

# Future Forward Ohio: 2023-24 Academic Supports



**Informational Webinar – July 25, 2023**

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Future Forward Ohio Update
- Overview of New Programs
- Accelerating Learning in Mathematics
- State-Funded High-Dosage Tutoring
- Timeline and Next Steps



# FUTURE FORWARD OHIO

Partnering to Advance  
Student Success

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## Guiding Principles

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We believe in **our students**

We believe the **time is now**

We believe in **partnership**

We believe in **learning and adapting**

# Three Strategies



Overcoming Obstacles to Learning

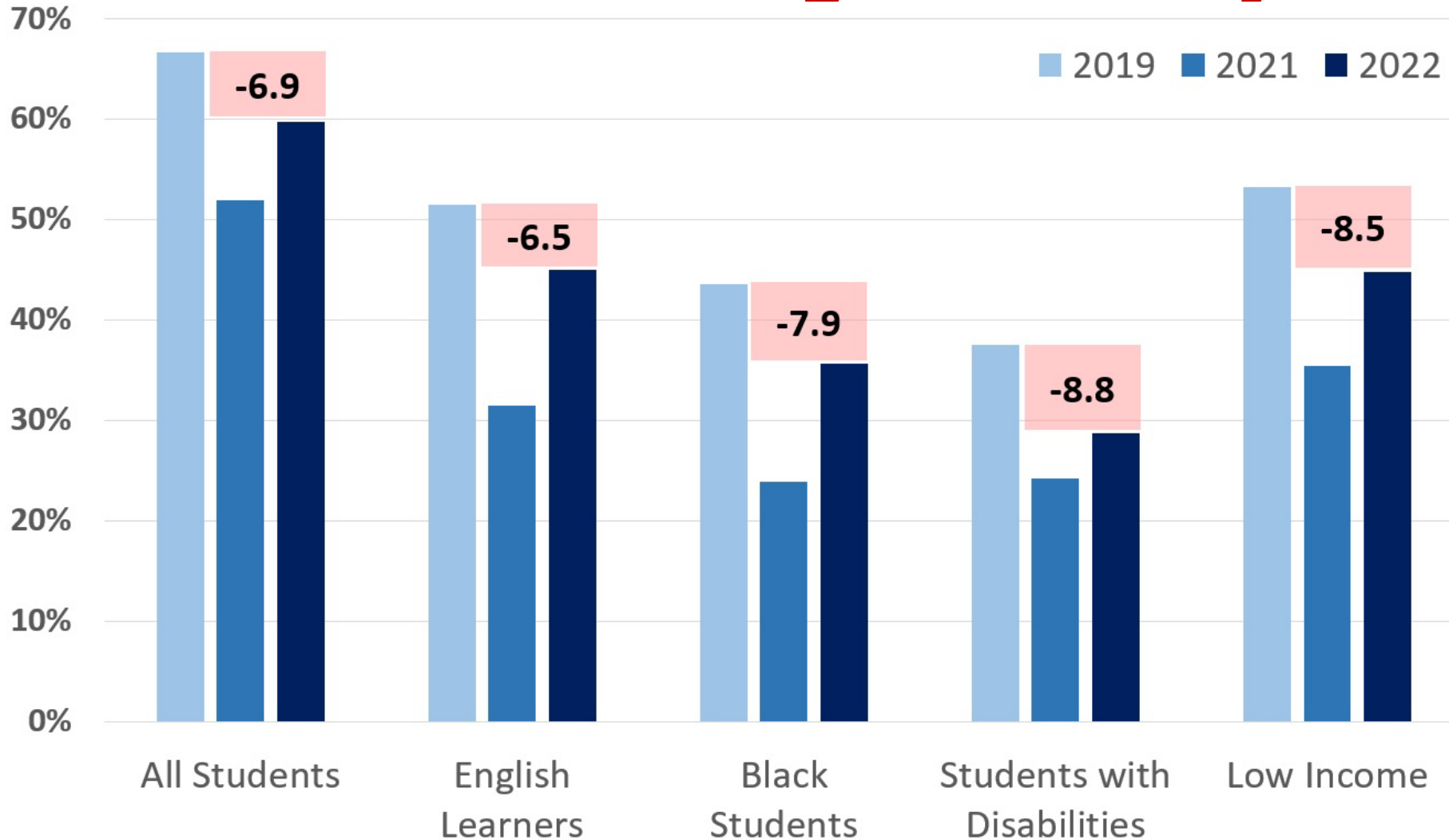


Accelerating Learning (Literacy & Mathematics)

