

School Profile: Falk Elementary School

Introduction

Our school focused this past year on efforts to improve our practice in writing instruction, focused instruction, foundational literacy skills, making data-driven decisions, supporting improved student attendance and better communicating with our Falk families. We see our work this year as an extension of this past year's work, particularly building off the growth that has taken place in the level of collaboration between our teachers. We will be continuing our professional learning around writing instruction and guided practice, and we'll also be focusing on building perseverance in our students, solving more complex math problems and building greater self-confidence and self-esteem. Lastly, we will be working to better assess student understanding through more regular use of formative assessment, as well as increasing opportunities for communication with our students' families around their progress at school.



Strengths

Falk's strength lies in the connections all adults within our school community actively make to support our students. Whether it be our staff, families or school partners, all are working collaboratively to help our students grow as learners and as young men and women. These ongoing partnerships are reflected in the growth we've seen in our academic, behavior, attendance and school climate data.

Progress

Falk Elementary saw tremendous growth this past year. We exceeded all four of our SIP proficiency goals in literacy, increased attendance each quarter, saw our Parent Climate Survey data make the greatest improvement of all MMSD schools, added multiple school partners, and decreased suspensions by over 90% to be the 3rd lowest in MMSD.

Areas for Growth

As a school, we recognize that continued improvement is needed, particularly in the area of mathematics. We did not meet our SIP math goals this past year, and as a result have decided as a staff to become an early adopter for the district's new math curriculum. We are confident that continued learning in this area, coupled with the strong teacher teams and supports in place, will push our students to higher levels of achievement in mathematics.

Vision Connection

Falk supports MMSD's vision that all students acquire the skills and abilities needed to be successful, including a mastery of content areas, growth mindset, self-knowledge, creativity, wellness, interpersonal skills, confidence, cultural competence and community connection. Through these skills and abilities, our students will graduate college, career and community ready.



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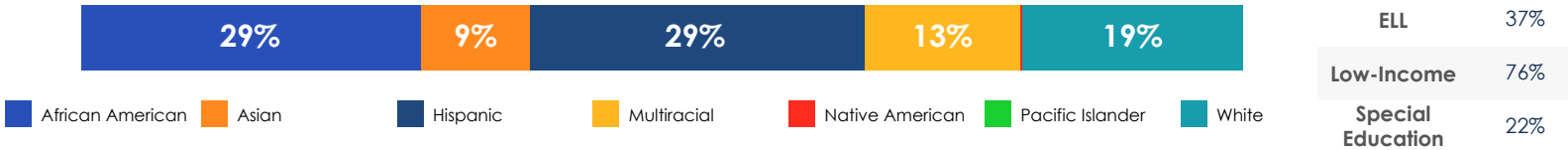
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2015-2016 Data Profile

Address 6323 Woodington Way
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4K Yes
Title I Yes

Developmental Bilingual Education Yes
Dual Language Immersion No
SAGE Yes
Attendance Rate 92.7%
Total Enrollment 352

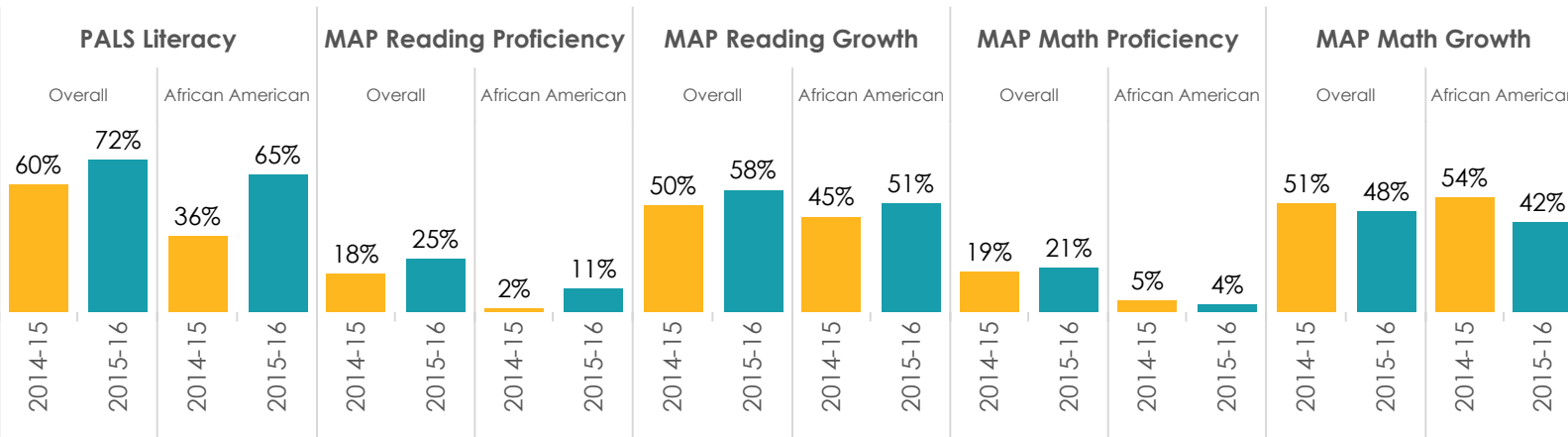
Demographics



ELL	37%
Low-Income	76%
Special Education	22%

Strategic Framework Goal #1 Milestones: On-Track to Graduate

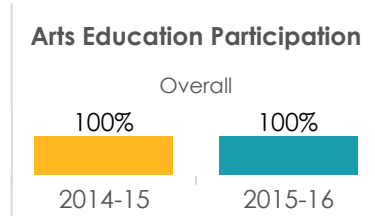
Each bar shows the percent of students meeting the relevant metric overall and for the focus groups the school selected on their School Improvement Plan (SIP, when applicable).



PALS includes English and Espanol in Grades 1-2. MAP includes Grades 3-5. MAP Growth is based on the percent of students meeting typical Fall to Spring growth targets.

Strategic Framework Goal #2 Milestones: Challenging and Well-Rounded Education

The table below shows the percent of students meeting the relevant metric.



Participation rates are based on transcribed courses.

Strategic Framework Goal #3 Milestones: Positive Climate

The table below shows the percent of responses within each dimension and group that were positive.

