


# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS “GOOD TO GREAT”

Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
“The Teaching Superintendent”

November 13, 2024

Focus Core Area Numbers 1- 4 District  
Goal Number 1-4 and All Sub Sections



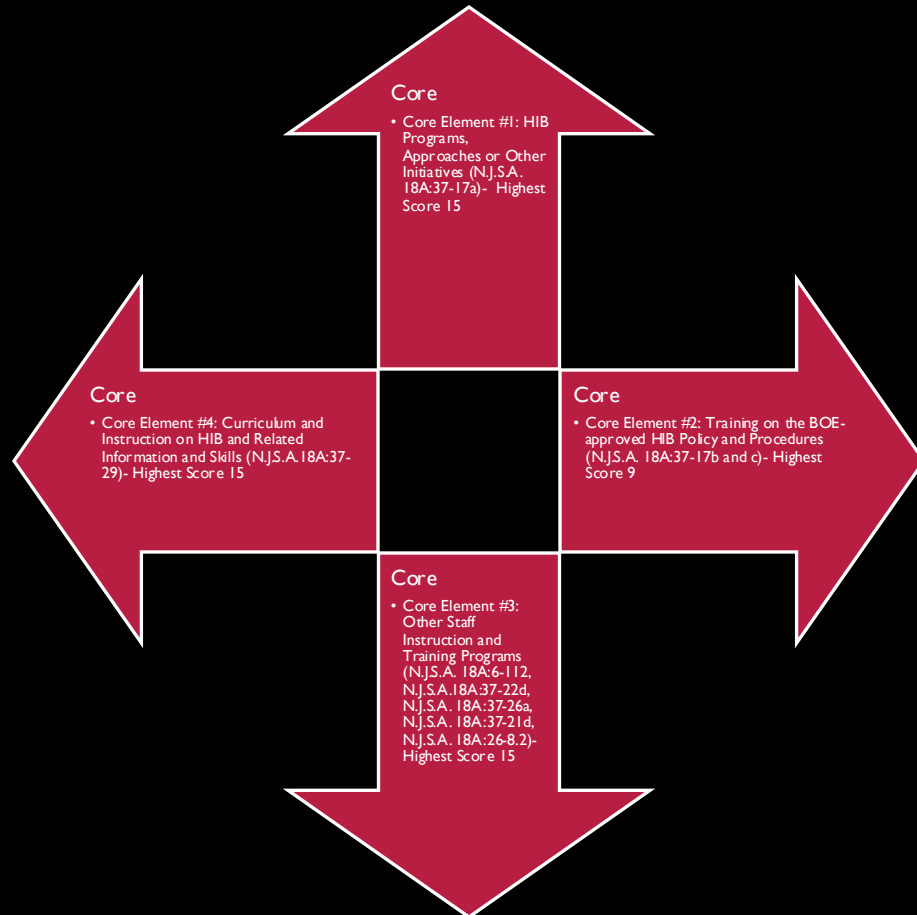


# ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HIB SELF ASSESSMENT GRADE SY 2023-2024

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NOVEMBER 13, 2024

# HIB SELF ASSESSMENT CORE ELEMENTS

## HIGHEST SCORE PER ELEMENT



Core Element #5: HIB Personnel (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-20a, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-20c, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-21a)- **Highest Score 9**

Core Element #6: School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b(5), N.J.S.A. 18A: 37-15b(6)(a))- **Highest Score 6**

Core Element #7: HIB Investigation Procedure (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b(5) and (6)(a) and (b))- **Highest Score 12**

Core Element #8: HIB Reporting (N.J.S.A. 18A:17- 46)- **Highest Score 6**

**Highest Score, per school = 78**



# ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



School	Core Element 1 Score	Core Element 2 Score	Core Element 3 Score	Core Element 4 Score	Core Element 5 Score	Core Element 6 Score	Core Element 7 Score	Core Element 8 Score	Total Score
<b>Maximum Score</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>78</b>
Central	15	9	15	6	8	6	12	6	77
Cleveland	15	9	15	6	9	6	12	6	78
Forest	14	9	15	6	8	6	12	6	76
Heywood	14	9	14	6	9	6	12	6	76
Lincoln	15	9	15	6	7	6	12	6	76
Oakwood	15	9	15	6	9	6	10	6	76
Orange Early CC	15	8	14	5	9	6	12	6	75
Park Ave	15	9	12	6	8	6	12	6	74
Rosa Parks	14	9	13	6	9	6	12	6	75



# ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SECONDARY SCHOOLS



<b>School</b>	<b>Core Element 1 Score</b>	<b>Core Element 2 Score</b>	<b>Core Element 3 Score</b>	<b>Core Element 4 Score</b>	<b>Core Element 5 Score</b>	<b>Core Element 6 Score</b>	<b>Core Element 7 Score</b>	<b>Core Element 8 Score</b>	<b>Total Score</b>
<b>Maximum Score</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>78</b>
Orange High School	14	9	14	6	9	6	12	6	76
Orange Prep	14	9	14	6	9	6	11	5	74
STEM Academy	15	9	15	6	9	6	12	6	78





# NJSLA ELA/MATH SPRING 2024





Grade/Subject	2023 Orange % Met Expectations / Exceeded Expectations	2024 Orange % Met Expectations / Exceeded Expectations	2024 New Jersey % Met Expectations / Exceeded Expectations	Orange Difference	NJ Difference 2023- 20234
3	22.3%	27.0%	43.6%	+4.9	+1.7
4	31.6%	27.2%	50.8%	-4.4	-0.5
5	37.9%	35.6%	52.2%	-2.3	-1.1
6	33.2%	41.1%	53.2%	+7.9	+4.2
7	42.3%	37.9%	54.0%	-4.4	-1.7
8	44.8%	39.3%	52.9%	-5.5	-2.4
9	39.1%	40.2%	58.0%	+1.1	+6

## ELA

- Although current ML's students made up 30% of test takers in grades 3 and 4 and had a passing rate of 9%, 75% of the students identified as Former ML's in these grade levels achieved a score of Meets or Exceeds.
- This trend continued as overall the number of Former MLs passing increased 5 percentage points (36% to 41%).
- On average per grade level Students With Disabilities make up 13.5% of all test takers. The overall passing percentage of Students With Disabilities increased by 3 percentage points.
- Taking the cohort of students into account, the number and percentage of students passing in grades 4-7 increased for each grade level.

