



## Strategic Plan



# Goal 4: Strengthening USG's Partnerships with State's Other Education Agencies

## Early College

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# Background



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- Alliance of Education Agency Heads includes CEOs of 7 GA education agencies
- Focus on points of intersection among work of 7 agencies
- Alliance Plan—5 goals and many strategies
- BOR Strategic Plan—sub-set of strategies led by USG

# Today – Early College



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## What is Early College?

- Targets low-income, minority, and 1<sup>st</sup> generation college students—those less likely to graduate HS and attend college
- Blended model of secondary school and 1<sup>st</sup> two years of college
- High school and college credit earned through “Dual Enrollment”

# How it Works



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- USG institutions and high schools collaborate in Early College
- Students removed from “traditional” high school environment
  - Build “college culture” of high expectations
  - Provide strong student support services
- Students learn about college expectations and are challenged to meet them

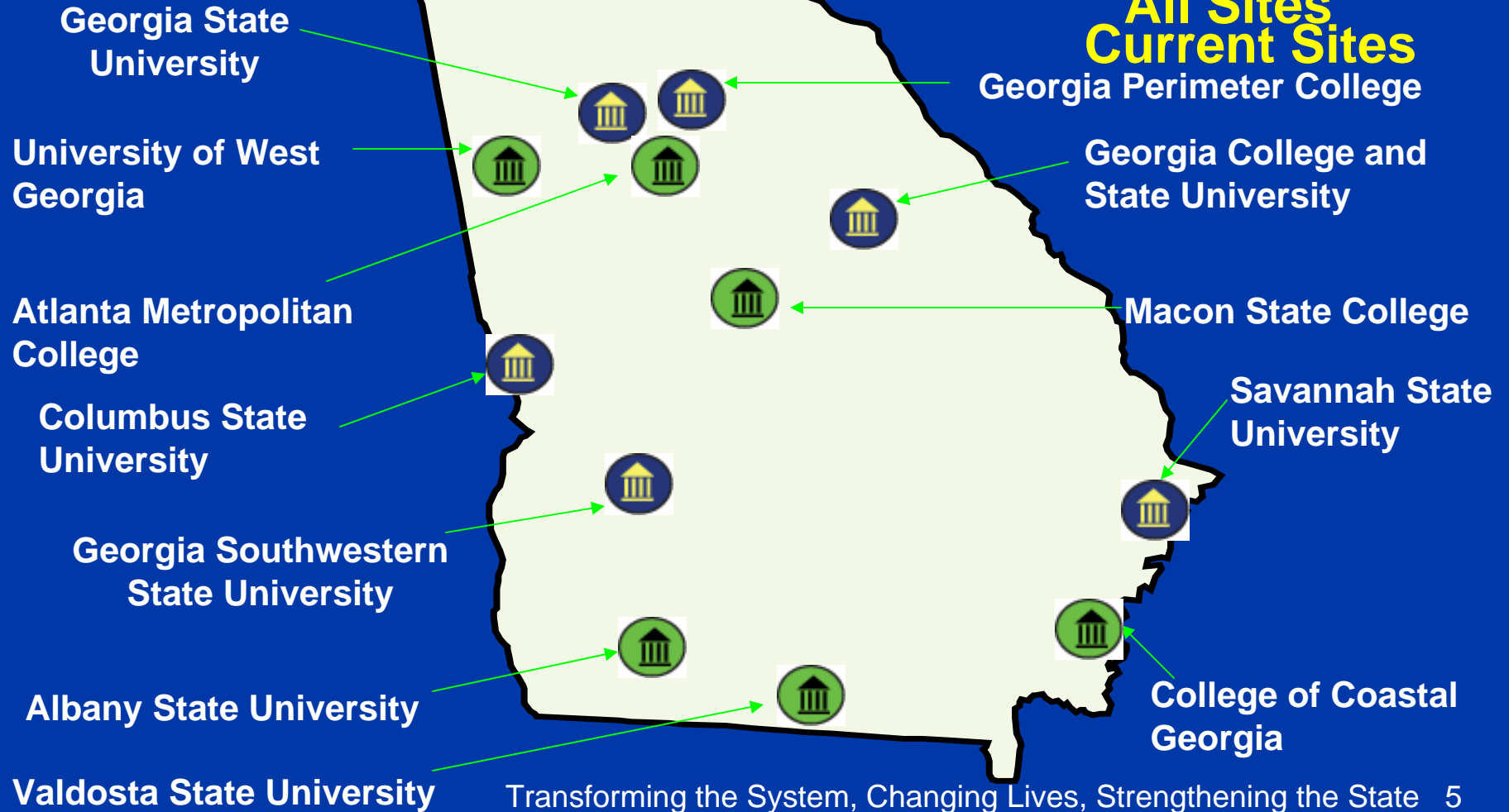


# Georgia Early College Sites

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**All Sites  
Current Sites**



