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## *An Introduction to Marita*

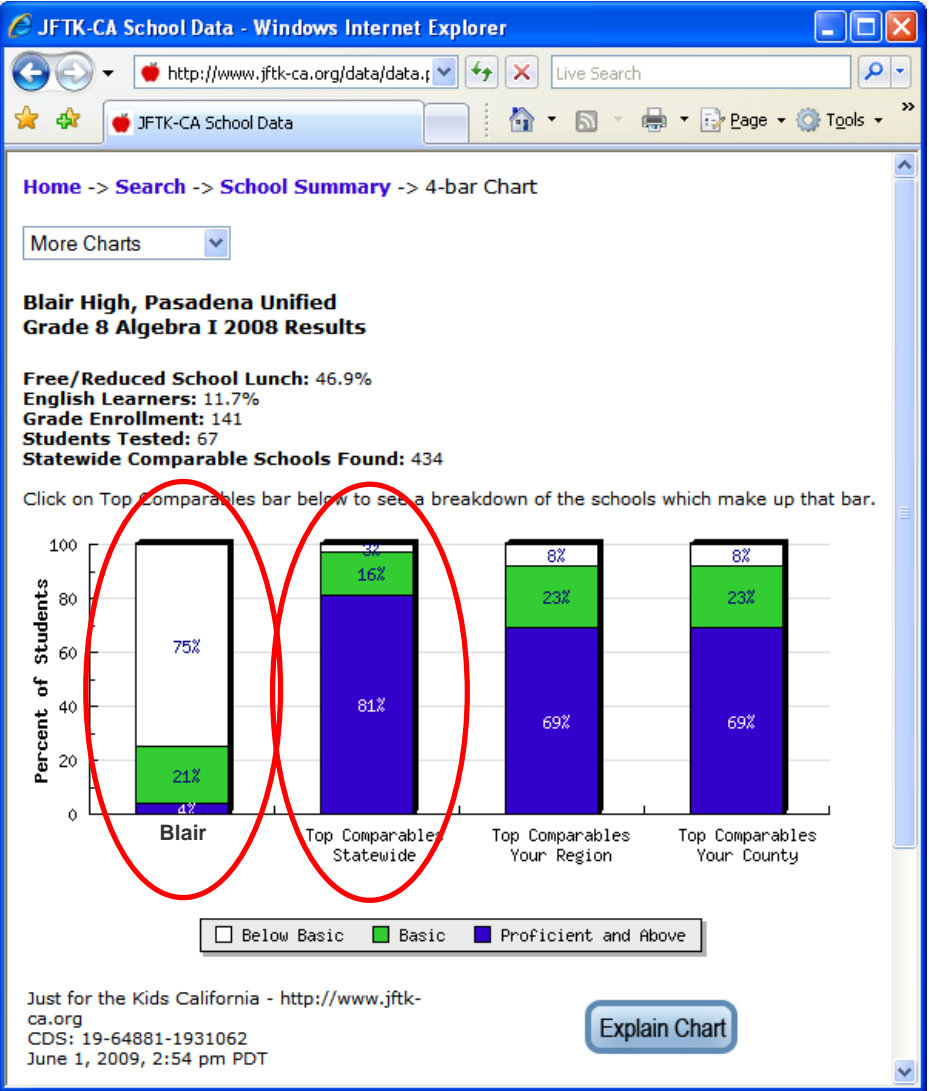
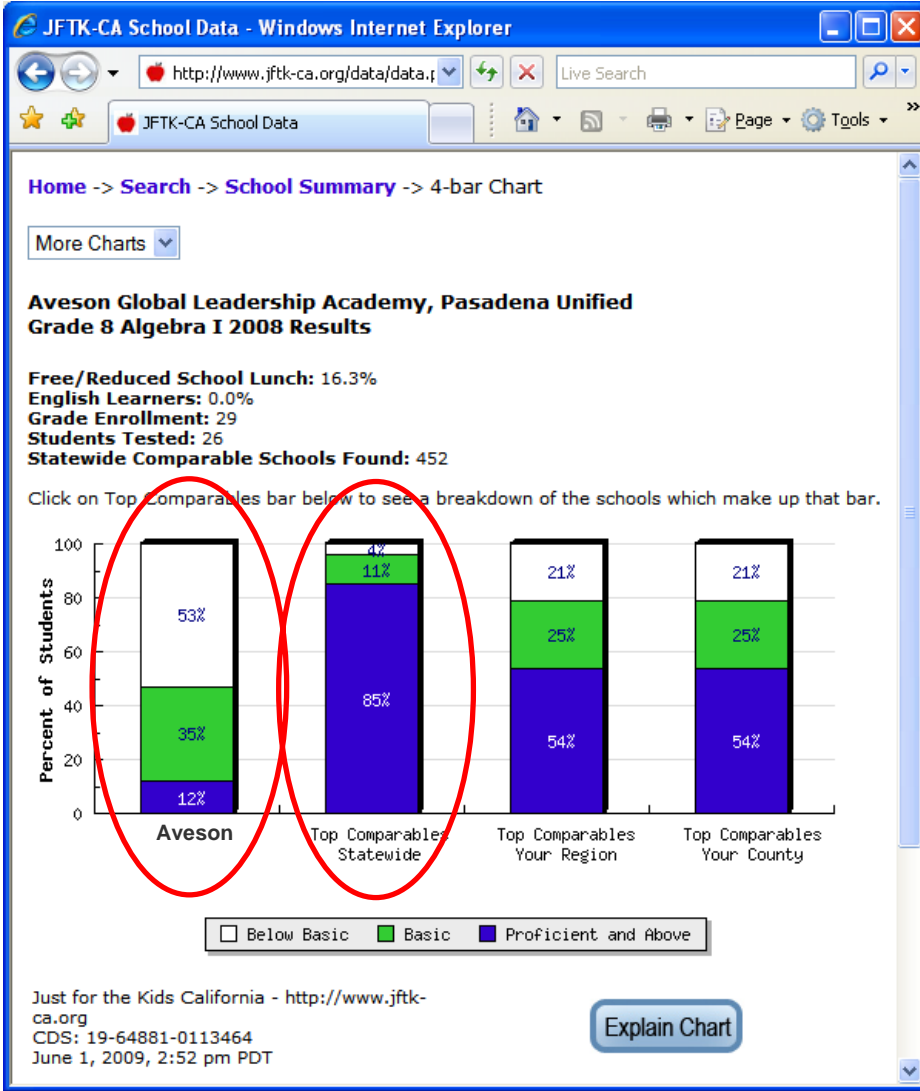
*The “time on task-related” best practices for closing the academic achievement gap get an inspiring overview in “Marita’s Bargain”, chapter 9 of Malcolm Gladwell’s bestseller [Outliers: The Story of Success](#).*

*After you’ve learned about Marita, turn to the following pages for a heightened sense of urgency for giving our Maritas a chance. Note the very low percent of our students who ended their eighth grade at or above proficient in math versus the 84% noted at Marita’s South Bronx school on page 251.*

*Readers should also note that the best practices for closing the academic achievement gap are far more comprehensive than the spending more time solution Mr. Gladwell summarizes in Marita’s Bargain. Detach extra classroom time from the rest of the academic best practices and extra time is easily squandered.*

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