2025
Latine Student Performance

Context and Purpose

This presentation is a review of academic performance for Latine students in Denver Public Schools in 2025.

It is intended to be objective in order to inform conversations about next steps, not prescriptive about what those next steps should be.

It is entirely based on publicly available data from the Colorado Department of Education which limits the availability of some inputs because of data suppression rules and other limitations.

The presentation is focused on academic outcomes because we have valid, reliable measures of this—not because it is the only indicator of school quality.

Latine Student Proficiency 2025

Only 1 in 4 Latine students in DPS grades 3-8 are reading at grade level; 1 in 6 are doing math at grade level.

In 11th grade, 1 in 3 Latine students are reading at grade level and 1 in 5 are doing math at grade level.

Grades 3-8 CMAS ELA (25%)

Grades 3-8 CMAS Math (16.7%)

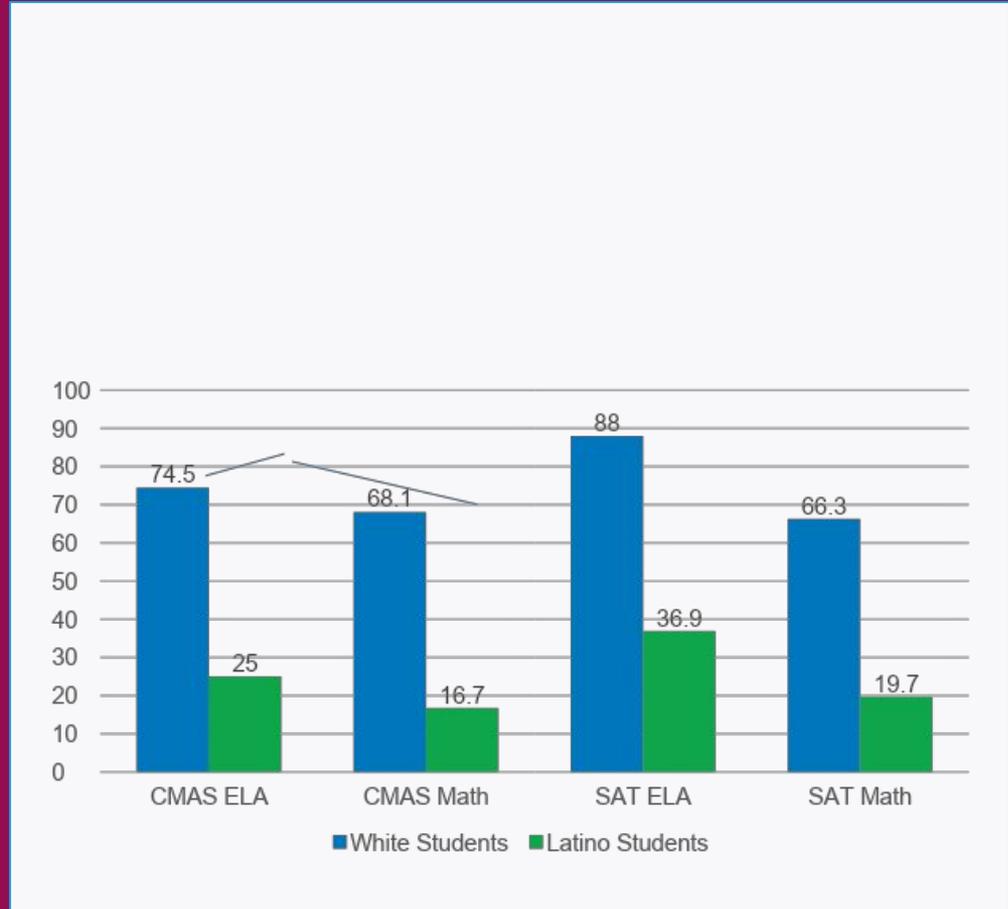## Grade 11 SAT ELA (36.9%)
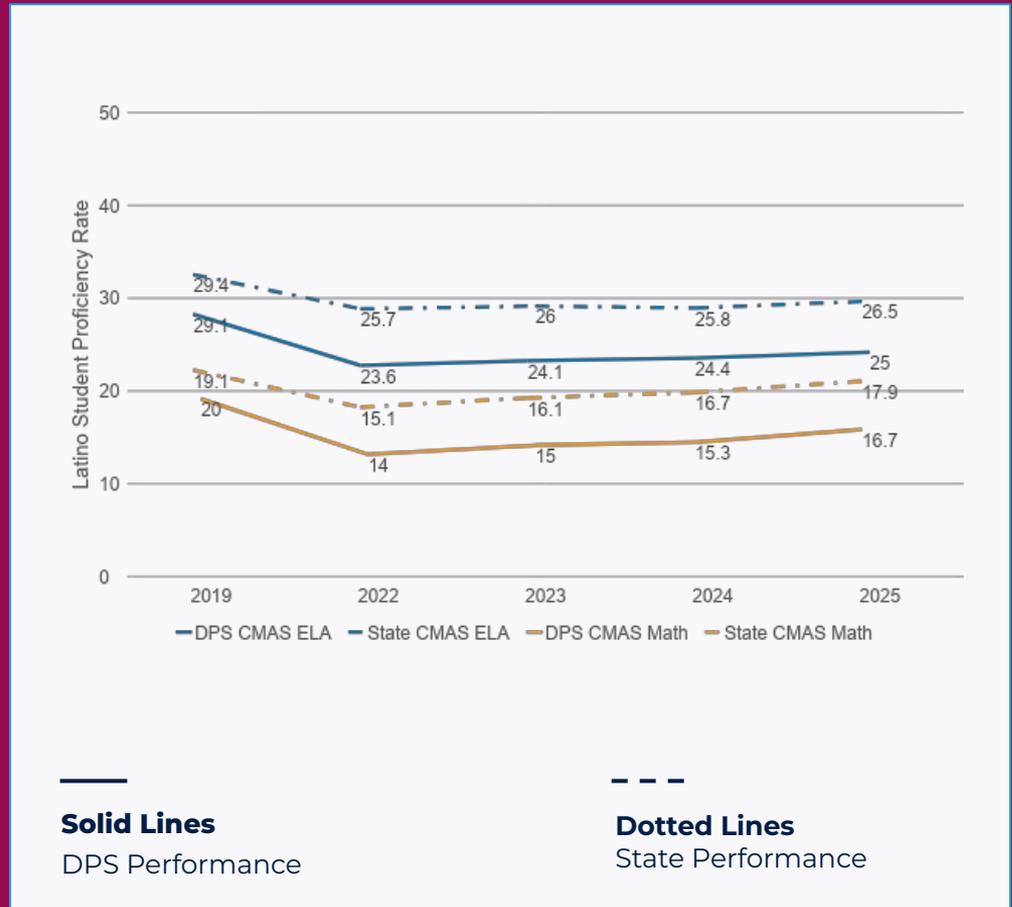
Grade 11 SAT Math (19.7%)

