Celebrating our Success
Planning our Future

PASSAIC
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Becoming the Best!

VISION

PASSAIC PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE THE BEST URBAN SCHOOL SYSTEM IN NEW JERSEY.

MISSION

PASSAIC PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION THAT PREPARES OUR STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND TO EARN HIGH PAYING JOBS.

FOCUS

PASSAIC PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE EVERY STUDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL WITH A CAREER CERTIFICATION AND/OR 15 COLLEGE CREDITS.

THEORY OF ACTION:
AN ALIGNED INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEM

CURRICULUM

ASSESSMENTS

INTERVENTIONS

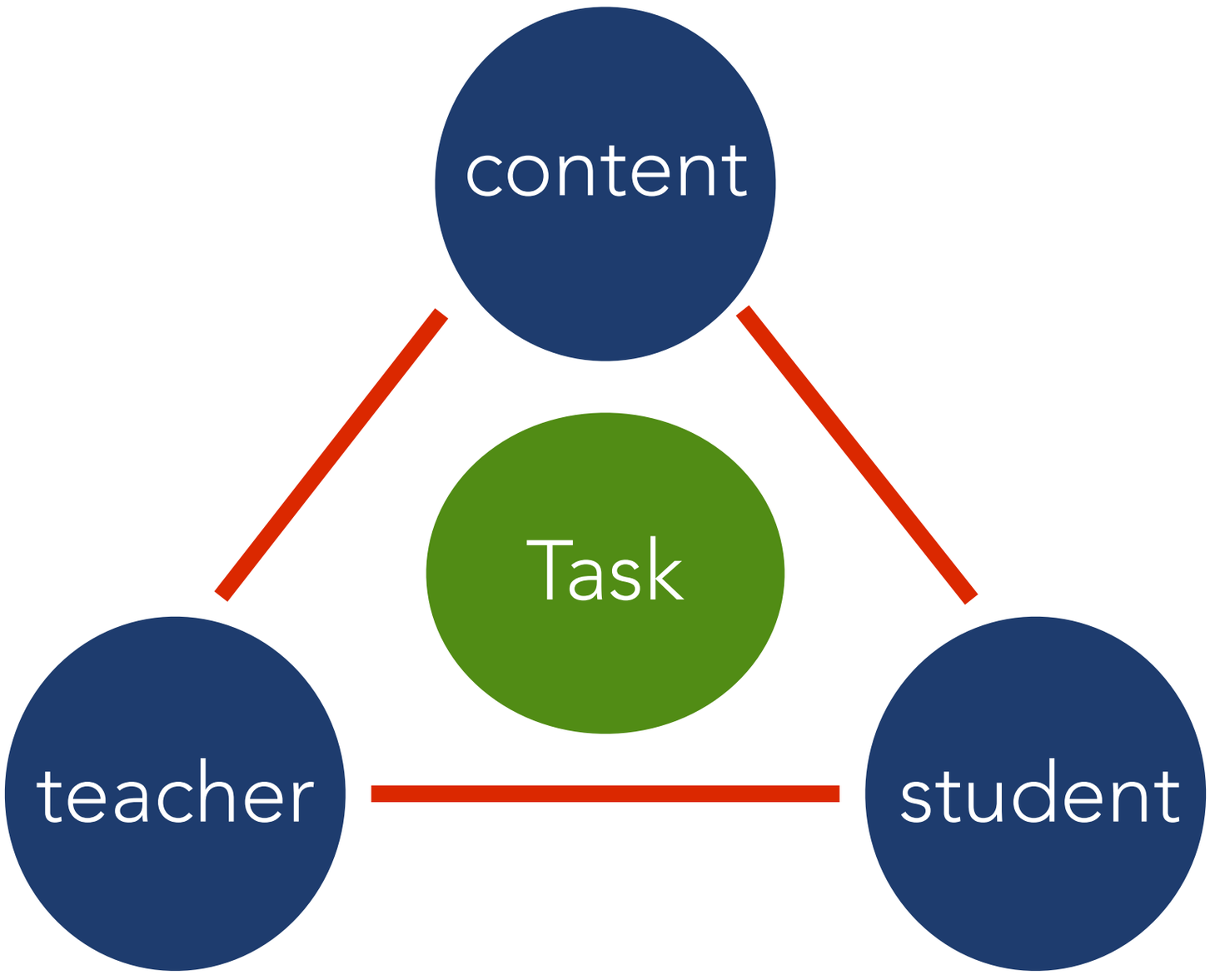
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

VICTORY IS IN THE CLASSROOM

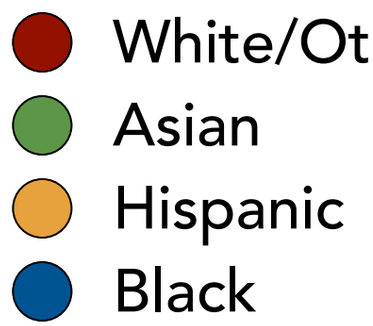
The Instructional Core

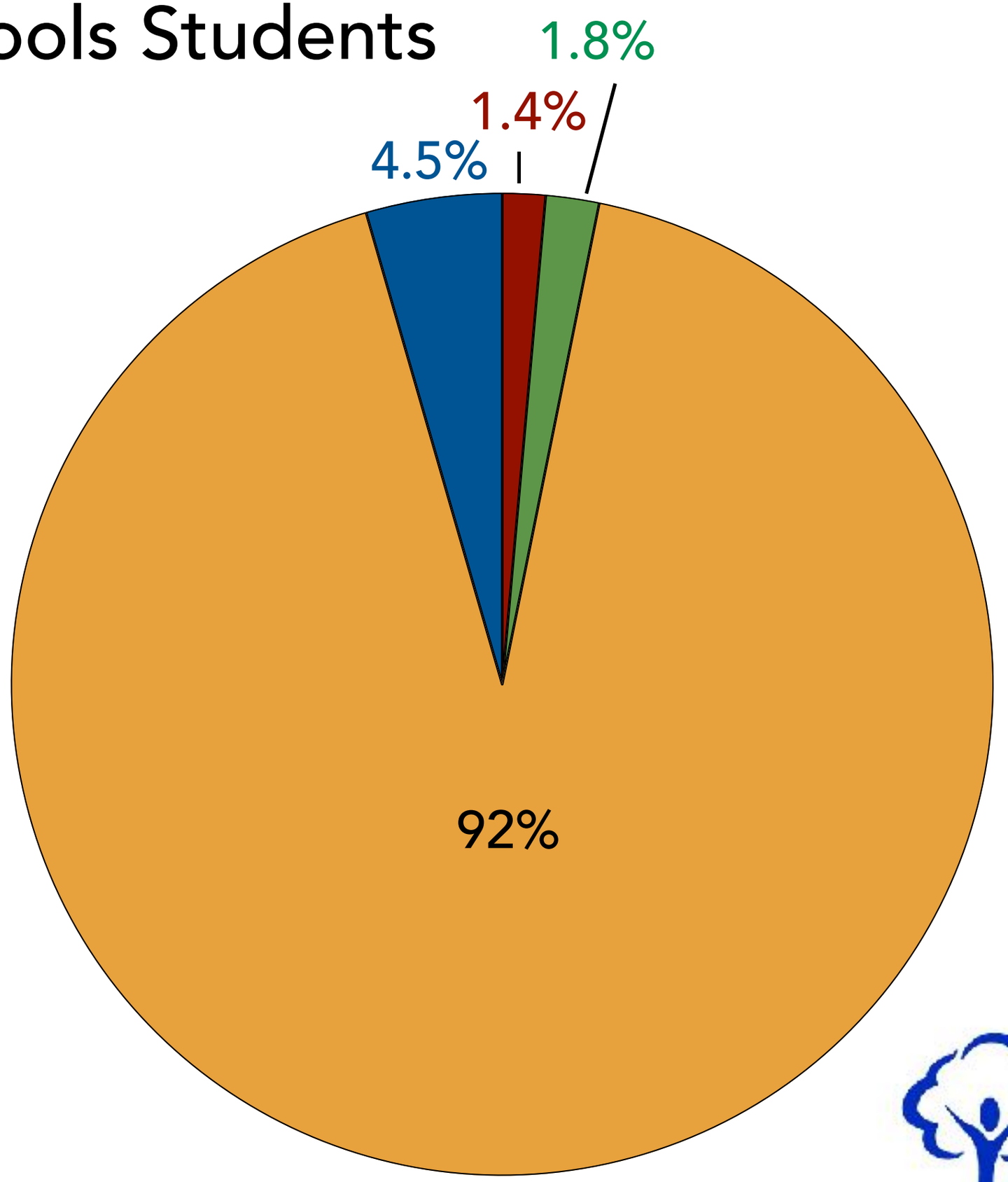


Passaic Public Schools Students

October 2017

14,640 Students





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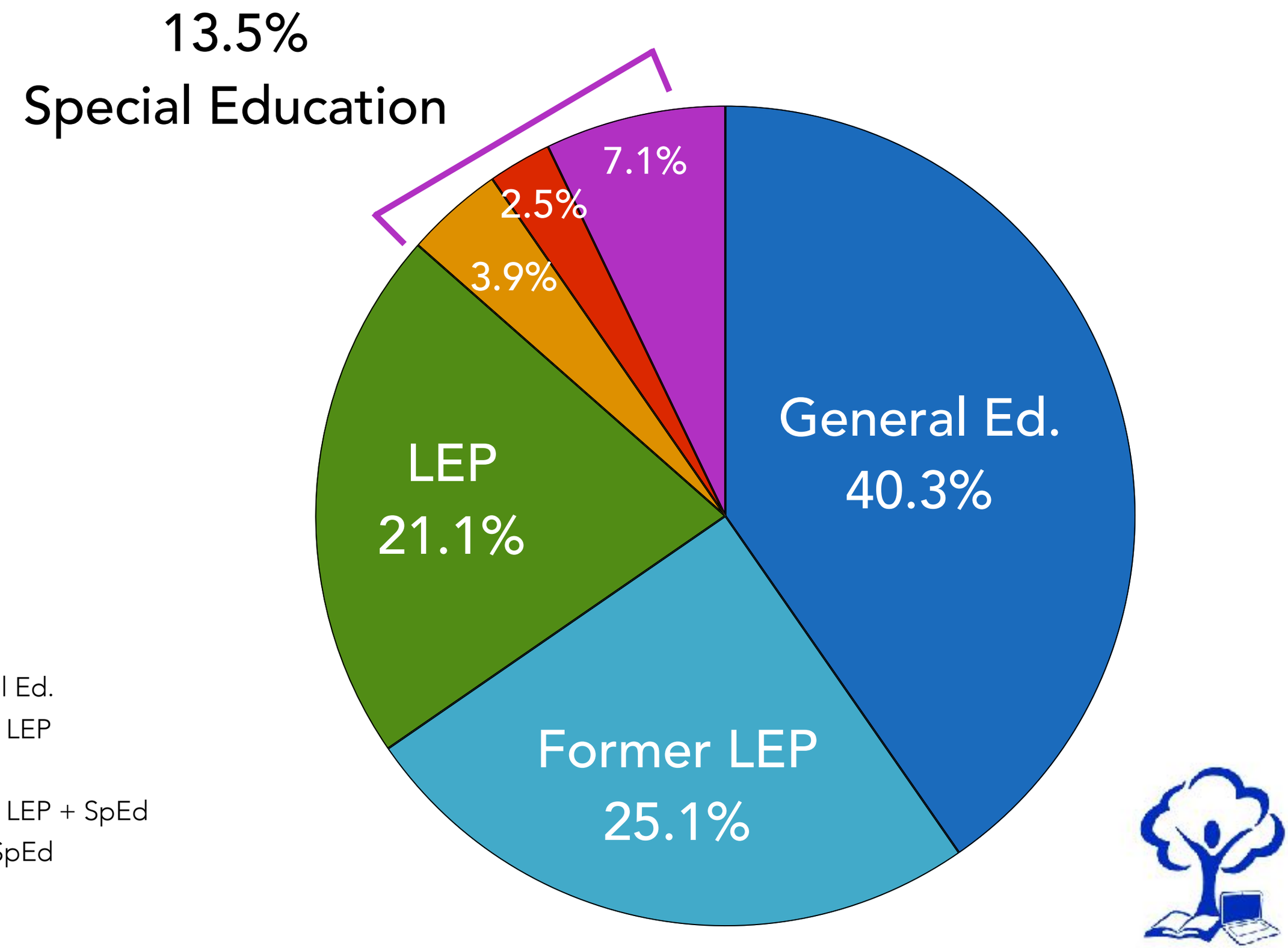
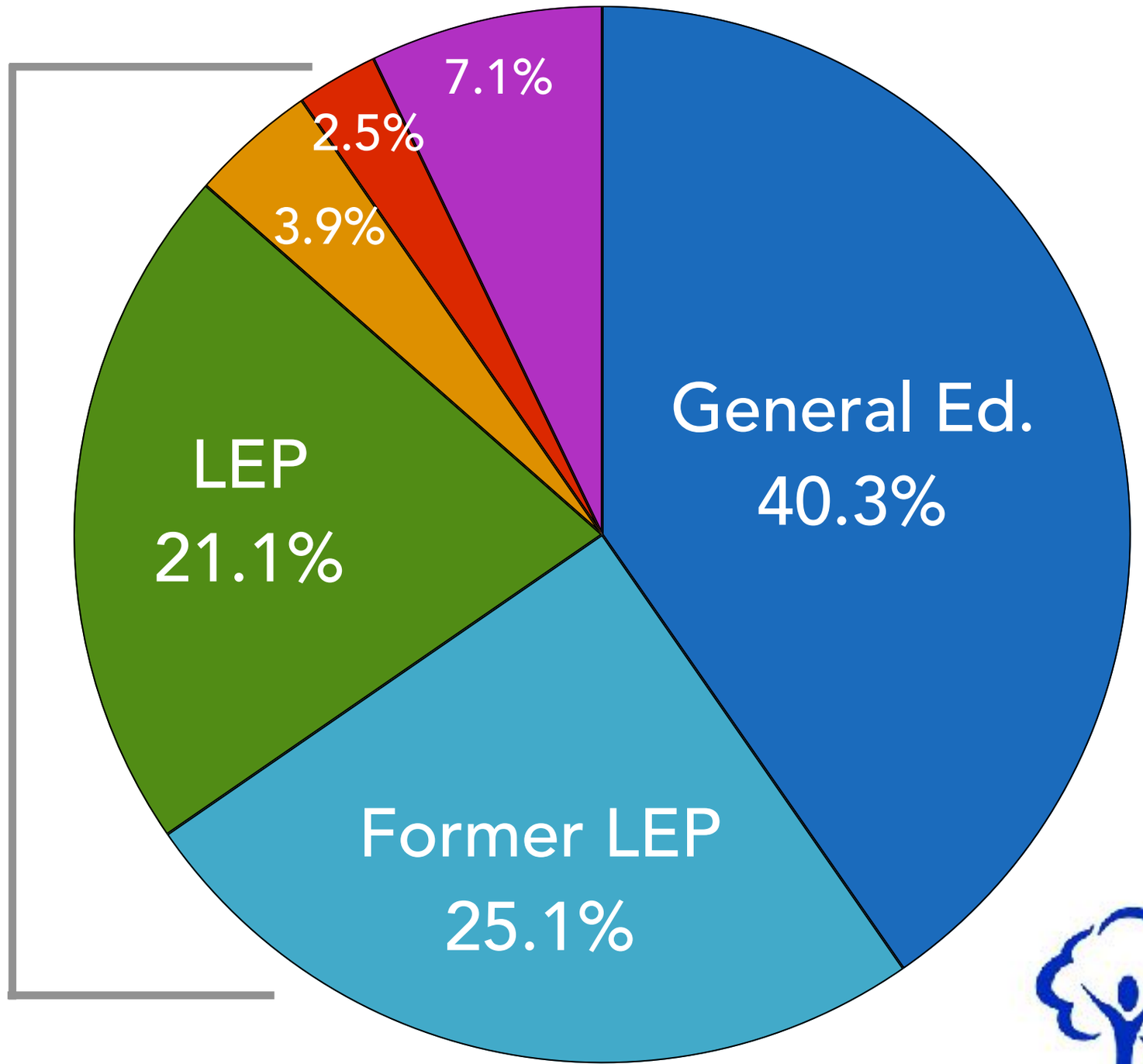


