Maryland Public Schools

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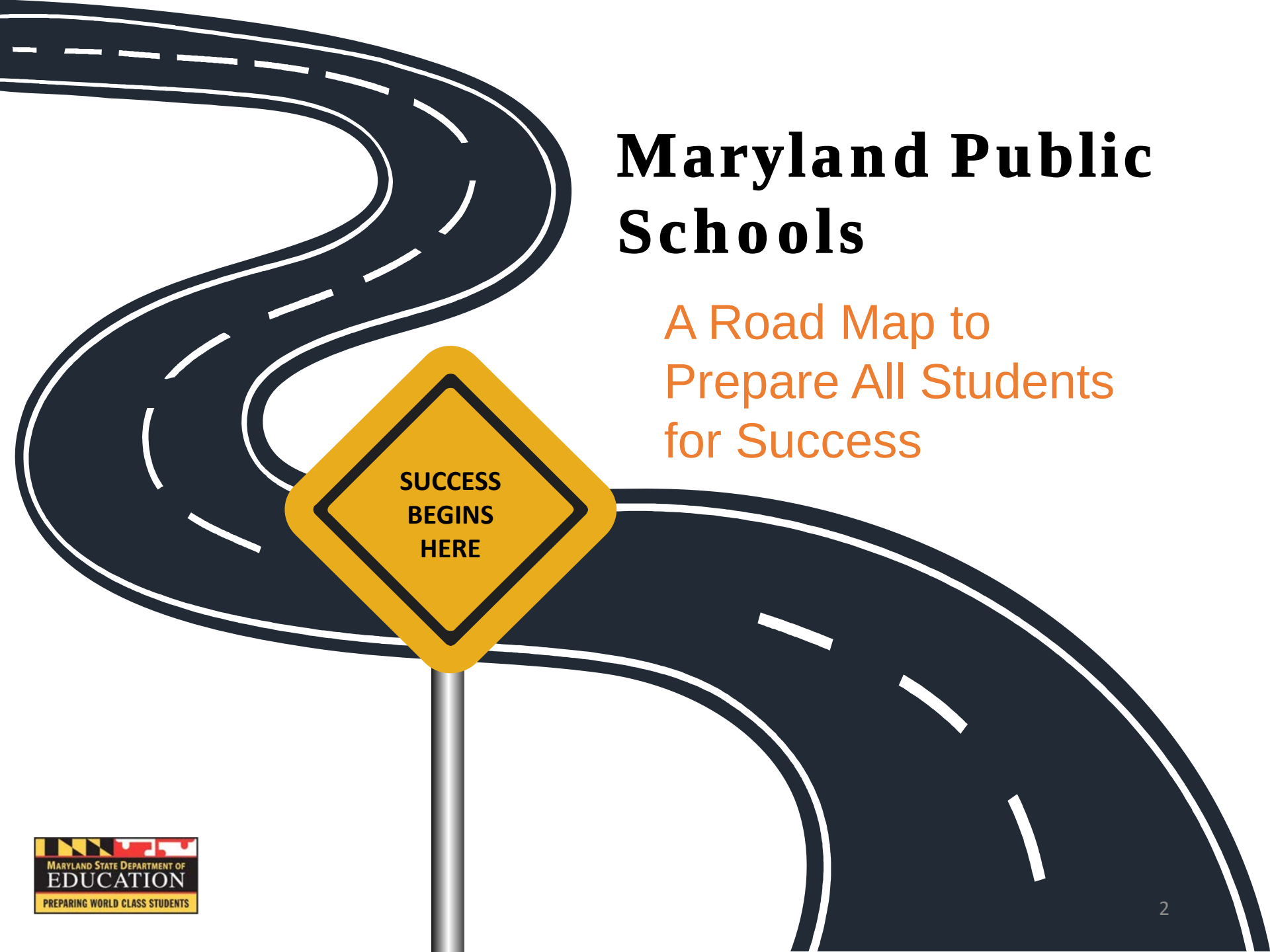
A Road Map to Prepare All Students for Success



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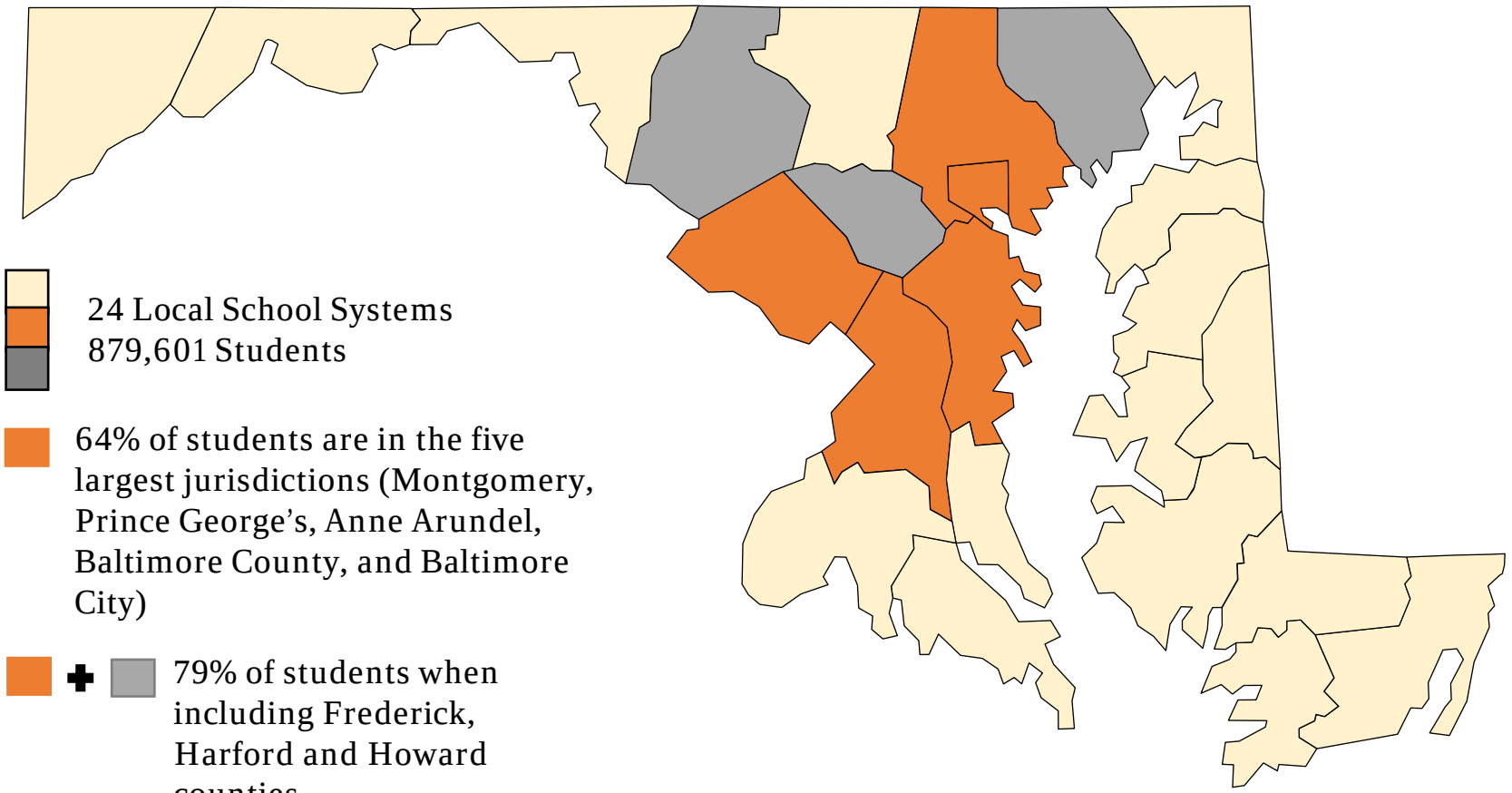
Maryland Public Schools At A Glance

