



# GraduateFIRST: Year 4

*(Georgia's SPDG)*

GCASE Presentation

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# GraduateFIRST Goals

*helping Georgia's students with disabilities stay in school and graduate*

- **Increase graduation rate for students with disabilities who receive a general education diploma**
- **Decrease the dropout rate for students with disabilities**



# Who Is Dropping Out in Georgia?

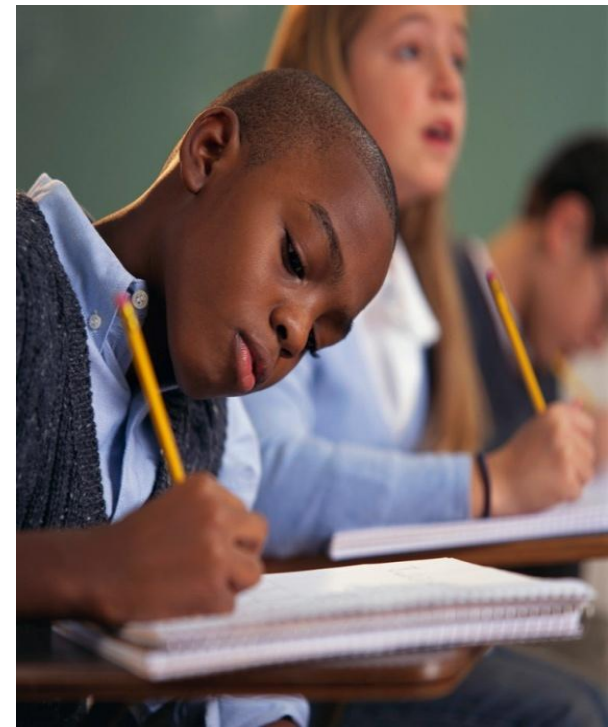
40% Female  
60% Male



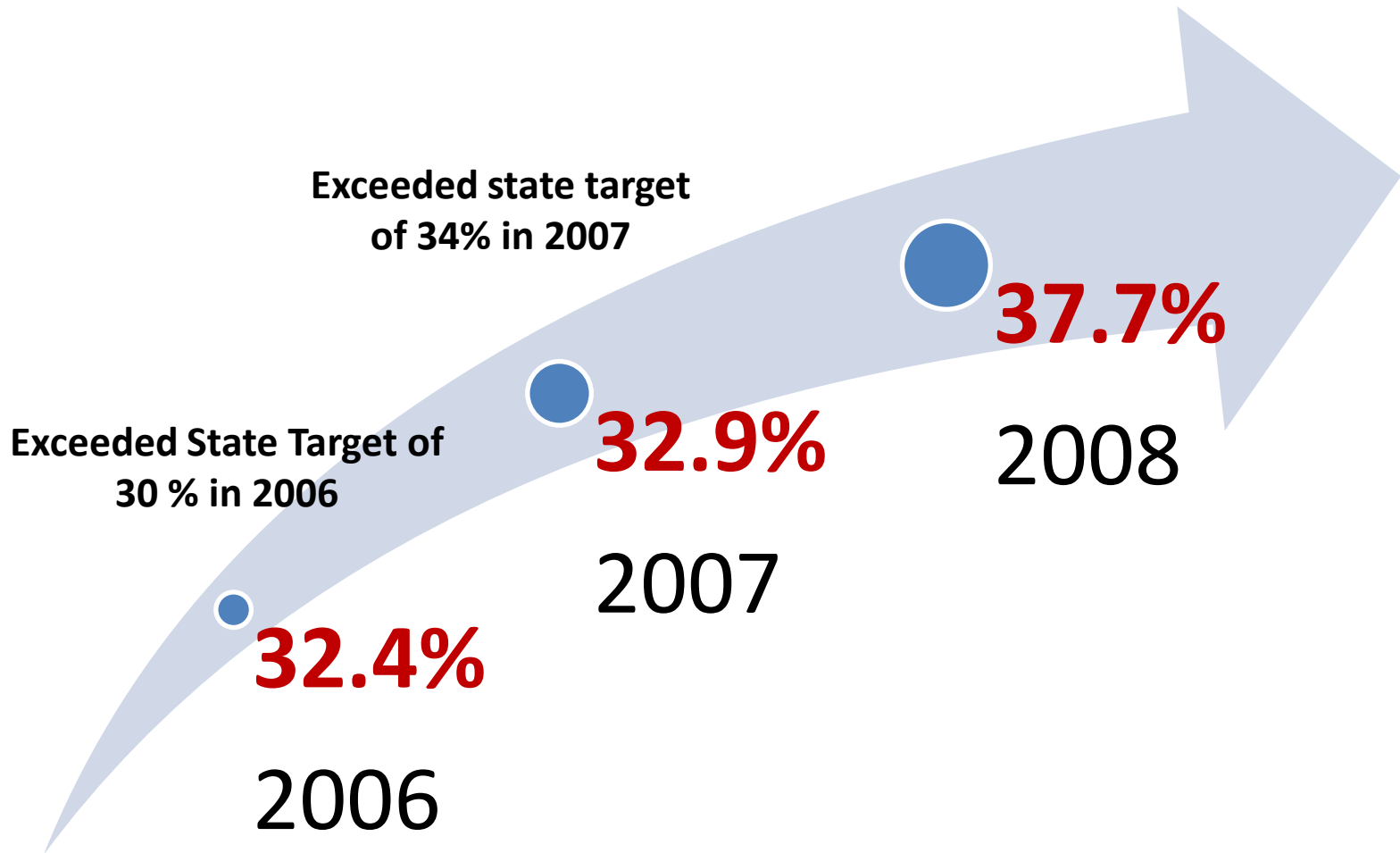
72% Econ Disadv  
23% SWD  
5% LEP



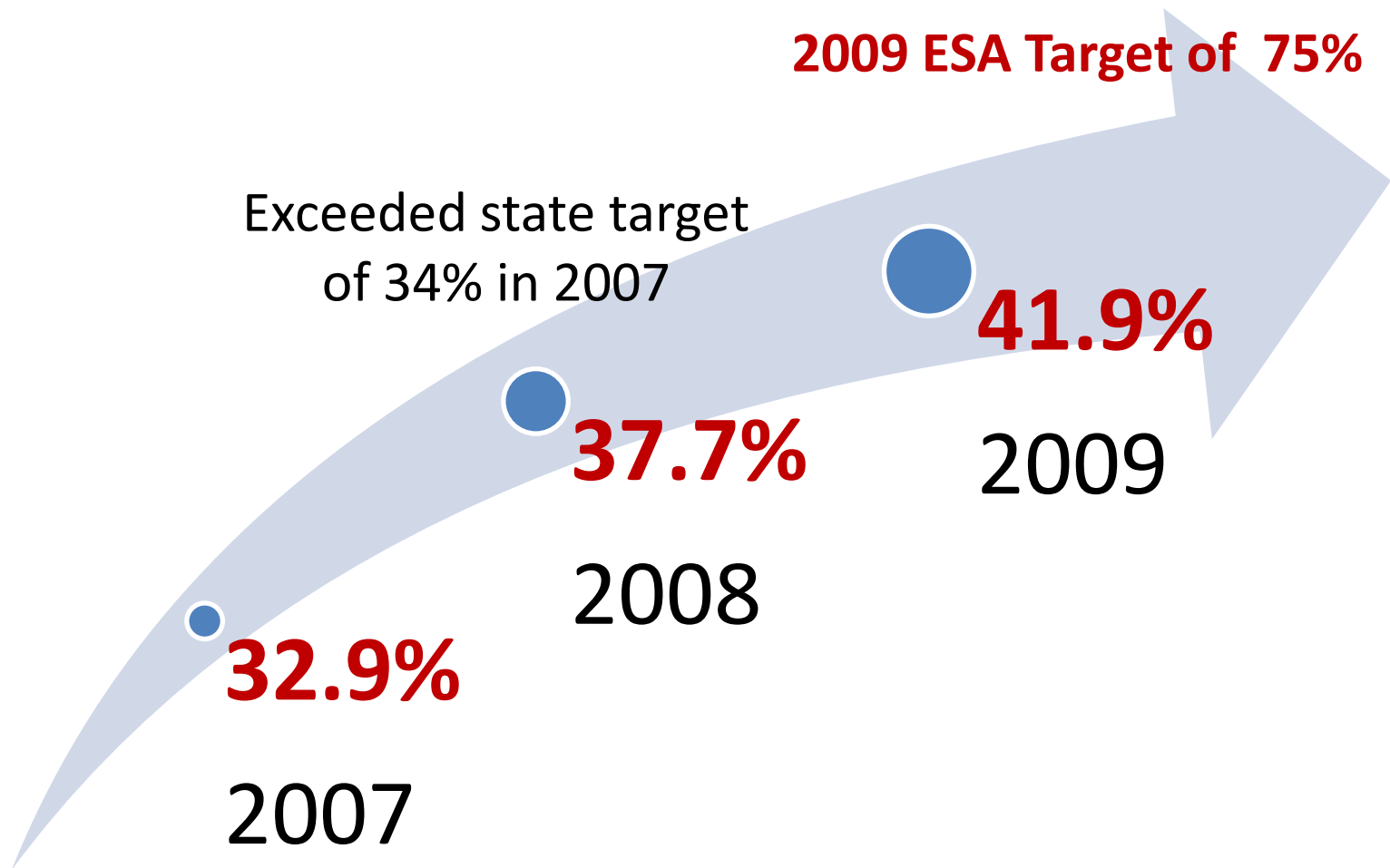
9 <sup>th</sup> grade	7,001
10 <sup>th</sup> grade	5,589
11 <sup>th</sup> grade	4,832
12 <sup>th</sup> grade	3,308