2025 Proficiency Rates

Latine students make up a large percentage of DPS' student body but have low proficiency rates compared to White students.
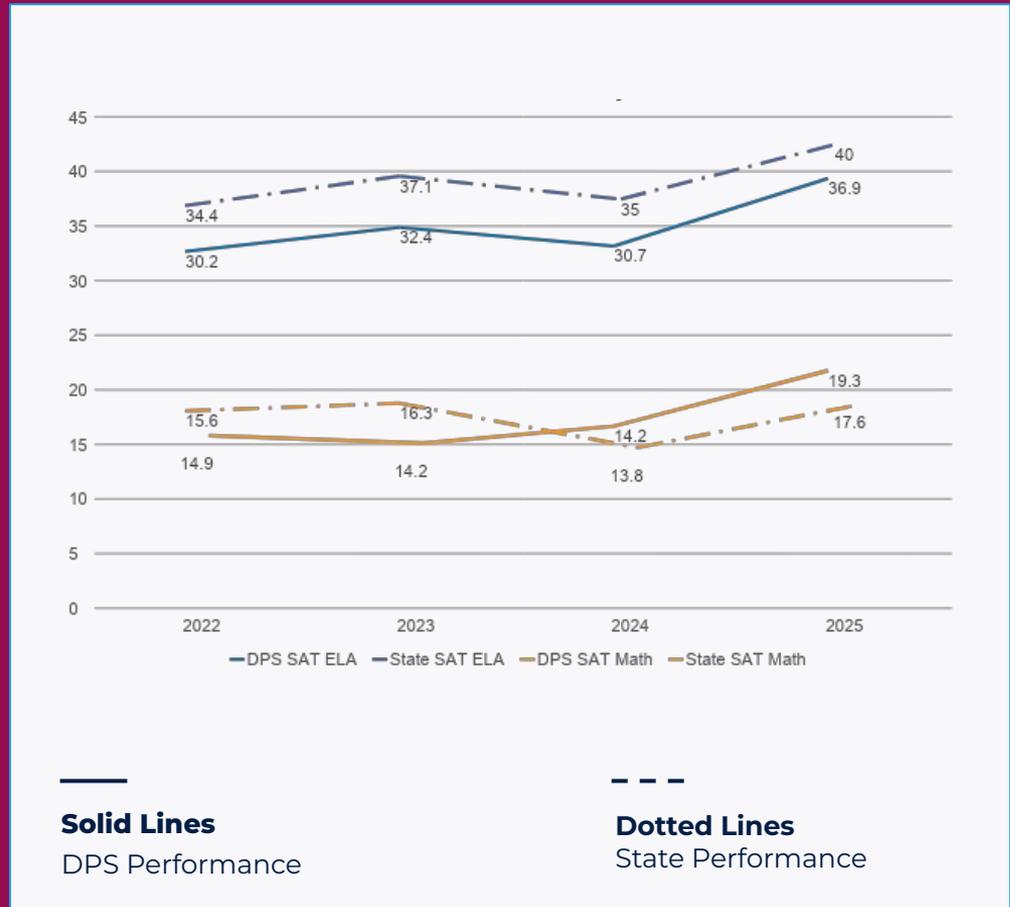
Latine Student CMAS Proficiency Over Time

Latino students in DPS did see an increase on CMAS proficiency in 2025 but still lag their statewide peers in both subjects.

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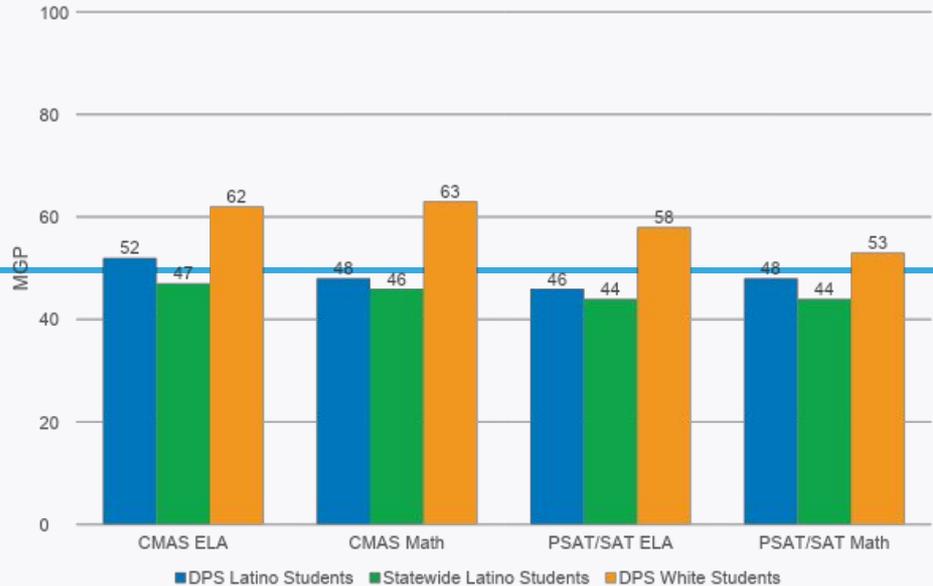
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Latine Student SAT Proficiency Over Time

