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Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

Governing Board Monthly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 24, 2024 at 6:30 PM EDT

Location

Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School - Elementary Campus
688 Grant Street
Atlanta, GA 30315

Notice of this meeting was posted on the ANCS website and both ANCS campuses in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance & Guests		Shannon Rutledge	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Shannon Rutledge	2 m
C. Public Comment			5 m
D. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Shannon Rutledge	2 m
II. School Leadership Updates			6:40 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. PTCA Spotlight			10 m
B. Principals' Open Forum	FYI	Mark Sanders & Lara Zelski	10 m
C. Executive Director's Monthly Report	FYI	Alastair Pullen	20 m
III. Committee Updates			7:20 PM
A. Educational Excellence and Accountability Committee Monthly Report Vote: 25-26 and 26-27 School Calendars	Vote	LaNiesha Cobb Sanders	5 m
B. Finance & Operations Committee: Annual Audit Report Findings	FYI	Mauldin & Jenkins	15 m
C. Finance & Operation Committee: Annual Audit Vote Approve the draft annual audit report bearing no material changes	Vote	Oriol Miroso	5 m
D. Finance & Operation Committee: Annual Audit Vote Lease Agreement- Business Office- Georgia Avenue	Vote	Oriol Miroso	5 m
IV. Action Items			
V. Executive Session (as needed)			
VI. Closing Items			7:50 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Shannon Rutledge	1 m

Coversheet

Executive Director's Monthly Report

Section: II. School Leadership Updates
Item: C. Executive Director's Monthly Report
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: ED Reports 2024-2025.pdf



Alastair Pullen, Executive Director
Board Reports
2024-2025

October 24

Strategic Plan Updates

Enrollment Update

Proposed Calendars

Space Considerations and Next Steps



Thursday October 24, 2024

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Strategic Plan Updates

Unified K-8 Experience	Innovative School Features	Facilities Improvements	Community Engagement
Consistency in Practice around Safety and Security Measures	Humphries/ANCS Farm PD session	Office Space Proposal	Bike Bus Initiatives
Emergency Scenario Kits and Preparations	KSU Pathway conversations	Painting at the MC	Paideia Farm Program
Opportunity Gap K-8 October Task Force meeting	Nutrition Expansion to Aftercare	Hands on Atlanta Workday	New Families on the Farm Event

Enrollment Update

	Students Enrolled	Students on Waitlist
K	64	195
1	66	56
2	66	40
3	66	74
4	66	55
5	66	63

Enrollment Update

	Students Enrolled	Students on Waitlist
6	78	48
7	78 (77 at FTE)	27
8	78	22

Proposed School Calendar 25-26



*Survey data from faculty and parents was split roughly down the middle for those who favored ending before Memorial Day versus ending after.

*Respondents overwhelmingly favored the week-long breaks throughout the year, including 97% of staff.

*If we backwards plan from Memorial Day, a July start date will only happen once in the next 4 years.

Proposed School Calendar 26-27



Key Dates:
 *1st Day of School:
 August 4
 *Last Day of School:
 May 28

Current Situation at the EC and the Problem We are Trying to Solve

1. Due to our growing special education population, space for small group instruction is inadequate. For example, currently we have four teachers and their “mini classrooms” sharing one space, making it difficult for students to focus, hear, etc.
2. Office space continues to be at a premium and there are several individuals who are sharing offices and/or “floating” between two campuses.

How this Helps:

- +Allows for additional small group classroom space at the EC by shifting those in EC office space to the location of the current business office
- +Centralizes operations for both schools and provides DFO and team appropriate space for job efficiency.
- +Creates additional space for committee meetings and (possibly) board meetings.
- +Coincides with timing of Security Vestibule construction project, allowing for more space as the project gets underway.

