

Early Literacy Update

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Tennessee will rank in the **top half of states** on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) by 2019.



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75 percent of Tennessee third graders will be **proficient in reading** by 2025.



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The **average ACT composite score** in Tennessee will be a 21 by 2020.




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The **majority of high school graduates** from the class of 2020 will earn a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree.

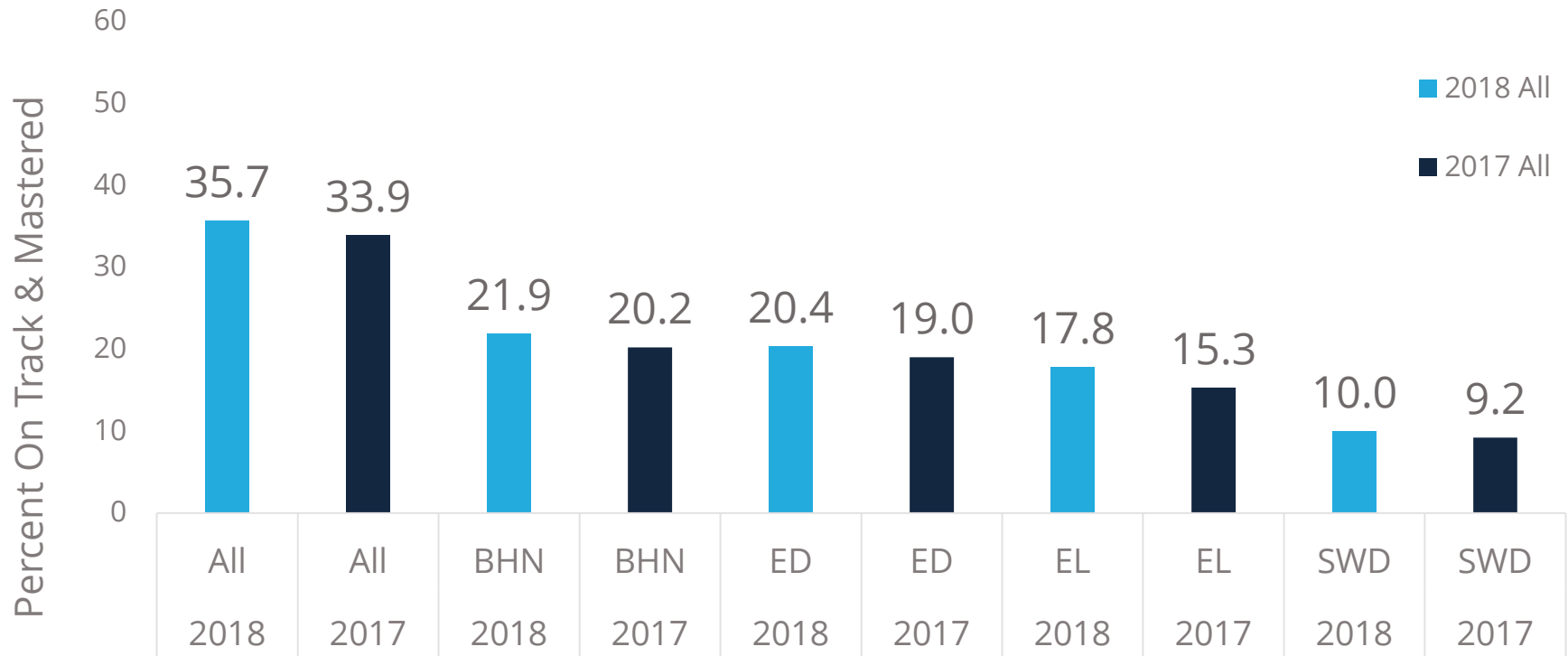


READ TO BE READY



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reading on grade level by 2025**

