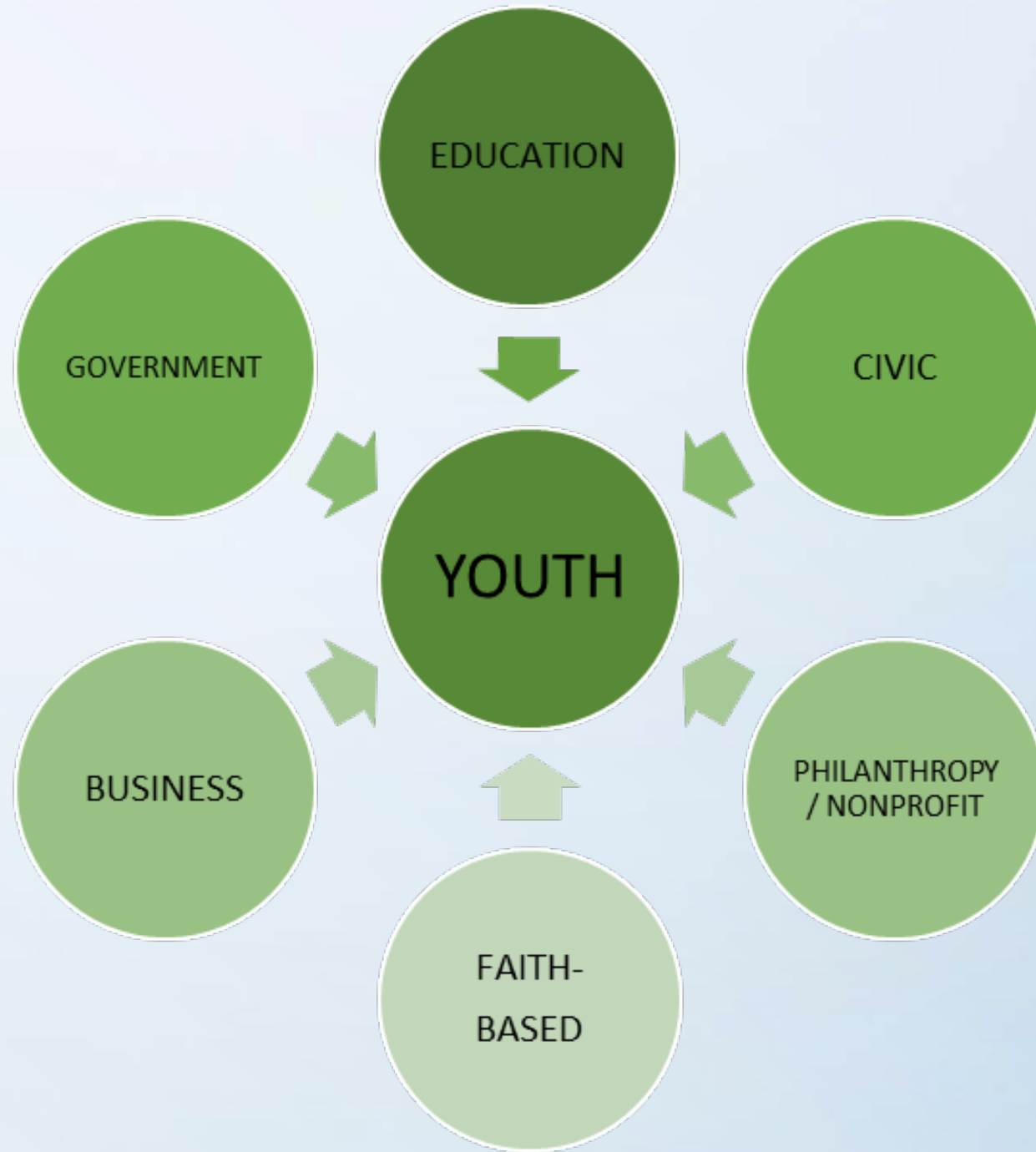




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IMPROVING EDUCATION OUTCOMES, FROM CRADLE TO CAREER



Kindergarten
Readiness

Early Grade
Reading

Middle Grade
Math

High School
Graduation

Post-secondary
Enrollment

Post-secondary
Degree Completion



41% of our third graders do not read proficiently

How can a literacy volunteer help?

- Struggling readers need **practice**
- Struggling readers need **praise**
- Struggling readers need to read for **pleasure**

What does a literacy volunteer do?

In general:

- Listen to students read
- Read aloud to students
- Discuss the content of the story

Volunteers are available to do whatever specific literacy activity the teacher feels will best meet the needs of the individual child. This may include practicing sight words, timed reading for speed, etc.

