

Virginia Students in Private Day Placements

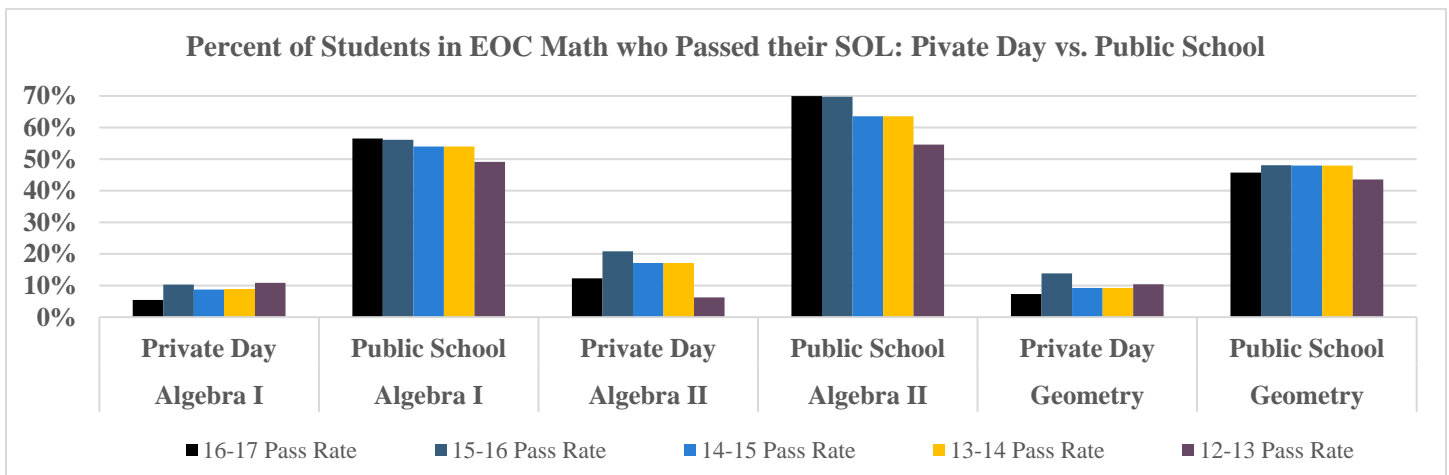
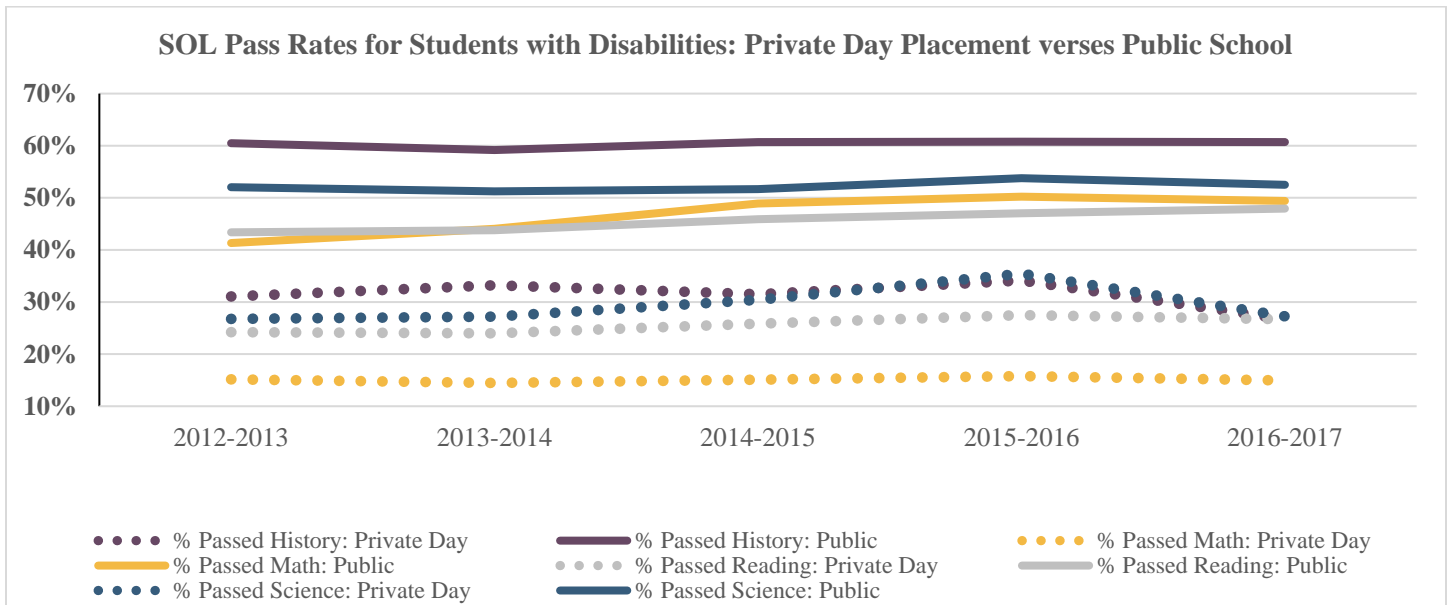
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Focus on the Children's Services Act (CSA)

The Children's Services Act (CSA) was enacted in 1993 to provide family-focused and community-based services to at-risk children and their families. Lately, the majority of the CSA budget has been used to pay for private day school tuition. According to a FOIA request made to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the achievement scores (SOL tests) for students enrolled in private day placements is significantly lower than their like-peers in the public school system. This trend has increased significantly over the last 8 years and is creating a system of state-funded segregation.

- The budget allocations for Private Day Placements has increased from \$80M in 2009 to \$157M per year in 2017
- In 2017, tuition for Private Day Placements surpassed all other programs and services as the largest budgetary item for the CSA

Quick Facts – Academic Performance of Children in Private Day Settings



Data Sets Used:

VDOE Special Education Count (Dec 1 Count)

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/reports_plans_stats/child_count/

VDOE Fall Membership Counts (Student Record Collection)

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/enrollment/fall_membership/report_data.shtml

VDOE Test Results Build-a-Table

<https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/apex/f?p=152:1:2112764518419:::>

Children's Services Act

<http://csa.virginia.gov/OCSReports/Reports/DatasetReports.aspx>

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