

Education Strategies and Reading Instruction Program

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Agenda

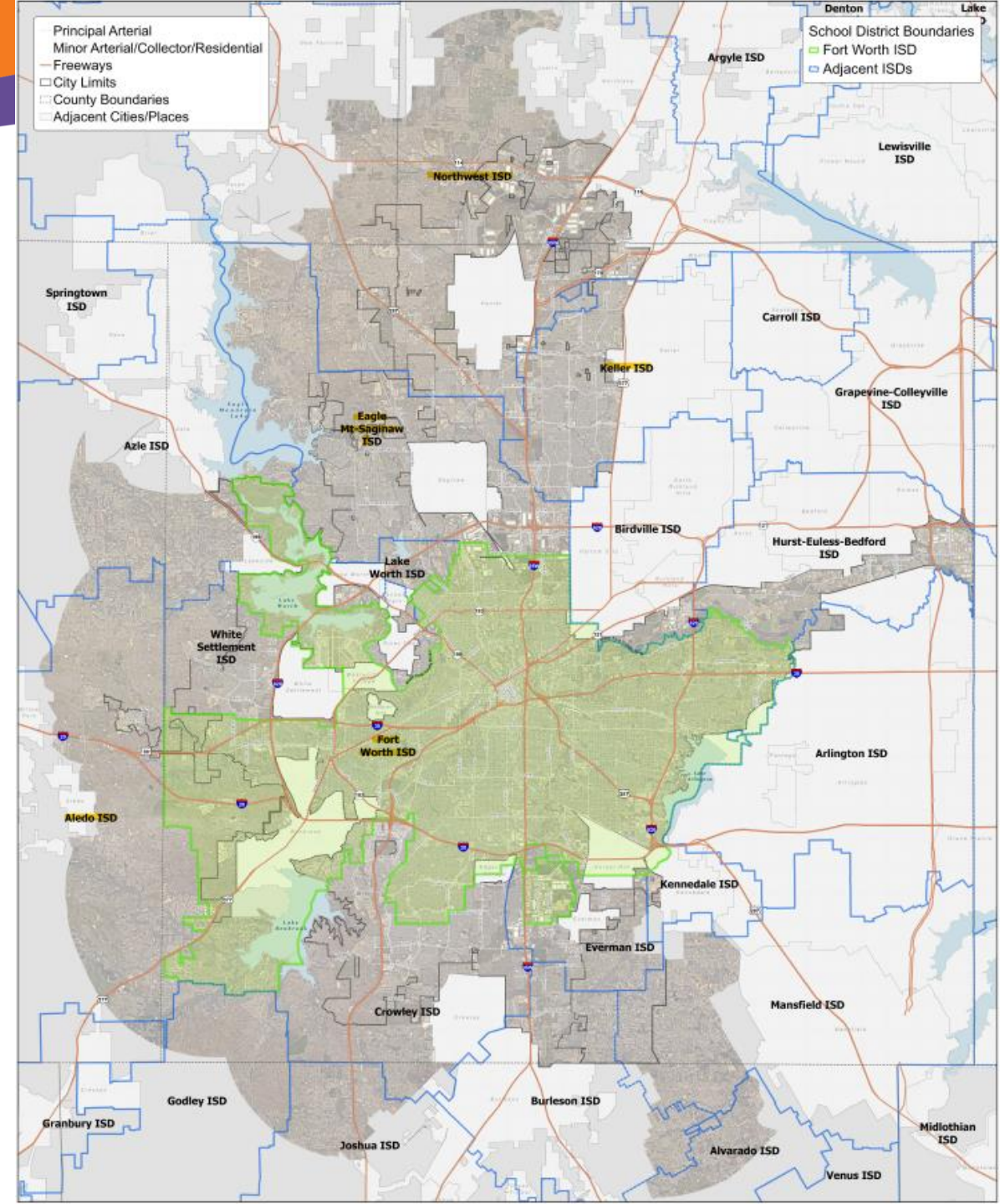
- Purpose of Education Strategies Unit
- ISD Partnership
- Reading Instruction Program Update
- Strategy To Reduce Racial Disparities In Education

Education Strategies Mission Statement

The primary function of Education Strategies is to **leverage** City's **resources** towards improving **education** and developing a more competitive **workforce**, through establishing strategic **partnerships**, and **collaborations** with various School Districts, Businesses, Social Services Agencies, and Community Institutions.