Passaic Public Schools Students

52.6%
Current or Former
Limited English Proficient



- General Ed.
- Former LEP
- LEP
- Former LEP + SpEd
- LEP + SpEd
- SpEd

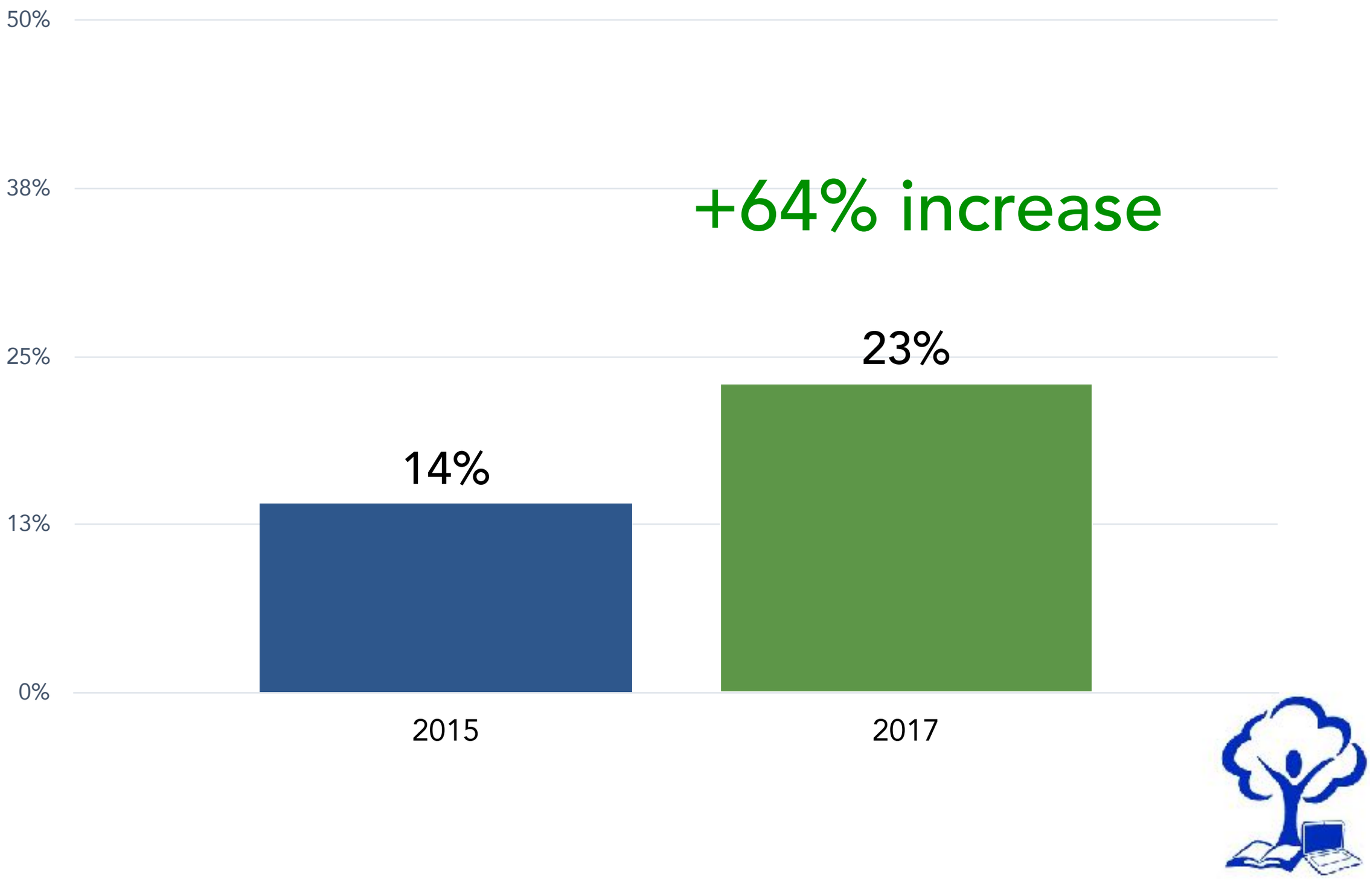
CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

PARCC

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS

PARCC
MEETS/EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

3rd Grade ELA
% Meeting/Exceeding



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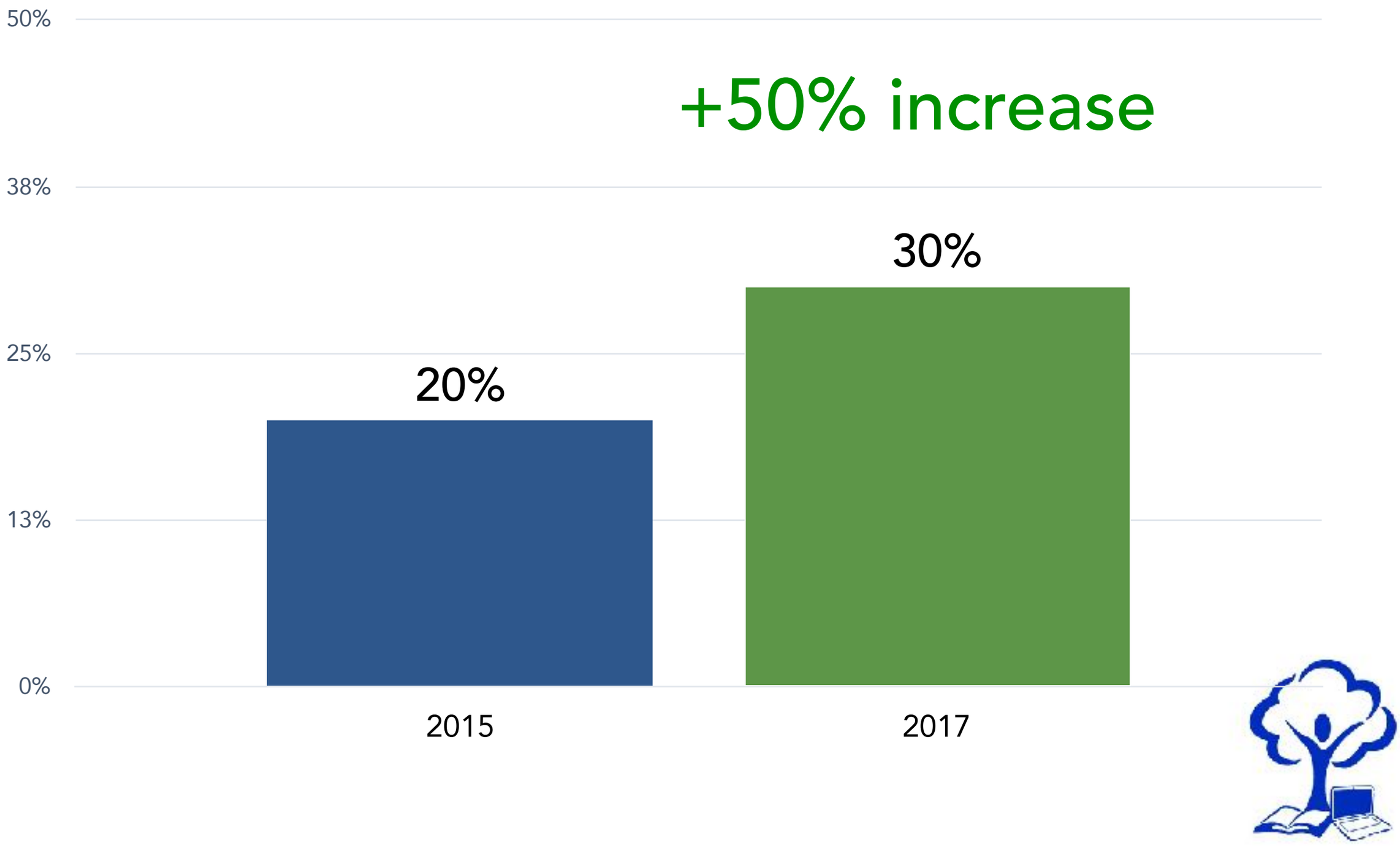

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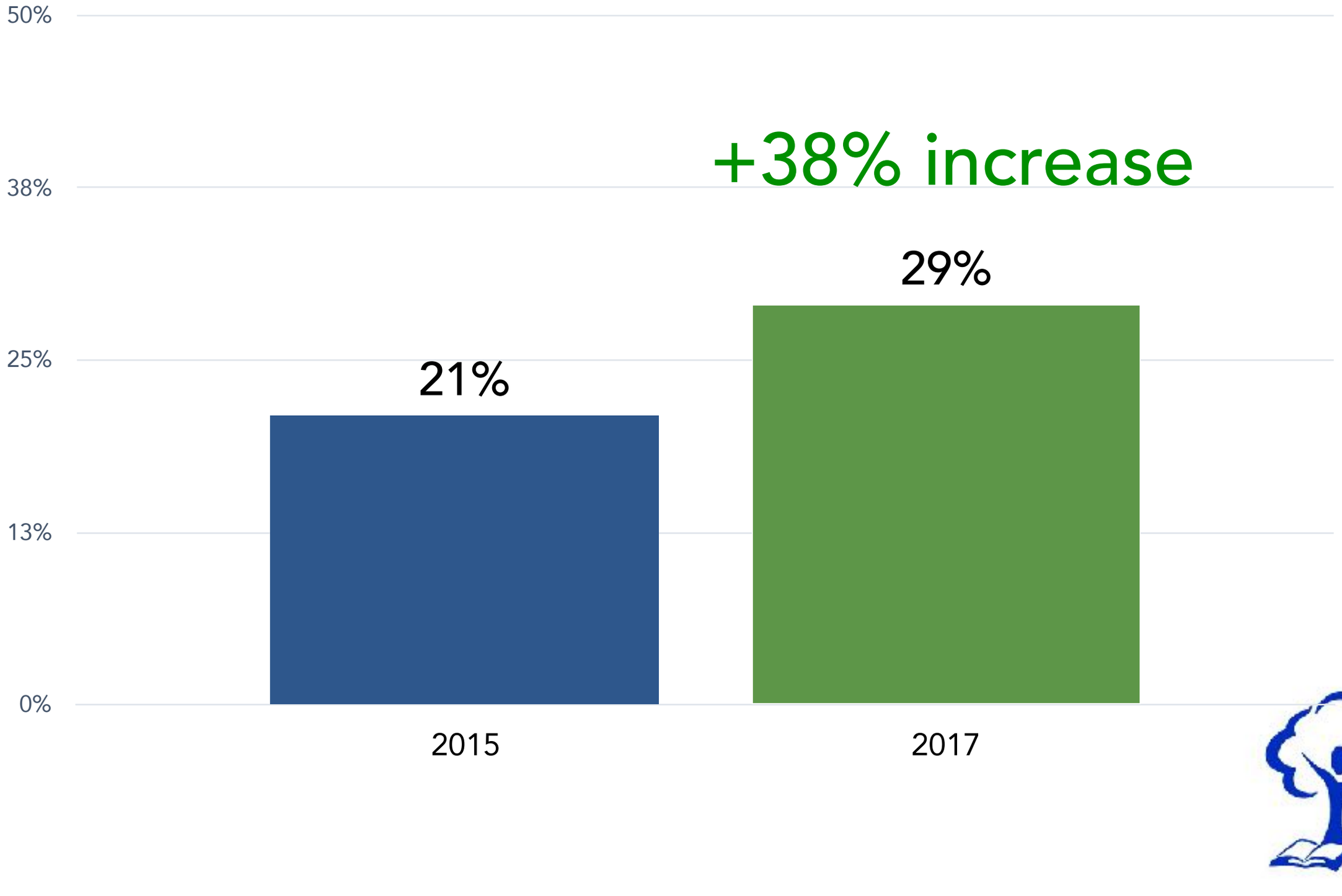

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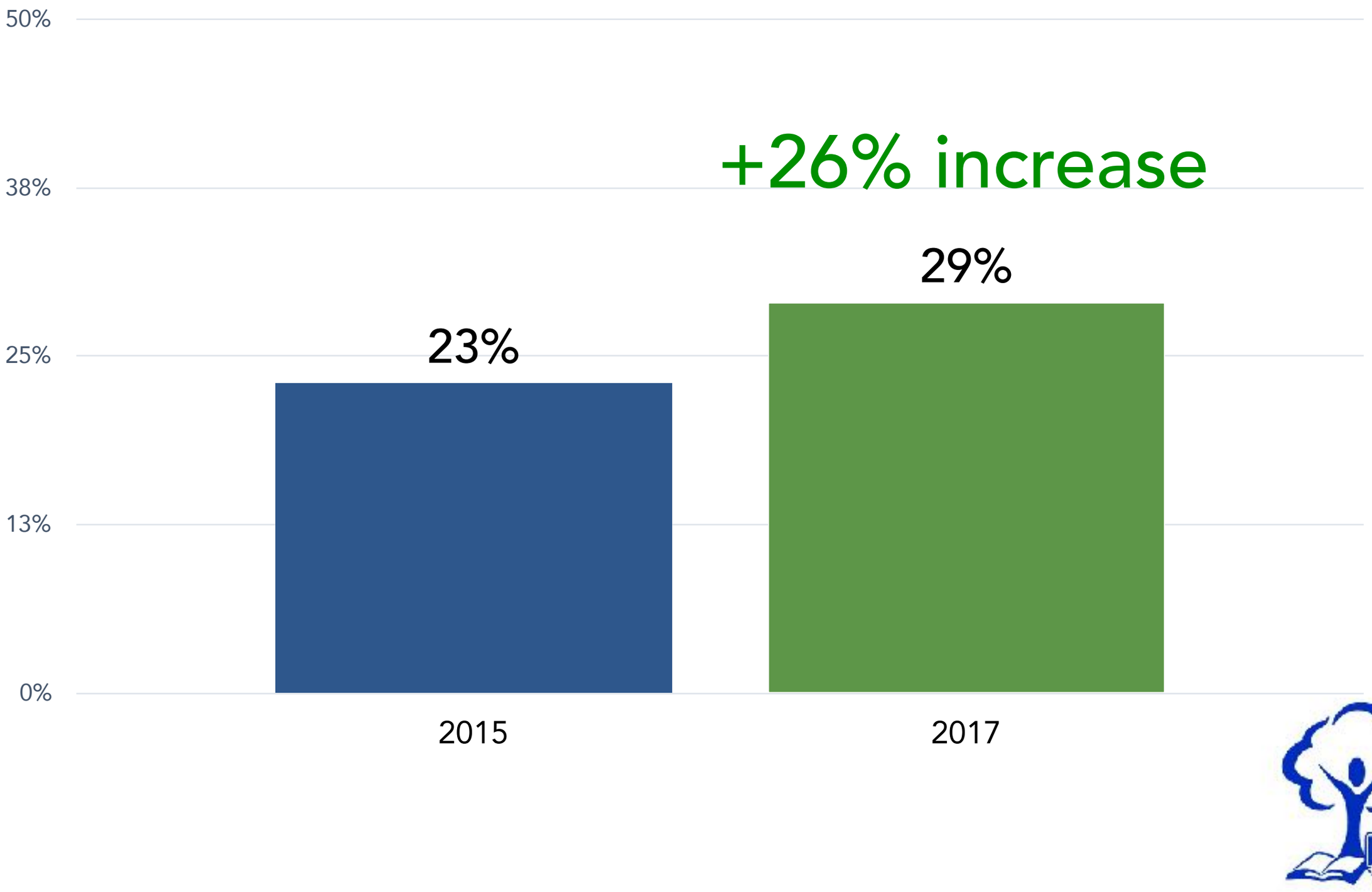

