



Florida's Civics End-of-Course Assessment

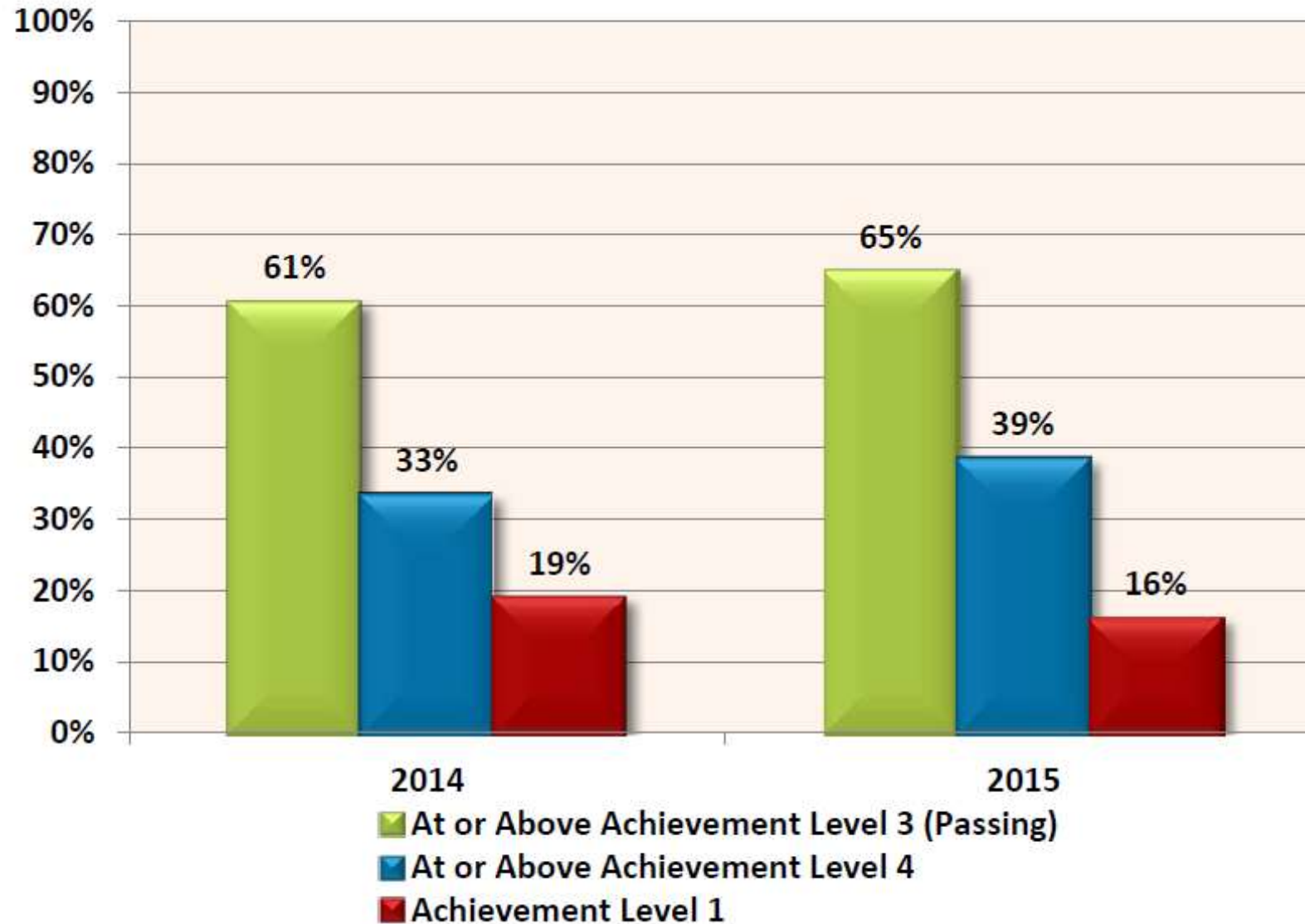
EOC Structure

- ▶ 52-56 multiple choice items
 - ▶ Varying levels of cognitive complexity – not a memorization test
- ▶ Topics included
 - ▶ (1) the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system;
 - ▶ (2) the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and the methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system;
 - ▶ (3) the principles, functions, and organization of government; and
 - ▶ (4) contemporary issues in world affairs including the role and impact of United States foreign policy.
- ▶ Consequences
 - ▶ 30% of student grade for the year
 - ▶ ~12.5% of “school grade” score
 - ▶ 33% of teacher’s annual evaluation

