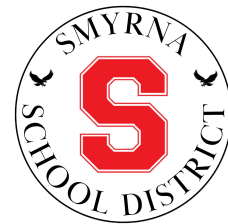


Smyrna School District

**Office of Curriculum and
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Curriculum Evaluation
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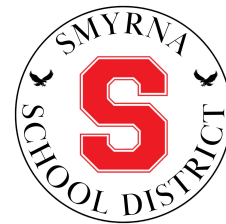
OCI Vision & Mission

Vision

Smyrna Students will have inclusive access to an inspired and exceptional education so that all may realize their academic promise and personal dreams.

Mission

We will work collaboratively with educators to strengthen classroom instruction and improve student achievement. Pedagogical decisions will be research-based and supported with practical strategies and aligned resources. Educators will receive support in pursuit of continuous professional growth.



Fundamental Principles of OCI

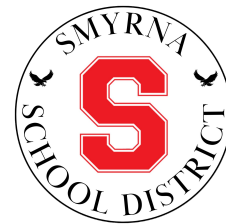
Invested: We will be committed to teachers with a focus on what is best for students.

Transparent: We will be clear and timely in communication about data and decisions.

Informed: We will be research-based, equitable, and discerning.

Professional: We will be competent, committed, and accountable.

Constant: We will continuously improve through fidelity and persistence.



Curriculum K-12

English Language Arts, K-5



American Reading Company

- Adopted in 2020
- Two components:
 - ARC Core
 - IRLA: Independent Reading Level Assessment Framework
- ARC Core Lessons incorporate:
 - Foundational Skills
 - Morning Meetings
 - Interactive Read-Alouds
 - Collections of themed texts
 - Writing
 - Reading Lab
- Features:
 - Research and Writing
 - Units incorporate themes from science and social studies
- <https://americanreading.com/>

Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
So you want to be a Scientist? Famous Scientists from Around the World	Mapping My World Mapping Our World	Words Change the World Poetry & Personal Narrative Studies	DINOSAURS & KNIGHTS Magic Tree House (Dinosaurs, Knights, and The Series Formula)	BRAVERY & YOUR BRAIN Bravery & Your Brain	ALIENS Aliens: Fact or Fiction
Zoology A Study of Animals	ANIMALS NGSS Science Study: Endangered Animals	Bugs NGSS Science Study: How Living Things Depend/Contribute to Their Ecological Community	WEATHER & CLIMATE NGSS Science Study: Weather & Climate	ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS NGSS Science Study: Animal Adaptations	ecosystems NGSS Science Study: Biomes
Ecology A Study of Biomes	Family Stories Family Stories Through Time & Around the World	Animal Stories Animal Stories Across Genres: Realistic Fiction, Fantasy, or Fable?	TRADITIONAL TALES World Cultures Through Traditional Tales	Mystery Stories of America: Historical Fiction	ADVENTURE Stories of Survival: The Adventure Genre
Entomology A Study of Bugs	Plants Social Studies/Science: Who Needs Plants?	Jobs in My COMMUNITY Social Studies: A Field Guide to Communities	Marine Life Social Studies/Science: Who Needs Oceans?	US STATES Social Studies: Your State & The United States	Civil War Era Social Studies: The Civil War

English Language Arts, 6-12



McGraw Hill's StudySync

- Adopted in 2021
- Core thematic units in each grade level
- Features:
 - Novel studies
 - Research and Writing
 - Incorporates multi-media and digital tools
- 11th Grade Focus: American Literature
- 12th Grade Focus: British Literature

<https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/program/microsites/MKTSP-RNZ04M01.html>

Grade 6

Unit 1: Testing Our Limits



Unit 2: You and Me



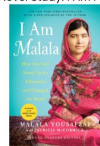
Unit 3: In the Dark



Unit 4: Personal Best



Novel Study: I Am Malala



Grade 8

Unit 1: Everybody Loves a Mystery



Unit 2: Past and Present



Unit 3: No Risk, No Reward



Unit 4: Hear Me Out



Grade 10

Unit 1: The Power of Communication



Unit 2: Moving Forward: Novel Study: Night



Unit 3: The Persistence of Memories



Unit 4: The Ties That Bind



Mathematics, K-5

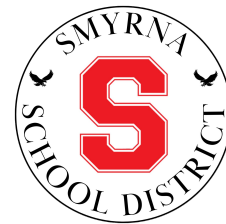


Bridges in Mathematics

- Adopted in 2017
 - Updated to 3rd Edition: 2024
- Two Components:
 - Number Corner
 - Unit Lessons
- Goals:
 - Problem-solving skills
 - Conceptual Understanding
 - Procedural Fluency
- Features:
 - Visual Models
 - Use of Manipulatives
 - Implementation Support and Resources for Educators



<https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/curriculum/bridges-mathematics>