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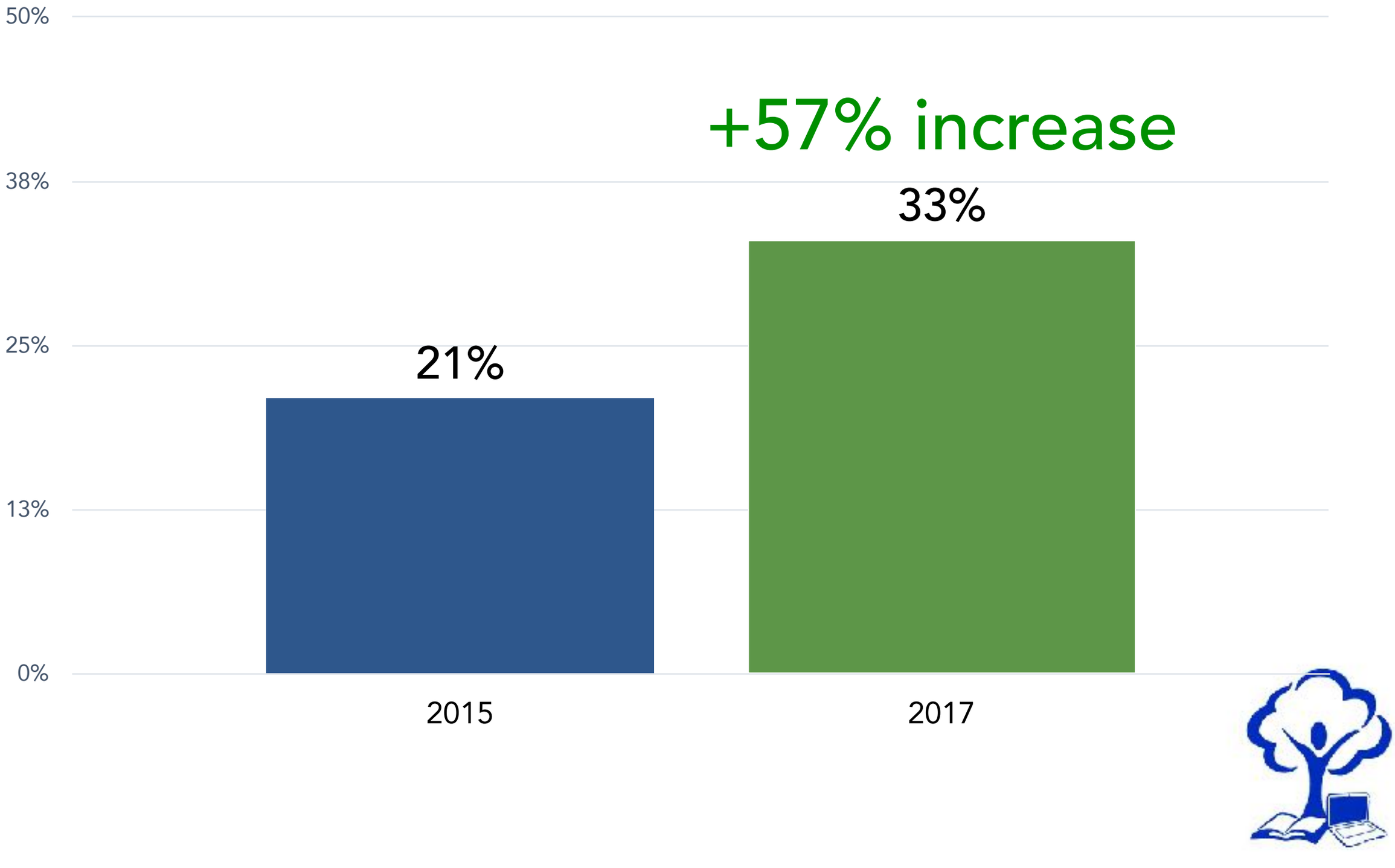

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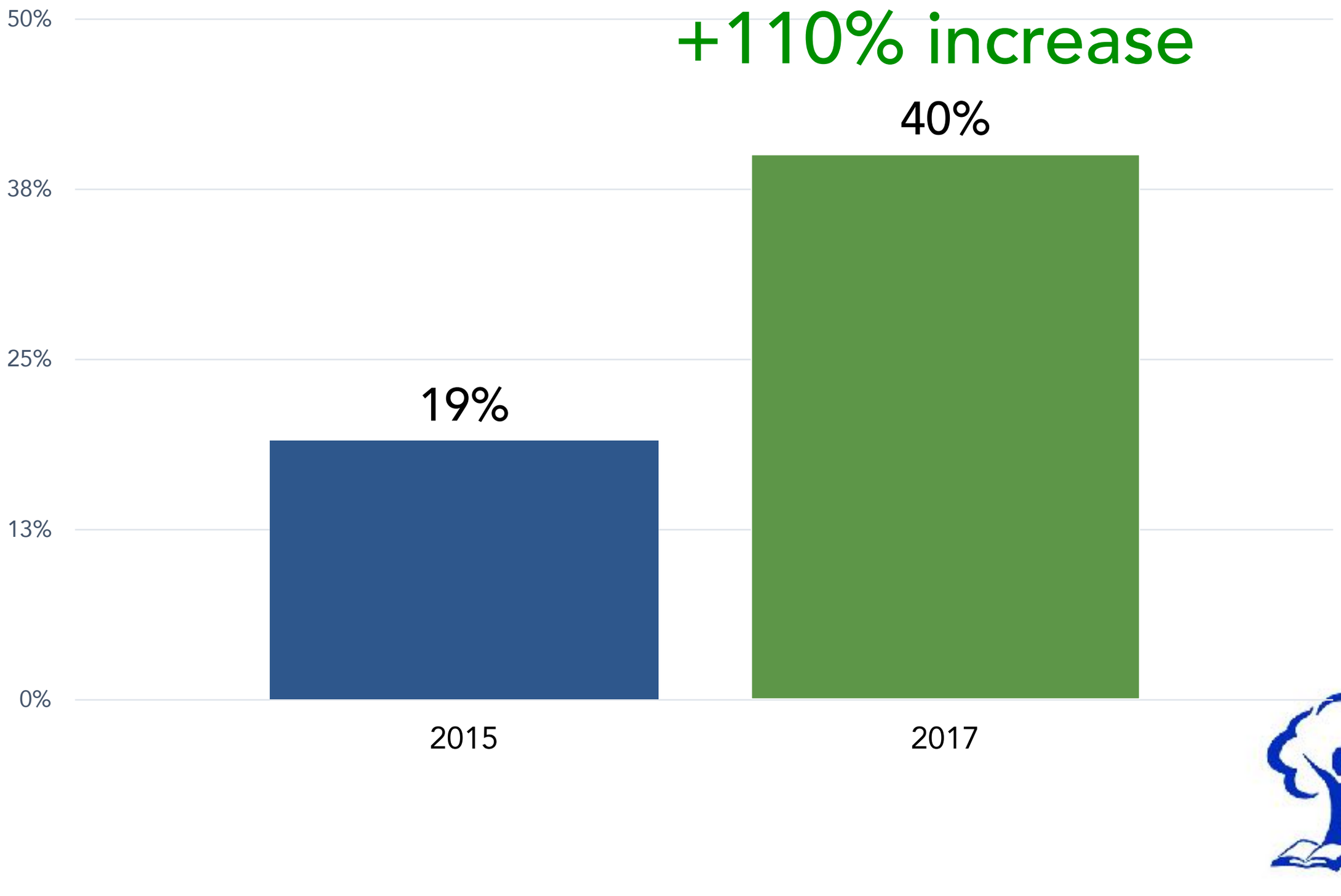

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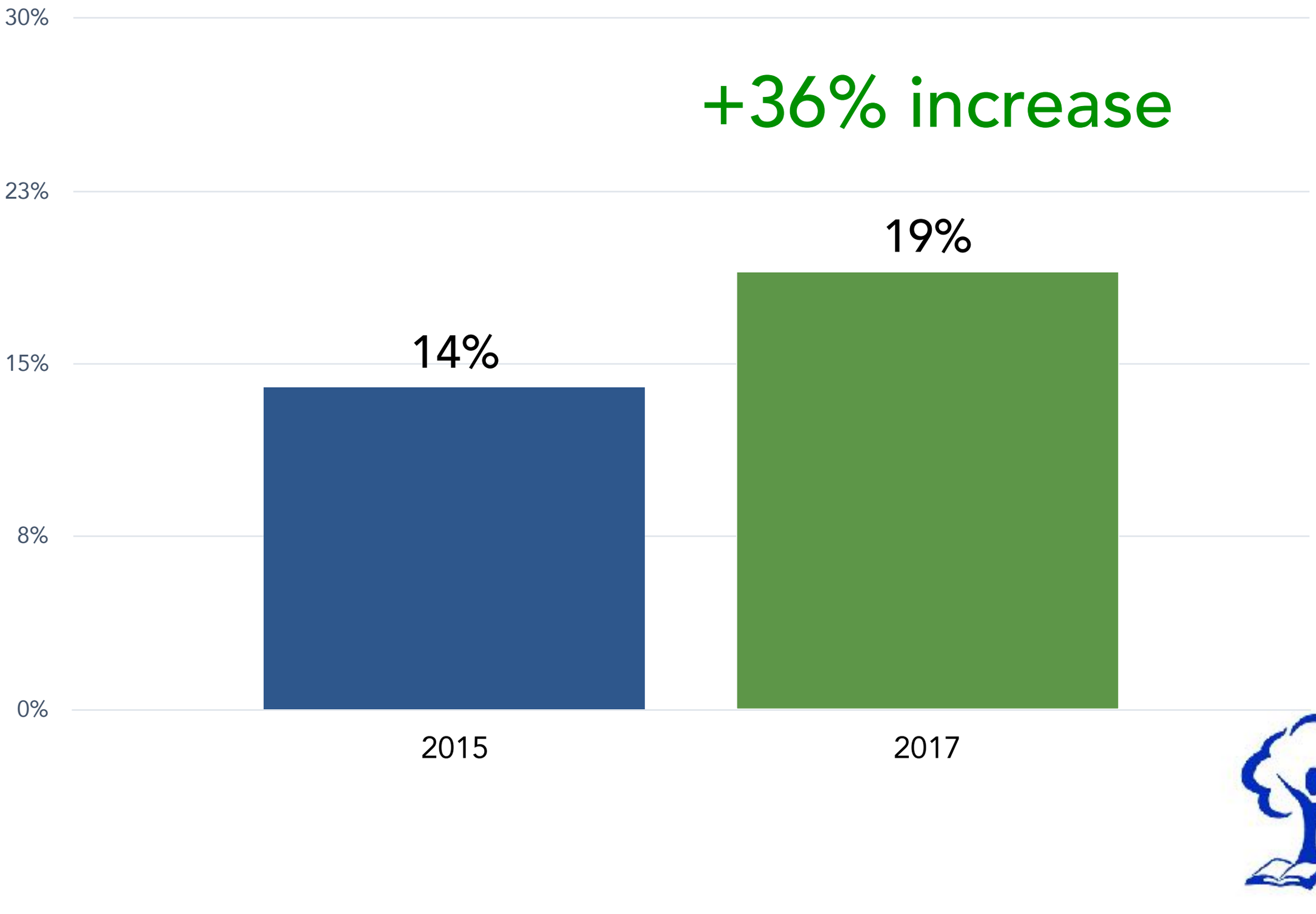

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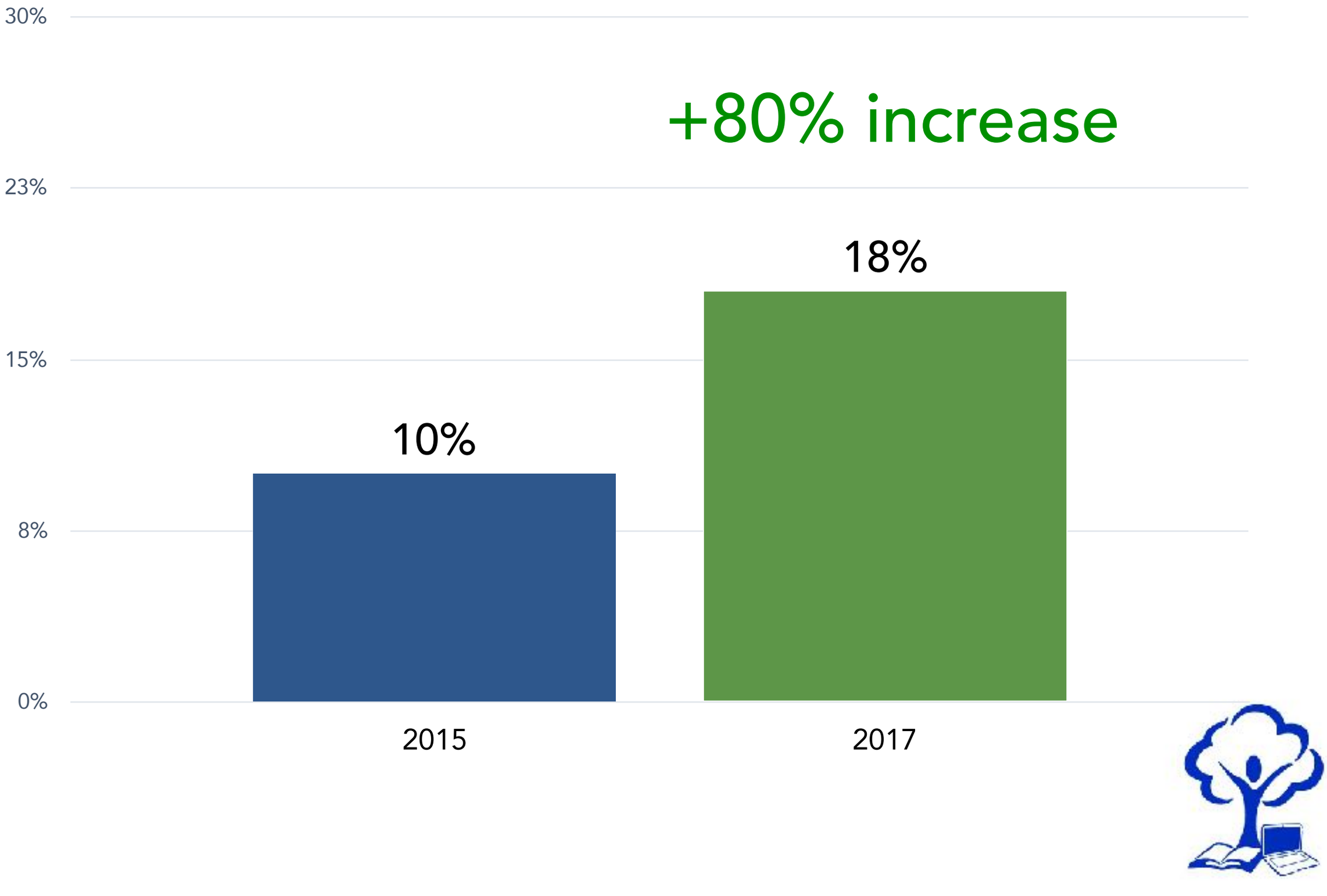

