

Foster Youth Educational Outcomes

*Updated Dropout and Graduation Statistics and
Summary of Completed Research*

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Review

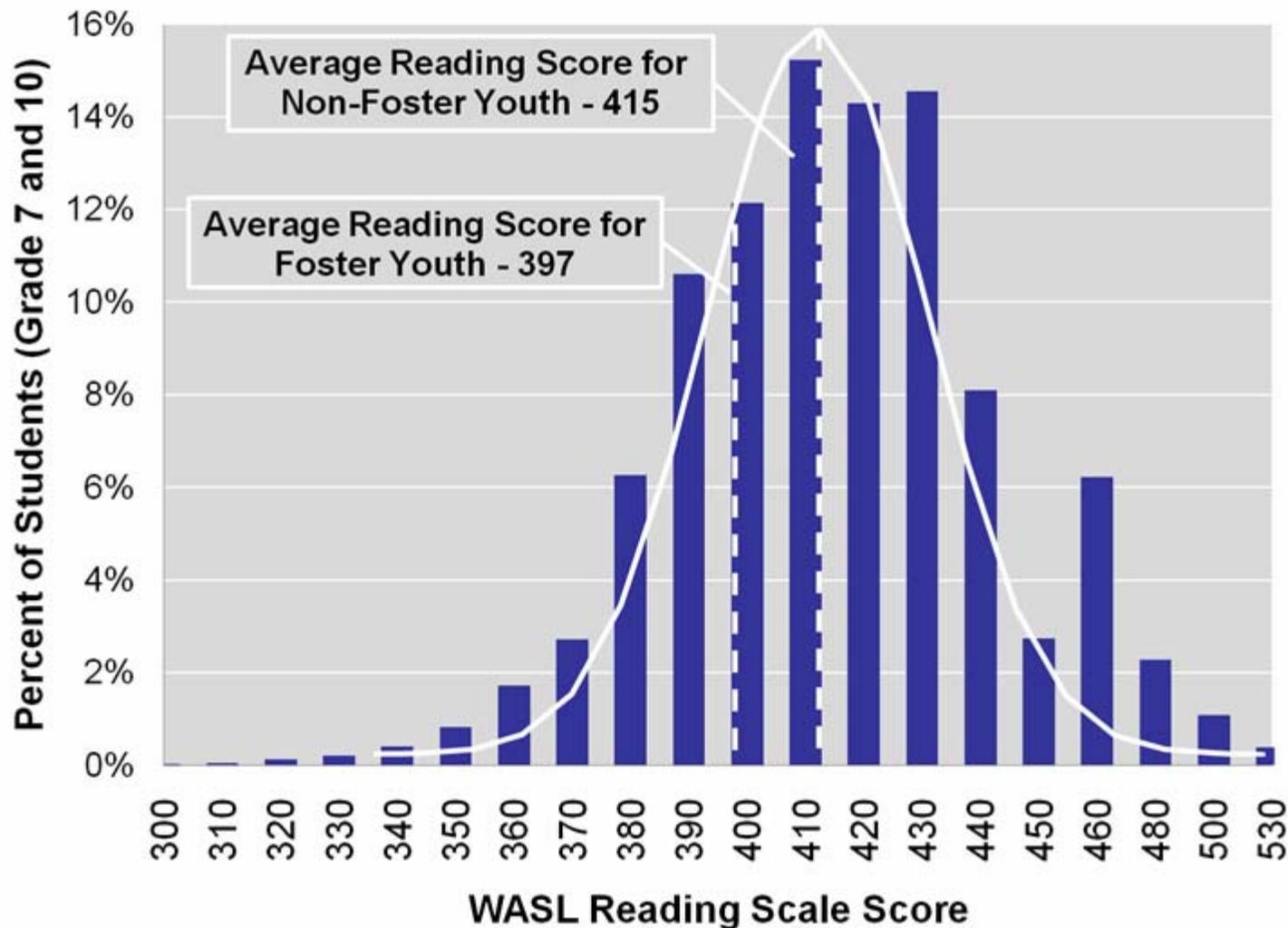
✓ **November 2001 WSIPP Report**

- **15 to 20 points below non-foster youth on standardized tests**
- **59 percent of foster students in 11th grade graduated by grade 12**

