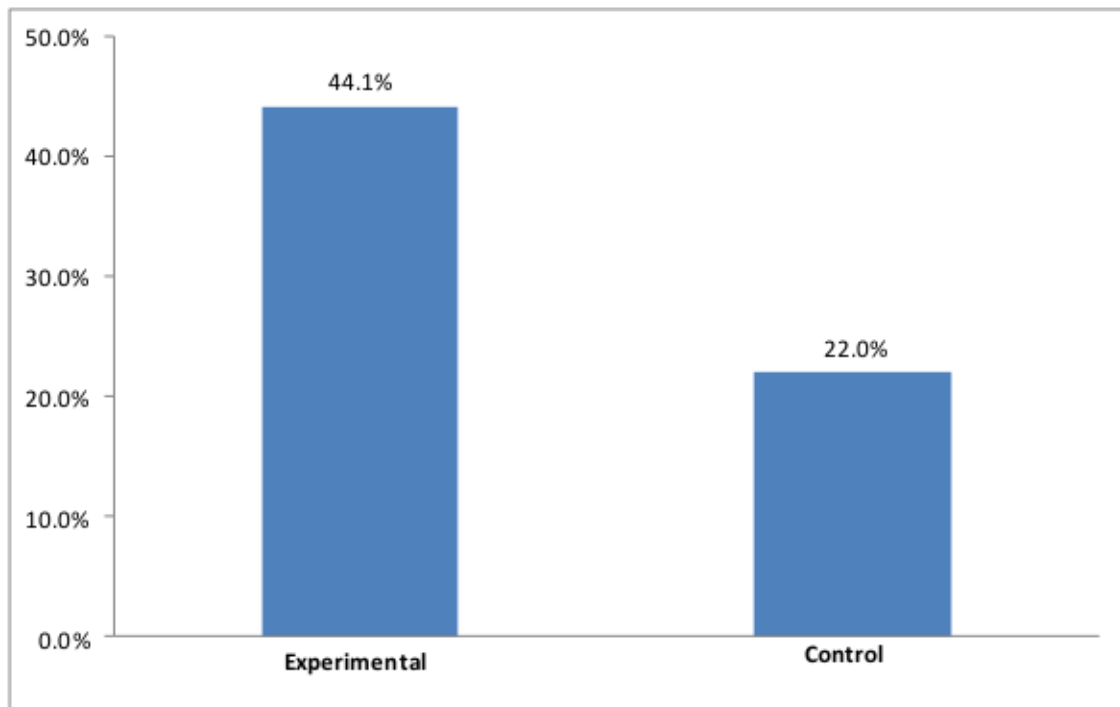




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**Results:** 44.1% of experimental students earned a diploma while at Avon Park Youth Academy, versus 22.0% of control students who earned a diploma while at their respective residential facilities. The differences in diploma completion rates were statistically significant for condition,  $p < .01$  and pronounced in all three diploma categories, especially in GED and Special Diplomas. During the year, experimental students averaged 1.9 grade level education gains in reading and 1.8 grade level education gains in math.

### Educational Achievement: Diploma Completion Rates



**Source:** *In Search of Evidence-Based Practice in Juvenile Corrections: An Evaluation of Florida's Avon Park Youth Academy and STREET Smart Program*, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, 2009.

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