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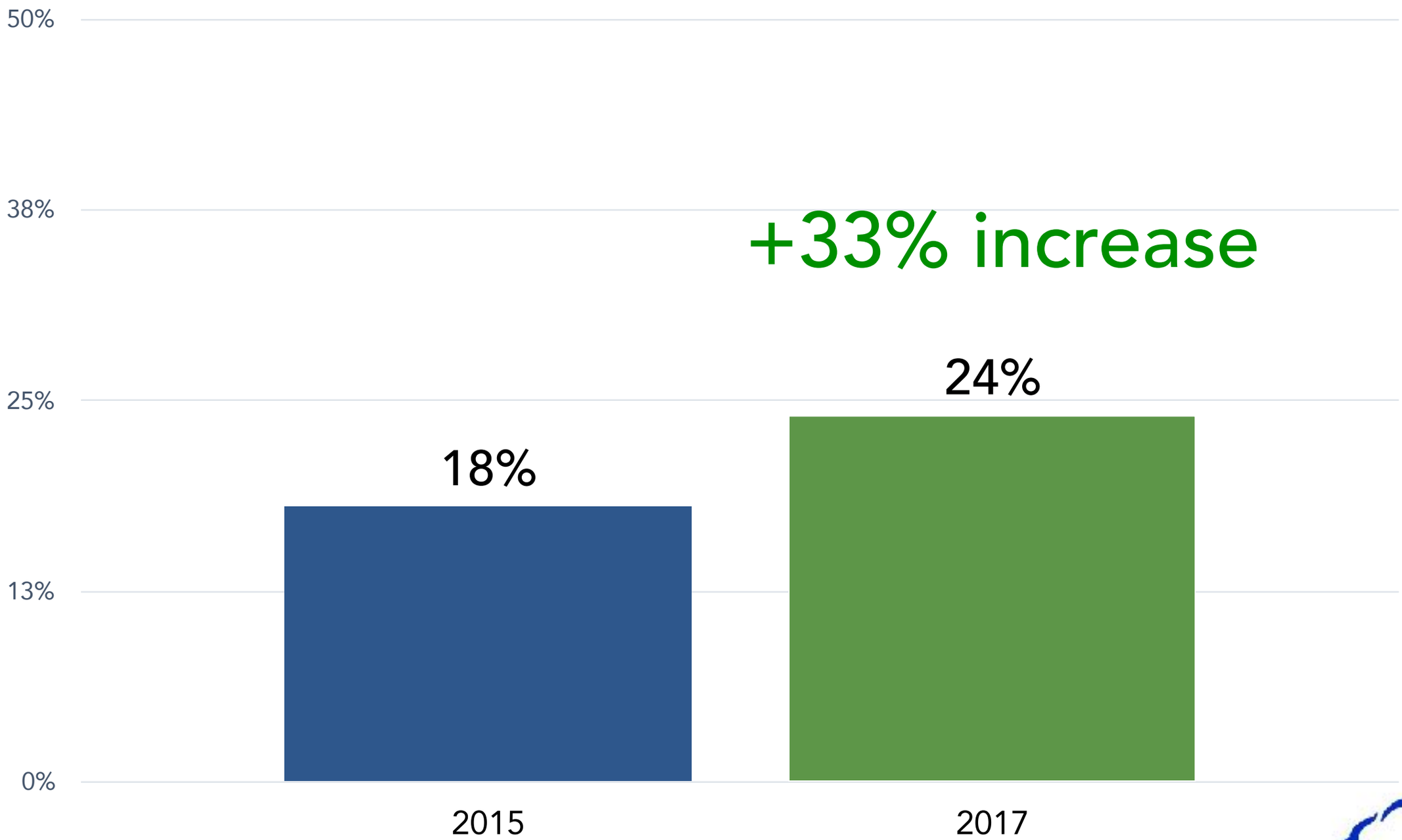
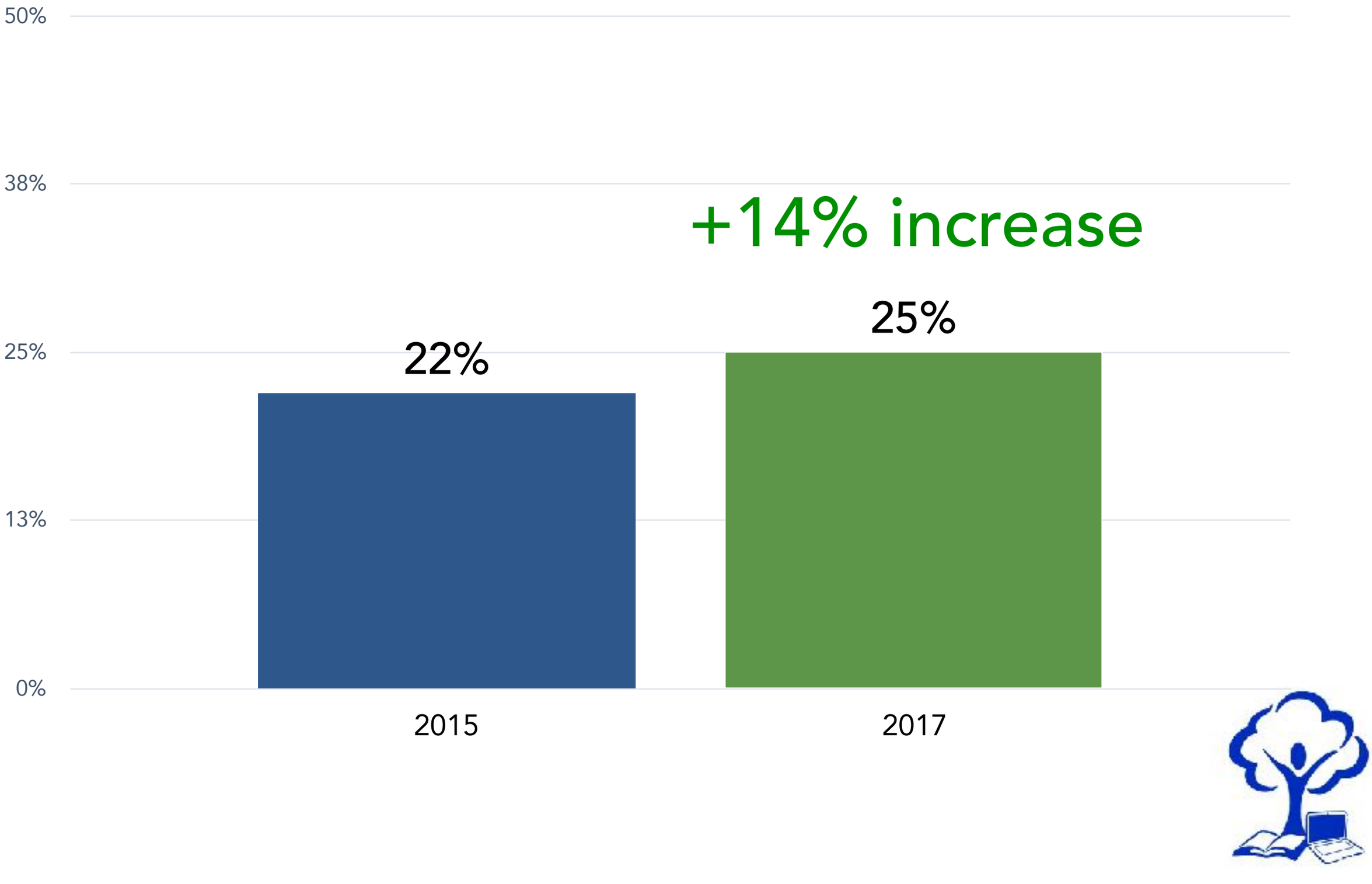


PARCC
MEETS/EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS
MATH

3rd Grade Math
% Meeting/Exceeding



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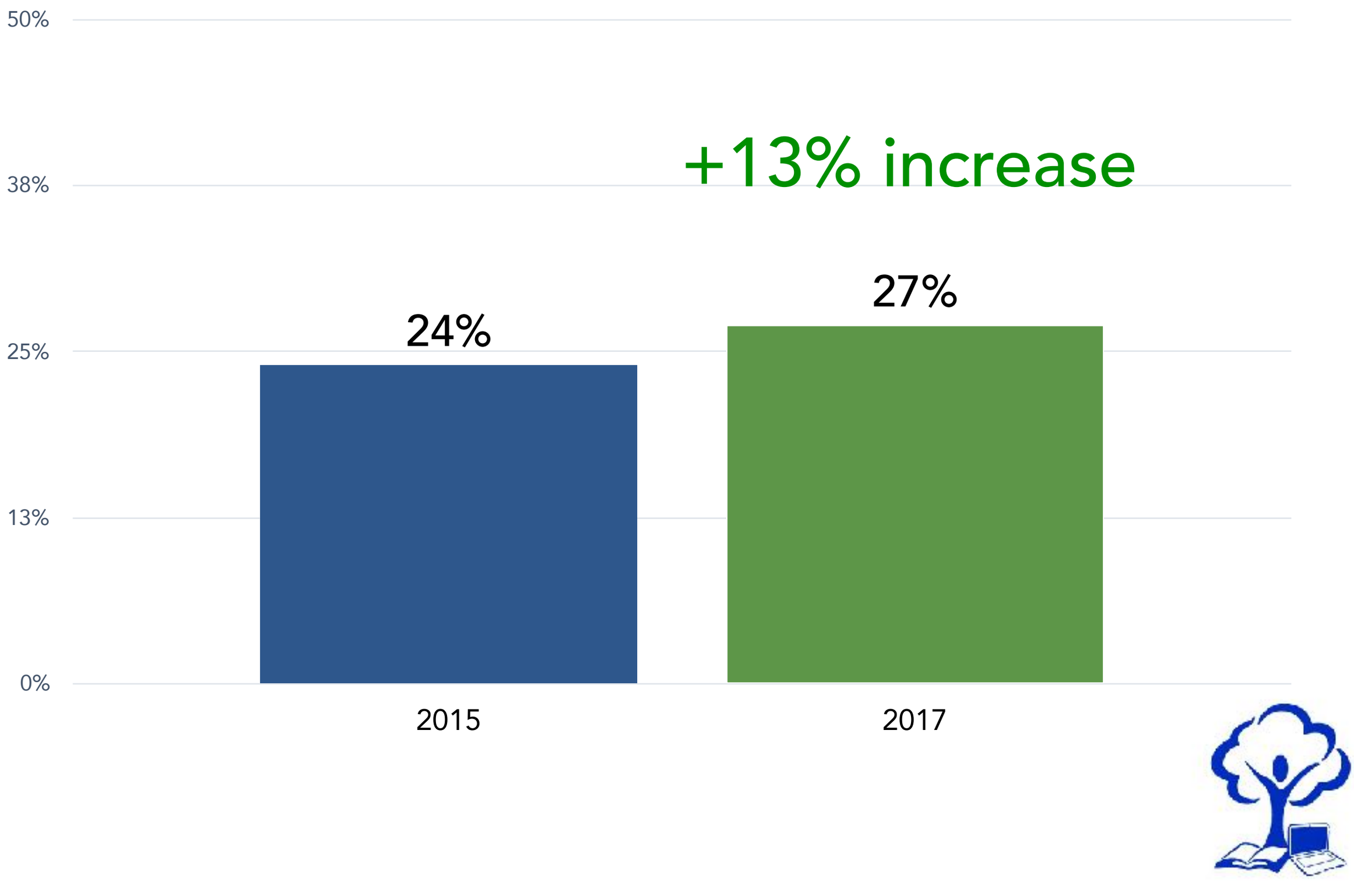

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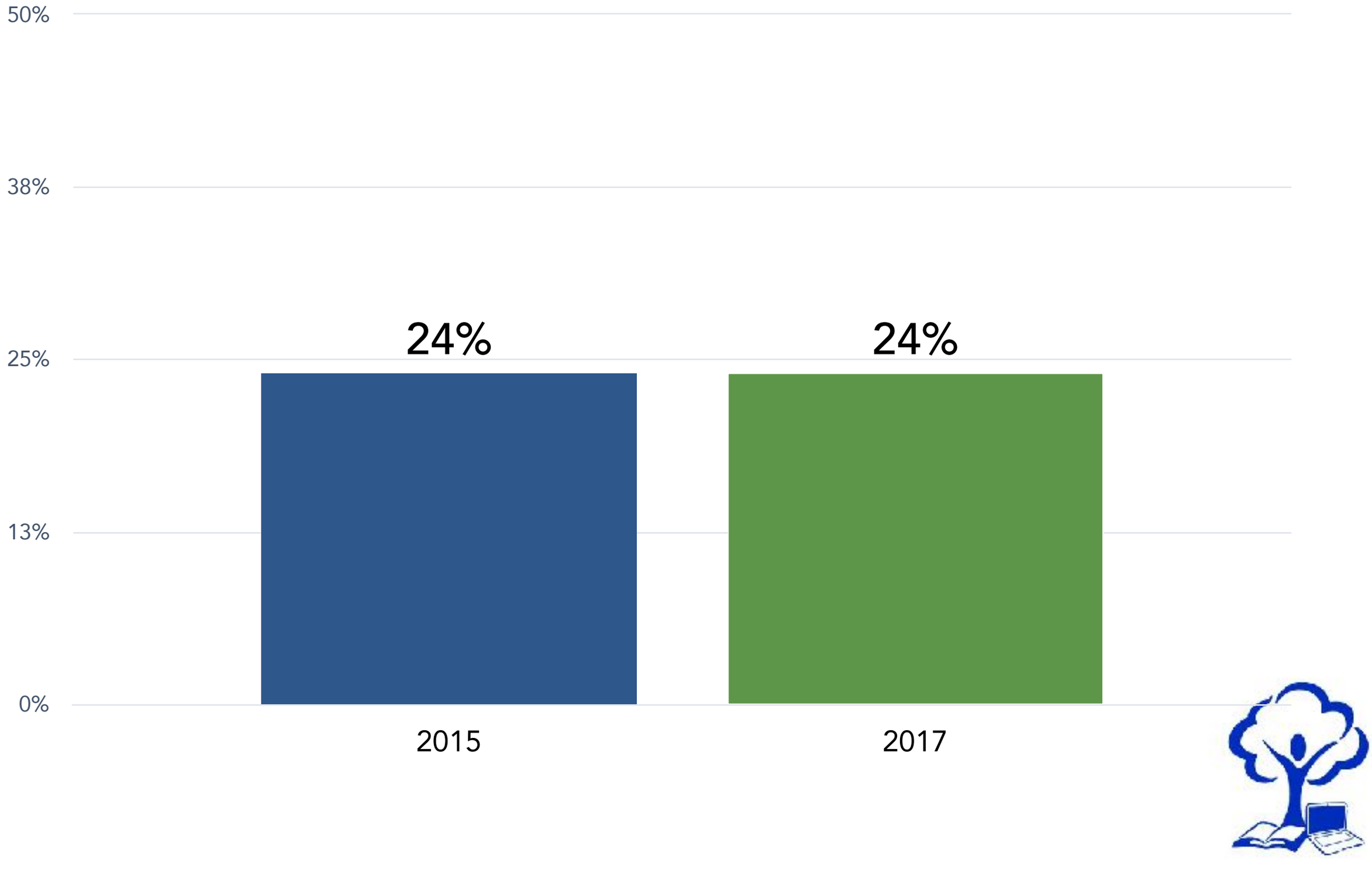