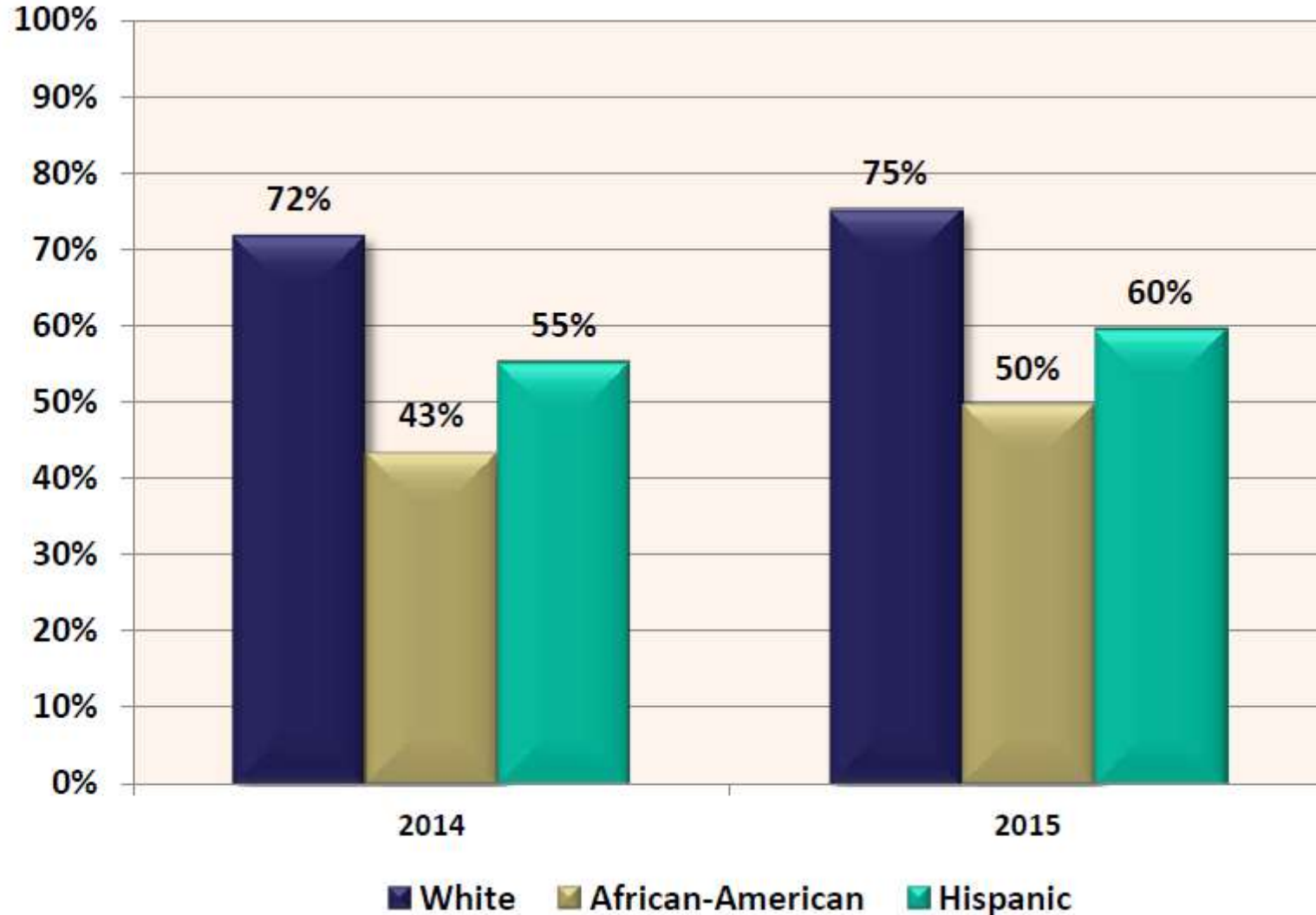
A Frame of Reference – NAEP Civics

- ▶ National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) – 2010 Civics
 - ▶ Proficient – “Solid academic performance to which all students should aspire”
 - ▶ National results for 2010
 - ▶ 4th grade – 27 percent proficient
 - ▶ 8th grade – 22 percent proficient
 - ▶ 12th grade – 24 percent proficient

Grades 6-8 Civics EOC Assessment By Achievement Level



Grades 6-8 Civics EOC Assessment At or Above Achievement Level 3 (Passing)



- Civic Learning Gap
 - African-American
 - 29% ('14)
 - 25% ('15)
 - Hispanic
 - 17% ('14)
 - 15% ('15)

