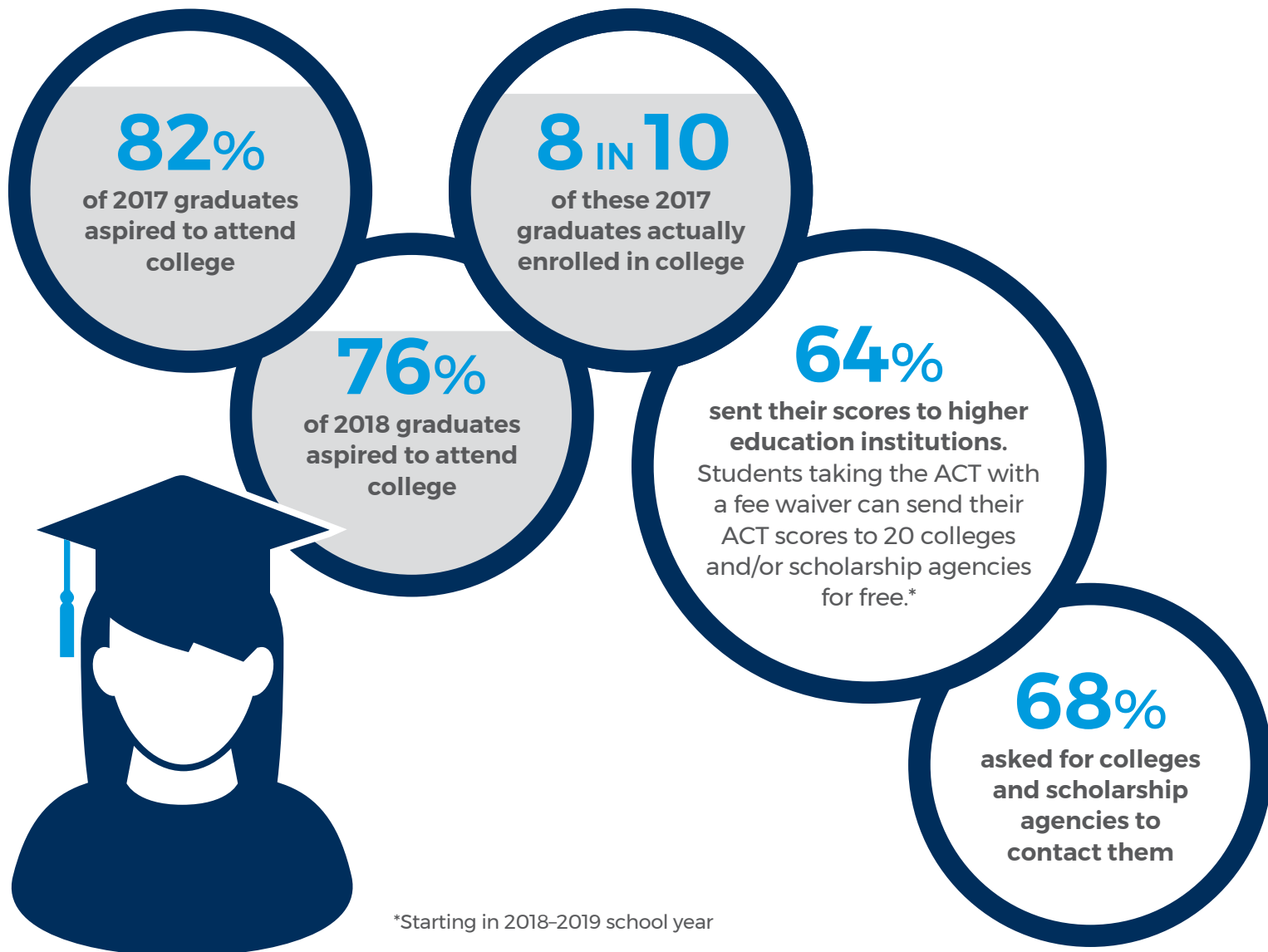


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2018

Aspirations Beyond High School

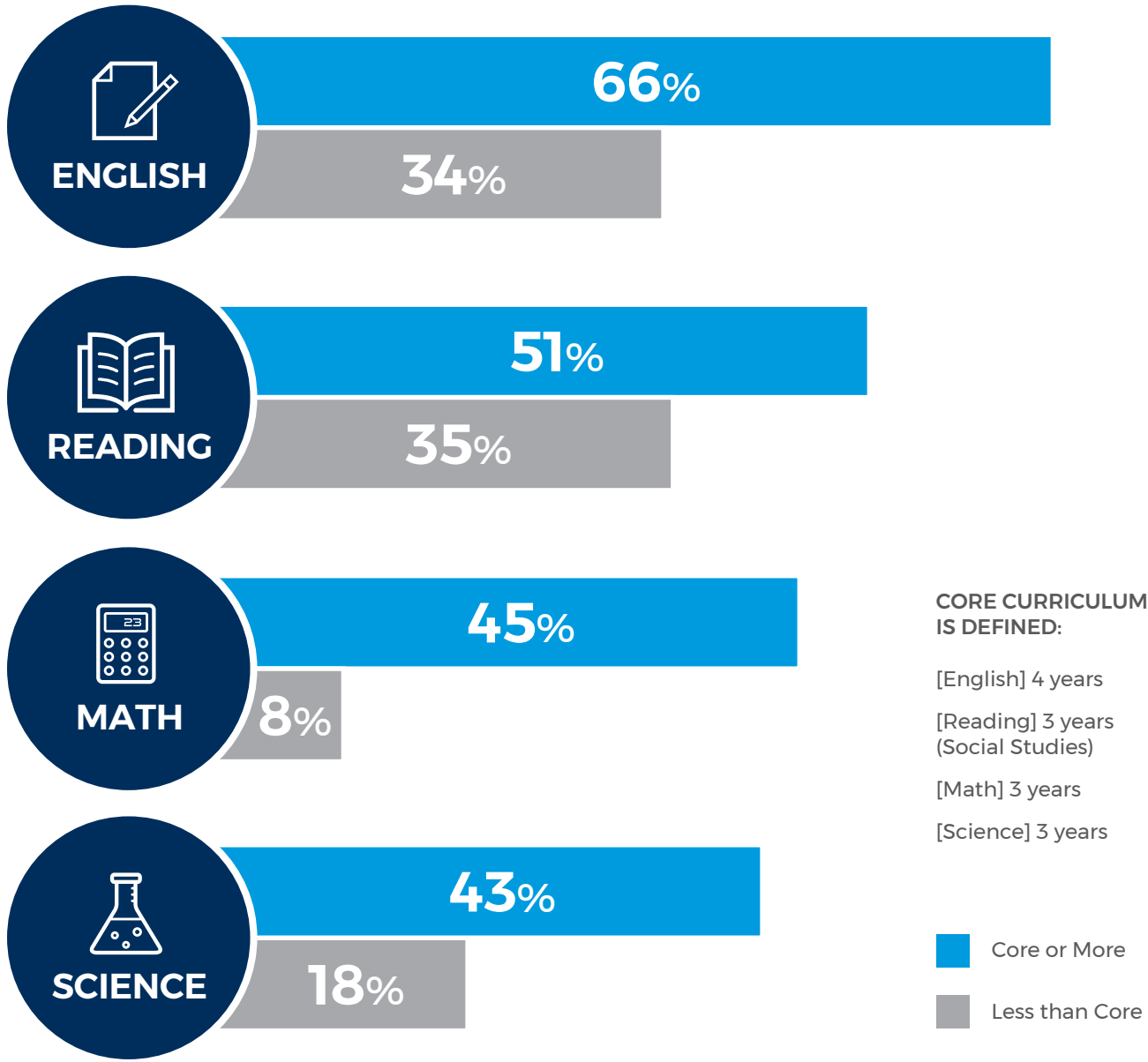
Entering Higher Education



Core Curriculum Increases Readiness

College Readiness Rates are Higher for those who take the Recommended Core Curriculum

Percent of 2018 ACT-Tested High School Graduates in Core or More vs. Less Than Core Courses Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by Subject



