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The Lincoln Academy Demonstrates Continued Academic Growth in 2025-26 Forward Exam Results

BELOIT, Wis. - The Lincoln Academy (TLA) continues to demonstrate academic progress, with 2025-26 Wisconsin Forward Exam results highlighting progress in narrowing achievement gaps, increased proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics, and stronger advanced performance.

Among the most notable results is TLA's progress in narrowing achievement gaps and increasing proficiency among Black and Hispanic scholars. In ELA, 51% of TLA's Black scholars met or exceeded expectations, compared to 19.7% statewide. In mathematics, 44.5% of TLA's Black scholars met or exceeded expectations, compared to 15% statewide.

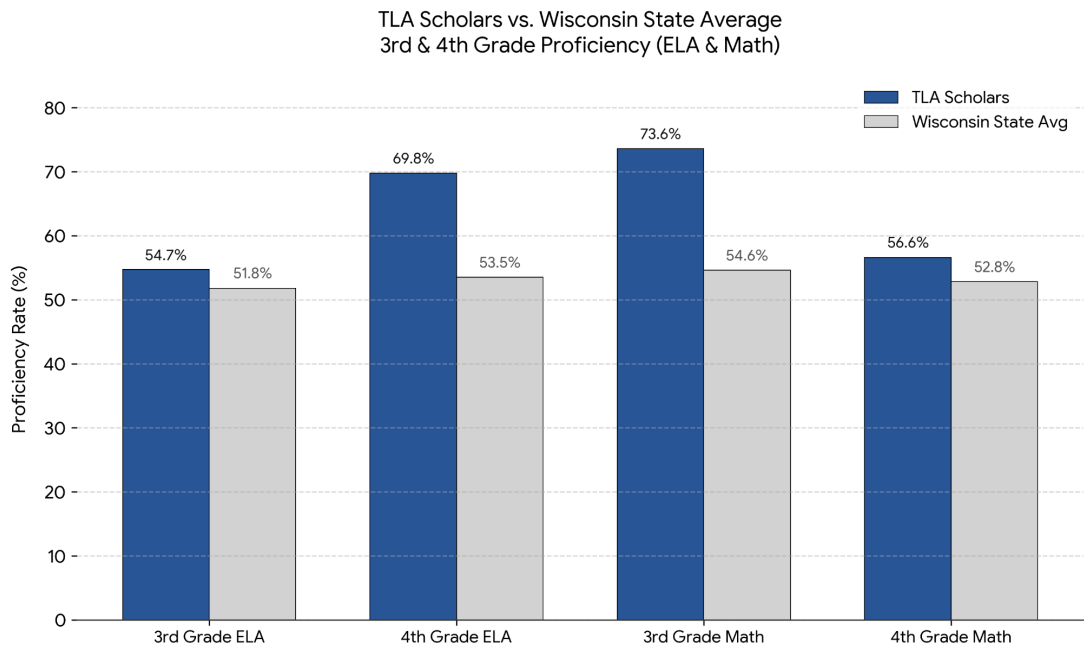
Hispanic scholars also demonstrated growth in both subjects. In ELA, 41.9% of TLA's Hispanic scholars met or exceeded expectations, compared to 34.4% statewide. In mathematics, 37.6% of TLA's Hispanic scholars met or exceeded expectations, compared to 31.8% statewide.

"At The Lincoln Academy, we believe that every scholar deserves access to an excellent education, regardless of their background or ZIP code," stated Chief Education Officer Dr. Kristi Cole. "While statewide results continue to reveal significant disparities in academic achievement, our scholars are demonstrating what is possible when educational opportunity is available to all."

TLA's commitment to providing a high-quality education for all scholars, regardless of economic circumstances, is also reflected in the results. Among economically disadvantaged scholars, 41% met or exceeded expectations in ELA, compared to 35% statewide. In mathematics, 40% met or exceeded expectations, compared to 34% statewide. Together, these results reflect TLA's continued focus on expanding educational opportunities and supporting academic success for every scholar.

Overall, 49.7% of TLA scholars met or exceeded expectations in ELA, a 5.5-percentage-point increase from the previous year. Mathematics proficiency rose 1.9 percentage points to 48%. Even among scholars in the highest performance category, Advanced, TLA saw growth of 4.6 percentage points in ELA and 2.4 percentage points in mathematics.

In particular, TLA’s third- and fourth-grade scholars exceeded statewide proficiency rates in both ELA and mathematics, with especially strong results in third-grade mathematics and fourth-grade ELA, as highlighted below.



“These results reflect the hard work of our scholars, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our families,” said Dr. Cole. “While we recognize there is always more work to be done, we are encouraged by the progress we’re seeing and remain committed to preparing every scholar for happy, choice-filled lives.”

About The Lincoln Academy

The Lincoln Academy (TLA) is an innovative K4–12 public charter school in Beloit, Wisconsin, chartered through the University of Wisconsin System’s Office of Educational Opportunities. Since 2021, TLA has provided a free, high-quality education for Wisconsin families. Learn more at www.thelincolnacadeymbeloit.com.