

Illinois State Board of Education Revised ISAT Cut Scores

Implications and Response for Center Cass District #66

CCSD#66 Board of Education
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- Center Cass District #66 schools have begun implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- The CCSS outline the skills and content our students must master at each grade level to continue on the path to college and career readiness

Current Conditions

- The CCSS provide higher, deeper and clearer standards for Math and English Language Arts – more rigor
- As we focus on preparing students for college and careers, the performance levels of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) must be changed accordingly

Current Conditions

- ISBE has determined that the current expectations for students in grades 3-8 are too low and do not accurately predict college and career readiness
- ISBE is raising the bar on the ISAT performance expectations in Math and English Language Arts for elementary and middle school students

Why Change ISAT Cut Scores?

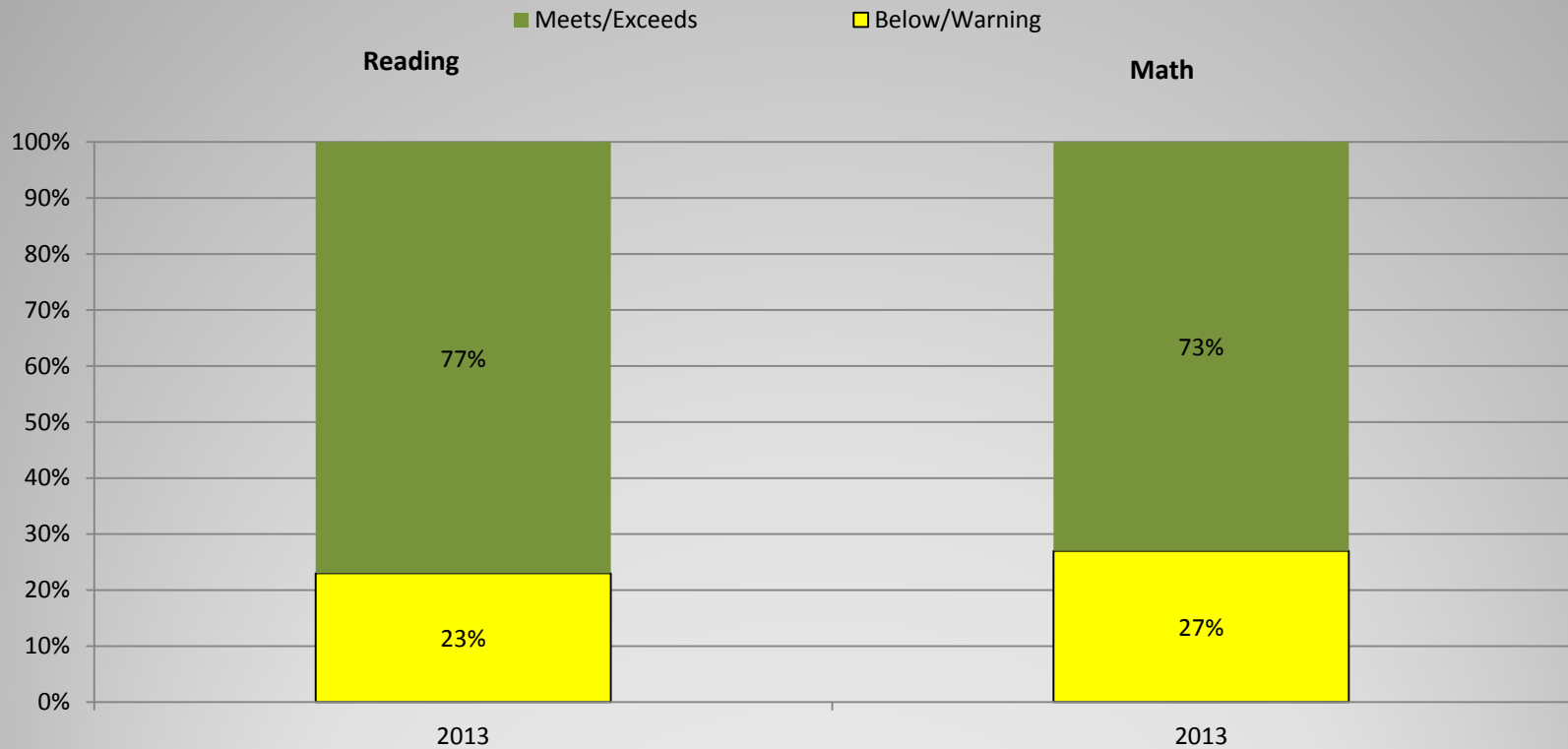
- Statewide, the number of students who meet and exceed standards will drop significantly
- Some students who previously met or exceeded standards will be classified as “needing improvement”

What's the impact?

- The following slides show the impact on actual District 66 ISAT scores for each of our cohort groups (3rd – 8th graders for the 2012-13 school year)
- New ISAT cut scores have been applied beginning with the 2013 ISAT scores