Georgia Avenue Office Space

Entered into an LOI on 10/3 (expires 10/25) outlining stipulations as noted:

*Lease Terms: 3 year (with option to renew), \$3000 per month

*5% increase each year of the lease

*Common Use Fees: \$565/month

Georgia Ave (Comparison to Other Options)

	Georgia Ave	Additional Portable	Essie Ave
Cost	3000/month	696/month	3000/month
Square Footage	2000	1344	1546
Lease Terms	3 years (with option to renew)	2 years	1 year
Set up Fees	N/A	\$80,000-\$100,000*	N/A
Additional Considerations	Rent increase of 5% each year for duration of contract, 2 bathrooms, 3 office spaces, 1 conference room	Cost includes the “shell” only-additional costs to add walls, make office space	3/1 house zoned residential, small rooms, small meeting space

Potential Timeline

October 24, 2024	Board Meeting
October 25, 2024	Sign Lease
November 15, 2024	Lease Begins
November 15-22, 2024	Move Business office to Georgia Ave
November 22, 2024	Security Vestibule Construction Begins
November 22-December 2	Reconfigure space to accommodate 4 offices (6 more people)
December 20-January 2	Move current offices from EC to portable unit
January 6, 2025	Utilize additional space for small group instruction as planned

September 19

Charter Compliance Report Update

Strategic Plan Updates from August/September

Areas of Budgetary Scrutiny

Partnership Updates

Safety Updates



Charter Compliance Report: Quarterly Update

A	B	C	D	E	F
Charter Term July 2021-June 2026		Sept. Update	December Update	March Update	June Update
School-wide goals					
Academic Charter Goals	Increase in CCRPI each year until 100				
EC (must achieve at least 1)	Increase gap by 4% of difference between current score and 100: Increase Content Mastery score by 10% Increase Progress score by 10%				
MC (must achieve at least 1)	Increase gap by 4% of difference between current score and 100: Increase Content Mastery score by 10% Increase Progress score by 10%				
Second Look Indicators					
School Climate Goal	Exceed District CCRPI 4 star rating by 2024				
Financial Charter Goals	% of newly enrolled ED students to 22.8%	24%			
	No delinquent debt	None			
	working capital ratio of 1.0 or +	9.75			
	debt to asset ratio of 95 or +	93%			
	unrestricted cash days of 45 or +	87			
	independent audit to GA DOE by 11/1	In progress			
Governance Charter Goals	100% board governance reqs. met all training eval met. 7+ board meetings per year TKES and LKES completed governance standards followed board reflects sociodemographic diversity	100% 23-24 Whole Board Training: 8/10 8/22, 8/19 Orientation & Familiarization complete Yes *			
Innovative Features Charter Goal	Constructivism/IB Conscious Discipline	IB reauthorization and payments are compliant, schedule continues to reflect IB best practices; New teacher training on constructivism, integration with new reading curriculum			
	Farm Program	New staff trained in CD, discipline rates for August and September remain below district average			
	Weighted Lottery	Humphries Elementary partnership and teacher training underway. DSS is continuing outreach and new family support with a focus on retention AND recruitment			
Enrollment Data	K-8: 628	EC: 394/394; MC: 230/234=624 (as of 9/4)			
Legal Compliance	APS and GA DOE Compliance	No compliance issues at this time			

Charter Compliance Report: YoY

Charter Term July 2021-June 2026		2018-2019	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Demographics	EC: Total/ % ED	401 (9.2%)	395 (6.6%)				
	MC: Total/ % ED	237 (18.6%)	233 (16.3%)				
Academic Charter Goals	Overall CCRPI Score: EC	84.2	N/A	N/A			
	Overall CCRPI Score: MC	78.2	N/A	N/A			
EC (must achieve at least 1)	Increase gap by 4% of difference between sc	88.6-->84.2 NO	N/A (no overall score)	No overall score			
	Increase Content Mastery score by 10%	84.7-->87 YES	86.6 (new baseline)/target: 88	86.6-->81.4 NO			
	Increase Progress score by 10%	94.4-->92.2 NO	N/A (no score)	76.2			
MC (must achieve at least 1)	Increase gap by 4%:	71.1-->78.2 YES	N/A (no overall score)	No overall score			
	Increase Content Mastery score by 10%	75.2-->79.7 YES	76.1 (new baseline)/target78.4	77.2			
	Increase Progress score by 10%	66.9-->78.9 YES	N/A (no score)	87.6			
Second Look Indicators	Exceed District CCRPI	Elementary (76) Middle (72.2)	N/A	N/A			
School Climate Goal	4 star rating by 2026	3 star (EC)/ 4 star (MC)	N/A				
	% of newly enrolled ED students to 22.8%			12% of new students for 23-24 are ED-EC (9/78)	15%	24%	
Financial Charter Goals	No delinquent debt				None		
	working capital ratio of 1:0 or + debt to asset ratio of 95 or + unrestricted cash days of 45 or + independent audit to GA DDE by 11/1				Current ratio is 2.2% Current ratio is 8.81% 68 days yes-clean audit		
Governance Charter Goals	100% board governance reqs. met				Yes		
	all training reqs/ met				Yes- Training Hours HERE		
	7+ board meetings per year				August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 14, January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20		
	TKES and LKES completed				Yes		
Innovative Features Charter Goal	governance standards followed				Yes		
	board reflects sociodemographic diversity				Yes		
Enrollment Data	Constructivism/lb				*data will come from annual report		
	Conscious Discipline						
	Weighted Lottery						
Legal Compliance	Farm Program						
	K-8: 628						
Legal Compliance	APS and GA DOE Compliance			No compliance matters at this time	No compliance matters at this time		