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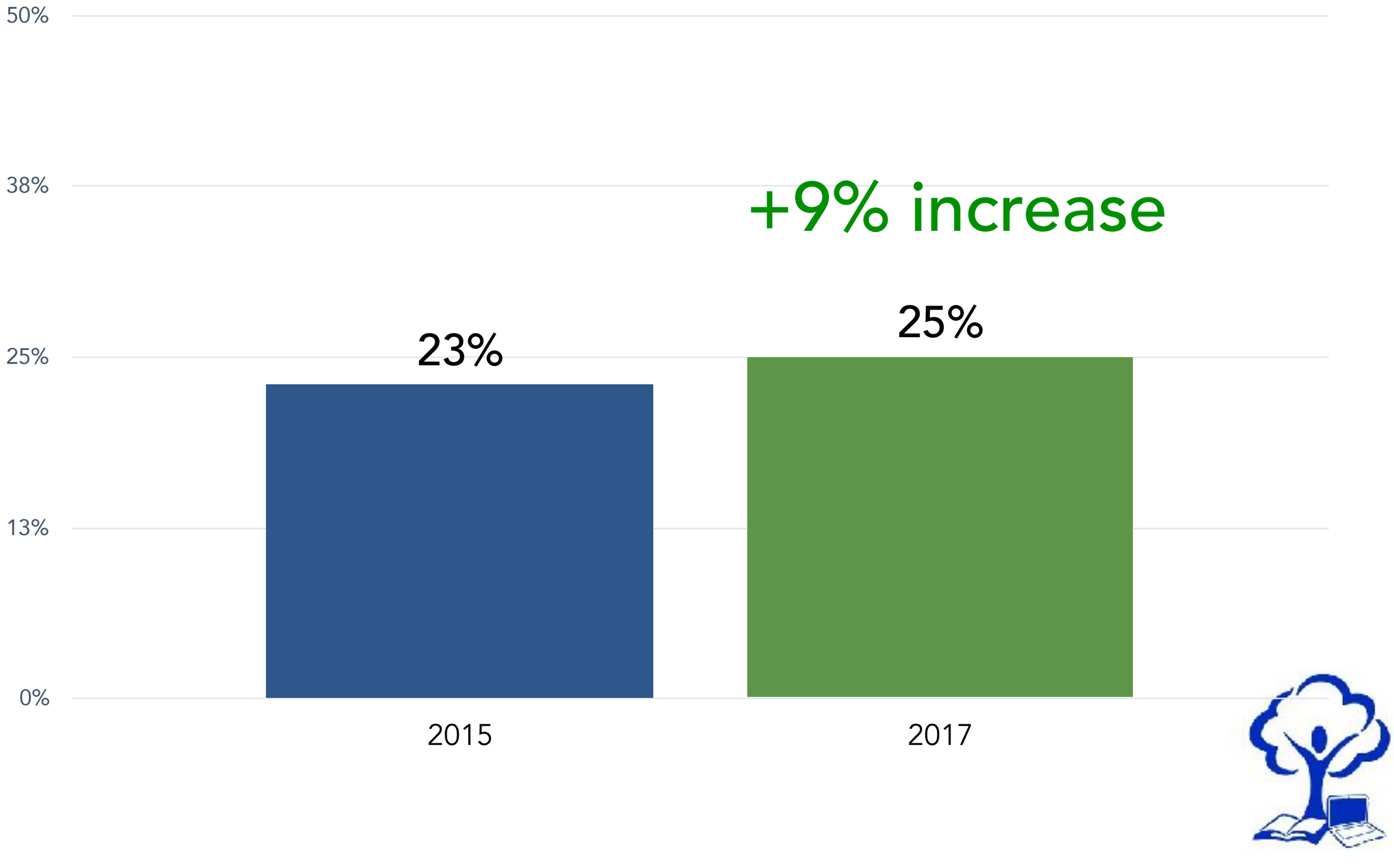

7th Grade Math
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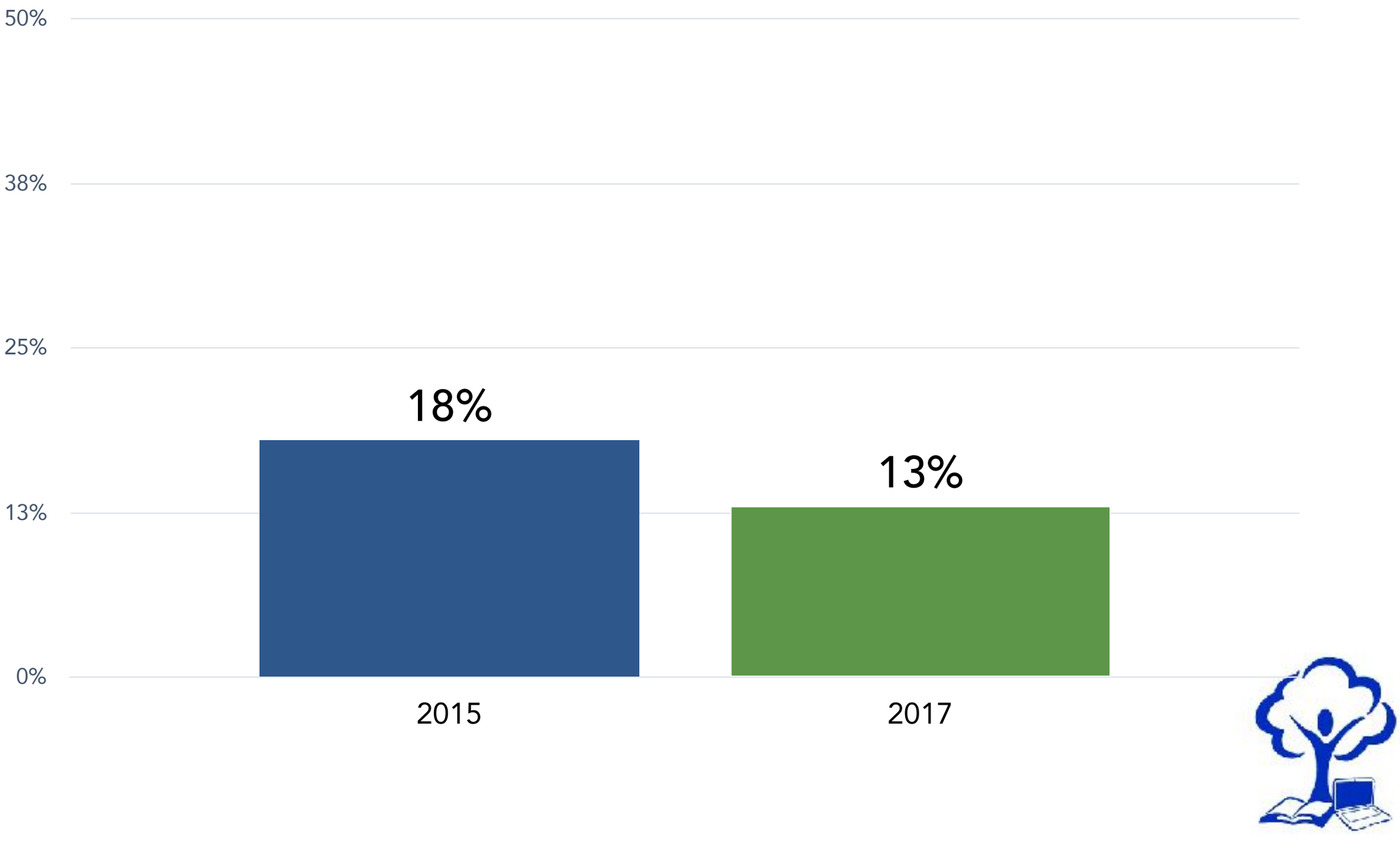

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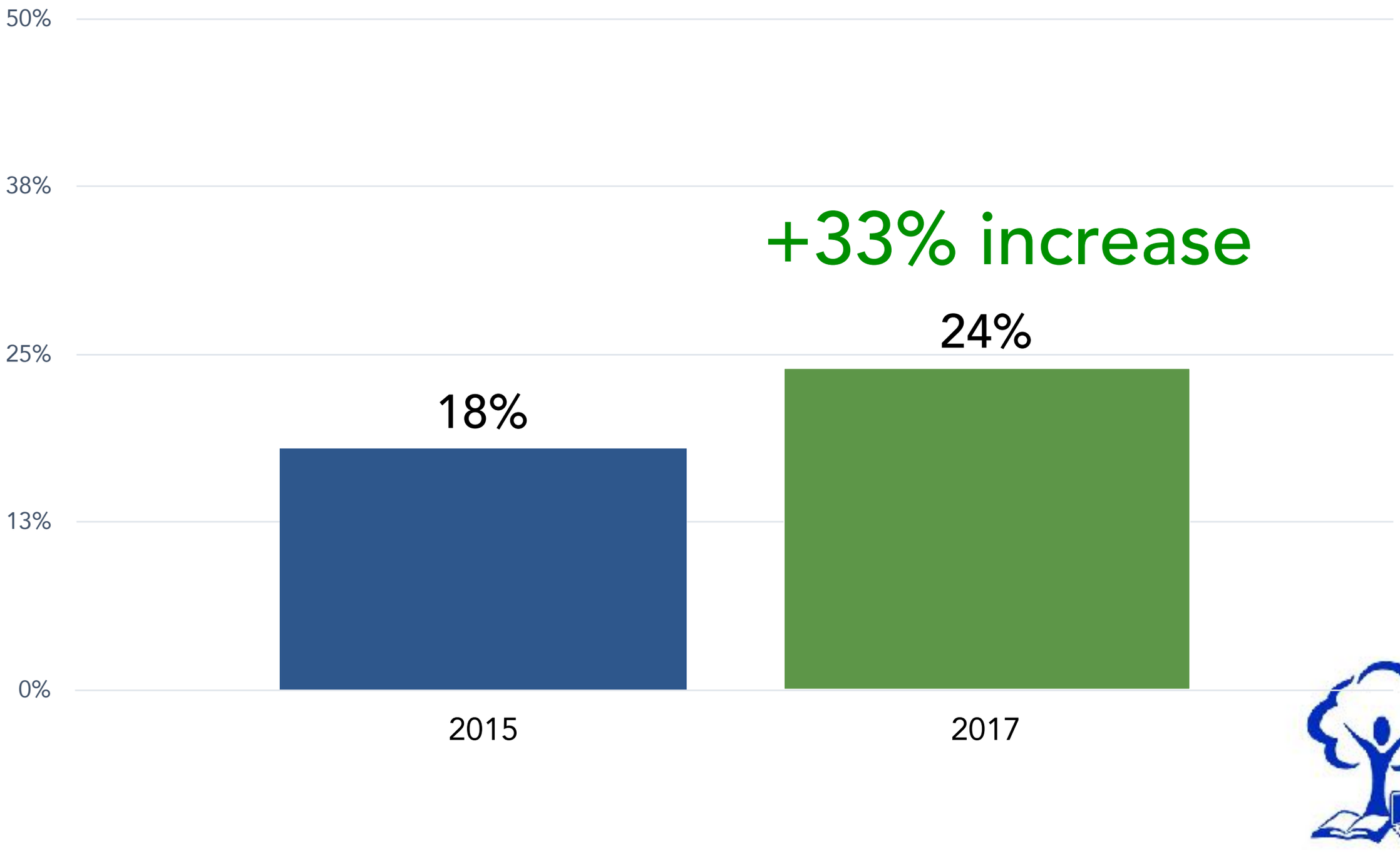

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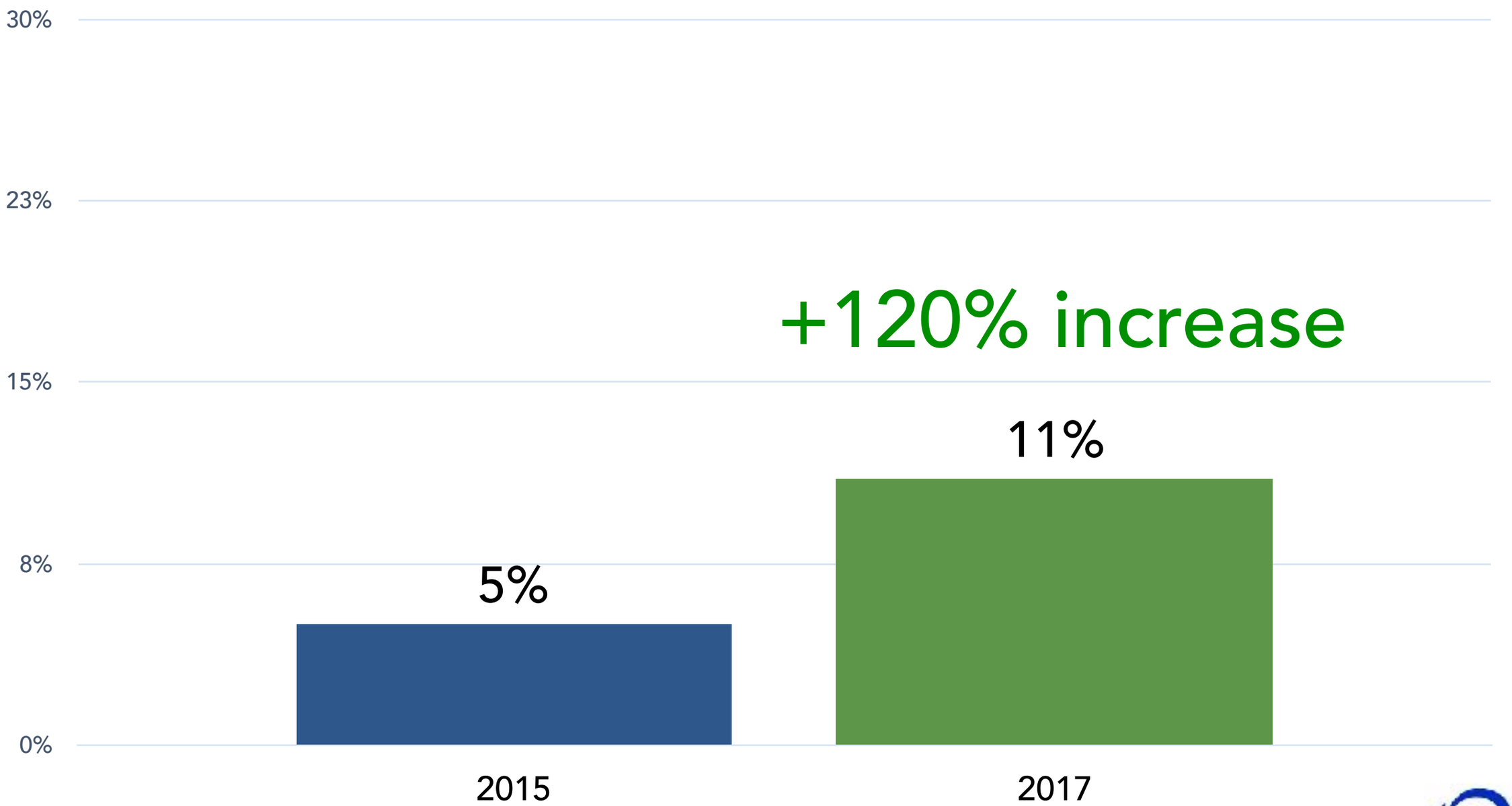