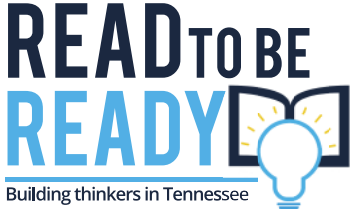
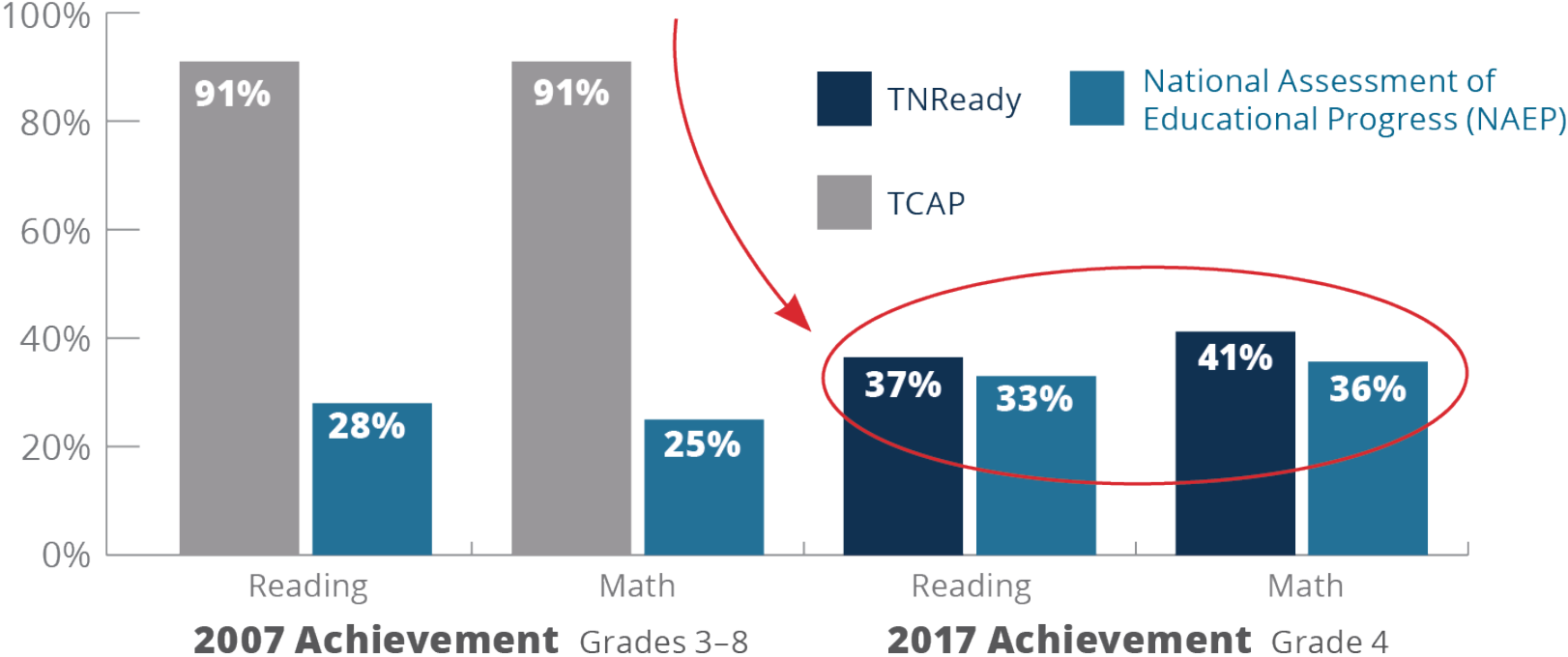
2018 TNReady Results