Latine students in DPS did see an increase on SAT proficiency in 2025 and now outperform their peers statewide in math.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
State SAT ELA (dotted)	34.4	37.1	35	40
DPS SAT ELA (solid)	30.2	32.4	30.7	36.9
State SAT Math (dotted)	15.6	16.3	14.2	17.6
DPS SAT Math (solid)	14.9	14.2	13.8	19.3

Legend: DPS SAT ELA — State SAT ELA — DPS SAT Math — State SAT Math

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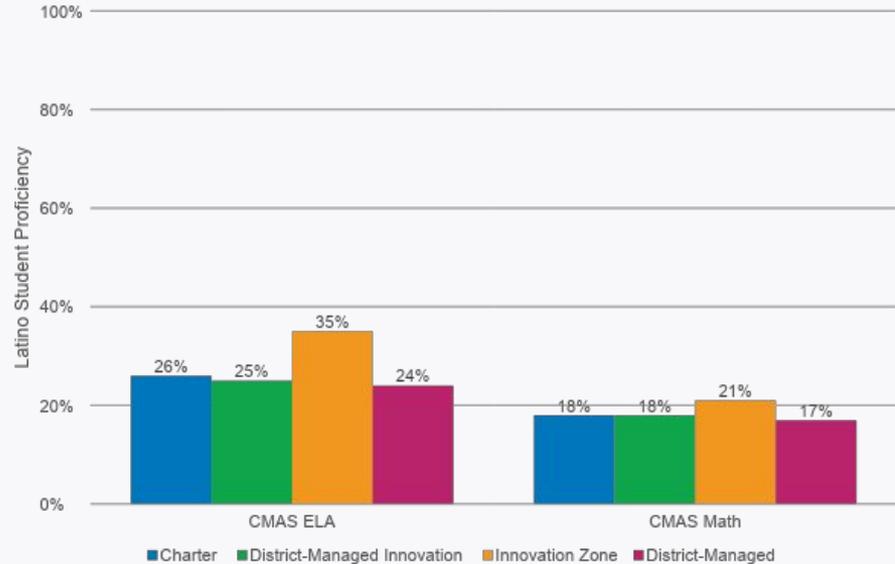
2025 Academic Growth

Latine students did see more growth in 2025 than statewide peers, but in many cases it was still less than their academic peers statewide (MGP less than 50). They also saw less growth than white students in DPS, which could lead to widened gaps.