Grades 6-8

Civics EOC Assessment Results Percentage Comparison by District¹

District	Percentage Passing (Level 3 and Above)		Percentage Point Change of Students at Level 3 and Above
	2014	2015	
STATEWIDE	61%	65%	4%
ALACHUA	66%	67%	1%
BAKER	64%	61%	-3%
BAY	69%	70%	1%
BRADFORD	42%	59%	17%
BREVARD	68%	73%	5%
BROWARD	62%	65%	3%
CALHOUN	75%	76%	1%
CHARLOTTE	61%	69%	8%
CITRUS	67%	65%	-2%
CLAY	71%	75%	4%
COLLIER	63%	67%	4%
COLUMBIA	69%	61%	-8%
MIAMI DADE	56%	61%	5%
DESOTO	52%	47%	-5%
DIXIE	61%	68%	7%
DUVAL	54%	60%	6%
ESCAMBIA	54%	54%	0%
FLAGLER	68%	71%	3%
FRANKLIN	54%	52%	-2%
GADSDEN	40%	49%	9%
GILCHRIST	64%	73%	9%
GLADES	57%	58%	1%
GULF	67%	57%	-10%
HAMILTON	20%	34%	14%
HARDEE	39%	36%	-3%
HENDRY	48%	49%	1%
HERNANDO	66%	69%	3%
HIGHLANDS	55%	50%	-5%
HILLSBOROUGH	58%	67%	9%
HOLMES	61%	59%	-2%
INDIAN RIVER	63%	64%	1%
JACKSON	60%	73%	13%
JEFFERSON	22%	47%	25%
LAFAYETTE	78%	71%	-7%

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Percentage Comparison by District¹

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	2014	2015	
STATEWIDE	61%	65%	4%
LAKE	63%	63%	0%
LEE	62%	64%	2%
LEON	74%	73%	-1%
LEVY	50%	57%	7%
LIBERTY	55%	74%	19%
MADISON	49%	44%	-5%
MANATEE	57%	61%	4%
MARION	54%	53%	-1%
MARTIN	67%	70%	3%
MONROE	64%	71%	7%
NASSAU	68%	70%	2%
OKALOOSA	77%	78%	1%
OKEECHOBEE	42%	49%	7%
ORANGE	61%	64%	3%
OSCEOLA	57%	62%	5%
PALM BEACH	59%	66%	7%
PASCO	65%	69%	4%
PINELLAS	60%	64%	4%
POLK	49%	55%	6%
PUTNAM	55%	55%	0%
ST JOHNS	86%	88%	2%
ST LUCIE	49%	61%	12%
SANTA ROSA	71%	77%	6%
SARASOTA	71%	71%	0%
SEMINOLE	73%	75%	2%
SUMTER	64%	69%	5%
SUWANNEE	50%	53%	3%
TAYLOR	47%	41%	-6%
UNION	74%	69%	-5%
VOLUSIA	60%	62%	2%
WAKULLA	63%	68%	5%
WALTON	75%	77%	2%
WASHINGTON	63%	63%	0%

What Else Happens in Civics: Student Engagement

How often do you...?	Never	A Few Times a Year or More
Help make your city or town a better place to live	23.9%	76.1%
Help out at your church, synagogue or other place of worship	32.0%	68.0%
Help a neighbor	14.4%	85.6%
Help out at your school	14.7%	85.3%
Volunteer your time	34.9%	65.1%
Mentor, tutor, or serve as a peer advisor	35.1%	64.9%
Discuss politics or public issues online	62.1%	37.9%
Serve as a leader of a group or organization	39.9%	60.1%
Participate in student government	62.9%	37.1%

Indicate roughly how often you did each of the following in your civics class this year.	Never	A Few Times or More
Participated in mock trials	57.8%	42.2%
Had visitors from the community	45.8%	54.2%
Participated in community service or service learning projects	42.3%	57.7%
Participated in debates	39.5%	60.5%
Played computer games about civics and government	25.2%	74.8%
Discussed current events	17.2%	82.8%

Do Learning Strategies Affect Student Engagement?

- ▶ Service Learning
 - ▶ Did Not 7.0%
 - ▶ Did 21.9% 3.1 times more likely to be "highly engaged"
- ▶ **Community Official Visit**
 - ▶ **Did Not 7.8%**
 - ▶ **Did 22.1% 2.8 times more likely to be "highly engaged"**
- ▶ Mock Trial
 - ▶ Did Not 9.0%
 - ▶ Did 24.4% 2.7 times more likely to be "highly engaged"
- ▶ Debate Participation
 - ▶ Did Not 9.1%
 - ▶ Did 19.8% 2.2 times more likely to be "highly engaged"
- ▶ Classroom Discussion
 - ▶ Did Not 10.6%
 - ▶ Did 16.6% 2.2 times more likely to be "highly engaged"
- ▶ Civics Computer Games
 - ▶ Did Not 9.8%
 - ▶ Did 17.6% 1.8 times more likely to be "highly engaged"