Student Enrollment



24 Local School Systems
879,601 Students

64% of students are in the five largest jurisdictions (Montgomery, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, and Baltimore City)

79% of students when including Frederick, Harford and Howard counties

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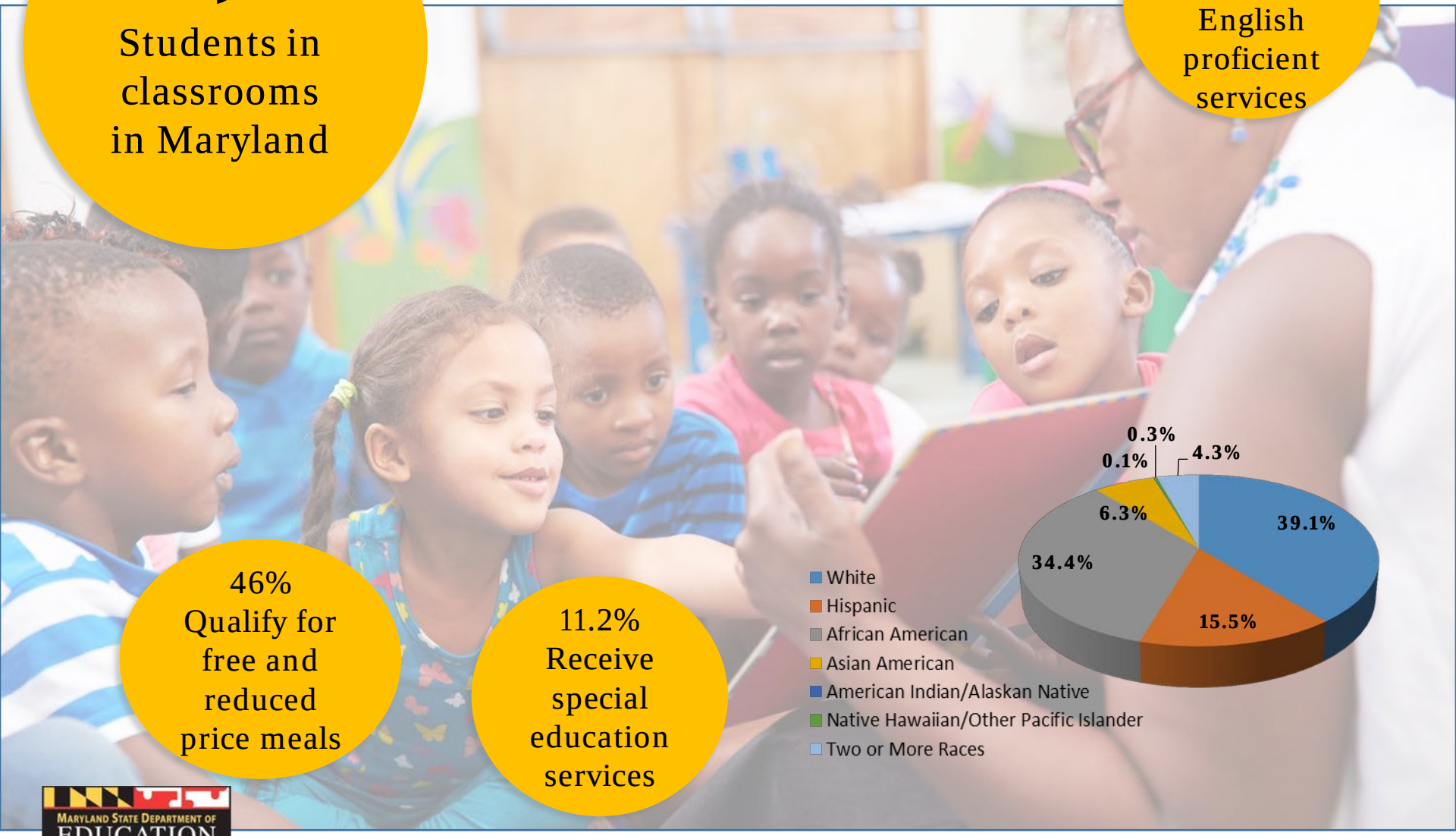
2015-2016