Mathematics, 6-12

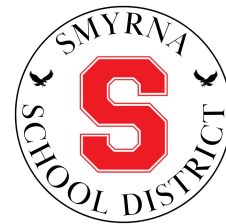
Imagine Learning: Illustrative Math

- Initial adoption in 2018 (6-8)
- Phased adoption for 9-12
 - 2020/2021 - Algebra 1
 - 2021/2022 - Geometry
 - 2022/2023 - Algebra 2
- Focus
 - Problem-based, collaborative approach
 - Multiple ways of thinking and learning
- 9-11 Progression
 - 9th - Algebra 1
 - 10th - Geometry
 - 11th - Algebra 2

Options for Grade 12

- Precalculus
- Statistics
- Dual Enrollment Statistics
- Dual Enrollment Calculus
- Trigonometry
- Senior Math and Finance
- Consumer Math
- Wilmington College Dual Enrollment
 - MAT 205
 - MAT 320

<https://www.imaginelearning.com/products/math/imagine-im/>



Science, K-8

K-5 Science: TWIG by Imagine Learning

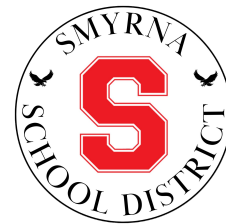
- Adopted in 2022
- Aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards
- Exploration and investigation of scientific phenomena in the world around them

<https://www.imaginelearning.com/products/science/twig-science/>

6-8 Science: Amplify Science

- Adopted in 2020
- Aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards
- Hands-on investigations, incorporates literacy, online resources
- Real-world problem investigations each unit

<https://amplify.com/programs/amplify-science/>



Science, 9-12

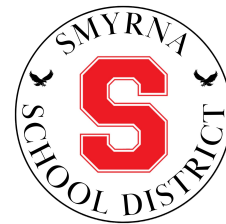
9-11 Progression & Resources

- 9th Grade: Physical Science
 - NGSS Storylines
 - Concord Consortium
- 10th Grade: Biology
 - NGSS Storylines: Biological Sciences
 - iHub and Model Biology
- 11th Grade: Chemistry
 - NGSS Storylines
 - Prentice Hall Chemistry

Options for Grade 12

- AP Biology
- Chemistry 2 CP
- AP Chemistry
- Physics Honors
- Geology: Earth & Space
- Bioethics & Biotechnology
- Epidemiology & Biostatistics CP
- Forensic Science
- AP Environmental Science

Social Studies, K-8



K- 5 Social Studies: Delaware Recommended Curriculum & Delaware Model Lessons

- Adopted in 2016
 - Updated by grade level/units
- Incorporate 4 Strands:
 - Civics
 - Economics
 - Geography
 - History
- 4th Grade: US History Exploration to 1783 and Civics
- 5th Grade: Economics and US Geography

6-8 Social Studies: Delaware Recommended Curriculum

- Adopted in 2021
 - Updated by grade levels 2022-2024
- Incorporate 4 Strands:
 - Civics
 - Economics
 - Geography
 - History
- 6th Grade: World Geography
 - Discovery Education
- 7th Grade: Civics and Economics
 - Newsela
- 8th grade: History (1783-1871)

Social Studies, 9-12



- Incorporate 4 Strands: Civics, Economics, Geography, History
- 9th Grade: Geography and Civics
 - Delaware Recommended Curriculum
 - Savvas
 - We the People
- 10th Grade: Economics
 - Savvas
 - Next Generation Personal Finance Resources
- 11th grade: History (1900s - Present)
 - HMH
 - DBQ Project
 - SHEG Stanford Education
- 12th Grade: World History
 - HMH

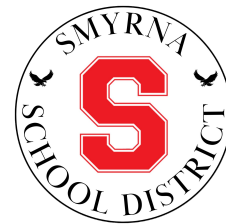




Specialized Programs

K-12

Spanish Immersion, K-12



- Adopted in 2016
- Optional program aligned to the Delaware Department of Education's Spanish Immersion Framework
- Students are immersed in the Spanish language through instruction in specific content areas led by a bilingual teacher
 - K-6: Math, Science, and Spanish Literacy
 - 7-8: Spanish Literacy and Social Studies
- Housed at :
 - K-3: North Smyrna Elementary School
 - 4-6: John Bassett Moore Intermediate School
 - 7-8: Smyrna Middle School
 - 9-12: Smyrna High School
- Current Status:
 - Highest grade: 9th
 - Next year: First Spanish Dual Enrollment course

Curriculum

- KN: Estrellita
- 1-6: Benchmark Education Curriculum
- 7-8: Senderos
- 9-12:
 - Advanced Placement Spanish
 - Dual Enrollment Courses through the University of DE