Grade/Subject†	2023 Orange % Met Expectations / Exceeded Expectations	2024 Orange % Met Expectations / Exceeded Expectations	2024 New Jersey % Met Expectations/Exceeded Expectations	Orange Difference	NJ Difference 2023-2024
3	17.8%	23.2%	47.5%	+5.4	+1.6
4	16.7%	19.3%	44.9%	+2.6	+5
5	15.8%	15.3%	40.2%	-.5	+2
6	16.3%	20.4%	36.2%	+4.1	+1.9
7	19.3%	22.5%	37.5%	+3.2	+3.7
8	15.6%	15.3%	19.5%	-.3	+1.7
Algebra I	16.0%	27.3%	39.5%	+11.3	+4.5
Algebra II	10.0%	0.0%	58.9%	-10	+5.2
Geometry	70.0%	76.3%	49.0%	+6.3	-1.5

# MATHEMATICS

- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINT INCREASE ACROSS ALL GRADE LEVELS
- 11.3 PERCENTAGE POINT INCREASE IN ALGEBRA I
  - a. Includes additional 8th grade section
- GEOMETRY SCORES EXCEED STATE AVERAGE 26.3 PERCENTAGE POINTS
- EXCEEDED STATE GROWTH IN GRADE 3, GRADE 4, GRADE 6, ALGEBRA I, AND GEOMETRY

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cleveland	31.4%	26.9%	18.9%	26.3%	27.3%		
Forest	26.5%	54.1%	38.3%	57.1%	57.1%		
Heywood	48.8%	34.2%	42.9%	74.2%	51.2%		
Lincoln	18.9%	10.4%	35.8%	44.1%	31.2%		
Oakwood	16.7%	13.6%	30.4%	31.0%	41.7%		
OHS							33.0%
OPA						39.3%	
Park	26.7%	35.9%	44.7%	22.9%	39.6%		
RPCS	25.7%	31.3%	35.0%	40.5%	33.0%		
STEM							93.6%
State	43.6%	50.8%	52.2%	53.2%	54.0%	52.9%	58.0%

# ELA

## HIGHLIGHTS WHERE SCHOOLS EXCEEDED the STATE AVERAGE

- Note in grades 5-8 the percentage of students approaching is larger than % in the bottom performance level.
- With a number of students at Forest, Heywood, Rosa Parks, and OPA I&I achieving a score of 746 to 749. 750 is passing.

# MATHEMATICS

## HIGHLIGHTS WHERE SCHOOLS EXCEEDED

- FOREST - SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN GRADES 4 AND 7
- HEYWOOD - SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN GRADES 4 AND 6
- LINCOLN - SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN GRADES 3 AND 6
- OAKWOOD - SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN GRADE 3
- OHS - SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ALGEBRA I
- PARK - SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN GRADES 3, 5, AND 7
- ROSA PARKS - SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN GRADE 4
- STEM - SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN ALGEBRA I AND GEOMETRY

	3	4	5	6	7	8	Algebra I	Algebra II	Geometry
Cleveland	16.7%	17.9%	10.0%	17.9%	21.7%				
Forest	33.3%	22.5%	14.9%	23.7%	30.2%				
Heywood	32.6%	30.8%	14.0%	36.4%	45.5%				
Lincoln	21.6%	6.9%	13.8%	21.4%	7.6%				
Oakwood	21.1%	13.0%	16.7%	11.1%	12.0%				
OHS							12.6%	0.0%	33.3%
OPA						15.3%	86.8%		
Park	21.3%	24.4%	27.5%	5.6%	19.2%				
RPCS	19.7%	26.7%	15.3%	22.8%	25.0%				
STEM							94.4%		89.7%
State	47.5%	44.9%	40.2%	36.2%	37.5%	19.5%	39.5%	58.9%	49.0%

Content Test	total	Did Not Yet Meet	%	Partially met	%	Approached	%	Met	%	Exceeded	%	PROFICIENT TOTAL	%
Grade 03 ELA	389	146	38%	67	17%	71	18%	97	25%	8	2%	105	27%
Grade 04 ELA	338	93	28%	75	22%	78	23%	73	22%	19	6%	92	27%
Grade 05 ELA	385	93	24%	58	15%	97	25%	118	31%	19	5%	137	36%
Grade 06 ELA	365	52	14%	65	18%	98	27%	109	30%	41	11%	150	41%
Grade 07 ELA	391	85	22%	60	15%	98	25%	112	29%	36	9%	148	38%
Grade 08 ELA	331	57	17%	54	16%	90	27%	94	28%	36	11%	130	39%
Grade 09 ELA	396	75	19%	95	24%	67	17%	113	29%	46	12%	159	40%

