

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MAY 2018



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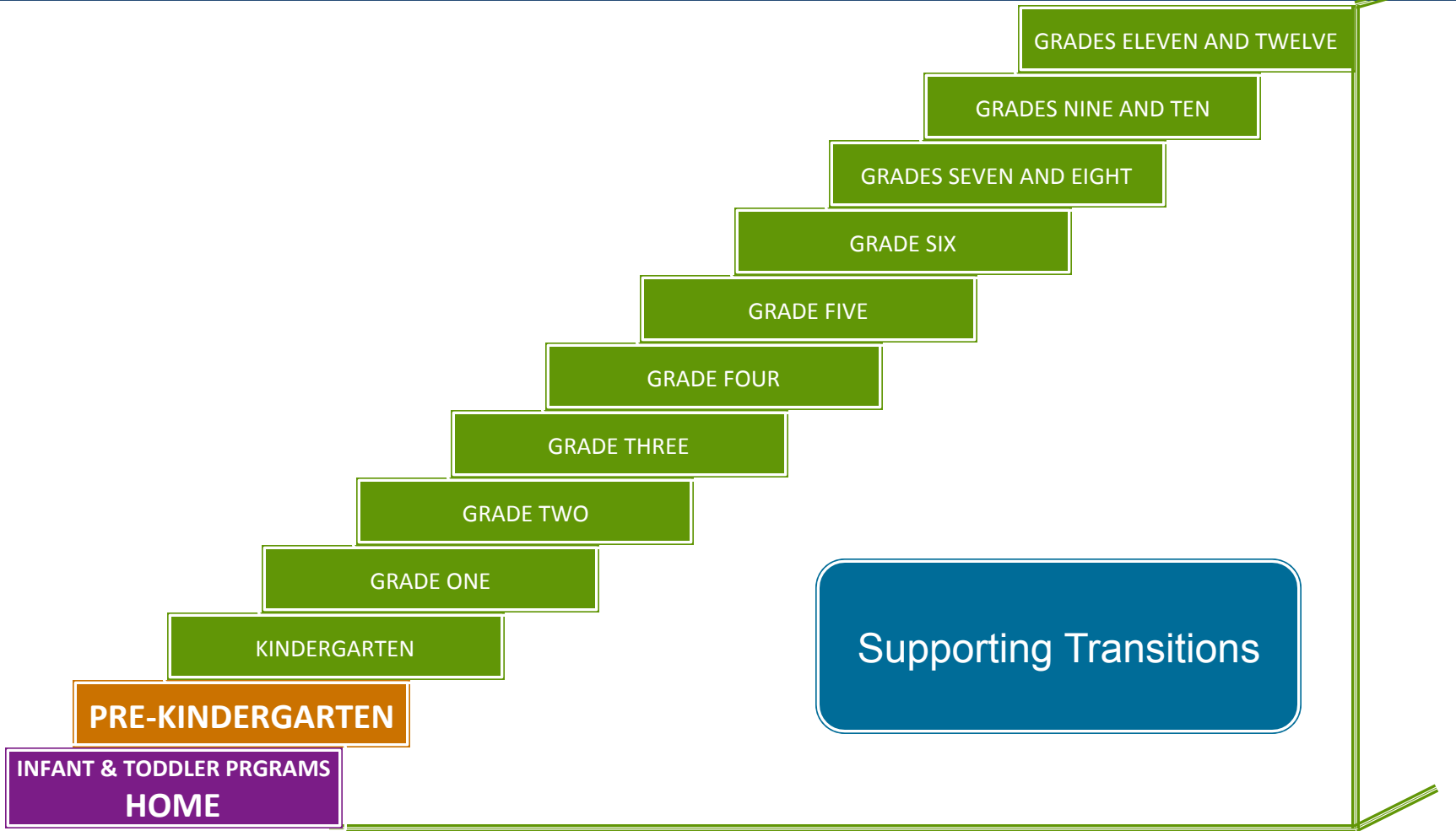
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OPPORTUNITY - BETTER INTEGRATE & ALIGN PK-GRADE 2 EXPERIENCE



