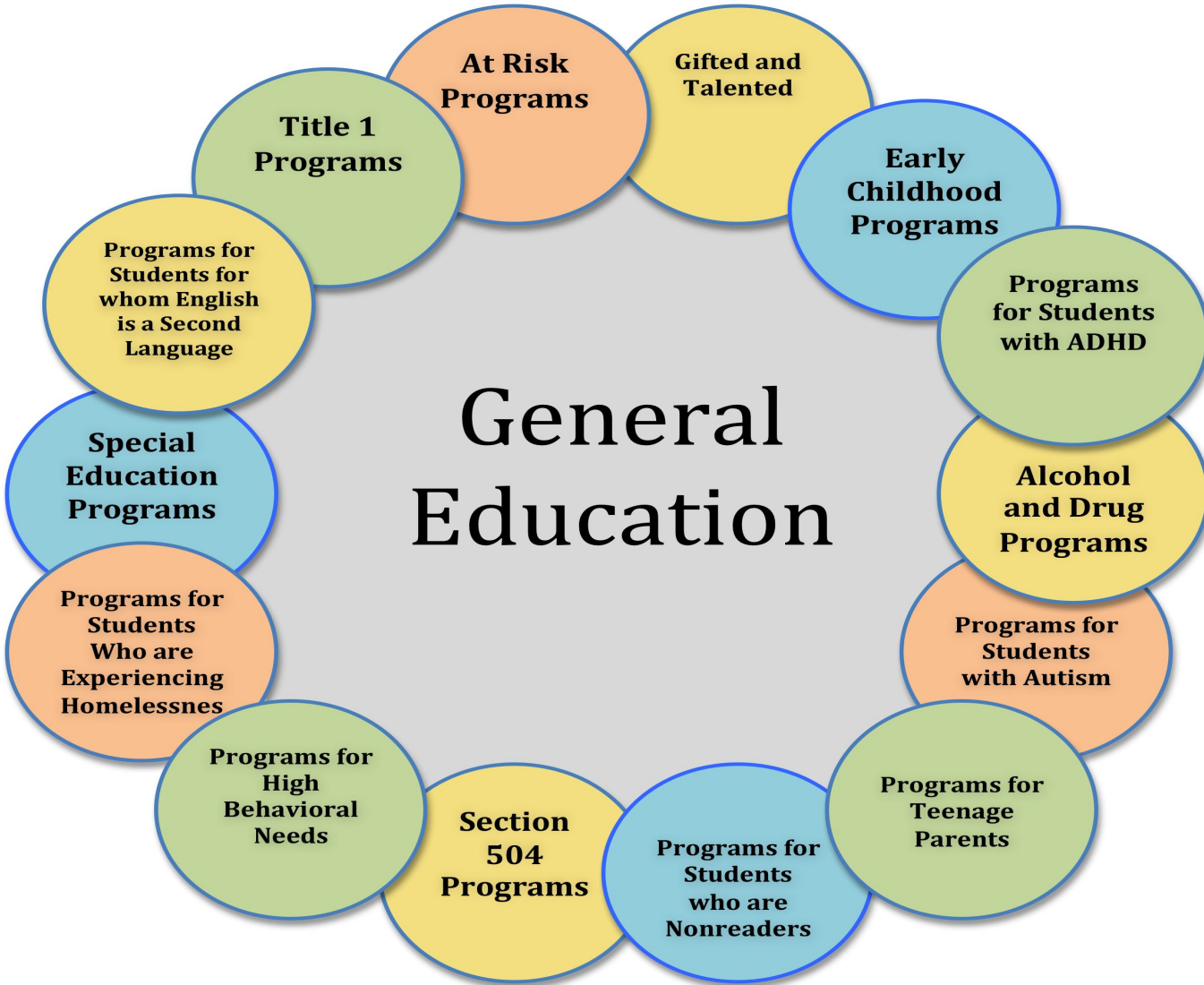
1. We see the student as needing to be fixed

2. We respond through segregated practices

When we reinforce or develop such practices, we become complicit in institutional marginalization.

... We have created a Deficit-Based System



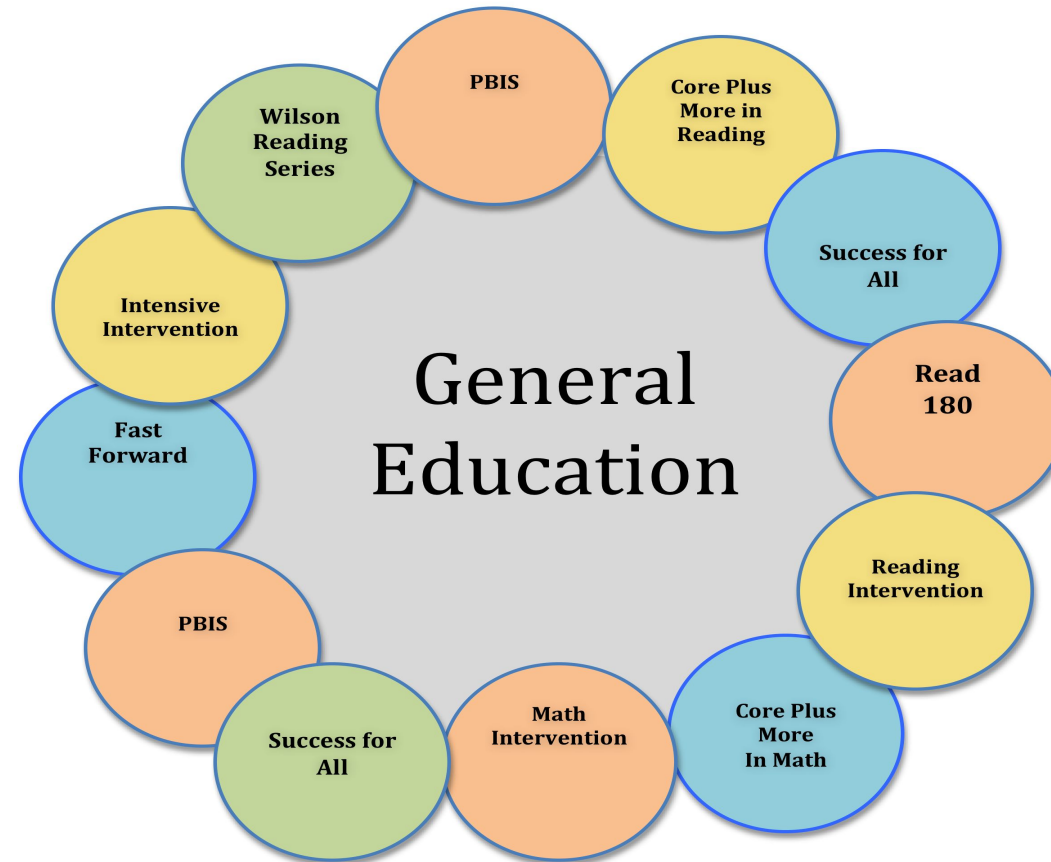


Maintaining a Normed Group of Students

Created More Programs Under RtI



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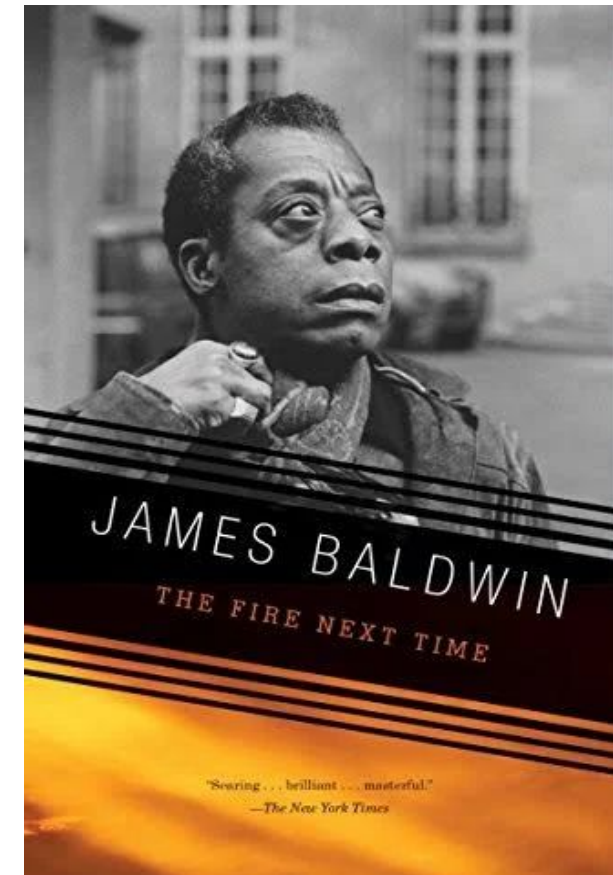


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How Does Our Educational History Relate to James Baldwin Quote?



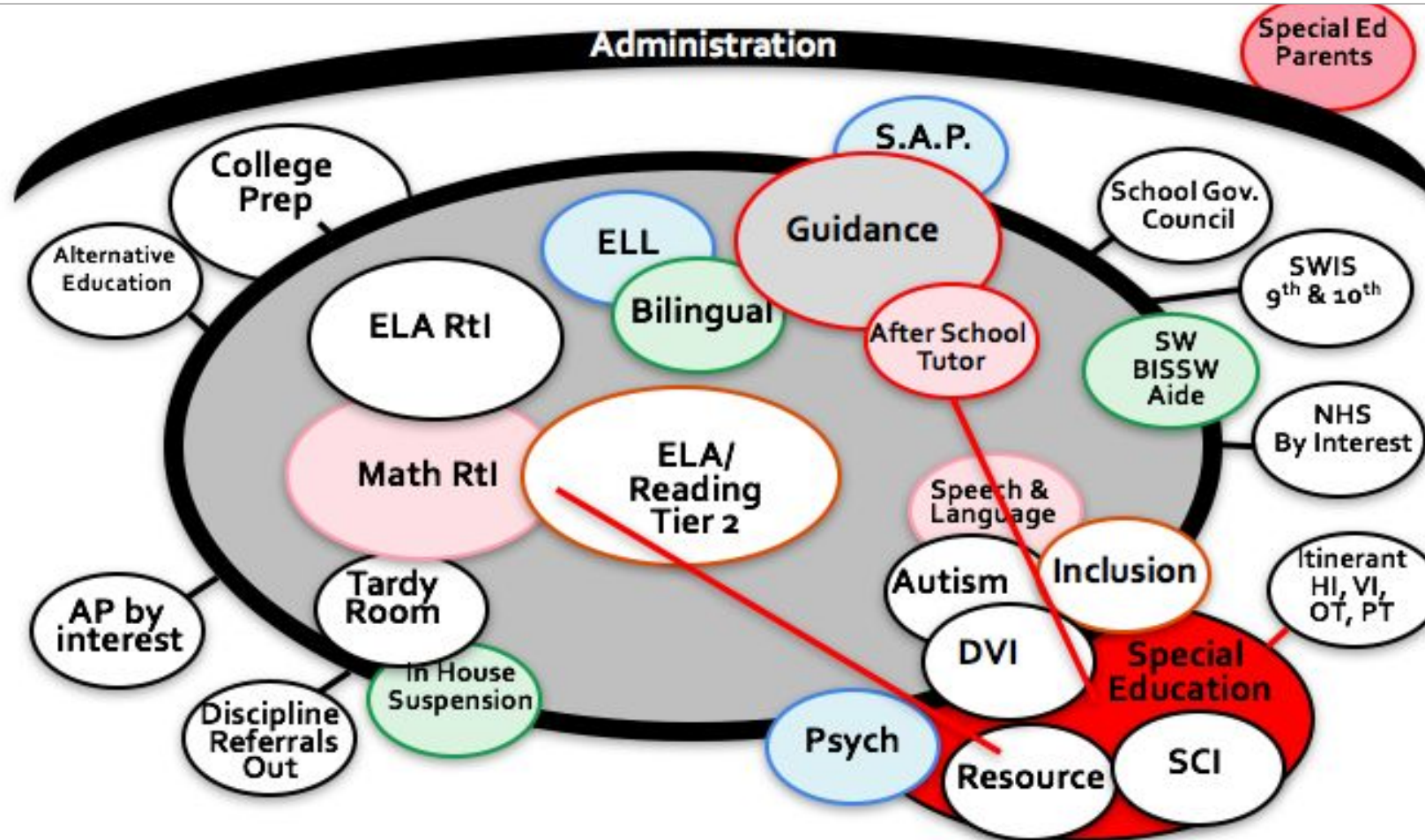
“An invented past can never be used; it cracks and crumbles under the pressures of life like clay in a season of drought.”
(1963)



