



# Explorers Academy

## **Our Mission**

Explorers Academy provides comprehensive services for young children and their families to achieve school readiness and lifelong success

## **Our Vision**

Encourage, Empower and Educate All Children

## **Core Values**

Children First

Respect

Positivity

Empathy

Competence

# Program At A Glance

- 404 preschool-aged children and their families
  - School readiness
  - Family support
- Eligibility
  - <100% FPL\*
  - Foster
  - Homeless
  - TANF
- Full & Half Day Options
  - Wraparound child care
- At least 10% of enrollment is children with special needs
- Four sites
  - Billings-North Park
  - Billings-Terry Park
  - Lockwood
  - Laurel
- Governed by a Board of Directors and an elected Policy Council – parents & community reps

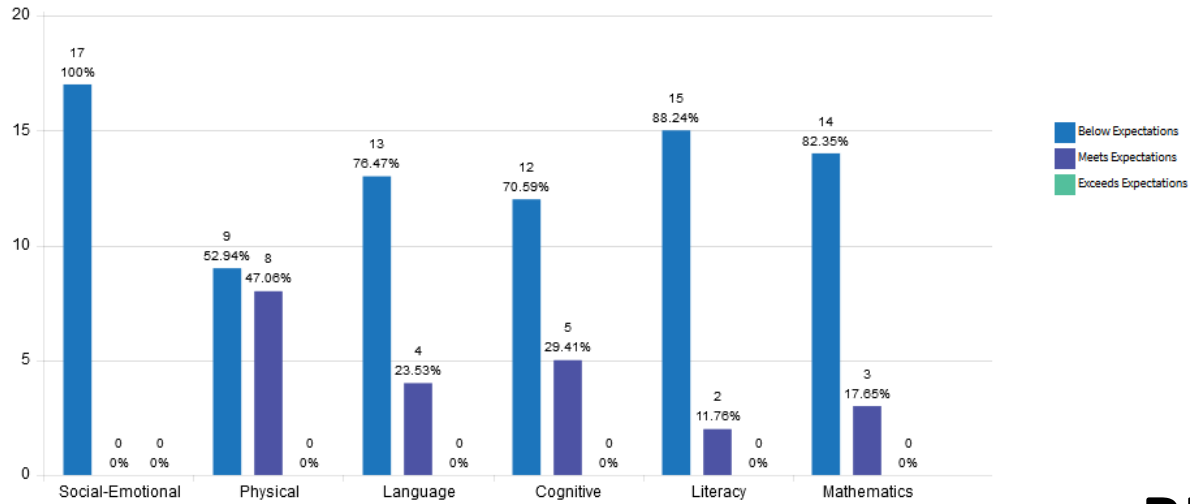


# Student Outcomes: STARS



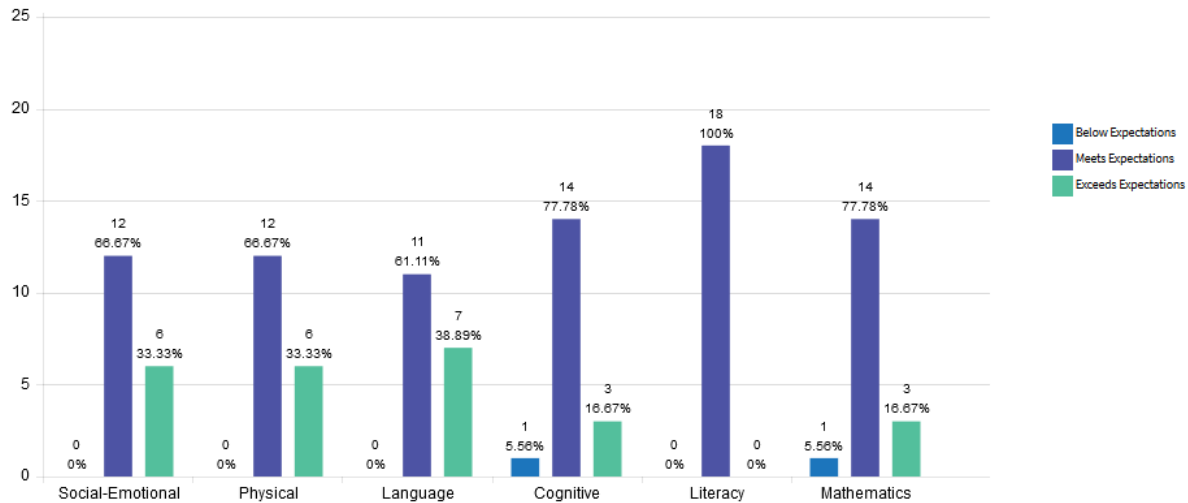
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**Fall 2017/2018 - Widely Held Expectations**



