

Assessment Insights: EWSD Literacy and Math Performance

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Overview of Assessment Information

EWSD Local Comprehensive Assessment Plan - Literacy and Math

- Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, Star Math
- Administered three times per year - September, January, and May
- Results on these screening assessments guide teachers to determine if additional assessment is needed.

What you will see:

- EWSD longitudinal data from Star Reading and Star Math (Fall 2022 - Fall 2025)
- All students, students who are economically disadvantaged, students who are on an IEP, students who are English Learners
- EWSD VTCAP state assessment data for literacy and math (2023 - 2025)



Understanding the Graphs

Key to the Graphs:

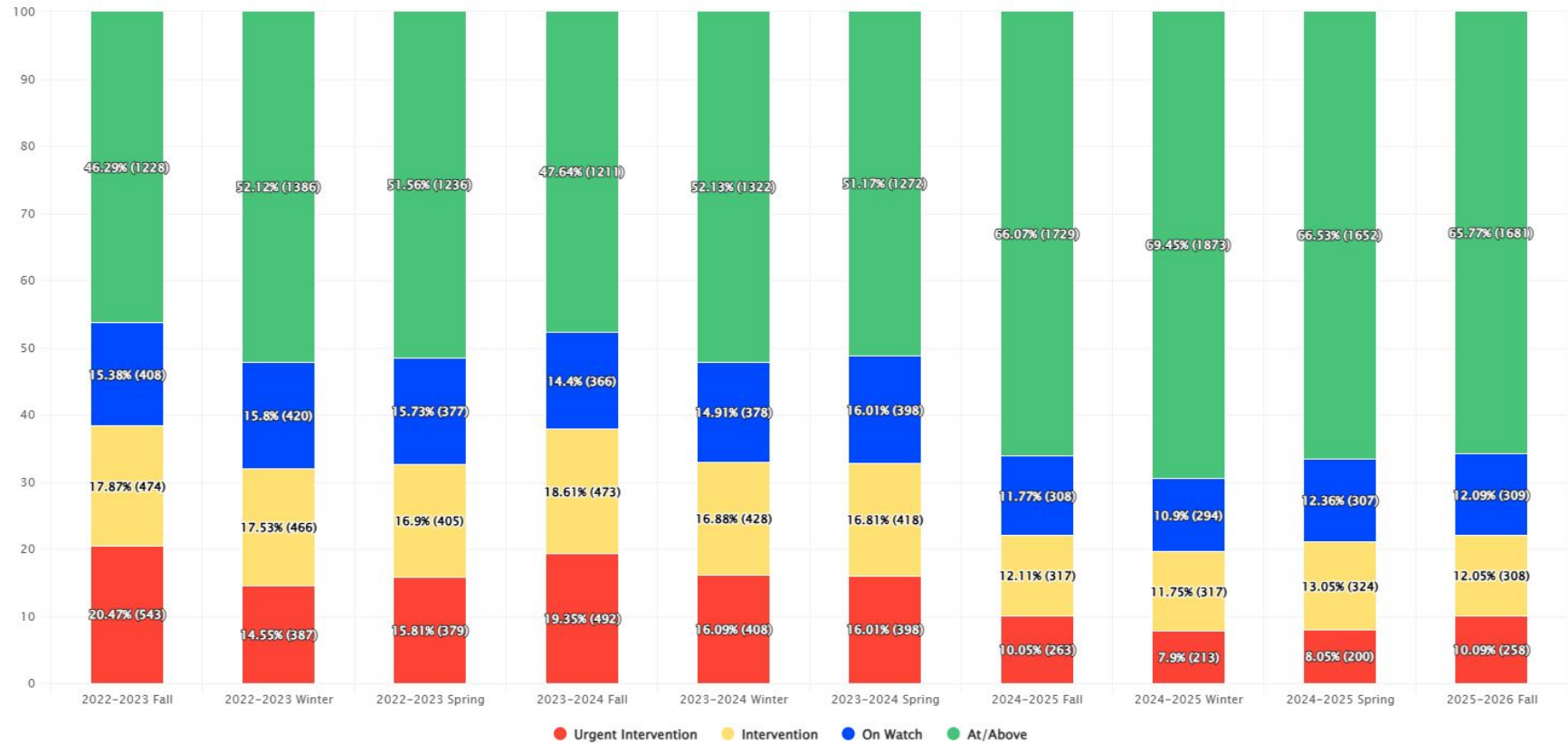
- **Green** - At or Above District Benchmark (At/Above 55 Percentile)
- **Blue** - On Watch (40-54 Percentile)
- **Yellow** - Intervention (20-29 Percentile)
- **Red** - Urgent Intervention (Below 20 Percentile)