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



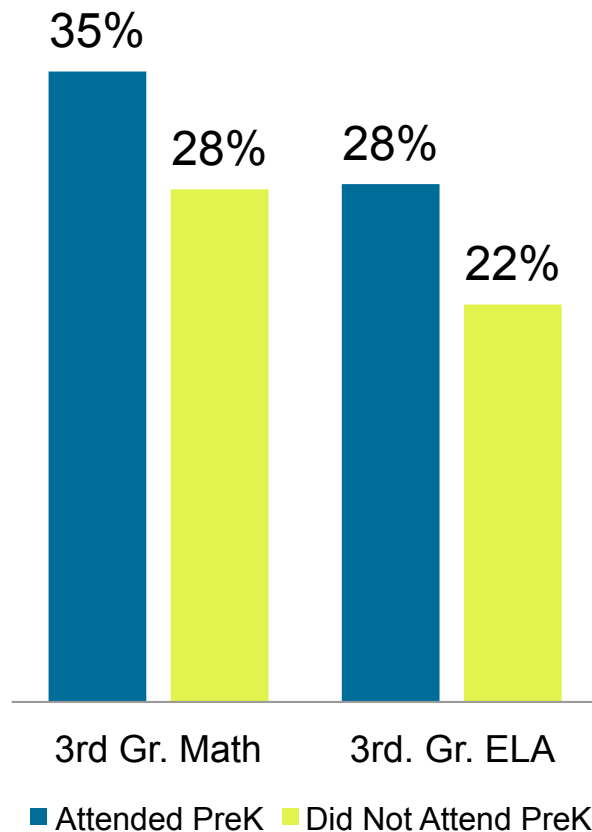
- The education children receive in their early years builds a foundation for the rest of their lives.
- Tonight, we will provide an update about our early childhood education efforts in Newark.
- Specifically, we will share:
 1. An overview of Early Childhood Education programming
 2. Areas of recent progress and opportunities for improvement

THE EARLY YEARS ARE CRITICAL

- 90% of brain development occurs before the age of 3.
- Most Executive Function skills (EF) are acquired before the age of 5. EF skills are the foundational capacities that help children:
 - focus and sustain attention
 - set goals, make plans, and monitor actions
 - make decisions and solve problems
 - follow rules, control impulses, and delay gratification
- Longitudinal data shows that 3rd graders who cannot read on grade level are four times less likely to graduate from high school than their peers who are on grade level






WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS ABOUT NJ PRE-K

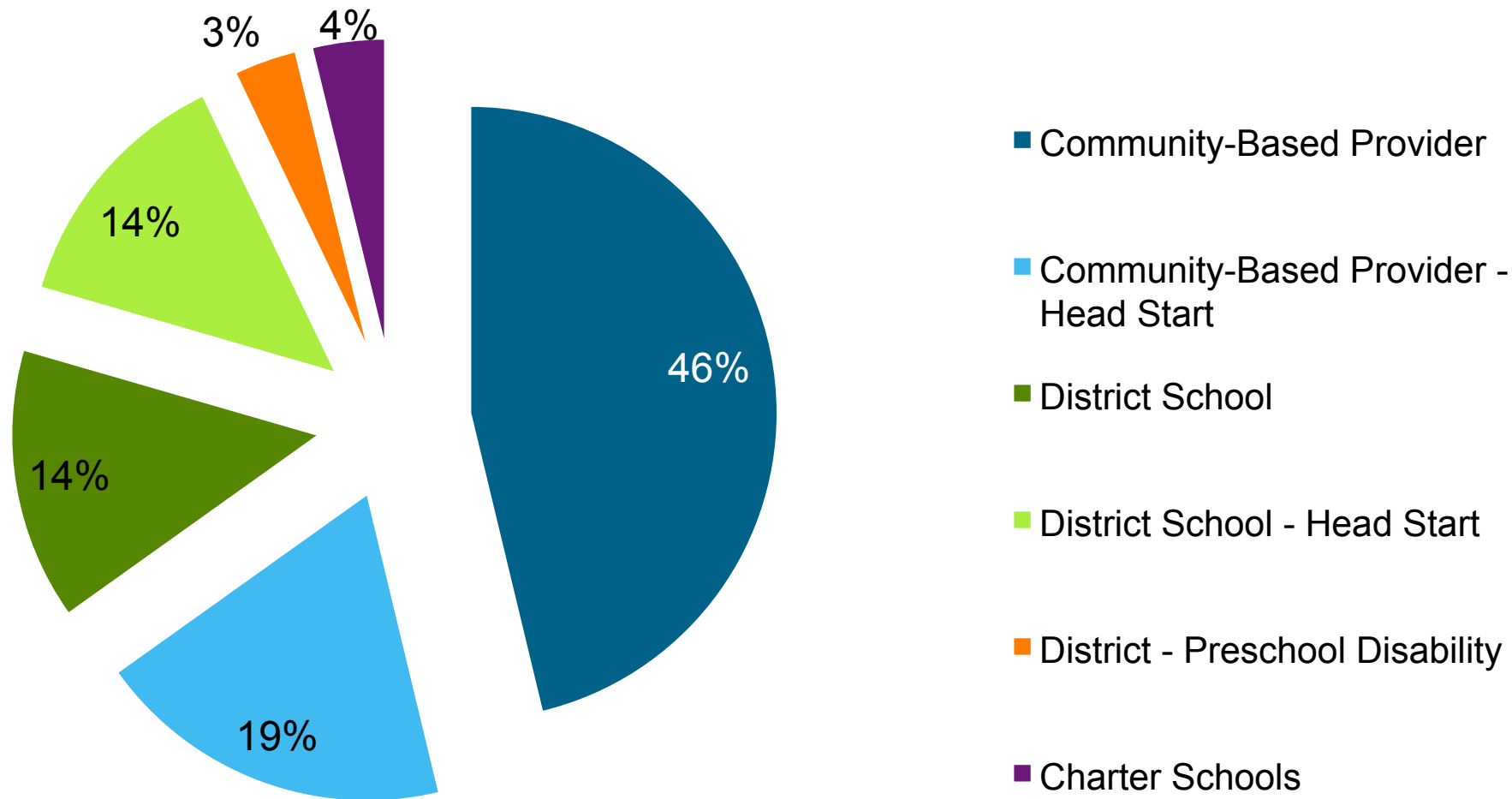


- **NIEER* APPLES Pre-K Study:** Children who attended NJ Pre-K had better outcomes in ELA, Math, Science, etc. in 5th Grade.
- **NPS Data:** Shows children who attended Pre-K in Newark outperformed those who did not attend Pre-K on PARCC as 3rd graders in ELA and Math.
- Overall, 3rd grade outcomes are improving across NPS schools in recent years.