Content Test	total	Did Not Yet Meet	%	Partially met	%	Approached	%	MET	%	EXCEEDED	%	PROFICIENT TOTAL	%
Grade 03 Mathematics	413	114	28%	94	23%	109	26%	84	20%	12	3%	96	23%
Grade 04 Mathematics	358	98	27%	119	33%	72	20%	65	18%	4	1%	69	19%
Grade 05 Mathematics	412	105	25%	147	36%	97	24%	58	14%	5	1%	63	15%
Grade 06 Mathematics	387	108	28%	115	30%	85	22%	77	20%	2	1%	79	20%
Grade 07 Mathematics	409	58	14%	146	36%	113	28%	71	17%	21	5%	92	22%
Grade 08 Mathematics	288	106	37%	86	30%	52	18%	42	15%	2	1%	44	15%
Algebra I	444	100	23%	141	32%	82	18%	113	25%	8	2%	121	27%
Algebra II	1	1	100%		0%		0%		0%		0%	0	0%
Geometry	38	3	8%		0%	6	16%	25	66%	4	11%	29	76%





# NJSLA SCIENCE PERFORMANCE LEVELS BY SCHOOLS

# DISTRICT NJSLA-SCIENCE

Science	2023 Orange % Performance Level 3 & 4	2024 Orange % Performance Level 3 & 4	2024 New Jersey % Performance Level 3 & 4	Orange Difference 2023-2024	NJ Difference 2023-2024
5	11.3%	9.0%	27.6%	-2.3	+0.8
8	6.1%	6.5%	18.8%	+0.4	+0.3
11	12.6%	9.7%	28.1%	-2.9	-1.7

# PARENT UNIVERSITY 2024 - 2025

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION



The District seeks to educate and empower families as advocates and lifelong learners committed to improving the overall health and well-being of children and our community. Our free and reduced-price workshops offer parents a range of experiences across various topics.

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### Academies Offered:

- Health & Wellness
- Adult Learning
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Academic Support Academy

Our Fall semester (October 2024 – January 2025) has several offerings and new classes continue to be added.



Orange Public Schools presents:

## Parent University

School Year 2024-2025

Free Fall and Spring Courses

**ENROLL NOW!** Scan here

**¡INSCRÍBASE AHORA!** Escanea aquí

**INSCRIVEZ-VOUS MAINTENANT!** Scannez ici



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
<https://sites.google.com/orange.k12.nj.us/parent-university-2025-home?pli=1>



## DISTRICT NEWS



### The 2024-2025 5th Grade Stock Market Game is Now LIVE

Join us as our 5th graders embark on an exciting journey into the world of investing with the 2024-25 Stock Market Game! With 65 teams competing for top honors, follow their progress and cheer on our young investors as they learn and grow throughout the school year!



### Addendum 1: Orange Public Schools Solar PPA Request for Proposal (RFP)

In reference to our Request for Proposals for a Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement to provide Solar Generated Electricity for Orange Public School District facilities. This addendum is issued on October 25, 2024; in order to provide answers/clarifications to vendor questions.



### National School Lunch Program

The Orange Public School District is participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).



### National Principal's Month

The Orange School District celebrates National Principal's Month! Celebrated every October, it is an opportunity to celebrate and honor our incredible principals. Join our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gerald

## NOTICES

### Parent University



The Orange Public Schools is pleased to announce the launch of the 2024–2025 Parent University!

We invite parents, families, and the Orange Community interested in attending the workshops to apply. All applications will be reviewed upon submission with quick feedback on acceptance status.

To register, visit Parent University Website at:



**House Music Dance Fitness**



**Drumming For Wellness**

# HEALTH & WELLNESS ACADEMY

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\*BOTH CLASSES ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND. WELLNESS FOR THE MIND AND BODY.



# ADULT LEARNING ACADEMY

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- \*Providing parents and community members with training in Youth Mental Health First Aid and effective strategies to develop social/emotional competencies in our students.



**Social Change For Parents Workshops**

**RWJBarnabas**  
**HEALTH**

**Youth Mental Health**

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

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- \*Providing parents and community members opportunities for creativity and expression through the Arts.



**DANCE AS EXPRESSION: A PERSONAL  
JOURNEY THROUGH  
STORYTELLING**



**ADVENTURES With Art**





## Supporting Special Education, Early Childhood Learning



**Autism Support and Behavior Strategies**

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT ACADEMY

\*Providing parents with strategies to use at home along with time to practice, reflect, and refine their skills in implementing strategies learned.

# All classes offered are **FREE** to our parents and community.

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We are open to parent and community feedback on classes you would like to see offered.

Share your thoughts with us!

Adult ESL Classes

UDEMY Online Platform

College Financial Aid  
Sessions



# 8TH ANNUAL DISTRICT PARENT CONFERENCE & RESOURCE FAIR

## "Parent Pride"

Saturday, November 23, 2024  
10 am – 2 pm  
Orange High School Gymnasium  
400 Lincoln Avenue



Children  
Activities

Workshops include:

- "Math, Science, and STEM: All In One"
- \* "What Can Parents Do For Reading Readiness?"
- \* "Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences"
- \* "Financial Aid for Postsecondary Education"
- \* "Know Your Worker Rights"



Vendors &  
Resources

\*\*Wear your school  
colors and  
represent your  
school pride!



\*\*Free Raffles,  
Prizes,  
Lunch  
& More

Please register for the event using this link or QR code:  
<https://forms.gle/BXSN36NbxEpecSkj9>