Strategic Plan Updates

Unified K-8 Experience	Innovative School Features	Facilities Improvements	Community Engagement
Opportunity Gap Meetings Held 8/8, 8/24, 9/11, 9/18	Farm Night to Support Travel Abroad 9/26	Creation of Capital Improvements Account July '24	PTCA Meeting on 8/13
Certification Meetings Held with 19 staff from August-present	New Families at the Farm Event 20/6	Capital Improvements Priority List July '24	Affinity Groups In Progress:
GaLeads Orientation	Produce'd Farm Meeting in September	Ceiling Replacement at MC In progress	Staff Appreciation Event at GPC on 8/24
New 6th grade Parent Session Held on 8/20 and 8/24	Review of Aftercare for Month of August 9/12	Security Vestibule Installation at EC November 2024	Morehouse Meet and Greet on 9/10

Budget Scrutiny

Priorities as We Look at the Budget; : Innovative Programs, Student Outcomes, Staff Retention

Possible Cost Reductions to Support these Priorities:

- + Aftercare
- + Benefits
- + Contracted Services (Landscaping, Painting, Payroll etc)
- + Supplies
- + Employee Scope of Work



Partnership Updates

Existing	New or In Development
ChARM	Morehouse
Alliance Theater	ScrapLanta
Atlanta Zoo	KSU Bagwell College of Education
Georgia State and CREATE	Ormewood Church: Space and Aftercare

Safety

- +Automatically Locking Doors
- +Increased Patrols
- +Additional Security during Aftercare
- +Centegix



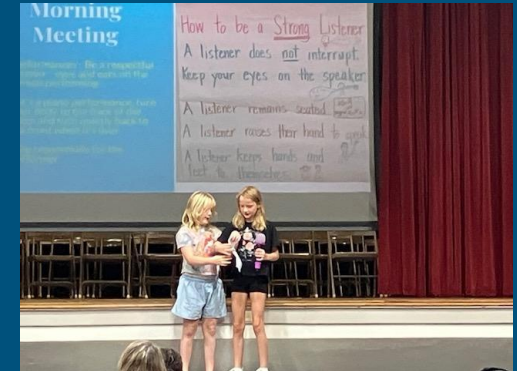
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ED Goals

Charter Renewal Timeline and Proposal

Milestones Data Review

Enrollment Data



ED Goals

2023-2024	2024-2025
Goal 1: Strategic Planning	Goal 1: Implement Strategic Plan
Goal 2: Evaluate and Revise Systems	Goal 2: Complete and Prepare Petition for Charter Renewal
Goal 3: Build Trust and Community	Goal 3: Increase remaining salaries so they are commensurate with APS
Goal 4: Increase # ED Students	Goal 4: Increase Community Outreach, Donors and Partnerships within APS
Goal 5: Reduce Opportunity Gap	Goal 5: Reduce Opportunity Gap

Goal 1: Implement Strategic Plan

Areas of Focus for 24-25 SY Metrics to be Reviewed Quarterly



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Welcome to the Pack!