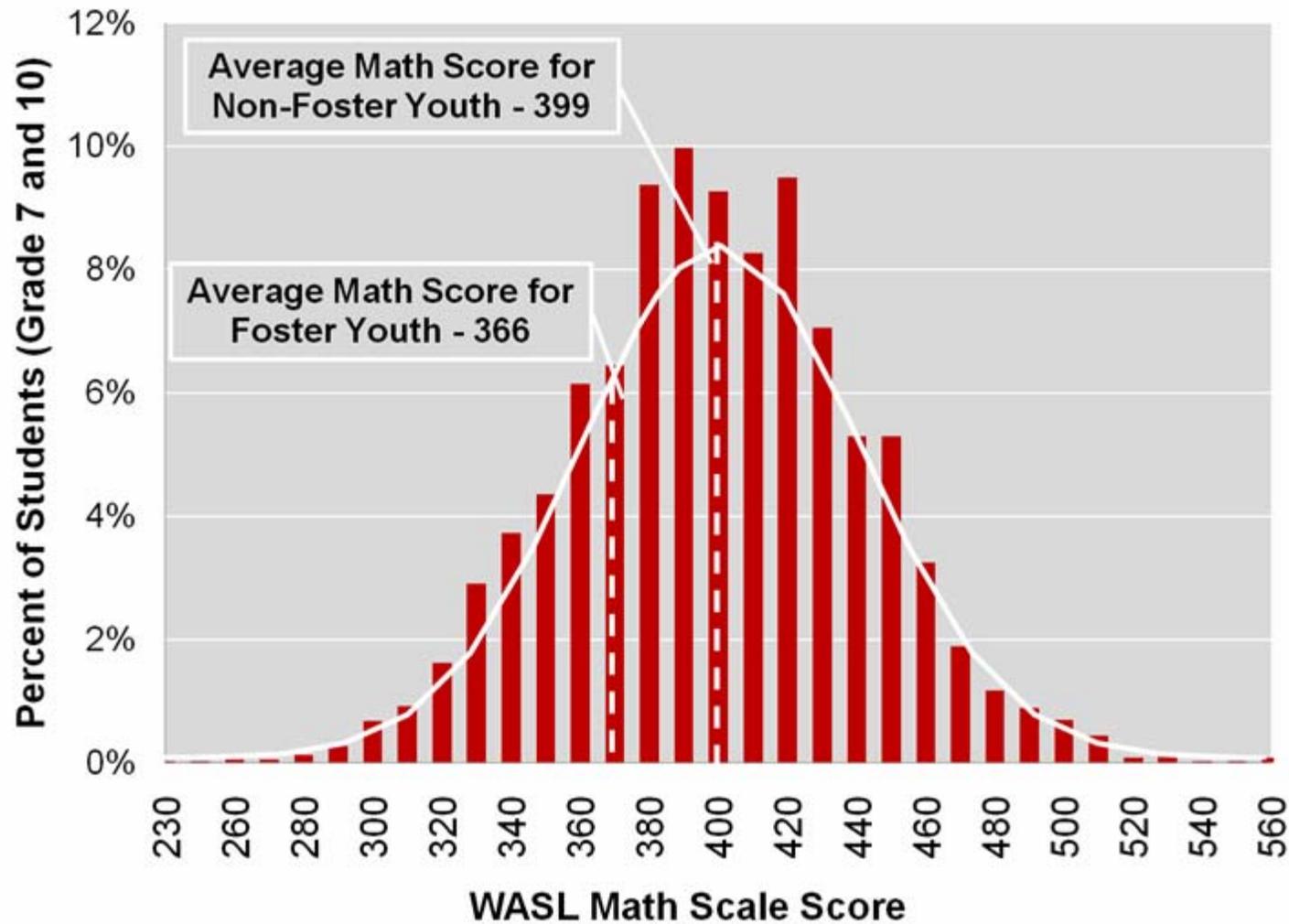
✓ **Ongoing Research**

- **Braam Panel directed Children's Administration (DSHS) to:**
 - “replicate the 2001 WSIPP study...for school-age children in foster care three months or longer in FY 2005. The study will be replicated every two years over the settlement.”
- **2008 – WASL Results for Foster Youth**
- **2009 – Graduation and Dropout Outcomes**
- **2010 – Updated WASL and Updated Graduation Reports**