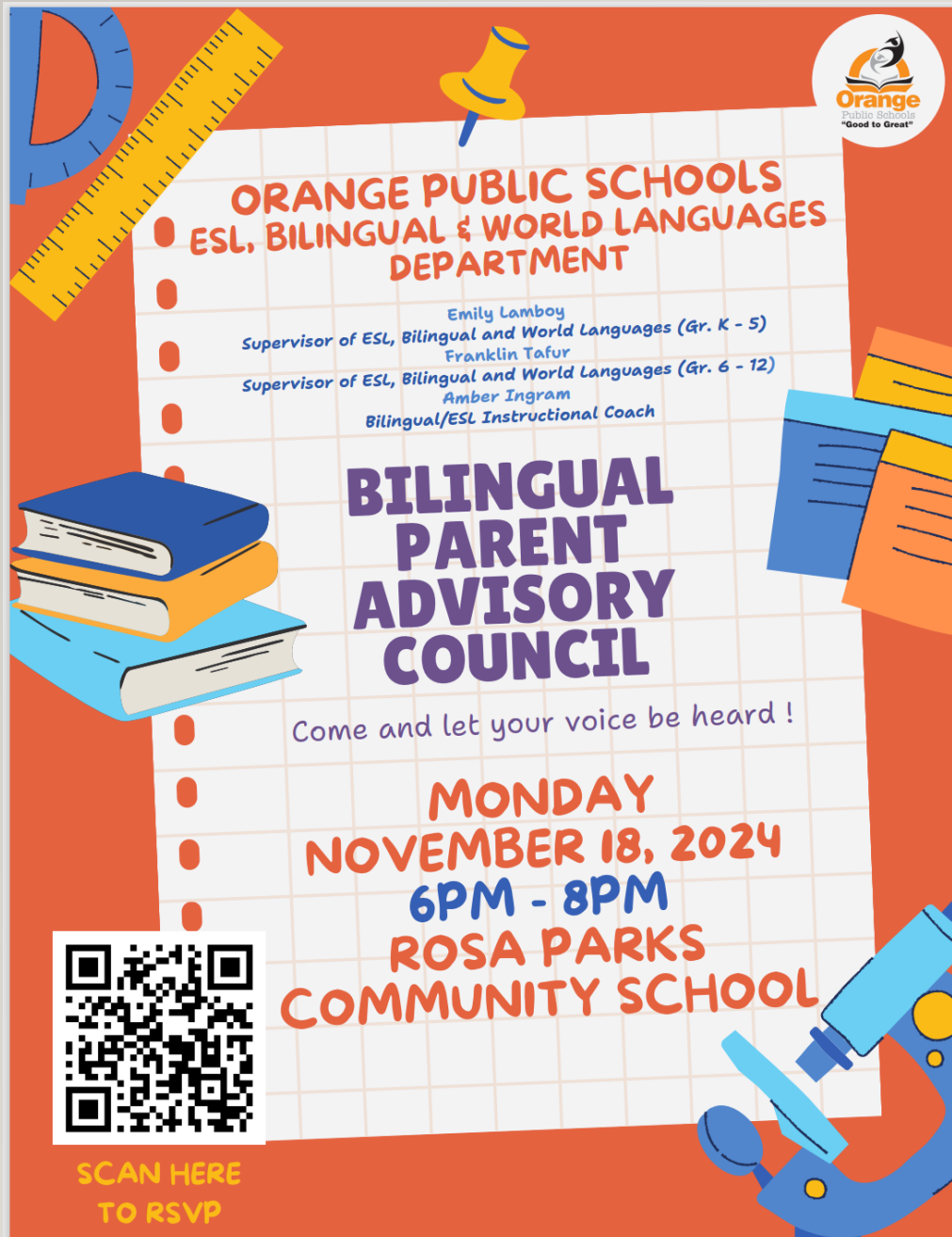

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- Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to engage with the Orange Public Schools community and show your **Parent Pride!**
  - Foster new collaborations and relationships, working together to support our students and families.





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- Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to engage the Department of Special Services and Behavioral Intervention. Further, the ACES Program as well as Transition Services are the topic areas.
  - Foster new collaborations and relationships, working together to support our students and families.






**ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ESL, BILINGUAL & WORLD LANGUAGES**  
**DEPARTMENT**

Emily Lamboy  
Supervisor of ESL, Bilingual and World Languages (Gr. K - 5)  
Franklin Tafur  
Supervisor of ESL, Bilingual and World Languages (Gr. 6 - 12)  
Amber Ingram  
Bilingual/ESL Instructional Coach

**BILINGUAL  
PARENT  
ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

Come and let your voice be heard !

**MONDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2024**  
**6PM - 8PM**  
**ROSA PARKS**  
**COMMUNITY SCHOOL**



**SCAN HERE  
TO RSVP**

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- Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to engage with our Bilingual/ESL staff as well as parents.
  - Foster new collaborations and relationships, working together to support our students and families.



Celebration of Students  
**October 2024**  
Student of the Month Announcement

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Superintendent of Schools

FOCUS CORE AREA NUMBERS 1 & 2  
DISTRICT GOAL NUMBER 1&4 AND ALL SUB SECTIONS

Students of the Month  
**OCTOBER 2024**  
 Congratulations to our STAR Students!

Name of School	Student of the Month
Central Elementary School	Jordy Garcia
Cleveland Street School	Eysai Luke
Forest Street Community School	Brayden Melendez
Heywood Avenue School	Chelsea Bennett
Lincoln Avenue School	Aurellie Noel
Oakwood Avenue Community School	Harley-Quinn Sweeney

Name of School	Student of the Month
Orange High School	Fardjaika Jacques Jean
Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation	William Arnold
Park Avenue School	Victor Morales Torres
Rosa Parks Community School	Jayden Mayencela
STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges	Markez Timothy
The Twilight Program	Zy'Kim Chatmon



