

# Opportunity Gap Task Force

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# Keep Students at the Center

- Upheld throughout our work together
- Invitation to uphold this norm as information is shared & processed during our time together

# Opportunity Gap Defined:

*“Opportunity gap” refers to the fact that the arbitrary circumstances in which people are born—such as their race, ethnicity, ZIP code, and socioeconomic status—determine their opportunities in life, rather than all people having the chance to achieve to the best of their potential.*

*“Opportunity gap” draws attention to the conditions and obstacles that young students face throughout their educational careers. It therefore accurately places responsibility on an inequitable system that is not providing the opportunities for all kids to thrive and succeed.*

-Teach for America

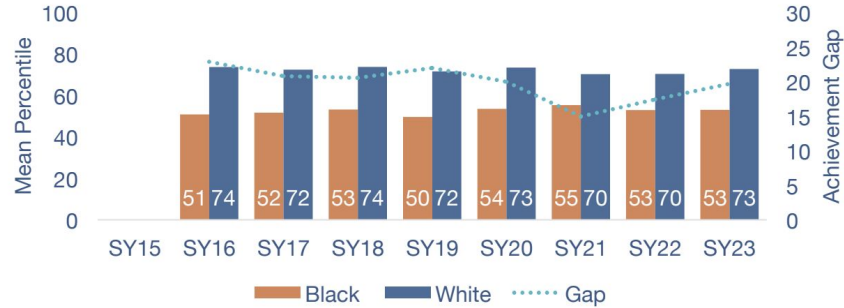
# Why Opportunity Gap & Not Achievement Gap?

When we choose to use the phrase “opportunity gap” rather than “achievement gap,” it sends a clearer message that these gaps do not exist because of a child’s own capability or character, but because of systemic injustices.

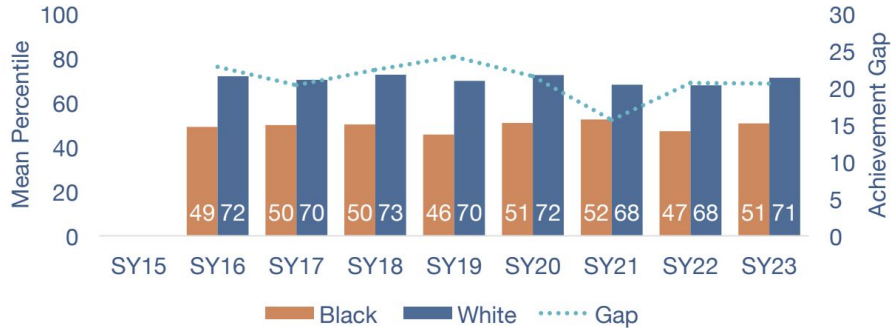


# MAP Achievement Report: Fall 2022-2023

## Historical Achievement Percentile by Race - Overall



## Historical Achievement Percentile by Race - Math



## Historical Achievement Percentile by Race - Language Arts



# Factors/Efforts Within Our Control

- **Highly Qualified Teachers**
- **High Quality, Engaging Curriculum & Instruction**
- **High-Quality Research-Based Reading Instruction**
- **Lower Class Size**
- **Availability of Tech/Digital Resources**
- **Teacher Cultural Competence/Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT)**
- **Social Emotional Learning (SEL)**
- **Nutrition**
- **Parent Outreach Education & Involvement**

## Accountability For All

Make closing gaps a schoolwide  
priority and responsibility.



# Effective Accountability

- Each effort needs a metric to obtain observable measures of progress & outcomes
- An existent plan for when progress & desired outcomes are met
- An existent plan for when progress & desired outcomes are not met

# Next Steps

Stakeholders create & implement an integrated, cohesive design that thoughtfully combines multiple efforts.