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School Contact Information

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Type	Contact Information
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Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/BirchesPTO
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Enrollment data reflects enrollment reported at the end of the school year and only includes students attending the school. Students that attend programs at other schools or outside of the district are not included in enrollment counts and percentages.

Enrollment Trends by Grade

This table shows the number of students enrolled by grade for the past three school years. Any students enrolled outside of the grades offered will be included in the total enrollment.

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
KG	6	5	2
1	90	85	79
2	82	87	87
3	97	87	80
4	79	102	89
5	100	85	99
Total	454	451	436

Enrollment Trends by Student Group

This table shows the percentage of students by student group for the past three school years.

Student Group	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Female	49.3%	47.5%	46.1%
Male	50.7%	52.5%	53.9%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	22.9%	19.5%	21.3%
Students with Disabilities	18.1%	19.5%	18.1%
English Learners	N	N	N
Homeless Students	N	N	N
Students in Foster Care	N	0.4%	0.5%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N
Migrant Students	N	N	N

Enrollment by Racial and Ethnic Group

This table shows the percentage of students by racial and ethnic group for the past three school years.

Racial and Ethnic Group	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
White	76.4%	77.2%	79.6%
Hispanic	9.5%	8.2%	8.3%
Black or African American	5.7%	6.0%	4.6%
Asian	4.6%	5.1%	4.6%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N
Two or More Races	3.5%	3.3%	2.8%

Enrollment Trends by Full/Half Day PK and KG

This table shows number of students in full day and half day Pre-Kindergarten (PK) and Kindergarten (KG) for the past three school years.

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
KG - Half Day	1	N	N
KG - Full Day	5	5	2

Enrollment by Home Language

This table shows the percentage of students by primary home language. Only the top 5 languages with at least 1% of students are shown, and students with other home languages are included in the Other Languages total.

Home Language	% of Students
English	99.8%
Other Languages	0.2%



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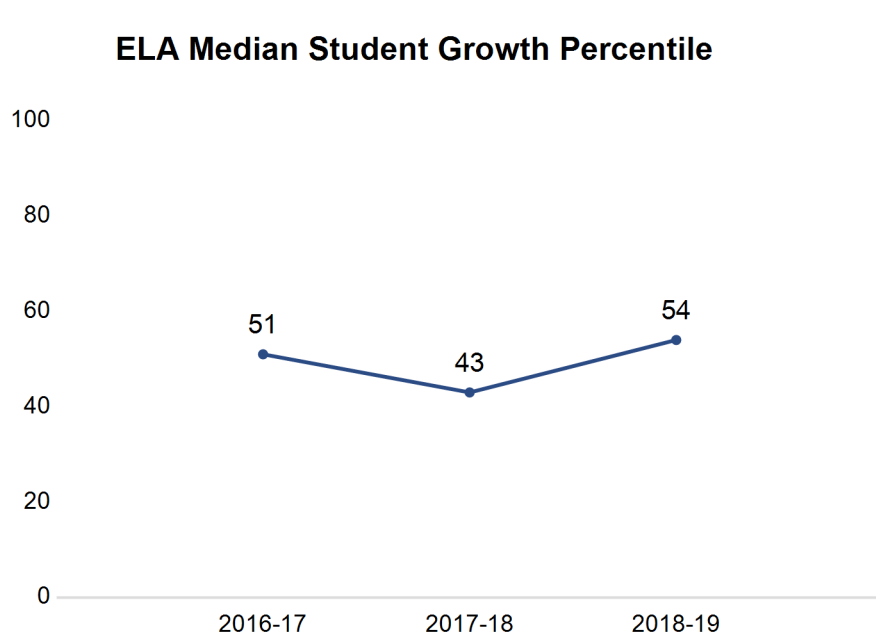
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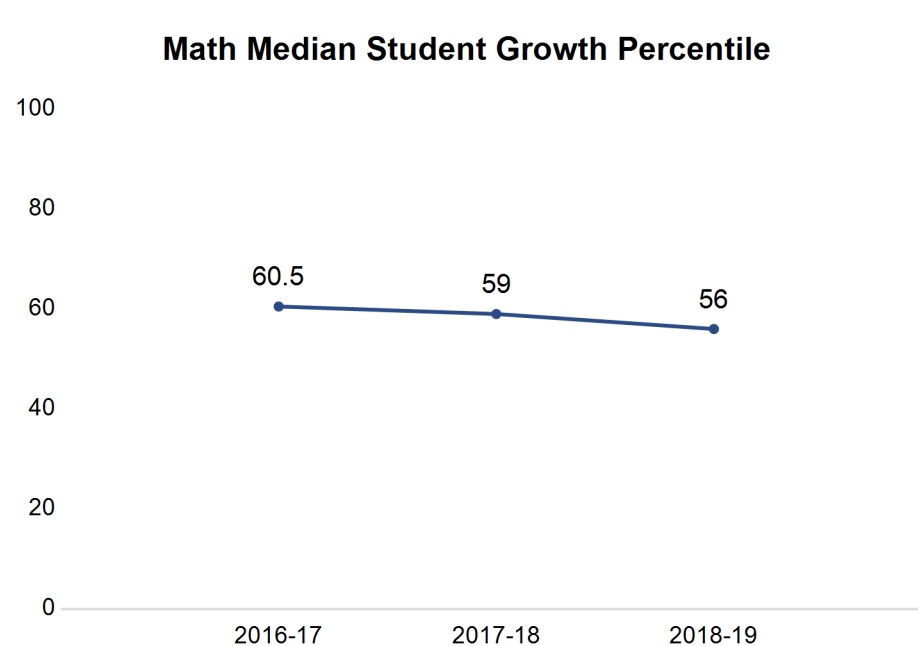
Student Growth Trends and Progress