EWSD benchmarks are higher than Star's default benchmarks. Star considers the 40th percentile to meet benchmark.

EWSD Star Reading - All (2022-2025)

Star Reading - All by Grade

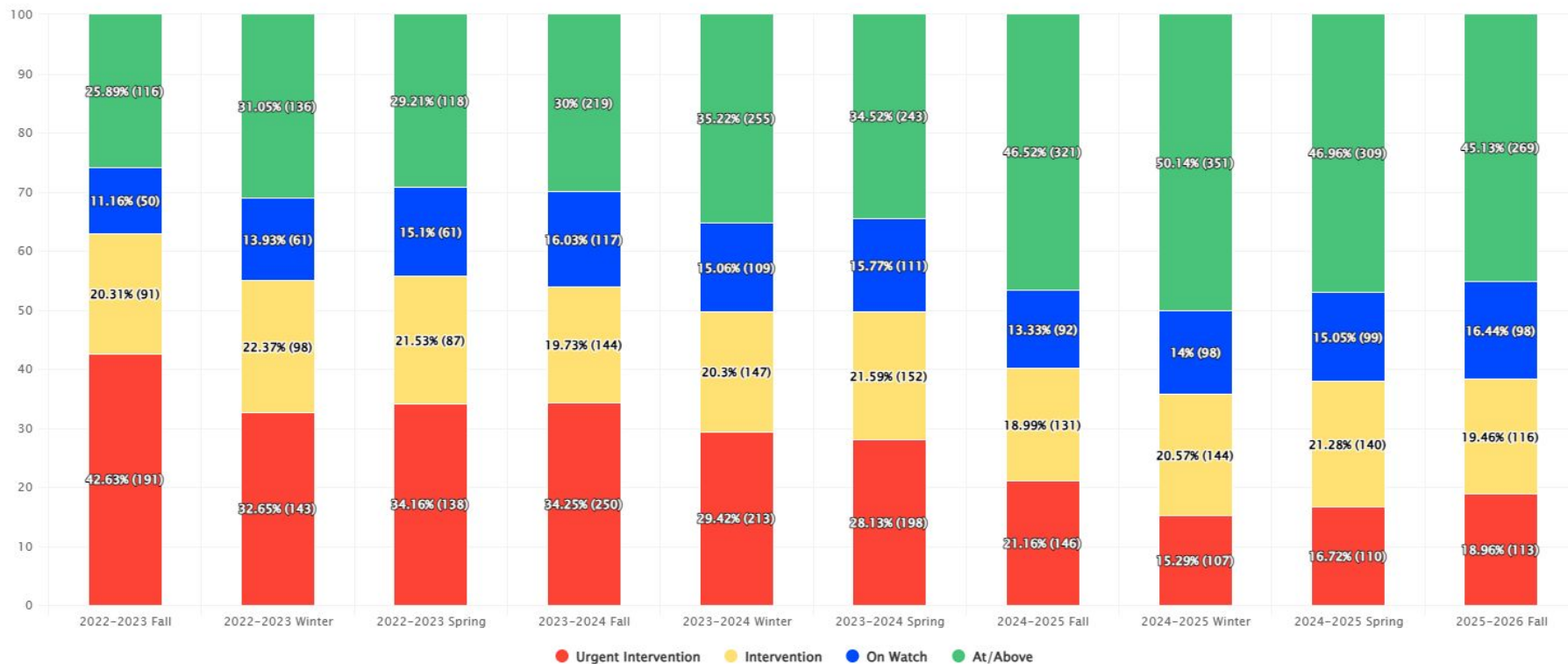
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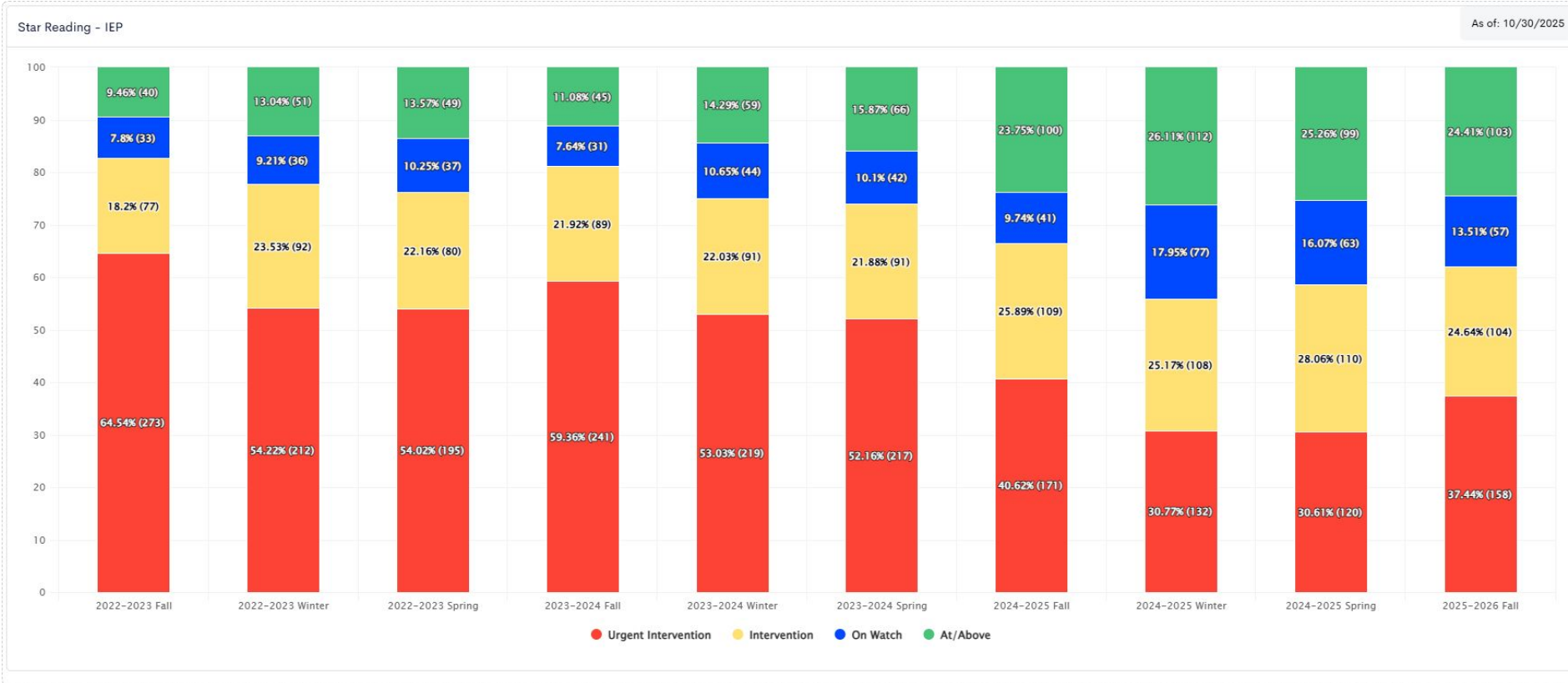
EWSD Star Reading - Economic Disadvantage (2022-2025)

