

SEF

SOUTHERN
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

*Georgia State Senate Study Committee-
Educational Development of
African American Children*

October 15, 2019

Raymond Pierce, President and CEO
Southern Education Foundation

The **Southern Education Foundation's** mission is to advance creative solutions to ensure equity and excellence in education for students of color and low income students in the South.



SEF History

- 1867-1907 the Peabody, Slater, and Jeanes Fund are created to:
 - Establish public education in the South for Black & poor White students
 - Support the development of HBCUs in the South
 - Enhance number of qualified teachers
 - Improve curriculum & instruction in Southern schools



Jeanes Teachers Meeting State Colored College. Special Collections, University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, Va.
<http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/uva-lib:330677>

The UVA Library has not evaluated the copyright status of this work.
This single copy was produced for purposes of private study, scholarship, or research,
pursuant to the library's rights under the Copyright Act.
Copyright and other restrictions may apply to any further use of this image.
See the full Virgo Terms of Use at <http://search.lib.virginia.edu/terms.html> for more information.

Georgia's 2018 K-12 Student Enrollment

1,767,000 - All Students

647,000 - Black Students (37%)

African American Children in Georgia Living in Poverty

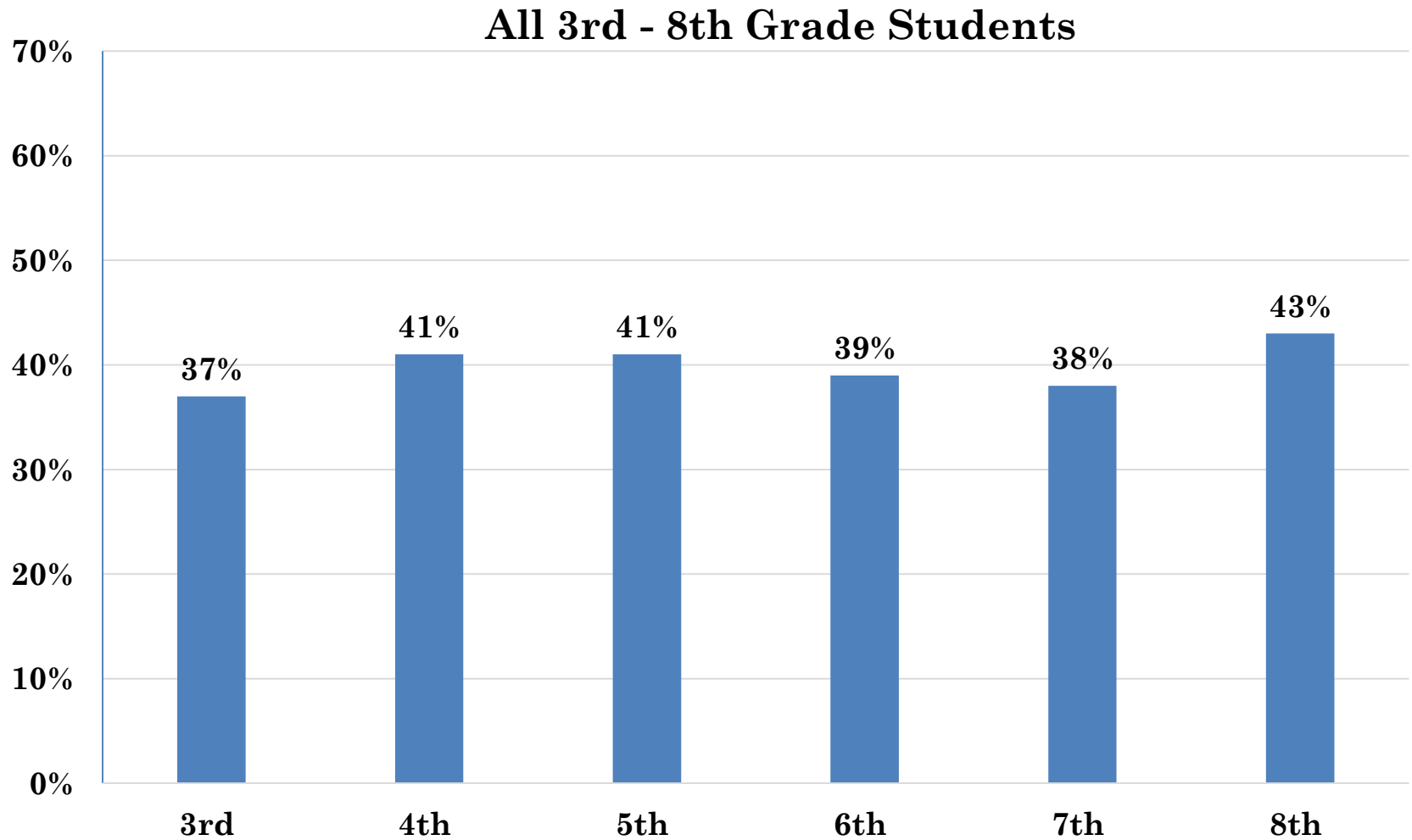
	2015	2016	2017	2018
(# of AA Children From Low-Income Families)	302,000	272,000	258,000	241,000
(% of AA Children From Low-Income Families)	36%	32%	31%	29%