These graphs illustrate trends in student growth over the last three years. Student growth is measured by median student growth percentile. The table below tells us how student growth over the last three years compares to the state standard of 40-59.5 and to the statewide median.

ELA Median Student Growth Percentile



Math Median Student Growth Percentile



Performance Measure	2016-17 ELA	2017-18 ELA	2018-19 ELA	2016-17 Math	2017-18 Math	2018-19 Math
Median Student Growth Percentile	51	43	54	60.5	59	56
Met Standard (40-59.5)?	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
Statewide: Median Student Growth Percentile	50	50	50	50	50	50



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A student's SGP falls between 1 and 99 and can be grouped into three levels: **Low Growth: Less than 35** **Typical Growth: Between 35 and 65** **High Growth: Greater than 65**

If the student growth percentiles for all students in the school are ordered from smallest to largest, the median student growth percentile (mSGP) for the school is the percentile in the middle of that list. Watch a short [video about Student Growth Percentiles](#) that explains how they are calculated for students and how median Student Growth Percentiles (mSGP) are calculated for groups of students.

Student Growth

This table shows the **median Student Growth Percentile (mSGP)** for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics both overall and for each student group with comparisons to the district and the state. This table also shows whether each mSGP Met Standard (40-59.5) as required by ESSA accountability.

Student Group	ELA: School Median	ELA: District Median	ELA: Statewide Median	ELA: Met Standard (40 -59.5)	Math: School Median	Math: District Median	Math: Statewide Median	Math: Met Standard (40 -59.5)
Schoolwide	54	39	50	Met Standard	56	51	50	Met Standard
White	55	38	50	Met Standard	55	51	52	Met Standard
Hispanic	50	41.5	49	**	56	54.5	47	**
Black or African American	*	40	45	**	*	43.5	43	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	53	48	59	**	68	55	60	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	*	56	**	N	*	51.5	**
Two or More Races	*	43.5	49	**	*	50.5	52	**
Female	59	42	53	N	58	52	50	N
Male	53	37	47	N	54	50	51	N
Economically Disadvantaged Students	59	38	48	Met Standard	63	51	46	Exceeds Standard
Students with Disabilities	59	37	43	Met Standard	60	53	45	Exceeds Standard
English Learners	*	47	52	**	*	62	50	**
Homeless Students	N	48	43	N	N	45.5	44	N
Students in Foster Care	N	*	42	N	N	*	44	N
Military-Connected Students	N	N	49	N	N	N	51	N
Migrant Students	N	N	47	N	N	N	51	N