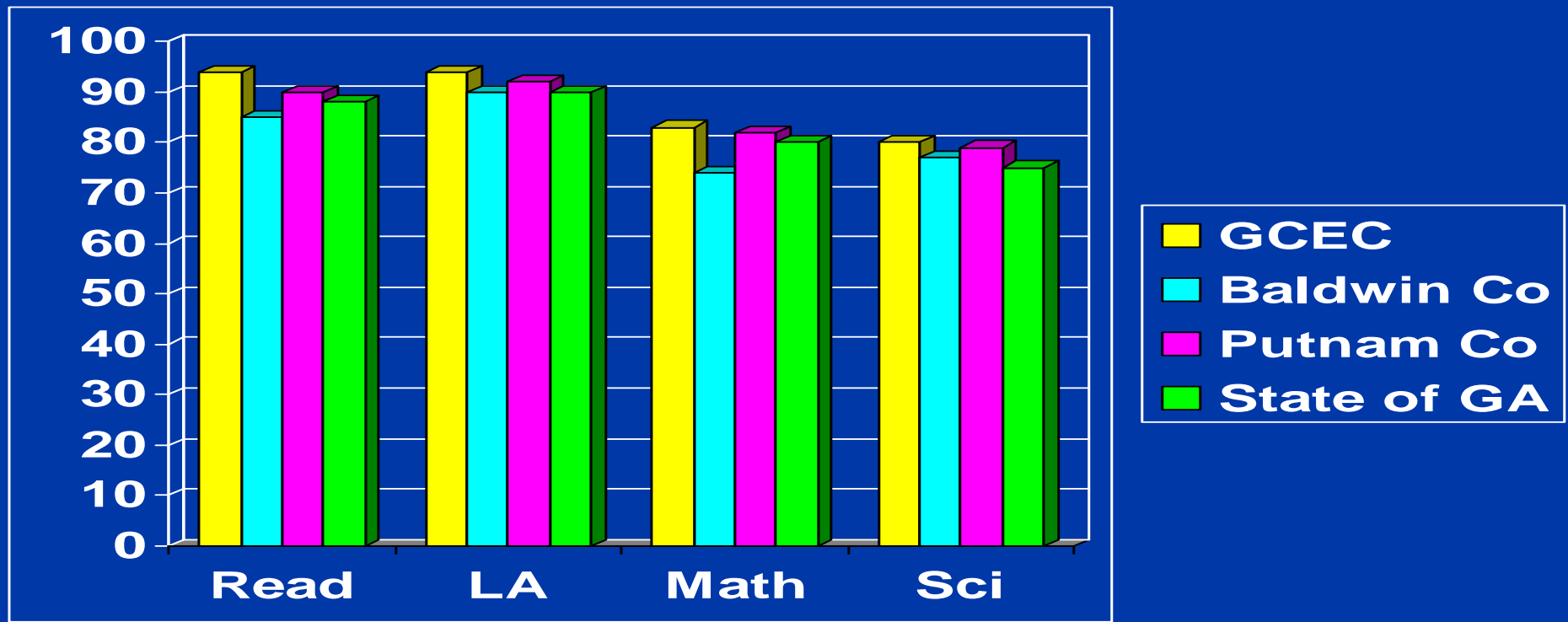
# Early Successes in GA



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### Georgia College Early College (GCEC)