Roughly **33%** of African American children live in poverty in Georgia as opposed to **11%** of white children.

GA Milestones End of Grade Exams 2018 Results

English Language Arts

Percent of students scoring “Proficient” or “Distinguished” Learners, by grade-level

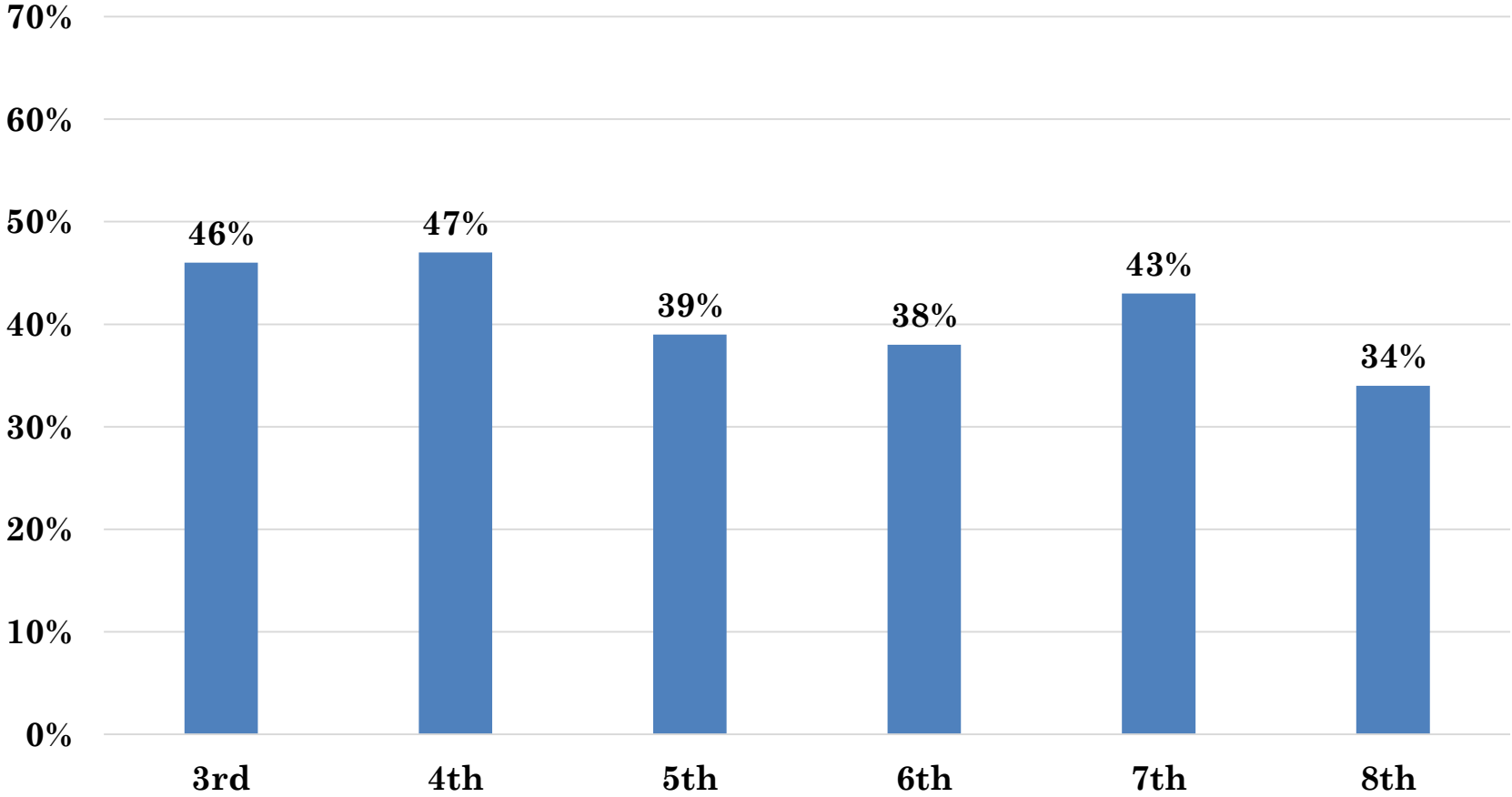


GA Milestones End of Grade Exams 2018 Results

Math