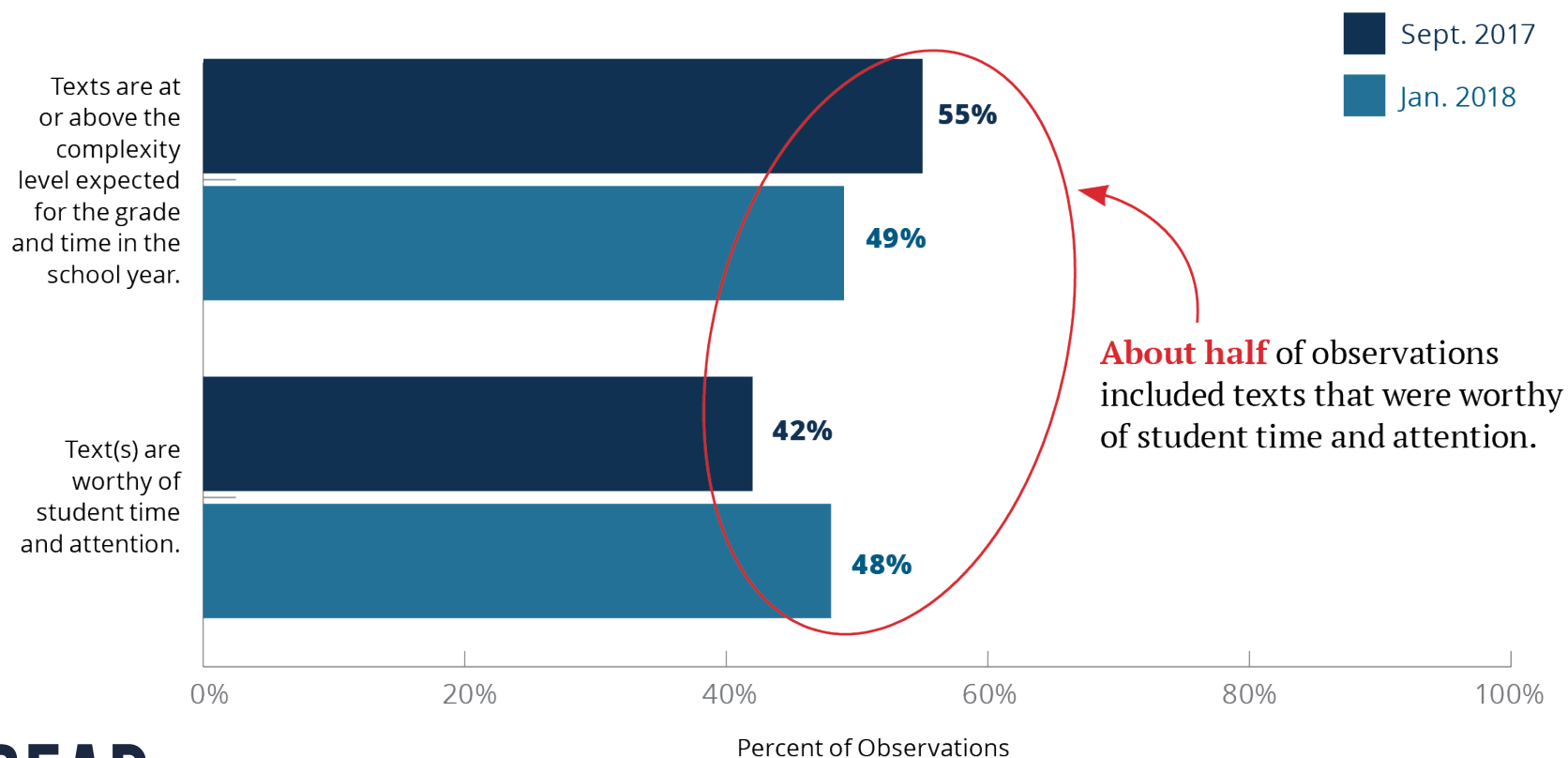
Grades 3 to 5 ELA TNReady

From the baseline year of our redesigned state assessments . . .

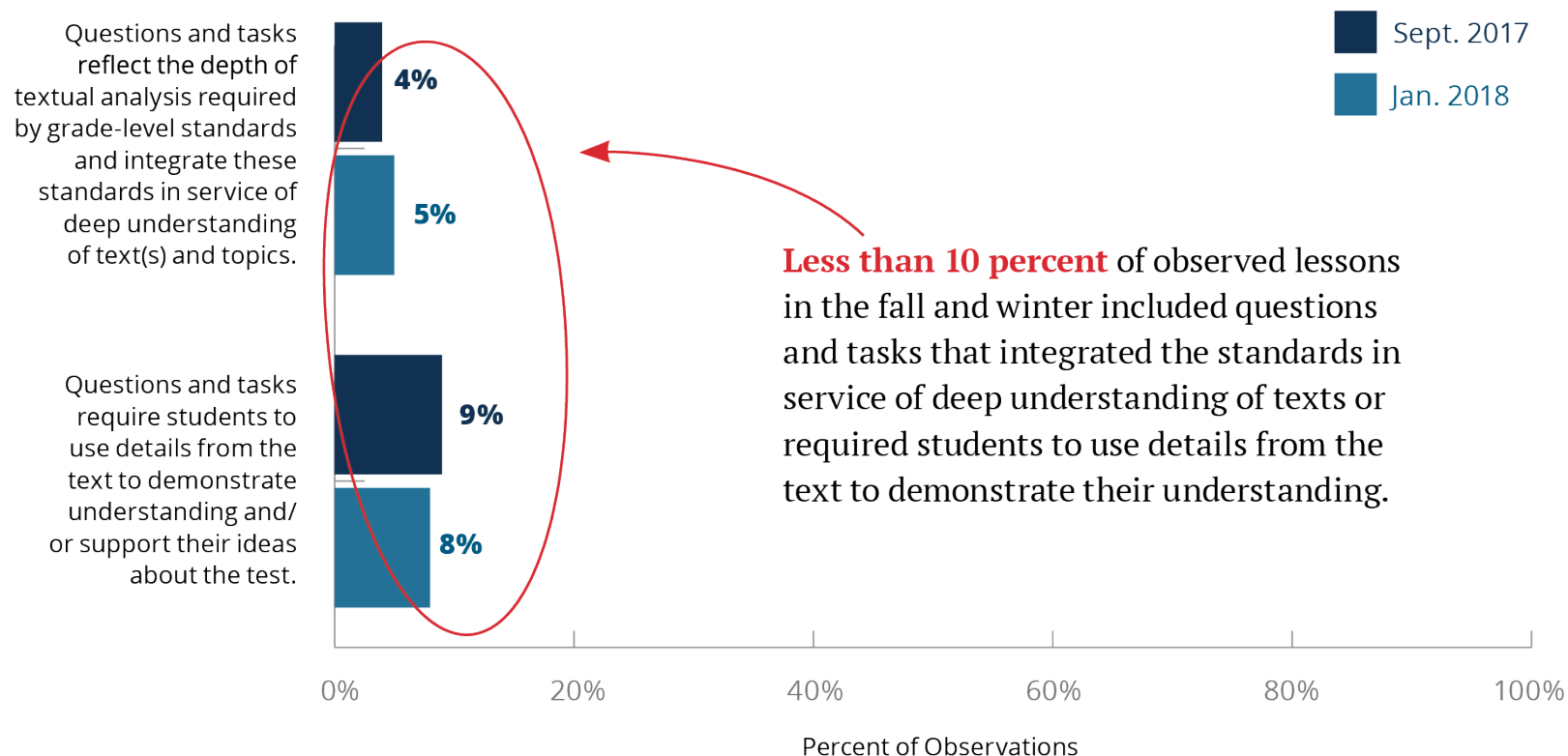
Student performance on **TNReady** in 2016–17 mirrors the level of readiness demonstrated by Tennessee students on **national tests**.