# Attendance Presentation from the Month of October 2024

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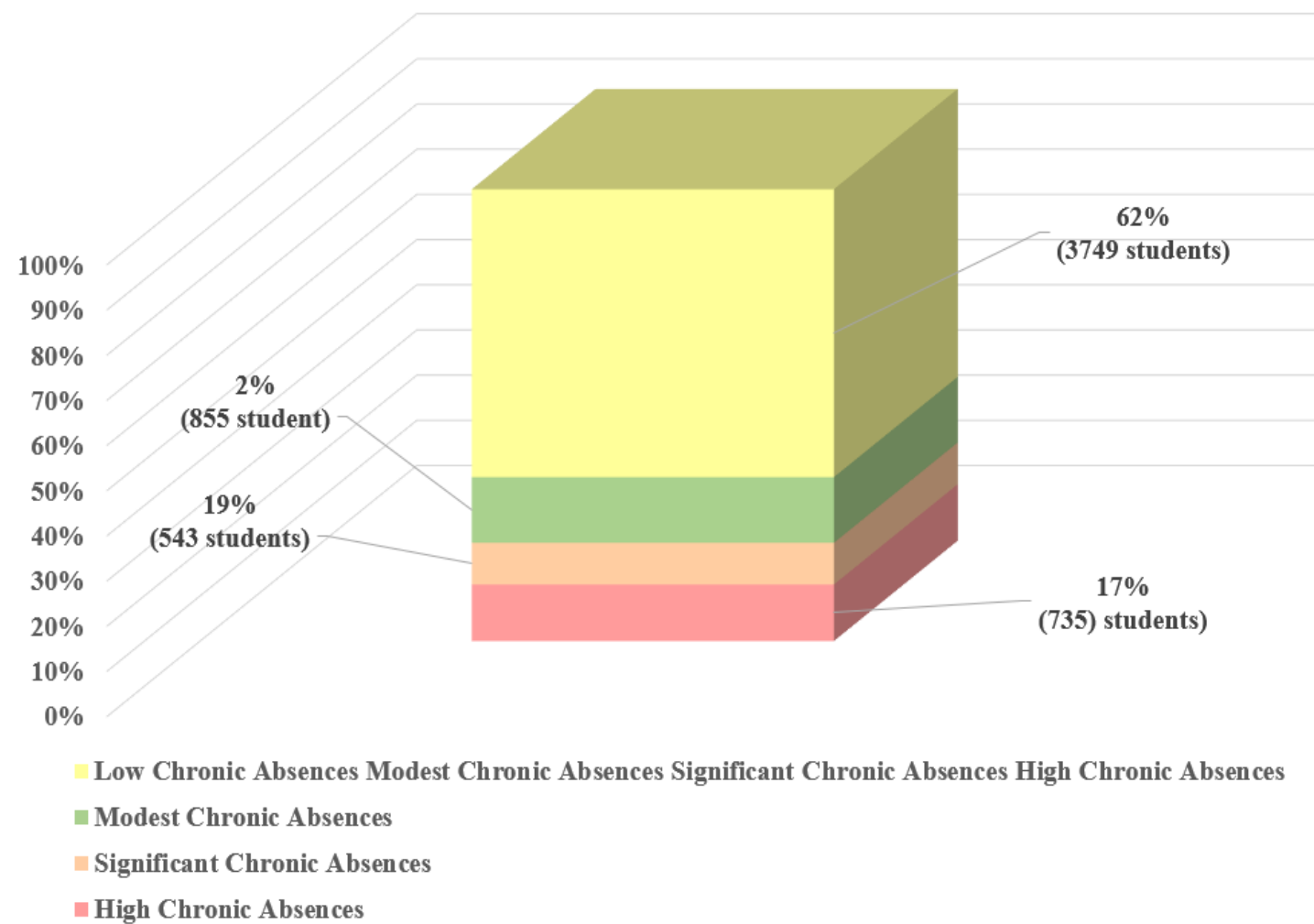
**Chronically  
Absence  
Categories  
are Identified  
As:**

Absences Category	Cumulative Days Absent for the Month of October 2024
Low Chronic Absences	0 to 1.99 days
Modest Chronic Absences	2 to 2.99 days
Significant Chronic Absences	3 to 3.99 days
High Chronic Absences	4 days or more

\*Students are chronically absent when excused or unexcused absences are equal to or greater than 10% of the total number of days enrolled in the school year.