Percent of students scoring “Proficient” or “Distinguished” Learners, by grade-level

All 3rd – 8th Grade Students



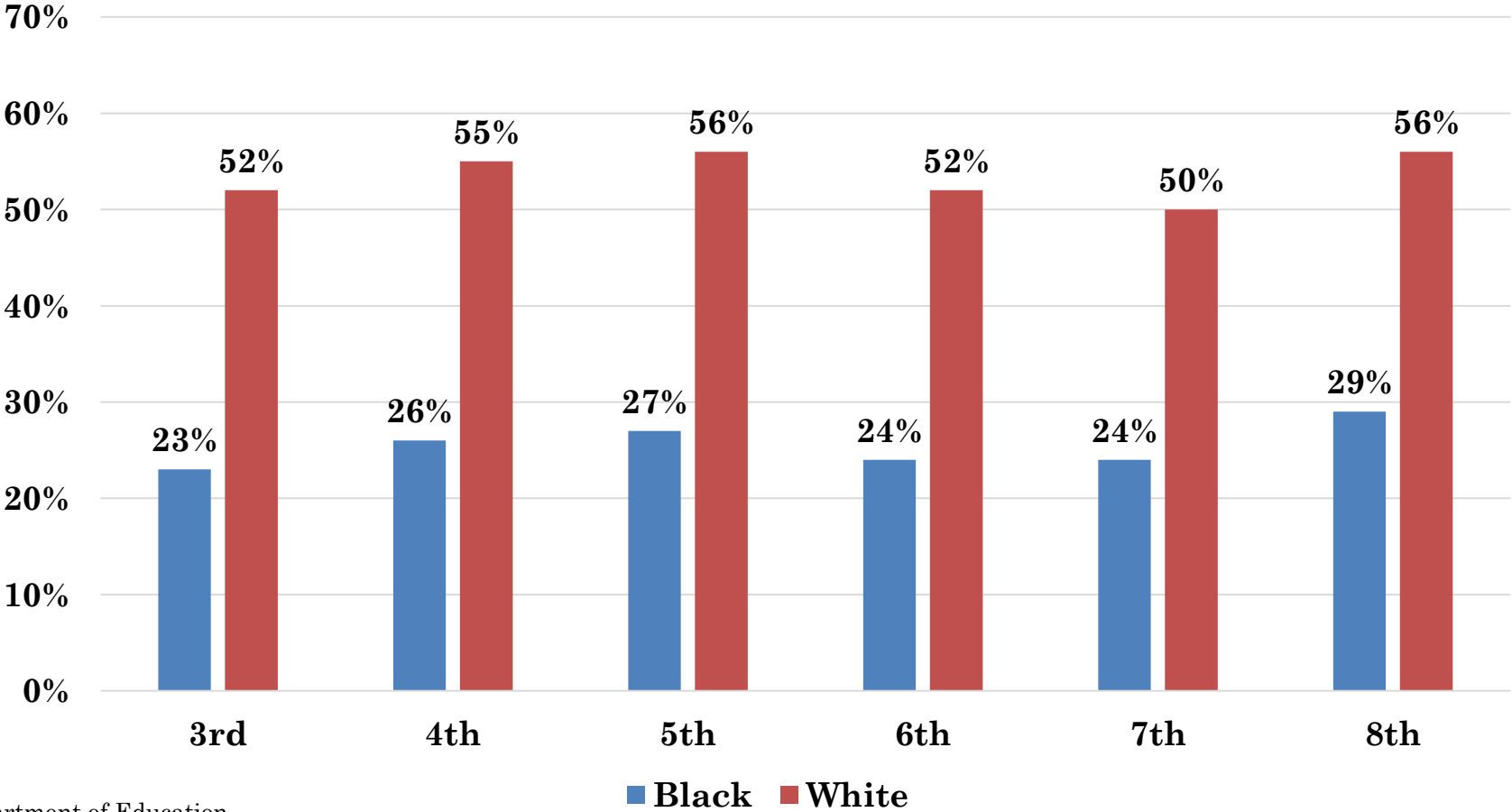
Source: Georgia Department of Education

GA Milestones End of Grade Exams 2018 Results

English Language Arts

Percent of students scoring “Proficient” or “Distinguished” Learners, by grade-level and Race/Ethnicity