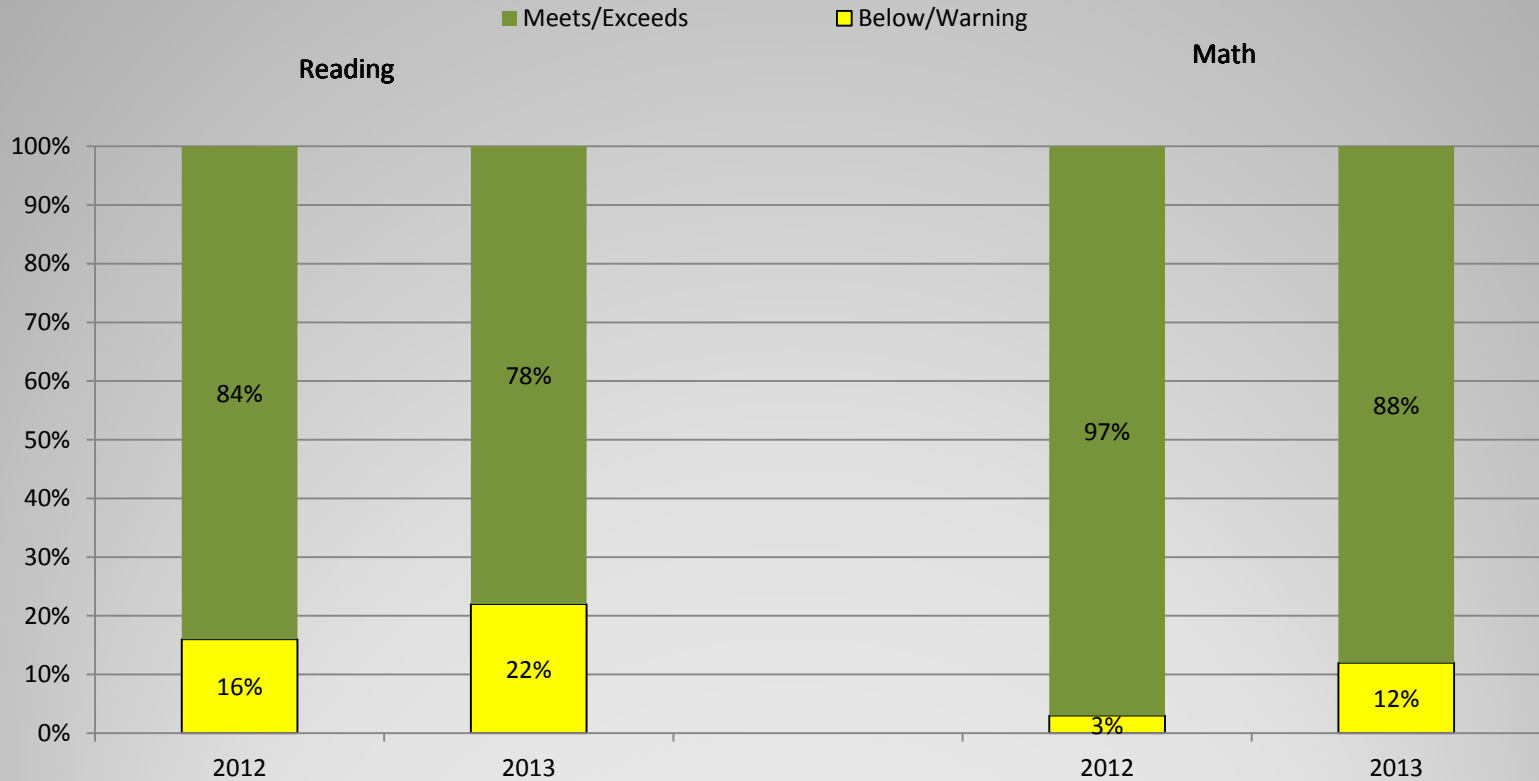
What's the impact?

Class of 2022 (3rd grade 2013) - ISAT Reading/Math



What's the impact for CCSD #66?

Class of 2021 (4th grade 2013) - ISAT 4th Reading/Math



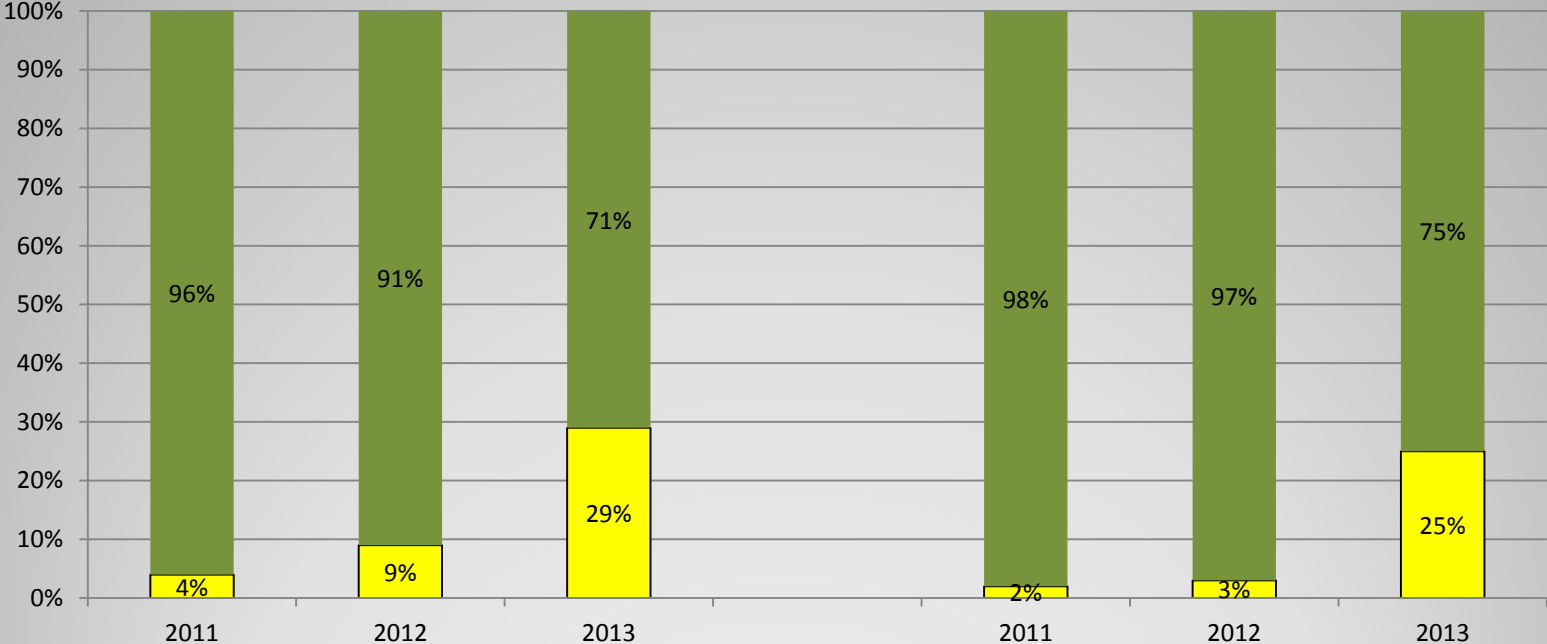
What's the impact for CCSD #66?

