



# ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OPTIONS

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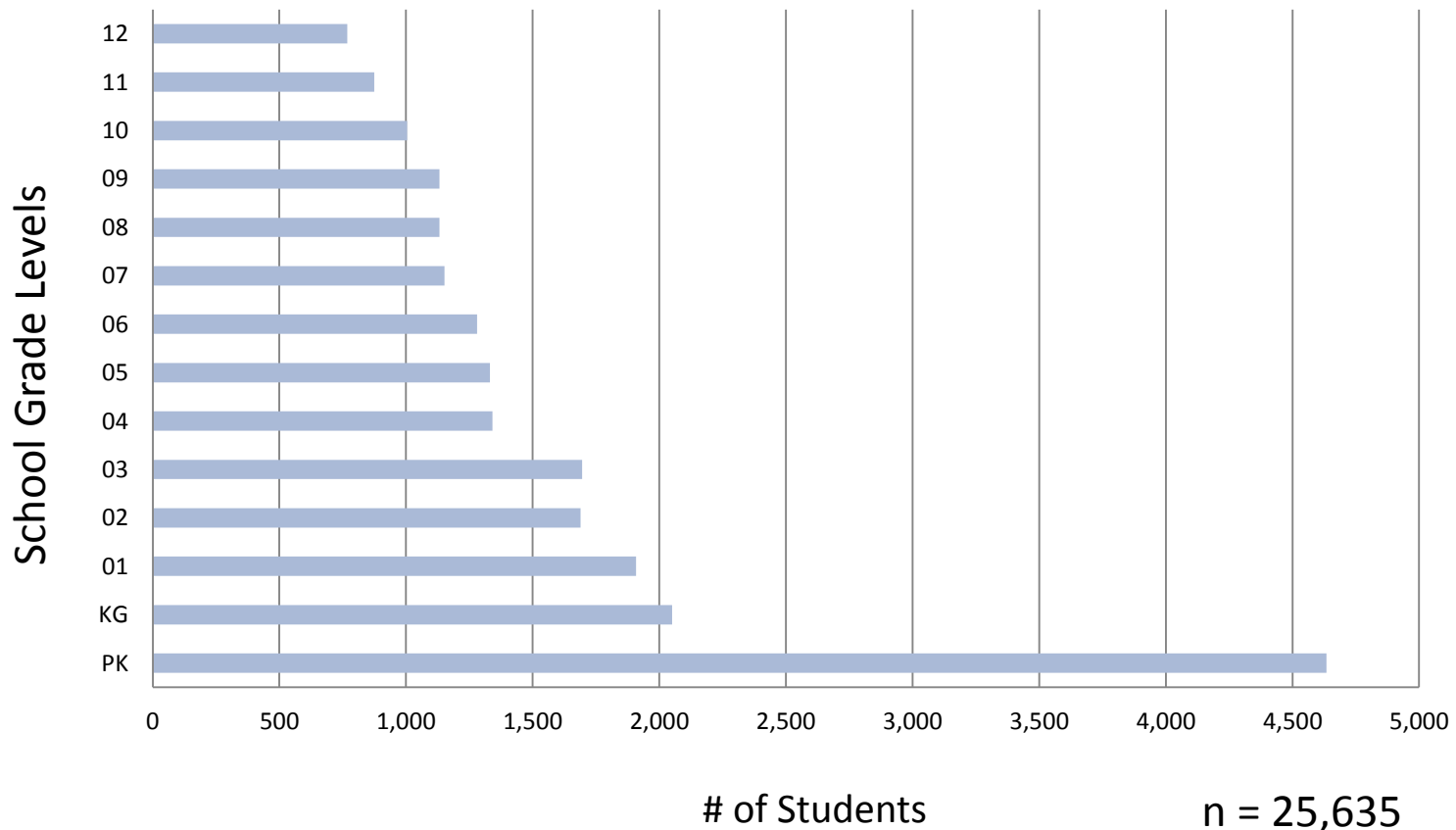
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## OVERVIEW

- Migrant Student Profile
- Barriers to Educational Success
- Components of Promising Alternative Education Programs/Services
- Alternative Educational Initiatives
- Other Strategies and Ideas
- What's Next

