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MISION OVERVIEW

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY

"EVERY CHILD DESERVES A VILLAGE"

The **Office of Educational Advocacy (OEA)**, partners with families, educators, students, and community to strengthen educational opportunities across Wilmington.

CONNECT



Helping families find resources and opportunities

COLLABORATE



Bringing community. schools, parents, organizations and schools together.

ADVOCATE



Making sure family and youth voices help shape decisions.

INFORM



Share Information

OEA NEWSLETTER

First 90 Days

Reflections | Data| Next Steps

The official OEA Newsletter will be quarterly and will include updates on what the office is up to, current education events/occurences you need to know & whats next for the office.

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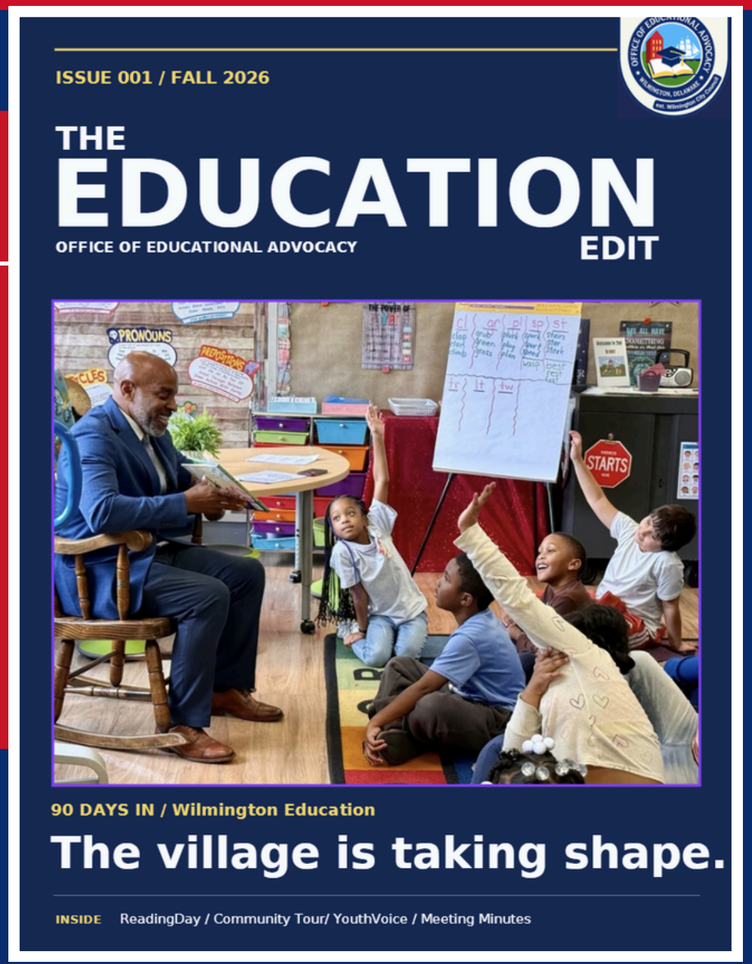

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OEA READING DAY

Monthly literacy Activation rooted in Literacy at Alternating council districts throughout the city and at William Hicks Anderson Center

Kuumba Academy Nov 20th | Johnson Elementary Dec 3rd

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OEA SURVEY

are you a

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

that serves youth in Wilmington?

SWIPE

are you a

PARENT

caregiver or loved one

to children that live in Wilmington?

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are you an

EDUCATOR

teacher/paraprofessional/therapist

that serves youth in Wilmington?

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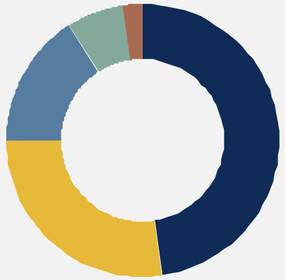
OEA SURVEY
Results so far . . .

WHO RESPONDED



Community organizations / nonprofits	48%
Parents and caregivers	27%
Educators and school staff	16%
Community members and residents	7%
Students	2%

TOP 3 FAMILY PRIORITIES

Most selected issues among families who answered.