PRE-K OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

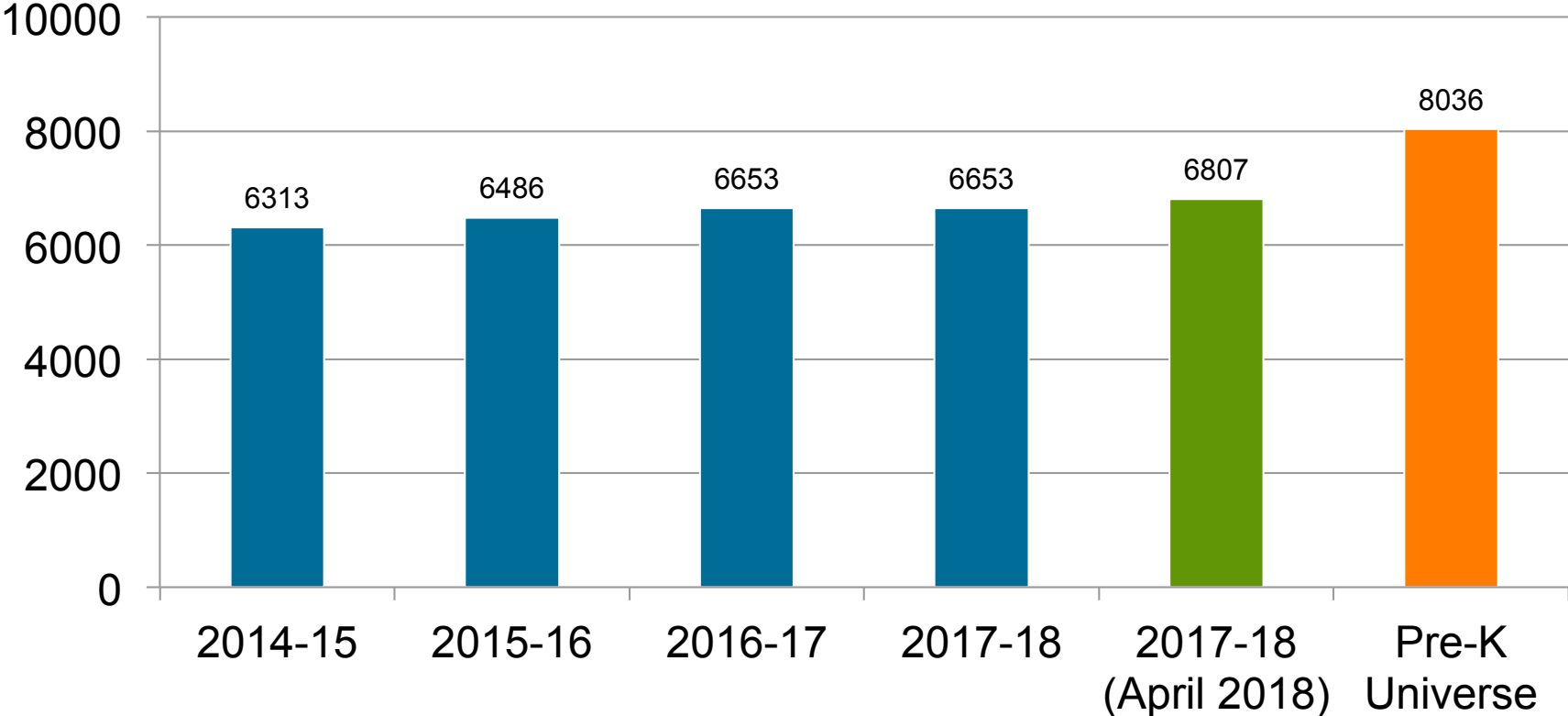
Pre-K Can Be Found In....	NJ Pre-K	Head Start
Contracted Community-Based Provider Preschools	Based on Former NJ Pre-K Abbott Program Code	Based on Federal Head Start Expectations with NJ Pre-K: <u>Enhanced</u> family services, health screenings and supports, length of day, home visits, etc.
In-District Elementary Schools & Early Childhood Schools		
Charter Schools		

