

Matched Philanthropic Funding Available to Support Expansion of Middle and High School Math Programs Shown to Produce Sizable Gains in Student Achievement

The state of Oklahoma is partnering with Arnold Ventures (AV), a national philanthropy, to expand two evidence-based math programs – Saga Tutoring and ASSISTments – in Oklahoma schools. Both programs have been shown in rigorous randomized controlled trials to meaningfully boost student math achievement on state tests in middle and high school. Through this partnership, AV will provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds to participating districts to implement one or both of these programs. This effort is part of a larger matched funding initiative between Oklahoma and AV [announced](#) by Governor Stitt last year.

Evidence-based programs eligible for matched funding:

- **Saga Tutoring – High-dosage math tutoring in 8th or 9th grade in low-income schools ([shown](#) in rigorous trials to raise math achievement by over 70% of a grade level at three-year follow-up)**
- **ASSISTments – A low-cost, online study tool to support middle school math ([shown](#) in rigorous trials to raise math achievement by 30-60% of a grade level over a two-year follow-up)**

AV matching fund offer:

AV will match school district funding dollar-for-dollar to deliver Saga Tutoring or ASSISTments in district schools, up to a total AV investment of approximately \$7 million statewide. Participating districts will be asked to identify schools for participation, with a priority for high-poverty schools, and may use federal, state, or local funds for their matching contribution.

Additional information:

OSDE hosted a webinar on this opportunity for interested districts on May 14, from 10:00-10:30. Slides from the webinar are attached.

Interested districts may also contact Brontë Forsgren at the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy for additional information on this opportunity (bforsgren@evidencebasedpolicy). Districts may also fill out the [this interest form](#).



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**maximize opportunity &
minimize injustice.**



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**Philanthropic & government
partnership to accelerate
scaling and sustain
funding of proven programs.**



Evidence-Based K-12 Programs Eligible for Matched Funding

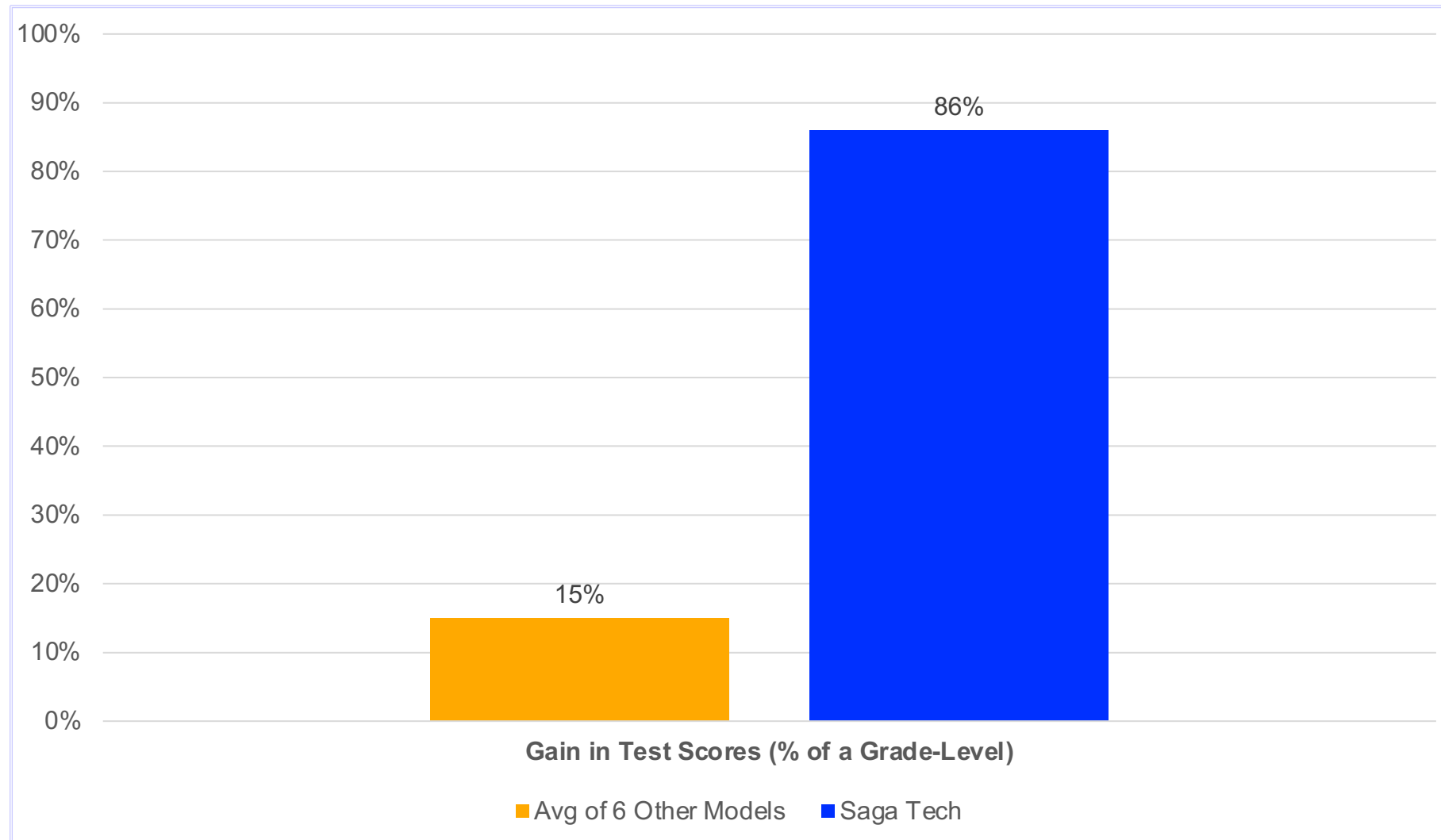
Saga Tutoring

- High-dosage (5 days/week) math tutoring in 8th or 9th grade in low-income schools
- Shown in rigorous trials to raise math achievement by over 70% of a grade level at three-year follow-up
- Yearly total cost/student: \$1575 (*half to be covered by AV*)