Class of 2020 (5th grade 2013) - ISAT Reading/Math

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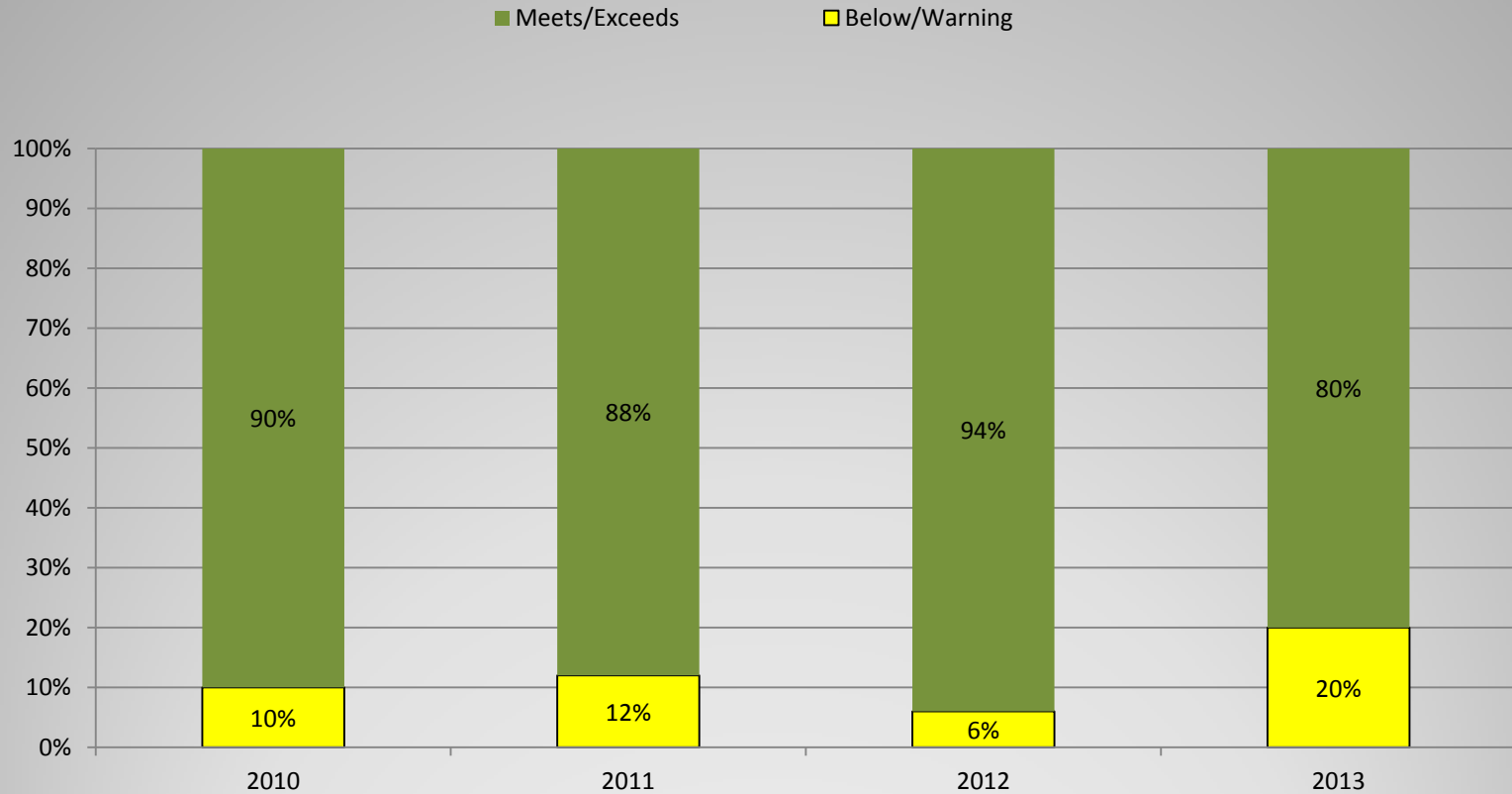
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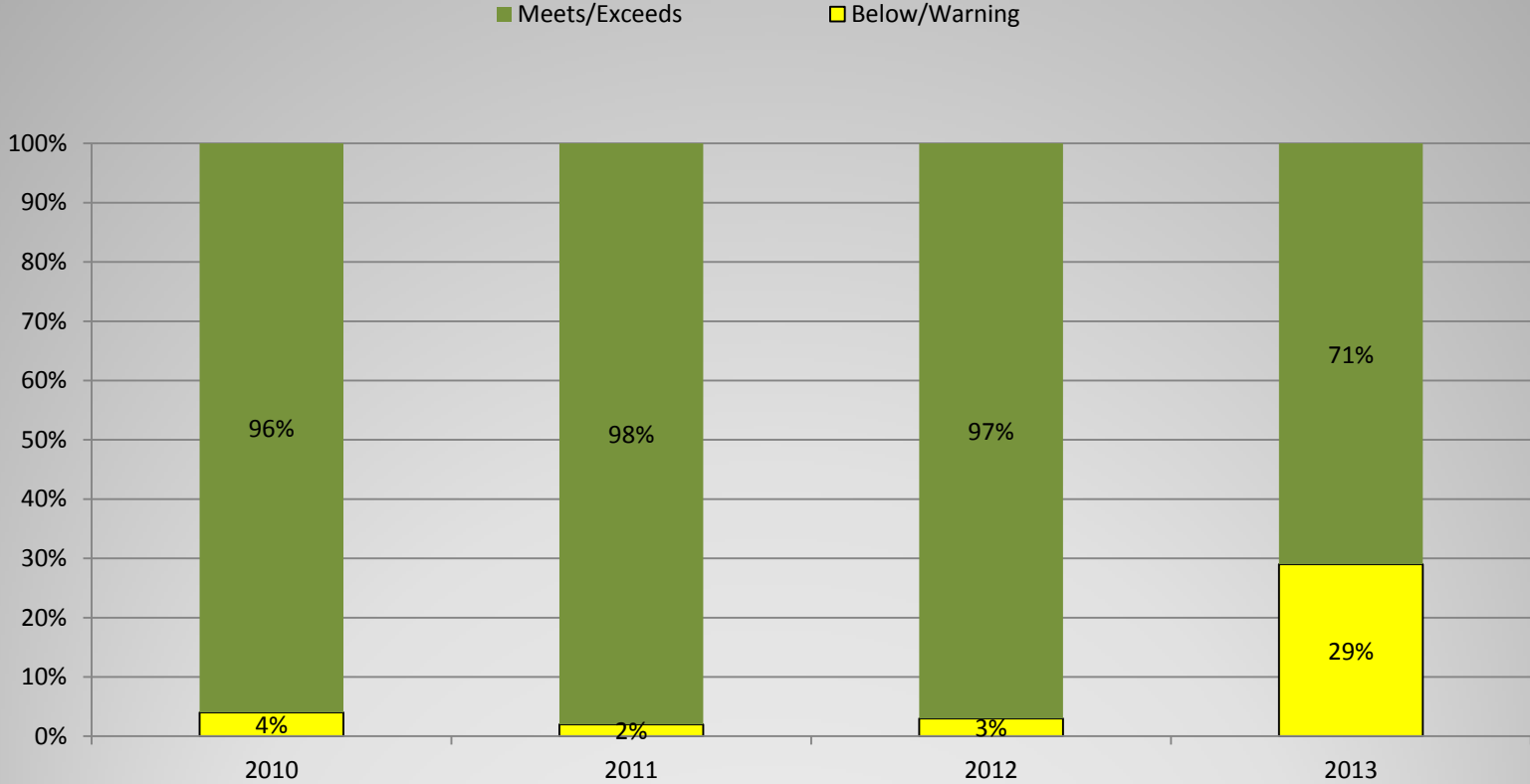
What's the impact for CCSD #66?