PRE-K OPTIONS



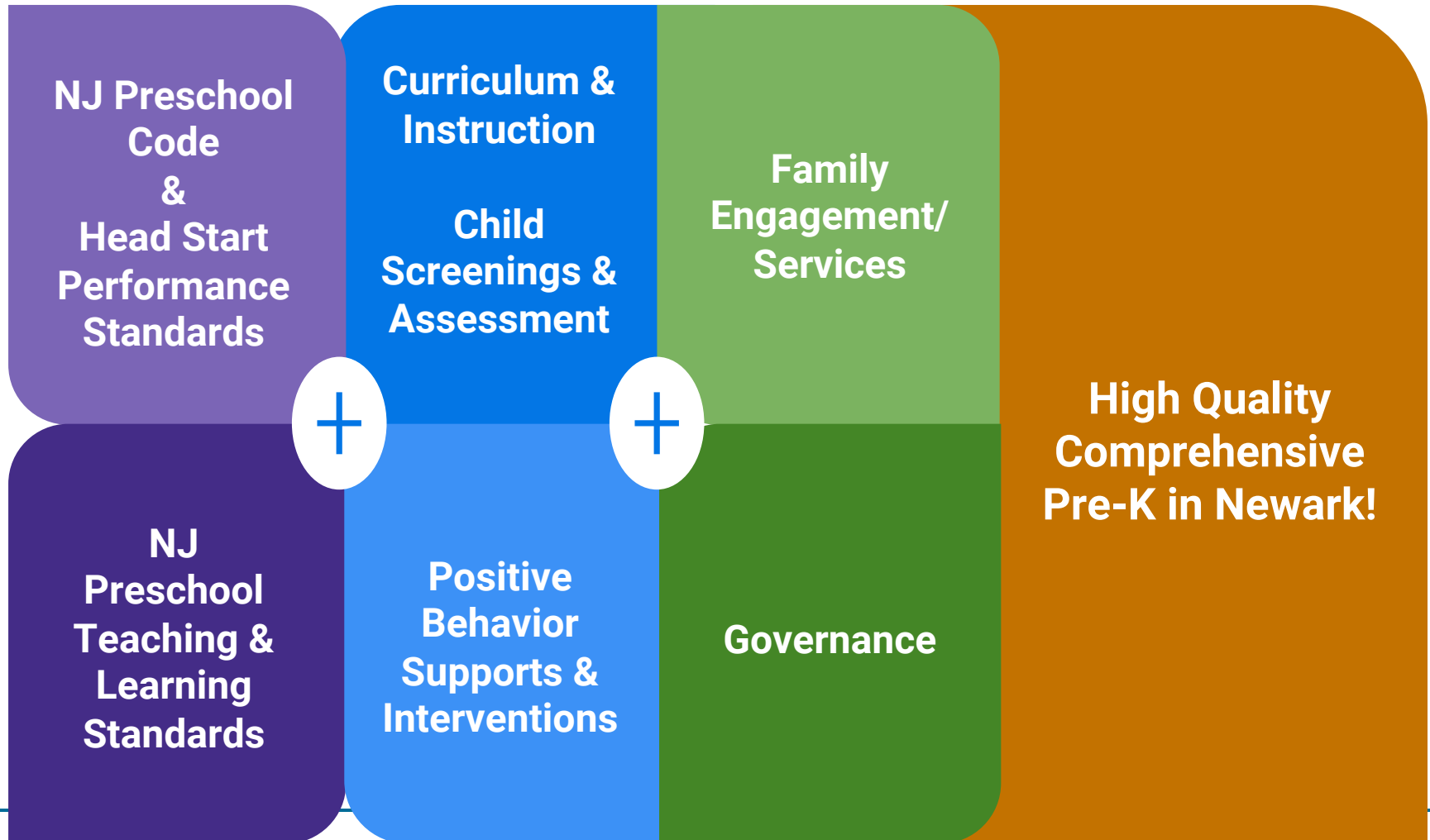
PRE-K ENROLLMENT

October 15 Enrollment Count*



*Note: Does not include Charter School Enrollment

WHAT GUIDES PRE-K?



WHAT HAPPENS IN PRE-K?

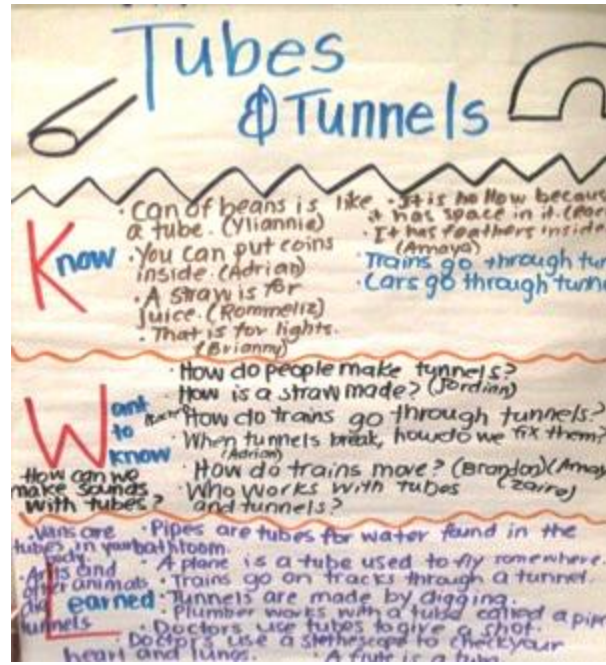
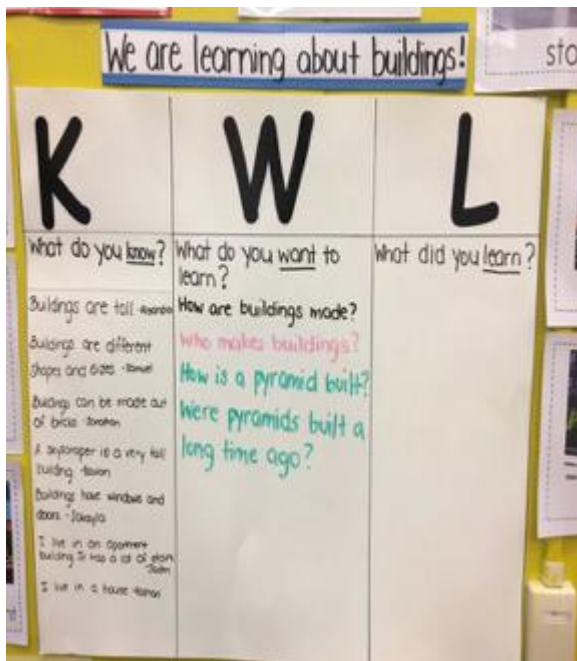