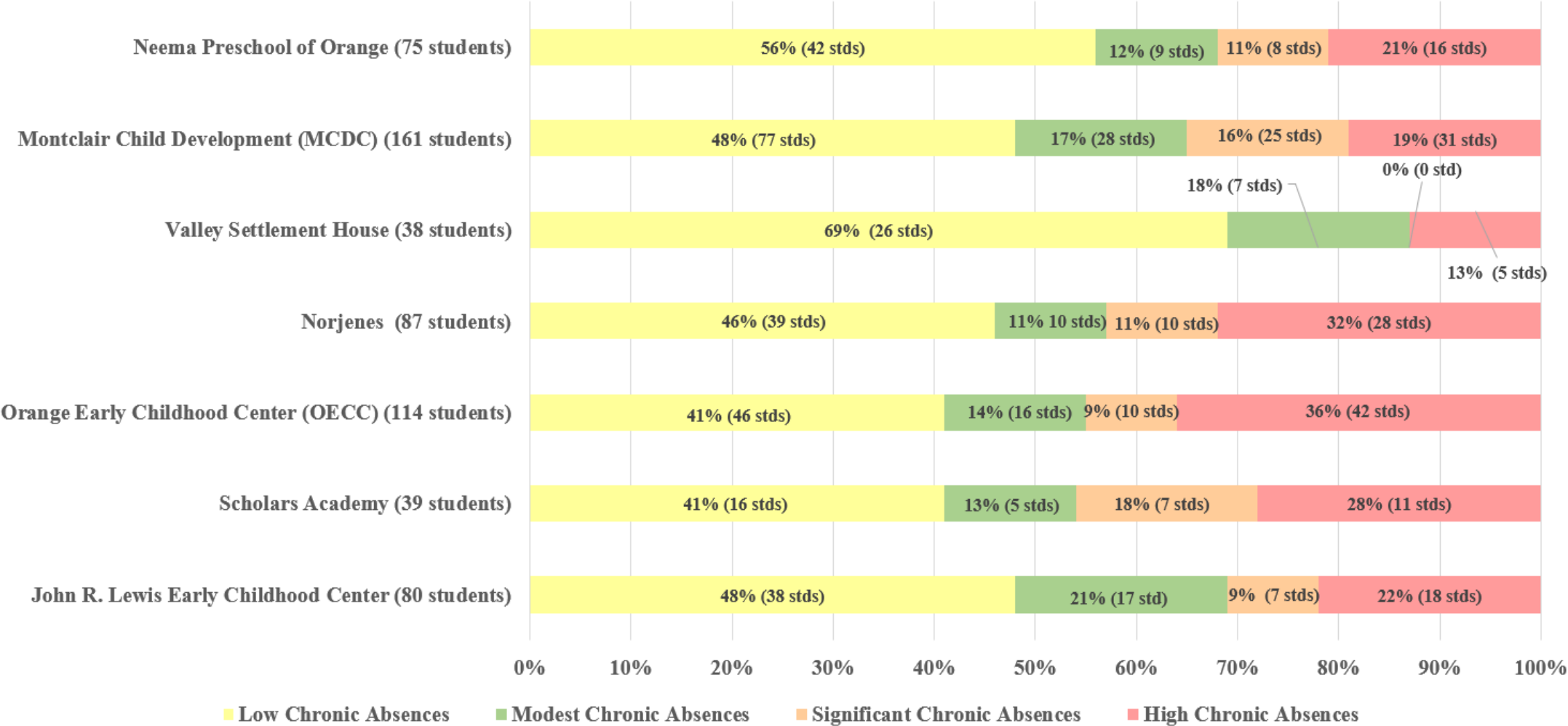


## Cumulative Absences for the Month of October by Category

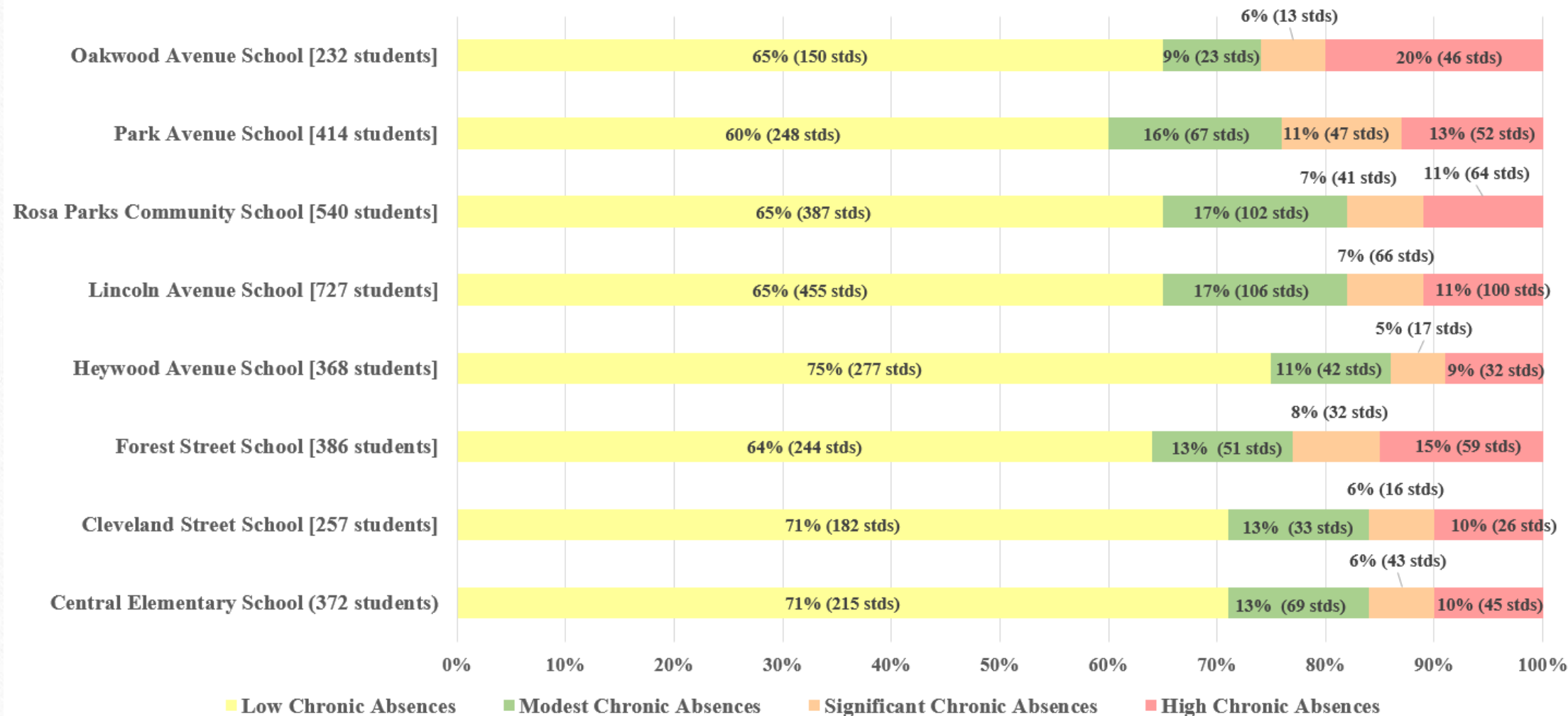




