

# Glen Ellyn School District 41

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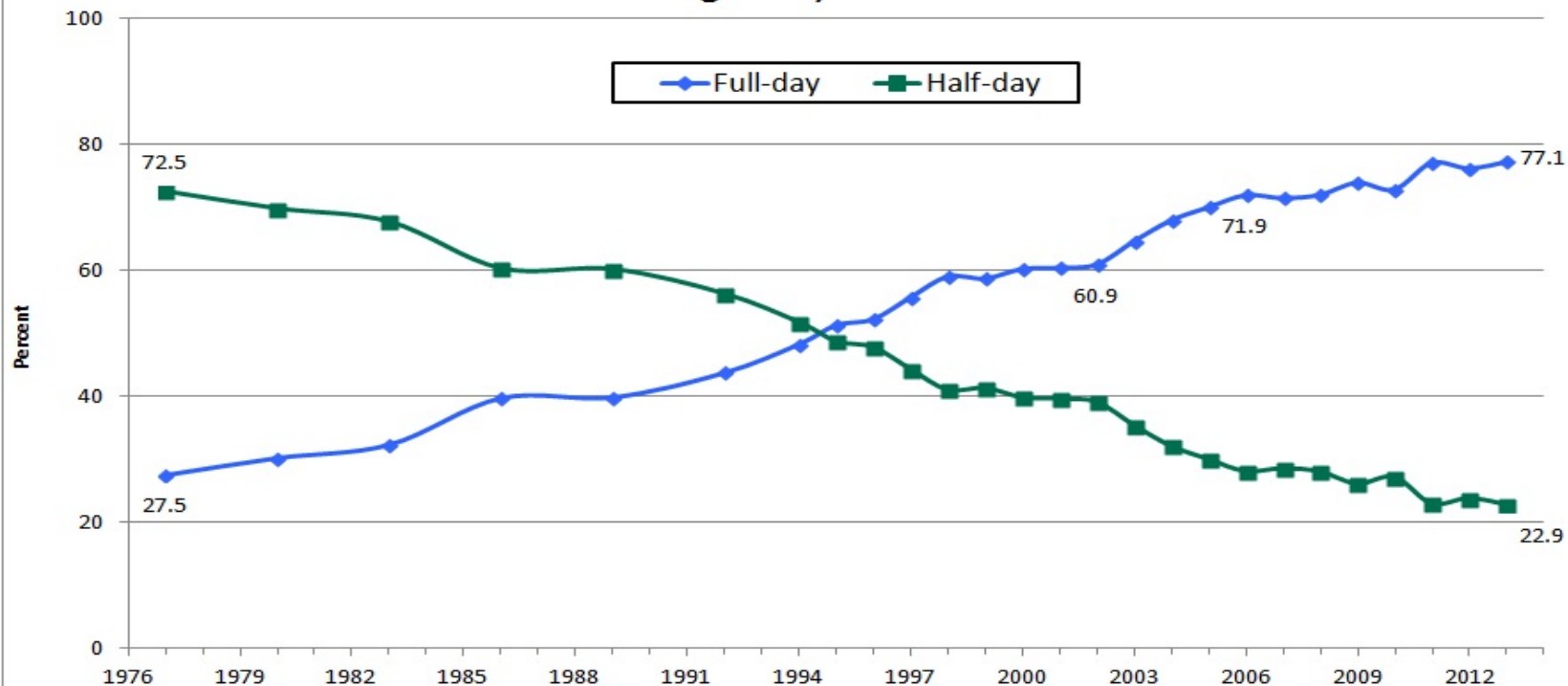