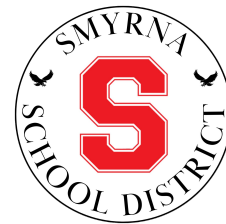
Smyrna Middle School Electives



- Business Education
- Art
- Film & Production
- Film & Literature
- Sports History
- Public Speaking
- Agricultural Science
- Financial Literacy
- Brain Games
- Educators Rising
- Inclusion in our Community
- Chorus
- Band
- Music Appreciation
- STEM
- Novel Studies
- Introduction to Allied Health
- Introduction to Spanish
- Spanish 1A
- Spanish 1B
- Legal Studies
- Home Economics



Career & Technical Education (CTE)



CTE provides students with the opportunity to gain authentic industry related knowledge & skills to prepare them for the workforce and postsecondary education.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Ag Power & Engineering
- Ag Structures & Engineering
- Animal Science & Management
- Natural Resource Management
- Plant Science

Performing & Visual Arts

- Instrumental Music
- Theatre Arts
- Visual Arts
- Vocal Music

Leadership Studies

- Aerospace Science & Leadership
- Jobs for DE Graduates
- Legal Studies

Business, Finance, and Marketing

- Academy of Business Information Management
- Academy of Finance
- Accounting
- Computer Science
- Digital Communication Technology
- Marketing Today

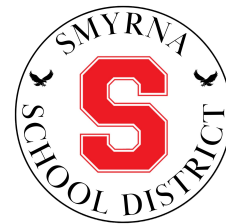
Education

- Early Childhood Teacher Academy
- K-12 Teacher Academy

STEM & Professional Studies

- Allied Health
- Culinary & Hospitality Management
- Engineering - Project Lead the Way
- Professional Academic

Smyrna High School - Advanced Placement



Advanced Placement

- Biology AP
- Chemistry AP
- Computer Science A AP
- Computer Science Principles AP
- English Language and Composition AP
- English Literature & Composition AP
- Environmental Science AP
- Psychology AP
- Spanish AP
- Studio Art AP - 2D, 3D, Drawing
- US Government & Politics AP
- US History AP
- World History AP

All AP courses are aligned to the standards, assessments, and pace established by the College Board.

In AP courses, students:

think critically

analyze and synthesize facts and data

weigh competing perspectives

write clearly and persuasively

Smyrna High School - Dual Enrollment



DelTech

- Anatomy & Physiology I

University of Delaware

- Changing the World & Public Policy
- Disabilities Studies
- Introduction to African American Studies
- Leadership, Integrity & Change
- Media/Design/Culture
- Media & Society
- Studies in Popular Fiction:
Horror/Sci-Fi/Crime
- The History of Now
- Spanish (beginning in 2026-2027)

Wilmington University

- Calculus I
- English Composition I
- English Composition II
- Families as Partners in Education
- Inferential Statistics
- Instructional Technology
- Introductory Survey of Mathematics
- Learner Development & Early Literacy
- Marketing
- Nutrition, Health, and Safety for Young Children
- Principles of Management
- Survey of Criminal Justice



Smyrna High School Courses

2025-2026 Smyrna High School Course Catalog



State Assessments

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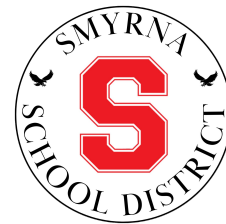
State of Delaware Student Assessments

- 3-8:
 - SmarterBalanced
 - First used in 2015
 - English Language Arts and Mathematics
 - Scoring: 1-4
 - www.smarterbalanced.org
 - DeSSA Science Assessment
 - Grades 5, 8
 - Scoring: 1-4
 - <https://education.delaware.gov/educators/academic-support/standards-and-assessments/science/de-science-assessments/>
 - DeSSA Social Studies Assessment
 - Grades 4-8
 - Scoring: 1-4
 - <https://education.delaware.gov/educators/academic-support/standards-and-assessments/social-studies/assessments/>



State of Delaware Student Assessments

- 9-12
 - SAT
 - All juniors take the School Day SAT at no cost to students in the Spring
 - DeSSA Science Assessment
 - Course: Biology
 - Scoring: 1-4
 - <https://education.delaware.gov/educators/academic-support/standards-and-assessments/science/de-science-assessments/>
 - DeSSA Social Studies Assessment
 - Course: US History
 - Scoring: 1-4
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SmarterBalanced Achievement Levels

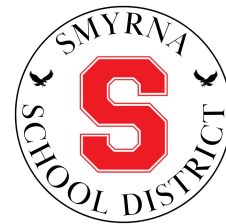
Level 4 - The student has exceeded the achievement standard.

Level 3 - The student has met the achievement standard.

Level 2 - The student has nearly met the achievement standard.

Level 1 - The student has not met the achievement standard.

