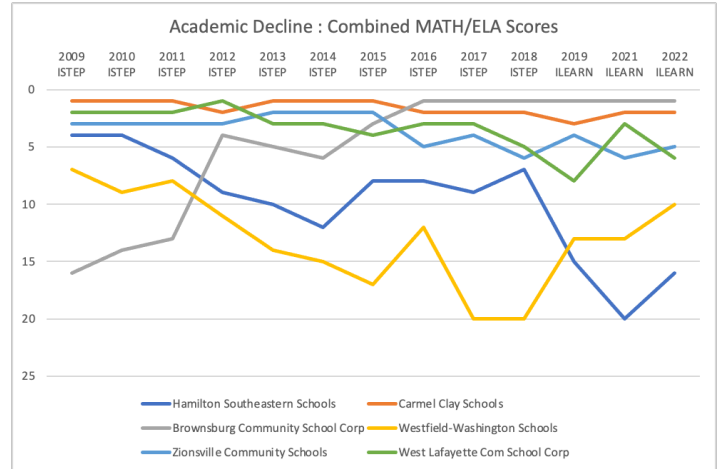


# Why HSE Needs a Change in Leadership: Academics over Activism

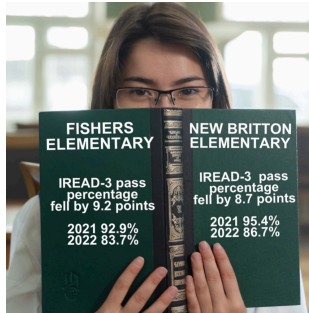
There has been a movement in our country to change the focus in our schools away from academics and towards activism. The reality of the situation is that there is only a limited number of instructional minutes each day. The distractions created by the activism movement are taking away valuable instructional time resulting in lower standardized test scores and more and more students falling below grade level.

## 1. Historic Academic Decline of HSE Schools. HSE once ranked number 4. Now, HSE ranks 16.\*



## 2. Low Rankings of Elementary Schools. US News & World Report ranked the top elementary schools in Indiana. Out of 1,204 elementary schools, Brownsburg had 5 elementary schools in the top 20. HSE Elementary schools’ rankings begin with Thorpe Creek at 104 and end with Fishers Elementary ranked at 519. Check out your child’s school ranking at [usnews.com/education/k12](https://www.usnews.com/education/k12).

## 3. Decrease in Math Proficiency. Over half of the eighth graders at HSE are below grade level in Math. Students below grade level have trouble keeping up with their peers and are less likely to graduate prepared for college and/or careers.



## 4. Large Decrease in IREAD-3 Scores for Fishers Elementary and New Britton Elementary.

## 5. School District Comparisons. HSE compares itself to other school districts based on enrollment numbers, not academic rankings. Why should HSE compare with schools like IPS and Fort Wayne?

## 6. Covid Learning Loss. HSE was the last school district in Hamilton County to return to in-person learning. Studies show students who spent more time learning remotely suffered greater learning loss.\*\*

## 7. Fewer HSE Students Enrolled in College. The 2012 graduating class had 85.9% of students enrolled in college. The graduating class of 2020 has only 74.4% enrolled in college.

\*Reference articles for Academic Decline of HSE schools are on [www.fishersone.org](http://www.fishersone.org). \*\*"Not Good for Learning" by David Leonhardt of The New York Times.

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HSE Math Students Below Grade Level - ILEARN 2022

	# Students Below Grade Level	Total Tested	Percentage Not Proficient in Math
Grade 3	440	1531	28.7%
Grade 4	486	1552	31.3%
Grade 5	551	1565	35.2%
Grade 6	643	1607	40.0%
Grade 7	770	1691	45.5%
Grade 8	887	1698	52.2%