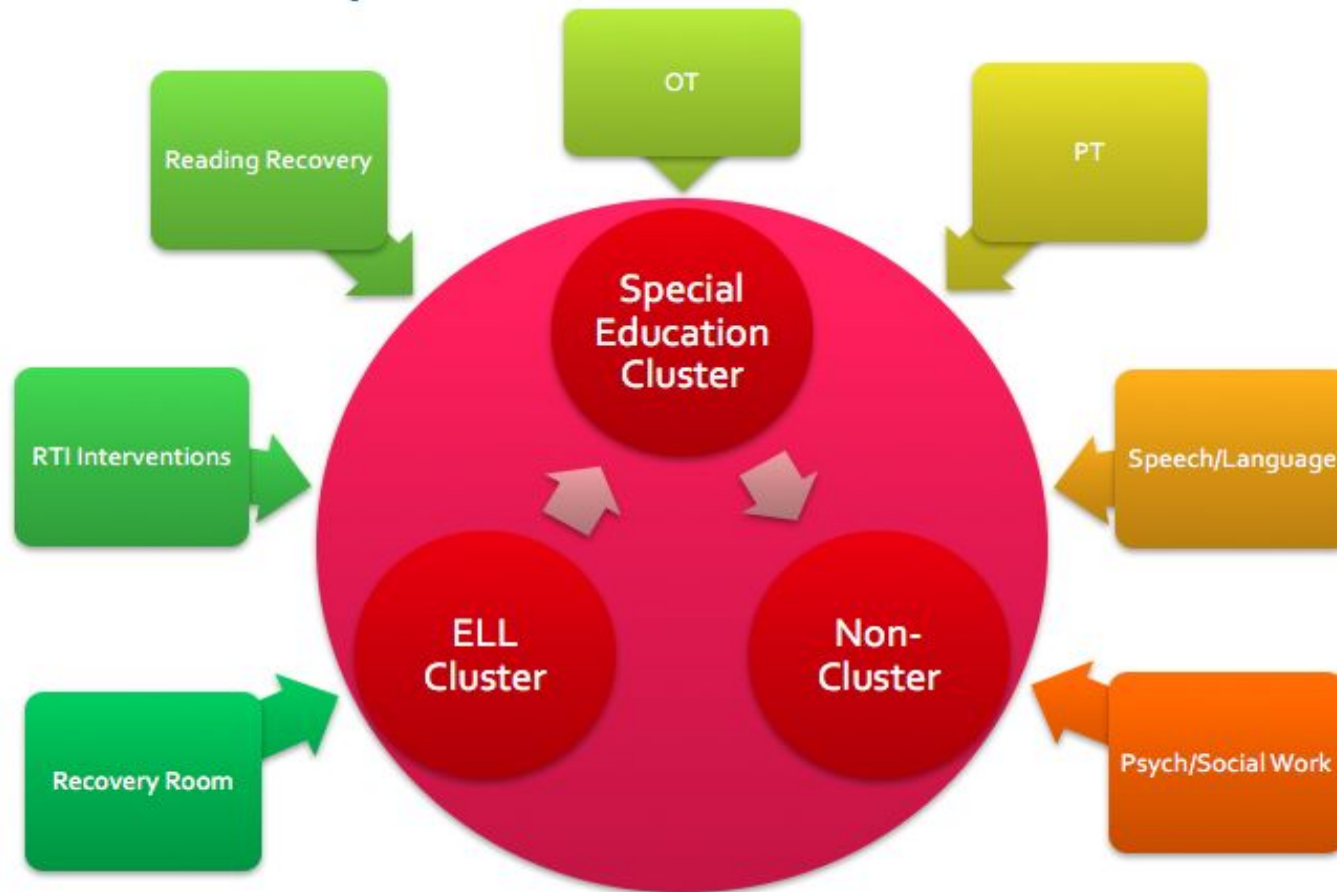
Sample High School Current Educational Structure

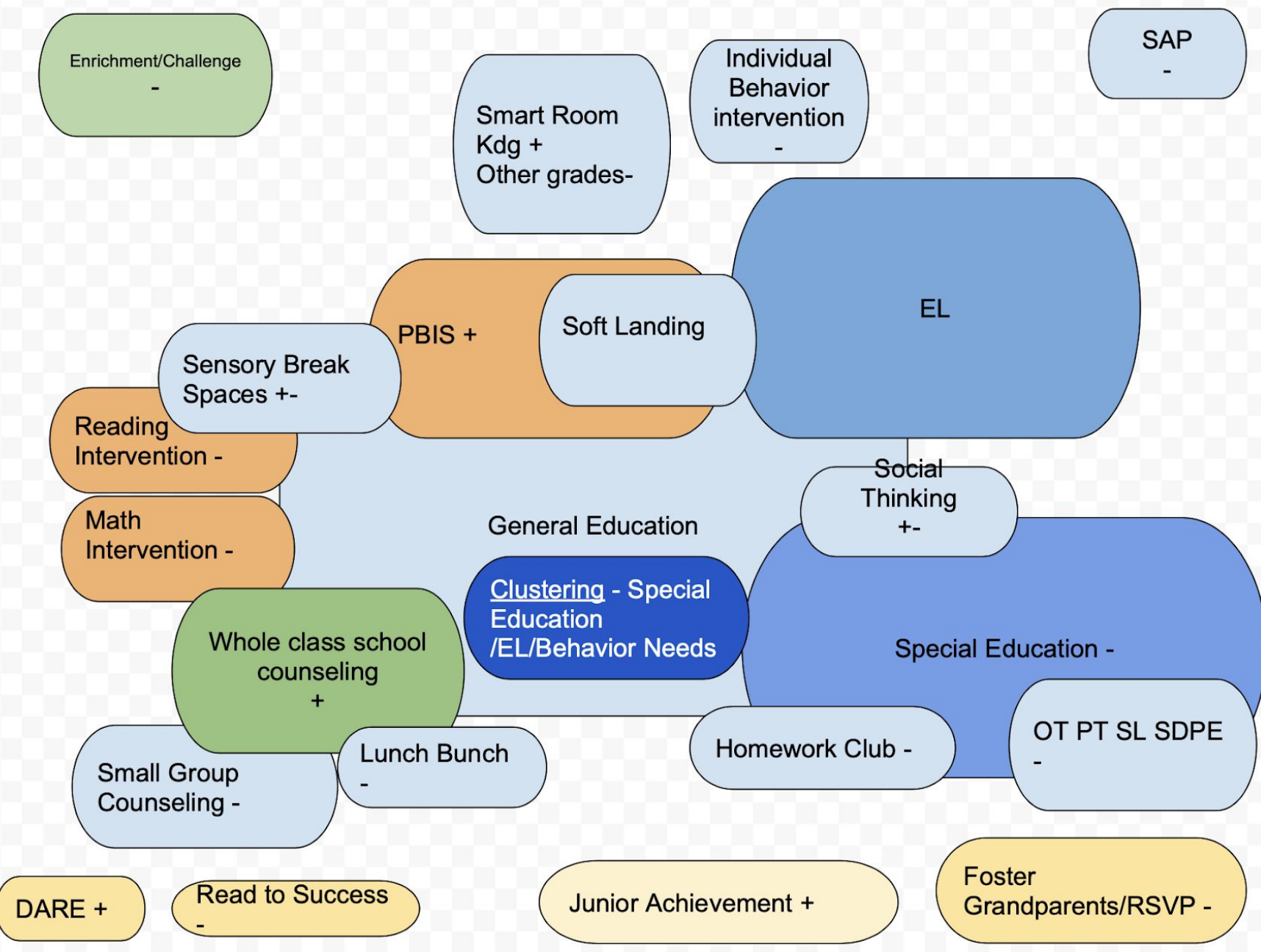


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Current “Inclusive” Service Delivery - Elementary





Student Challenges of the Current Structure

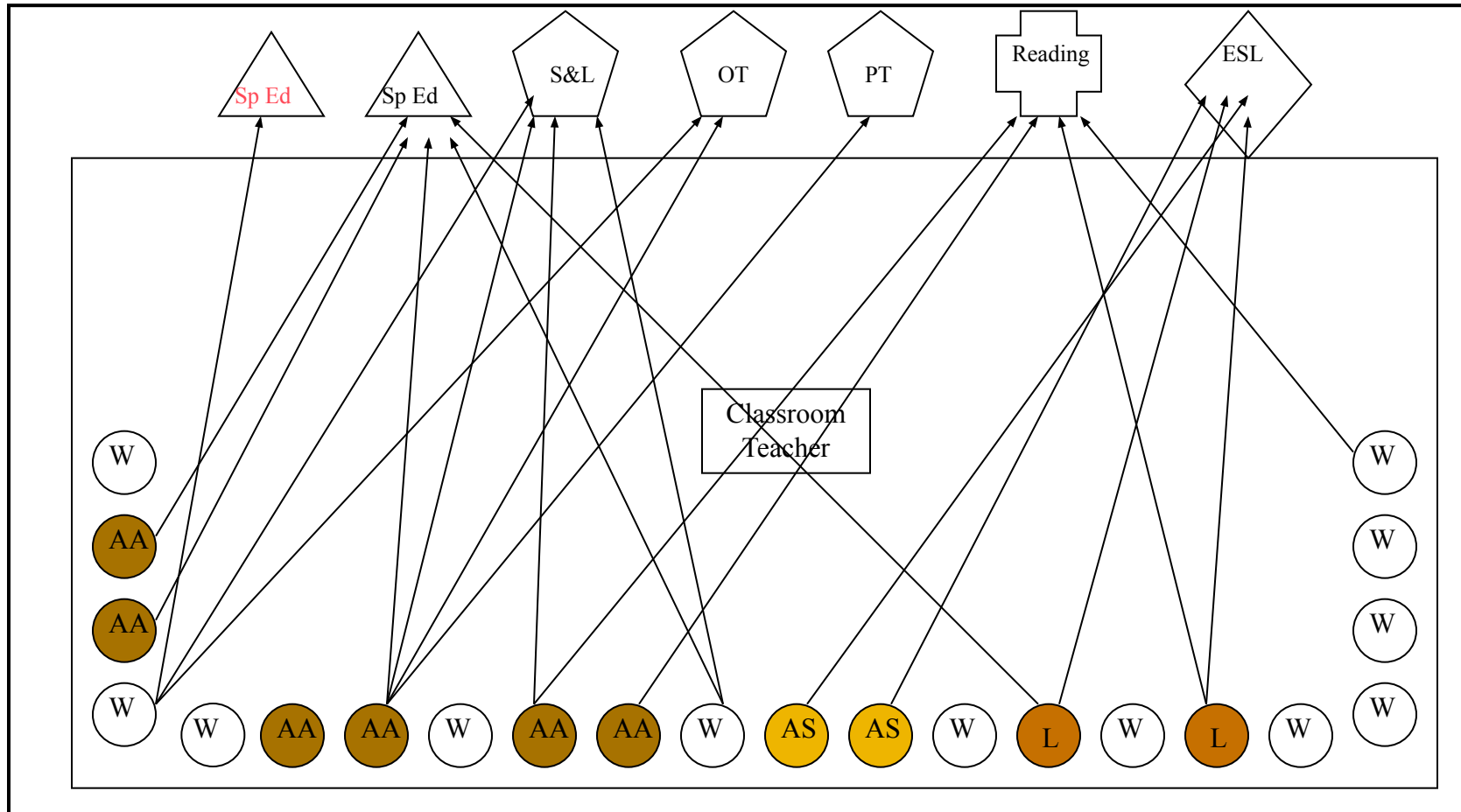
- Don't have access to general education classroom
- Core curriculum is missed
- Other students feel left out "Why can't I go?"
- Students tell themselves "I'm dumb." or "I'm smarter than you."
- Students begin to identify themselves
- Students with the highest needs have the most fragmented education - most environments/adults
- Adults sitting right next to a student

Staff Challenges of the Current Structure

- We feel like the pull out instruction is helping-- best of intentions-- need to compare/contrast this with student perspective
- Ownership of specialist for the expertise they are delivering
- Lack knowledge of what is happening in general classroom
- EL and others needing to support across classrooms - how to do without clustering or pull out
- Comfort level for co-teaching
- Trusting one another

Elementary Classroom — (Theoharis 2007)

More students of color leave the classroom for services (stereotype threat)
Students who identify as white, don't have to leave (stereotype lift)

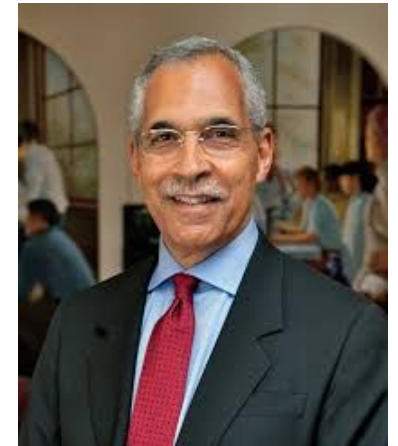


Perceptions Define Educational Structures



Stereotype threat – when we are reminded of one of our identities that has a negative stereotype and that could be marginalized, we perform less well.