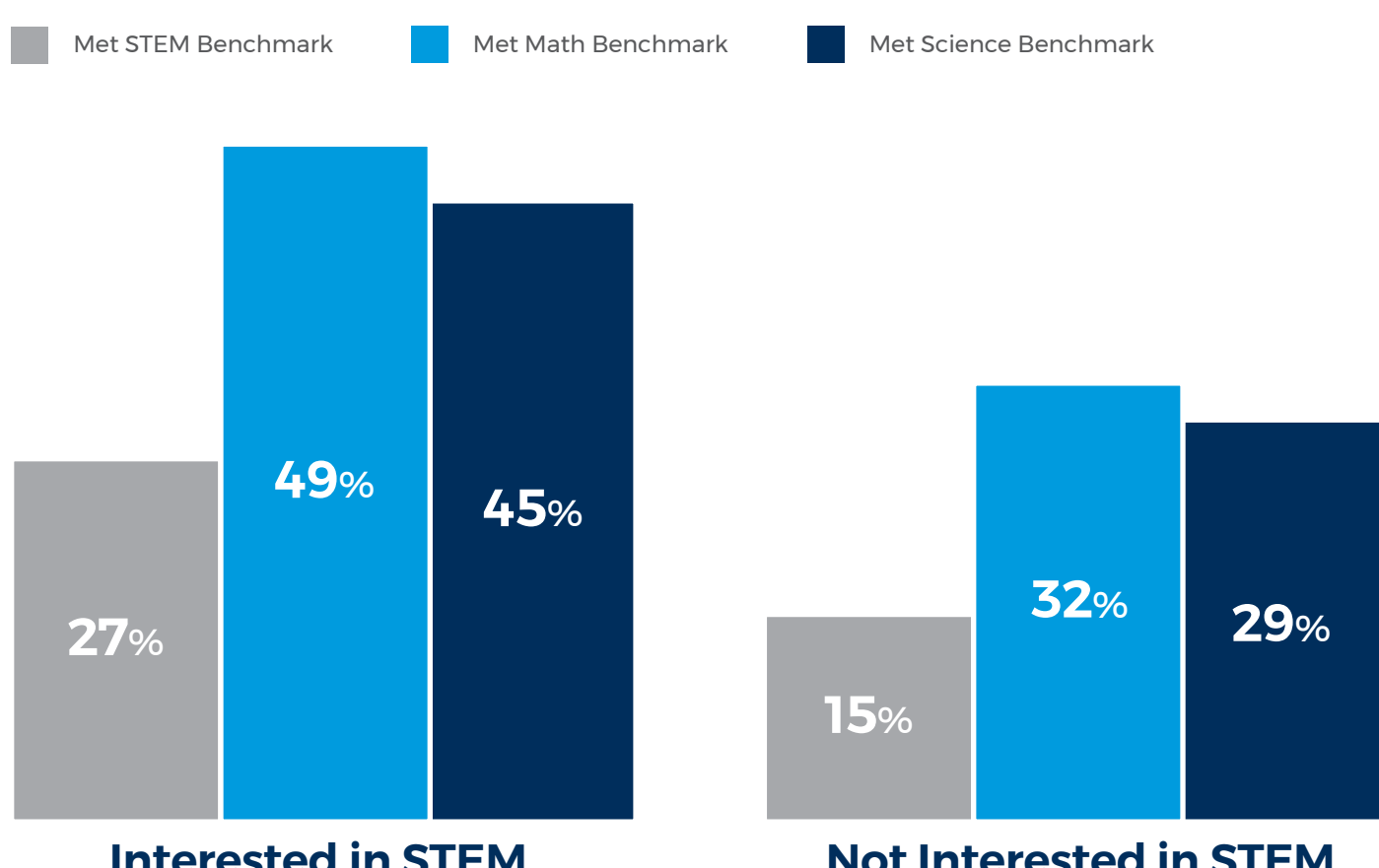
ACT College Readiness Benchmarks are the minimum ACT test scores required for students to have a reasonable chance of success in first-year credit-bearing courses at a typical postsecondary institution.

STEM Interest

45% of 2018 graduates were interested in STEM careers

Another **8%** of students not indicating an interest in STEM met the STEM benchmark, representing more areas of career opportunity they may not have considered

Percent of 2018 ACT-Tested High School Graduates Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by STEM Cohort

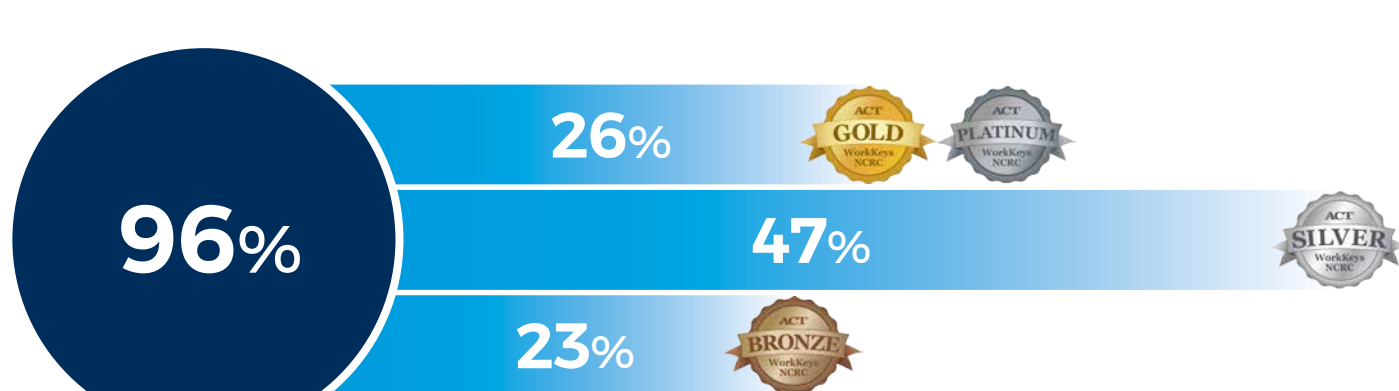


Students who meet or surpass the ACT STEM Benchmark have a high (75 percent) probability of earning a grade of C or higher in first-year college STEM courses such as calculus, biology, chemistry, and physics. They are also more likely to earn good grades, persist in a college STEM major, and earn a STEM-related bachelor's degree than those who didn't meet the benchmark.

Entering the Workforce

96% of Graduates are Armed with Foundational Work Readiness Skills

Based on ACT Composite Scores these graduates would likely earn the following levels of the ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate® (NCRC®), an internationally recognized credential.



Work readiness skills include foundational cognitive skills such as reading for information, applied mathematics, locating information, problem-solving, critical thinking, and social and emotional (SEL) skills. SEL abilities include personal characteristics and behavioral skills that enhance an individual's interactions, job performance, and career prospects such as adaptability, integrity, cooperation, and workplace discipline.