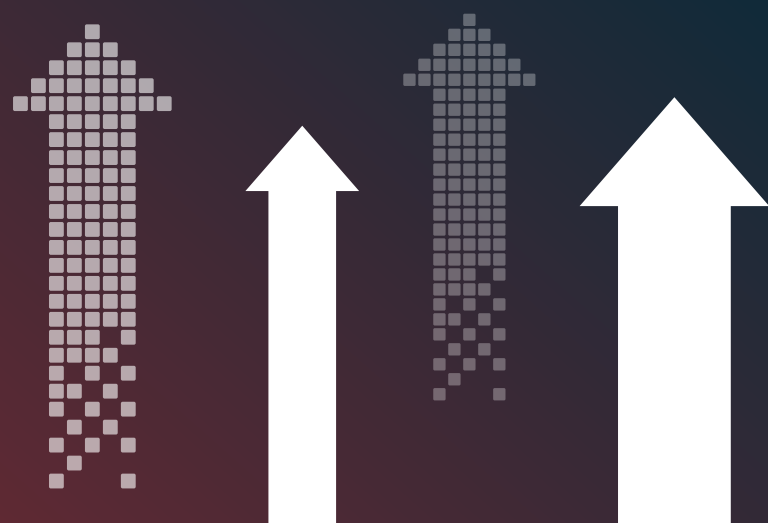


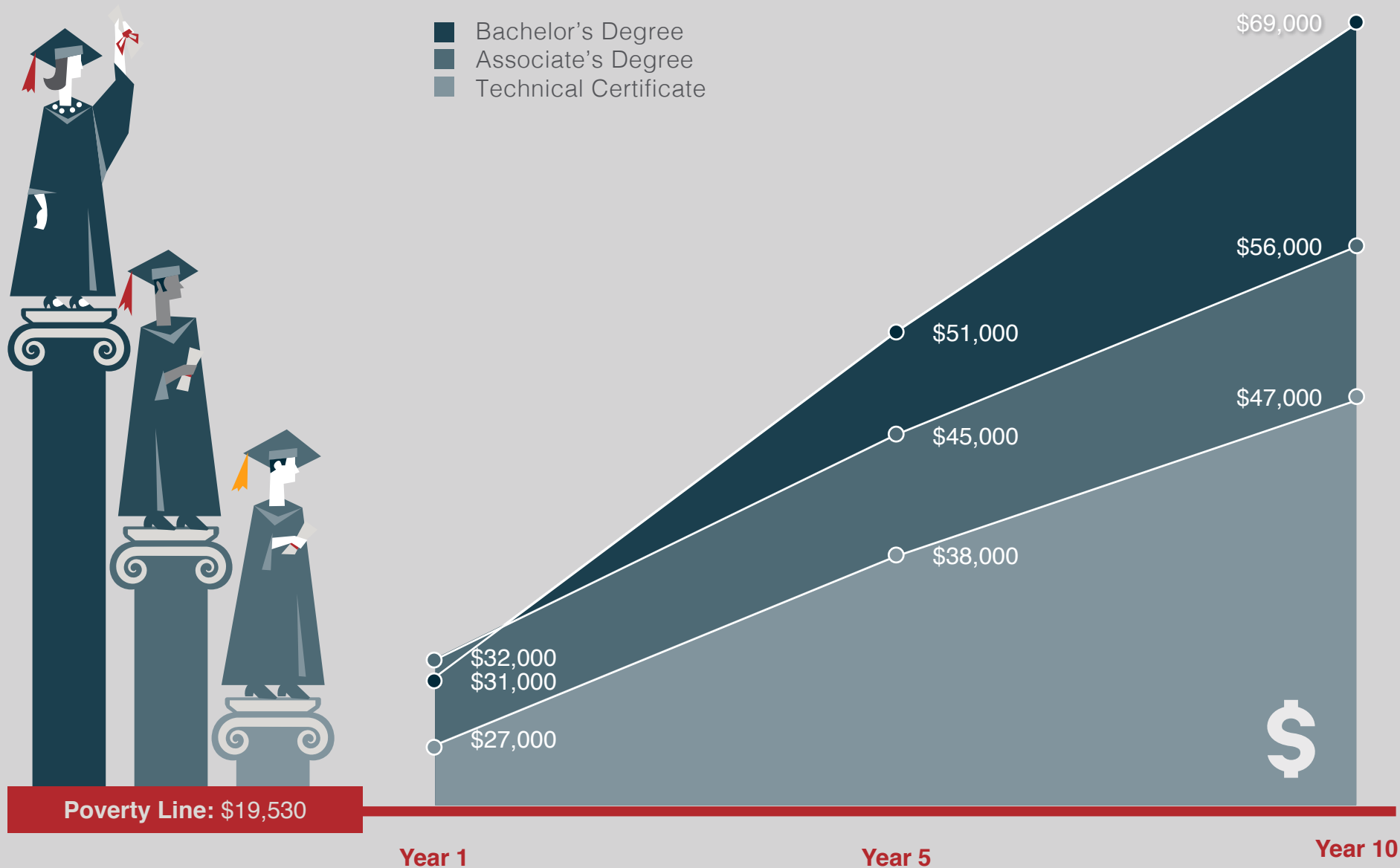
EDUCATION + UPWARD MOBILITY

Post-secondary education is a life changer for young people growing up in poverty.



With a four-year college degree, 90 percent will achieve upward mobility out of poverty.

But other post-secondary degrees take less time and money to complete, and those who hold them also earn wages that far exceed the poverty line.



Many Pathways to Prosperity

SOURCES:

A CIVICS LESSON IN DEMOCRACY



CIVICS EDUCATION IS ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAIN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY.
Yet research shows our young people aren't learning much about civics or history.

READING AND MATH ARE WEAK. HISTORY AND CIVICS ARE EVEN WORSE.
Proficiency Rates, Eighth-Grade NAEP Exam*



Math

36 percent



Reading

36 percent



Civics

23 percent



History

18 percent

YES, OUR SCHOOLS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE PREPARED
FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER, BUT EQUAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO
A THIRD "C" — CITIZENSHIP

Every high school graduate in America should have the knowledge and skills they need to:



Participate in
civic affairs in a
thoughtful manner



Respect individual
worth and human
dignity



Assume personal,
political, and
economic
responsibilities



Promote a healthy
constitutional
democracy



Become an
independent
member of
society

PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OR CHARTER:

Let Parents Choose.

School choice is growing—and it works.



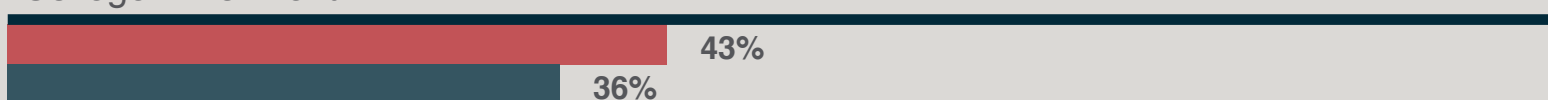
A D.C. study reveals the impact of **voucher programs** on African American students.