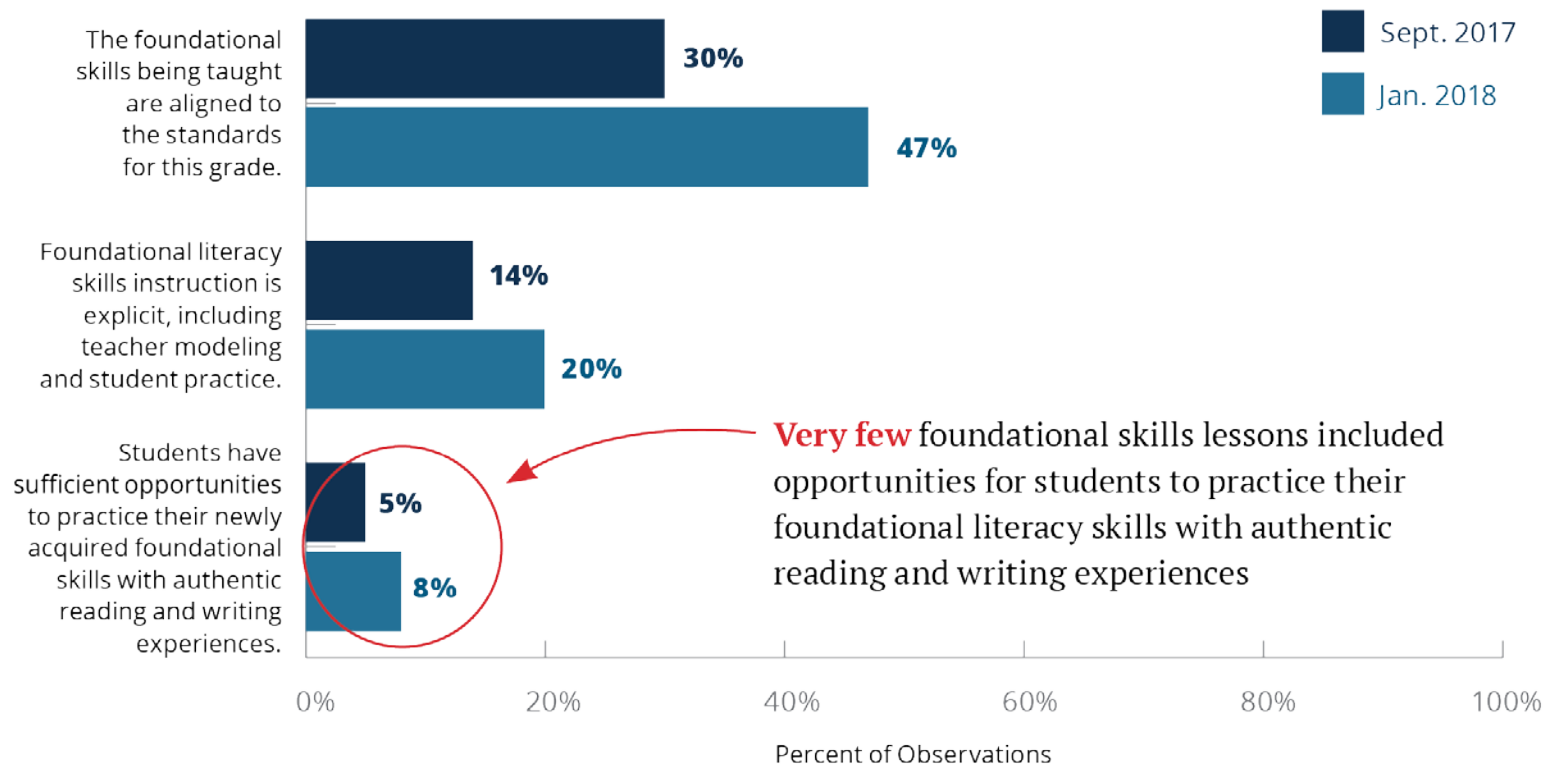
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Where is our current strategy focused?