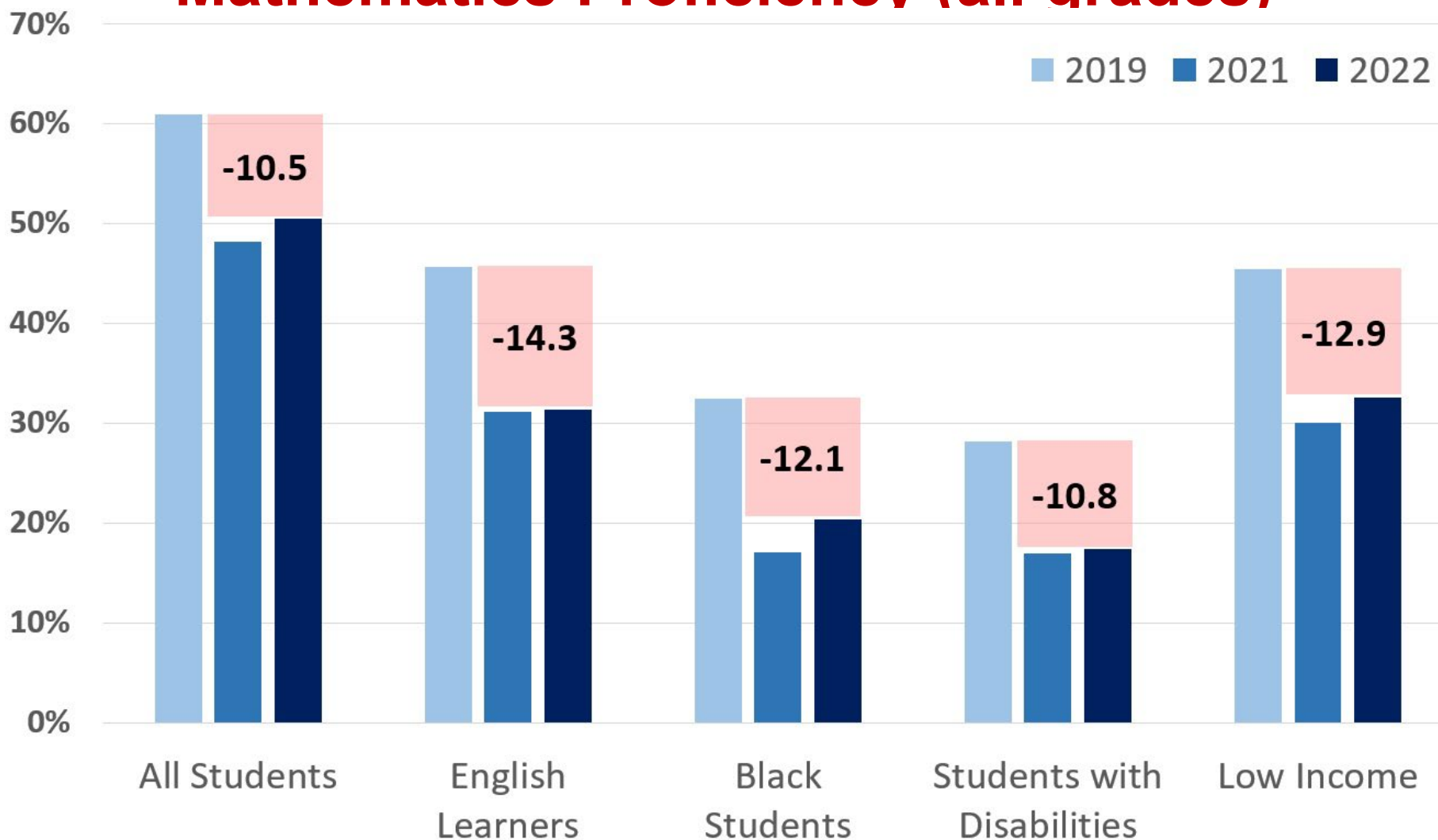


Preparing Students for Future Success

# Why We Must Act Now: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Proficiency



# Why We Must Act Now: Mathematics Proficiency (all grades)



# 2023-2024 Future Forward Ohio Supports

Ohio has made significant investments in research-supported strategies for the upcoming academic year:

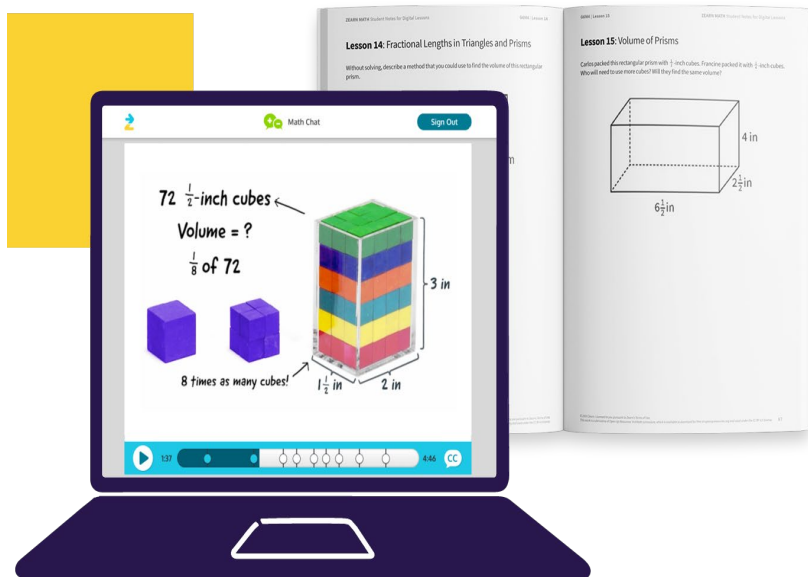
- Zearn Math Ohio
- State-funded High-Dosage Tutoring



# Accelerating Learning in Mathematics

- Online differentiated learning opportunity to accelerate math learning for middle school students.
- All Ohio districts and schools serving students in grades 6-8 will have access to Zearn Math at no cost from January 2024 to June 2025.

# Accelerating Learning in Mathematics (continued)



- Zearn Math offers access to a full K-8 math library of more than 1,000 digital lessons.
- All digital math lessons help students access grade-level math learning with built-in, differentiated support.
- Zearn Math is a top-rated math learning platform to help all students catch up and move forward in math.

# Next Steps & Timing

- Visit the [About Zearn web page](#) to learn more and access informational resources about Zearn
- Informational webinars hosted by the ODE and Zearn team in September and October
- Opt-in process for districts and schools will open in September
- Access Zearn Math at no cost from January 2024 through June 2025

# State-funded High-Dosage Tutoring Programs

# What is High-Dosage Tutoring?

**Frequency  
and group  
size**

**Aligned  
instruction  
and materials**

**Quality  
tutors**

**Delivery  
mode**

**Scheduling**

**Utilizing  
data**

# State-Funded High-Dosage Tutoring

- The General Assembly recently directed \$26.1 million in Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding to support the implementation of high-dosage tutoring programs in Ohio districts and schools.
- The tutoring programs will be offered by providers on the [High-Quality Tutoring Provider \(HQTP\) Vendor Directory](#) and funded through the Department. Tutoring programs will be offered at no direct cost to participating districts or schools.

# Key Components of High-Quality Tutoring

All vendors listed in this directory responded to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) indicating that they provide a comprehensive tutoring program that includes the six “Key Components of High-Quality Tutoring,” including:

- Use of instructional materials aligned to Ohio’s Learning Standards;
- Instruction aligned with research on effective teaching and learning;
- Integration of high-dosage tutoring practices;
- Use of data-driven instruction;
- Hire and train quality tutors; and
- Demonstrated effectiveness.

# Current Eligible Vendors

- [Amplify](#)
- [Book Nook](#)
- [Catapult Learning West](#)
- [Cognition](#)
- [Huntington Learning Centers](#)
- [Varsity Tutors](#)



# Participation Criteria

1. Use a provider on the High-Quality Tutoring Provider Vendor Directory
2. Assign a staff member to serve as a liaison between the selected vendor and oversee program implementation
3. Tutoring during the school day preferred
4. Align to guidelines for recommended dosage by selected vendor (high-dosage tutoring practices)
5. Use student data to identify and prioritize student participation
  - Participate in general research and evaluation activities

# Considerations

- Demonstrated need supported by data
- Connection to current local initiatives and broader systems of support
- Capacity to implement a high-dosage model selected

# Timeline and Next Steps

- Informational Webinars: July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>
- Learn about tutoring providers
  - Provider information available on HQTP webpage
  - Provider informational webinars
- Request to Participate: open Aug. 7-15
- Tutoring start date: Oct. 1, 2023
- Tutoring available through Sept. 30, 2024

# Prioritization

- Districts, community schools and chartered nonpublic schools are eligible
- Priority for students most impacted by the pandemic

# Incentive Funds

- Ohio was one of only five states awarded a grant by Accelerate, a national nonprofit, to drive continued student recovery from the pandemic through evidence-based tutoring models.
- Districts and Schools implementing literacy tutoring programs will be eligible for incentive funding to support high-fidelity implementation of tutoring programs.
- More information coming soon

# Questions

**Questions about Zearn?**

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**Questions about State-Funded High-Dosage Tutoring?**

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