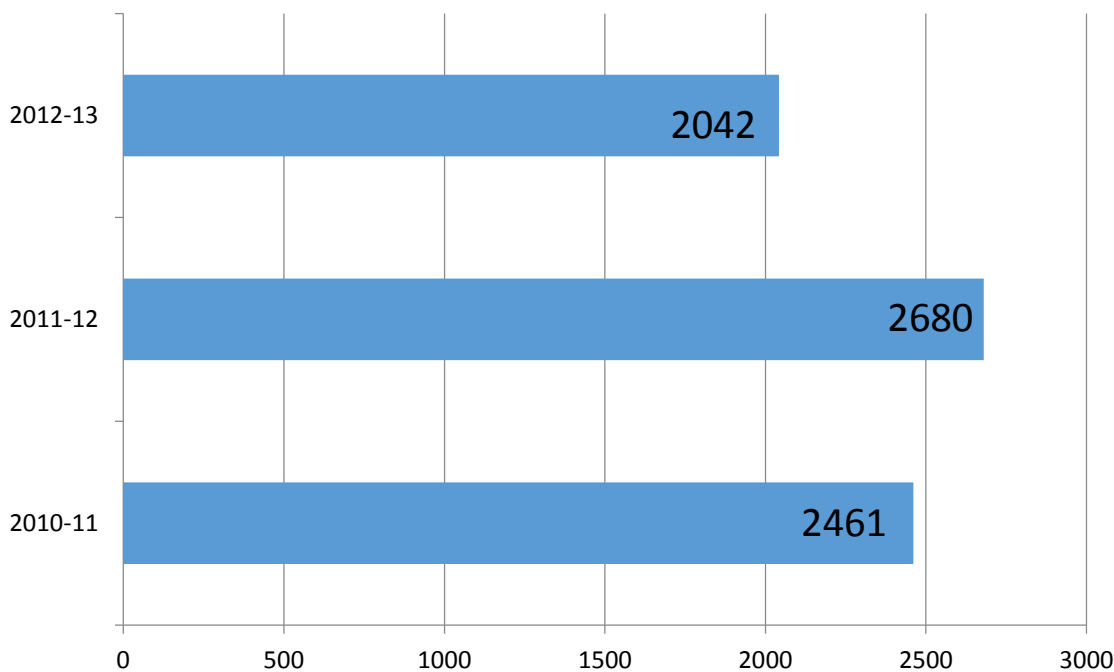
# MIGRANT STUDENT PROFILE

## 2012-13 MIGRANT STUDENTS SERVED BY GRADE LEVEL



# FL Out-of School Youth (OSY) PROFILE 2010-2013 Three School-Year Comparison

## OSY Students



## Unique Challenges of Migrant Student Population

- Cultural Barriers
- Language Barriers
- Poverty (limited resources)
- Mobility

# Mobility

- Missed instructional and Assessment Time
- Lack of Continuity
  - School environments
  - Instructional programs
  - Curriculum (incl. sequence)
  - Expectations
- Mis-matched Placement
- Additional Instructional Resources
- Difficulty tracking H.S. credits earned

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## Barriers per FL District Representatives

- Mobility
  - Limited summer program participation
  - Limited transportation for families
  - Limited time in identifying migrant students
- Difficulty providing education services to the few
- Must be “on their time; not ours!”
- Lack of trust
- Lack of students’ participation
- Budget constraints
- Others?



## Components for Effective Migrant Student Programs

- Flexible / Adaptable
  - Sensitive to Mobility
  - Work Schedules
- Holistic Approach
- Supports - People
- Collaborative Support Services
- Training & Professional Development
- Early literacy and child development
- Relevance
- Sense of belonging
- On-going program monitoring/evaluation
- Other components / considerations?

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- PASS
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### **PASS Course Design**

- 90 total hours instruction (+/-)
- 5 units per course
- 14 lessons per unit
- Pre- and Post-tests for most units
- Mentor manual
- Supplementary Materials

<http://migrant.net/pass/slideshow.htm>

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### Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS)

- Middle School Courses include:

Language Arts 8A, Math 8A-B, U.S. History A - B

- High School Courses include:

- English I A - IV B
- Mathematics (Algebra I A – II B, Geometry A - B)
- Science (Biology A - B, Environmental Science A – B)
- Social Studies (U.S. Government, U.S. History A - B, World Geography A – B, Economics, and World History A - B)
- Career Connections
- Creative Writing
- Study Skills
- Your Health