Stereotype lift – when we are reminded of someone else’s identity that could be marginalized or has a negative stereotype, and we are not of that identity, it makes us feel better about ourselves and increases our performance



Stereotype lift and threat occurs every day in every school, perpetuating societal marginalization...

(Steele & Aronson, 1994)

Where Students Learn Matters



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- Students who are pulled-out, ability grouped, or segregated from other students for instruction are taught that they do not belong
- Students who remain are taught:
 - who belongs and who does not
 - who is capable and who is not

What Our Educational History Has Taught Us



Such practices **blame and label the students and provides less rigor** by isolating students through the ineffective practice of grouping by ability and limiting access to high quality instruction.

Some students receive support – while others are **denied**.

What We Now Know



Students who leave the general education classroom receive the **most fragmented, least cohesive education.**

Students with the **most needs, are expected to synthesize information across the the most adults and most environments.**

Limits transfer of both educator and student knowledge back to the core of teaching and learning.

Further **exacerbating the crisis of disproportionality** and the construction of low achievement for students with disabilities, students who experience poverty, students who are Latinx, students who are Black...

Anti-Racist Work Absent Structural and Policy Changes... Is Not Anti- Racist Work



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“What if we realized the best way to ensure an effective educational system is not by standardizing our curricula and tests but by standardizing the opportunities available to all students?”



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The ICS Equity Systems Change Framework: Disrupting and Solving Disproportionality

An Introduction

ICS Equity *Mitigates & Avoids* Equity Traps, Tropes, & Pitfalls



Defining Equity Traps, Tropes, and Pitfalls

Adapted from Jamila Dugan, "Equity Traps and Tropes" (2021)

1. Doing Equity: Treating equity as a series of tools, strategies, and compliance versus a whole person, a whole system change process linked to culture, identity, & healing
2. Siloing Equity: Locating equity work in a separate and siloed policy, team, or body
3. Equity Warrior(s): Nestling equity with a single champion and holder of the vision
4. Spray and Pray Equity: Engaging “equity experts” to drop in for a training with no ongoing plan for learning or capacity building
5. Navel-Gazing Equity: Keeping equity work at the level of self-reflection and failing to penetrate the instructional core and/or school systems and structures (segregation, tracking)

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6. Structural Equity: Redesigning systems & structures without investing in the deeper personal, interpersonal, and cultural shifts
7. Blanket Equity: Investing in a program or curriculum rather than building the capacity of your people to address equity challenges as complex and ongoing places of inquiry
8. Tokenizing Equity: Asking leaders of color to hold, drive, and symbolically represent equity without providing support & resources to thrive nor engaging the entire staff in the work
9. Superficial Equity: Failing to take time to build equity-centered knowledge and fluency, leading to behavioral shifts without understanding deeper meaning or historical context
10. Boomerang Equity: Investing time and resources to understand your equity challenges but reverting back to recycled, status quo solutions.

Traps, Tropes, and Pitfalls



1. **Doing Equity**
2. **Siloing Equity**
3. **Equity Warrior(s)**
4. **Spray and Pray Equity**
5. **Navel-Gazing Equity**
6. **Structural Equity**
7. **Blanket Equity**
8. **Tokenizing Equity**
9. **Superficial Equity**
10. **Boomerang Equity**



Which of the 10 Traps, Tropes and Pitfalls have you experienced thus far with your equity work?

No surprise then, that Inequities Persist in Our Districts...



And harms the Learning for All
Students Across Identities

- Race
- Disability
- Language
- Social class
- Religion
- Gender
- Sexual/Gender Identity
- And their intersections

ICS provides a Framework to Bring Together District/School Work



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We Define Equity As...

HIGH-QUALITY TEACHING AND
LEARNING ABSENT ANY
EXPERIENCE OF
MARGINALIZATION OR
OPPRESSION

perceptual

structural

curricular

financial

procedural

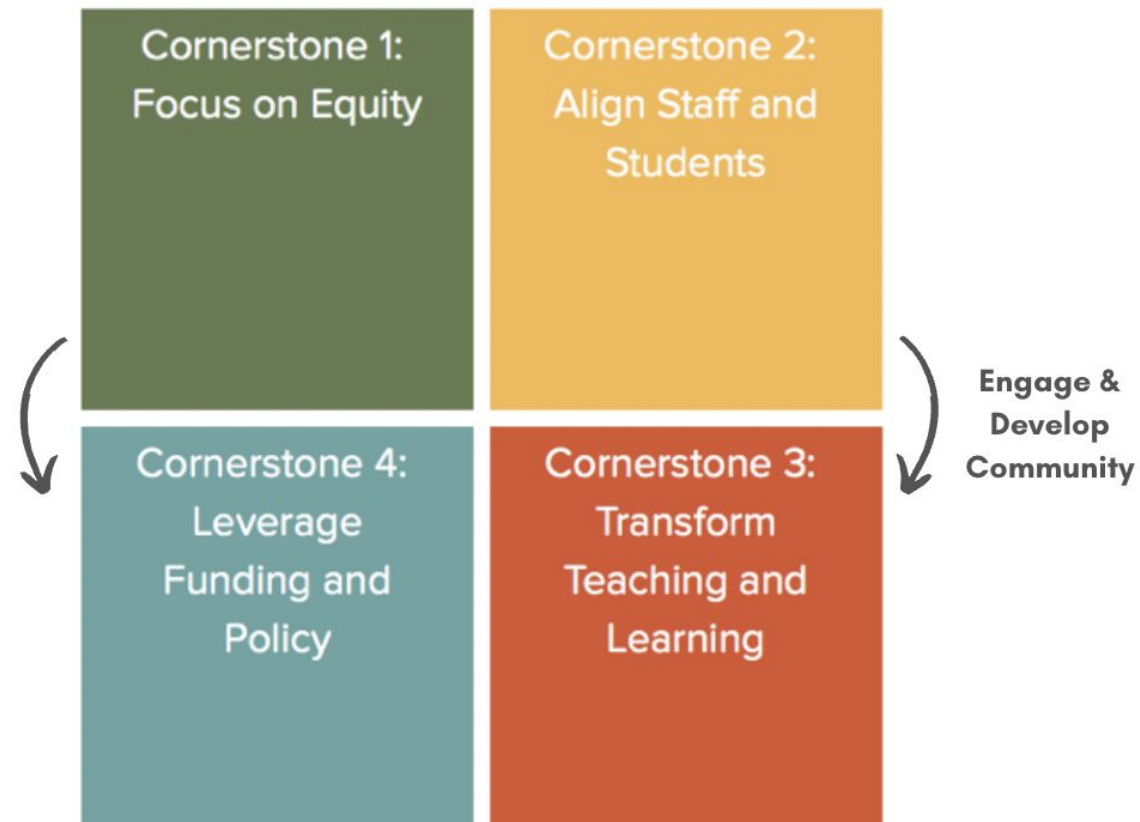
instructional

Inequities are:
Historical, Structural,
Cultural, and Systemic
**Require Systems
Change**