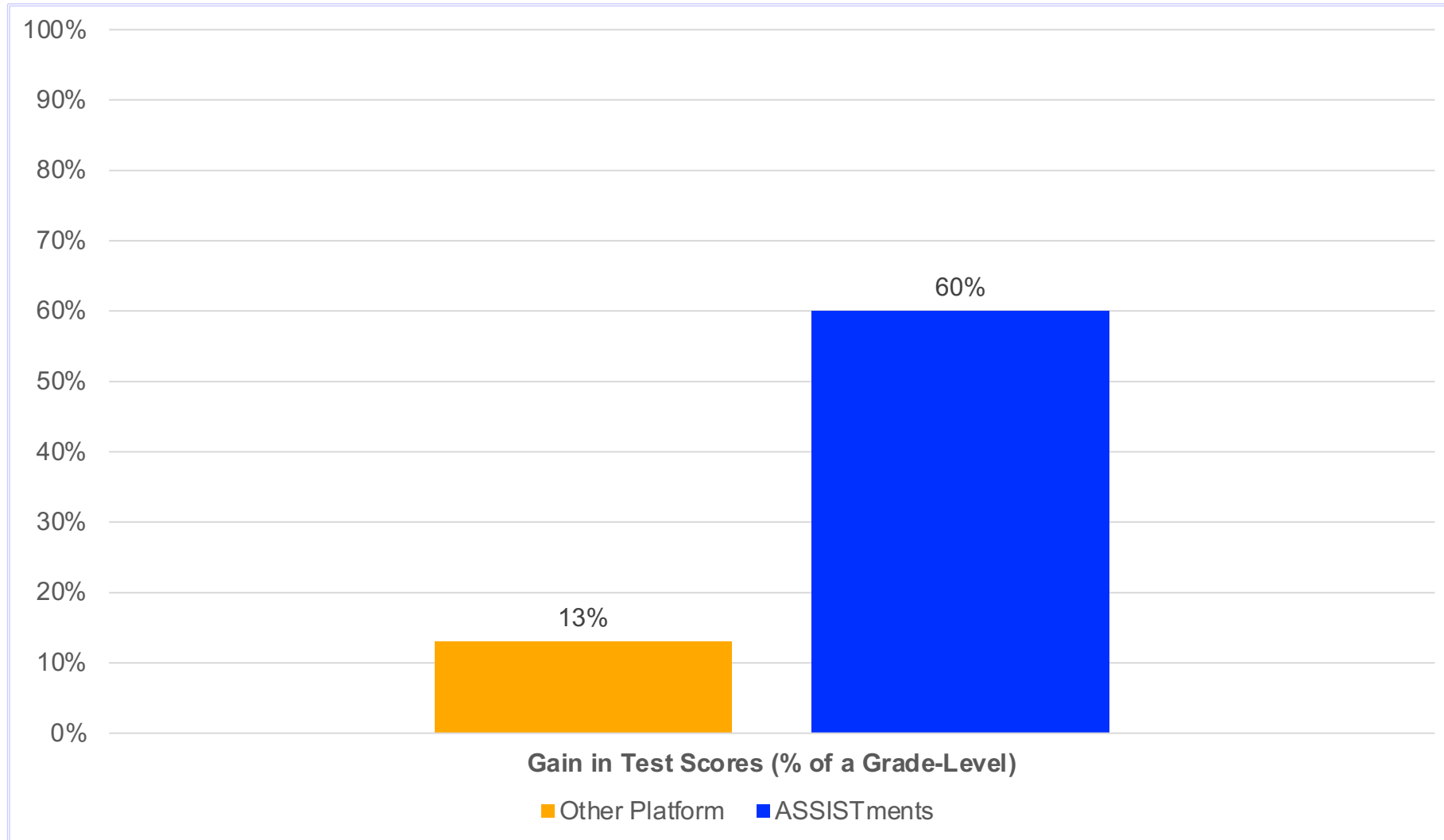
ASSISTments

- A low-cost, online study tool to support middle school math
- Shown in rigorous trials to raise math achievement by 30-60% of a grade level over a two-year follow-up
- Yearly total cost/student: \$70-90 when delivered at scale (*half to be covered by AV*)

Impact of Saga Tech vs. 6 Other High-Dosage Tutoring Tech Models



Impact of ASSISTments vs. Another Widely Used Edtech Platform



Matched Funding Opportunity

- Arnold Ventures (AV) will match district funds **dollar-for-dollar** to deliver Saga Tutoring or ASSISTments in participating schools – up to a total AV investment of approximately \$7 million statewide.
- Interested districts will be asked to identify schools for participation (with a priority for high-poverty schools) and may use **federal, state, or local public funds for their contribution.**



Questions?

Please reach out to Brontë Forsgren at bforsgren@evidencebasedpolicy.org or (435) 757-9436, or [fill out the Google Form linked here and in the chat.](#)