01 **Academic achievement**

02 **Literacy and reading**

03 **Mental health and wellness**

These early responses describe who took the survey and what they shared. They do not represent all of Wilmington.

What comes next

WHAT FAMILIES FOUND HARD TO NAVIGATE

These were the challenges parents and caregivers selected most often. Respondents could choose more than one issue.

SCHOOL CLIMATE & BELONGING

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

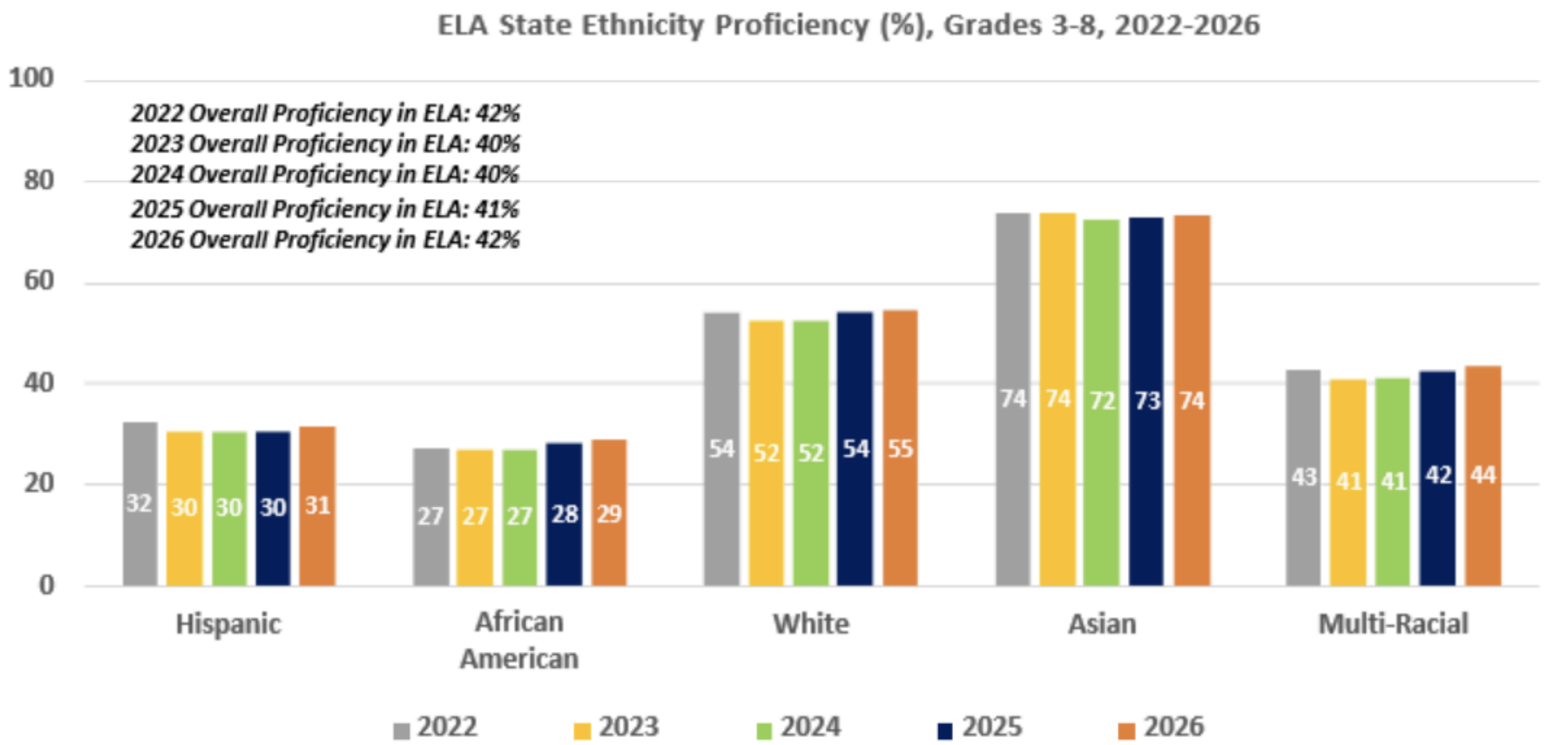
What we want to learn next: When families need help, where do they turn first, and what happens next?