Integrated Comprehensive Systems – Four Cornerstones



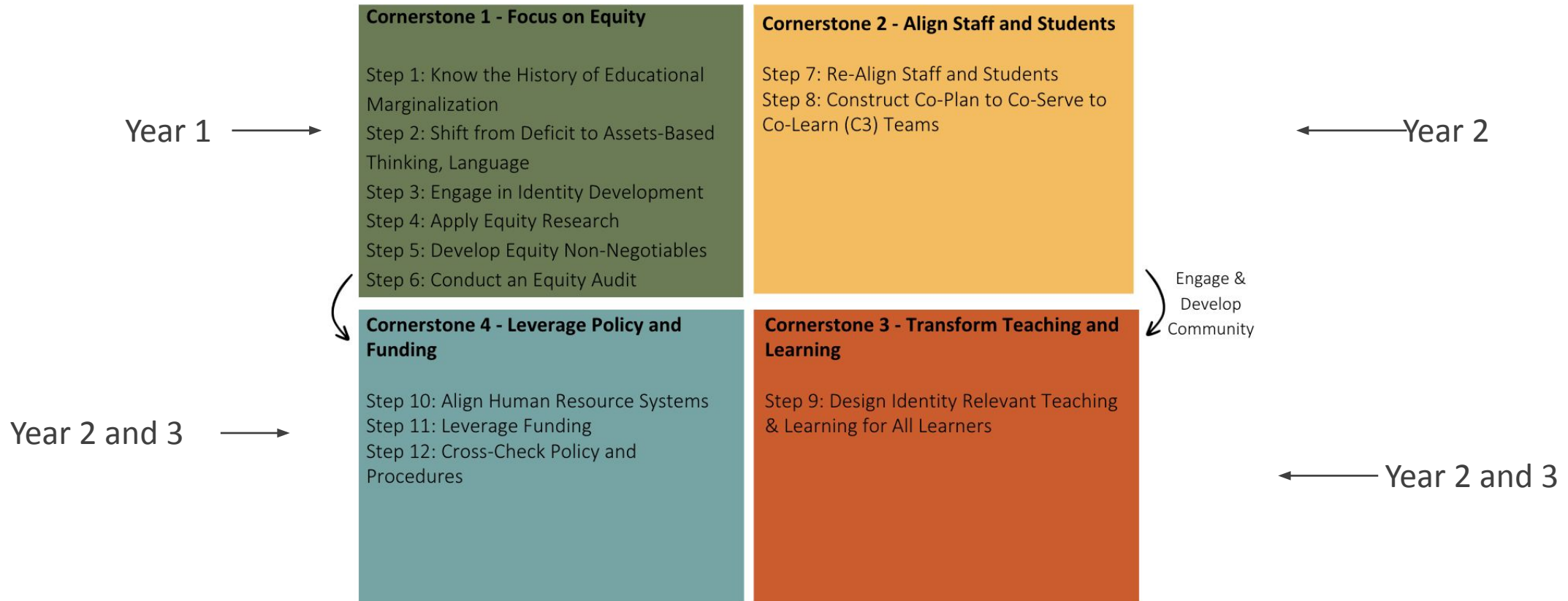
ICS Equity Four Cornerstones



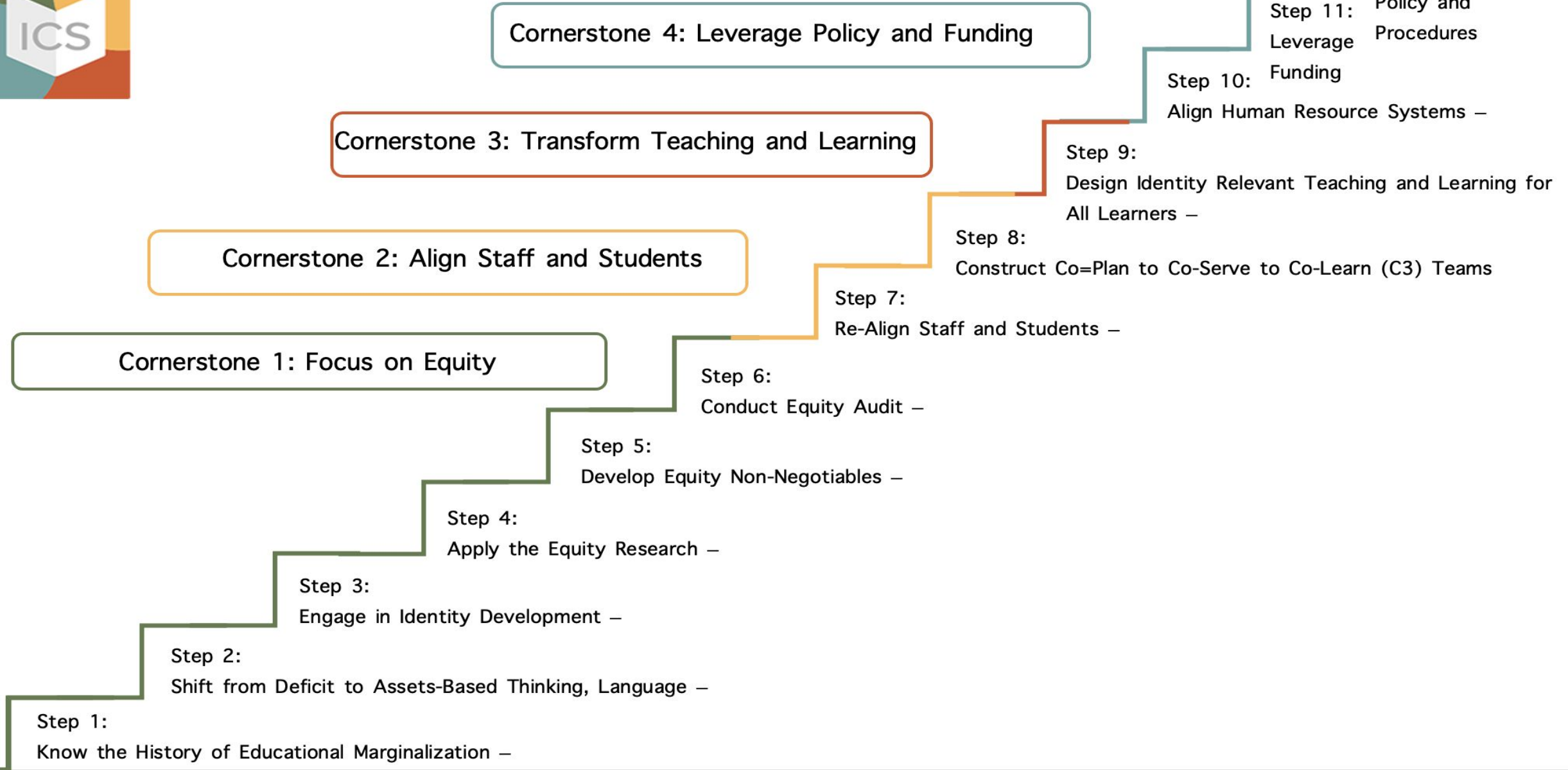
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The ICS Framework and Process



ICS 12 Steps to Systematically Implement HQT&L for Schools and District



ICS Equity

5 KEY FEATURES



Historically (and presently), efforts to engage in and operationalize equity work falls short of producing any sustainable, measurable change.

Too often, piecemeal equity work ends up perpetuating the traps, tropes, and pitfalls of your typical Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training.

ICS, instead, works to avoid those traps, tropes, and pitfalls through implementing, with fidelity, the **key features** of ICS Four Cornerstones and Systems change framework.

ICS for Equity

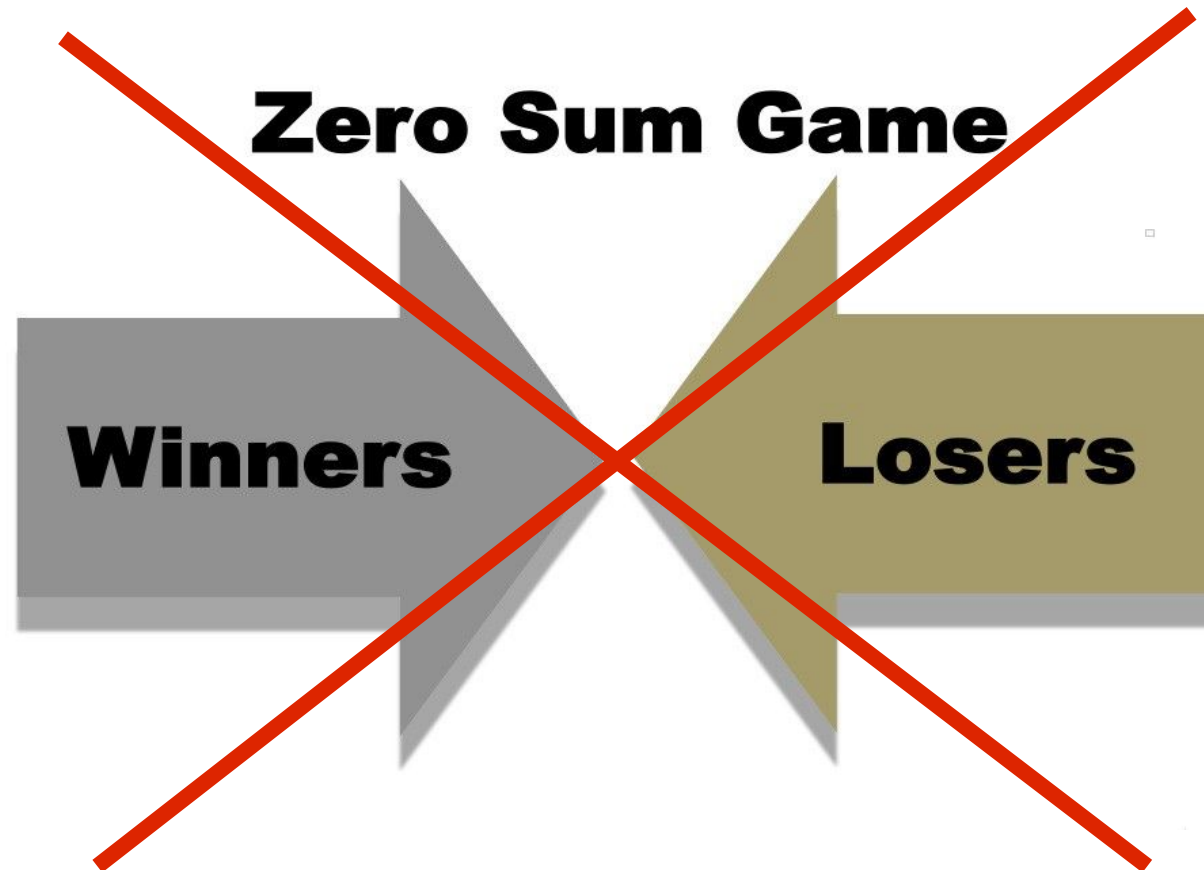
5 KEY FEATURES



Advances Learning for All Students Across Identities

- Race
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Not a Zero-Sum Game— Advances Learning for All



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ICS Equity 5 Key Features

1. Framework and Process
2. Advances Learning for All
3. Research and Evidence
4. Build Collective Equity Capacity
5. Accountability

We will take 4
minutes to
discuss



PAUSE AND REFLECT



As we think about the various Equity Traps, Tropes, and Pitfalls, Your Previous Equity Efforts, and how ICS can disrupt these Traps, Tropes, and Pitfalls

What Resonates with You?

What Gives You Pause?

Schools and Districts Engaged in Systems Change: The impact of Implementing the ICS Framework and Process



- Green Hills School District
- Riverbluff High School
- Tempelton School District
- Chavez Elementary



Green Hills School District



2011: 43 students tuitioned-out at \$600,000

Caseloads Categorical:

- El: 14:1 (w/ high 20:1)
- Int: 19:1(w/ high of 31:1)
- HS: 21:1 (w/high of 30:1)

▪ Incident rate: 15%

▪ Entry Point: Students with Disabilities data

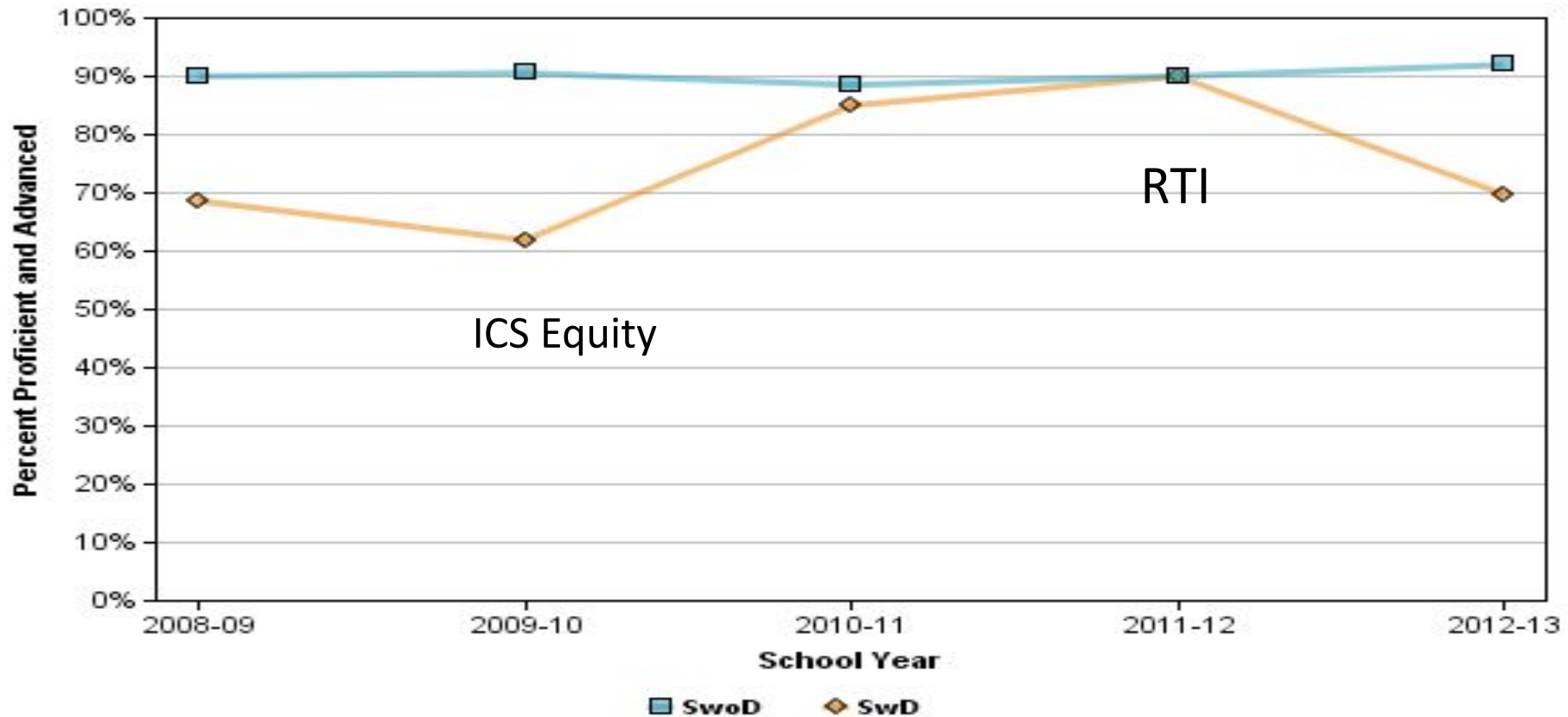
2015: 6 students are tuitioned-out

Caseloads Cross categorical:

- Elementary 7:1
- Intermediate 11:1
- High School :16:1
- Incident Rate: 11%
- All Learners: Focus on
 - Poverty
 - Race
 - Linguistically Diverse

