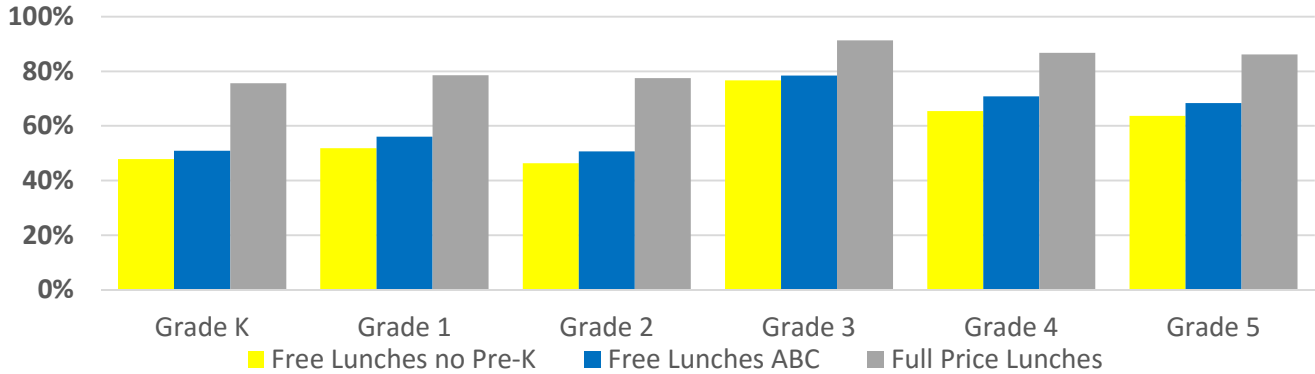


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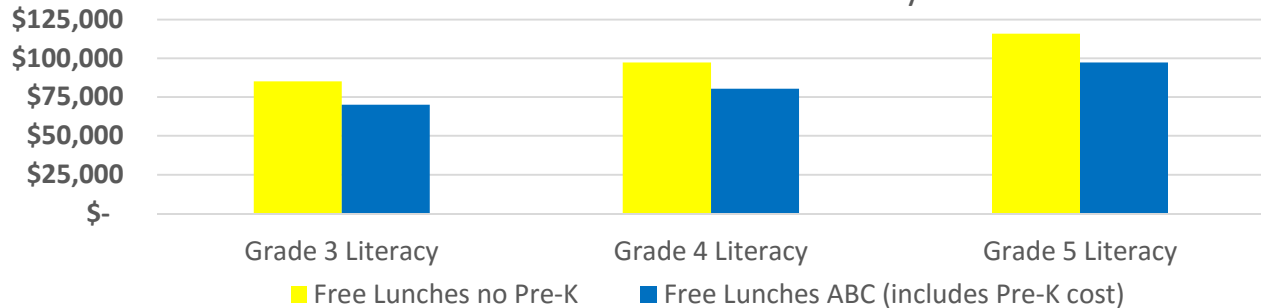
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Proficiency in Literacy For Kindergarten through 5th Grade



Higher proficiency for ABC students - For Arkansas public school students in the free lunch program, those students who participated in ABC Pre-K averaged 4% higher proficiency in the six years of testing data available. ABC Pre-K free lunch students increased from 3.1% higher proficiency in kindergarten to 4.7% higher in Grade 5 compared to free lunch students who did not participate in Pre-K. Full price students are also shown to illustrate how ABC Pre-K reduces the achievement gap. Over 370,000 assessments were combined for this calculation.

Cost Per Proficient Student in Literacy



ABC cost savings per proficient student – Arkansas’s goal is proficiency for every student. For each free lunch student who reaches proficiency by 3th grade, schools spend \$73,600 on average per proficient student if they participated in ABC Pre-K, but schools spend an average of \$85,100 per proficient student for students who did not participate in Pre-K and did not have any ABC costs. The difference of \$11,500 in school expenses far exceeds the ABC Pre-K cost of \$4,860 per student, resulting in \$2.37 in 3rd grade cost savings for every \$1 in ABC Pre-K student expenses. The school cost savings increase to \$2.85 in 4th grade and \$3.10 in 5th grade for every \$1 spent on ABC Pre-K.

Kindergarten to 5th Grade Retention Rate

Fewer ABC students repeating kindergarten through 5th grade – The retention rate for kindergarten to 5th grade is 23.7% for free lunch students who did not participate in Pre-K, but only 18.5% for free lunch students if they participated in ABC Pre-K. This calculation includes students who repeated multiple grades, resulting in 5.2% fewer years of school repeated through 5th grade.