879,601
Students in classrooms in Maryland

7.4% Receive limited English proficient services



46% Qualify for free and reduced price meals

11.2% Receive special education services

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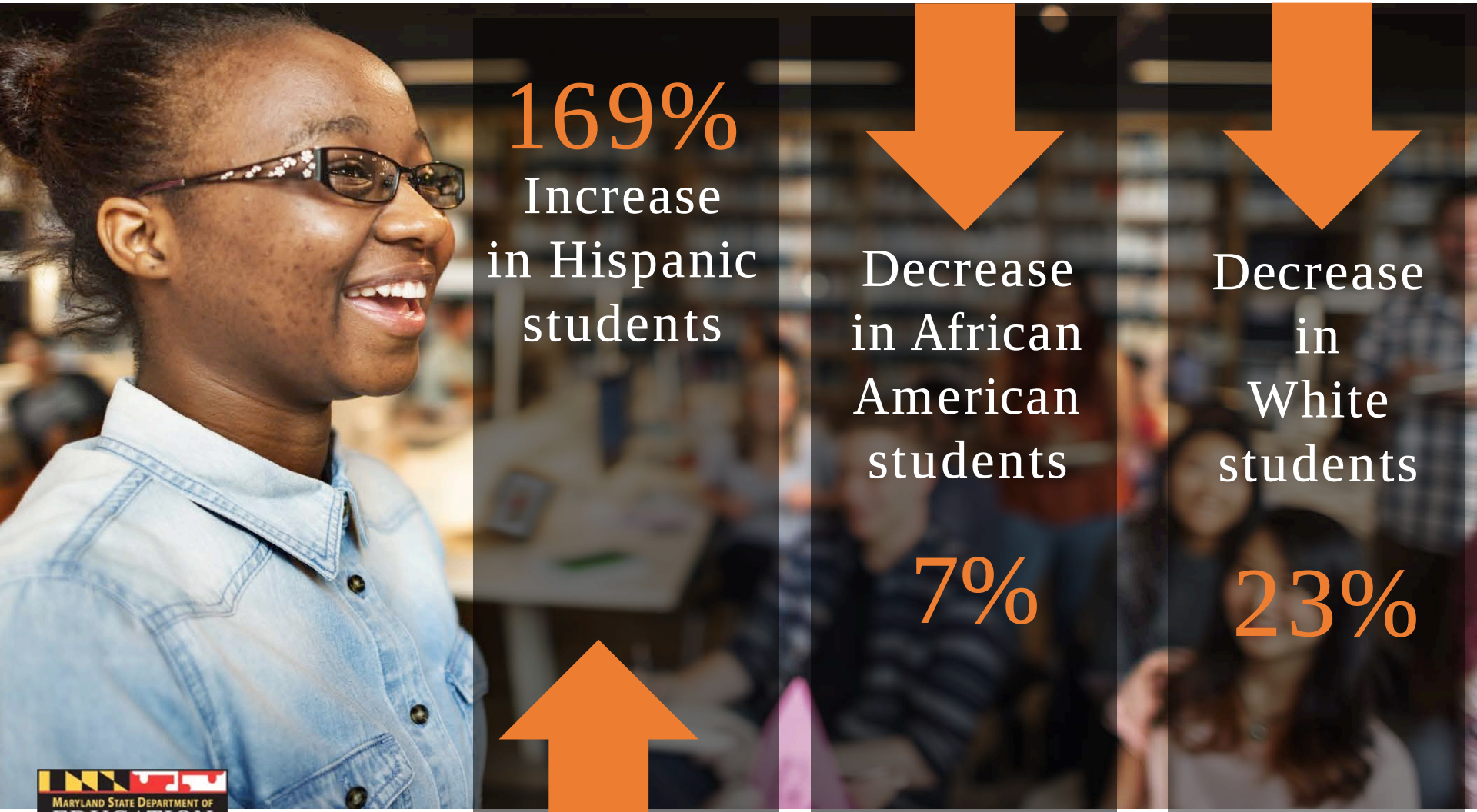
Changes in **Student Diversity**

Compared to 2002...



169%
Increase in Hispanic students

Decrease in African American students

7%

Decrease in White students

23%

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Changes in **Student Needs**

Compared to 2002...

More Maryland Public Schools students are economically disadvantaged

(45%)

More Maryland students have limited English skills

(136%)

More native languages spoken by Maryland Children

(9%)

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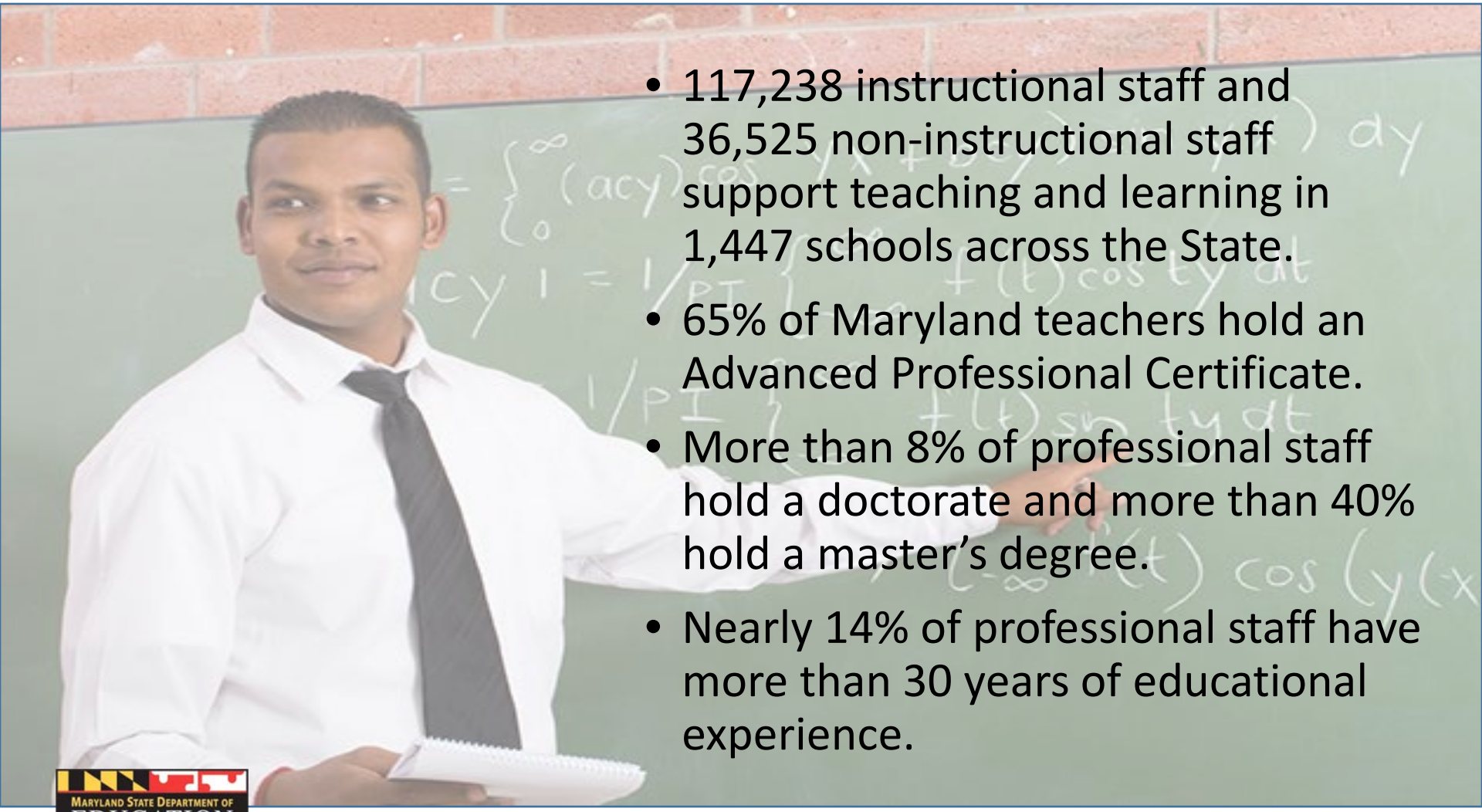
School Staff



- 117,238 instructional staff and 36,525 non-instructional staff support teaching and learning in 1,447 schools across the State.
- 65% of Maryland teachers hold an Advanced Professional Certificate.
- More than 8% of professional staff hold a doctorate and more than 40% hold a master's degree.
- Nearly 14% of professional staff have more than 30 years of educational experience.

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Early Childhood

Start Early

45%

Increase in public prekindergarten students since 2002

All students must enter kindergarten ready to learn.