Supportive Experiences for Children and Families during their Transition into Pre-K

Transitions Initiative – “Take your Parent to Pre-K Week”

IG: [@newarkprek](https://www.instagram.com/newarkprek)

WHAT HAPPENS IN PRE-K?



Interdisciplinary Project-Based Curriculum in Action through Studies

Pre-K Instructional Expectations, Professional Development & On-Site Supports for Teachers, Assistant Teachers and Leaders

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WHAT HAPPENS IN PRE-K?



Children learning through Structured Play in Centers, with Small Group Instructional Time for each Child every day.

Developmentally-Appropriate Practices, and Positive Behavior Supports

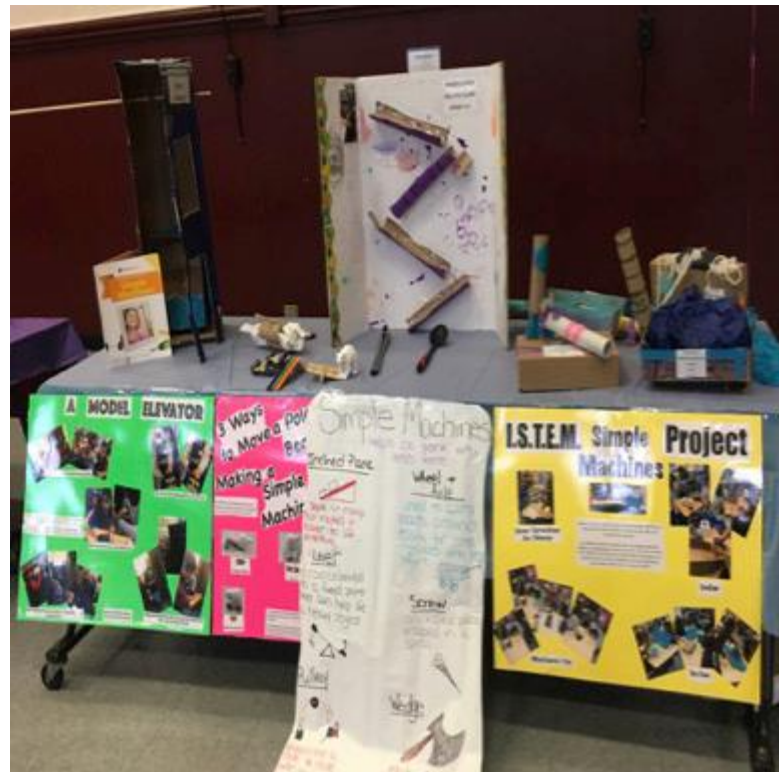
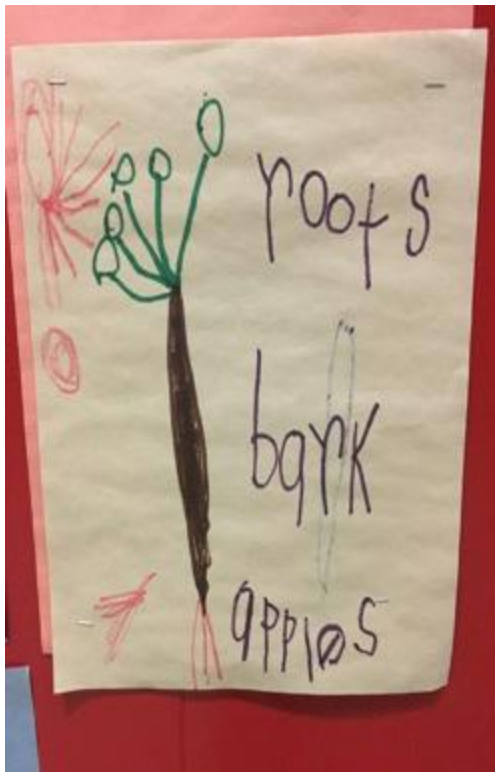
WHAT HAPPENS IN PRE-K?