Can Volunteers Really Make a Difference?

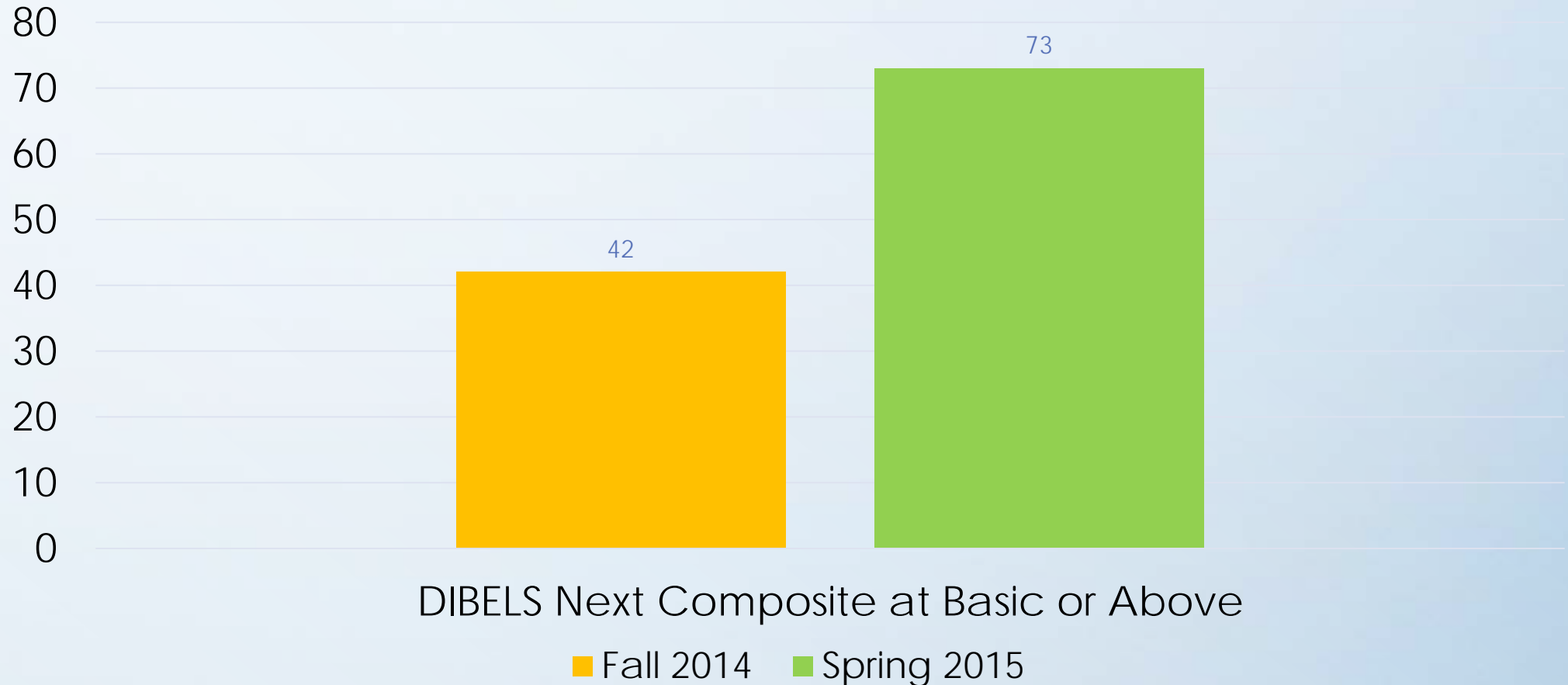
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YES!



Midway Third Grade



Midway Elementary PK-3 and Meadowview Elementary were the only Top Gains Elementary Schools in the NWLA Metro Area for 2014-15.

YOU can make the difference!

or

DROPOUT

GRADUATE



Next steps to becoming a literacy volunteer:

1. Complete an **application** and return to Step Forward
2. Complete **on-line training**
3. Complete **criminal history check** at the appropriate school board office

Participating Schools

Bossier:

Bossier Elementary
Central Park
Meadowview
Plantation Park

Caddo:

Arthur Circle
Creswell
E. B. Williams Stoner Hill
Forest Hill
J. S. Clark
Midway
Mooretown
Northside
Oak Park
Queensborough
Summer Grove
University
Westwood

DeSoto:

Logansport
Mansfield
North DeSoto 2-5
Stanley



Questions?



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