<https://portal.smarterbalanced.org/hubfs/achievement-level-descriptors.pdf>



DeSSA Achievement Levels

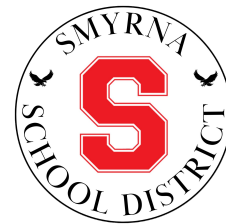
Science and Social Studies

Level 4 - The student has exceeded the achievement standard.

Level 3 - The student has met the achievement standard.

Level 2 - The student is below the achievement standard.

Level 1 - The student is well below the achievement standard.



SSD State Assessment Summary

2024-2025

ELA Areas of Strength



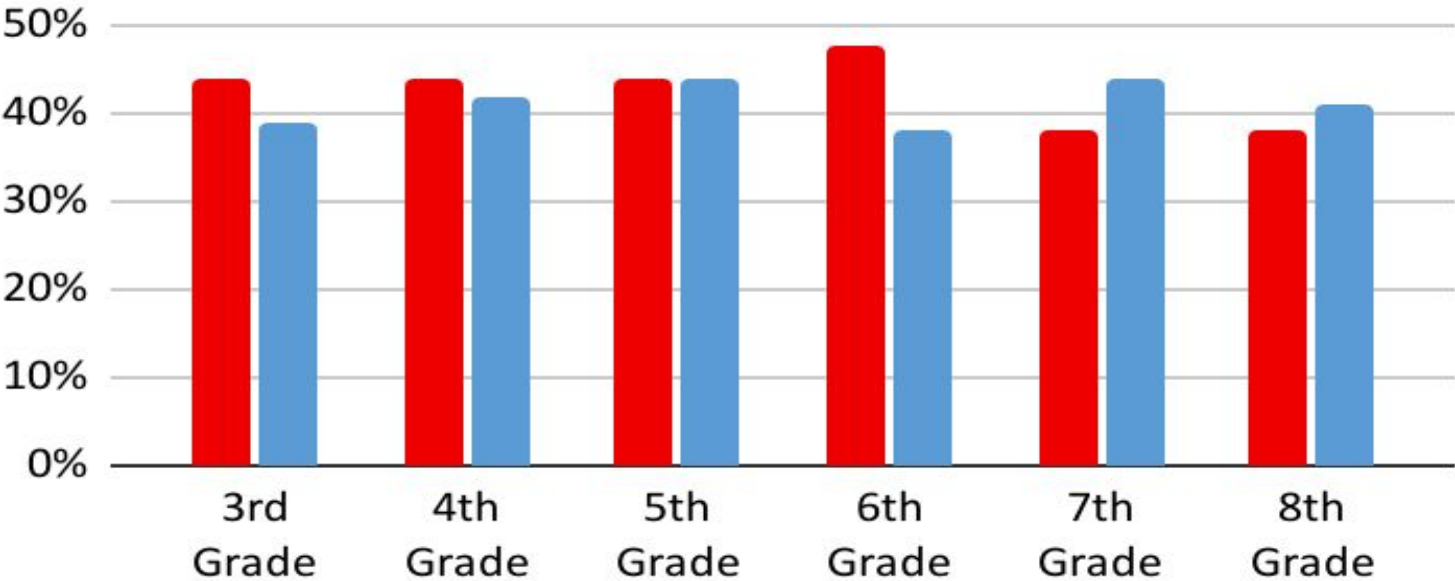
- Exceeded the state proficiency level:
 - 3rd Grade
 - 4th Grade
 - 5th Grade
 - 6th Grade
- Increased scores over last year:
 - 4th Grade
 - 6th Grade
 - 7th Grade
- District to District Comparison
 - 3rd Grade: 4th in the state
 - 6th Grade: 3rd in the state

English Language Arts

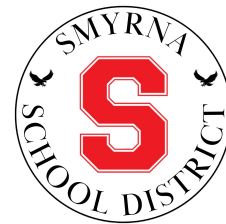


DeSSA 2025 ELA

■ Smyrna ■ State AVG



	Smyrna	State
3rd Grade	44%	39%
4th Grade	44%	42%
5th Grade	44%	44%
6th Grade	48%	38%
7th Grade	38%	44%
8th Grade	38%	41%



