

**Charter School  
Enrollment  
1996-97 --- 2000-01**

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# This Presentation

covers

historical charter school  
enrollment patterns for schools  
that opened from 1996-97  
through 2000-01

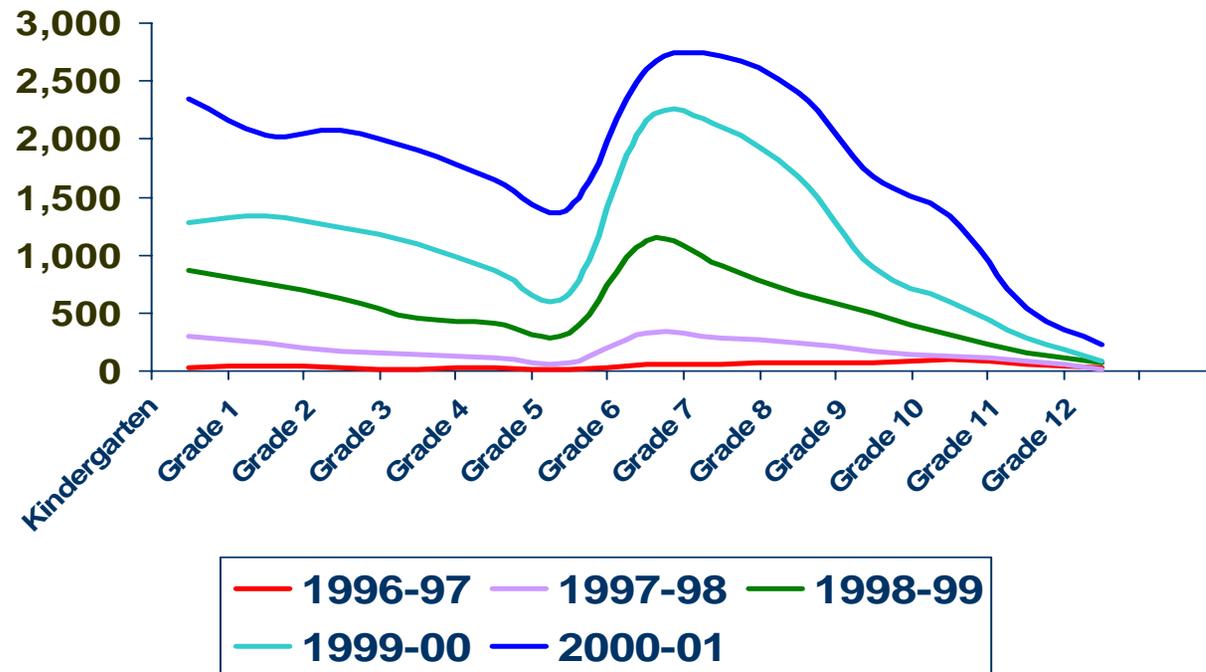
# This Presentation

excludes

conversion charter school students

pre-kindergarten students

# Enrollment By Grade Fall Membership



## Total Students

Almost 37,000 students  
have entered charter schools in  
grades K-12 during this period.