Star Reading - Economic Disadvantage

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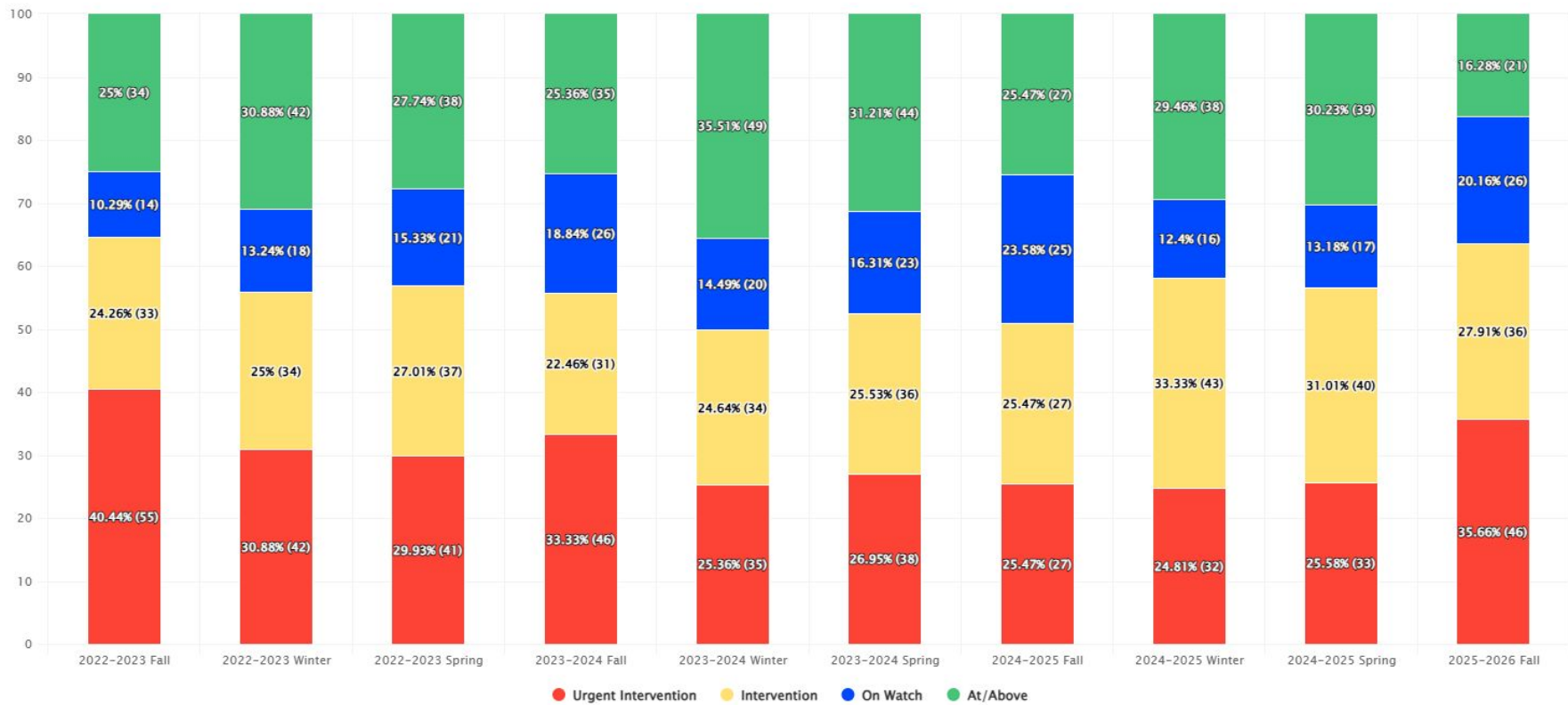
EWSD Star Reading - IEP (2022-2025)