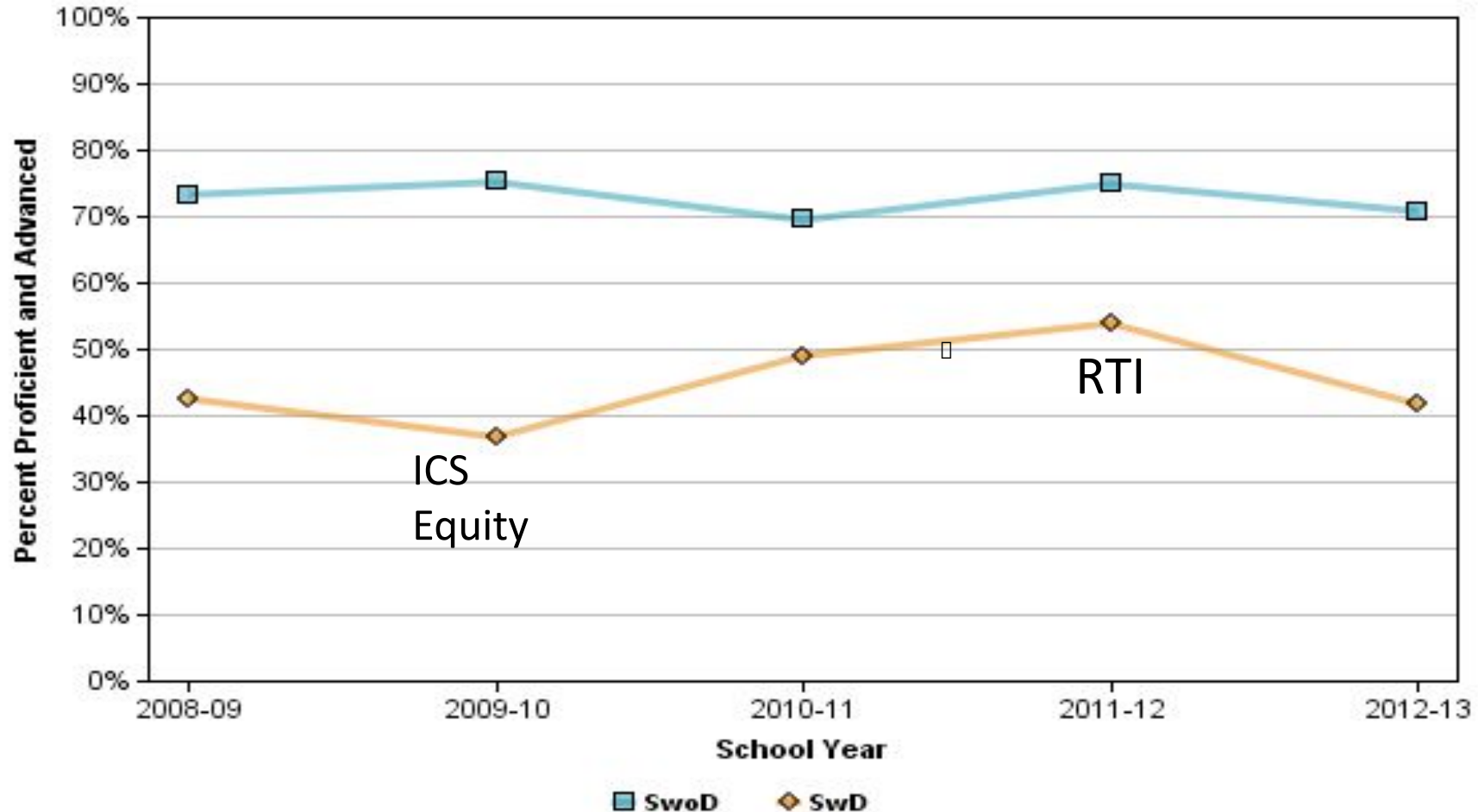
Green Hills School District: Elementary Science

- *ICS Application* → Higher achievement
- *Ability grouping through Rtl* → Lower scores
(N=3500)



Green Hills School District: Elementary Mathematics

- *ICS* → *Higher achievement*
 - *Ability grouping through Rtl* → *Lower achievement*
- (N = 3500)

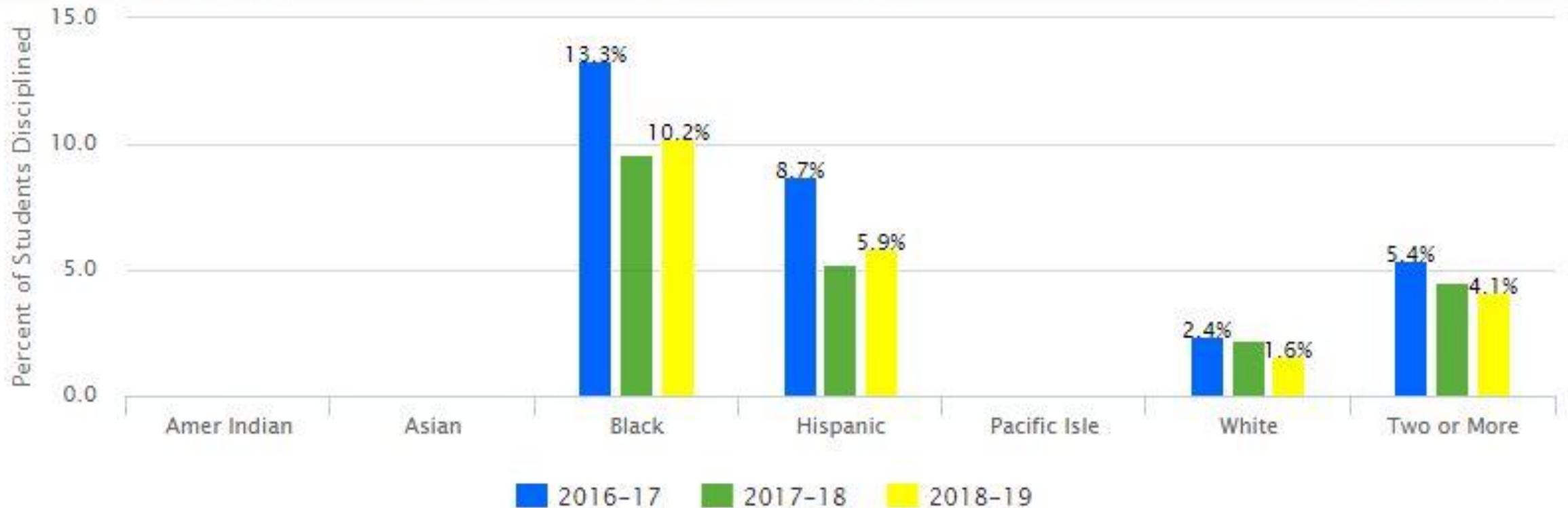


District D - Discipline Outcomes



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Percent of Students with Disciplinary Removals by Race/Ethnicity (Recent Trend)

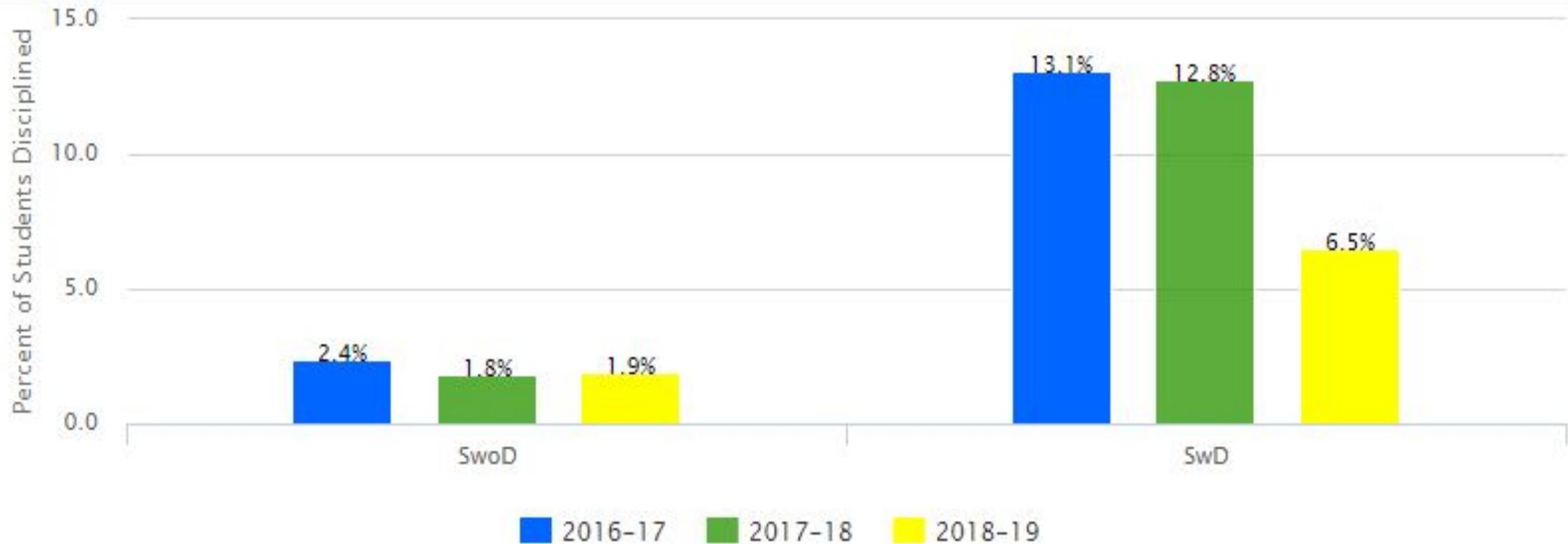


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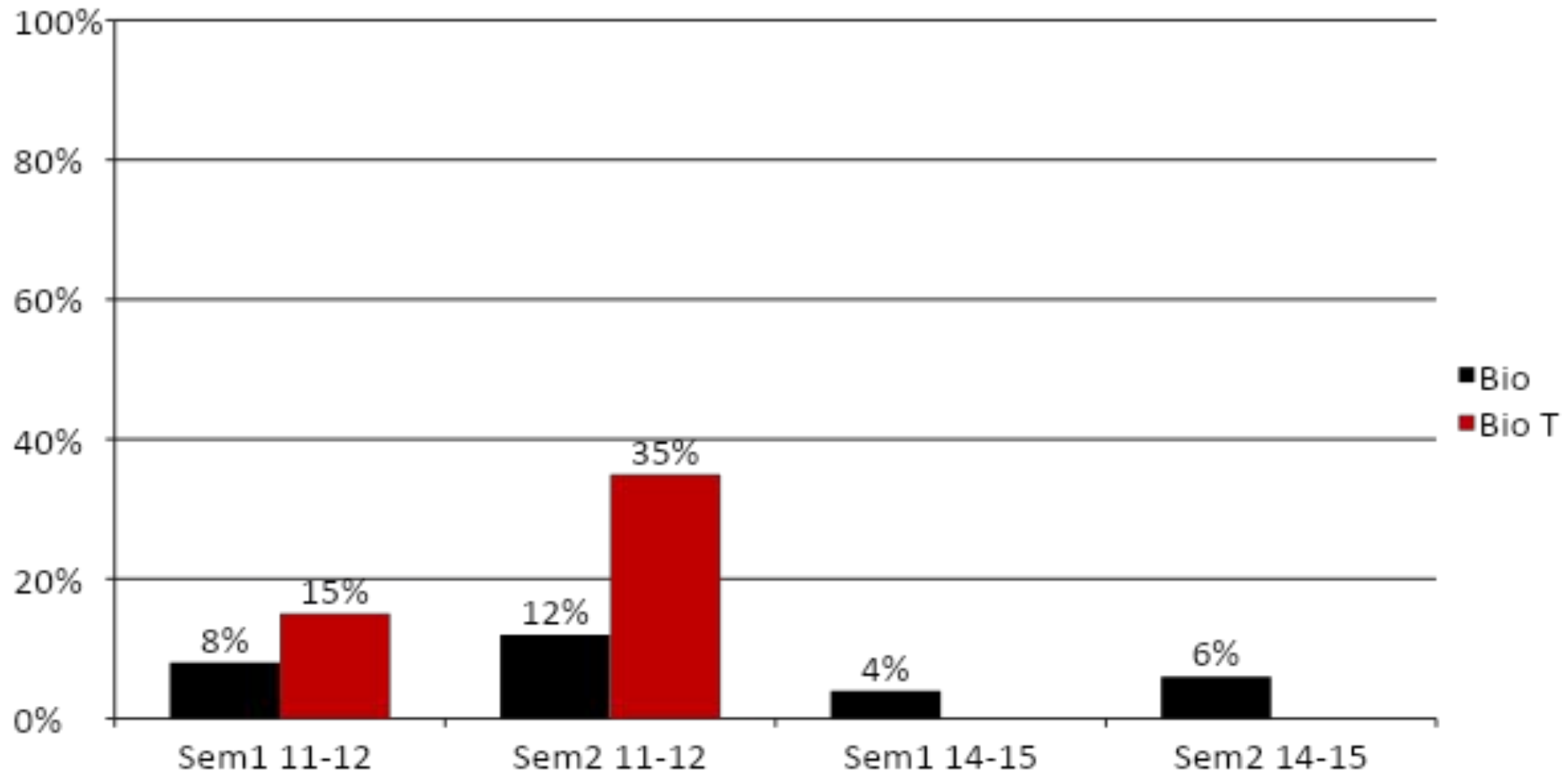