High School Degree



College Enrollment



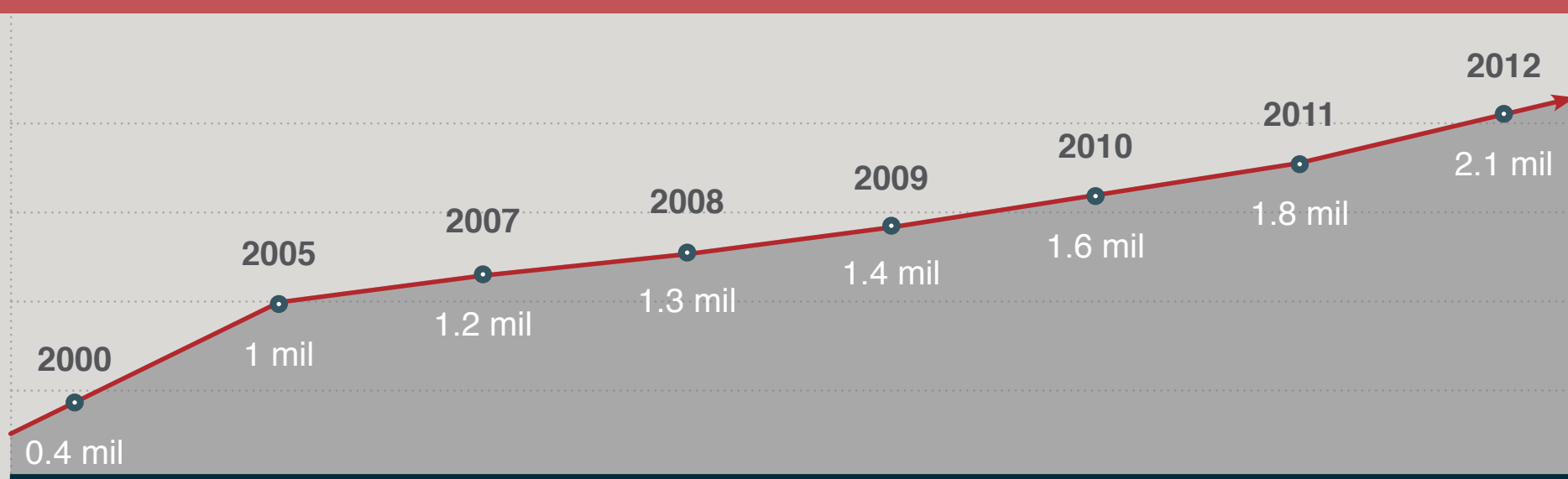
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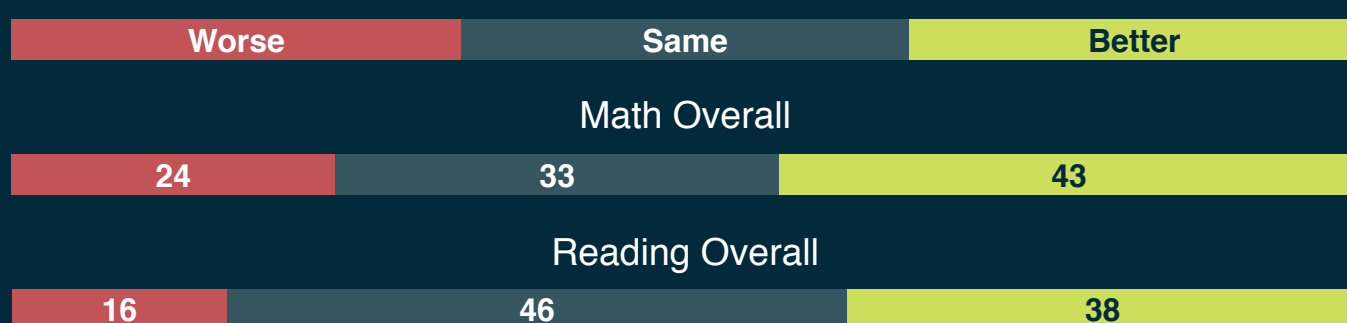
● Voucher Program ● Control



Over the past decade, enrollment in charter schools has soared!