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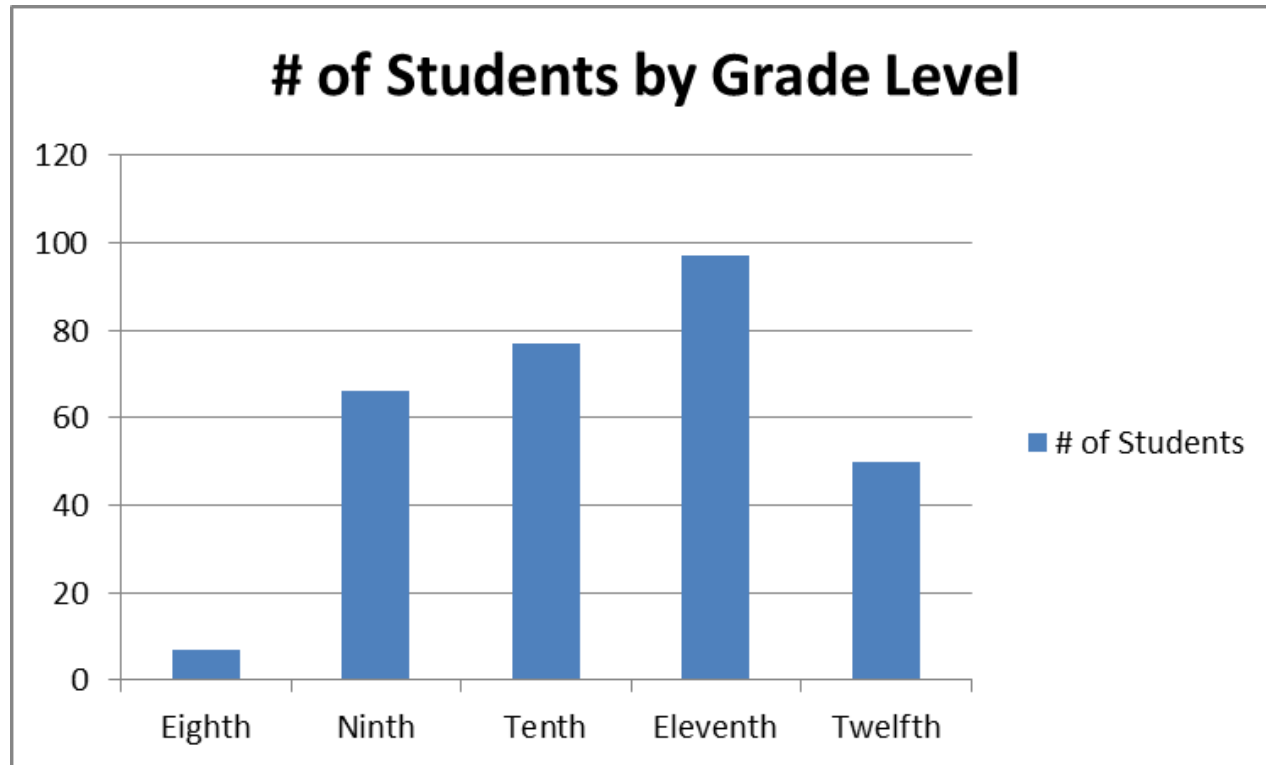
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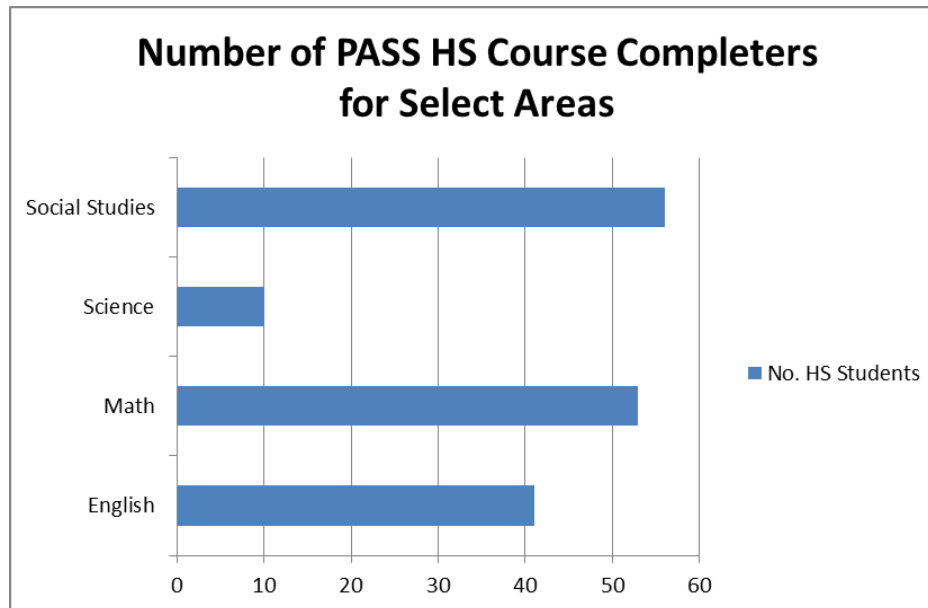
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Completion Rate for HS Courses = 64%