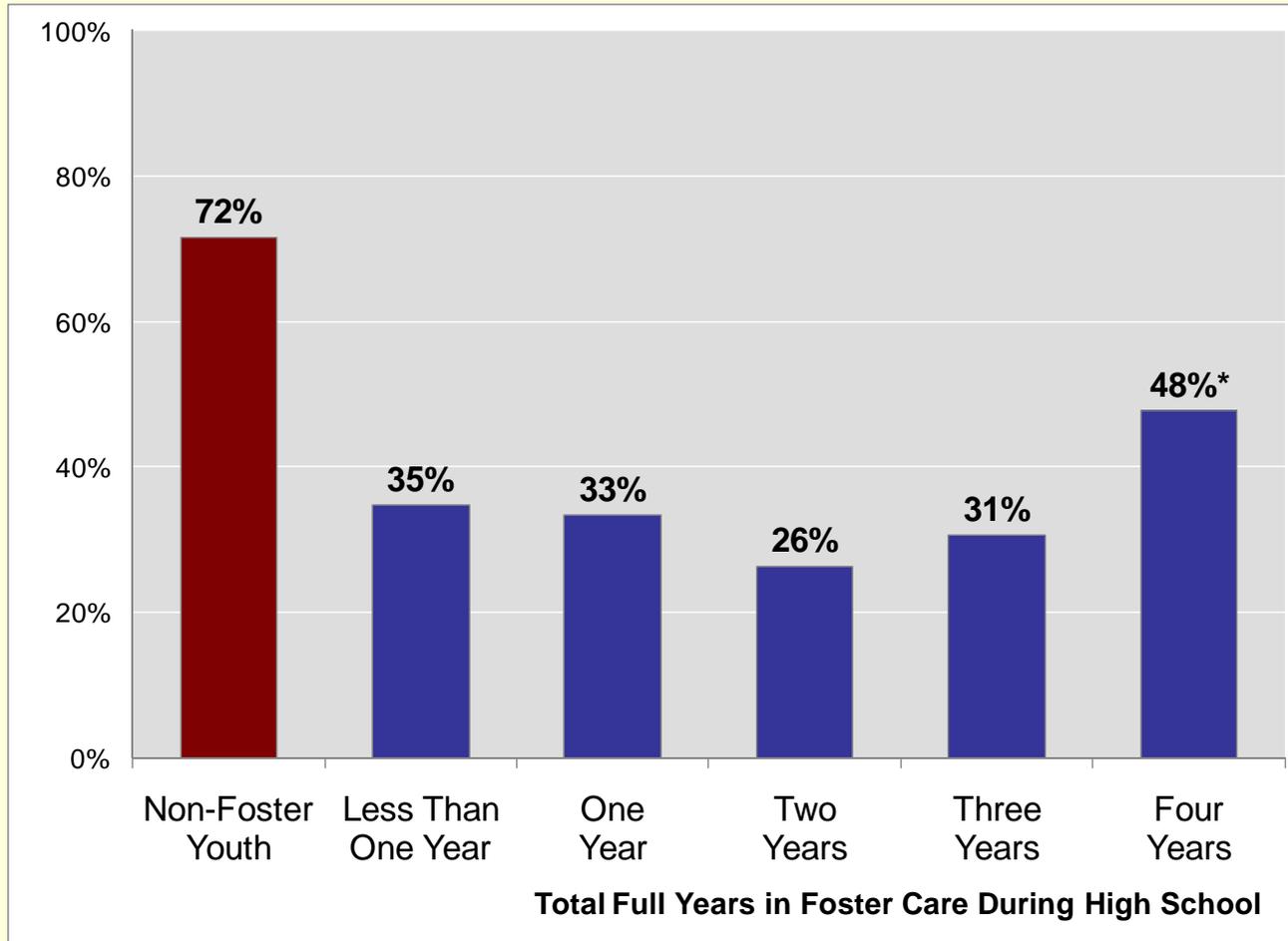
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Math Assessment Scores – Foster Youth

