

Delta County CMAS Story & Growth Plan

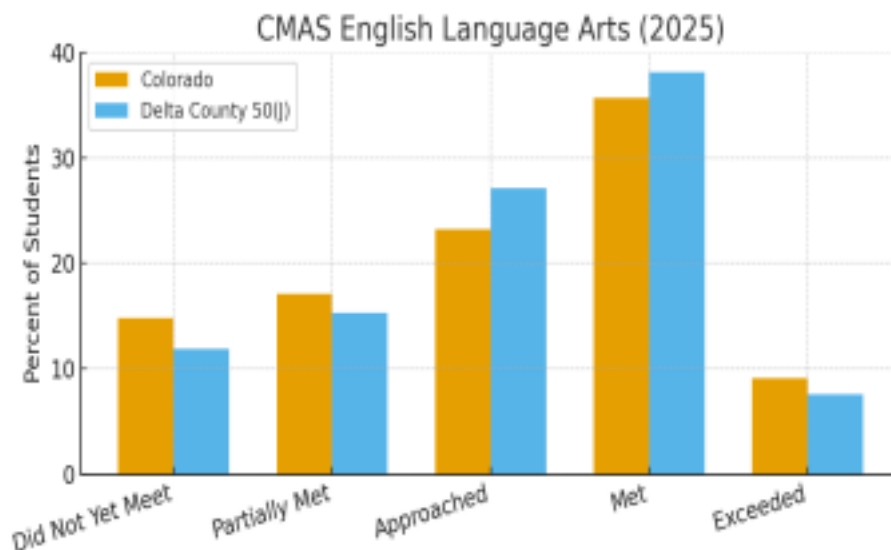
Aim: To show where we are today, our growth goals, and how we will reduce the lower performance categories.

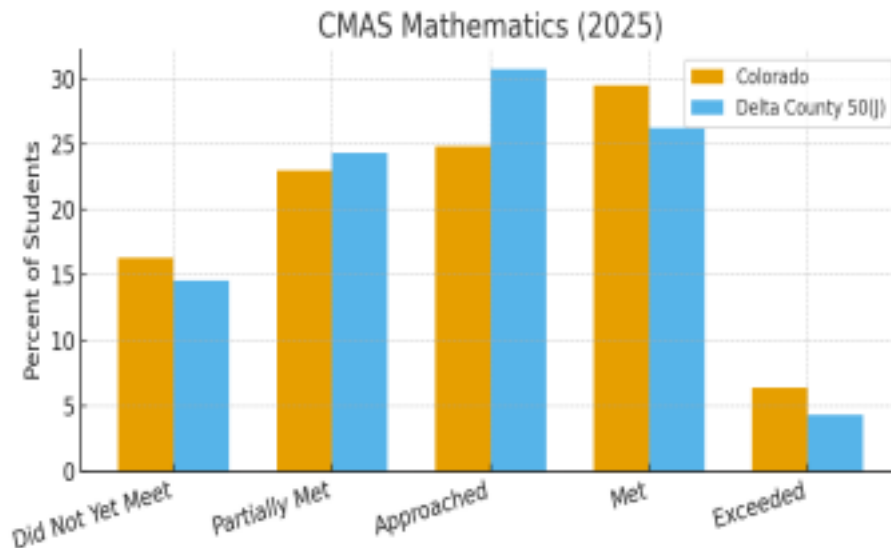
This packet provides an overview of Delta County's performance on the 2025 Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). It illustrates where our district stands, how we compare to state averages, and how focused growth can continue to move more students into the "Meets and Exceeds" categories year after year.

Delta County Schools believe in meeting students where they are and helping each child move forward. **Students enter school with different levels of readiness** — not all are reading or math-ready on day one — but **every year, they grow, learn, and improve**. CMAS is not a verdict; it's one of many tools that help us understand which students need more support and which strategies are working best. **Our goal is continuous improvement** — not resting on our laurels, but using data to guide instruction and celebrate progress across every grade and school.

Where We Are Now (2025 Snapshot)

These charts compare the distribution of student performance between Delta County and the State of Colorado in English Language Arts and Mathematics.



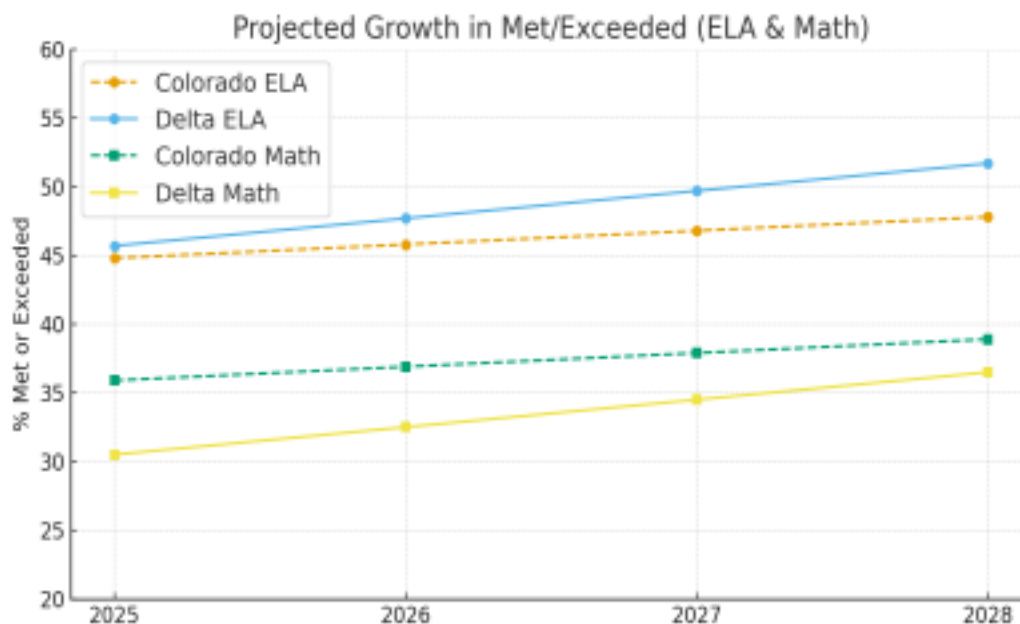


Key takeaways:

- In ELA, Delta outperforms the state: 45.7% of students met or exceeded expectations, compared to 44.8% statewide.
- In Math, Delta trails the state: 30.5% of students met or exceeded expectations, compared to 35.9% statewide, but Delta has fewer students in the lowest performance category compared to the state (14.6% vs 16.3%).
- Over one-third of Delta students are on track or above in Math, showing strong growth potential.
- More Delta students reach the 'Approached Expectations' level than the state, meaning many are close to moving up into 'Met'.
- Delta's participation rates in testing are consistently higher than the statewide averages, ensuring our results represent nearly every student.

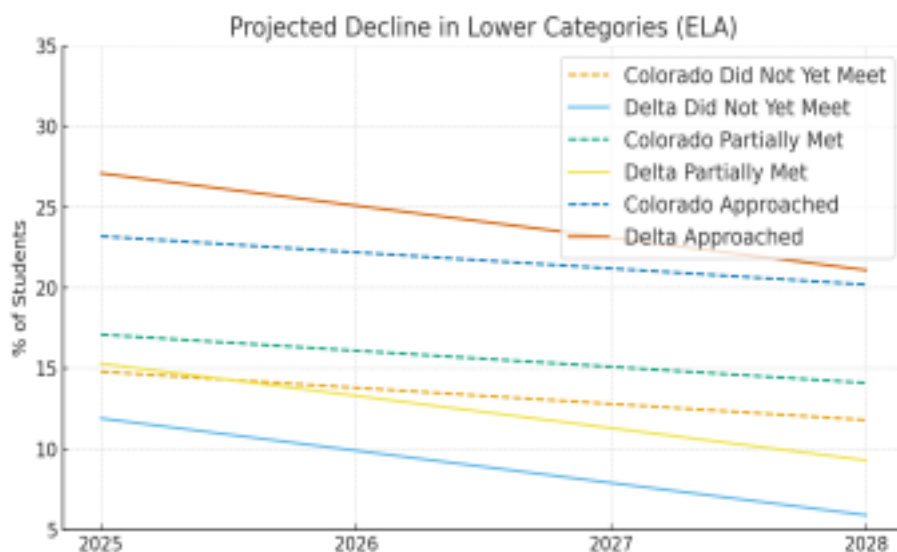
Where We're Going (Our Growth Goal)

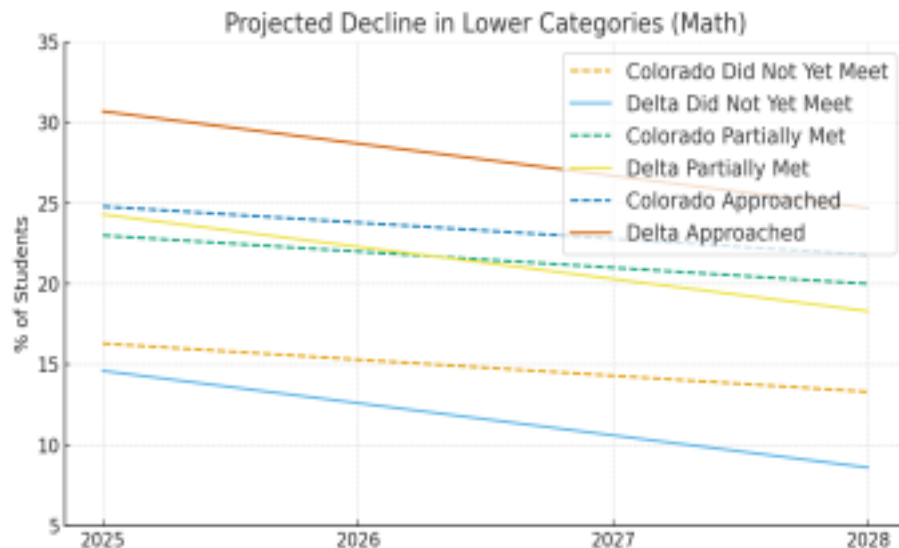
Colorado defines a year's worth of growth as the 50th percentile. Delta's goal is 60th percentile growth each year. That extra 10% allows our students to move upward faster than the state average, pushing more into the 'Met' and 'Exceeded' categories.



What We'll Reduce (Lower Categories)

With stronger growth, fewer students remain in the lowest three levels. These charts show the projected decline for Delta compared to Colorado.





Key Takeaways

- Delta students already match or outperform the state in English and are closing gaps in Math
- Our 60% growth target means students will move into 'Met' and 'Exceeded' faster than the state average.
- Fewer students will remain in the lower categories each year — a steady upward shift for every school.

What the Numbers Really Mean

Seeing less than half of students in the top categories doesn't mean our schools are failing — it means the bar is high. CMAS is designed to measure college- and career-level readiness, not just grade-level basics, so **even strong districts across Colorado often land in the 40–50% range.**

What matters most is that **our students keep growing every year** — more are moving up, fewer are struggling, and we're closing gaps. Delta County's goal isn't to chase quick wins; it's to keep every student learning and improving, step by step.