As your new Principal and Assistant Principal, we want to welcome you to the Atlanta Neighborhood Charter Middle Campus family! We know that your time with us will be one of exploration, growth, and joy! We are here for you and can't wait to see you at New Family Orientation on July 29th!

9:00am - 9:20am: New to ANCS 6th Grade Family Orientation
9:30am - 11:00am: 6th Grade Family Orientation
(Returning ANCS students & Families)
1:00pm - 2:30pm: New to ANCS 7th & 8th Grade Family Orientation

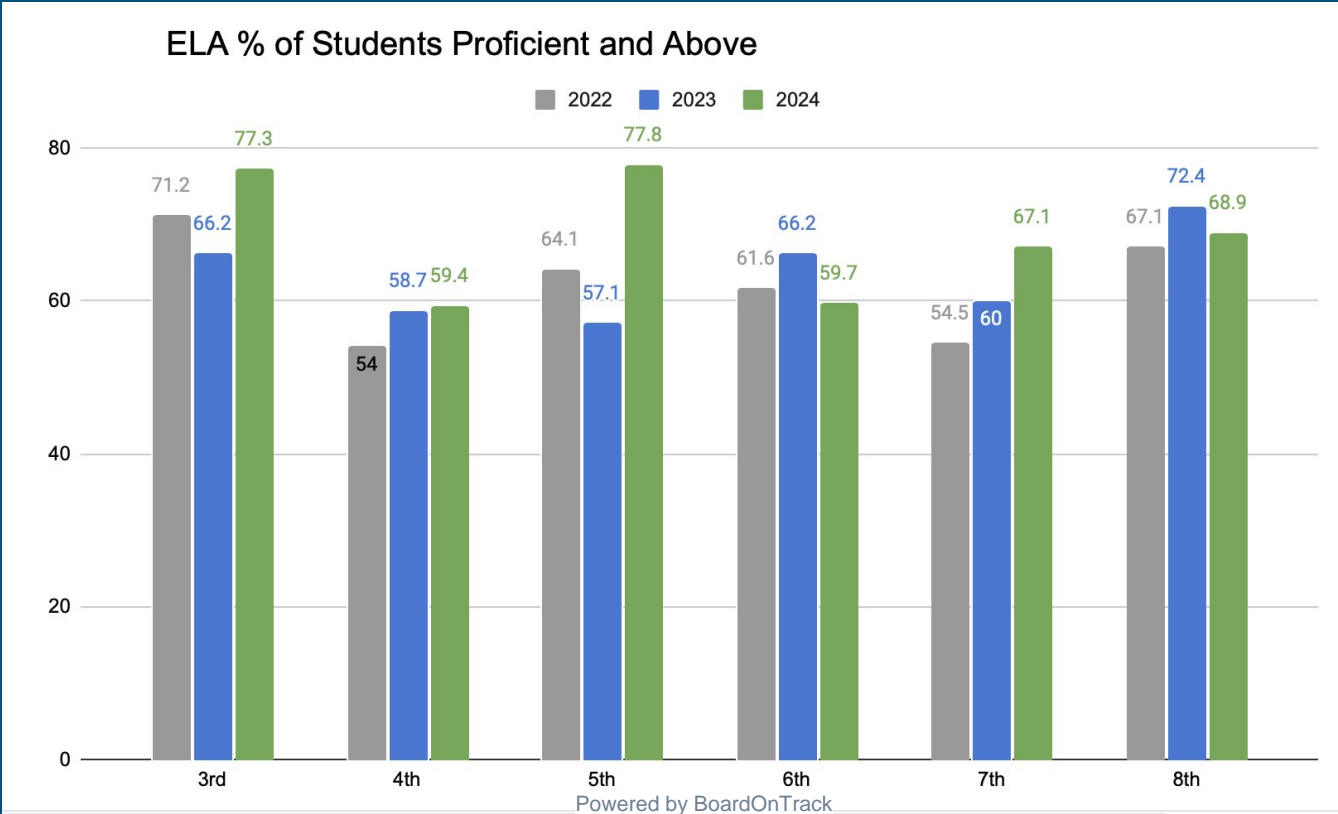
Mark Sanders, Principal
Nikia Showers, Ed.D., Asst. Principal