Class of 2019 (6th grade 2013) - ISAT Reading



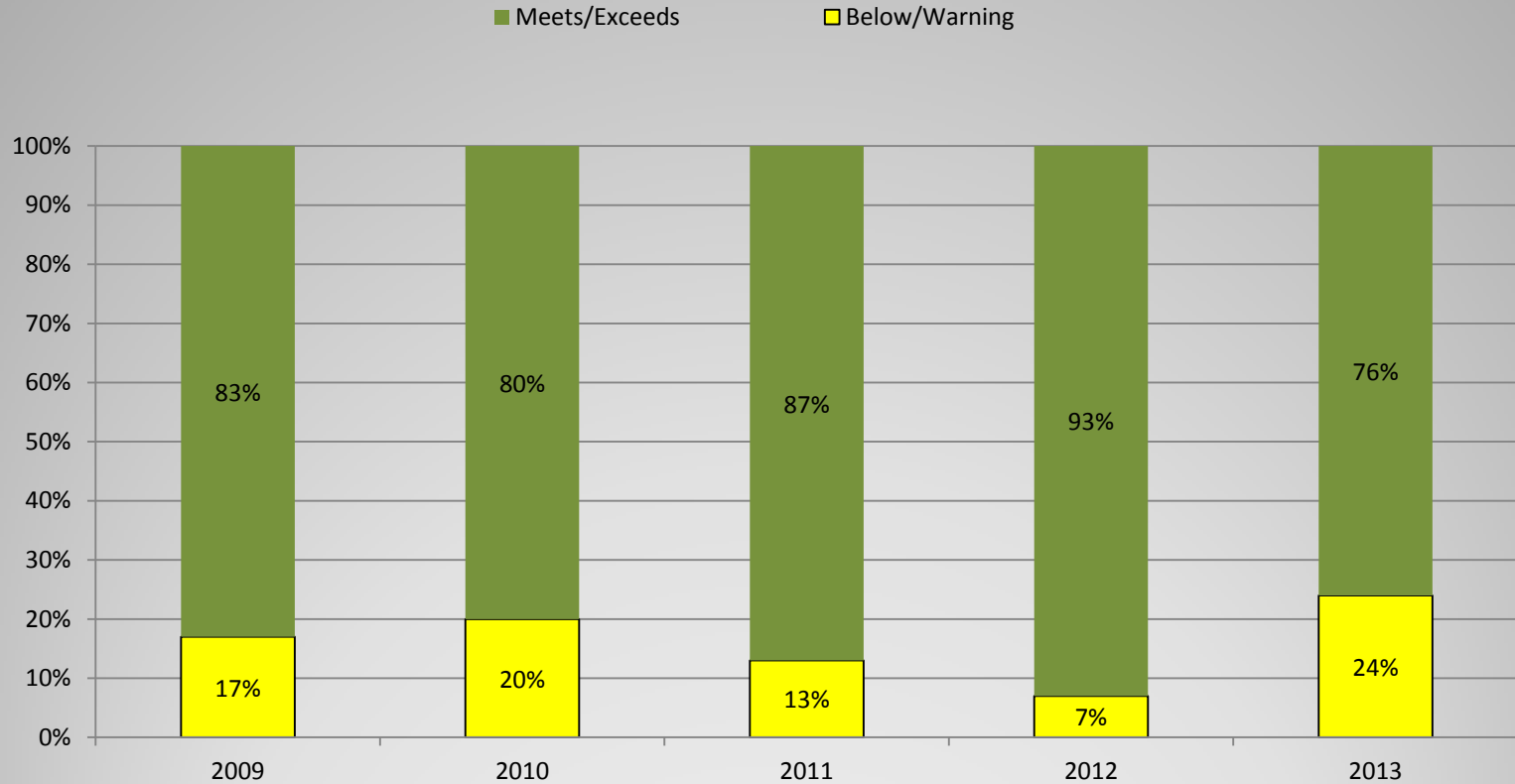
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Class of 2019 (6th grade 2013) - ISAT Math