ISD Partnership Meetings

- Purpose – To build/retain relationships, improve communication and collaborate in areas that will improve children's educational experiences.
- Completed 5 ISD Meetings (Keller, Aledo, FWISD, Northwest, Eagle Mountain Saginaw)



Reading Instruction Program Overview

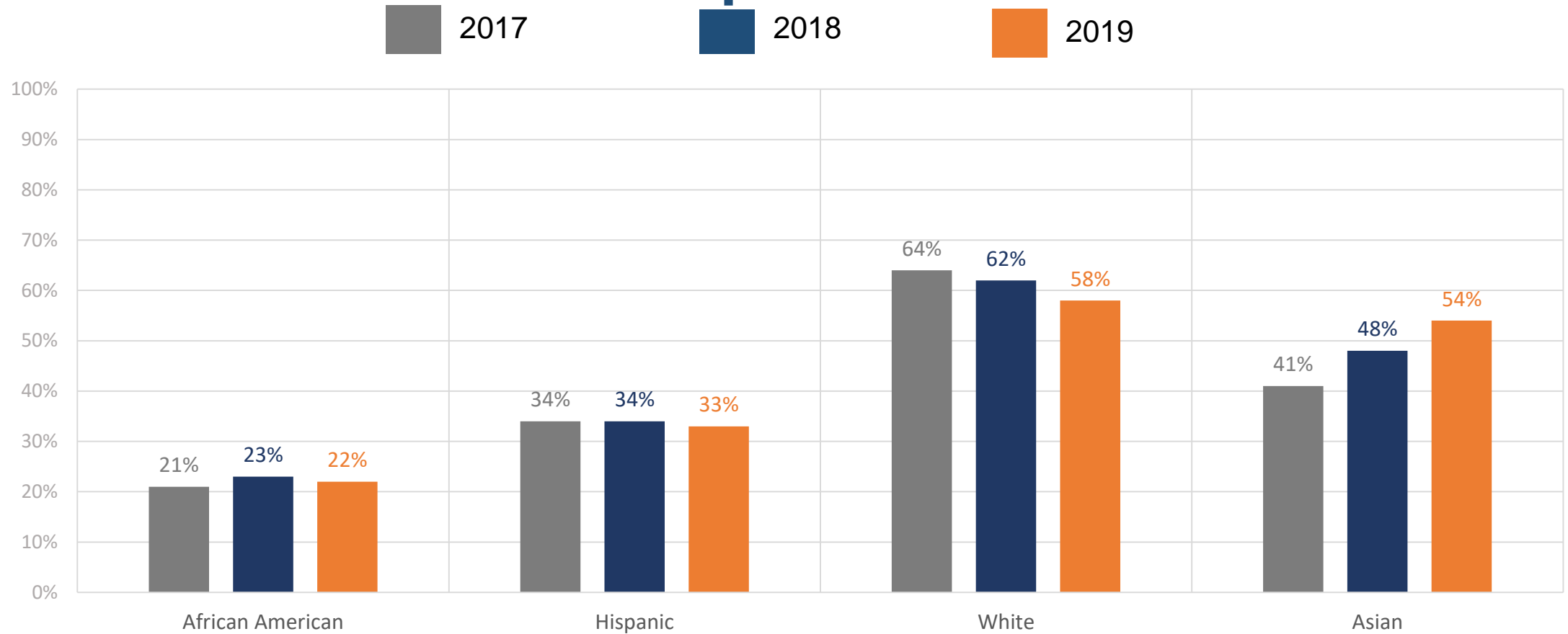
- Goal – To increase grade – level reading across Fort Worth
- Summer Reading Instruction program (June 28th – August 6th)
- 22 Locations (Park & Rec – Neighborhood Services)
- Participation goal (1,125) children between the ages of 5-13

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- All participants will receive a minimum of **45 minutes** of intentional reading instruction **4 days per week**.
- CDC protocol will be implemented
- 23 Literacy Specialists hired
- After School Pilot Program (90 Children)