- By 2008, public Pre-K is available to all economically disadvantaged four-year-olds
- By 2008, full-day kindergarten exists in all public schools
- Maryland EXCELS rating system in place to improve child care programs
- Federal and State Pre-K expansion funds increase access to high quality programs

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Multiple Pathways

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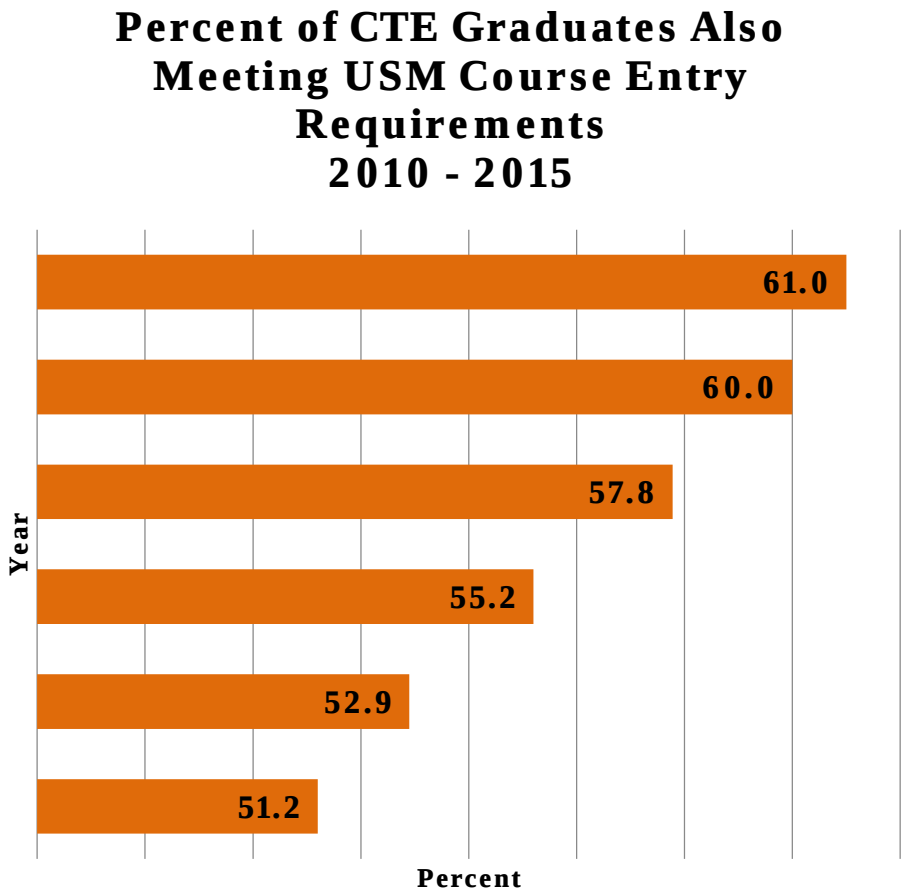
Career Technology Education

- Maryland CTE programs are designed to prepare high school students for the 21st Century's global economy and its rapidly changing workforce needs.
- All CTE programs are aligned to establish academic and technical skill standards to ensure student preparation for college and careers.



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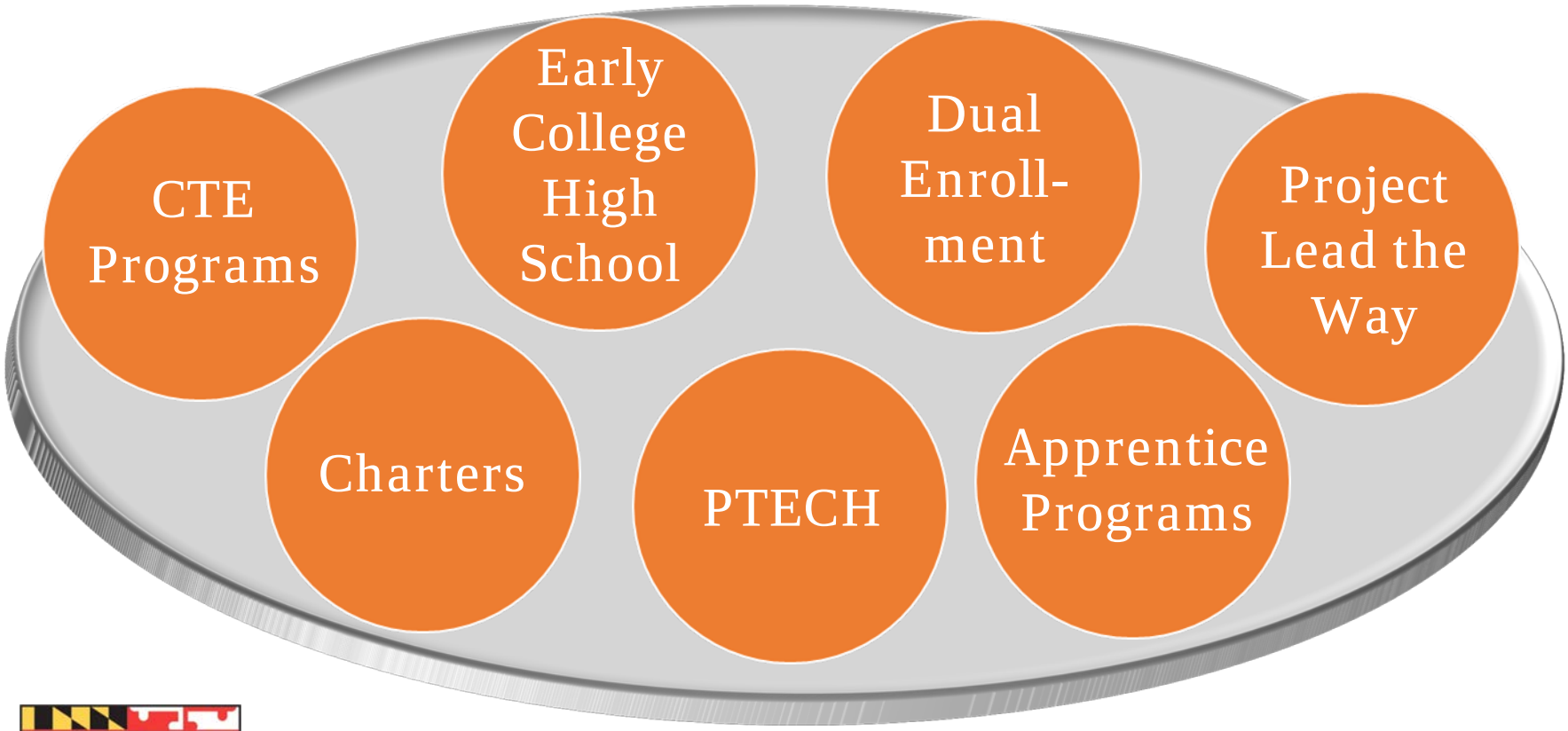
Innovative Opportunities