Mathematics Areas of Strength

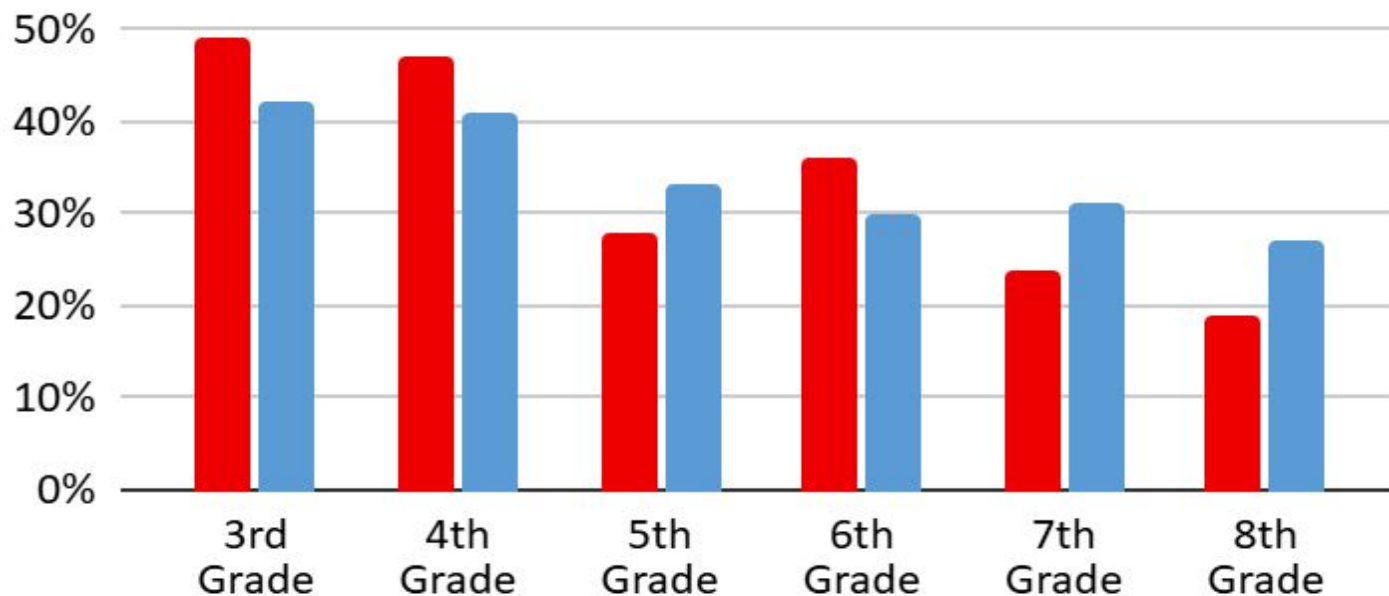
- Exceeded the state proficiency level:
 - 3rd Grade
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 - 6th Grade
- Increased scores over last year:
 - 4th Grade
 - 6th Grade
 - 7th Grade
- District to District Comparison
 - 3rd Grade: 3rd in the state
 - 4th Grade: 5th in the state
 - 6th Grade: 4th in the state

Mathematics

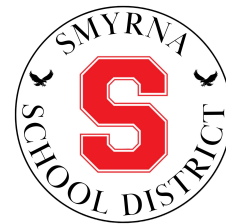


DeSSA 2025 Math

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	Smyrna	State
3rd Grade	49%	42%
4th Grade	47%	41%
5th Grade	28%	33%
6th Grade	36%	30%
7th Grade	24%	31%
8th Grade	19%	27%