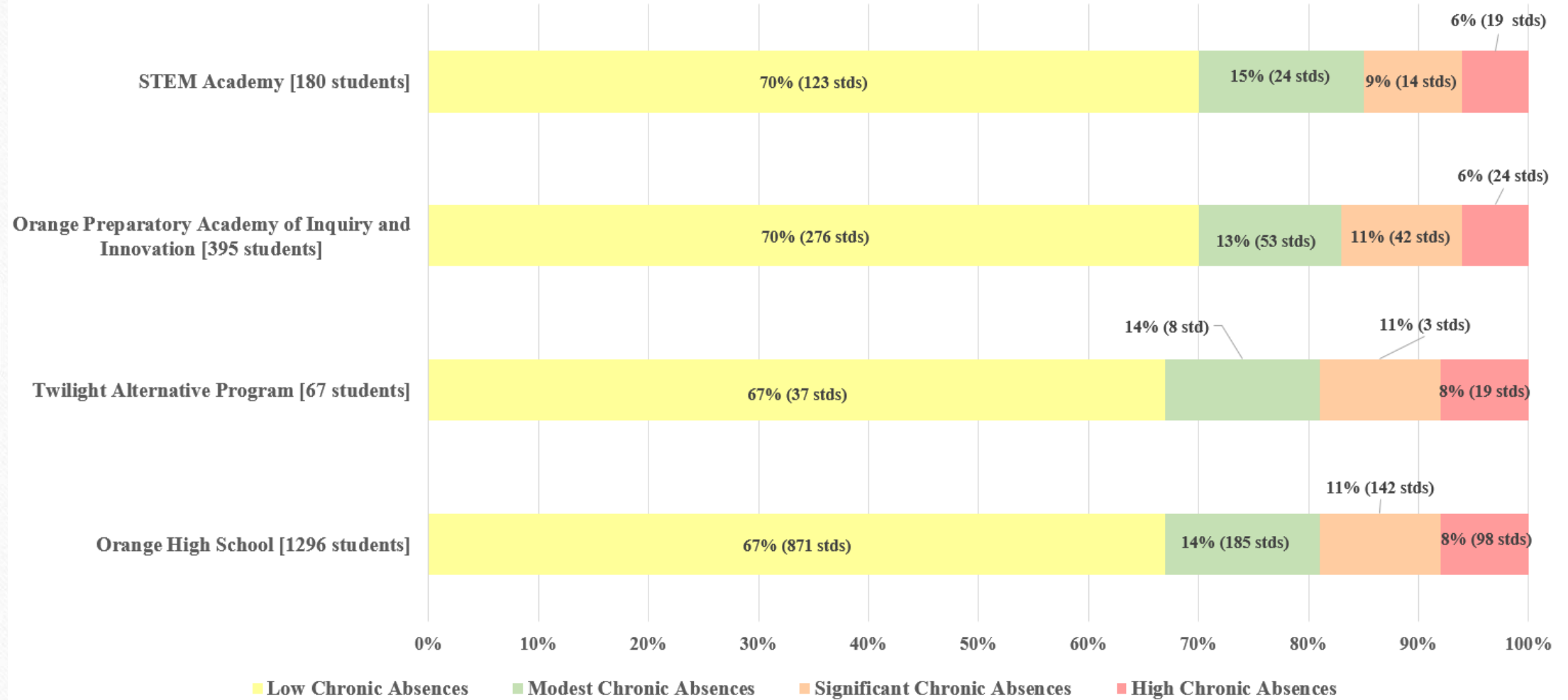
# Cumulative Absences by School for the Month of October Early Childhood Program