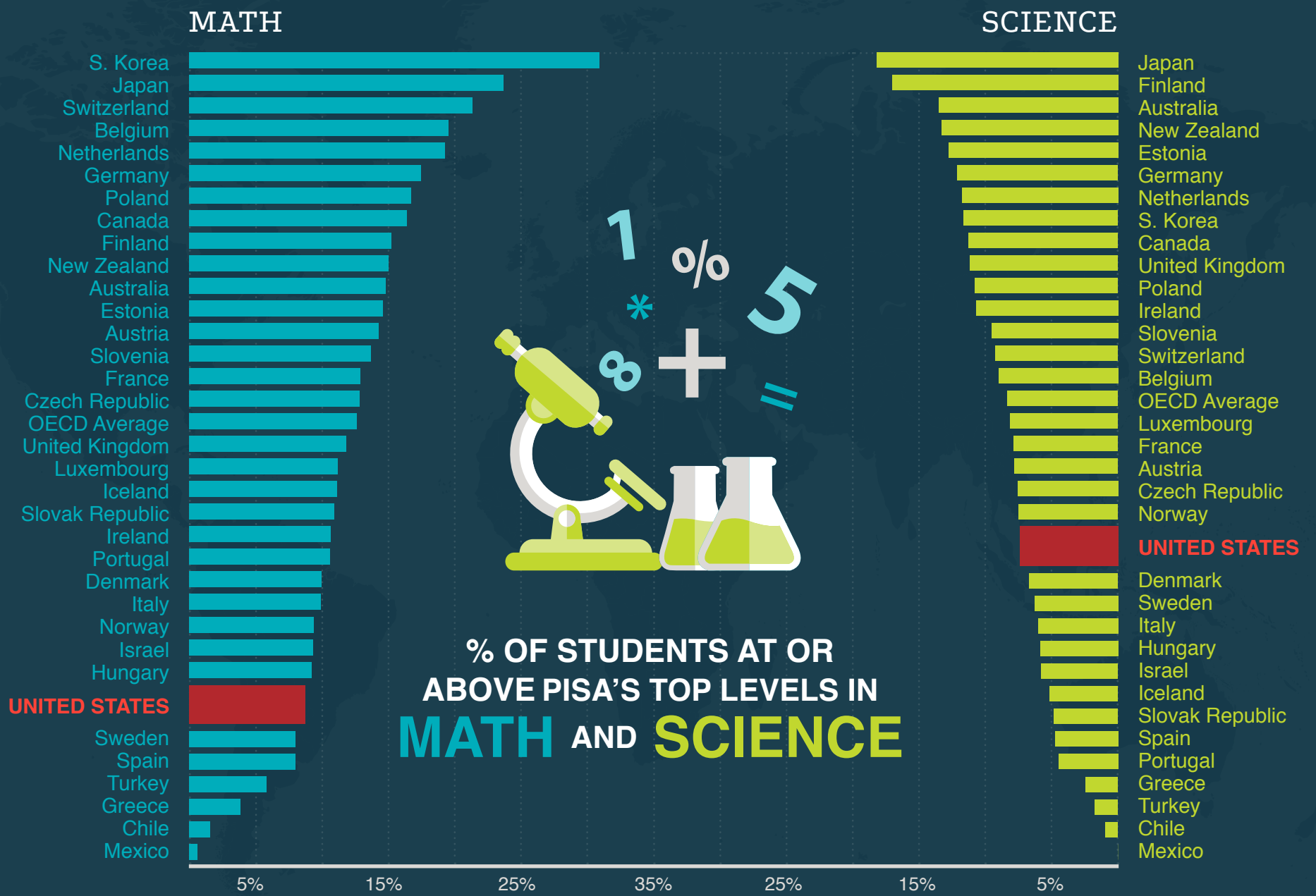


Charter schools are testing better than public schools in urban regions.



MAKING OUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST THE BEST IN THE WORLD

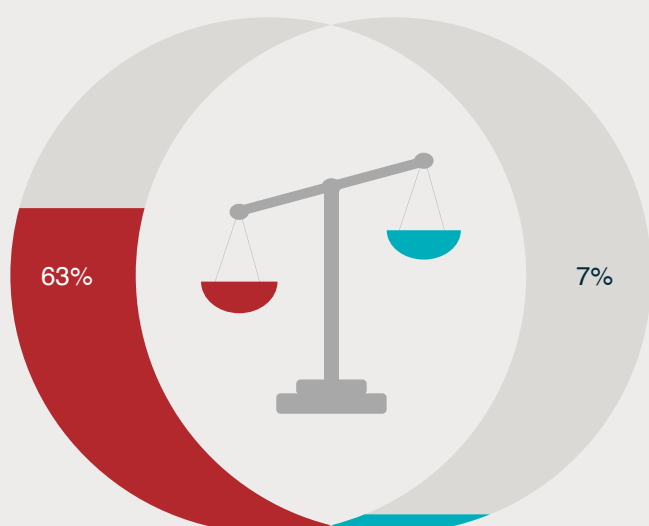
Results from PISA's 2012 assessment reveal how poorly America's high achievers compare to those in other countries.



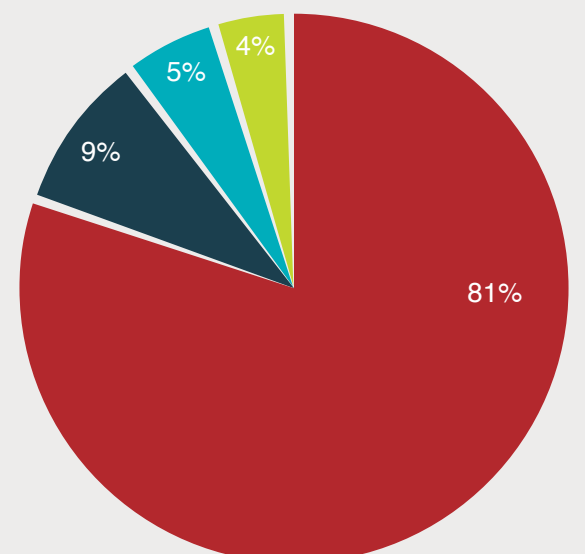
We've made significant progress in preparing our lowest-achieving students to succeed academically, but we've neglected our brightest students.

It's time to make their learning a priority too.

Whom do teachers make a top priority?



Who is most likely to get one-on-one attention from teachers?