State Expectation

2025 CMAS Proficiency for Latine Students

Latine student performance did vary by governance type but gaps exist across all governance models.
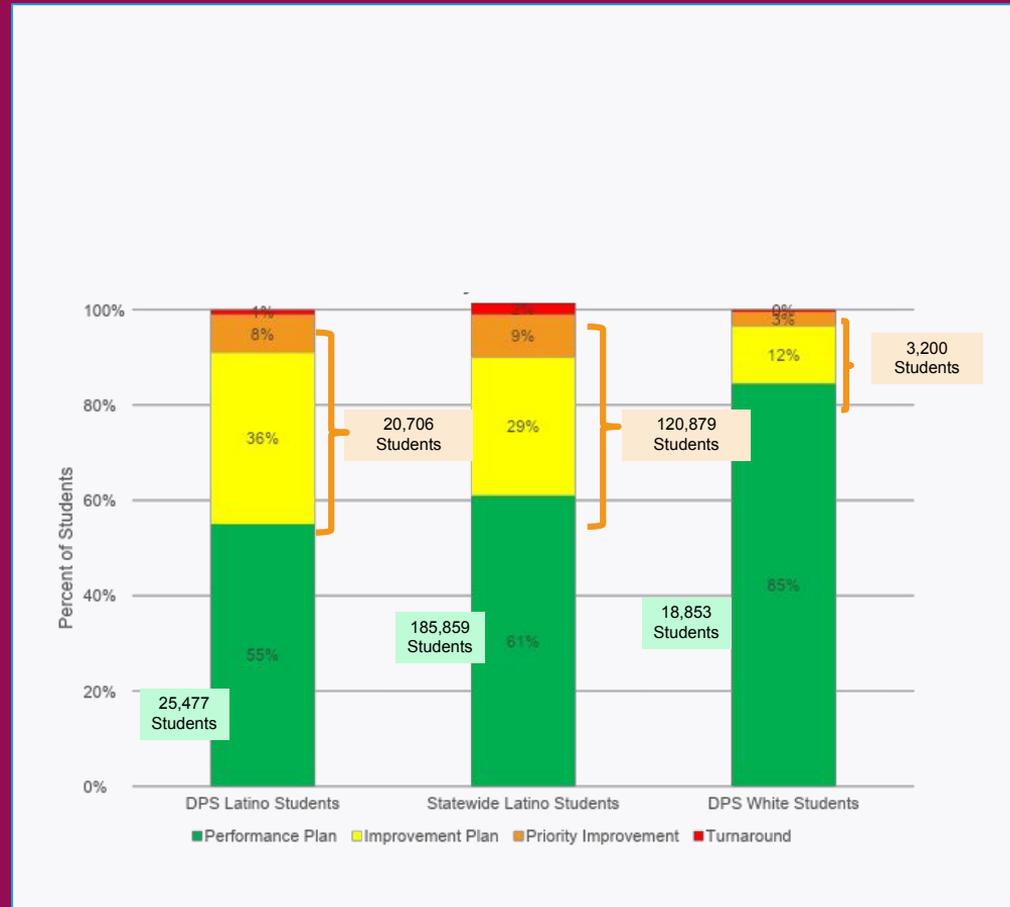

Note
Due to small N sizes and data suppression the same analysis is not reliable for high schools.

2025 Preliminary SPF Performance

Latine students are also less likely to be attending a Performance rated school compared to both Latine students statewide and White students in DPS. Over 20,000 Latine students in DPS are not attending a Performance rated school.

Percent of Students

	DPS Latino Students	Statewide Latino Students	DPS White Students
Turnaround	1%	2%	0%
Priority Improvement	8%	9%	3%
Improvement Plan	36%	29%	12%
Performance Plan	55%	61%	85%

20,706 Students
120,879 Students
3,200 Students
25,477 Students
185,859 Students
18,853 Students

■ Performance Plan ■ Improvement Plan ■ Priority Improvement ■ Turnaround

Some schools did achieve strong results for Latine students and should be studied for best practices.

Schools Serving 50%+ Latine Students With Highest CMAS Proficiency Rates* for Latine Students

School	Proficiency Rate (ELA/Math)	% Latine Students Served
Valdez Elementary School (CMAS ELA and Math)	56.4 / 39.2	72%
Denver Center for International Studies (CMAS ELA)	39.7 / NA	72%
Gust Elementary School (CMAS ELA and Math)	39 / 37.8	80%
RMP Ruby Hill (CMAS Math)	NA / 35.8	91%
Doull Elementary School (CMAS ELA)	NA / 36.1	88%
Sabin World School (CMAS Math)	NA / 32.6	56%
University Prep Steele St (CMAS Math)	NA / 32.6	62%
DSST GVR MS (CMAS ELA)	35.6 / NA	52%

*Selected schools with 5 highest proficiency rates for Latine students on each assessment. Ordered based on proficiency; scores only provided for subjects where schools were strong performances.

Schools Serving 50%+ Latine Students With Highest CMAS Proficiency Rates* for Latine Students (... cont)

School	Proficiency Rate (ELA/Math)	% Latine Students Served
DSST CG HS (SAT ELA and Math)	66.7 / 43.6	66%
DSST GVR HS (SAT ELA and Math)	52.3 / 34.5	56%
Denver Montessori (SAT ELA)	51.9	59%
DSST College View HS (SAT ELA and Math)	50.6 / 34.3	80%
RMP Rise (SAT ELA)	48	67%
DSST Cole HS (SAT Math)	32	80%
DSST Elevate HS (SAT Math)	31.1	67%

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