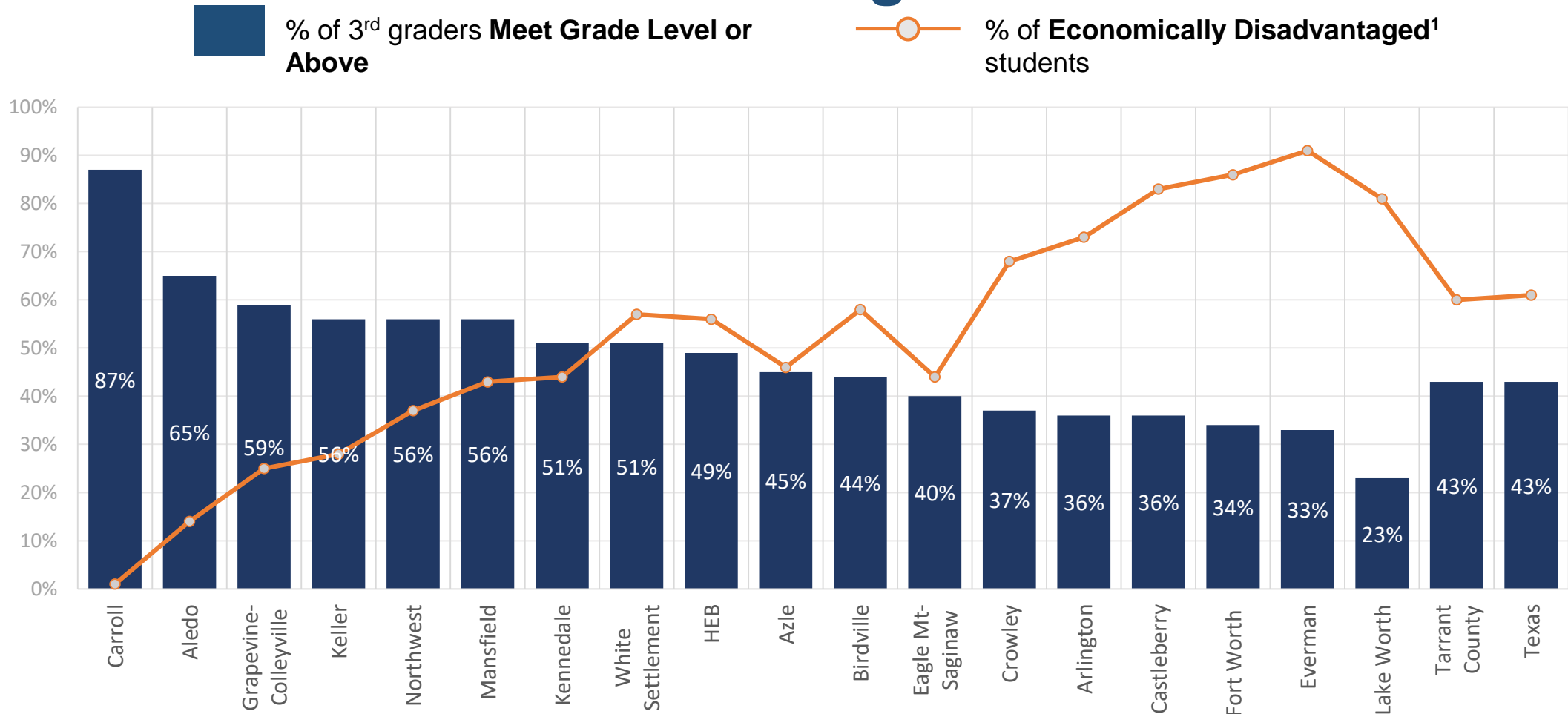


Fort Worth ISD 3rd graders on Reading grade level – Comparison¹



Source: TEA STAAR Aggregate Report, 2019. 1. Groups for whom data is not available in all years are not included in graph.

43% of Tarrant County Students Meet Grade Level or Above on 2019 STAAR 3rd Grade Reading, In Line With The State Average



Source: TEA Texas Academic Performance Report, 2019 District STAAR Performance. 1. Economically Disadvantaged (EcoDis): Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch or eligible for other public assistance.

Next Steps

- Reading Instruction Program Results
- Continue ISD Meetings
- Human Relations Education Committee Update

Thank You