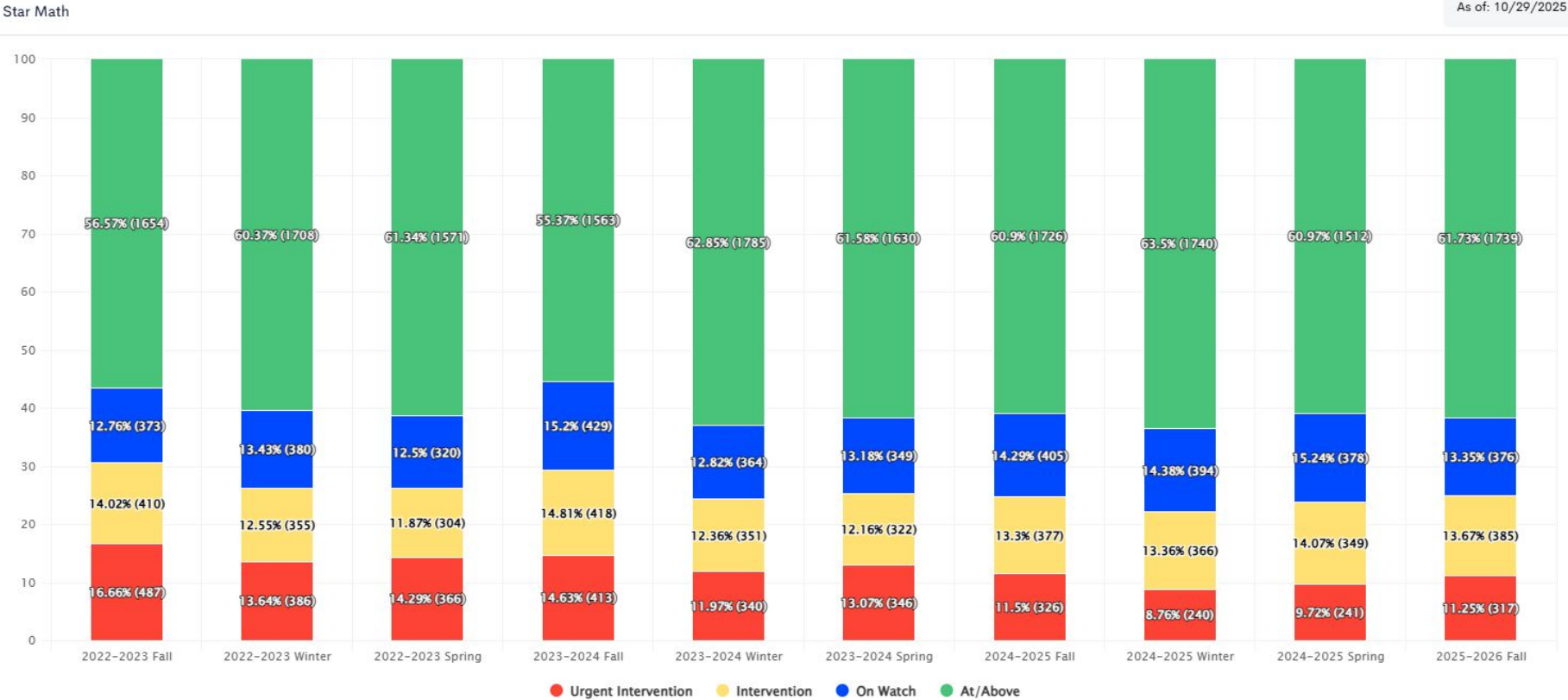
EWSD Star Reading - EL/ML (2022-2025)