### Cumulative Absences by School for the Month of October Kindergarten through Grade 7

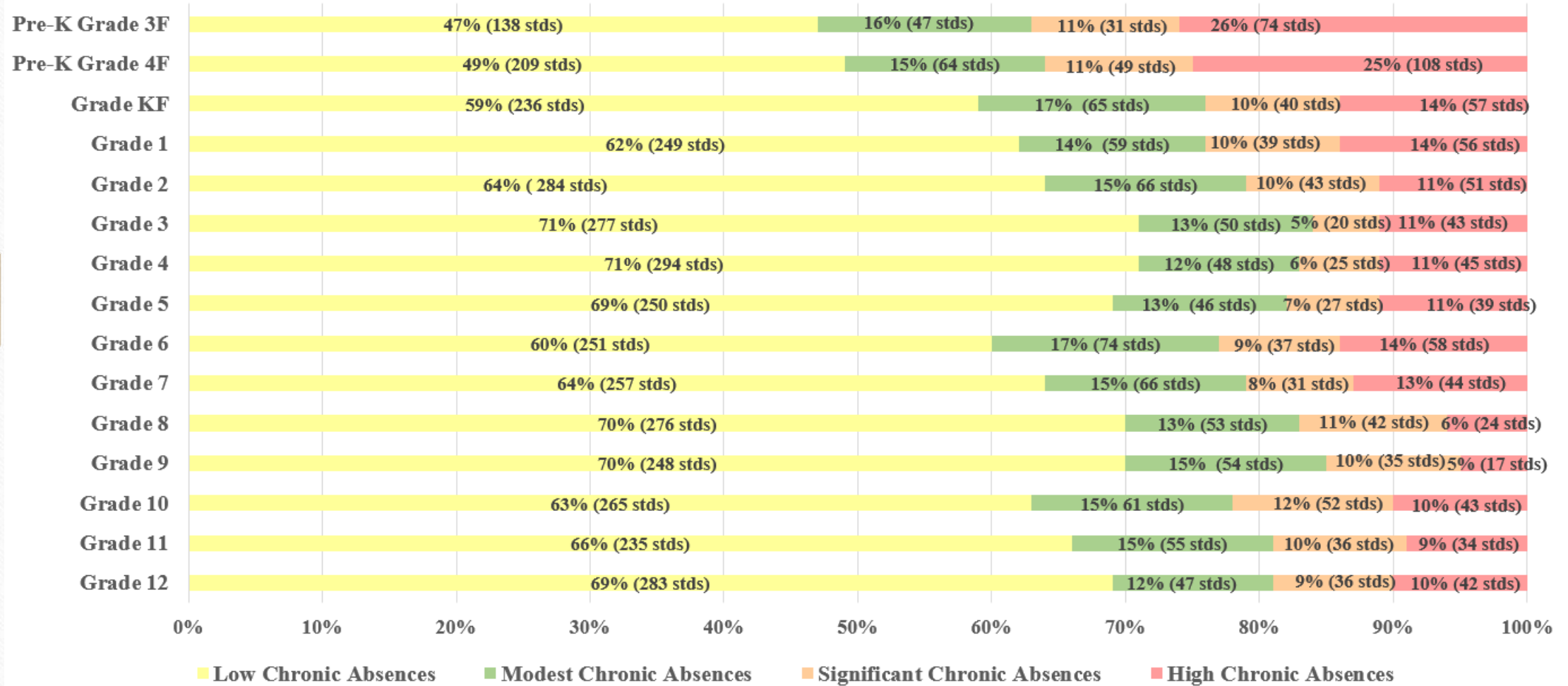


### Cumulative Absences by School for the Month of October Grades 8 through 12



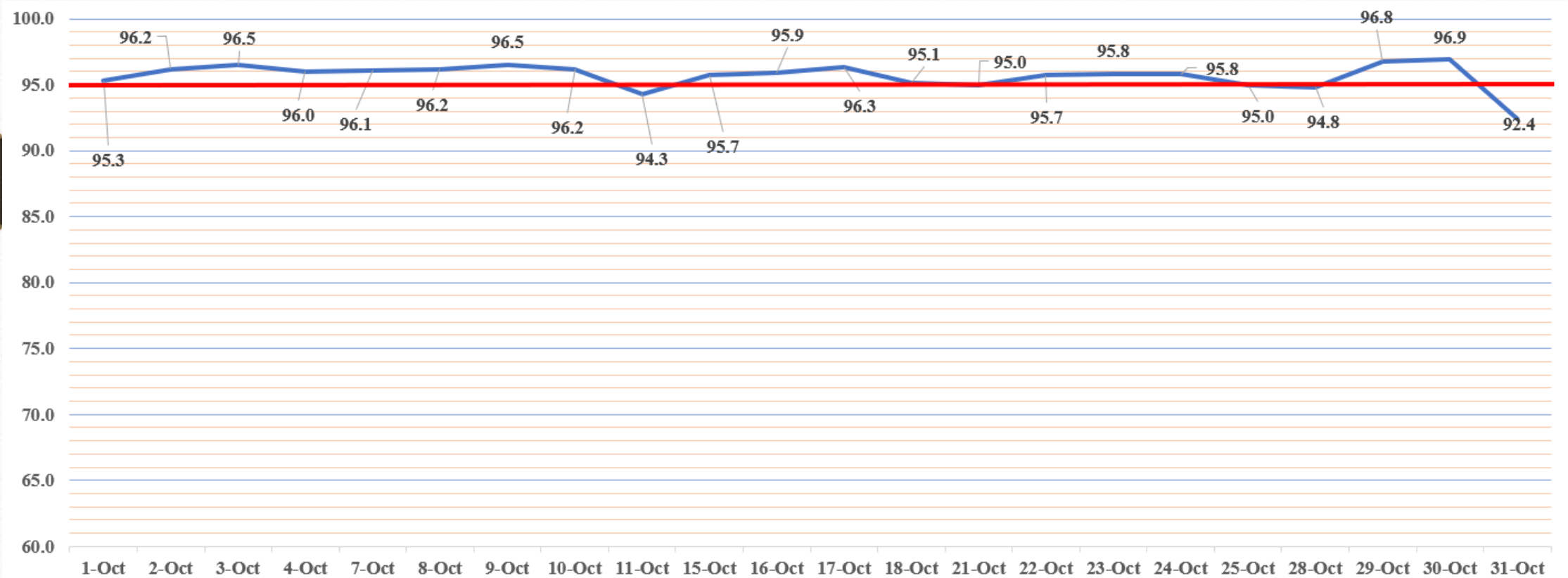


### Cumulative Absences for the Month of October by Grade Level





October 2024  
Average Daily Attendance Percentages  
**\*State Average is 95%**  
District Average Daily Attendance was 96%  
*\*Schools Closed for Professional Development Day – October 14, 2024*





# Facilities Committee Meeting

Presented By: Mr. Edwin Vasquez

Manager of Facilities and Grounds

November 13, 2024





## District Facility Maintenance & Custodial Services Updates

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- **Thorough cleaning and disinfecting occurs daily for all of our touch points in the building (examples include but are not limited to door handles, bathrooms, entrances, exits, and handrails)**
- **Walk-throughs of all district school facilities**
- **Meetings between the District and PCI are held regularly based on updates related to COVID-19 mandates and expectations**
- **Facility projects continue so we can ensure a safe and clean learning environment for our children and staff.**

# Facilities Department Update

- October marks the beginning of boiler season. As we prepare for winter and start turning on our boilers, we take proactive steps to ensure a comfortable learning environment. However, as we all know, this can be a challenge. Our older buildings require some extra TLC, and we have old pipes that need to be replaced.
- The following few slides will show some of the pipes that we repaired or replaced in October.





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# Facilities Department Update



## Facilities Department Update





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# In the Month of November 2024

- The team and I, under the direction of Mr. Ballard, will continue to meet with the Schools Development Authority and Terminal Construction to make sure that there is progress related to the Construction at the Orange High School Punch-list items and the Cleveland Street School Project.

# Reminder from the Office of Facilities

We will continue to update the community, staff, and Board of Education members of all progress.



The health and safety of staff and students are at the apex of all facilities undertakings.

# REMINDER:THE ORANGE APP HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

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SIGN UP...STAY TUNED



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