3rd - 8th Grade Opportunity Gap Results



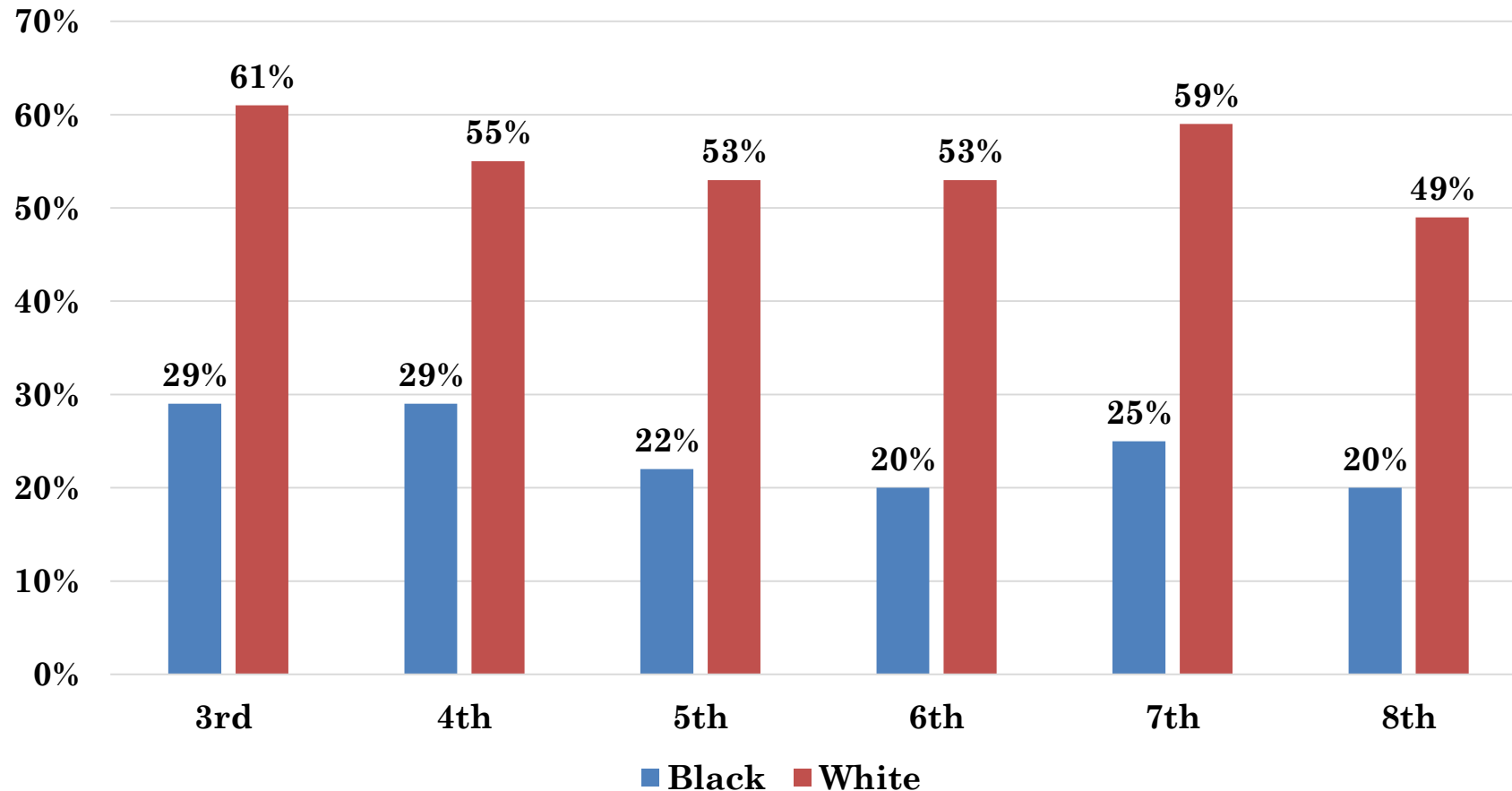
Source: Georgia Department of Education

GA Milestones End of Grade Exams 2018 Results