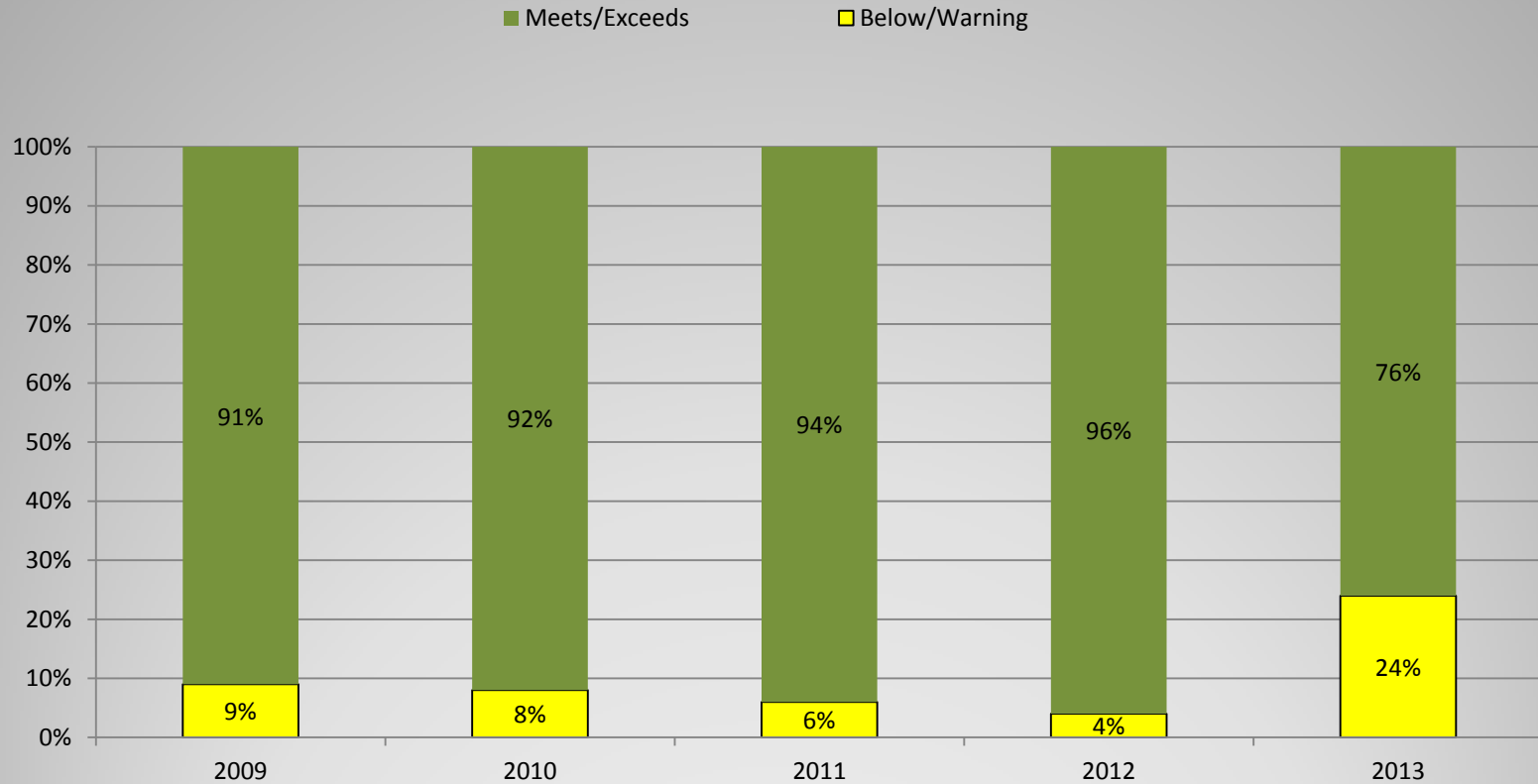
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Class of 2018 (7th grade 2013) - ISAT Reading