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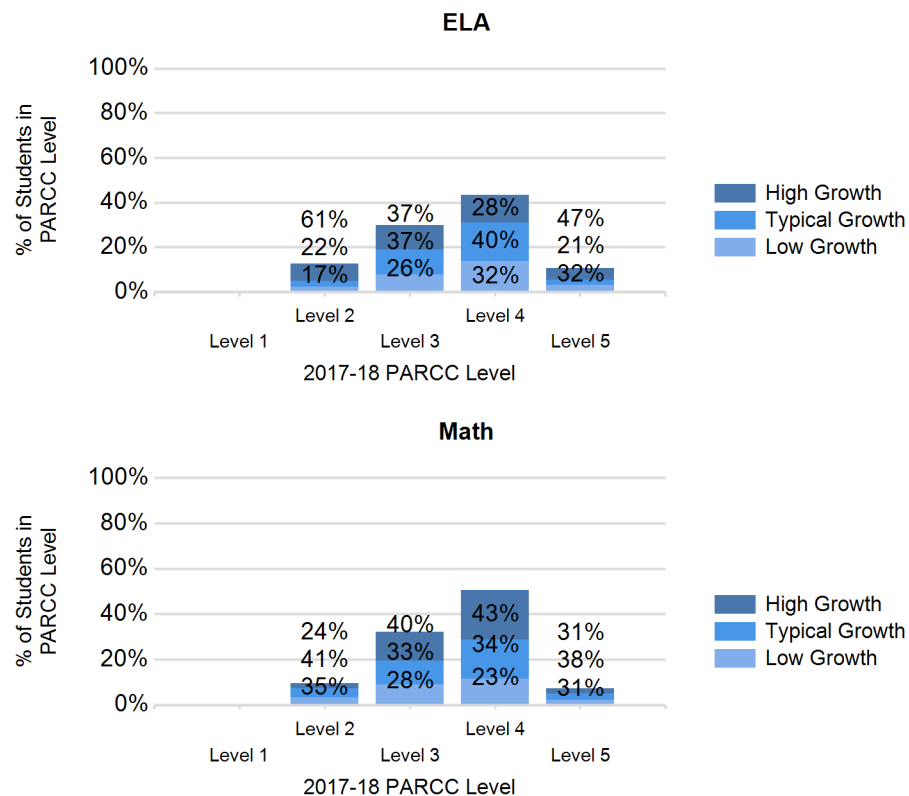
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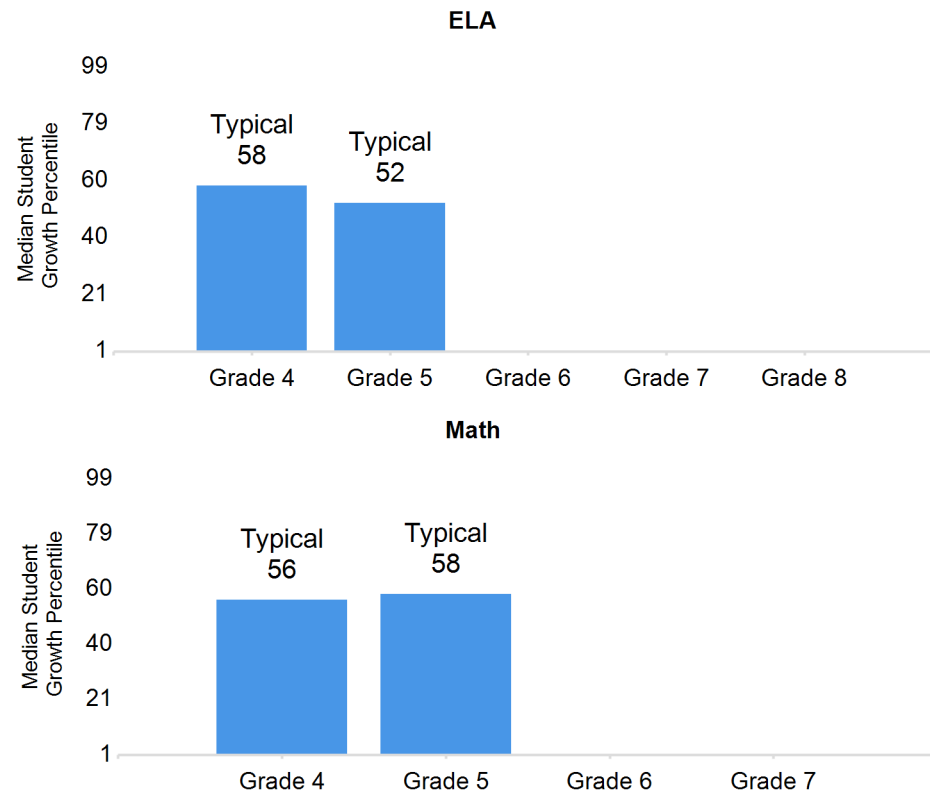
Student Growth by Performance Level

These graphs show the percentage of students by 2017-18 statewide assessment performance level that fall into each of the three levels of growth based on their 2018-19 statewide assessment growth.



Student Growth by Grade

These graphs show the median Student Growth Percentile for students in each grade.