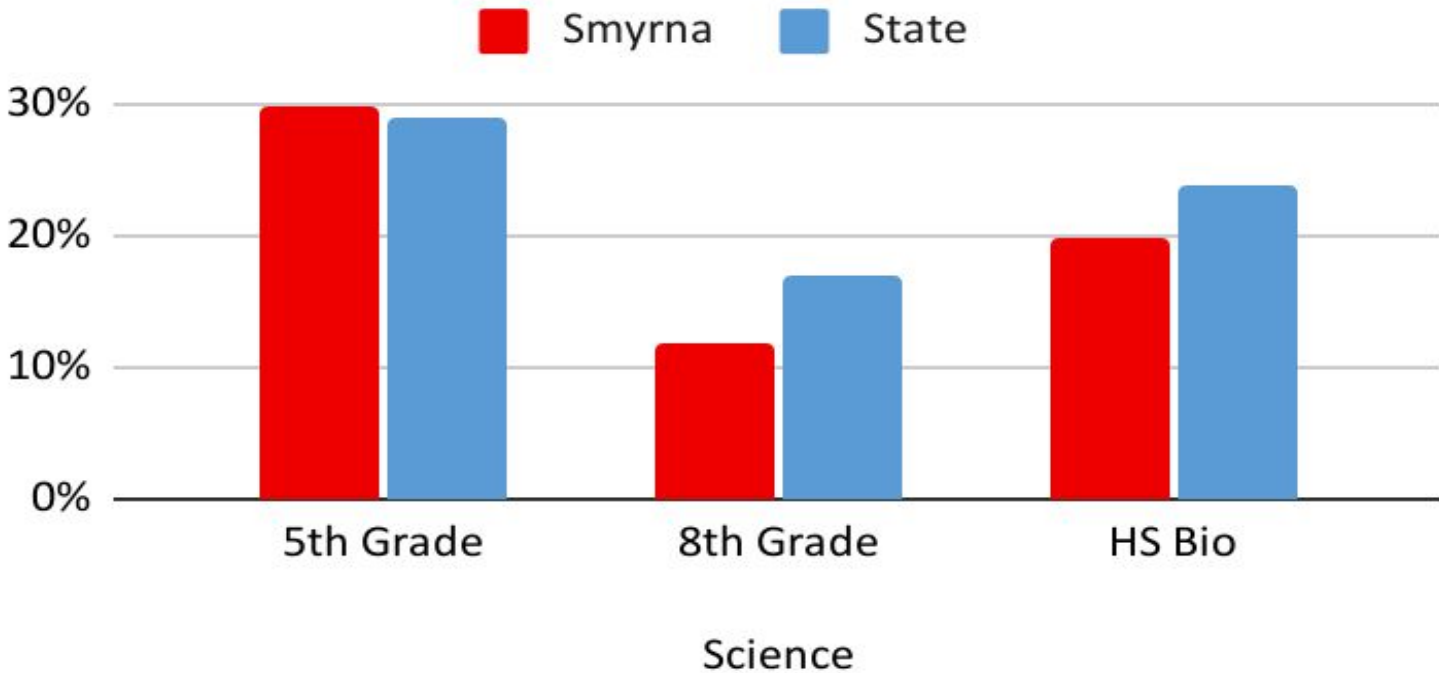
Science Areas of Strength

- Exceeded the state proficiency level:
 - 5th Grade
- Increased scores over last year:
 - 5th Grade
 - HS Biology
- District to District Comparison
 - 5th grade: 5th in the state