# Charter School Students may come from

Private  
School

Public  
Non-  
Charter  
School

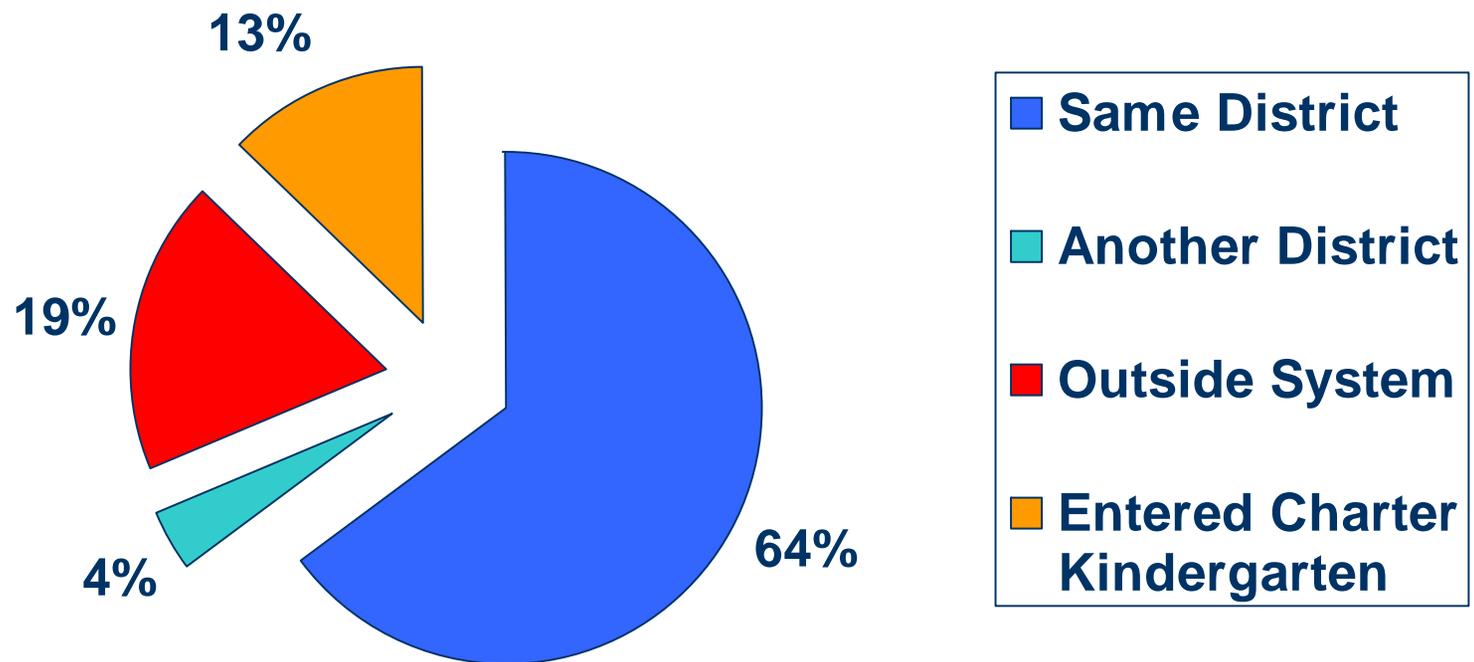


Home  
Schooling

Outside the  
State

Another  
Charter  
School

# Sources of Students



## From Outside The System

Students who come from

- ✓ Private schools
- ✓ Home schooling
- ✓ Outside the state

Are entering from outside the public school system