Star Reading - EL/ML

As of: 10/29/2025



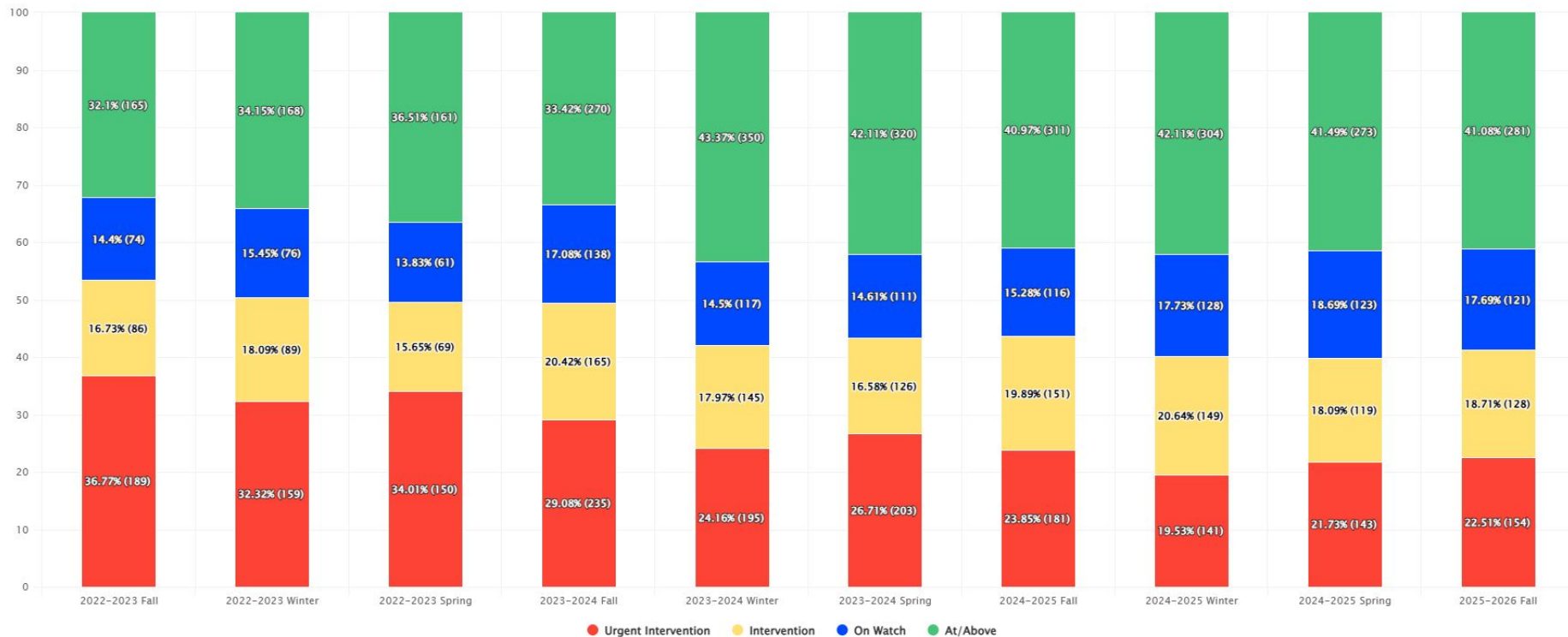
EWSD Star Math - All (2022-2025)



EWSD Star Math - Economic Disadvantage (2022-2025)