Math

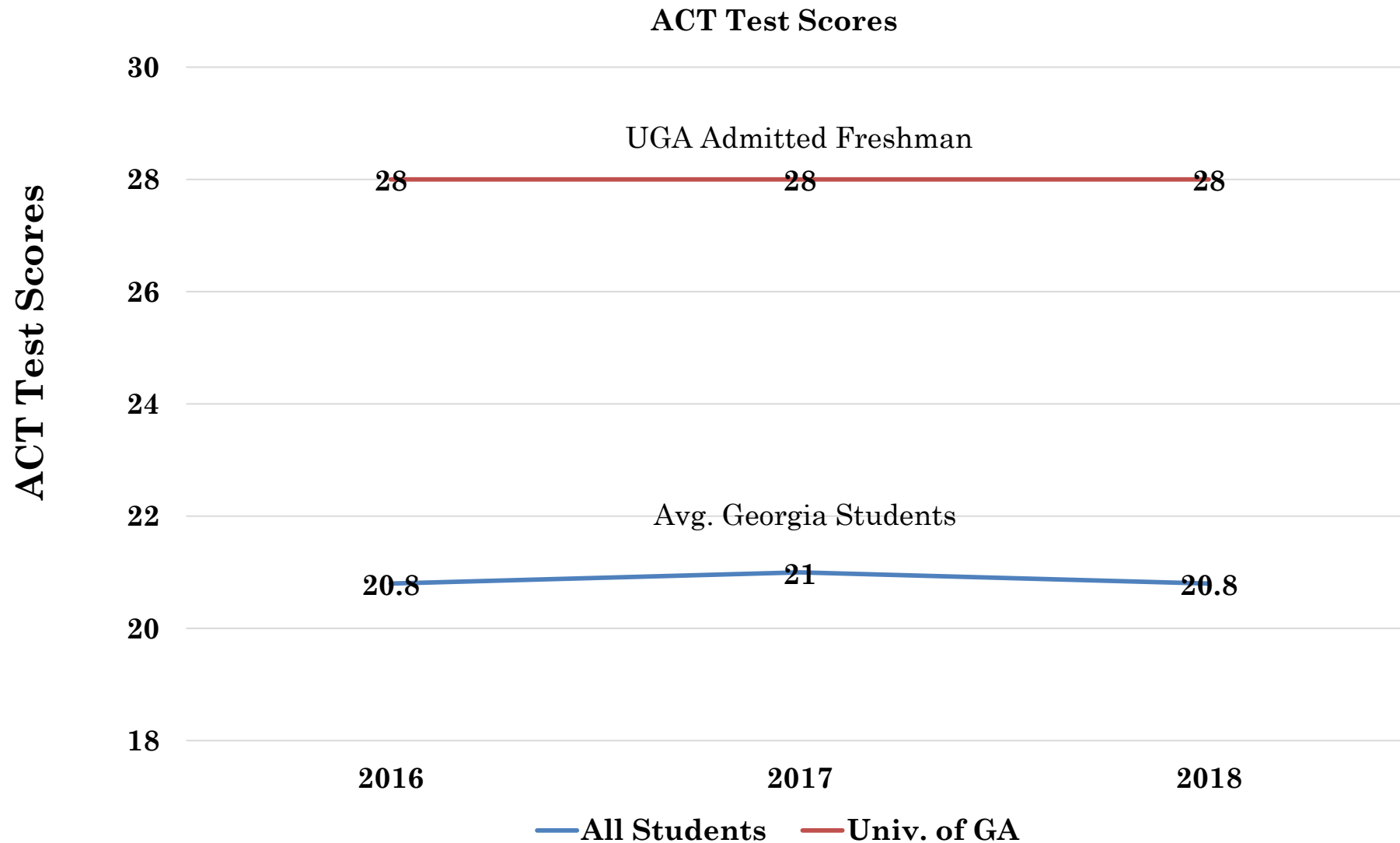
Percent of students scorings “Proficient” or “Distinguished” Learners, by grade-level and Race/Ethnicity