## From Within The System

Students who enter from

- ✓ within the same school district
- ✓ another school district

Are entering from within the public school system

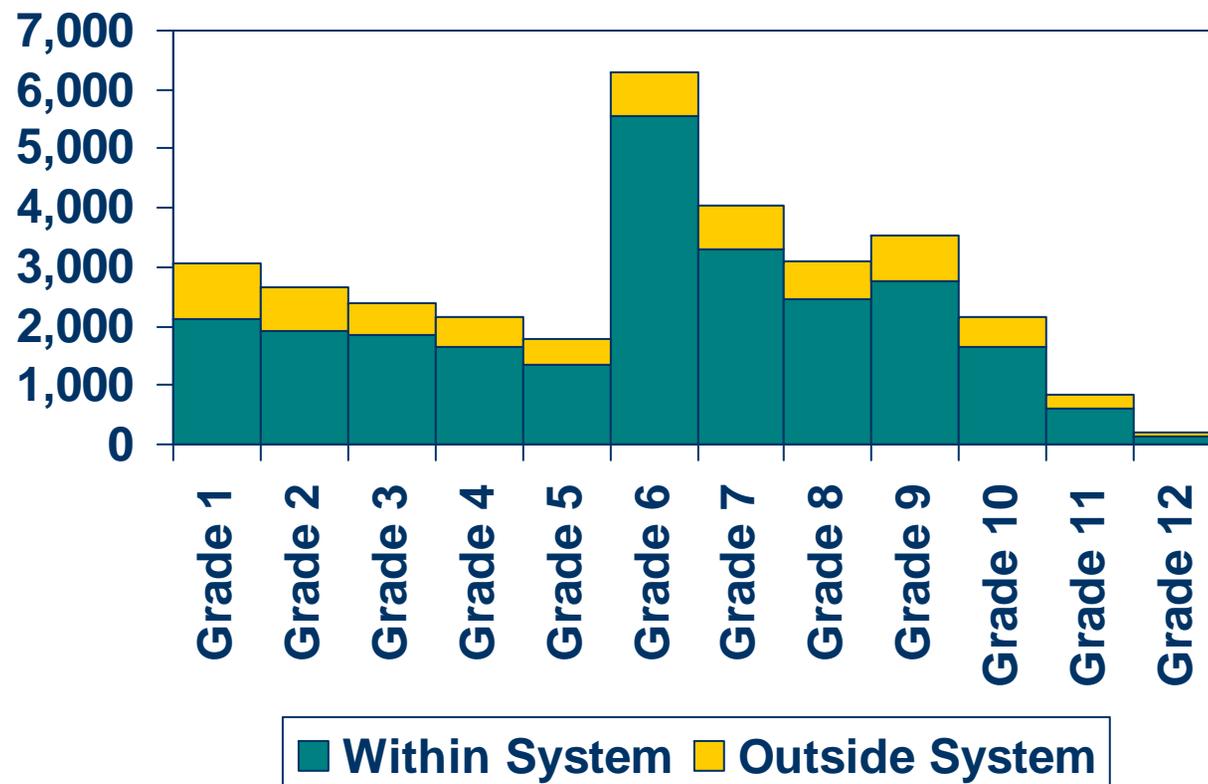
## Kindergarten

There is no way to determine if kindergarten students would have entered a public or private school or would have been home schooled if the charter school had not been available