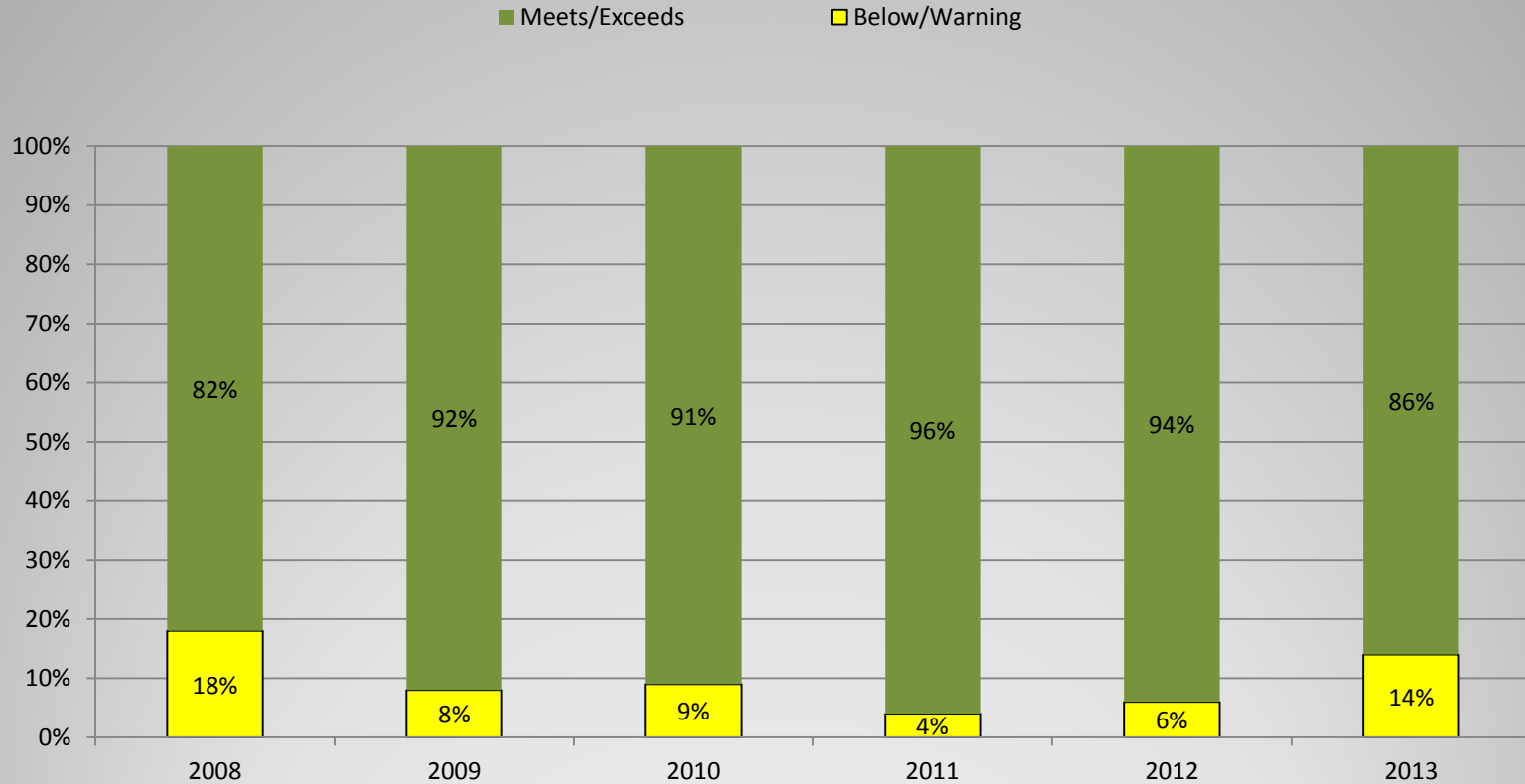
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Class of 2018 (7th grade 2013) - ISAT Math



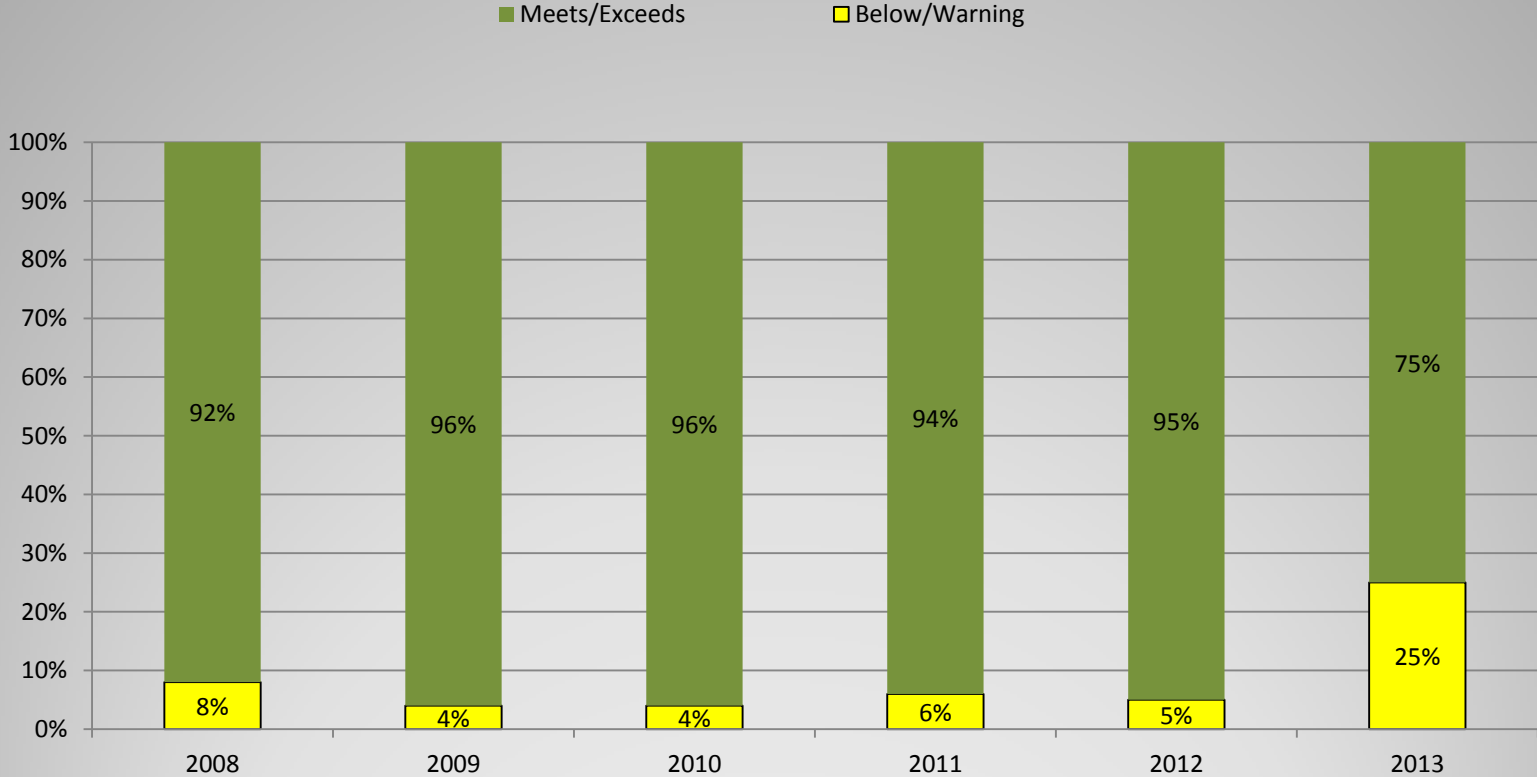
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Class of 2017 (8th grade 2013) - ISAT Reading