3rd - 8th Grade Opportunity Gap Results

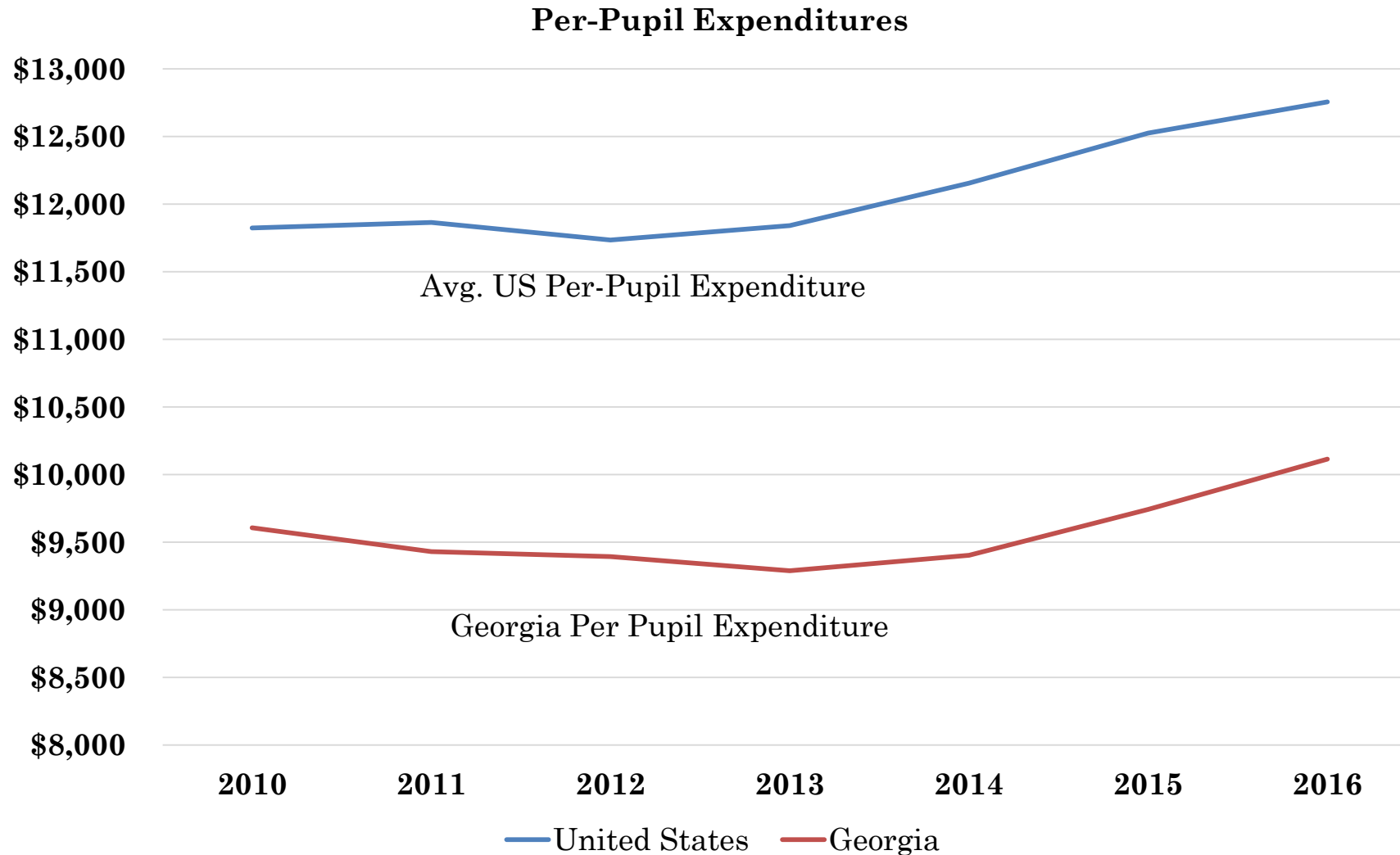


Source: Georgia Department of Education

Georgia ACT Test Scores



Georgia School Funding



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education accessed through <http://www.edcounts.org/createtable/step1.php>.

Recommendations

1. Increase Funding for Historically Disadvantaged Populations

- Update the Quality Basic Education funding formula to what it costs to educate low-income students
- Provide additional funding to districts for educating low-income students, such as an “Opportunity Weight” suggested by GBPI
- Defund all school vouchers and tax-credit scholarship programs

2. Streamline Wraparound Services to Meet Academic and Non-Academic Needs – Community Schools (Services are to be determined at the community level)