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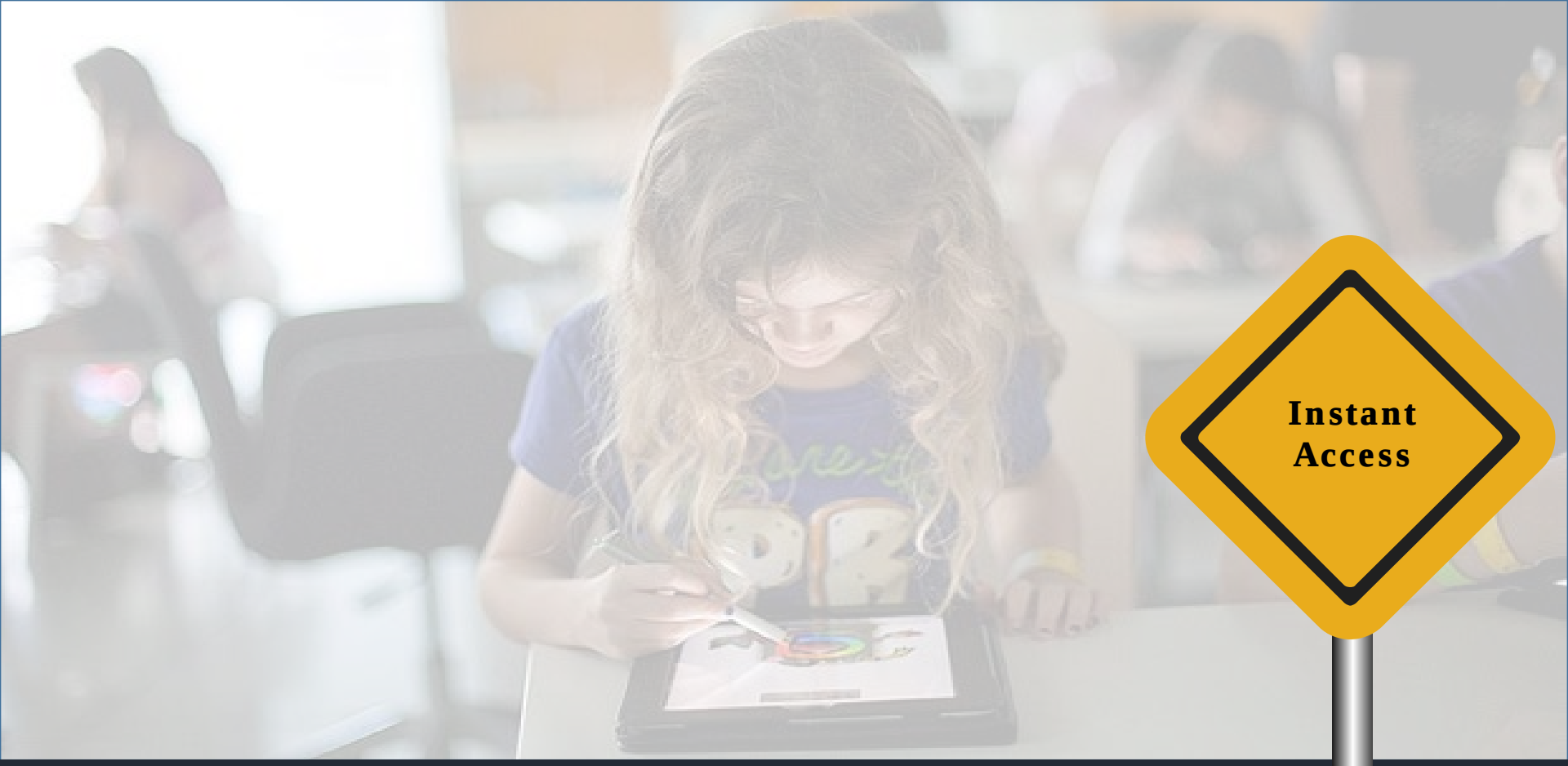

Technology

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Classrooms have changed from a focus on verbal and visual learning to multi-sensory, instant access learning environments. This change is necessary to prepare students to become effective citizens of the 21st century.

College and Career Ready Standards

Maryland Standards for Success

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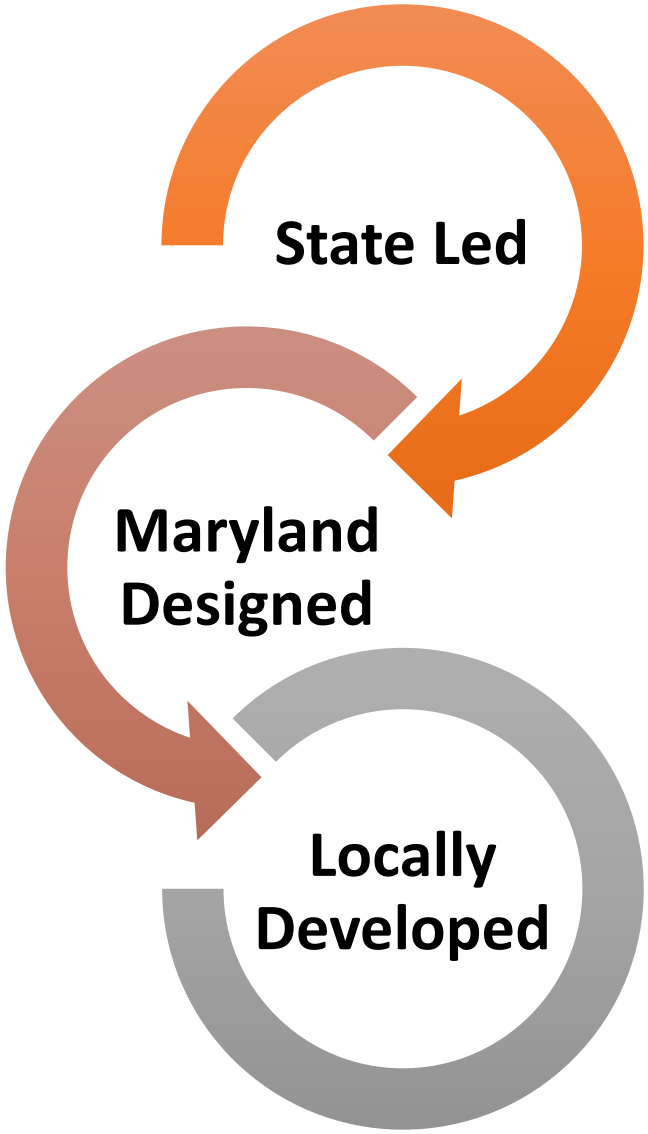
Standards to a Curriculum

- **2011 - Maryland College and Career Ready Standards are adopted**
- **2012 – Maryland teachers translate standards into curricular frameworks**
- **2013 - Standards are fully implemented in schools**