Completion Rate for MS Courses = 75%



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### H. S. Equivalency Diploma Program

- High School Equivalency Diploma Program (2014 GED® Test)

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- Website: <https://ged.fldoe.org>



# High School Equivalency Diploma Program

## Individuals 16-17

- Not enrolled in high school
- Enrolled in high school and in performance-based exit option program\*
- May take the high school equivalency exam with approval of underage waiver\*
- May have to enroll in AE to gain proficiency in subject areas\*

## Individuals $\geq$ 18

- Sign up for the test
  - Full test
  - By subtest
- Enroll in AE (optional)

\*contingent upon district policies and rules

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## FL's Public Virtual Education Options 2014-15

Program /School	Program Type	Grade Levels Served	Student Eligibility
<b><u>State Level</u></b>			
FLVS	Part Time	K-1; 6-12	All students
		2-5	Eligible per s.1002.455
FLVS FT	Full Time	K-12	All students

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Program /School	Program Type	Grade Levels Served	Student Eligibility
<b><u>District Level</u></b>			
District Virtual Instruction Program (VIP)	Full Time	K-5 6-12	All students Elig per s.1002.455
	Part Time	K-1 2-12	All students Elig per s.1002.455
District Franchise of FLVS	Part Time	K-1; 6-12 2-5	All students Elig per s.1002.455
District Virtual Course Offerings	Part Time	K-1 2-12	All students Elig per s.1002.455
	Full Time	K-5 6-12	All students Elig per s.1002.455
Virtual Charter School	Full Time	K-5 6-12	All students Elig per s.1002.455

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## FL's Public Virtual Education Options 2014-15

Benefits	Barriers / Drawbacks
No space requirements	Funding Considerations for Districts
More time	Technology / Equipment
Work at own pace	Internet Access
Options for learning /mastering skills	Coursework difficult for students low in reading proficiency (Level 1)
Others?	Others?

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### Here's what select FL districts offered...

- Summer Programs and Services
- Afterschool Programs
- Tutoring Services
- Extended Learning Services
- Collaborative efforts with other service providers
- Others?



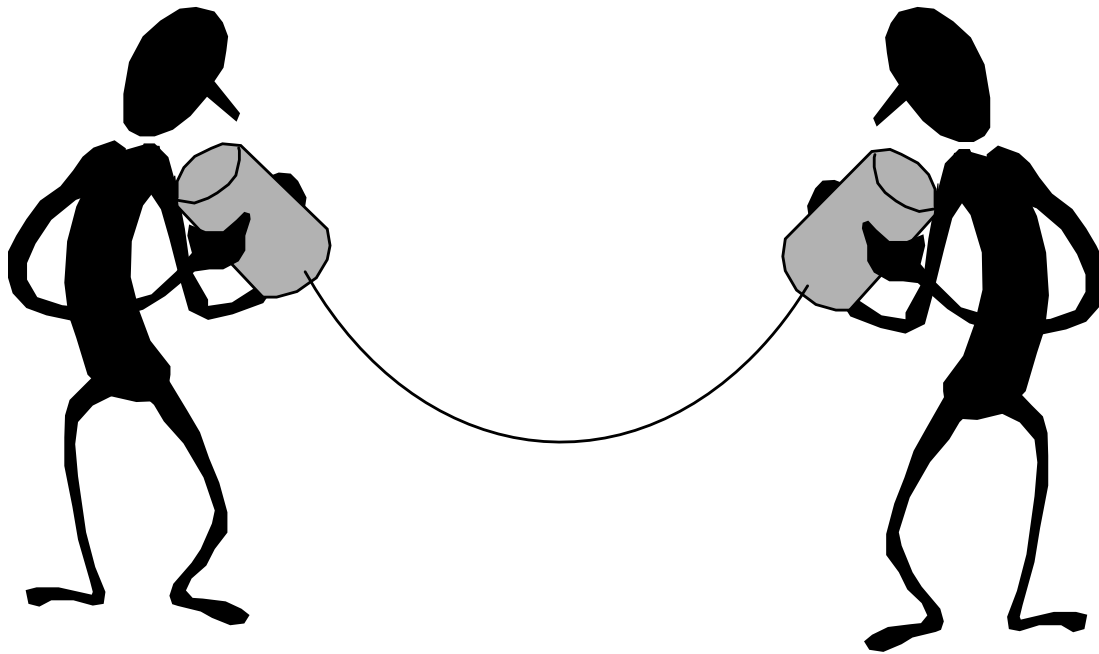
## What Next? – Continue Evaluating Existing Programs and Services

### What do the data say?



## What Next?

Continue the conversations; share information...



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