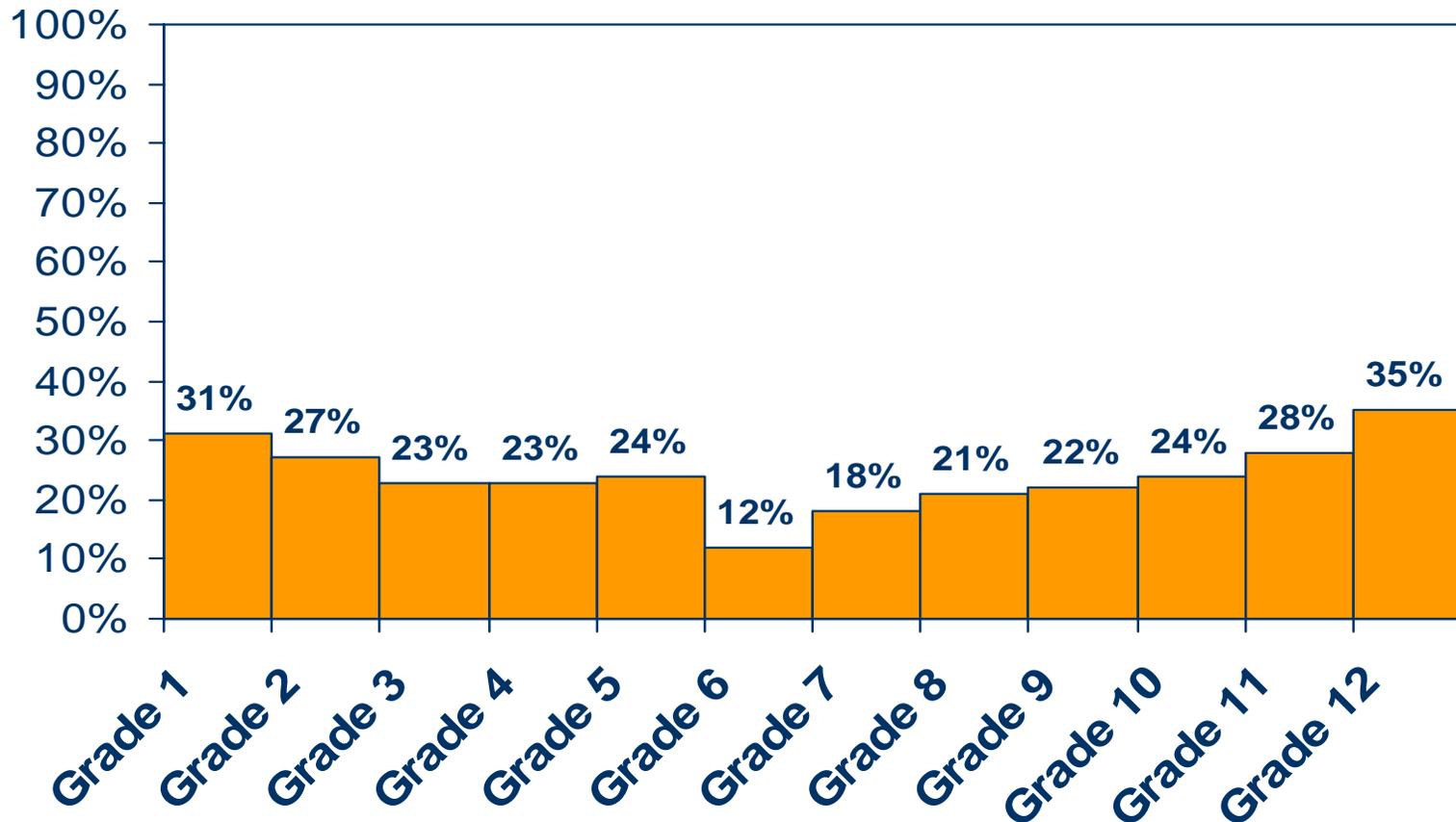
## Grades 1-12

Only students who enter in grades 1 through grade 12 can be identified as from within the system or from outside the system

# Entering Charter Schools Source By Grade



# Entering Charter Schools % From Outside System



# Opening Enrollment

When a charter school opens, it typically does not open at full capacity.



# Opening Enrollment

Growth after the first year may occur

by design as when a school adds a  
grade each year

# Opening Enrollment

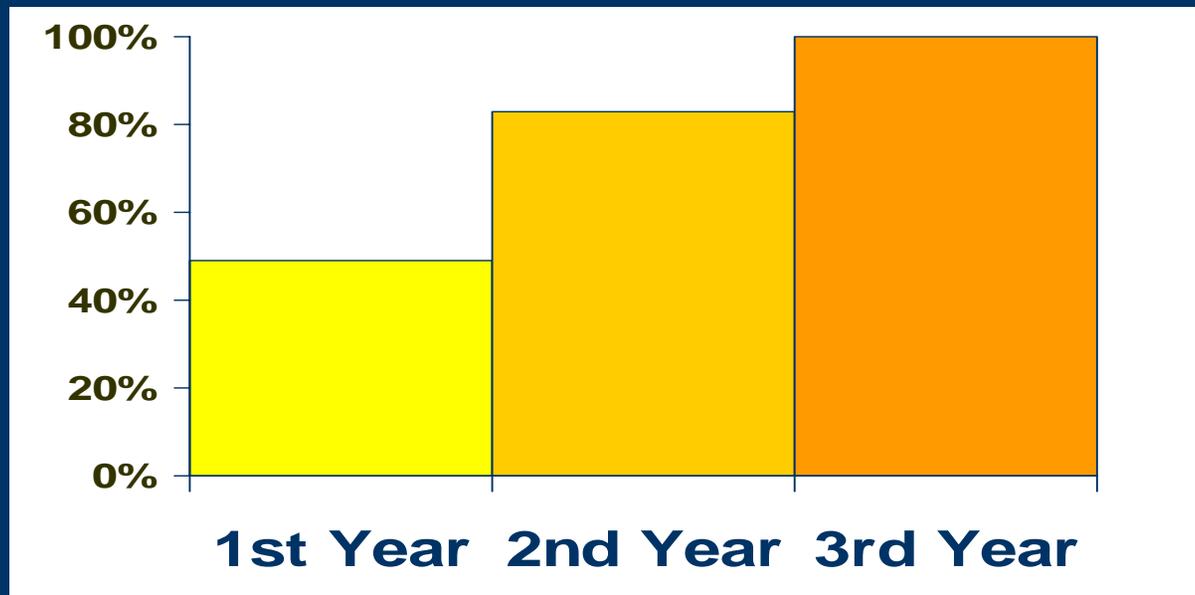
Or, Growth after the first year may occur

not by design such as a lag in marketing effectiveness.