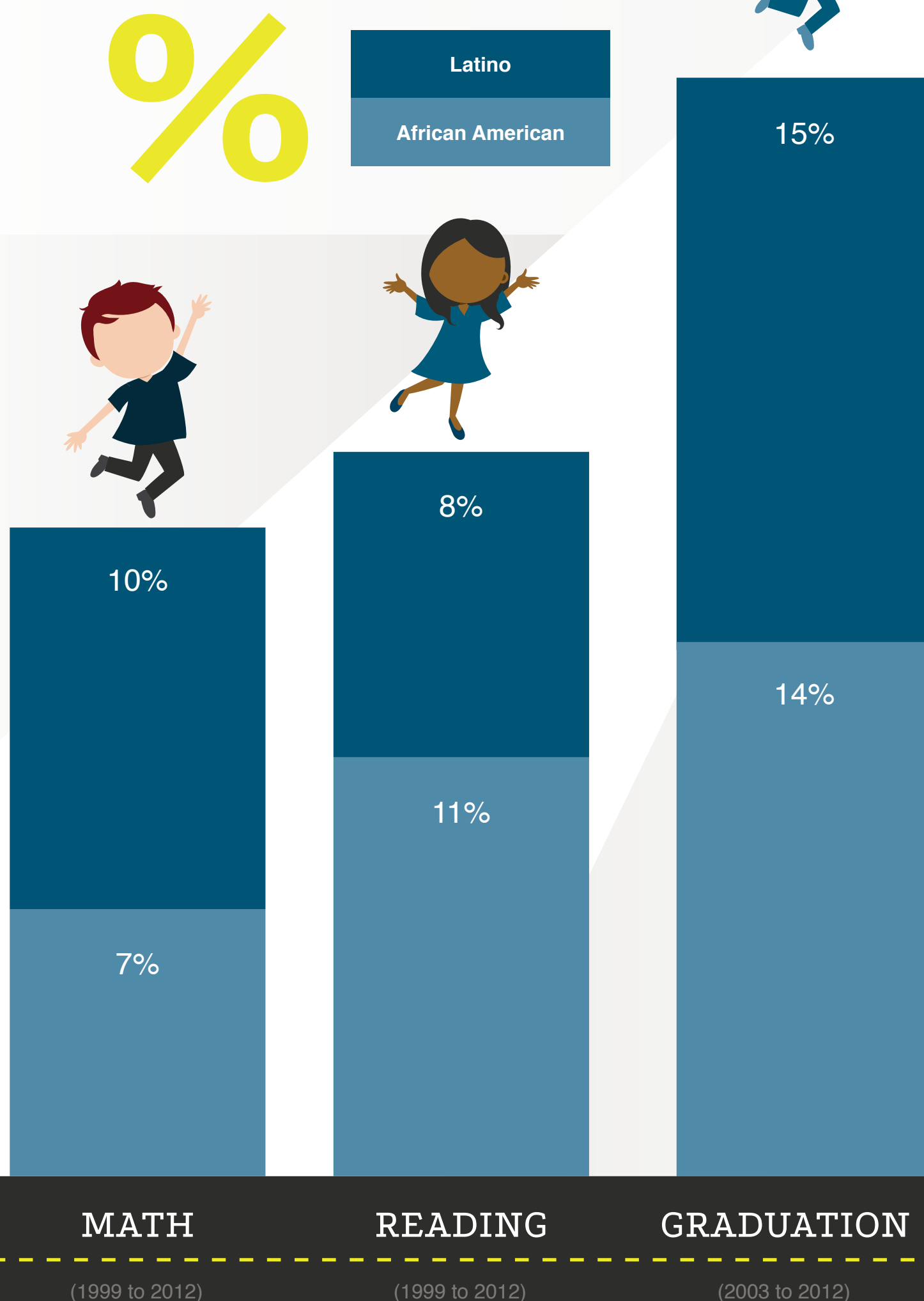


EDUCATION REFORM:

ACCOUNTABILITY IS WORKING

Decades of education reform have given rise to better test scores, especially among poor and minority children. Those better scores have driven an increase in graduation rates.

PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE





Disorder is the Enemy of Learning

So *why* is the Obama administration discouraging rigorous discipline?

A Public Agenda survey revealed that **student behavior and discipline issues** were top of mind among teachers.



85%

Say the school experience of most students suffers because of **a few** chronic offenders



77%

Say they would be **more effective** if they weren't spending time dealing with disruptive students



49%

Say they have been accused of **unfairly** disciplining a student

78%

say that disruptive students are *allowed to stay in school*.



“Discipline...helps prepare students for the real world. In that world, when you assault your co-worker or curse out your boss, you don't get a ‘restorative circle,’ you get fired.”

-Eva Moskowitz