A Strong Home-School Connection with Extended Learning Opportunities

Engaging Families in Children's Learning

WHAT HAPPENS IN PRE-K?



A Celebration of Learning at the end of each Study

WHAT HAPPENS IN PRE-K?



Children build a Love of Learning and an Appreciation for Each Other

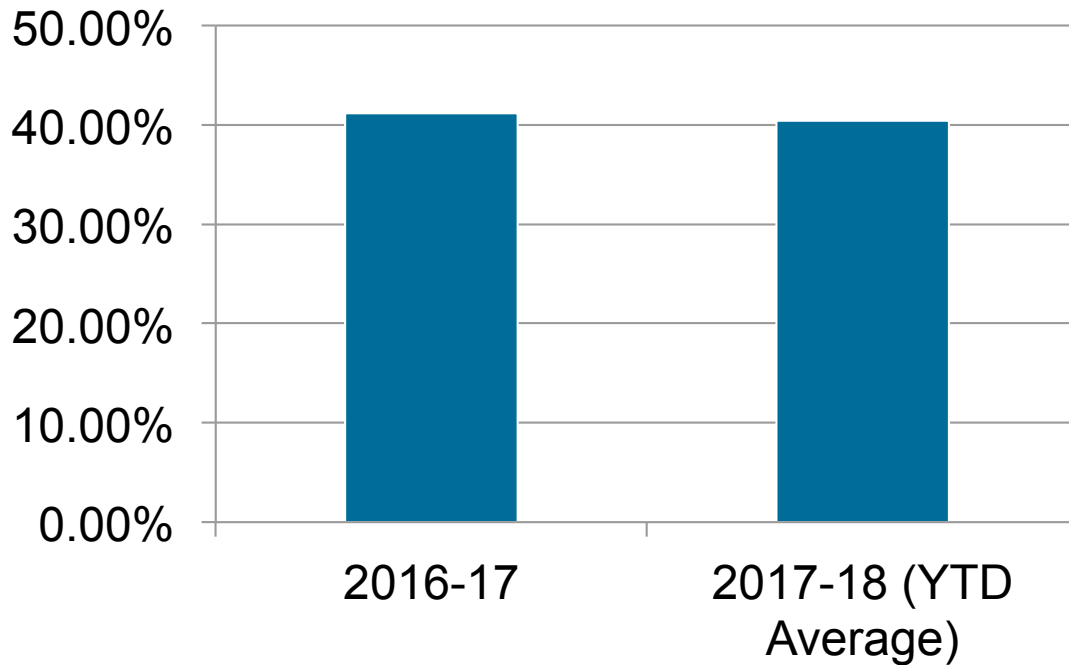
SUMMARY: NEWARK PRE-K AREAS OF PROGRESS

A few key takeaways:

- Pre-K enrollment, in the recent years, is on the rise in Newark.
- Clear instructional expectations are improving consistency across all classrooms regardless of setting.
- Home-School connections are strengthening and our Pre-K Families are engaged.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT - ATTENDANCE