New Family Info

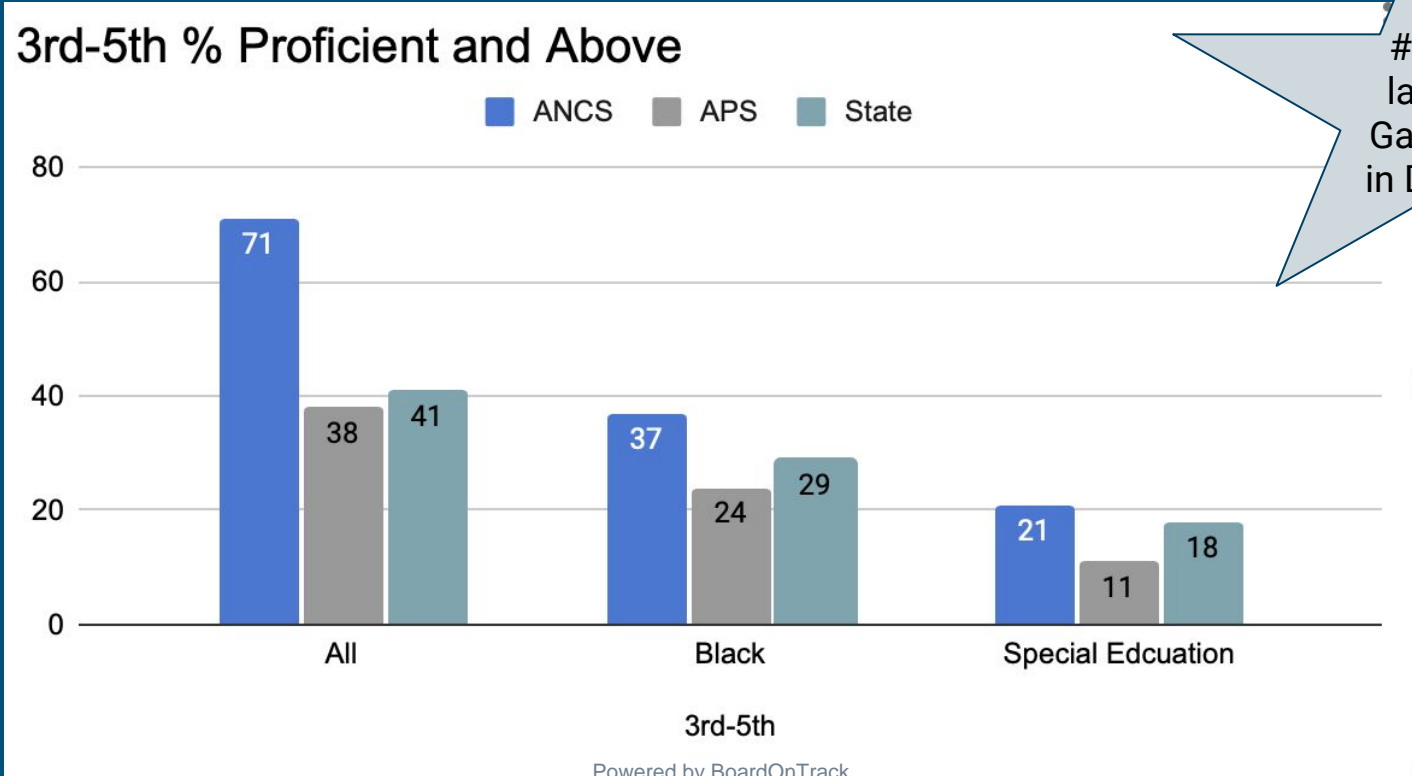
Goal 2: Prepare Petition for Charter Renewal

	When?	Responsible Party?
Identify Charter Renewal Support Team	Fall 2024	ED
Attend meeting with APS to review deliverables and deadlines`	Late January/Early February 2025	ED, Board Chair
Charter Renewal Petition Due	August 2025	ED, Board Chair
Charter Interviews	August/September?	Entire Board
Recommendation to APS Board	November	N/A
Petition Presented to State	?	?