Star Math - Economic Disadvantage

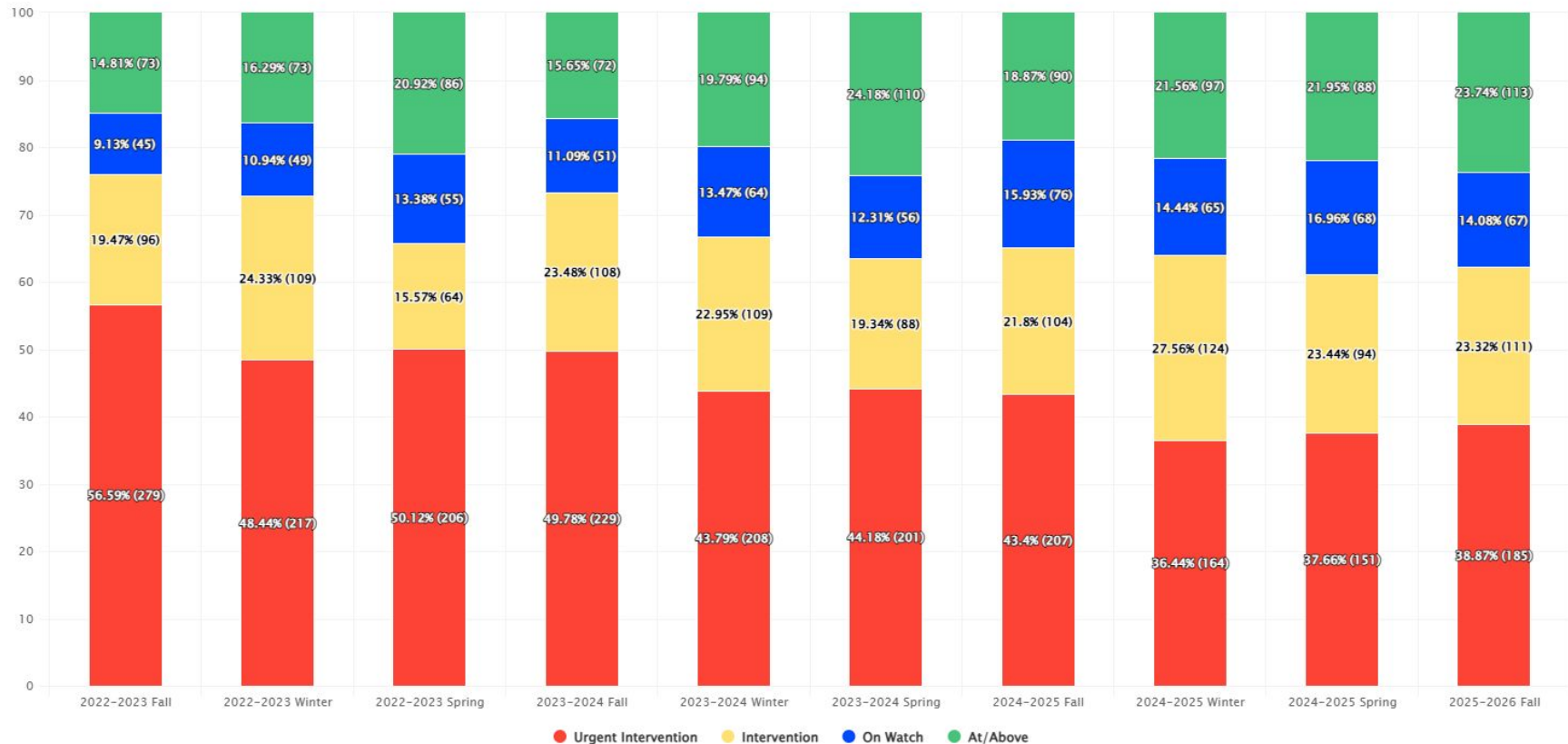
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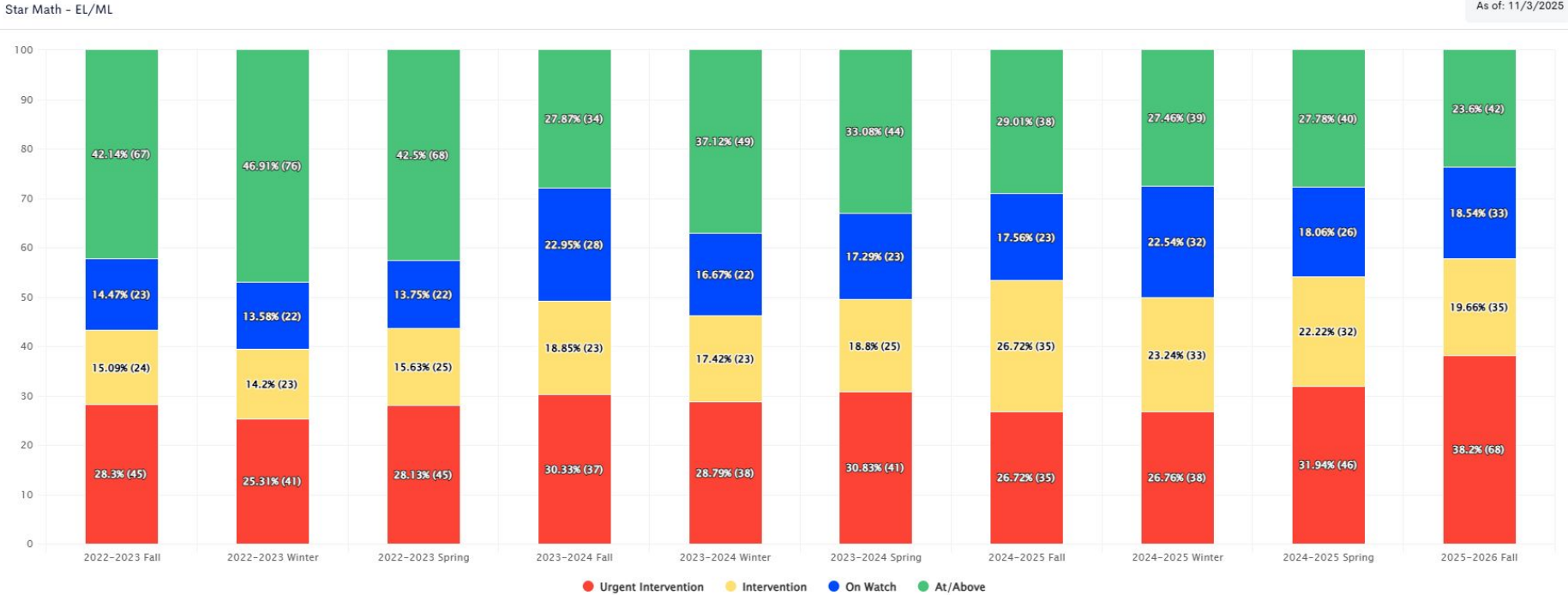
EWSD Star Math - IEP (2022-2025)