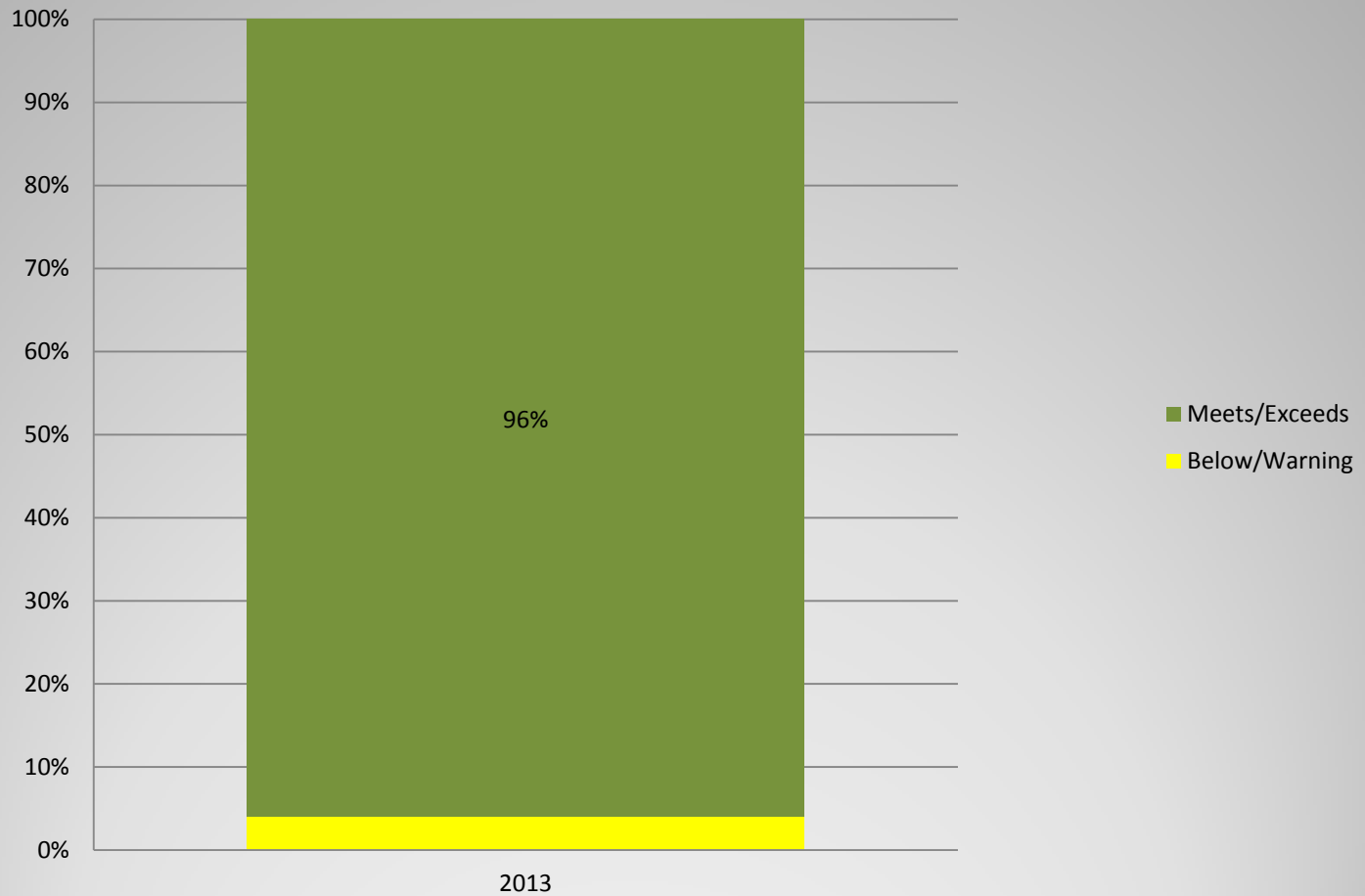
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Class of 2017 (8th grade 2013) - ISAT Math