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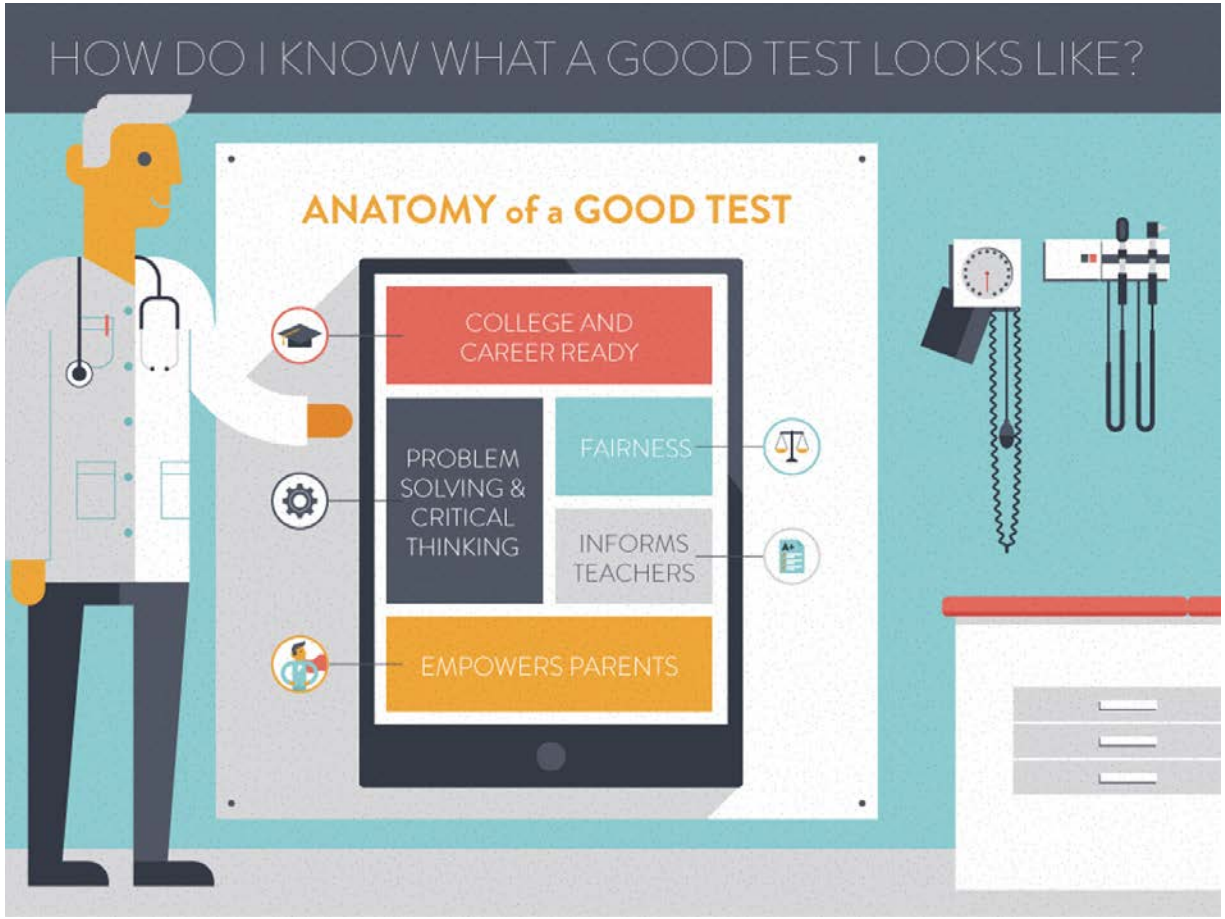
Assessments

A Good Assessment is Like a Good Check-up



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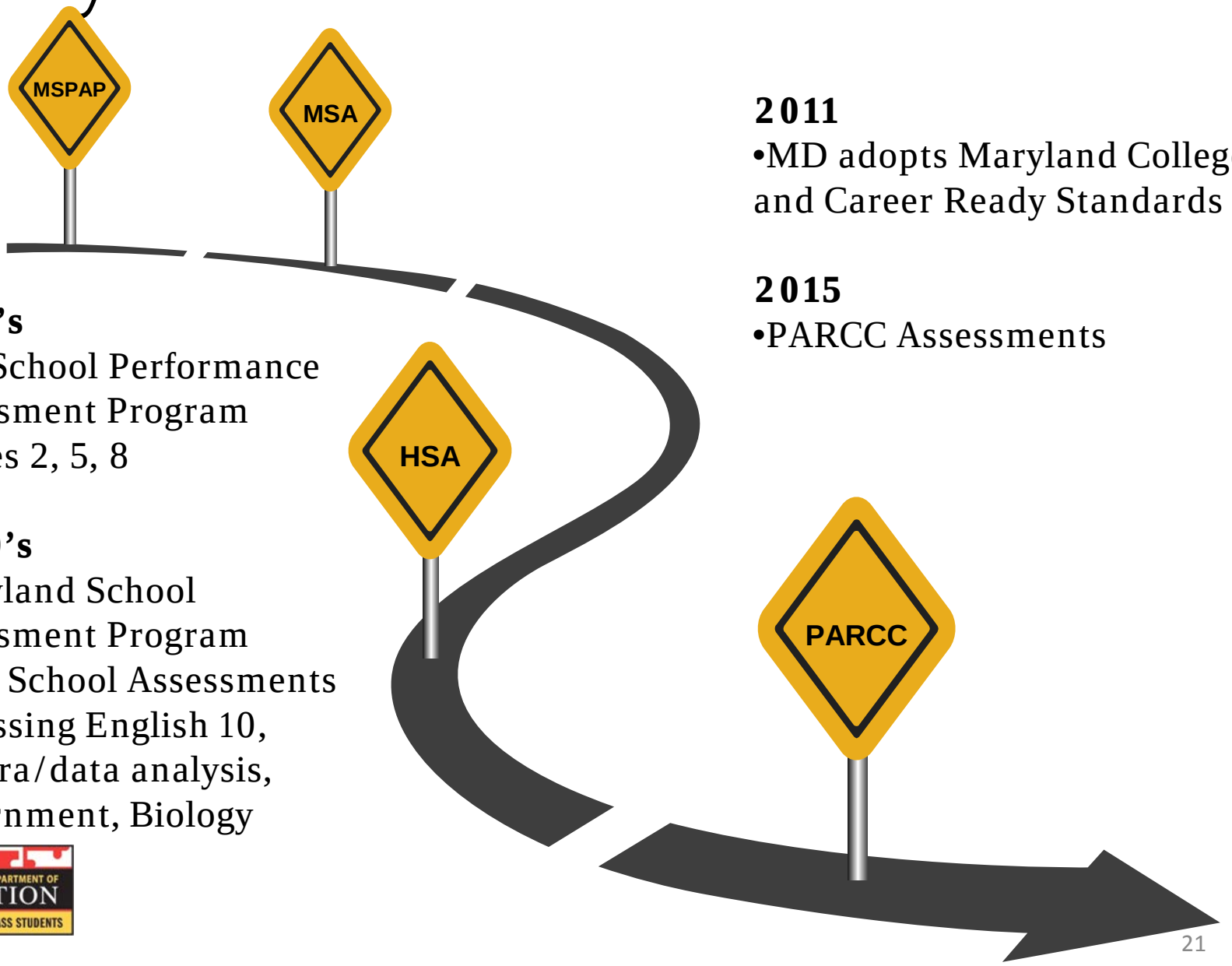
Maryland Assessment Timeline