100%

Every organization representative who answered said they were interested in future opportunities with OEA. All also expressed interest in being featured in the Resource Directory.

CITY OF WILMINGTON ED DATA

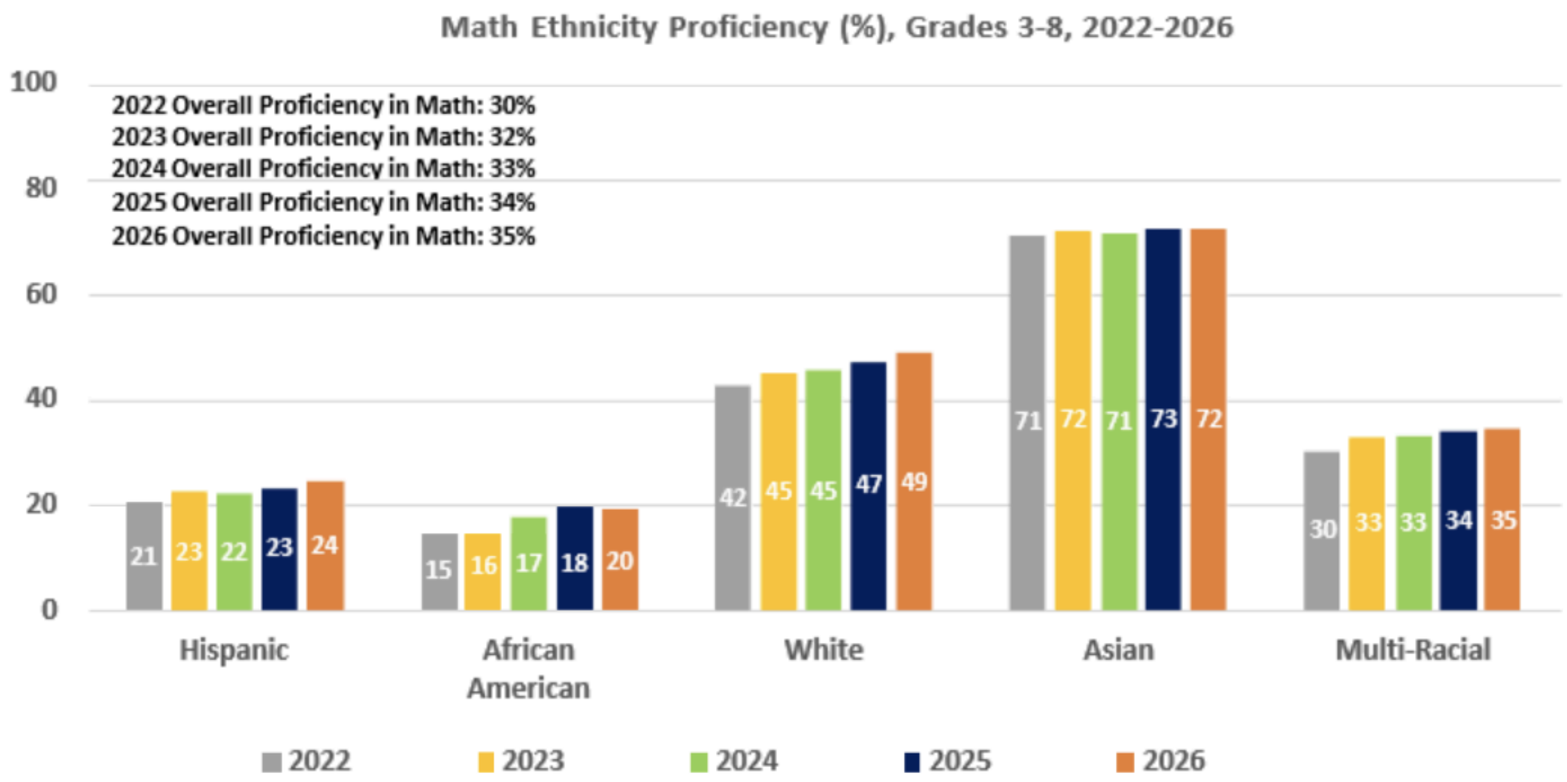
ELA State Proficiency by sub-group 2022-2026



Statewide improvement does not erase persistent differences in outcomes among student groups.

