



ACADEMY PREP CENTER OF TAMPA

Prep Talk







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Our **mission** is to inspire and empower students qualifying for need-based scholarships to become future community leaders through a rigorous middle school program coupled with ongoing graduate support.

STRATEGIES THAT WORK

- Students attend Academy Prep up to **11 hours a day, 6 days a week, 11 months a year** in classes of no more than 20 students, separated by gender.
- Academy Prep delivers a unique combination of **demanding academics** and **enrichment activities**. Activities include community service, golf, chess, gardening, choir, band, robotics, and visual arts.
- Family involvement is essential to the program. **Forty hours of service** per family are required annually.
- After 8th grade graduation, Academy Prep Graduate Support Services provides intensive guidance and **follows alumni throughout their academic careers**.
- Academy Prep students show significant improvement in academic ability. Most enter at or less than grade level in math and reading: by graduation, **8th graders are scoring 2-4 grade levels ahead** in math and reading on national assessment tests.



RESULTS THAT MATTER

99%

of Academy Prep alumni graduate from high school on time.



Approximately 87% of our graduates have gone on to post-secondary education.



And 7% of our graduates are serving in the armed forces.

99%

Academy Prep boasts a daily attendance rate of 99%.

To visit our campus, or to learn more about how you can become involved with Academy Prep Center of Tampa, please contact Maggie McClelland, Director of Development, at 813.248.5600 x1138 or mmcClelland@academyprep.org

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GRADUATE SUPPORT SERVICES

Graduate Support Services provides high school and college preparation courses and counseling to help students and families effectively transition to high school and post-secondary institutions. 99% of Academy Prep alumni graduate from high school, and approximately 87% go on to college, while 7% are serving in the armed forces.

In addition to providing critical guidance through high school and college, our Graduate Support Services covers costs for computers, application fees, registration fees, tuition and travel expenses; helps our graduates secure internships, hosts financial aid and resume building workshops, and offers SAT and ACT prep courses to our graduates free of charge. This year we have Academy Prep graduates in all levels of high school, college and their careers; coupled with our current middle school students, we provide yearly services for over 400 students and their families during 12 of the most formative years of life.

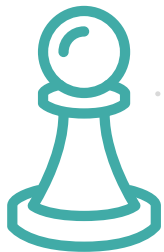
The achievements of Academy Prep's graduating classes have been nothing short of amazing. After graduation, our students are joining the ranks of prestigious college preparatory high schools that set them up to be able to pursue their dreams at some of the most elite colleges all across the nation.



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



50 unique enrichment classes offered including drama, ballroom dance, robotics, gardening, sewing, band, sculpture and cooking.



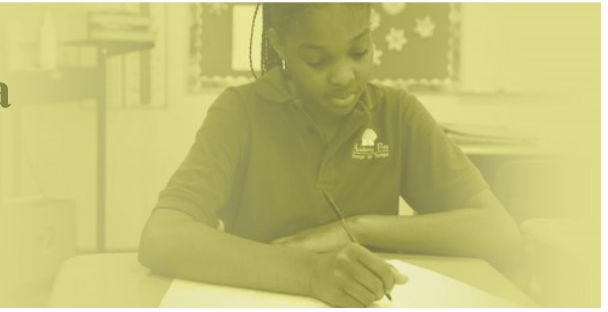
Weekly chess class is required for all students, where learners develop skills in concentration, critical thinking, abstract reasoning, problem solving, pattern recognition, and strategic planning.

At the core of our school's promise is the intensive, college prep academic program. But to be successful, students must also be involved in a wide range of other activities that focus on building personal skills and talents. Through our Enrichment Program, students gain the self confidence, self reliance, and personal identity that, coupled with their academic skills, motivate them to apply to private and boarding high schools and give them the confidence to be successful.

Academy Prep prepares children to succeed. Every element of the Academy Prep experience is focused on this principle. Since the results of the past 17 years demonstrate that hard work, personal responsibility, and education are the keys to breaking the cycle of poverty for Academy Prep's students and their families, the school makes a promise to create those unique opportunities for learning that transform lives and build strong character. The Academy Prep promise is the framework on which students realize their dreams. Students understand that if they commit to working hard and maintaining high scholastic and social achievement, Academy Prep will help them develop those personal qualities that enable them to successfully attend an outstanding prep school and college. This promise is central to our mission.

Academy Prep Center of Tampa

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The Board of Trustees brings a diverse range of knowledge and experience to the task of governing Academy Prep Center of Tampa and maintaining the success of our mission. These Trustees have extensive experience in the worlds of education, business, law, government, marketing, and nonprofit management.

Academy Prep Center of Tampa is thankful for such an active and passionate Board that believes in its mission.