## Three-Year Trends

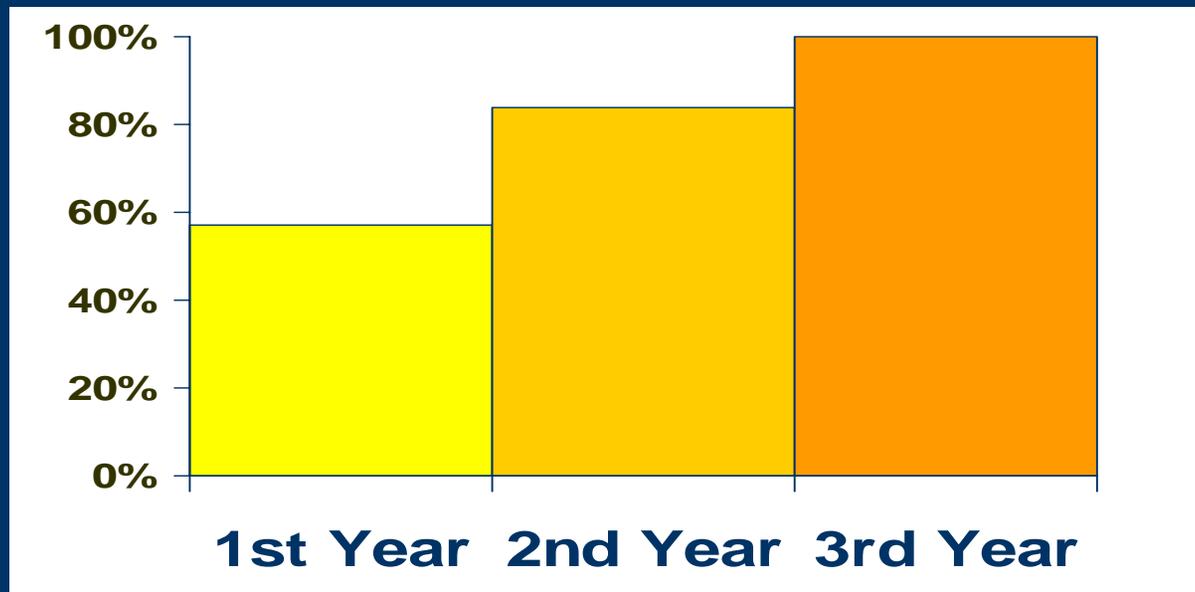
The next four slides are the three-year trends for schools that have been opened at least three years.

## Elementary Grades 1-5 First Three Years' Growth



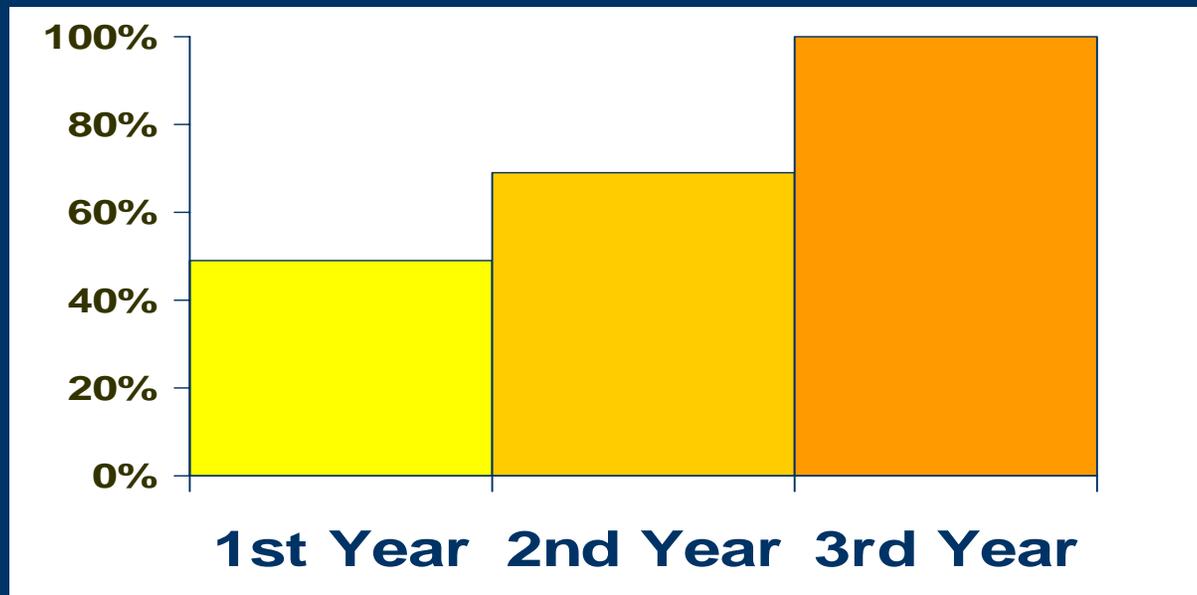
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Year's Enrollment was 49% of the third Year's
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Year's Enrollment was 83% of the third Year's