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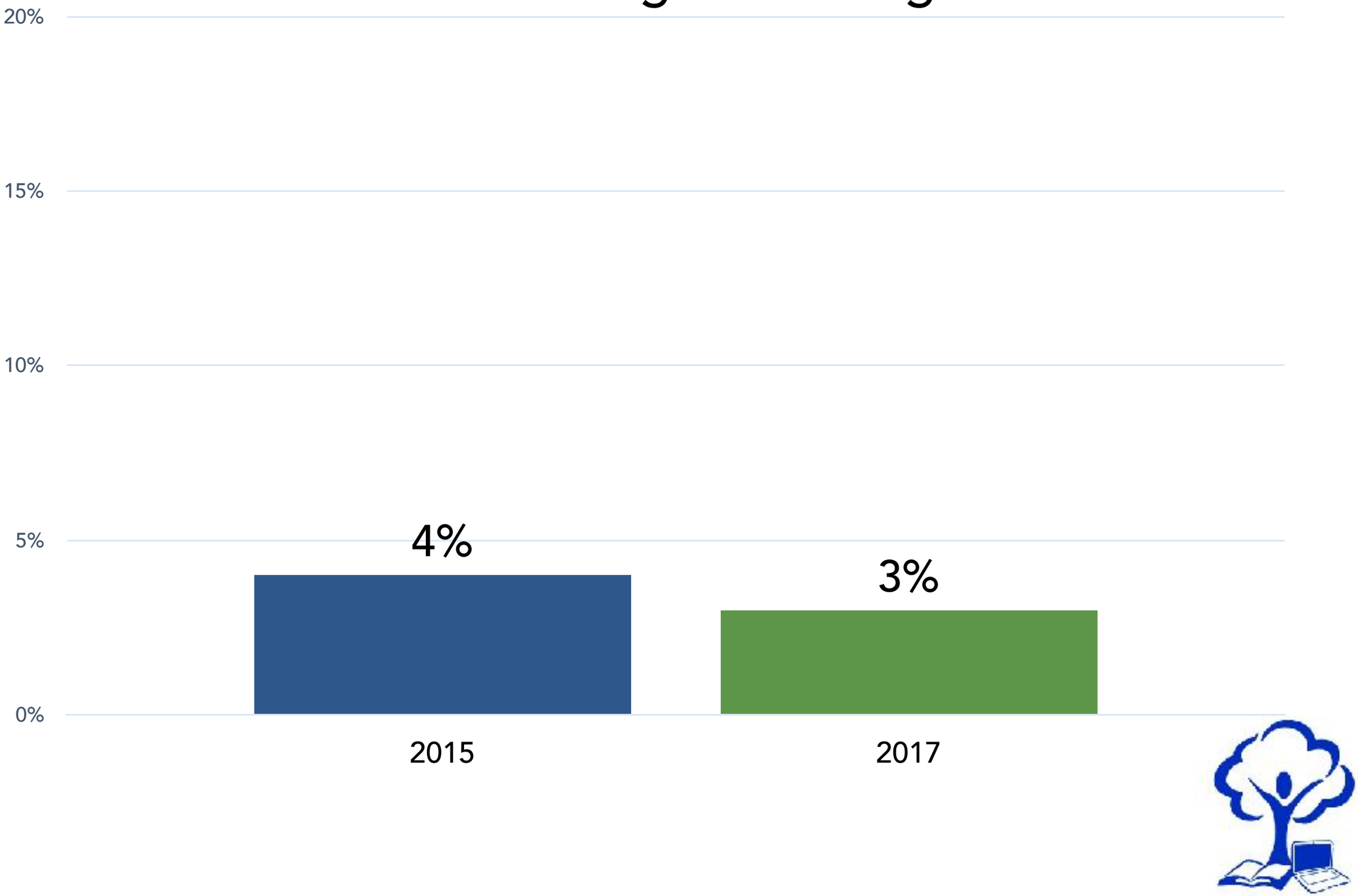
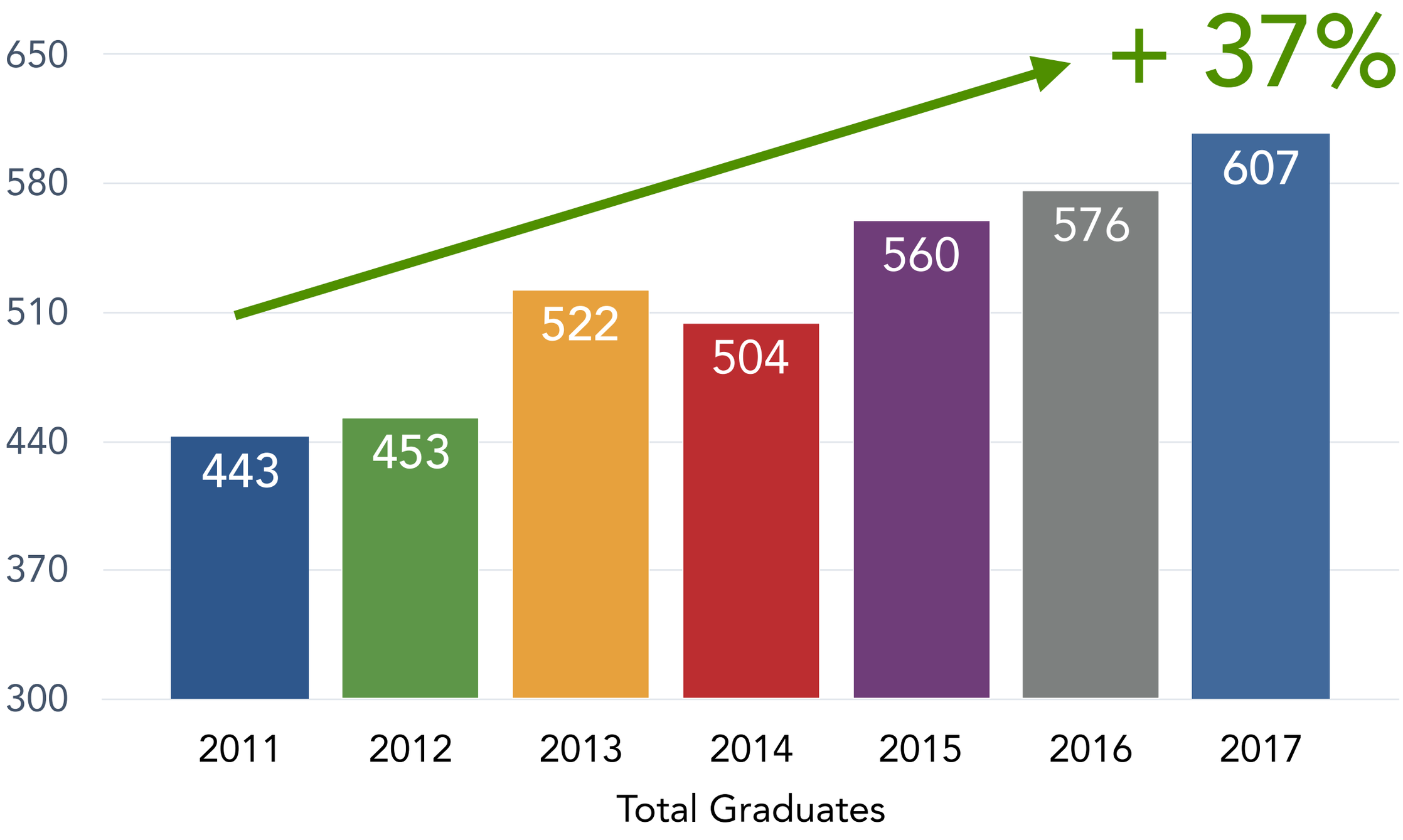


HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Passaic High School
Number of Attending 4-Year Graduates



Passaic High School
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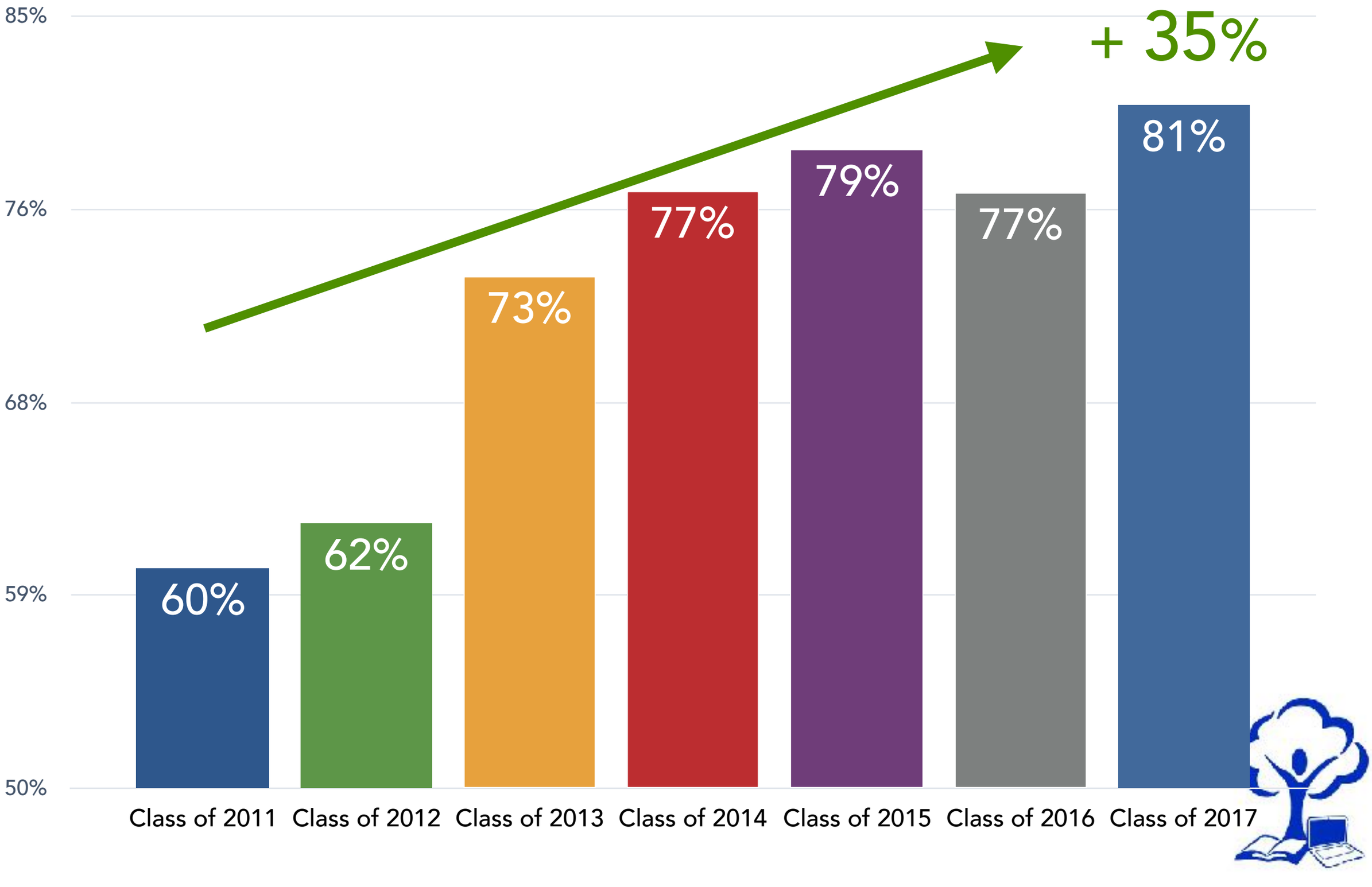
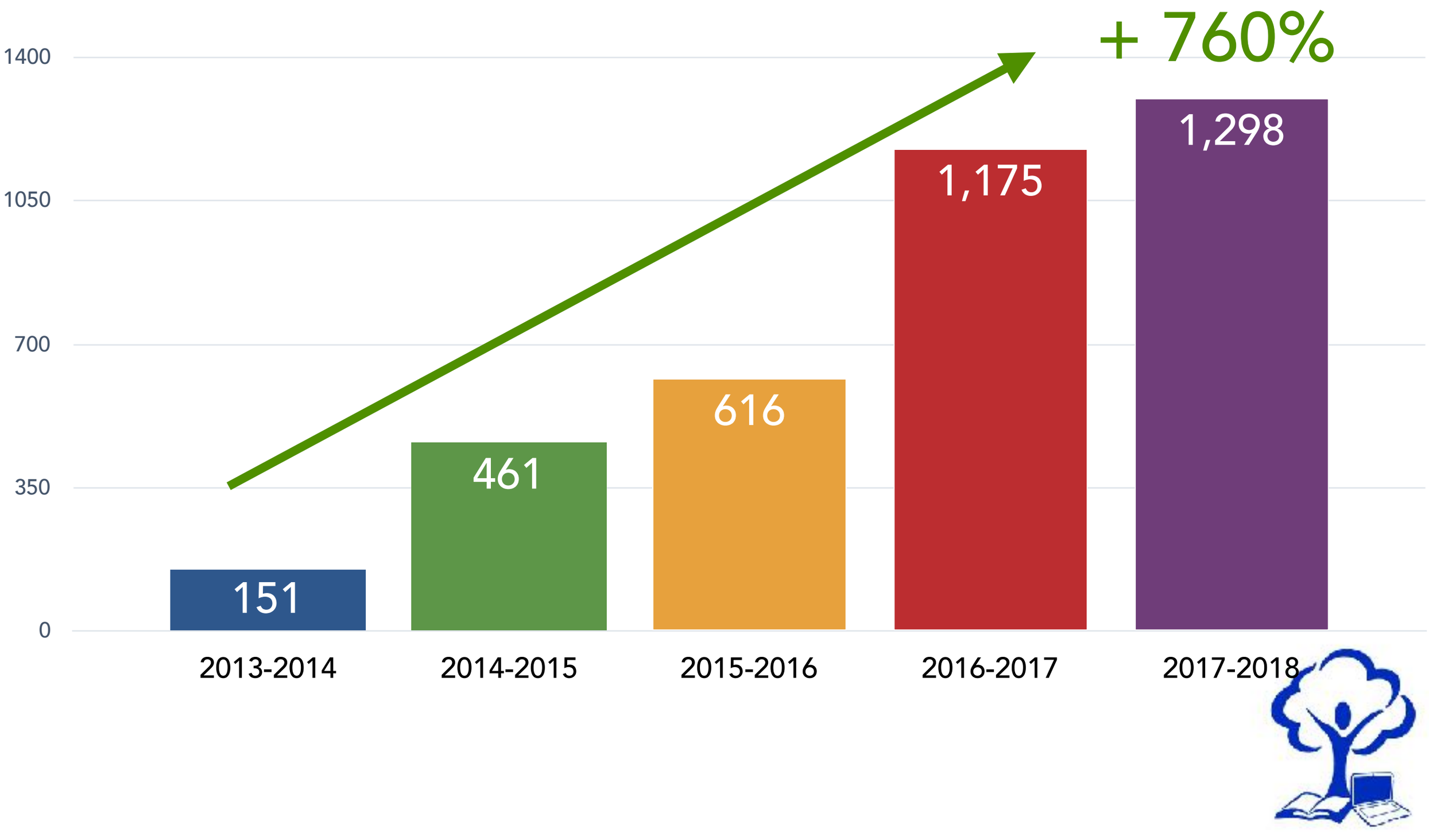
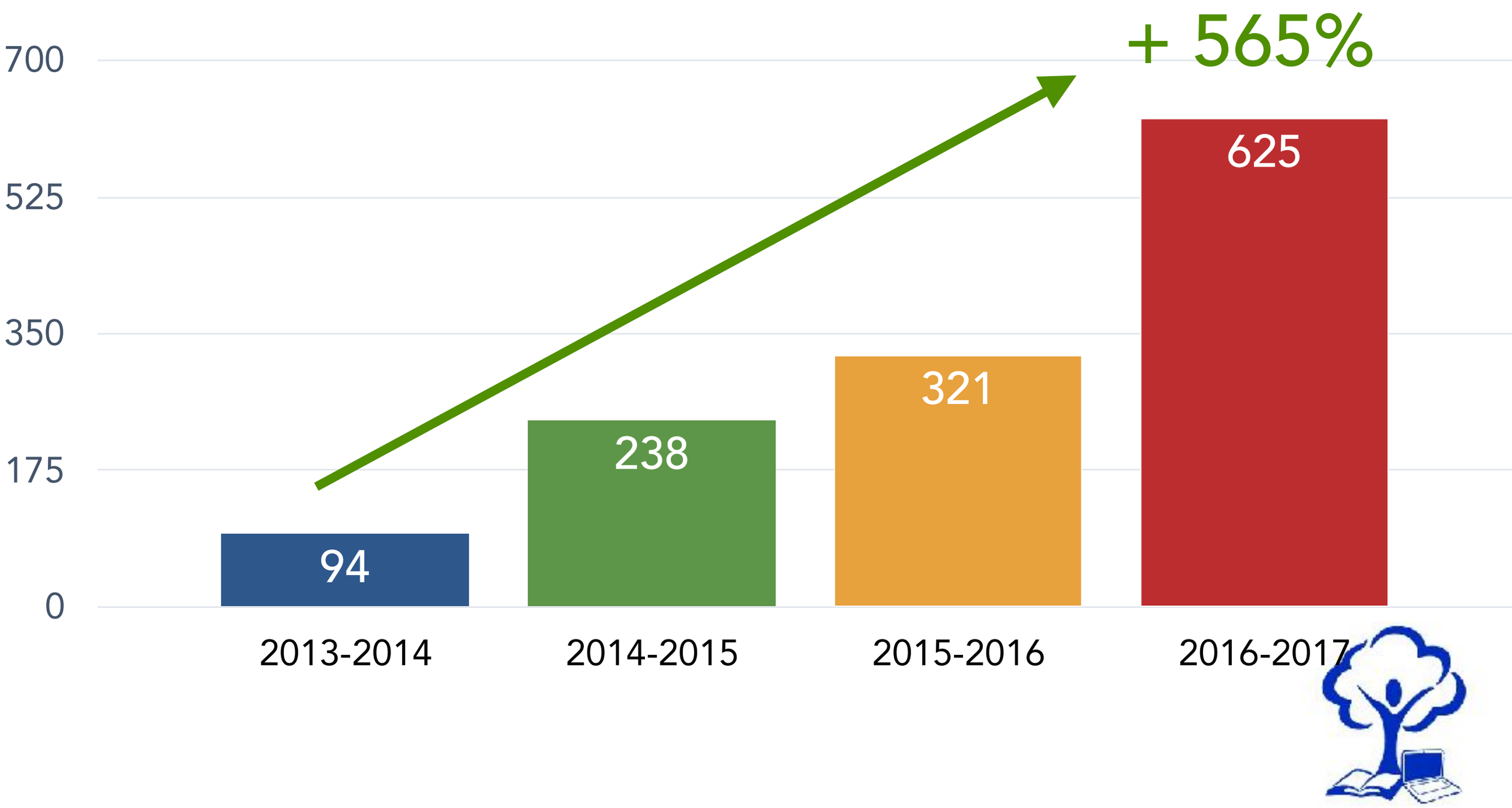