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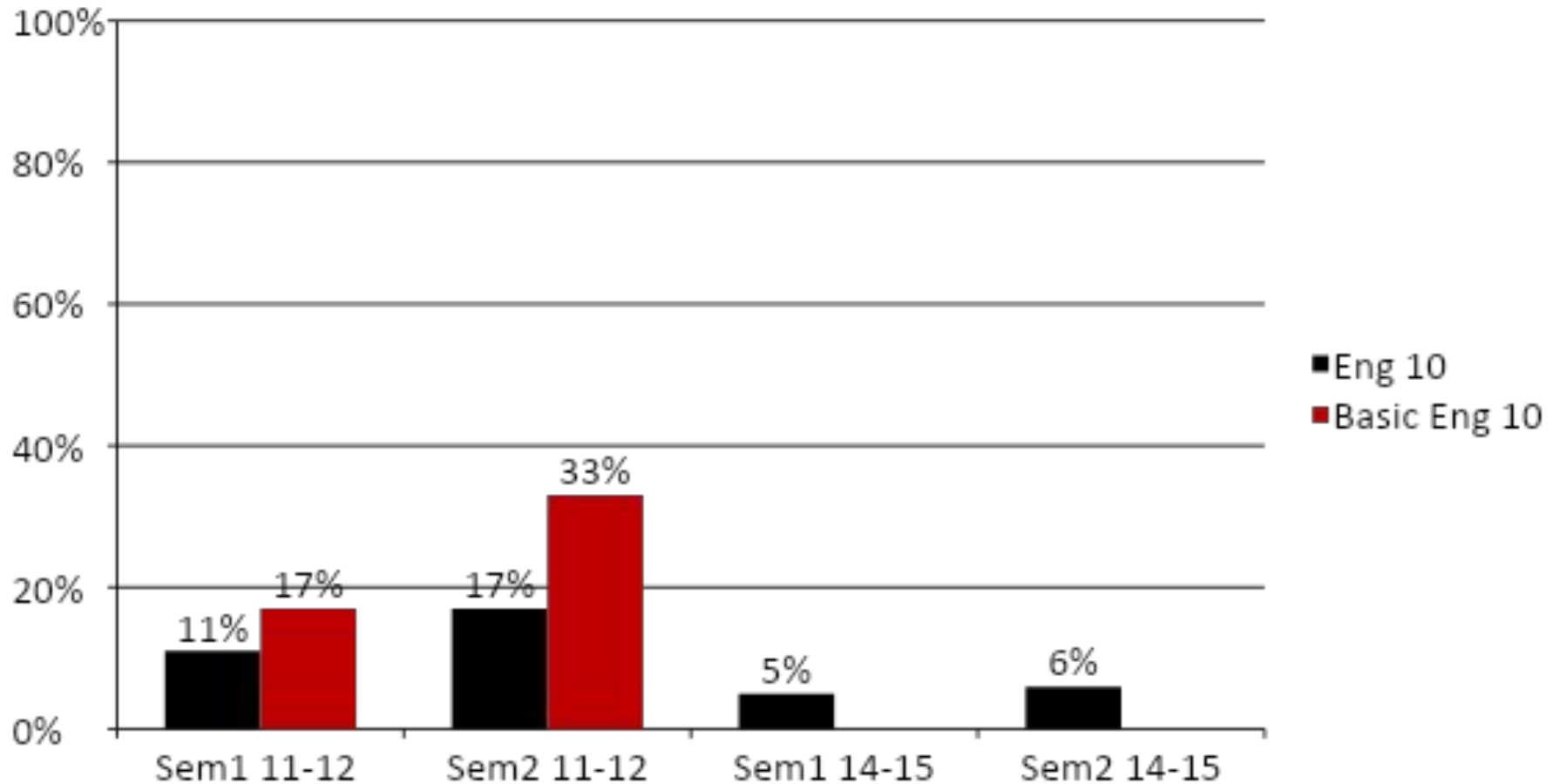
Percent of Students with Disciplinary Removals by Disability Status (Recent Trend)



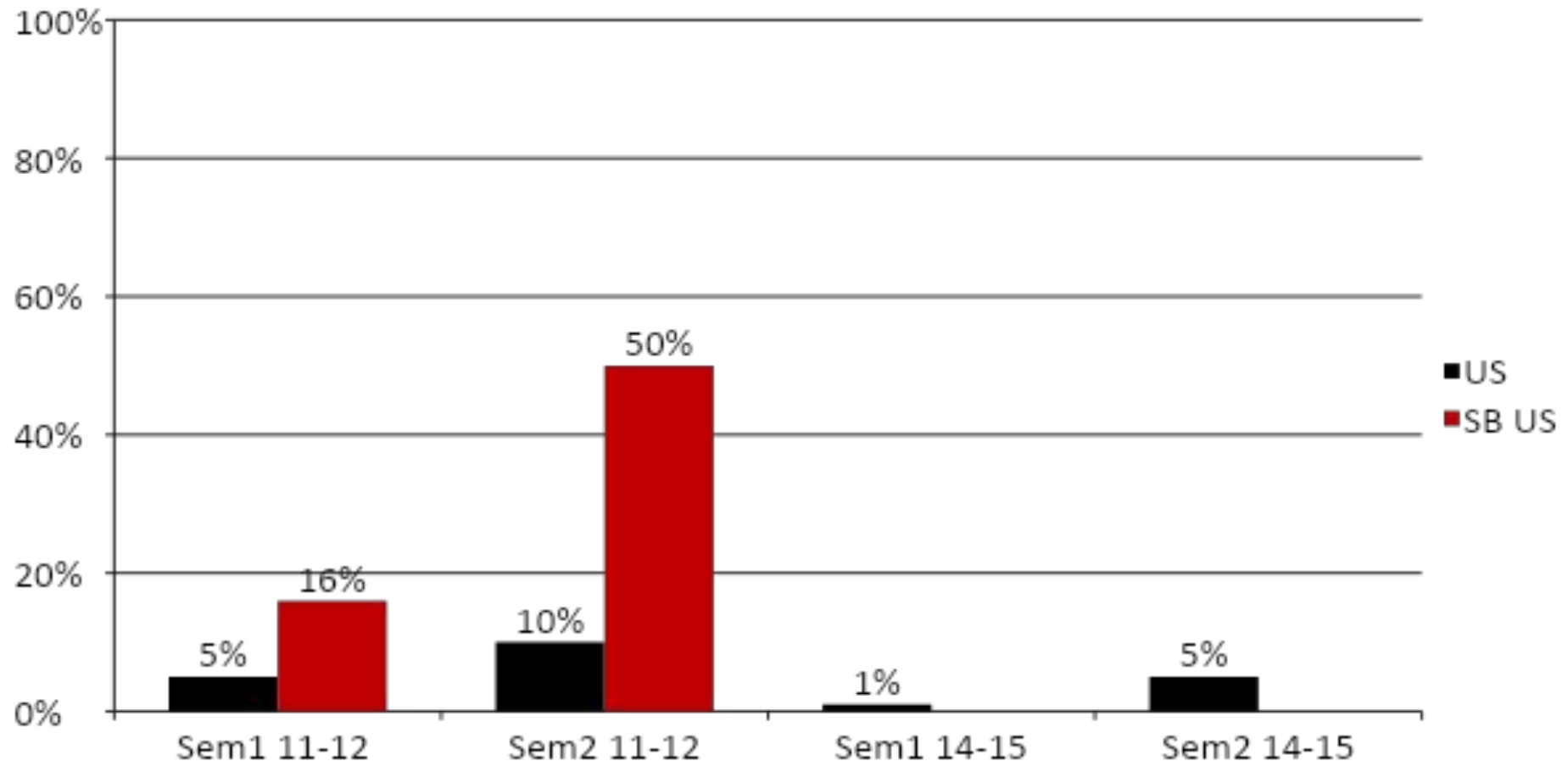
River Bluff H.S. Biology Percentage of F's



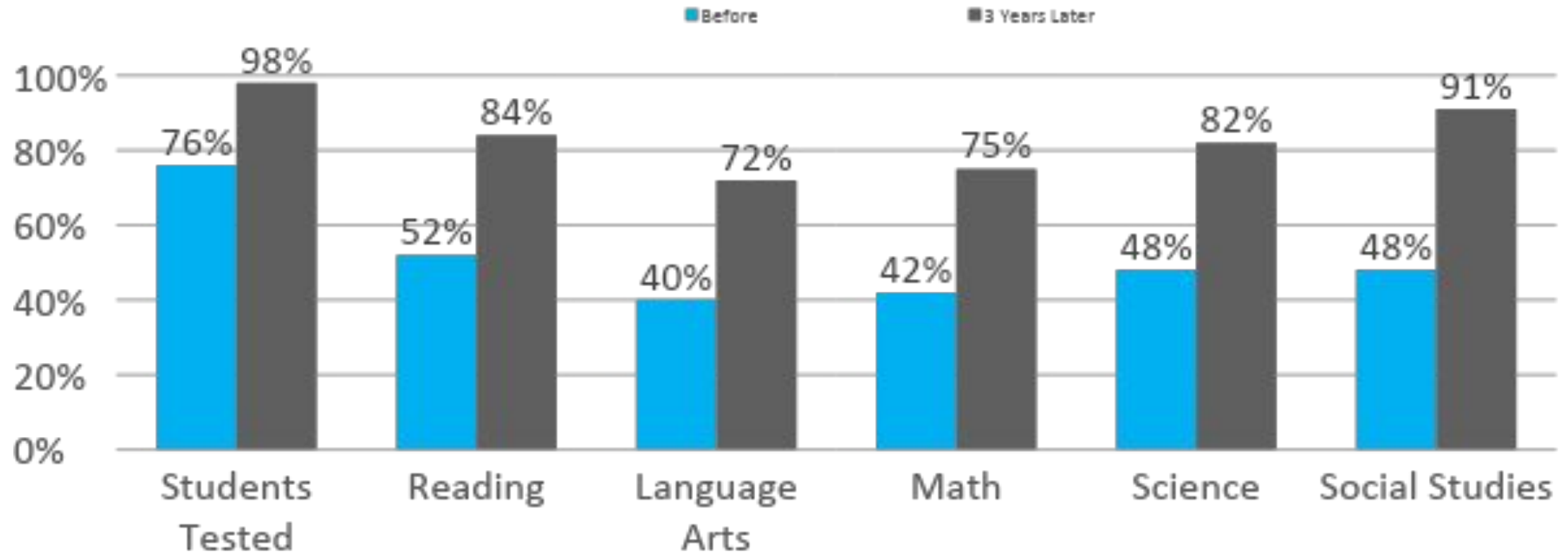
River Bluff H.S. English 10 Percentage F's



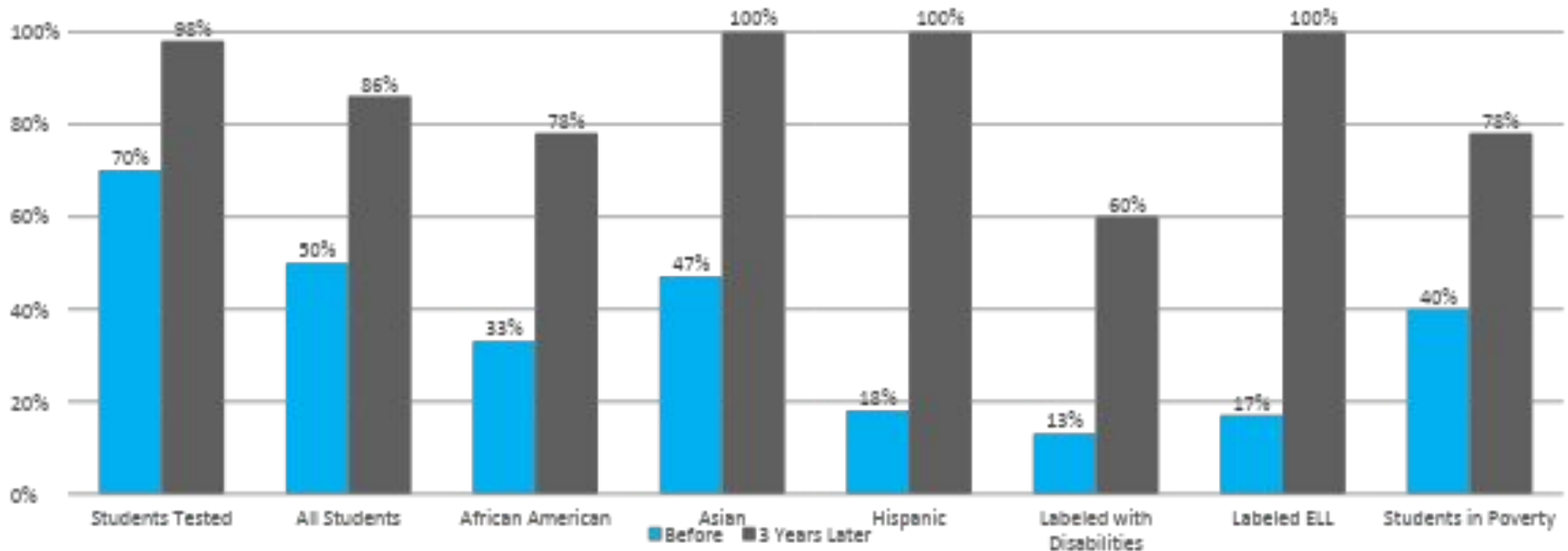
River Bluff H.S. U.S. History Percentage of F's