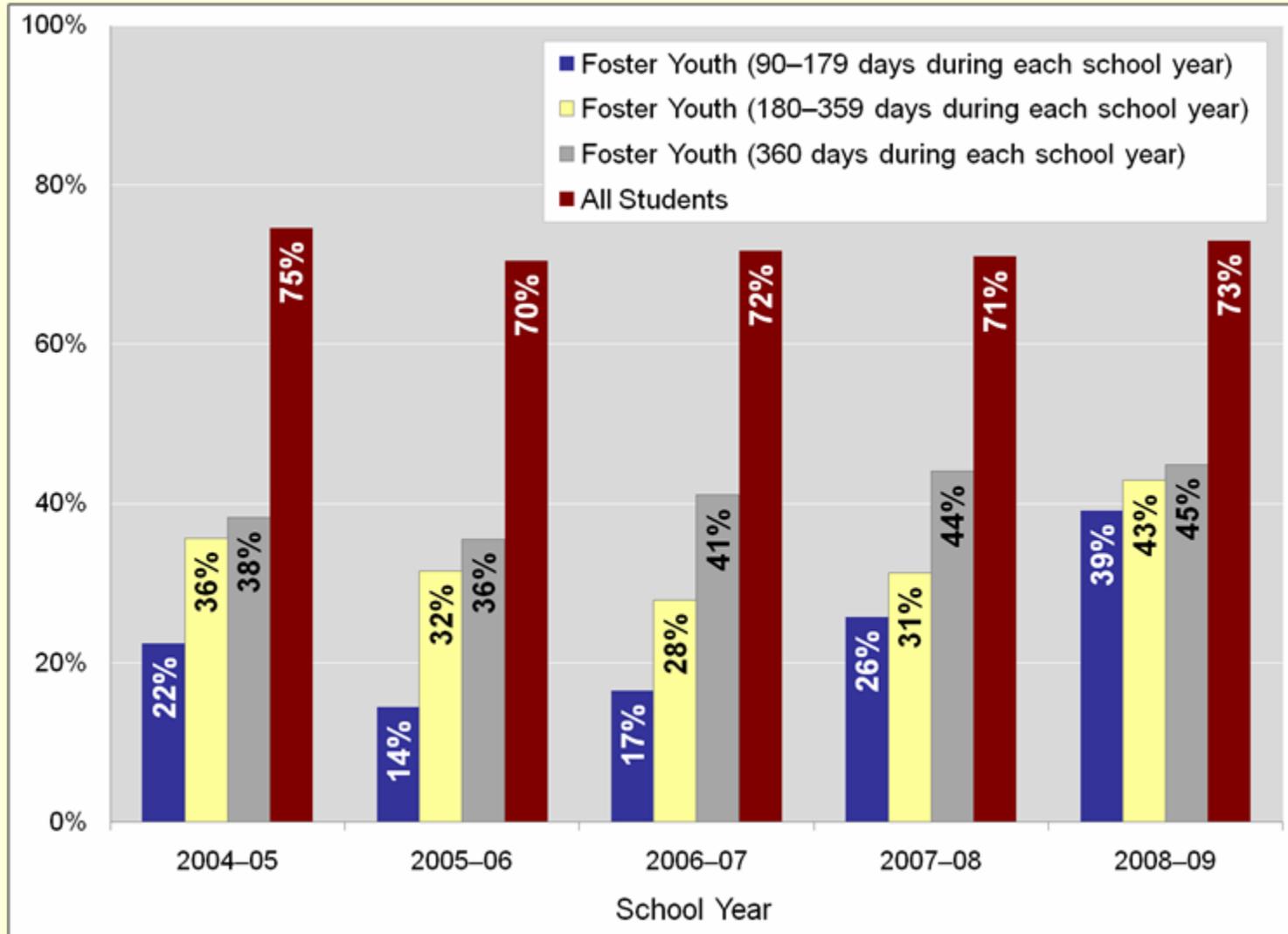


Longitudinal Graduation Rate (2005–06 Ninth Graders)