Percent Passing State Criterion Referenced Competency Tests  
7th Grade, FY 2008



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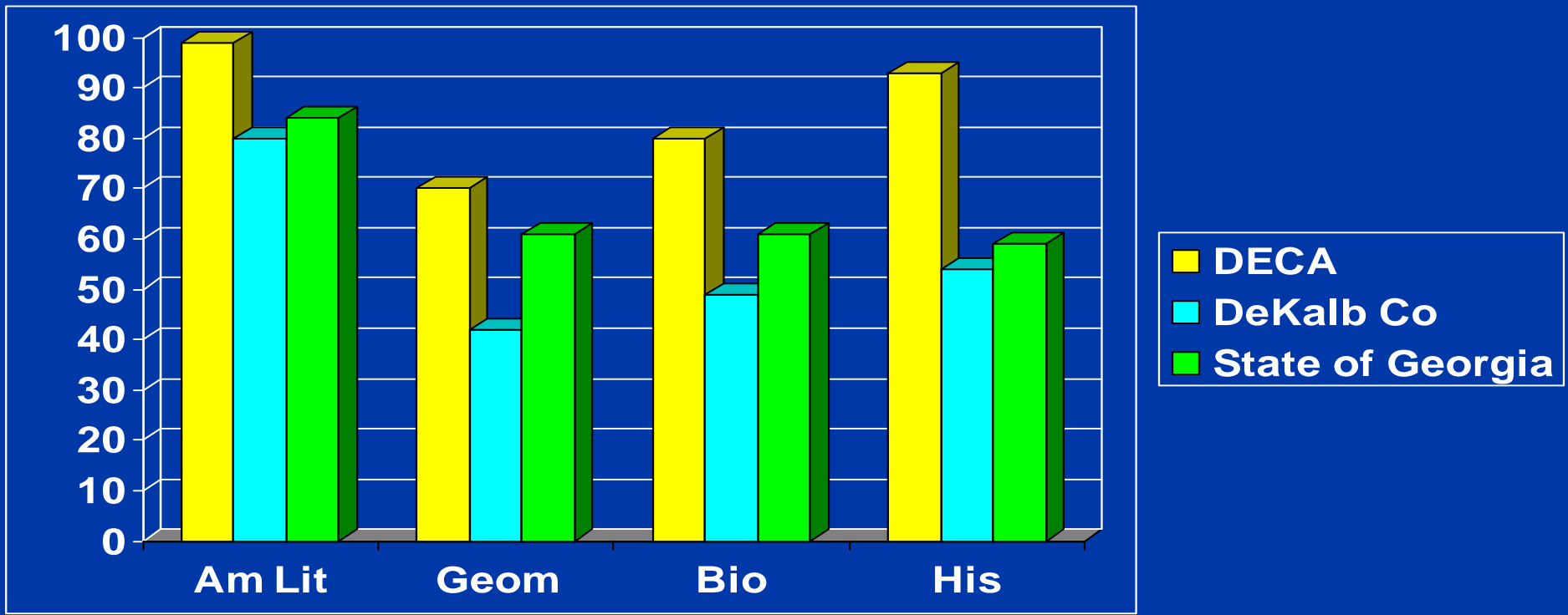


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## DeKalb Early College Academy (DECA)

Percent Passing State End of Course Tests, FY 2008



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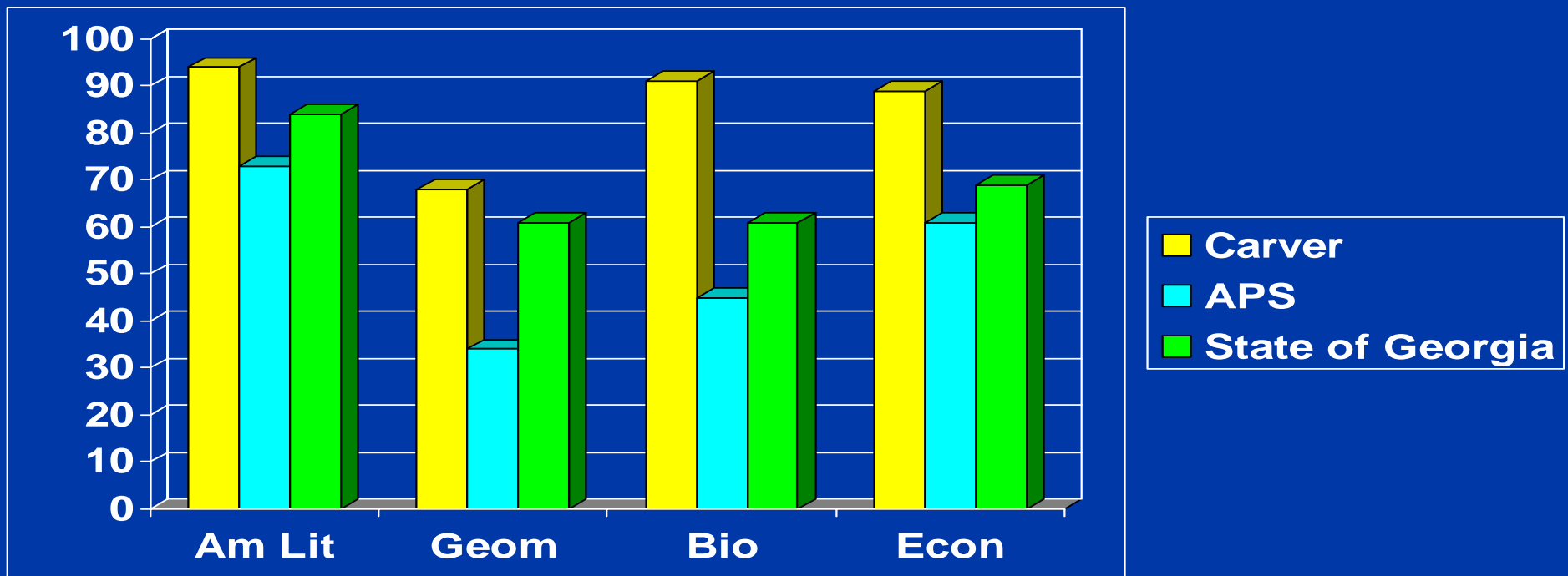