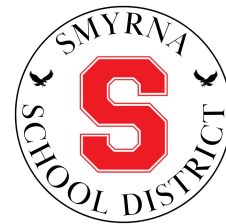
Science



DeSSA 2025 Science



	Smyrna	State
5th Grade	30%	29%
8th Grade	12%	17%
HS Bio	20%	24%



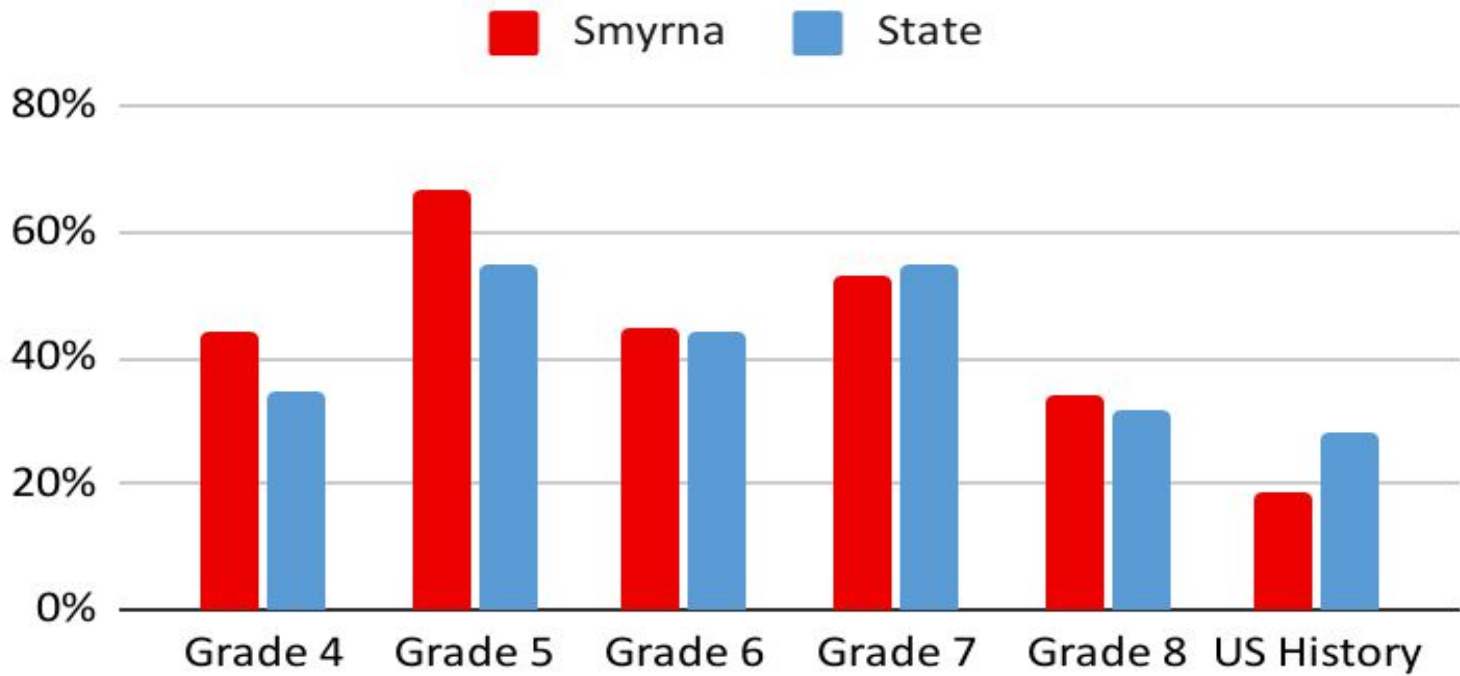
Social Studies Areas of Strength

- Exceeded the state proficiency level:
 - 4th Grade
 - 5th Grade
 - 6th Grade
 - 8th Grade
- Increased scores over last year:
 - 6th Grade
 - HS US History
- District to District Comparison
 - 4th grade: 2nd in the state
 - 5th Grade: 3rd in the state
 - 6th Grade: 5th in the state

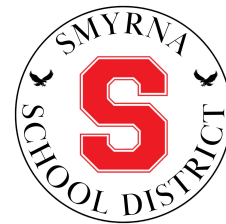
Social Studies



DeSSA 2025 Social Studies



	Smyrna	State
Grade 4	44%	35%
Grade 5	67%	55%
Grade 6	45%	44%
Grade 7	53%	55%
Grade 8	34%	32%
US History	19%	28%



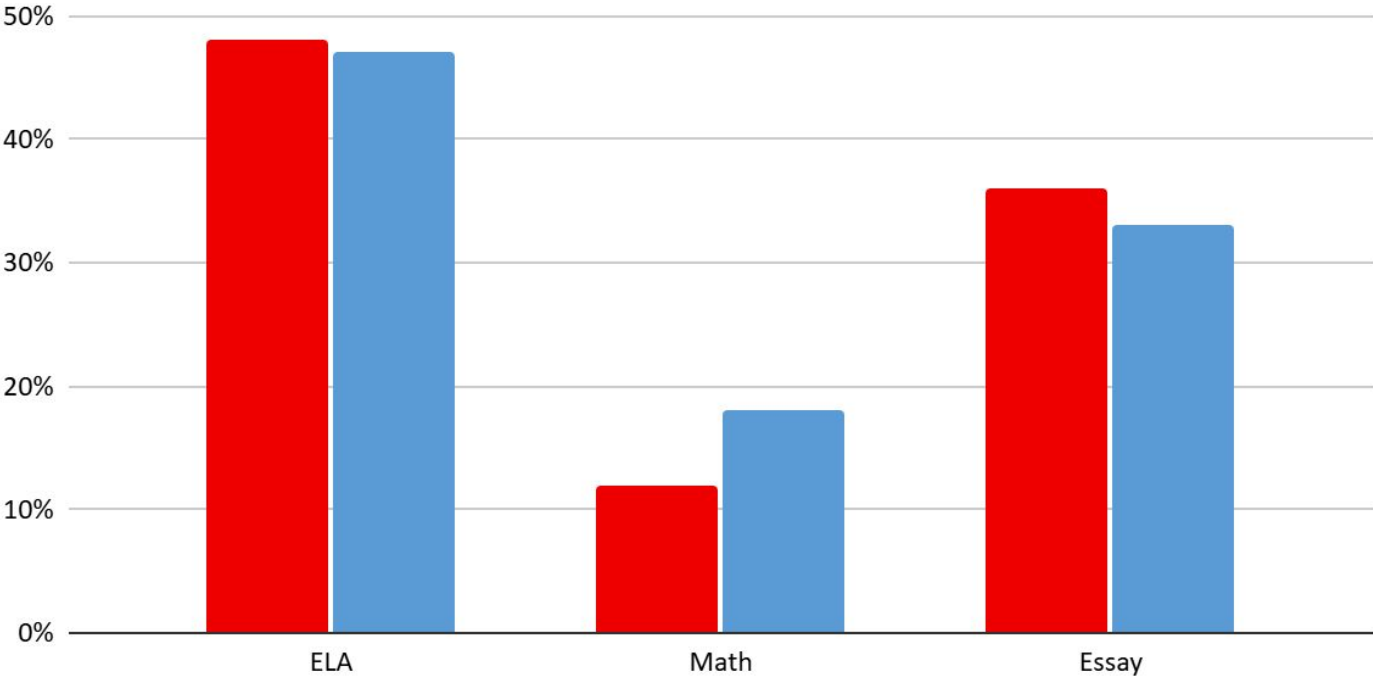
SAT Areas of Strength

- Exceeded the state proficiency levels:
 - Reading
 - Essay
- Increased scores over last year:
 - ERW (combines reading and writing)
 - Math
 - Total Score