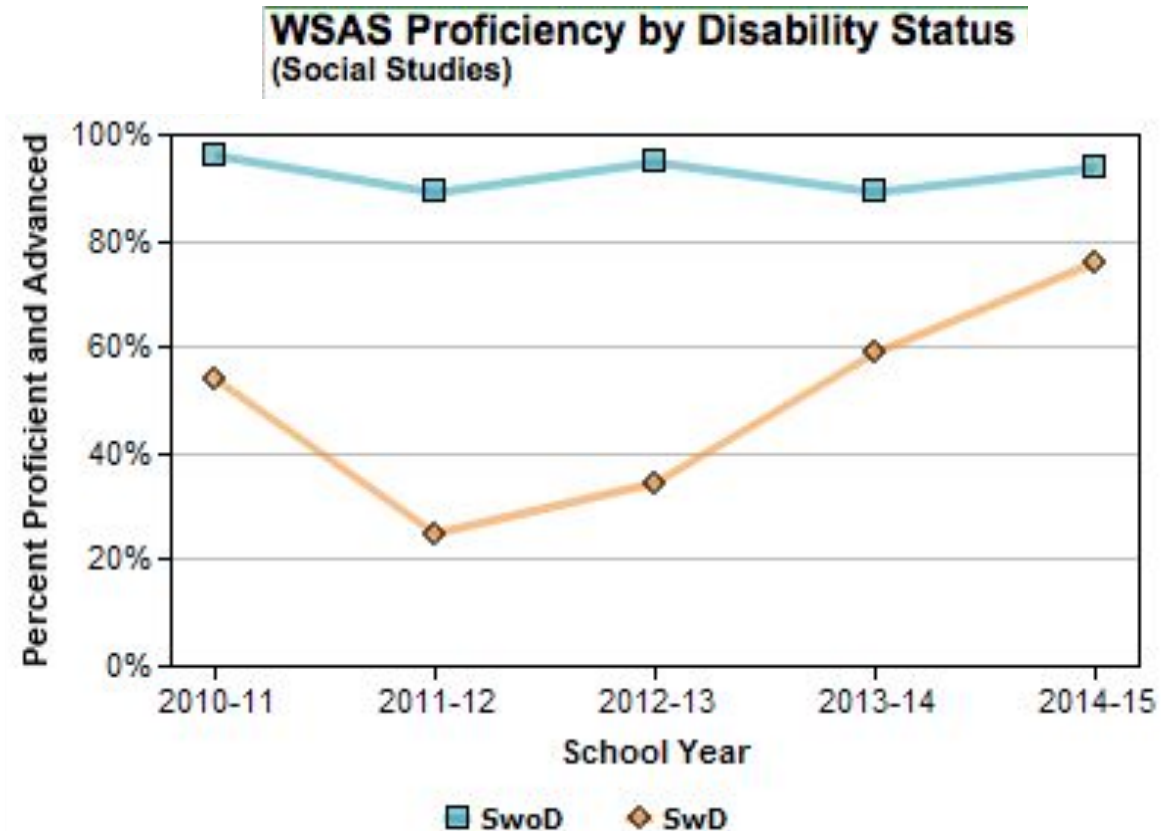
Chavez Elementary: 4th Grade Assessment Data Students Scoring Proficient/Advanced



Chavez Elementary: Reading: Students Scoring Proficient/Advanced



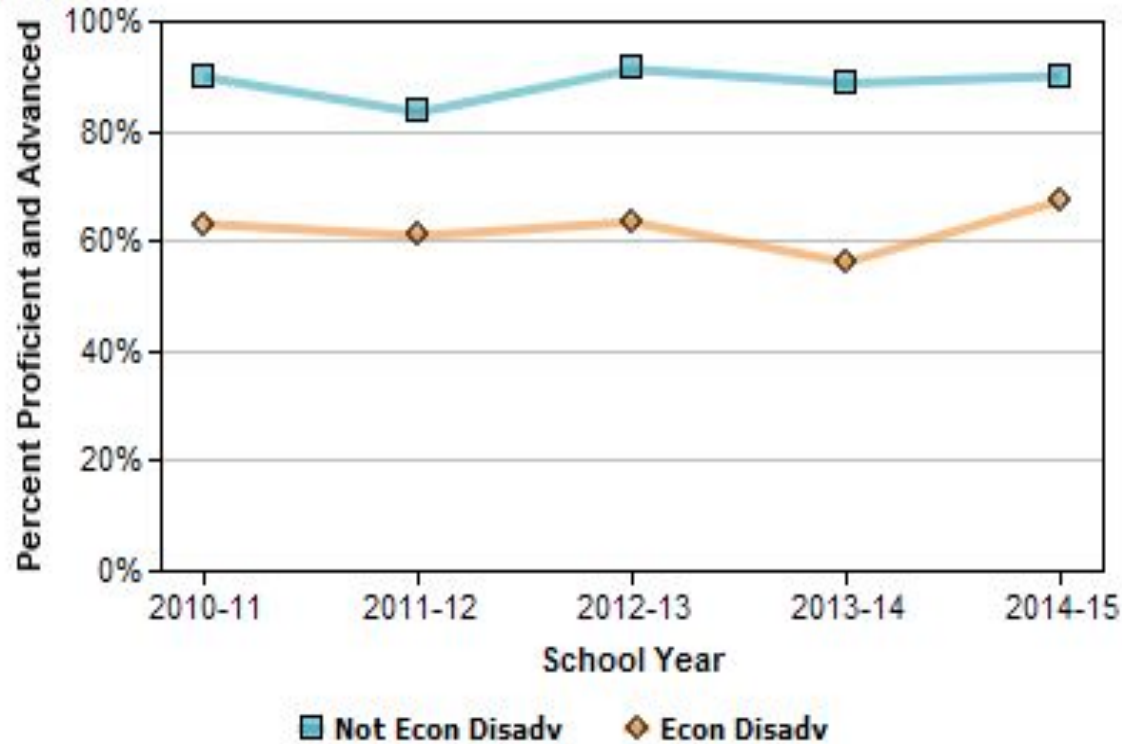
Year 1 - Leveling Up at High School A



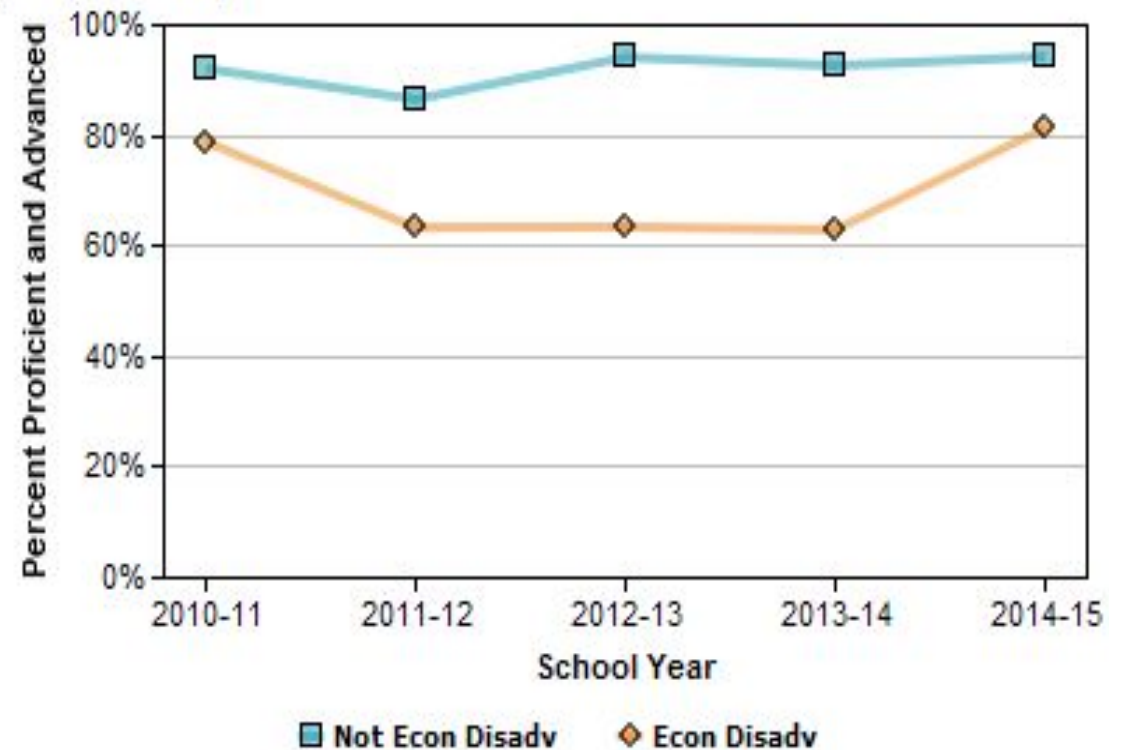
Year 1 - Leveling Up at High School A



WSAS Proficiency by Economic Status (Other Subgroups)
(Science)



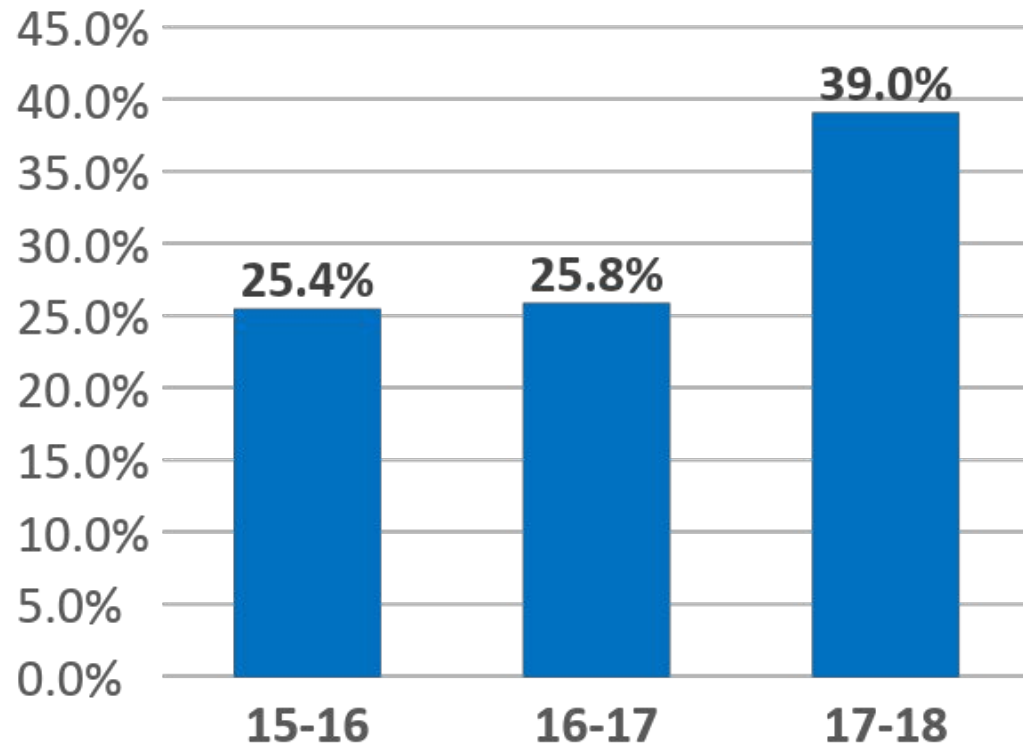
WSAS Proficiency by Economic Status
(Social Studies)



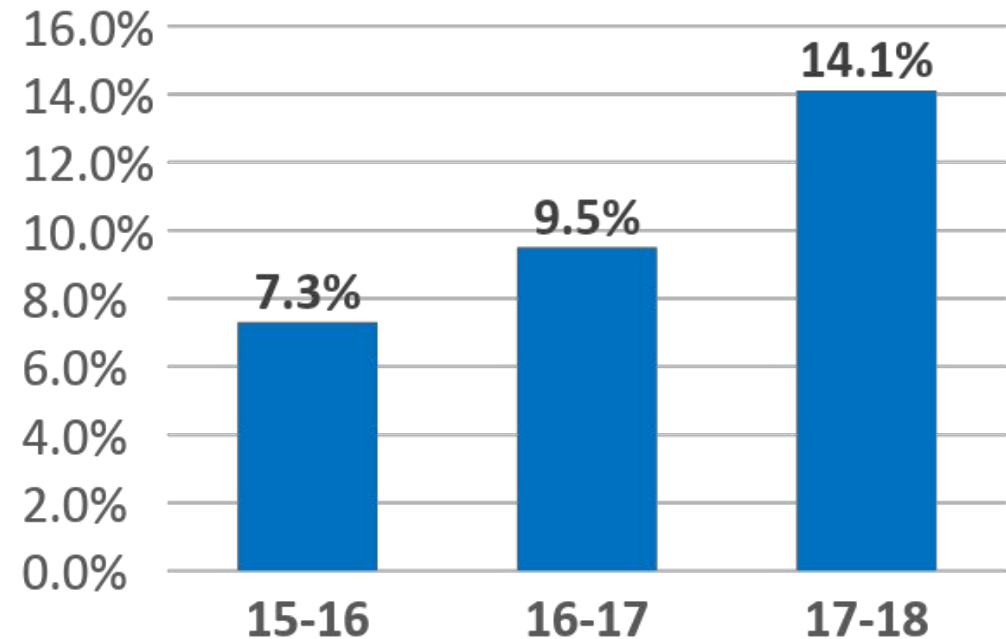
District C - Equity Outcomes



SWD Forward ELA High Growth



SWD Forward ELA Advanced and Proficient



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A thought from Norm Kunc...