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Graduate Support Services

Graduate Support Services (GSS) supports Academy Prep students through high school and college as they become leaders and break the cycle of poverty into which they were born. The objectives are established while students are in middle school and include emphasizing positive life choices, a college-going culture, and the development of life goals while ensuring that students master academic and enrichment courses at the highest levels.

Prior to graduating from Academy Prep, students are matched with private preparatory, boarding, and advanced public high schools. GSS monitors their progress throughout their high school and college enrollments.

Highlights of Graduate Support Services

- **High school and college preparation courses and counseling** to help students and families effectively transition to high school and post-secondary institutions; includes preparation for entrance testing, admissions, financial aid, course selection and study skills.
- **Consistent guidance in developing an education plan** including continuous contact with graduates and their families. Immediate and personal intervention is provided for students with specific difficulties.
- **Alumni network** that expands opportunities, such as required community service and extracurricular involvement, pre-college summer camps and training opportunities, employment and internship referrals, and social gatherings and celebrations.

Preparation for the Future

Graduate Support helps develop educated adults, who in turn will have a positive social and economic impact on our communities. With Academy Prep's 16 years of academic training combined with life-skills preparation, our graduates are equipped to fulfill their adult roles as community leaders.

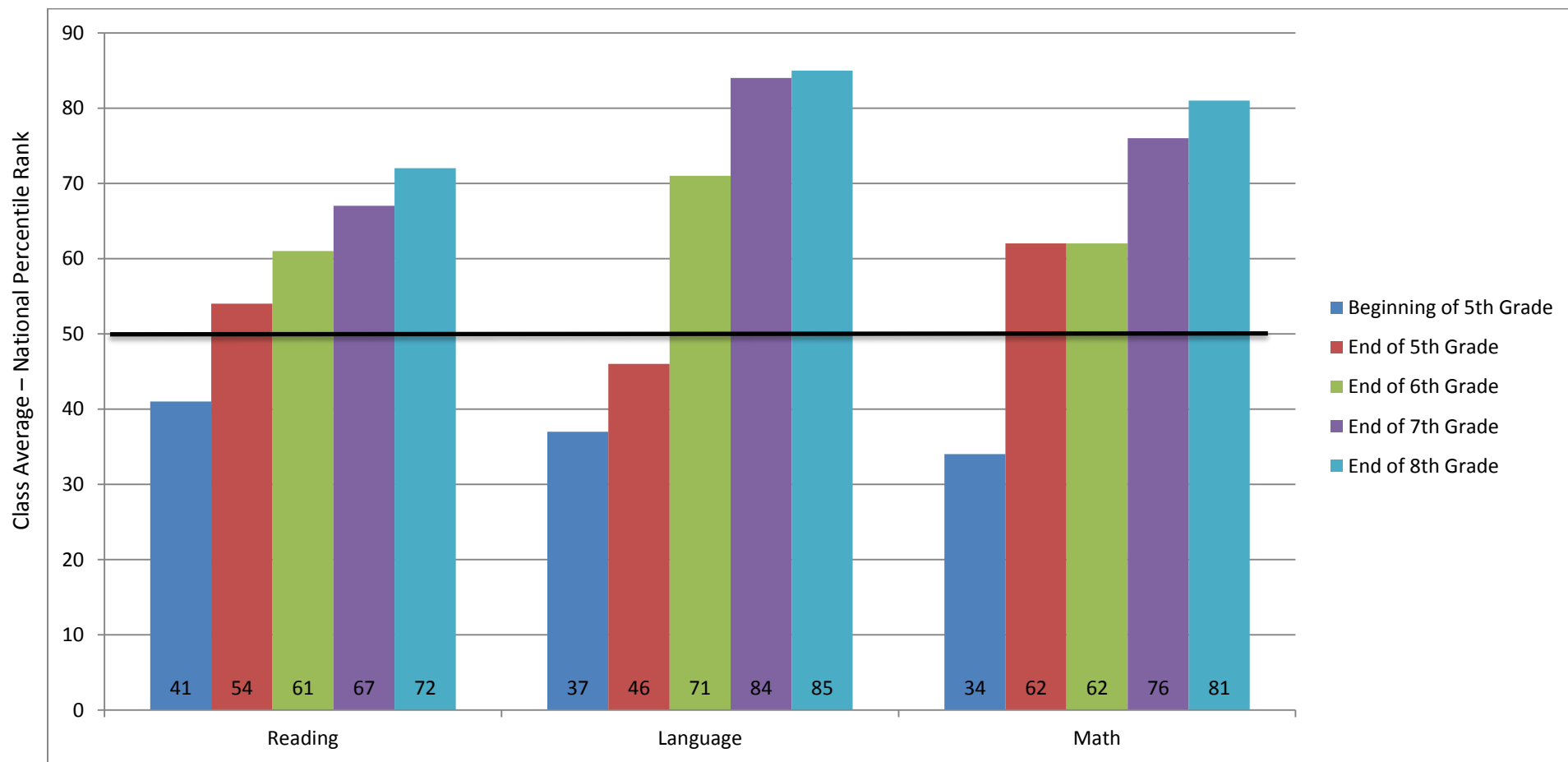


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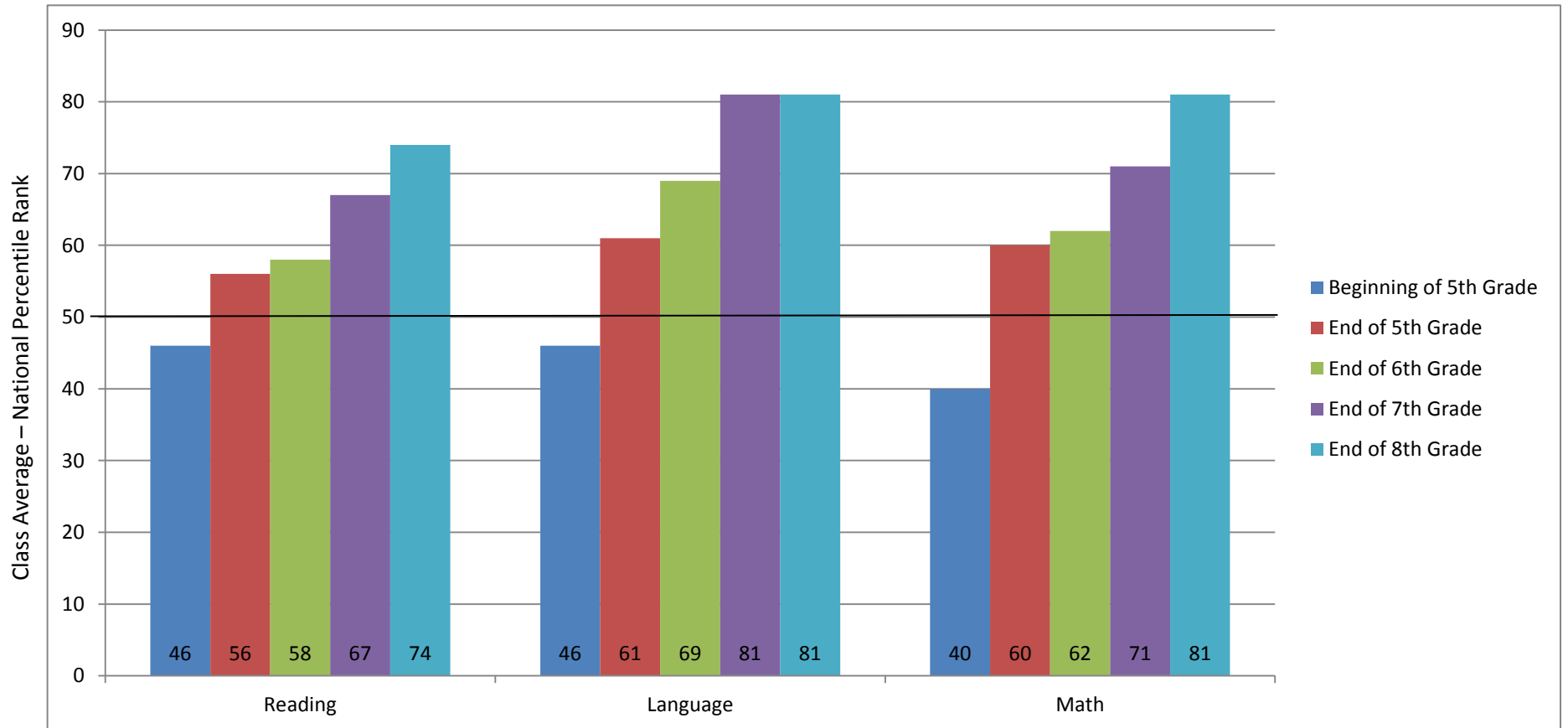
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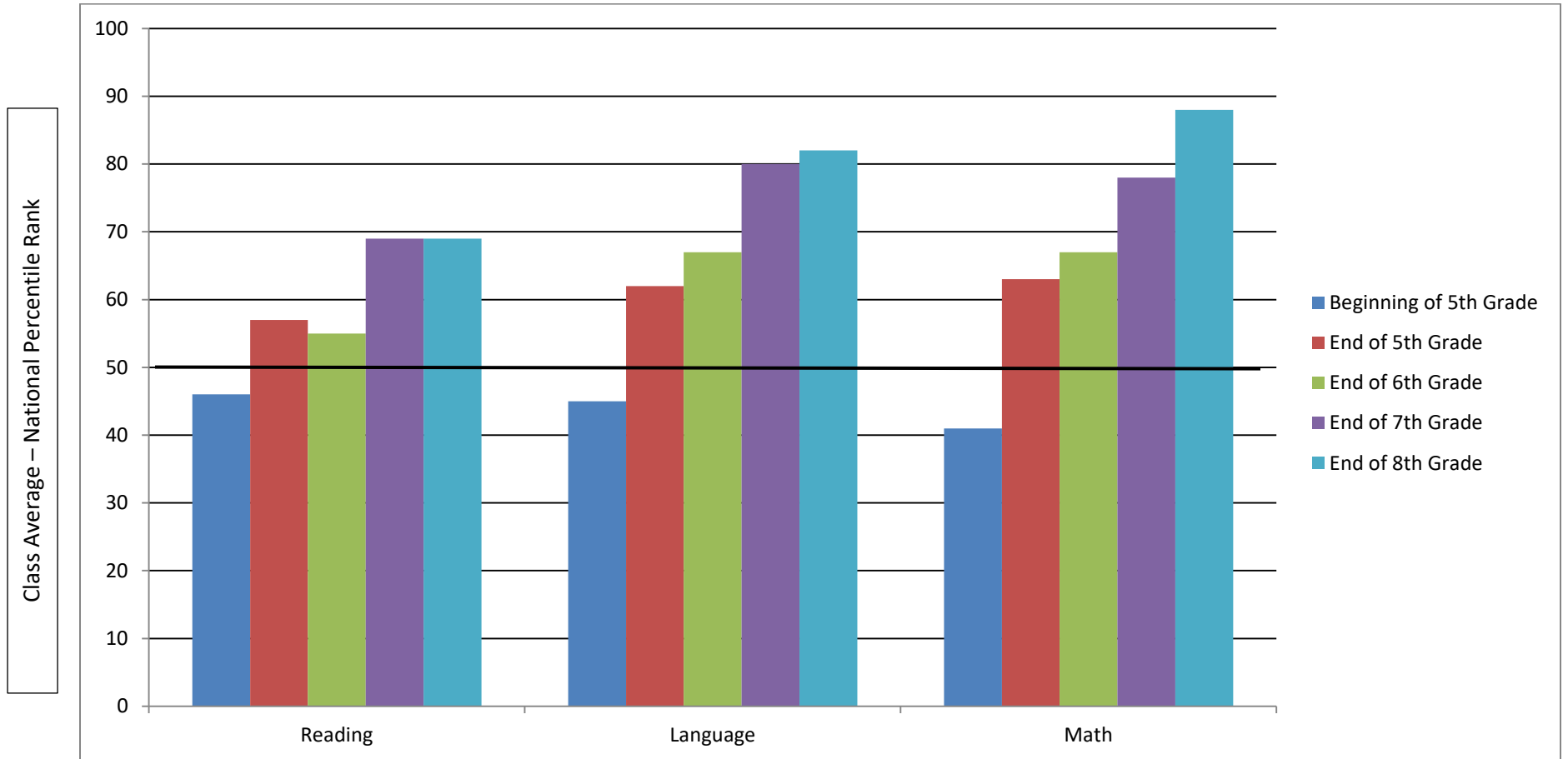
Academy Prep Center of Tampa
Class of 2018
National Test Scores through 4 Years



Academy Prep Center of Tampa
Class of 2019
National Test Scores through 4 Years



Academy Prep Center of Tampa
Class of 2020
National Test Scores Through 4 Years



*50% considered on grade level

2019
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2020

IMPACT

REPORT

OVER \$2.4 MILLION

raised in 2019-2020 by individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations in support of our students!

APT CLASS OF 2020

by the numbers*



93% graduated
at or ABOVE
grade level in
reading

96% graduated
ABOVE grade
level in math



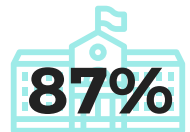
ACADEMY PREP GRADUATES

by the numbers



99% high school
graduation rate

87% attend
college



7% serve in the
military

Academy Prep has prepared us to be independent while asking for help when you need it. It also taught us how to work hard for what you really want and to be determined. Academy Prep has done an amazing job at preparing me for the future, and the lessons I have learned will stick with me forever.

-Reginalda Joseph,
APT Class of 2020,
Deerfield Academy (MA)
Class of 2024

*These percentages represent the growth the graduating 8th graders experienced in math and reading on the IOWA Assessments over 3 to 4 years at Academy Prep. Most entered 5th or 6th grade at or below grade level in math and reading. Congratulations Class of 2020 on all of your hard work!