CITY OF WILMINGTON ED DATA

Math State Proficiency by sub-group 2022-2026



Grades 3-8 math shows Delaware's clearest sustained statewide improvement, increasing from 30 percent in 2022 to 35 percent in 2026.

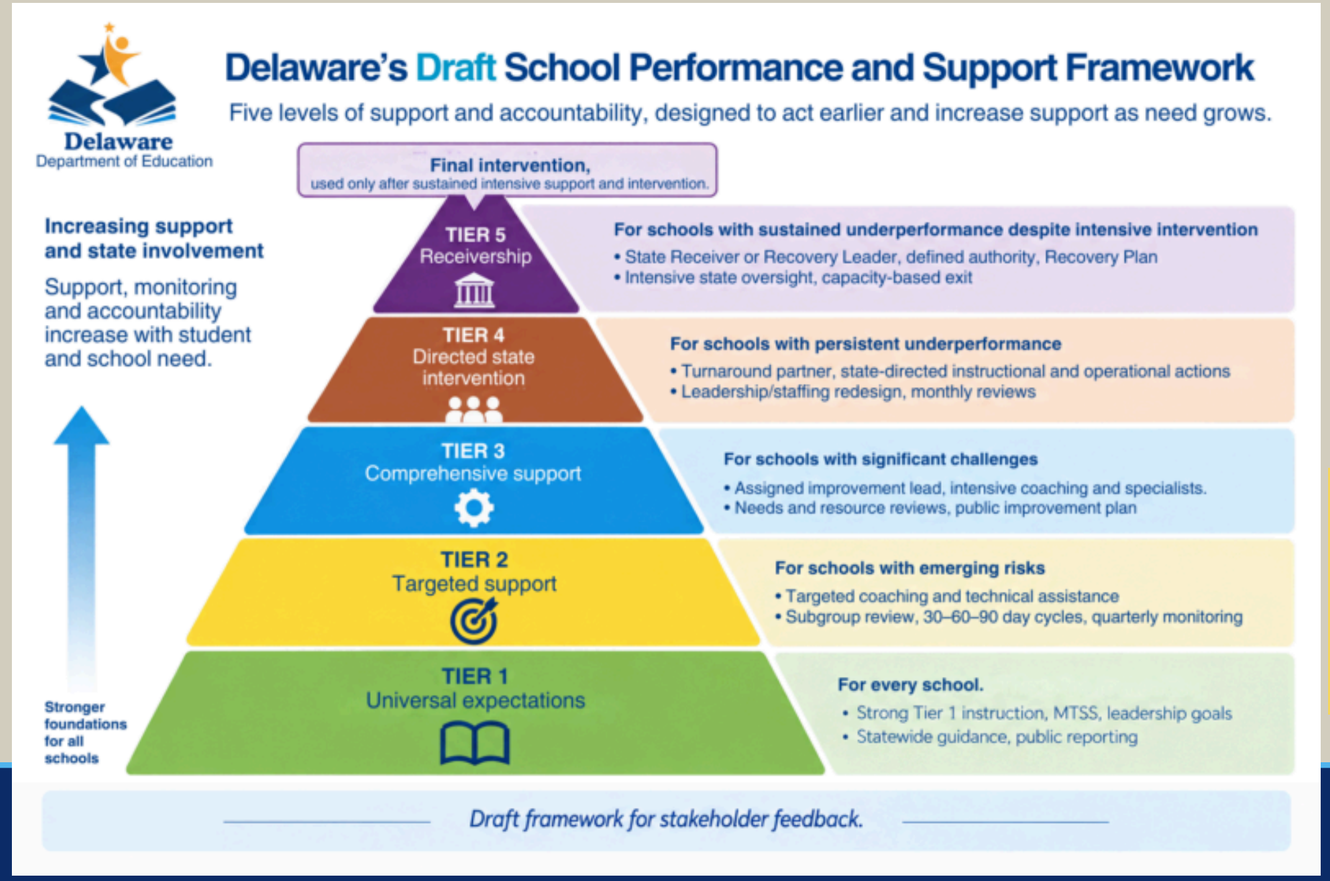
CITY OF WILMINGTON ED DATA

Redding Schools Performance 2025-2026 change in ELA/Math

District	School	ELA 2025	ELA 2026	ELA Change	Math 2025	Math 2026	Math Change
Brandywine	P.S. DuPont Middle School	40%	45%	5%	33%	36%	3%
Christina	The Bayard School	8%	9%	1%	5%	5%	0%
Christina	Maurice Pritchett, Sr. Academy (formerly Bancroft)	7%	9%	2%	3%	3%	0%
Christina	Pulaski Early Education Center	Does not serve grades 3-8					
Christina	Stubbs Early Education Center	Does not serve grades 3-8					
Red Clay Consolidated	Shortlidge Academy	Does not serve grades 3-8					
Red Clay Consolidated	Lewis Dual Language Elementary School	24%	16%	-8%	15%	8%	-7%
