# Special Education Least Restrictive Environment

# (School-age K-21)

A students least restrictive environment (LRE) placement is not only where the student will spend their time in school but also how special education services are provided.

**Studies show s**tudents with disabilities that receive most of their education and services with non-disabled (typically developing) peers have higher academic, functional, social-emotional outcomes.

#### Old Calculation

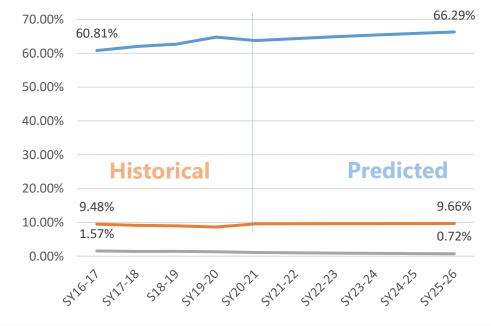
#### Age 6-21

- A. % of students in the regular class 80% or more
- B. % of students in the regular class less than40%
- C. % of students in a separate special education class, school, or in a residential facility

#### **New Calculation**

Kindergarten age eligible – 21 No change in sub indicators

### **Idaho's Historical Data**



#### Goals:

- **A. Increase** the % of students in the regular class 80% or more
- **B. Decrease** the % of students in the regular class **less than 40%**
- **C. Decrease** the % of students in a separate special education class, school, or in a residential facility

## **System Challenges**

Trauma

Staffing Loss

Changes in learning location

**Increased Stress** 

# **System Supports**

Training Collaboration Innovation

Creative Problem-solving

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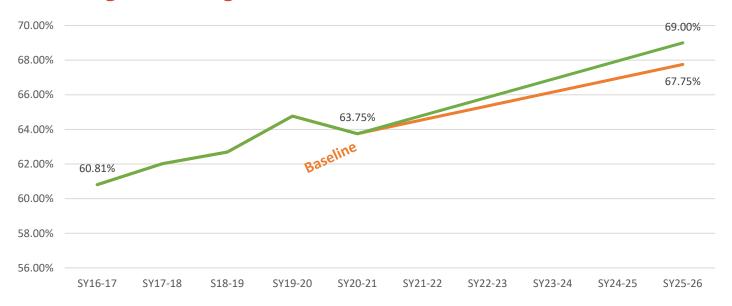
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#### How are the data used?

Districts or charters that are well below state targets for drop out may receive prioritization for additional or targeted supports including:

- Funding
- Professional development
- Significant Disproportionality (multi year process to address restrictive placements)

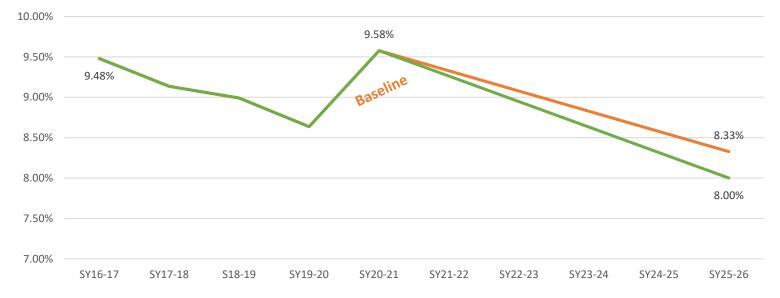
# **Optional Targets A – Regular Class 80% or More**



<u>Conservative Target:</u> Estimated 1602 more students in inclusive environments when compared with baseline target in the final year.\* .\*

<u>Challenging Target:</u> Estimated 2102 more students in inclusive environments when compared with baseline target in the final year.\*

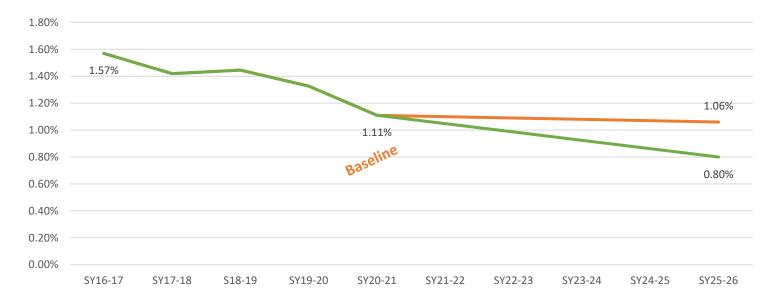
# **Optional Targets B – Regular Class Less than 40%**



**Conservative Target:** Estimated 500 fewer students in restrictive environments when compared with baseline target in the final year.\*

<u>Challenging Target:</u> Estimated 632 fewer students in restrictive environments when compared with baseline target in the final year.\*

# **Optional Targets C – Separate Class, School, or Residential Facility**



**Conservative Target:** Estimated 20 fewer students in restrictive environments as compared with baseline target in the final year.\*

<u>Challenging Target:</u> Estimated 124 fewer students in restrictive environments as compared with baseline target in the final year.\*