The idea that ability leads to opportunity
needs to be reversed. Give people opportunities,
and it will lead to ability.

Emma Van der Klift & Norman Kunc

So What's Next? Connect with US!

An Overview of Services

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Online registration for the 2024 Virtual Introduction to the ICS Equity Framework and Process is open!



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Eliminate Inequities for All

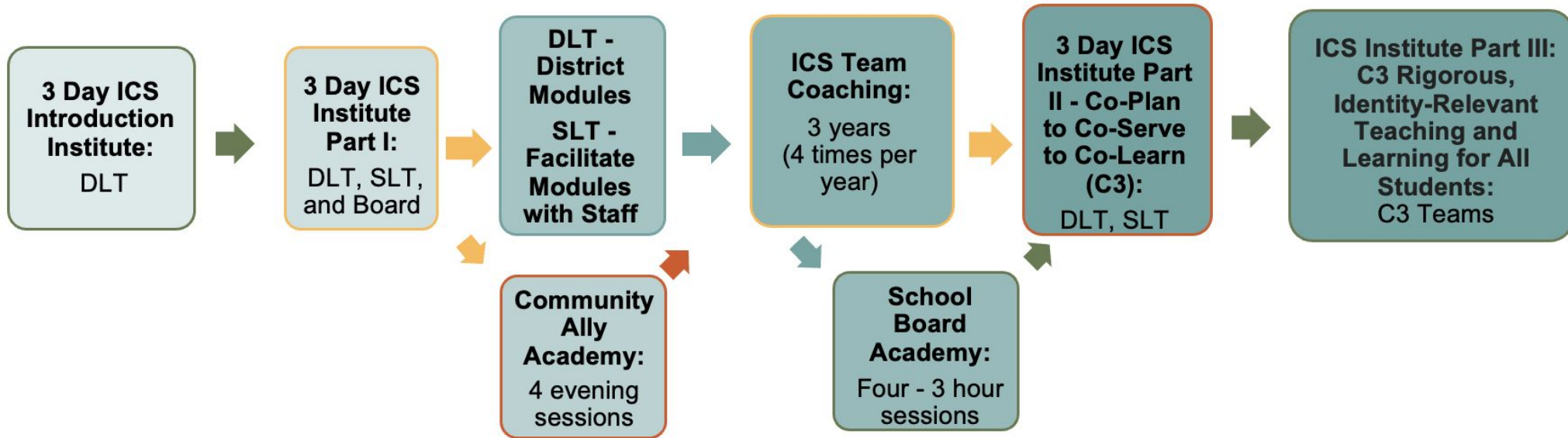
ICS helps you move beyond piecemeal approaches to equity and achieve equity systems change.

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ICS Implementation Process

- *Implementation Science*
- *Trainer of Trainers*



Additional Professional Development as Needed (e.g., students with significant disabilities, students with challenging behaviors, new staff orientation, etc.)

ICS Equity Overview for District Leadership Team or District Office Introduction to the Work



Often completed a semester prior to the School Leadership Teams

**3 Day ICS
Introduction
Institute:
DLT**

The ICS Equity Part 1 Institute

Work with School Teams (DLT and Board are welcome to attend)



**3 Day ICS
Institute
Part I:
DLT, SLT,
and Board**

The current professional development

Primary focus is a deep dive into
Cornerstone 1 – Focus on Equity.
Modules 0-6

Overview of Cornerstones 2 -4 –
Modules 7-12

ICS Equity Virtual Coaching

Coaching First Semester/Year After the Part 1 Institute



**DLT -
District
Modules**

**SLT -
Facilitate
Modules
with Staff**



**ICS Team
Coaching:**

3 years
(4 times per
year)

Coaching happens 4 times a year or 2x/semester virtually following the Part 1 and 2 and 3 Institutes for all school and district office teams.

After Part 1 - School Teams are beginning to share out the Modules 0- 6 over two semesters.

The ICS Equity Part II Institute Work for School School Teams



**3 Day ICS
Institute Part
II - Co-Plan
to Co-Serve
to Co-Learn
(C3):
DLT, SLT**

Part 2 occurs two semesters after Part 1 with the same SLT's.

Focus is on taking a deeper dive into Modules 7-12 with an overview on Modules 0-6.

The ICS Equity Part III Institute Work for C3 Teams



**ICS Institute Part III:
C3 Rigorous,
Identity-Relevant
Teaching and
Learning for All
Students:
C3 Teams**

Part 3 is for C3 Teams to continue to practice the work of the C3 Team and lesson design.

Community Ally Academy



**Community
Ally
Academy:
4 evening
sessions**

Can happen as often as the District is interested – often District’s complete 2 cohorts.

Assist in community members understanding and supporting the work of the schools and district.

School Board Academy



**School
Board
Academy:
Four - 3 hour
sessions**

Workshop for Board members to understand the work of the District and Schools to better support in policy and funding decisions.

To better understand the role of the Board in leading the work.

ICS Equity Implementation Process



Module Set Content

[Expand All](#)

Cornerstone 1: Focus on Equity
7 Digital Modules | 26 ICS Applications

[Expand](#)

Cornerstone 2: Align Staff and Students
2 Digital Modules | 6 ICS Applications

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Cornerstone 3: Transform Teaching and Learning
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Cornerstone 4: Leverage Policy and Funding
3 Digital Modules | 9 ICS Applications

New ICS Digital Module Platform Features



Our new platform has been updated for each Digital Module to include the following tools:

1. Learning Targets

2. Staff Checking for Understanding: A fill-in-the-blank tool for staff to record their resonates and pauses after reading the Digital Module and before the facilitation.

3. Staff In Practice: A multiple choice/fill-in-the-blank/file upload tool for staff to check their understanding of the Digital Module's content and to apply the Digital Module to practice following the facilitation.

4. SLT Implementation Fidelity Check: A multiple choice/fill-in-the-blank/file upload tool for SLTs to check their progress with each Digital Module facilitation.

5. Group Leaders: All SLT and DLT members are group leaders and can check the progress and challenges of staff learning and Digital Module facilitation.

6. Individual Log In Access for Each Staff Member

7. All Digital Modules Have Been Updated

Expectations of District Administrative Team (DLT)



1. Meets at least once a month for at least one hour, to work through the District Digital Modules.
2. “Work through the district modules” means:
 - All members read the module.
 - Two members volunteer to facilitate the module slides and activities
3. Each District Administrative Team member assigned to a school to serve as ICS District/School Liaison:
 - Attend each SLT ICS planning meeting
 - Attend each SLT facilitation with the staff
 - Attend each SLT coaching session
4. Meets an additional hour a month to check in on how the SLT/School work is going, support each other, share resources/ideas.
5. Meets with ICS Coach, 75 minutes, 4 times a year for 3 years.

The ICS Framework and Process

Cornerstone 1 - Focus on Equity

Step 1: Know the History of Educational Marginalization

- Step 2: Shift from Deficit to Assets-Based Thinking, Language
- Step 3: Engage in Identity Development
- Step 4: Apply Equity Research
- Step 5: Develop Equity Non-Negotiables
- Step 6: Conduct an Equity Audit

Cornerstone 2 - Align Staff and Students

- Step 7: Re-Align Staff and Students
- Step 8: Construct Co-Plan to Co-Serve to Co-Learn (C3) Teams

Cornerstone 4 - Leverage Policy and Funding

- Step 10: Align Human Resource Systems
- Step 11: Leverage Funding
- Step 12: Cross-Check Policy and Procedures

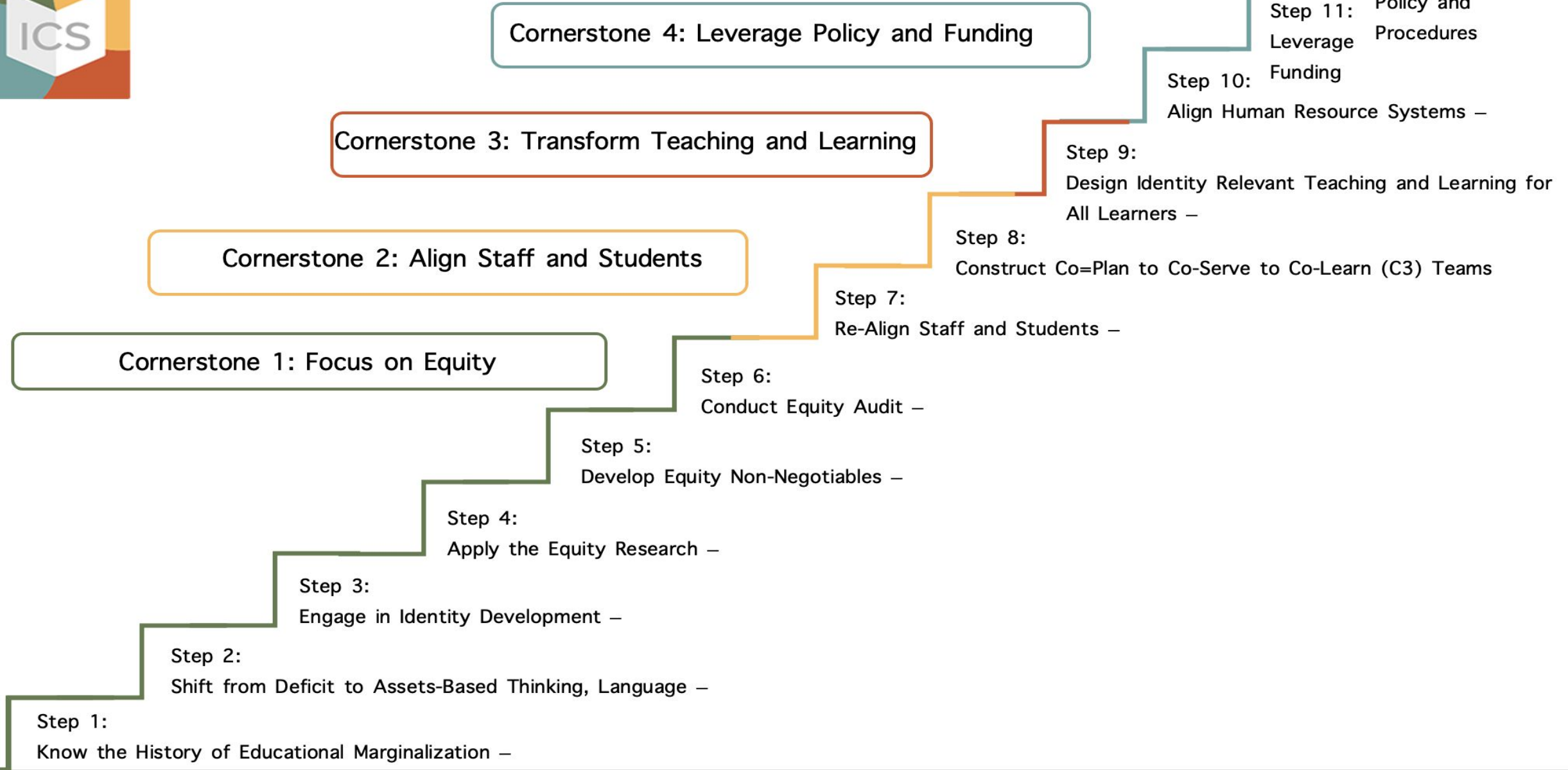
Cornerstone 3 - Transform Teaching and Learning

- Step 9: Design Identity Relevant Teaching & Learning for All Learners



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