% Chronically Absent



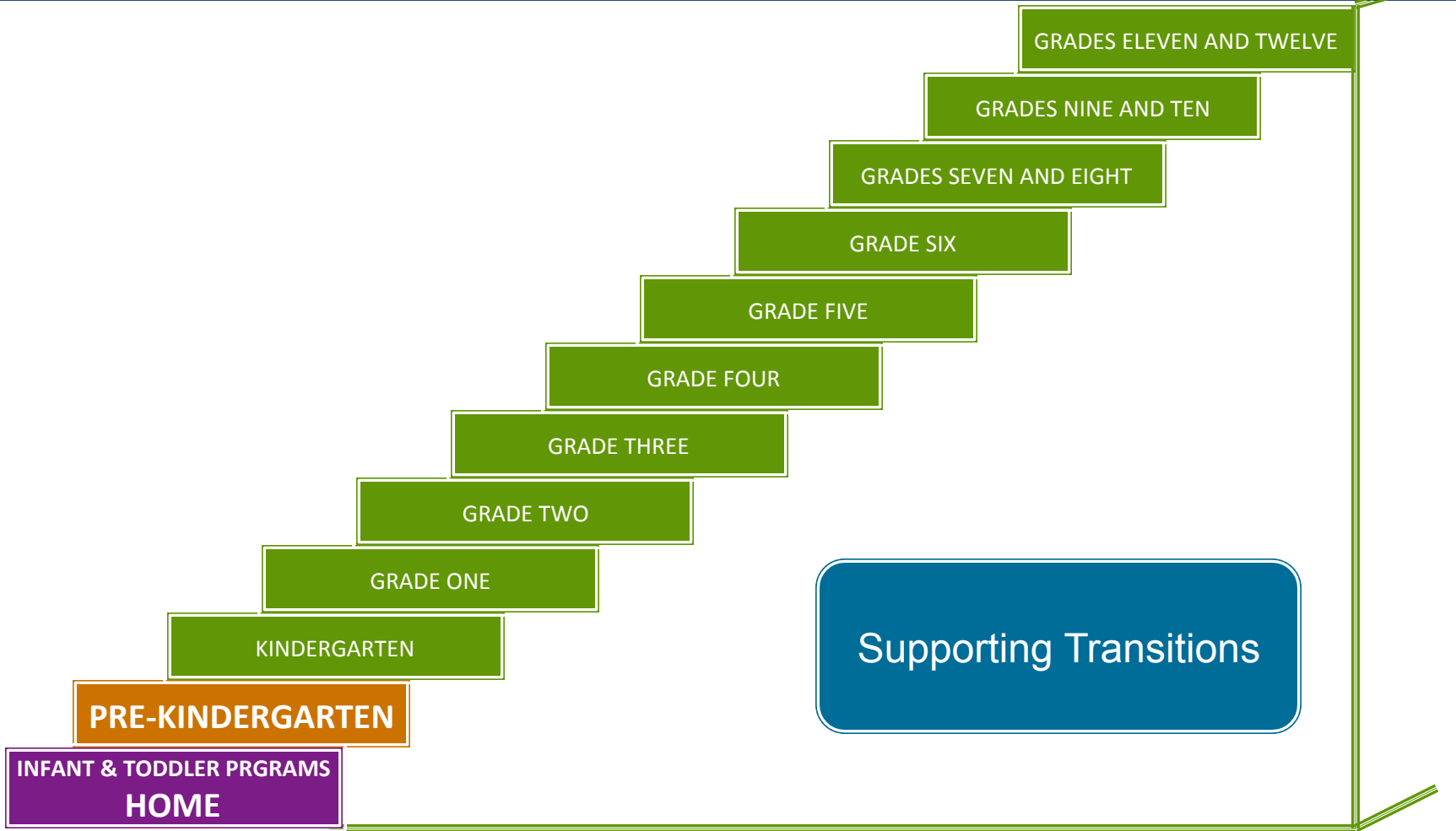
- Improved Data Collection
- Family Surveys & Focus Groups
- October 2017 Pre-K Chronic Absenteeism Conference
- Chad School Foundation Pre-K Attendance Innovation Award

Children miss a lot when they miss a day of Pre-K

OPPORTUNITY - BETTER INTEGRATE PK-GRADE 2 EXPERIENCE

- States and districts around the nation are redefining “Early Childhood” as the years Pre-K through the end of grade 2.
- Over the next 15 months NPS will engage in its own process to restructure the PK through 2nd grade years, and break down silos that currently separate the PK and K-2 worlds.
 - Improve understanding and alignment of standards across PK & K-2.
 - Improve data transition from PK to K; prepare for statewide implementation of Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KEA) in 2019-20.
 - Build a shared vision for early learning that sequences from grade to grade based on best practices of child development.

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THANK YOU

Join us for Early Childhood
**NIGHT AT
THE MUSEUM!**

Free Family Activities
Educational Experiences
Giveaways
Light Refreshments

**FRIDAY
JUNE 8**
From 3 - 7 PM

Newark Museum
49 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Please register with your Family Workers
or online via Newark Public Schools:
www.nps.k12.nj.us

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