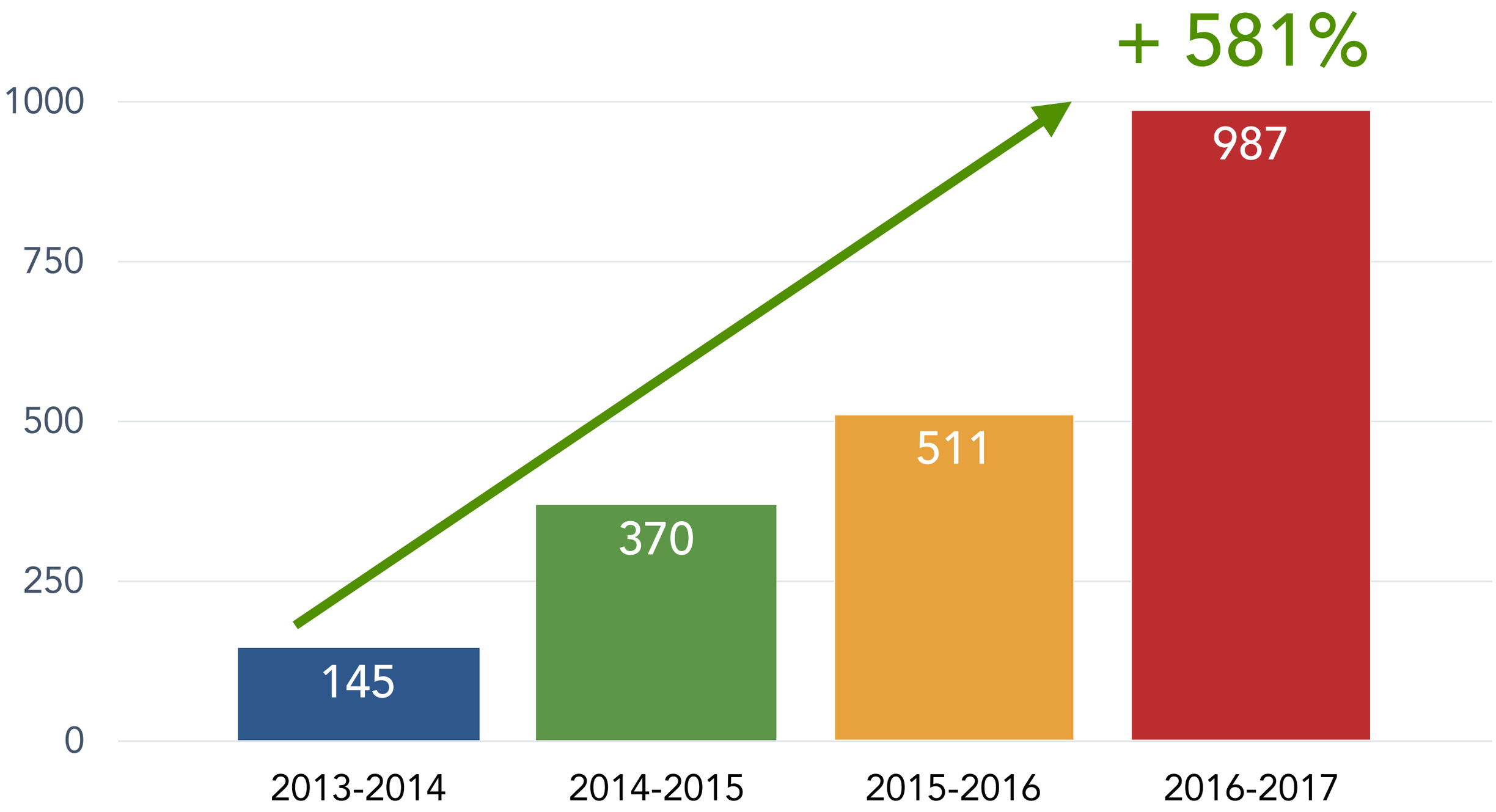
Passaic High School
Total AP Course Enrollment



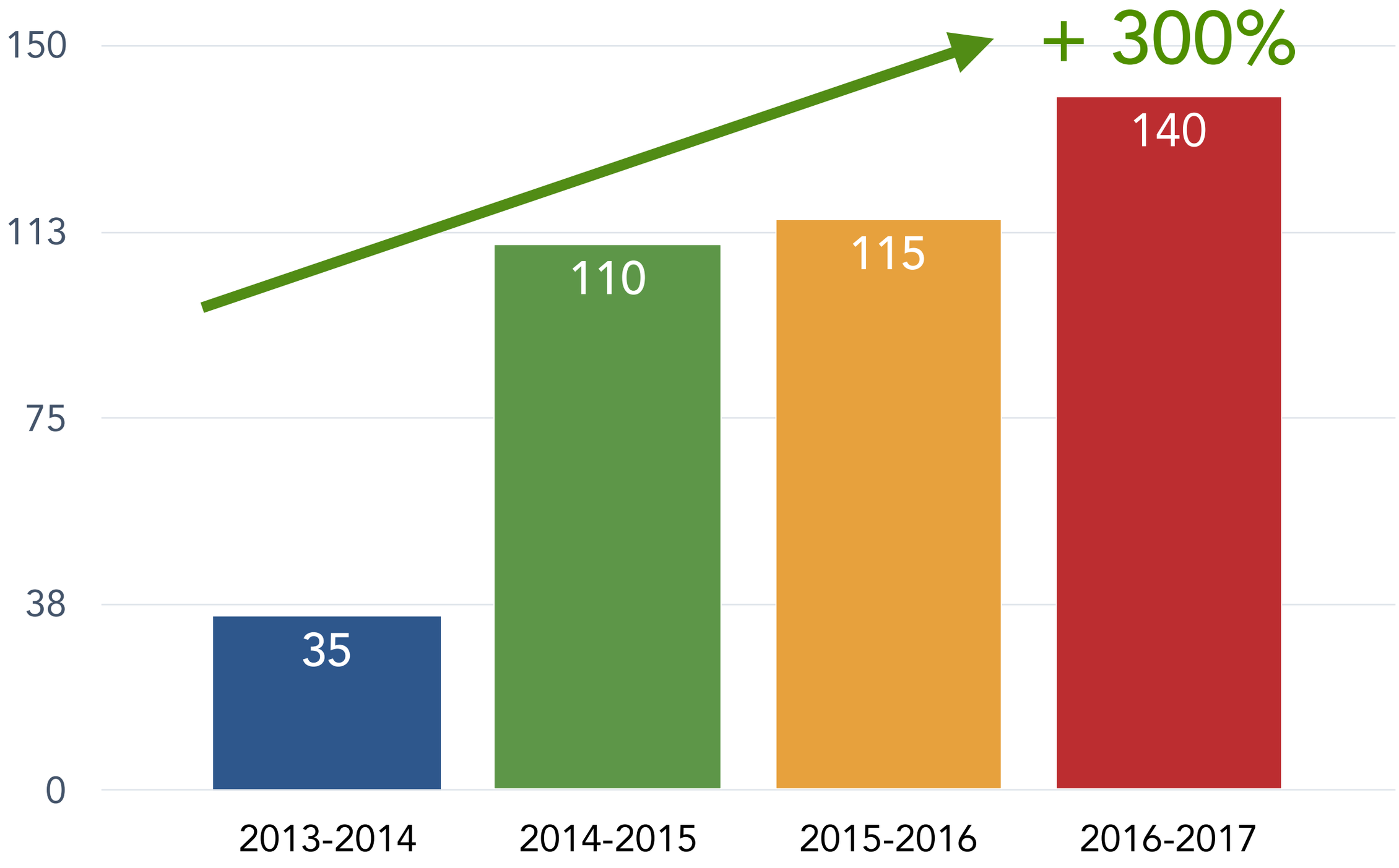
Passaic High School
Total Individual AP Students Tested