## Middle School Grades 6-8 First Three Years' Growth



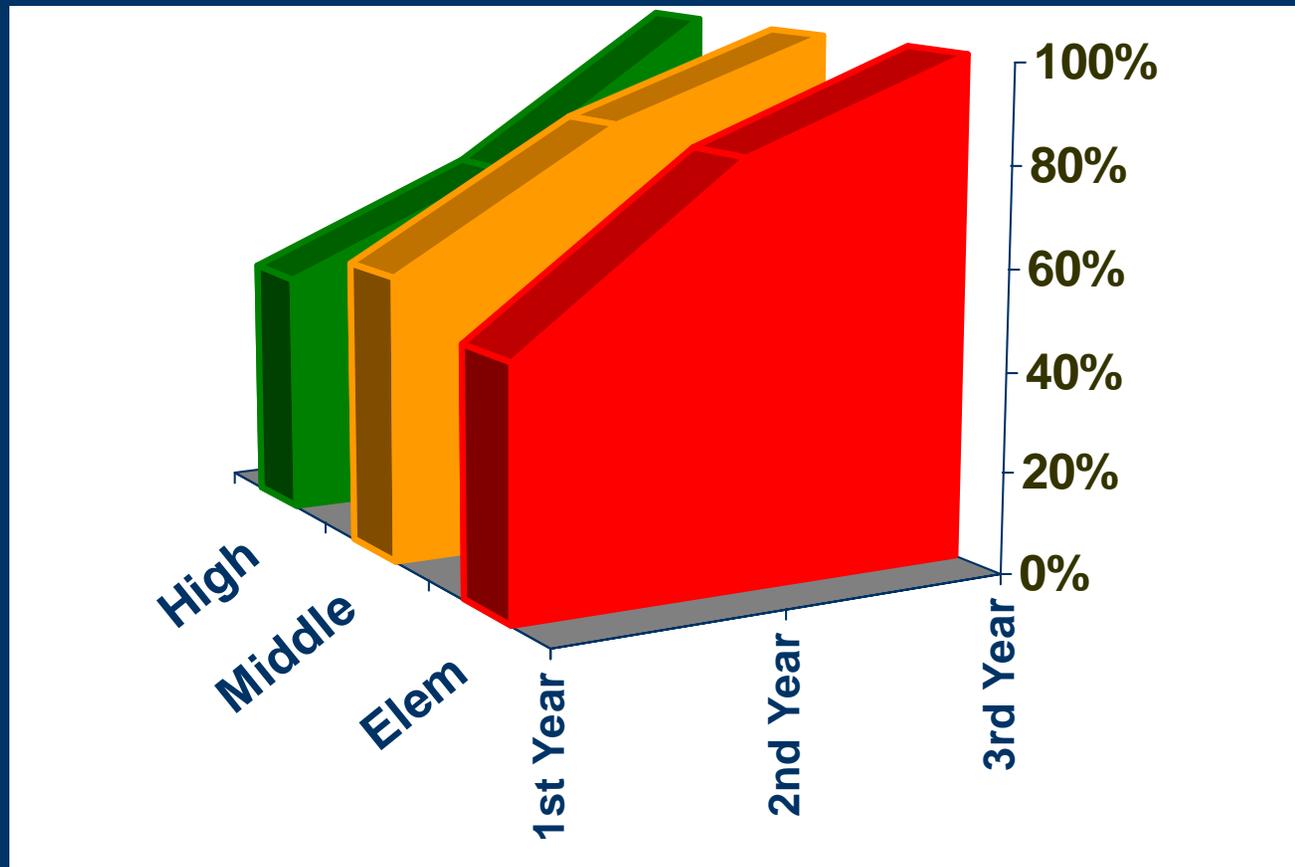
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Year's Enrollment was 57% of the third Year's
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Year's Enrollment was 84% of the third Year's

## High School Grades 9-11 First Three Years' Growth



- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Year's Enrollment was 49% of the third Year's
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Year's Enrollment was 69% of the third Year's

## Summary First Three Years' Growth



## Data Source

Florida DOE Student Database  
Surveys 2 and 3  
Years 1996-97 through 2000-01

## Data Limitations

This analysis was based on matching students id numbers.

One source of error occurs when one student has two different id numbers in the time period.

## Data Limitations

84% of students were identified by a social security number.

When the analysis is done using only those students identified by ssn, the patterns are similar to the analysis computed on all students identified.