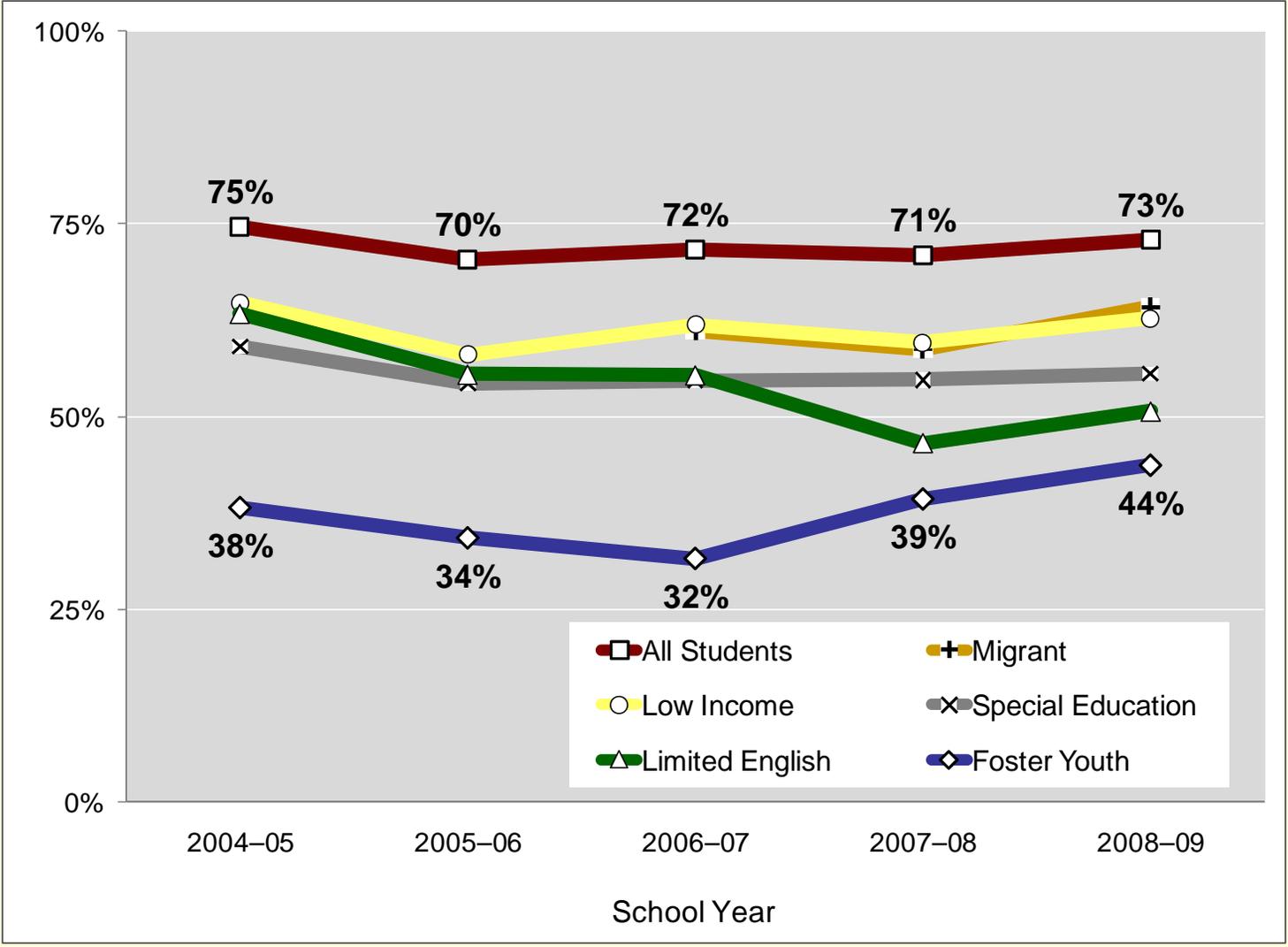


* Same percentage for previous (2004-05 cohort)