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## Carver Early College

Percent Passing State End of Course Tests, FY 2008



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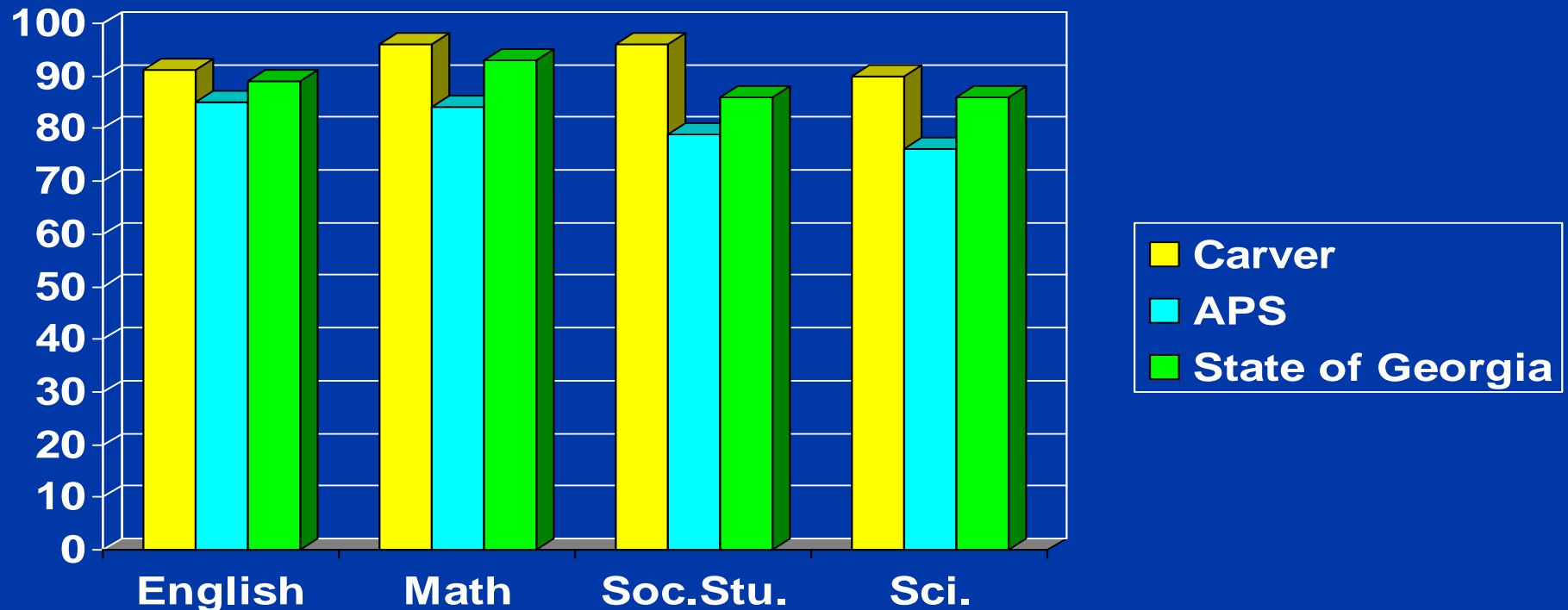


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### Carver Early College



#### Percent Passing State High School Graduation Tests, FY 2008



# National Early College Successes



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- **160 Early Colleges in 25 states\***
- **90% student attendance rate (all grades)**
- **89% HS graduation rate**
- **85% have earned between one semester and two years of college credit prior to high school graduation**

**\*Jobs for the Future, Early College Student Information System**

# Why Strategic for USG



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- To meet national benchmarks for international competitiveness, GA needs 55% of adult population with Associate Degree or Higher
- GA demographics mean more degrees for
  - African Americans
  - Hispanics
  - Low-Income students—all ethnic groups

# Why Strategic for USG



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- USG stresses both student access and success
- Early College targets demographic groups in Georgia that we need to reach out to and pull in
- For Georgia to succeed, these are the very students who must succeed in college
  - It is a moral imperative
  - It is an economic necessity

# What do Participants Say



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- Early College Leader: Camille Daniel-Tyson, Georgia College Early College
- USG Early College Director: Dawn Cooper