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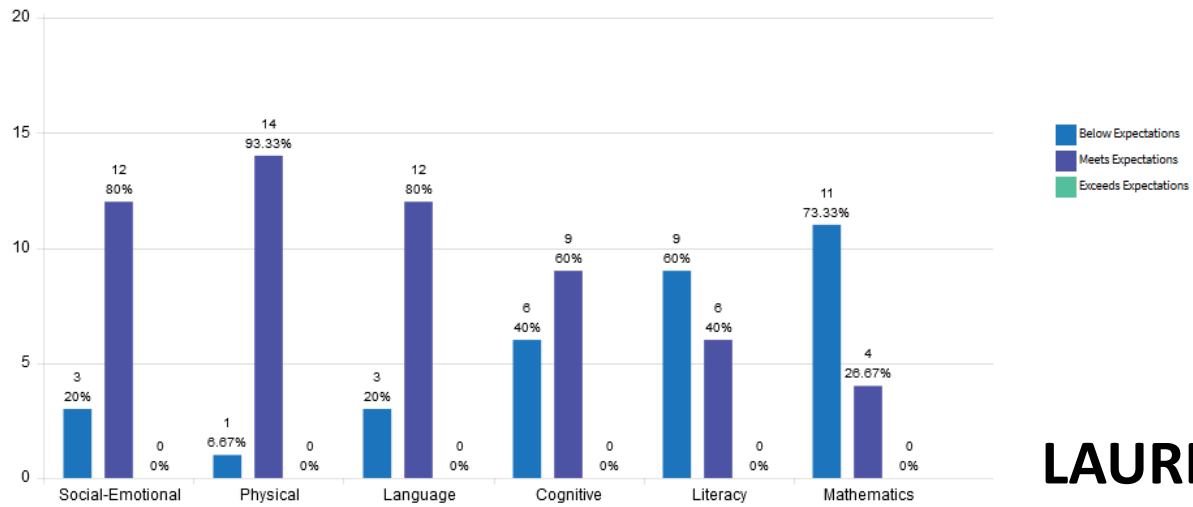
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**BILLINGS**

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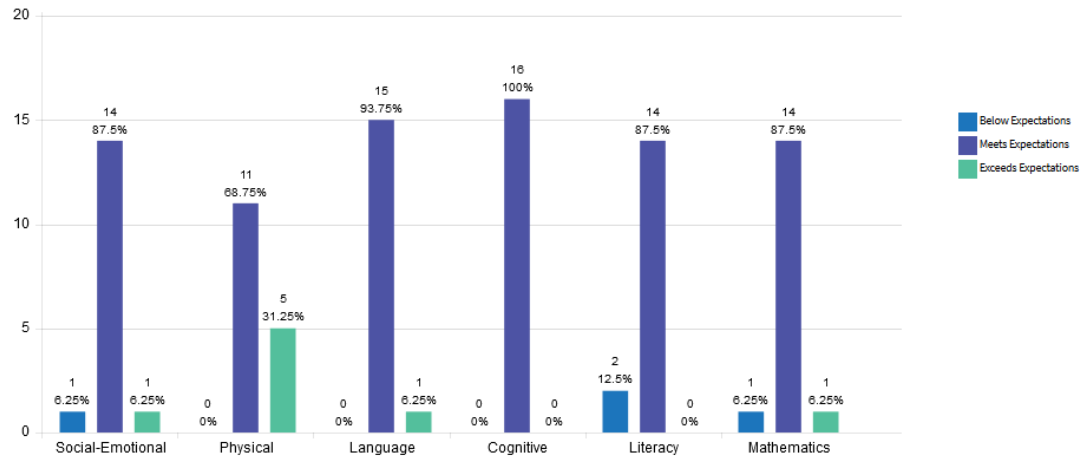
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**LAUREL**

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# PY 2018-2019 Demographics

- 83% low-income (less than 200% FPL)
  - 58% of families are 100% or less FPL
  - Two foster/kinship (6%); one homeless
- 36% minority (American Indian, Latino, Asian, Biracial/multi-racial)
- Approximately 12% special needs
  - Generally increases over the program year as needs are identified
- 61% are two-parent homes





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Questions?