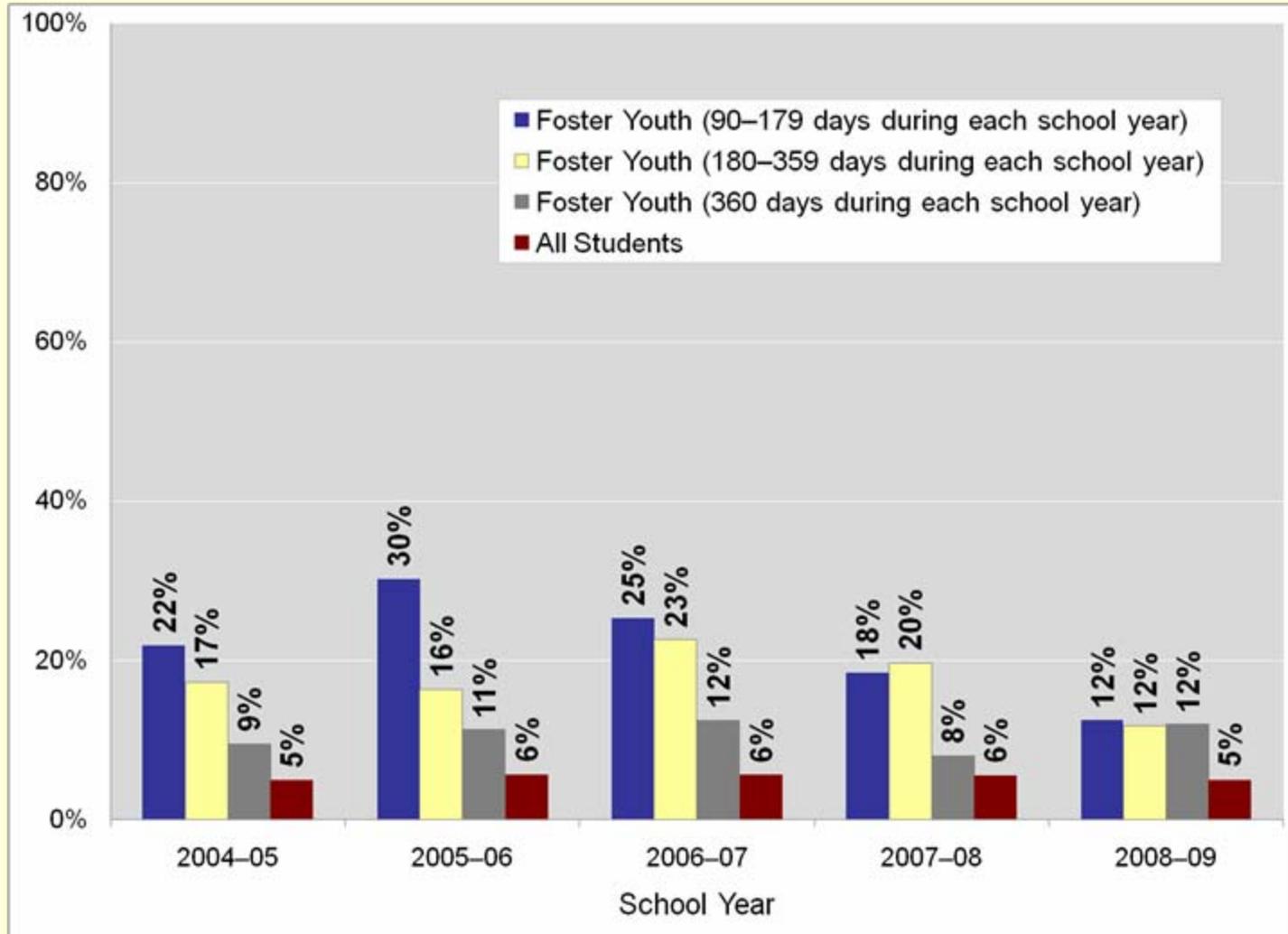
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