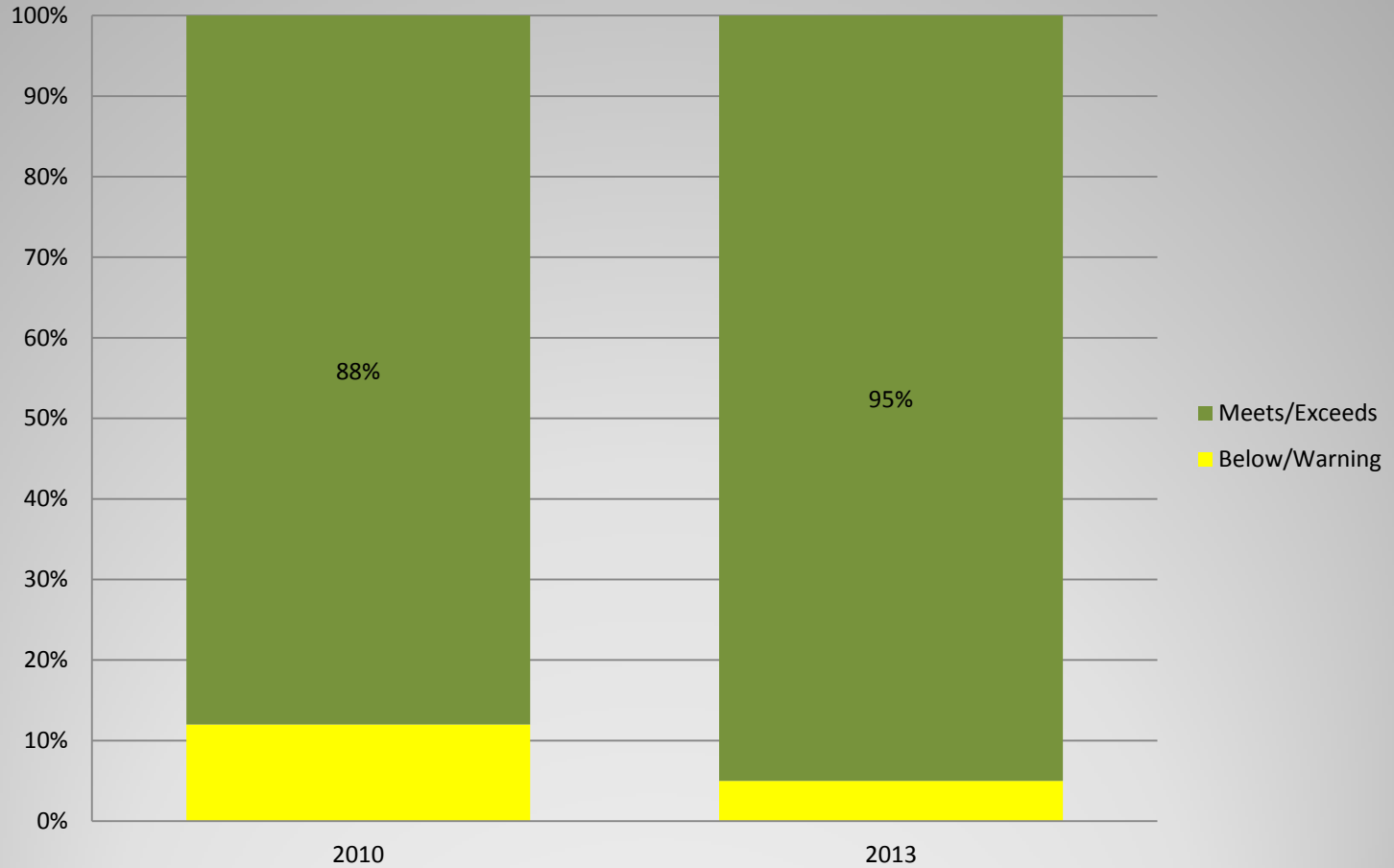


What's the impact for CCSD #66?

Class of 2021 (4th grade 2013) - ISAT 4th Science



Class of 2018 (4th & 7th grade, 2010 & 2013) - ISAT Science



- However, these new expectations **do not** mean that our students know less than they did before or are less capable than they were in previous years
- Instead, ISBE is simply **expecting more** of students going forward to show their progress toward college and career-readiness benchmarks

What does this mean?

- The Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE), which is the sister test to the ISAT for high school students that includes the ACT, already provides a good indicator of college and career readiness
- The PSAE performance levels will not change

What about high schools?

- Performance expectations for the science assessments will also remain the same until new science standards are finalized later in 2013

What about science?

- The new expectations for the ISAT will better predict whether a student is on track for college and the workforce
- The new expectations will lead to the state replacing the ISAT tests with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments

What will the new cut scores do?

- Our staff will provide the appropriate support and interventions for our students based on the new learning standards at an **earlier** point in their academic career
- This will boost students' chances for success beyond high school

What will our staff do?

- The PARCC exams will align to the Common Core State Standards and provide better information about students' abilities to master the appropriate skills and content benchmarks for college and careers

What impact will PARCC have?

- Unlike the ISAT, which is given once a year, the PARCC tests will be given more than once during the school year

What impact will PARCC have?

- The PARCC exams will provide teachers, parents and students a clearer, more detailed picture of students' strengths and areas that need improvement
- The transition to the PARCC tests is scheduled for the 2014-2015 school year.

What impact will PARCC have?

Thank You
Questions?