Read to be Ready from 2017-18

- Summer Camps
- K-3 Unit Starters
- Ready with Resources
- Coaching Network
- Literacy Learning Walks

Read to be Ready from 2017-18

- Summer Camps
 - Built on last year's statistically significant gains in reading skills and motivation for R2BR Summer Camps with **\$8.8 million investment**
 - 2018 camps included **7,700 students** across Tennessee that were economically disadvantaged and behind in reading proficiency
 - Each child took home at least **10 new books** at the end of camp

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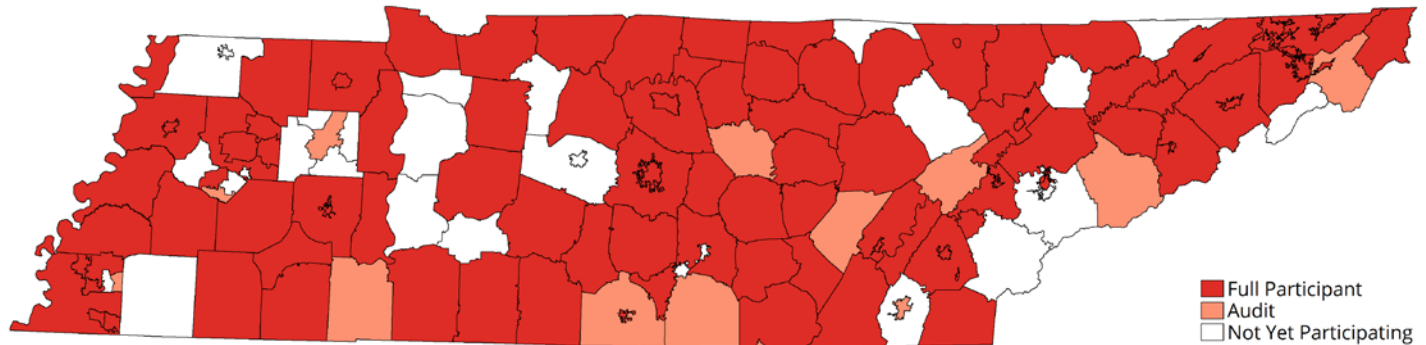
- K-3 Unit Starters
 - Piloted K-3 ELA unit starters in 18 schools and releasing 18 unit starters that integrate science and social studies for teachers to raise expectations
 - Awarding almost 300 teachers with unit starter text sets for science and social studies

Read to be Ready from 2017-18

- Ready with Resources
 - Launched **Ready with Resources** campaign as part of R2BR to support access to high quality resources
 - Support districts through bi-annual **regional convenings** and CORE outreach
 - Develop teacher champions to promote the use of high quality resources
 - Empower educators, leaders, and decision-makers for **ELA textbook adoption and purchase**

Read to be Ready from 2017-18

- Coaching Network
 - Expanded network by adding:
 - 14 districts
 - 140 schools
 - 39 auditing districts
 - 800 teachers
 - 18,000 students
 - Intentional focus on three areas:
 - selecting high-quality texts
 - question sequences that meet demands
 - explicit foundation skills tied to tasks



Read to be Ready from 2017-18

- Literacy Learning Walks
 - CORE engaged in 700+ Literacy Learning Walks with districts across the state
 - Support district leaders in understanding the **strengths and gaps** in literacy instruction in classrooms

Questions?

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Excellence | Optimism | Judgment | Courage | Teamwork



*Empowering educators
with strong materials*