1990's
- MD School Performance Assessment Program Grades 2, 5, 8

2000's
- Maryland School Assessment Program
- High School Assessments
- Assessing English 10, Algebra/data analysis, Government, Biology

2011
- MD adopts Maryland College and Career Ready Standards

2015
- PARCC Assessments

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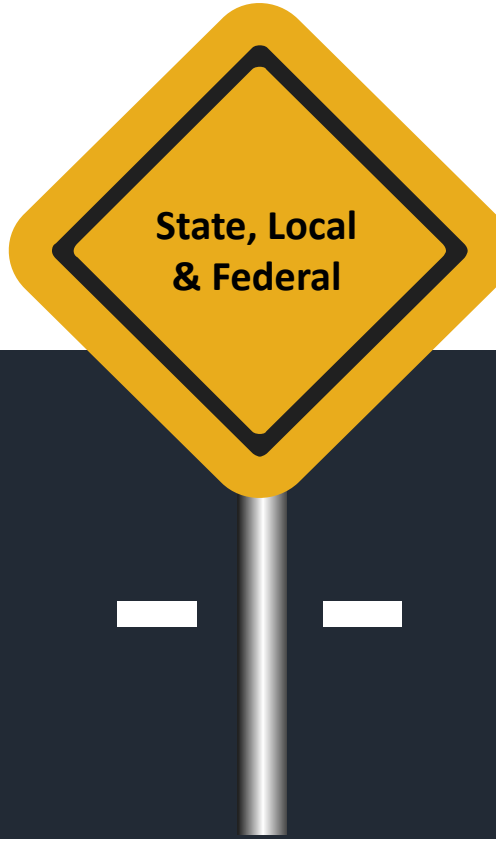
Accountability



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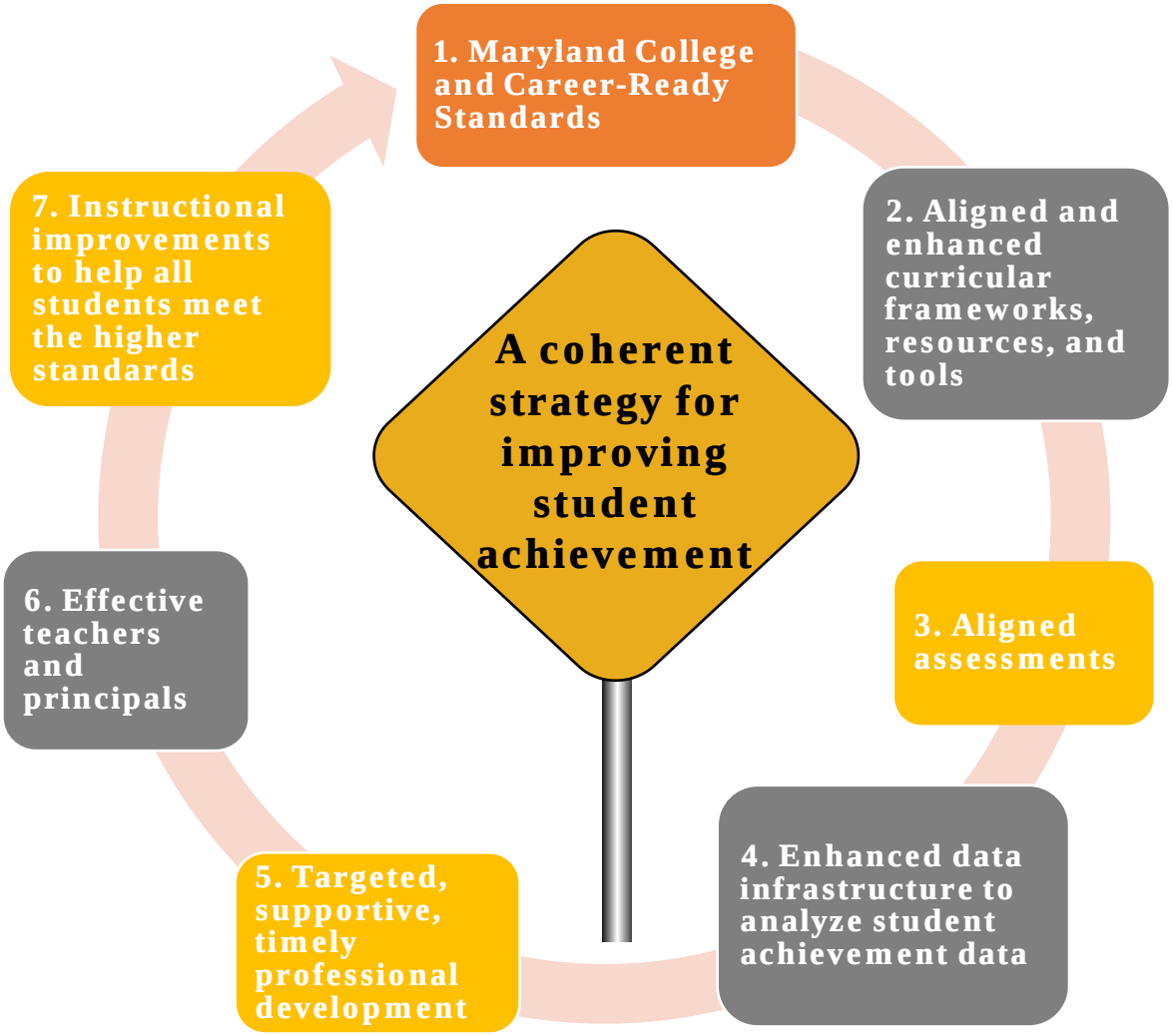