# Kindergarten

## Considerations for a Full Day Program

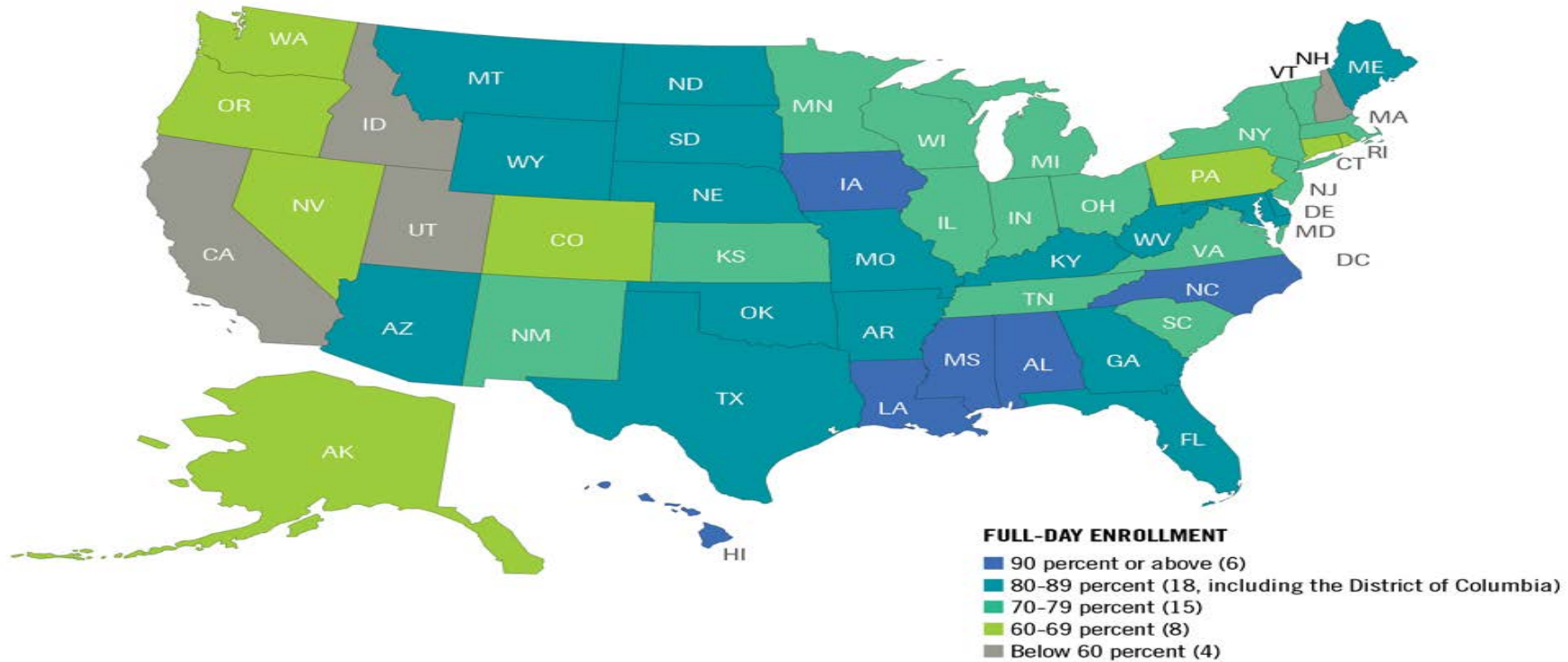
Figure 1

## Percentage of All Kindergartners\* Enrolled in Full-Day and Half-Day Kindergarten, 1977-2013



\*Data only includes those kindergartners ages four to six.

Source: Data for 1977-1992: Wirt, J., Choy, S., Rooney, P., Provasnik, S., Sen, A., and Tobin, R. (2004). *The Condition of Education 2004* (NCES 2004-077). U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. Data for 1994-2013: Child Trends' original analyses of data from the Current Population Survey October Supplement.



SOURCE: Education Week Research Center, 2015. Analysis of data from the Current Population Survey October Supplement (2009-2013)

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# Full Day Enrollment Nationwide

# **Overall Goal of Full Day Kindergarten**

***Provide developmentally and individually appropriate learning environments for all kindergarten students.***

# Advantages of Full-Day Kindergarten

- Higher long-term achievement
- Higher achievement for disadvantaged and low income students
- Higher reading scores in early grades
- More time spent in individualized instruction
- Greater progress in social skills
- Higher self esteem and independence
- Greater creativity
- A more relaxed, less hurried school day with more varied experiences

(NASP Center)

# Academic Benefits

## Literacy

- Oral Language Development
- Vocabulary Development
- Greater focus on writing
- Small group/conferencing

## Math

- Immerse in the use of math manipulatives
- Math practices/problem solving
- Fact fluency
- Small group/conferencing

# Additional Benefits

- ★ TIME
- ★ Inquiry (hands on learning)
- ★ Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- ★ Increased opportunity for workshop implementation
- ★ Social emotional (self regulation/self-help/independence)
- ★ Fine motor (handwriting)
- ★ Creativity (creative dramatics, arts exploration)
- ★ Reduce the number of interventions needed at grade 1
- ★ Problem-based learning
- ★ Consider beginning FLES at Kindergarten

# From our kindergarten staff.....

*“Would allow students time to stretch their learning throughout the day.”*

*“Would allow teachers the opportunity to meet with small groups for reading/math on a daily basis.”*

*“Time for science!”*

*“Time to develop creativity and inquiry.”*



# **Full Day Kindergarten**

**Offers a more relaxed atmosphere that is child-centered, providing for creative activities, as well as more opportunities for developing social skills.**