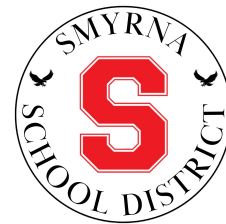


2025 SAT Comparison

Smyrna State



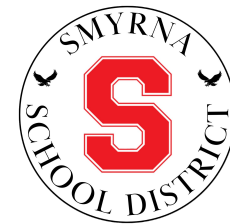
	ELA	Math	Essay
Smyrna	48%	12%	36%
State	47%	18%	33%



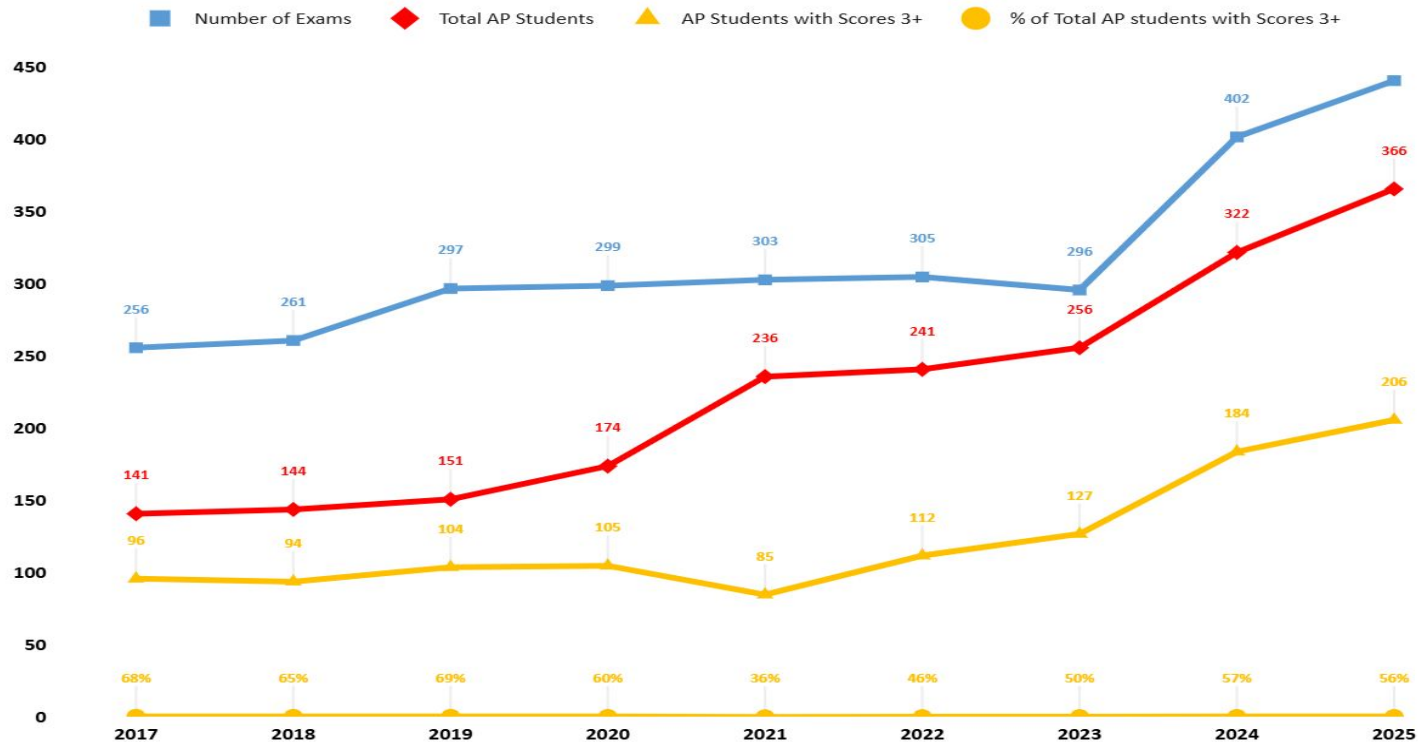
AP Areas of Strength

- **Increases over last year:**
 - More AP tests were taken by students
 - More students enrolled in AP courses
 - More students scored a 3 or above

AP Tests



FIVE YEAR SUMMARY REPORT



AP Exams	2025
Number of Exams	441
Total AP Students	366
AP Students with Scores 3+	206
% of Total AP students with Scores 3+	56%



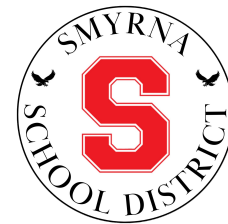
At Smyrna School District, we strive to

- Create student centered classrooms with a positive and healthy climate for learning and growth.
- Utilize high quality instructional materials in all content areas.
- Engage students in instruction that will ignite their curiosity and deepen their knowledge.
- Develop students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers.
- Incorporate technology into instructional design.
- Provide opportunities for student ownership and space for student voice.



“Every child deserves a champion; an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be.”

- Rita Pierson



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