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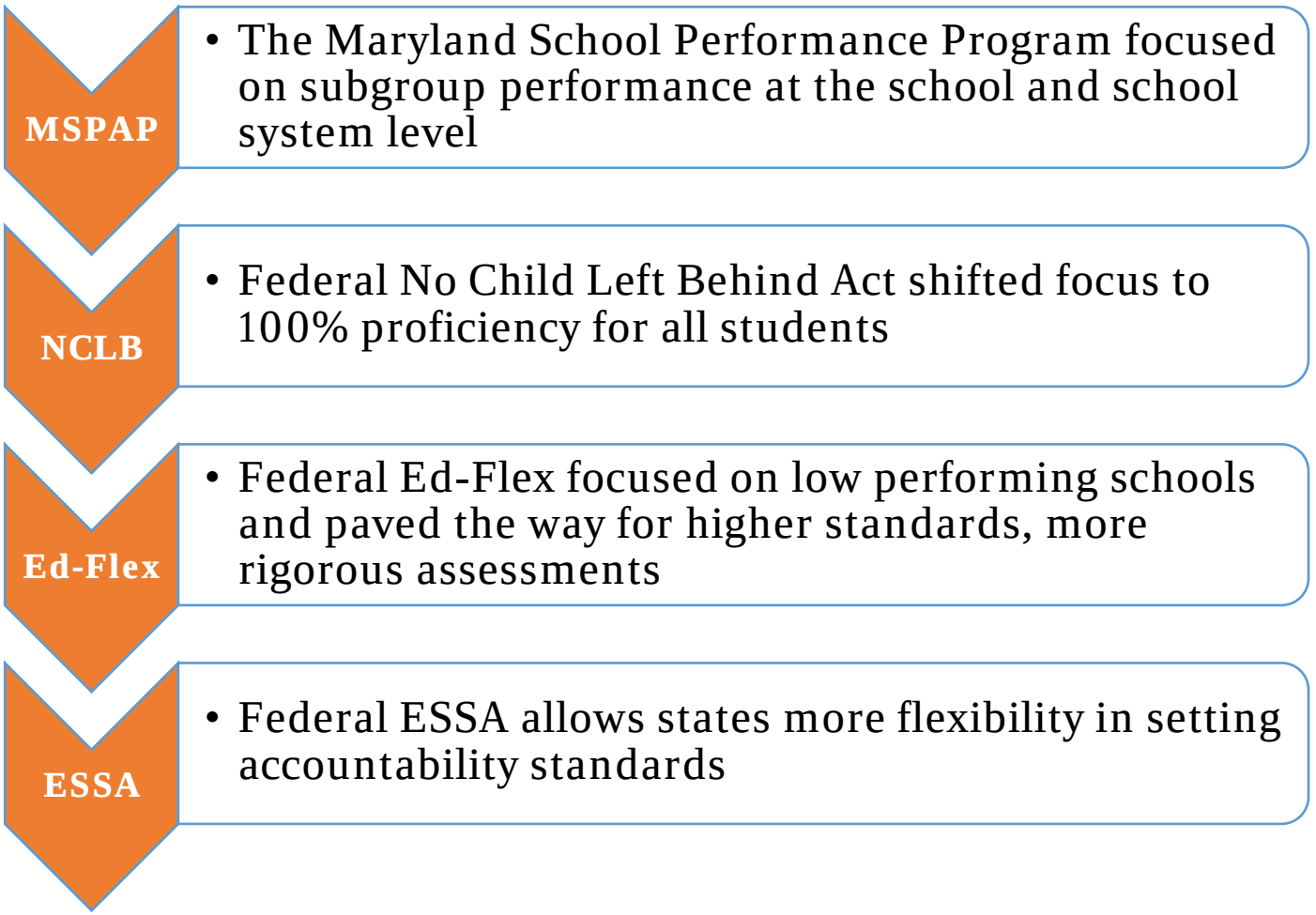
Changes since 2002



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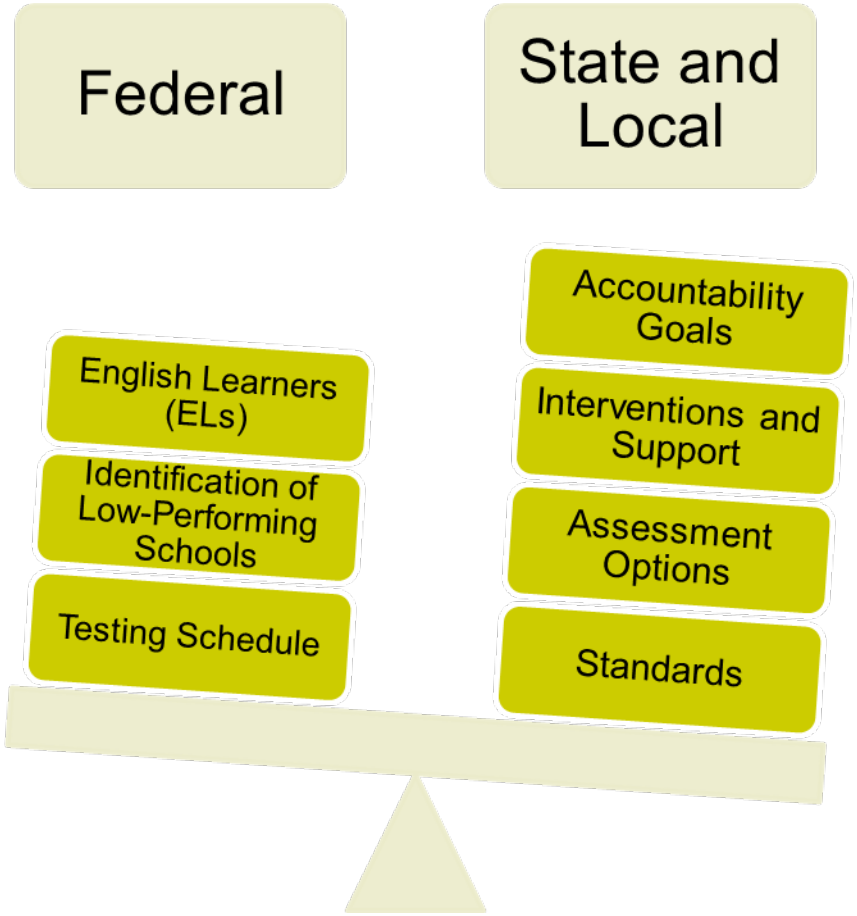
Every Student Succeeds Act



Moving Forward

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Preparing Students for the World that Awaits Them

- Graduation and Post Secondary Plans
  - Maryland's high school graduation rate reached an all-time high in 2015, with 87% of students graduating in 4 years.
  - As the graduation rate has improved, the statewide dropout rate hit new lows. The dropout rate has fallen from 12% five years ago to 8% in 2015.
  - The class of 2015 was offered $1.3 billion in scholarships.
  - More than ¾'s of the class of 2015 planned to attend college.

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- Measures of Success
  - The Maryland public school system has ranked in the top 4 in the nation over the past eight years by Education Week.
  - Maryland tops all other states with the highest percentage of nationally ranked public high schools.
  - Maryland students, for the past 10 years, have ranked #1 in the nation for success on the AP exams.
  - Maryland student scores on the ACT exam have reached a record high, even as more students in the State take the exam.

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It is our responsibility to ensure all children have the same opportunities to be successful.

To do this, all children will need equal access to:

- **Effective Schools**
- **Robust Curriculum**
- **High Quality Instruction**
- **Innovative Teachers**
- **Advanced Level Courses**
- **Technology**
- **Support Services**

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