Milestones Data Review: ELA

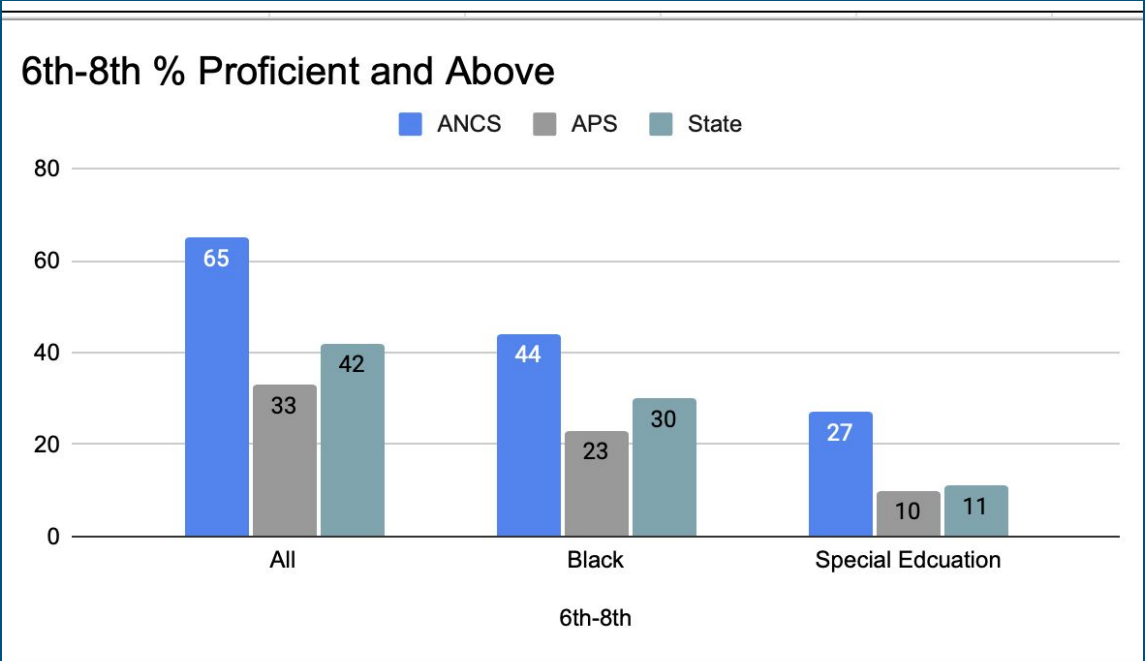


ELA: Comparison to State and District



3 for largest Gain YoY in District

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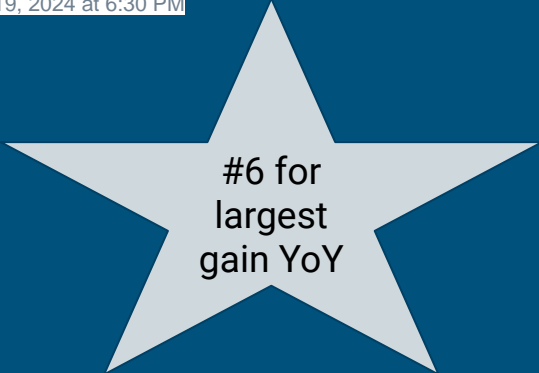


Milestones Data: Science: 5th Grade

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in District

Science	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Proficient and Above
2022 (64)	7.8	32.8	45.3	14.1	59.4
2023 (64)	40.6	21.9	32.8	4.7	37.5
2024 (63)	17.5	15.9	44.4	22.2	66.7

Milestones Data Social Studies



#6 for
largest
gain YoY

<i>Social Studies</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Proficient and Above
2022	10.5	47.4	31.6	10.5	42.1
2023	7.9	53.9	34.2	3.9	38.2
2024	13.7	41.1	37	8.2	45.2

Enrollment Data: Economically Disadvantaged Students (as of August)

	2023	2024
K	5	9
1	2	2
2	1	0
3	0	2
4	1	2
5	1	2
6	2	6
7	3	0
8	0	2

Student Data: % of ED Students who are New to ANCS

Goal: 22.8%

	2023	2024
EC % of Total	13%	20%
MC % of Total	28%	35%
Total	15%	24%
Total Yield through Lottery	32%	61%