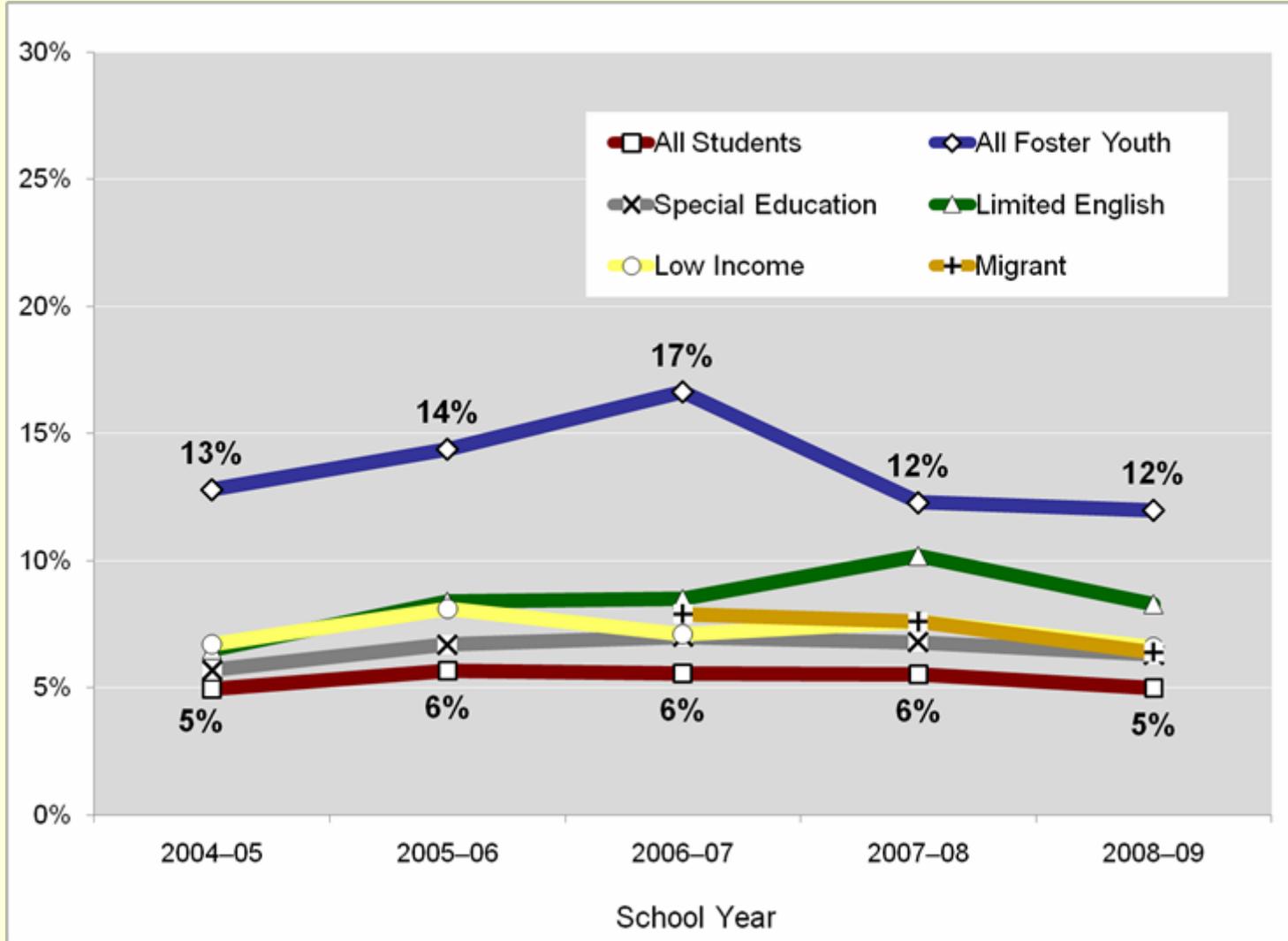
Graduation Rates (At-Risk Students)