Red Clay Consolidated	Joseph E. Johnson Elementary School	9%	18%	9%	6%	5%	-1%
Red Clay Consolidated	Warner Elementary School	9%	8%	-1%	7%	5%	-2%
Charter Schools	East Side Charter School	28%	24%	-4%	23%	18%	-5%
Charter Schools	Great Oaks Charter School	Does not serve grades 3-8					
Charter Schools	Kuumba Academy	26%	20%	-6%	12%	6%	-6%
Charter Schools	Thomas Edison Charter School	16%	11%	-5%	7%	8%	1%

EDUCATION POLICY DECISIONS

School Performance and Support Framework





USE YOUR VOICE BY NOVEMBER 20

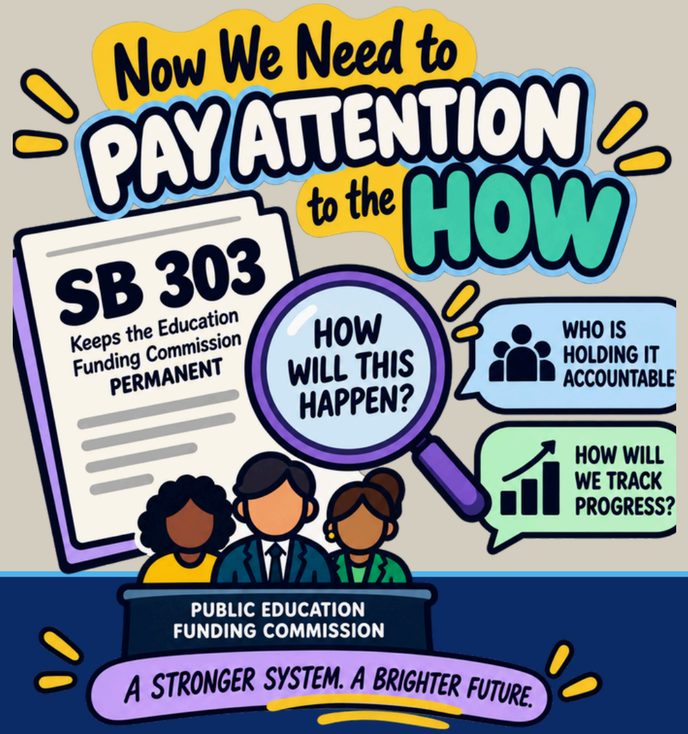
OPEN THE DRAFT, FEEDBACK FORM & TOWN HALL DETAILS

EDUCATION POLICY DECISIONS

REDDING CONSORTIUM: THE PROPOSAL PROCESS



DELAWARE EDUCATION FUNDING MODEL



OEA PROJECTS IN PROCESS

- Wilmington Youth Advisory Council
- WECEC Early Learning Pilot Study
- Wilmington Youth Robotics Team
- OEA DAY SPRING
- Wilmington Learning Hubs

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