# GA Graduation Rates for SWD



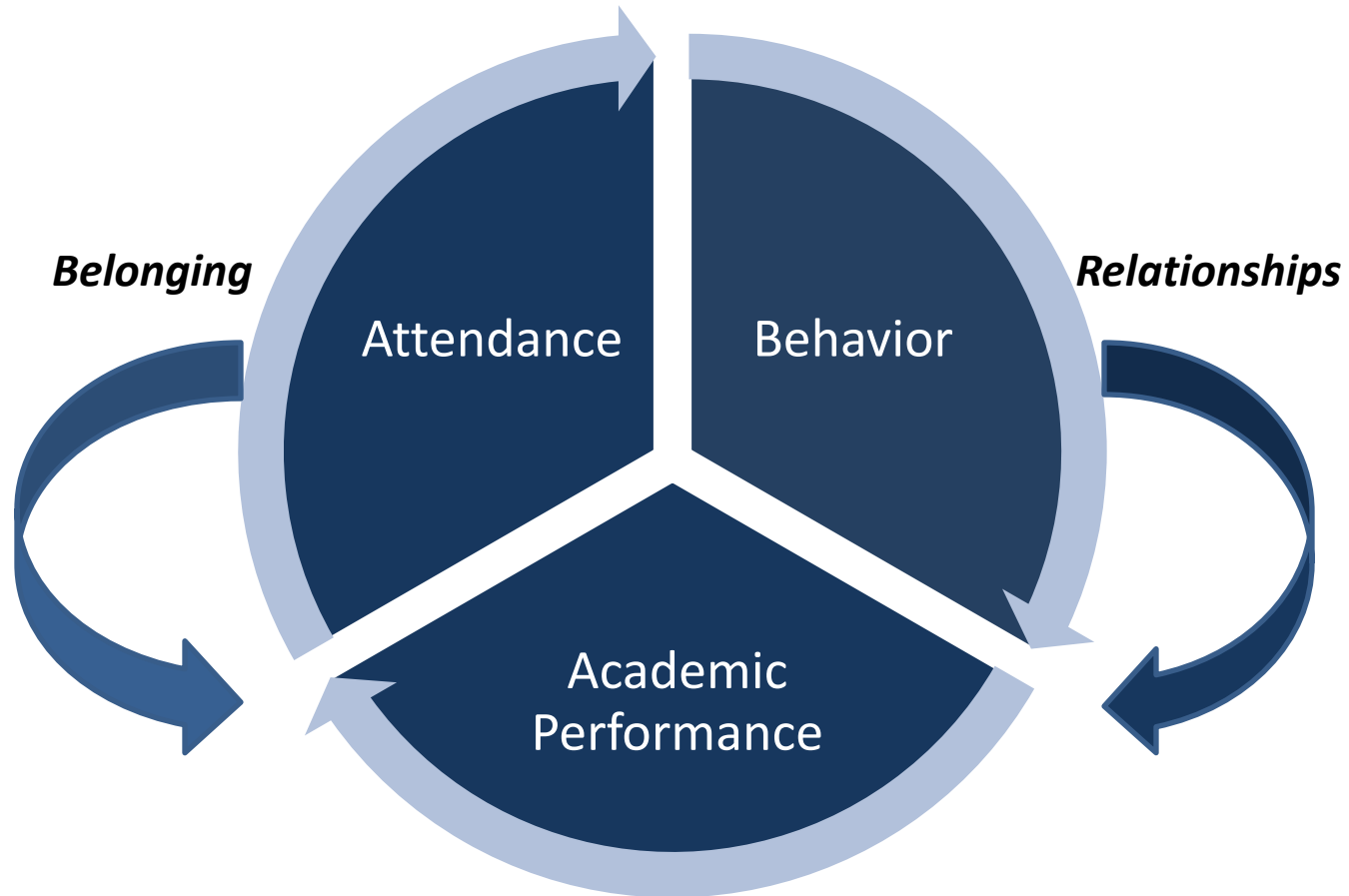
# GA Graduation Rates for SWD



# GraduateFIRST Initiative

- 2009-2010
  - Must find a way to distribute the valuable tools and materials to a broader GA audience with fewer resources.
- 2010-2011
  - Cohort I – reduced support
  - Cohort II – continue with team leader support
  - Scale-up





# Scaling Up Graduate FIRST

Pilot

- 17 High Schools

Cohort I

- 34 High Schools & the Feeder Middle Schools

Cohort II

- 84 High Schools and Middle Schools
- Collaboration Coaches work with Team Leaders at each school

Scale Up

- 450 participants (45 participants at 10 regional sites)
- Collaboration Coaches work with participants and team leaders



# Year 4 Scale-Up

- 4 – 5 days of training with participants at regional sites....develop PLCs
- NDPC-SD and/or CC present modules in half day sessions via technology which will be archived
- CCs facilitate PLCs in discussion, data dig, and action plan development in afternoons following the broadcast

# Collaboration Coaches are Key



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SPDG Graduation Project

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