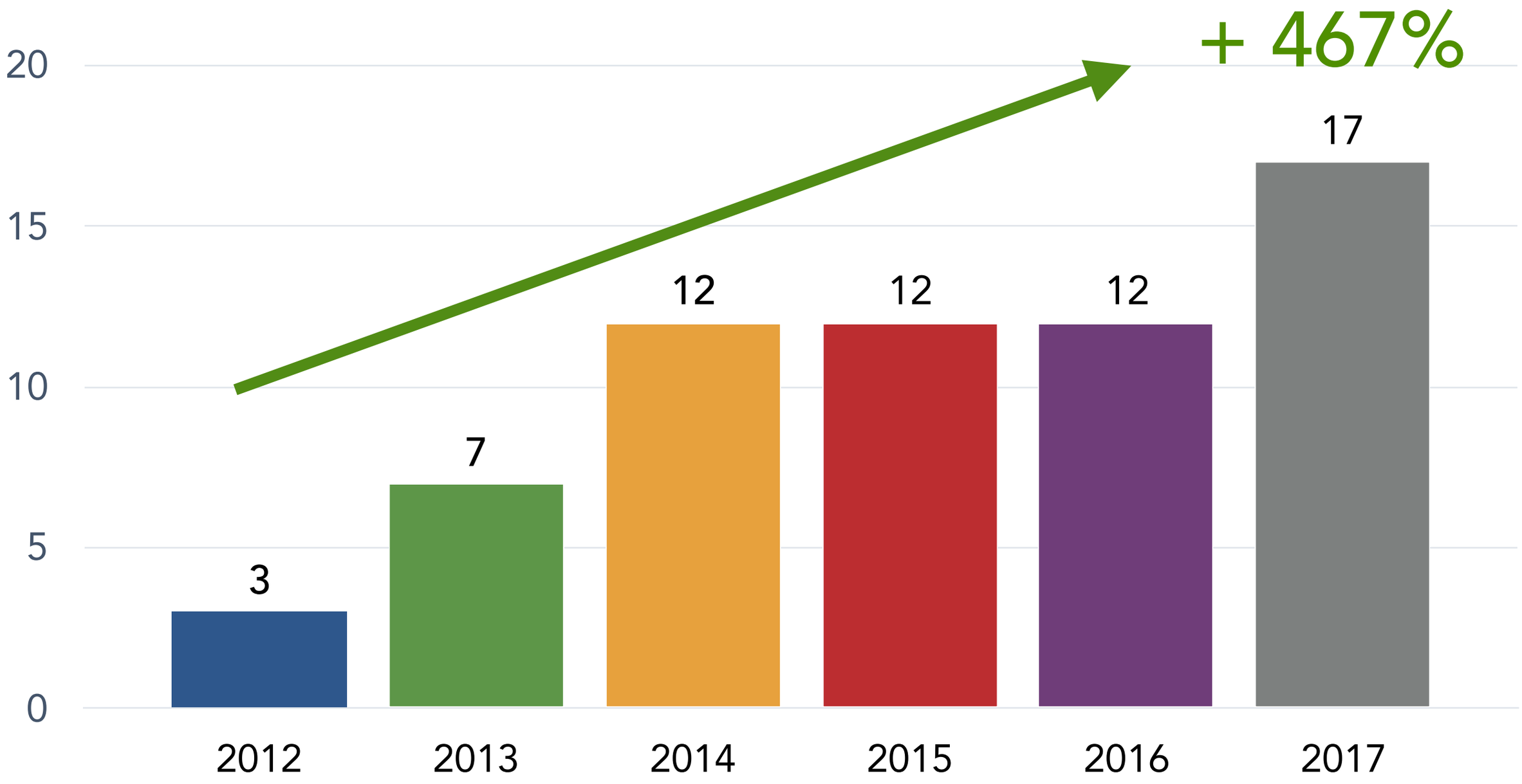
Passaic High School
Total AP Exams



Total AP Exams with a 3 or Higher



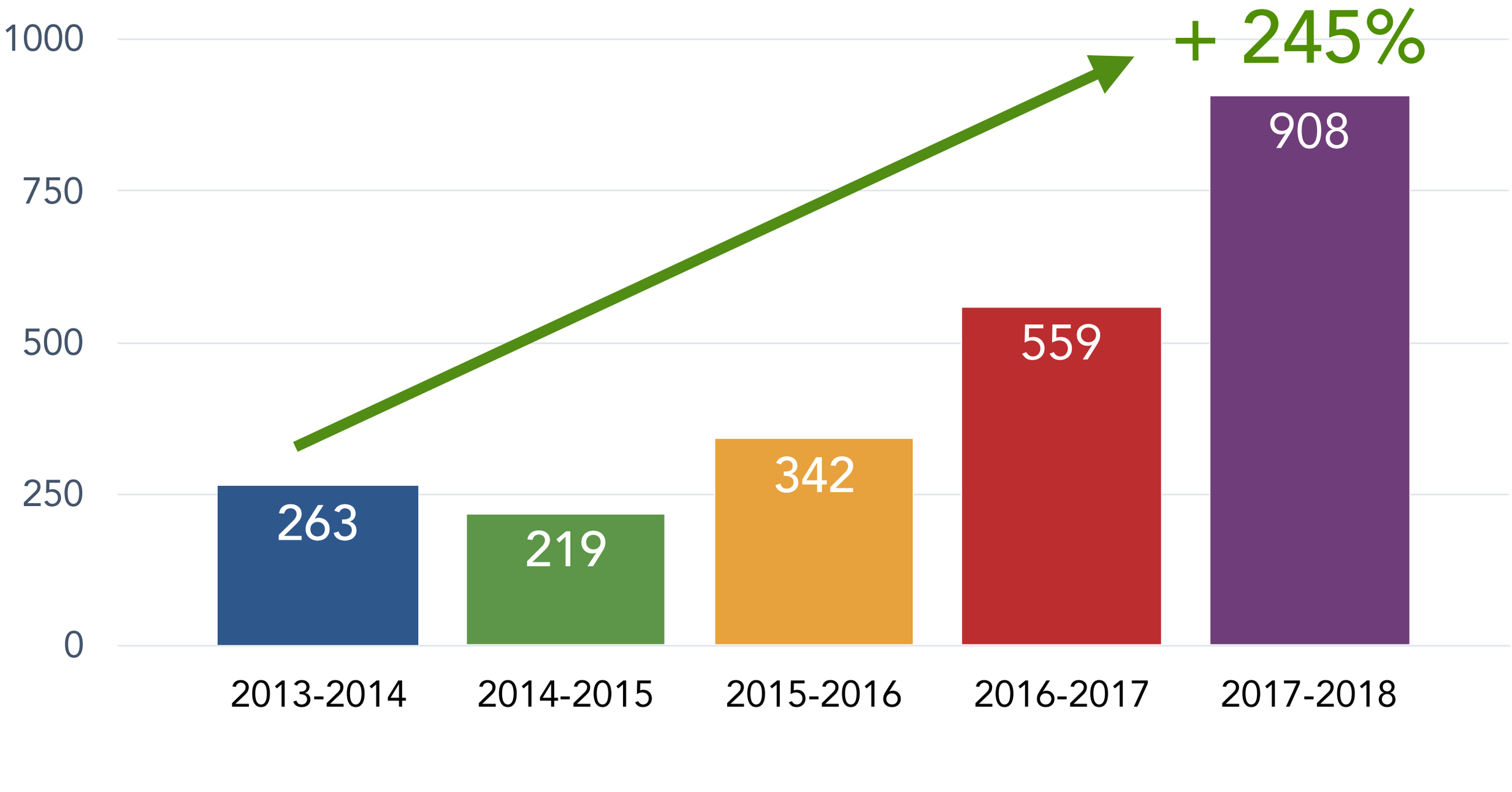
AP Scholars



Students who have achieved the distinction of receiving a 3, 4, or 5 on 3 or more exams.

Dual Enrollment

Total Enrollment of Students in Courses Eligible for College Credit



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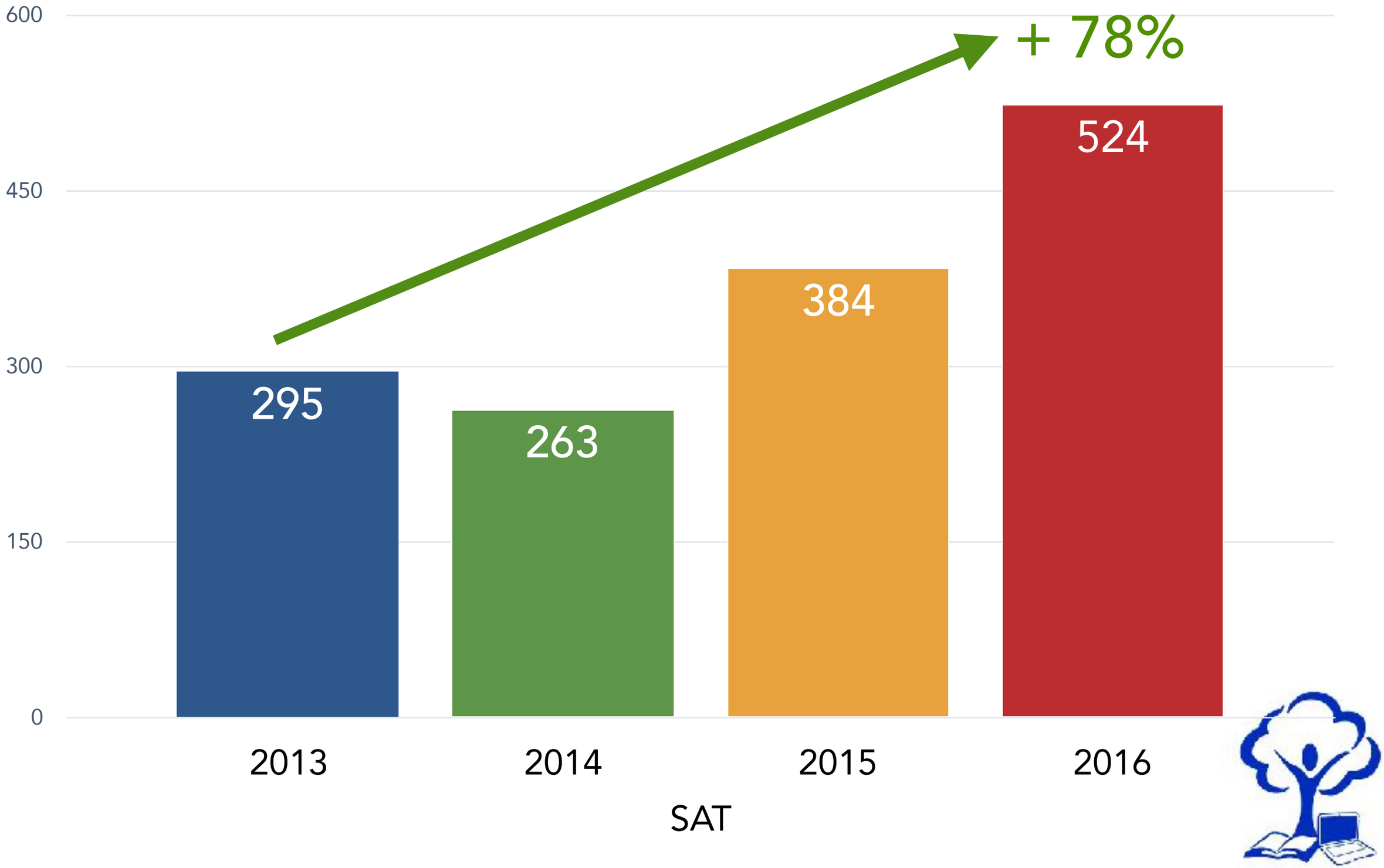

PLANNING OUR FUTURE

K-8 SCHOOL ZONES

HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN

K-8 SCHOOL ZONES

WHY K-8 SCHOOLS?

K-8 SCHOOL ZONES

- Community Feedback
  - Too many transitions between schools
  - Children in multiple schools
- District Response
  - 2014-2015: K-6 Zones
  - 2018-2019: K-8 Zones

K-8 SCHOOL ZONES RESEARCH

- Increased Academic Success
  - ❖Milwaukee
    - "Students in the K–8 schools had higher academic achievement as measured by both grade point averages and standardized test scores, especially in math."
  - ❖Baltimore
    - "The researchers found that the students in the K–8 schools scored much higher than their middle school counterparts on standardized achievement measures in reading, language arts, and math…more than 70 percent of the K–8 students were admitted into Baltimore's most competitive high schools, compared with only 54 percent of students from the middle schools"
  - ❖Philadelphia
    - "Once in high school, the grade point averages of students who had attended K–8 schools were higher than those of former middle school students…As a group, K–8 schools are more effective than middle-grades schools serving similar communities."

Citation: "Mayhem in the Middle: Why We Should Switch to K-8" Educational Leadership, ASCD, April 2006

K-8 SCHOOL ZONES RESEARCH

- Smaller cohorts of middle school students leads to better experiences
  - "Cohort size has a pronounced influence on student achievement during these school years" (Rockoff & Lockwood)
  - Current LMS Enrollment: 1,771 in 7th & 8th Grades
  - Future 7th & 8th Grade Enrollment: 75 (School 5) to 300 (PGTA)

- Strong community of learners and citizenship model of learning
  - "K-8 schools allow for a stronger sense of community and talk about benefits, such as teachers who have known students since kindergarten, and cross-grade collaboration opportunities like having older students read to or tutor younger children"(Jacobson, 2017)

K-8 SCHOOL ZONES RESEARCH

- Better Student Attendance:
  - Absences are higher for students in middle schools than for their peers in K-8 Schools

- Better Overall Quality:
  - Parents rated elementary schools serving K-8 students as higher on Overall Education Quality, Academic Rigor, and School Safety

Citation: "Stuck in the Middle" Rockoff & Lockwood, April 2010

K-8 SCHOOL ZONES
SEPTEMBER 2018

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5/5A

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7 & 19

8/8A

10/10A

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS

School 15 & 15 Annex

School 16

NEXT STEPS:

- Adopt K-8 School Zone Addresses Policy/Regulation
- Inform Parents and Students with School Assignments (Spring 2018)
- Renovate School Facilities
- Move Instructional Materials and Furniture
- Close Lincoln Middle School effective July 1, 2018

HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN

WHY REDESIGN?

- 2016 U.S. News & World Report: The best performing high schools in the nation provide students with clear programs designed to strengthen knowledge in specific areas of study, with rigorous content aligned to high expectations for student achievement.

WHY REDESIGN?

- Reduce the overcrowding at Passaic High School
- Create multiple options for rigorous academic programs and experiences
- Provide clearly developed Pathways for high school graduation and postsecondary success

HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN
SEPTEMBER 2018

Passaic Preparatory Academy

Passaic Academy for Science & Engineering

Passaic High School

Passaic Preparatory Academy

Location: 252 Boulevard

This school for 900 students in grades 6-12 will provide the opportunity to participate in Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment college courses in academics and the arts.

Programs Offered:

Humanities

Musical Arts

Visual Arts

Dramatic Arts

AP Capstone Research & Seminar

Passaic Academy for Science & Engineering

Location: 291 Lafayette Avenue

This school for 900 students in grades 6-12 will provide the opportunity to participate in a variety of advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) courses.

Programs Offered:

Advanced Mathematics

Biomedical Science Biotechology

Data Analytics Computer Science

Engineering/Aeronautical Engineering

WHY 6-12?

- Keep our top performing students in Passaic who have been leaving after 6th or 8th grade

- Provide early opportunities for high level courses

- Give students the opportunity to participate in college level and STEM courses as early as 6th and 7th grade.

TOP SCHOOLS IN THE NATION

- *US News & World Report* High School Rankings:
  1. BASIS Scottsdale, Grades 5-12, Scottsdale, AZ
  2. BASIS Tucson North, Grades 5-12, Tucson, AZ
  3. BASIS Oro Valley, Grades 5-12, Oro Valley, AZ
  10. Pacific Collegiate School, Grades 7-12, Santa Cruz, CA
  12. Oxford Academy, Grades 7-12, Cypress, CA
  14. Whitney HS, Grades 7-12, Cerritos, CA
  37. Central Magnet School,Grades 6-12 Murfreesboro, TN
  52. Young Women's Preparatory Academy, Grades 6-12 , Miami, FL
  73. Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies, Grades 6-12, L.A., CA
  88. Jose Marti Mast 6-12 Academy, Miami, FL

TOP SCHOOLS IN THE NATION

- *Business Insider* Top Private Schools
  - #6 Harvard Westlake, Grades 7-12, L.A., CA
  - #7 Groton School, Grades 8-12, Groton, MA
  - #11 Flintridge Preparatory School, Grades 7-12, La Canada Flintridge, CA
  - #13 Roxbury Latin School, Grades 7-12, West Roxbury, MA

- *New Jersey Monthly* Best Urban High Schools
  - Science Park High School, Newark, Grades 7-12
  - LEAP STEM Academy, Newark, Grades 7-12

Passaic High School

Passaic High School will provide students in grades 9-12 clear college and career pathways. As an AVID school, students will participate in specialized programs, with clear opportunities to graduate with 15 college credits and/or a career certification.

Programs Offered:

Radio and Television

Automotive Engineering

Health Sciences

Information Technology

Education

Building Trades

NAF Finance Academy

NJROTC

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN

- Each school will have its own Principal and Assistant Principals
- Students will be allowed to apply to all three high schools. Board regulations will be forthcoming as to the selection process.

HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN

- PHS Marching Band & Athletics will include students from all three high schools and compete under the banner of Passaic High School
- Individual extracurricular Clubs & Programs will be allowed at each of the schools for programs such as chorus and theatre.

HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN

- Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses will be offered across all three schools; specific courses may vary based on the programs offered at each school.

- An optional 10th period class may be offered to allow students to earn additional college-credit bearing courses.

- Bilingual and Special Education classes will be offered across all three schools, dependent upon the needs of the students.

NEXT STEPS:

- Hire 3 High School Principals
- Adopt a High School Student Application and Selection Policy/Regulation
- Provide High School Selection Brochure for Students and Community
- Students Apply to Schools
- Students Selected for Schools
- Phase One of School Facilities Renovation

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