Star Math - IEP

As of: 10/29/2025



EWSD Star Math - EL/ML (2022-2025)





State Assessment Overview

Vermont Comprehensive Assessment System (VTCAP)

- First administered in 2023
- Given in the spring of each year - March and April
- Assessments given:
 - Literacy:
 - Grade 3-9
 - Math:
 - Grade 3-9
 - Science:
 - Grades 5, 8, and 11
- EWSD students consistently perform above state average.

EWSD Local and State Assessment Results - ELA

Essex Westford School District Comparison to State

VTCAP English/Language Arts

	Star Spring '23	VTCAP '23	VT '23	Diff VTCAP EWSD/ VT '23	Star Spring '24	VTCAP '24	VT '24	Diff VTCAP EWSD/ VT '24	Star Spring '25	VTCAP '25	VT '25	Diff VTCAP EWSD/ VT '25
Gr 3	62%	64%	49%	15%	64%	58%	48%	10%	66%	55%	48%	7%
Gr 4	57%	68%	56%	12%	64%	68%	54%	14%	70%	73%	61%	12%
Gr 5	52%	64%	50%	14%	53%	64%	50%	14%	65%	74%	55%	19%
Gr 6	41%	67%	56%	11%	50%	71%	56%	15%	62%	71%	58%	13%
Gr 7	46%	71%	57%	14%	48%	70%	57%	13%	61%	68%	56%	12%
Gr 8	36%	71%	56%	15%	41%	62%	58%	4%	66%	74%	60%	14%
Gr 9	48%	55%	43%	12%	36%	61%	48%	13%	76%	58%	46%	12%

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EWSD Local and State Assessment Results - Math

Essex Westford School District Comparison to State												
VTCAP Mathematics												
	Star Spring '23	VTCAP '23	VT '23	Diff VTCAP EWSD/ VT '23	Star Spring '24	VTCAP '24	VT '24	Diff VTCAP EWSD/ VT '24	Star Spring '25	VTCAP '25	VT '25	Diff VTCAP EWSD/ VT '25
Gr 3	61%	52%	37%	15%	61%	46%	36%	10%	51%	38%	33%	5%
Gr 4	59%	46%	35%	11%	61%	37%	30%	7%	51%	37%	34%	3%
Gr 5	55%	57%	38%	19%	61%	52%	36%	16%	57%	52%	36%	16%
Gr 6	49%	62%	53%	9%	54%	58%	47%	11%	56%	60%	48%	12%
Gr 7	56%	62%	46%	16%	60%	60%	44%	16%	62%	59%	44%	15%
Gr 8	56%	59%	36%	23%	58%	55%	35%	20%	63%	57%	37%	20%
Gr 9	66%	41%	33%	8%	56%	58%	39%	19%	62%	57%	40%	17%

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Themes

- Overall proficiency rates have improved since our first universal administration of the Star screeners
- Overall, our number of students who are scoring below the 20 percentile (i.e. urgent intervention) have decreased since our first universal administration of Star
- EWSD students consistently score above the state average in both literacy and math - in 2025, this ranged from 3% to 20% higher.