

ECPS Demographics
Economically Disadvantaged: 98.7%
English Learners: 4.2%
Students with IEPs: 13.8%
Student/Teacher Ratio: 15.51
Race/Ethnicity:
 Black 48%; White 45%; Hispanic or Latino 5%; Two or More Races 2%

Students Receiving *Benchmark Advance* Instruction Exceeded State Growth in Proficiency on the North Carolina End-of-Grade (EOG) Reading Test

For the past two school years, 2017–2018 and 2018–2019, students in grades K to 5th in the Edgecombe County Public Schools have been receiving English Language Arts instruction using *Benchmark Advance* from Benchmark Education Company. This report compares the growth in proficiency, both Grade Level (GLP) and Career and College Readiness (CCR) on the North Carolina EOG Reading Test between Edgecombe’s elementary schools and the elementary schools in the rest of the districts in North Carolina, referred to as the State of North Carolina. The comparison of pre-test (2016–17) to post-test (2018–19) showed Edgecombe exceeded the growth in proficiency of the State of North Carolina. See Figure 1. Specifically, on GLP (chart to the left), Edgecombe student proficiency growth between the 2017 and 2019 administrations of the North Carolina EOG was 5.8 percent. The State of North Carolina lost 1.2 percent. This is an overall gain of 7.0 percentage points for Edgecombe students compared to the State of North Carolina. CCR growth overall was 4.8 percentage points for Edgecombe students.

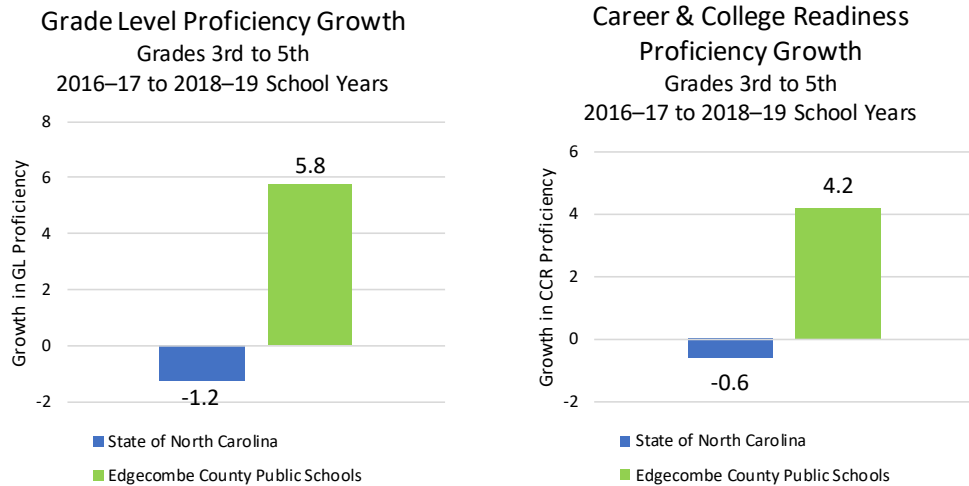


Figure 1. Growth in Proficiency Comparisons 2017 to 2019 North Carolina EOG Reading Test

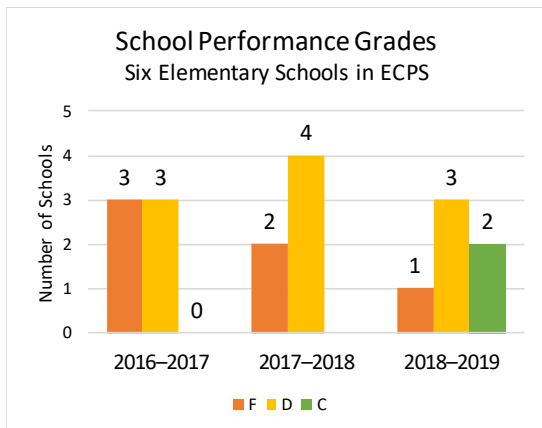


Figure 2. School Performance Grades 2017 to 2019

The growth in the GLP and CCR contributed to the changes in the School Performance Grades (SPG) for the schools in Edgecombe. Figure 2 shows in 2017, Edgecombe’s six elementary schools received three Ds and three Fs. In 2018, the SPG changed to four Ds and two Fs. This was the first year implementing *Benchmark Advance*. After the second year of *Benchmark Advance* implementation, the SPG changed to two Cs, three Ds, and one F for the schools in Edgecombe.