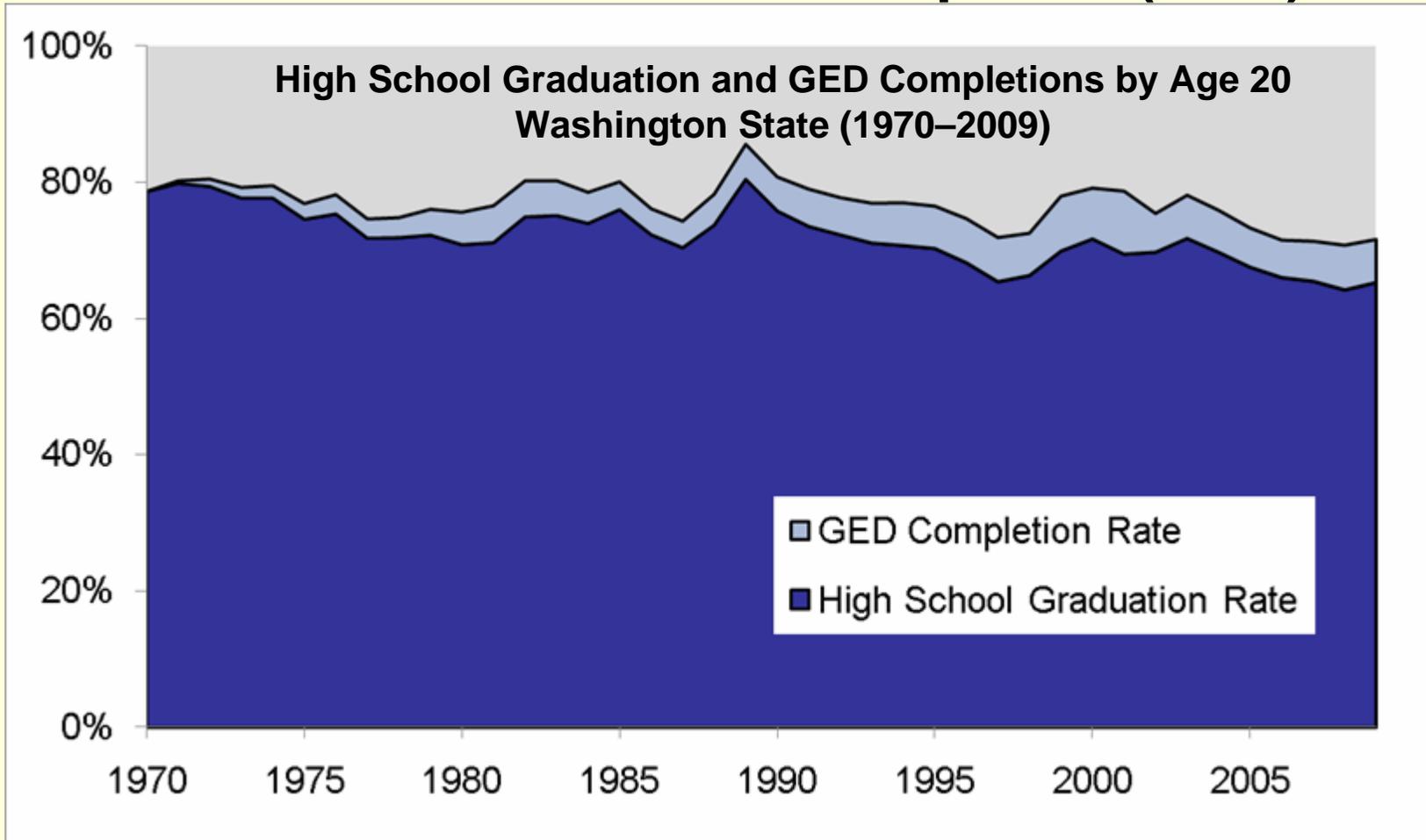
Foster Youth Annual Dropout Rate



Dropout Trends (At-Risk Students)



Statewide, Six Percent of Young Adults Earn General Educational Development (GED)



Research (outside Washington) Has Found up to 29 Percent of Foster Youth May go on to Earn a GED

School Year	Foster Youth (Eligible to Graduate)	Graduates (Rate)	5% GED (Completion Rate)	29% GED (Completion Rate)
2005–06	327	112 (34%)	16 (39%)	95 (63%)
2006–07	332	105 (32%)	17 (37%)	96 (61%)
2007–08	272	107 (39%)	14 (44%)	79 (68%)
2008–09	249	109 (44%)	12 (49%)	72 (73%)

** Based on this estimate, between 12 and 72 additional foster youth may receive high school credentials by completing a GED.*

Chronology of Programs, Initiatives, and Research

- **1999–present (Independent and Transitional Living Programs)**
- **2003–present (Education and Training Vouchers)**
- **2006–present (Educational Advocacy)**
- **2006–09 (Foster Care to College Partnership)**
- **2006–present (Foster Care to 21)**
- **2007–present (Passport for Foster Youth Promise Program)**
- **2007–present (Supplemental Educational Transition Planning (SETuP))**
- **2008–present (Peer to Peer Mentors)**

- **Starting 2010–National Youth in Transition Database**

Evaluations

- **Foster Care to College Partnership (2009)**
- **Foster Care to 21 (2010)**
- **Educational Advocacy (2010)**
- **Passport for Foster Youth Promise Program (2012)**

Outcome Monitoring

- **Norm-Referenced Assessments (2001)**
- **Criterion-Referenced (WASL) (2008, 2010)**
- **Graduation and Dropout (2009, 2010)**
- **Program Efficiencies (2010)**

- **SESRC/Braam Panel Survey (2008)**
- **NYTD (annually, starting in late 2010)**

Thank You!