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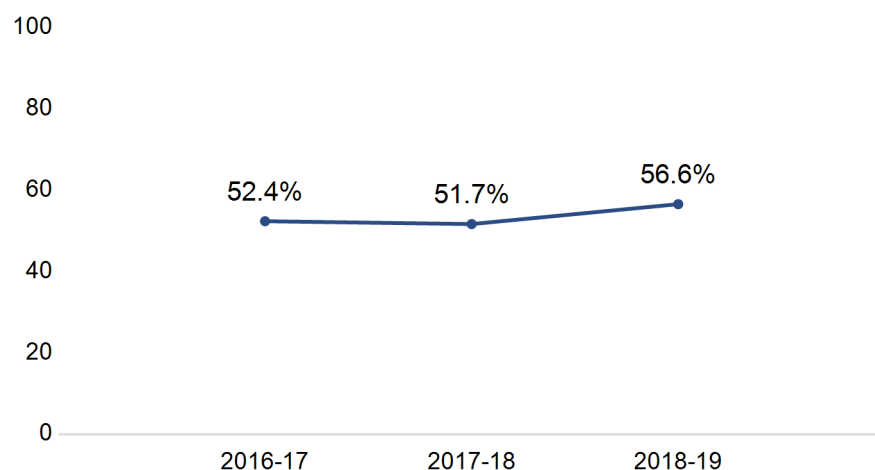
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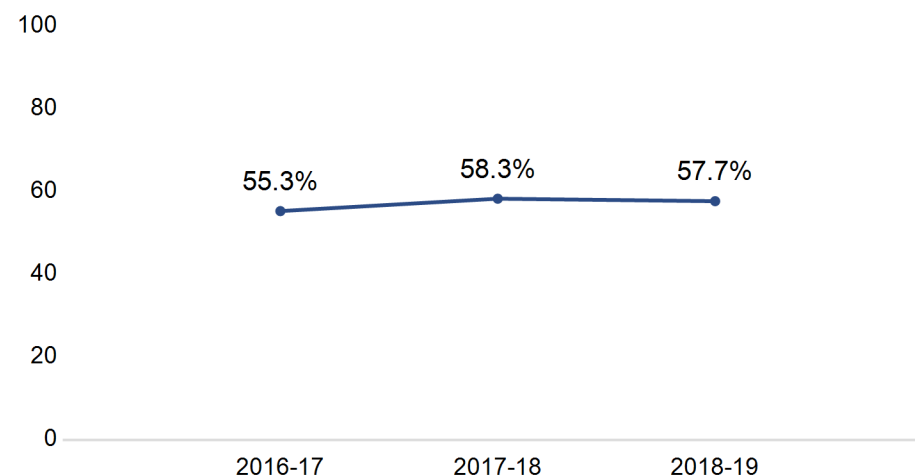
English Language Arts and Mathematics Performance Trends

These graphs show trends in the Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability over the last three years. The data includes the results of students taking both the statewide assessment (NJSLA for 2018-19 and PARCC for 2016-17 and 2017-18) and the DLM alternate assessment. The Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability measures the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations on the assessments (NJSLA/PARCC or DLM) with an adjustment made if the participation rate is below 95% to ensure reporting on at least 95% of students. NJSLA/PARCC results include only students in grades 3 through 10. Students that were enrolled for less than half a school year are excluded from performance results. The table below provides participation rates, proficiency rates, annual targets and status in meeting the targets, and statewide proficiency rates.

ELA Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability



Math Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability



Performance Measure	2016-17 ELA	2017-18 ELA	2018-19 ELA	2016-17 Math	2017-18 Math	2018-19 Math
Participation Rate	97.9%	98.2%	99.3%	97.6%	98.2%	99.3%
Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability	52.4%	51.7%	56.6%	55.3%	58.3%	57.7%
Annual Target	46.1%	47.9%	49.7%	53.6%	55.0%	56.4%
Met Annual Target?	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target
Statewide Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability	54.9%	56.7%	57.9%	43.5%	45.0%	44.5%

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This table shows both the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations and a proficiency rate used for federal accountability. The proficiency rate for federal accountability will be lower if the participation rate is below 95%. This table also shows progress towards meeting the state's long term goal of 80% proficiency by 2030. Annual targets are specific to each subgroup, school, and district and represent the expected proficiency needed to stay on track to meet the state's long term goal. Student groups where the annual target fields are grayed out are not required to meet annual targets under ESSA accountability. For more details on New Jersey's accountability system, see our [accountability resources](#).

Student Group	Valid Scores	% of students Taking Test	School: % of Testers Met/Exceeded Expectations	District: % of Testers Met/Exceeded Expectations	State: % of Testers Met/Exceeded Expectations	Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability	2018-19 Annual Target	Met 2018-19 Annual Target
Schoolwide	272	99.3	56.6	50.6	57.9	56.6	49.7	Met Target
White	206	99.0	58.7	52.8	66.9	58.7	52.2	Met Target
Hispanic	29	100.0	37.9	*	43.9	37.9	36.3	Met Target
Black or African American	15	100.0	33.3	*	38.5	33.3	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	62.5	82.9	*	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	*	56.0	N	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	64.4	*	**	**
Female	122	99.2	68.9	60.4	64.8	68.9		
Male	150	99.4	46.7	41.2	51.3	46.7		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	55	100.0	36.4	32.5	40.0	36.4	41	Met Target†
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	217	99.1	61.8	55.4	67.9	61.8		
Students with Disabilities	51	100.0	35.3	*	22.7	35.3	40.3	Met Target†
Students without Disabilities	221	99.1	61.5	*	65.1	61.5		
English Learners	*	*	*	46.9	29.3	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	50.7	60.6	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	26.5	29.1	N		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	10.5	27.6	N		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	57.8	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	30.4	N		

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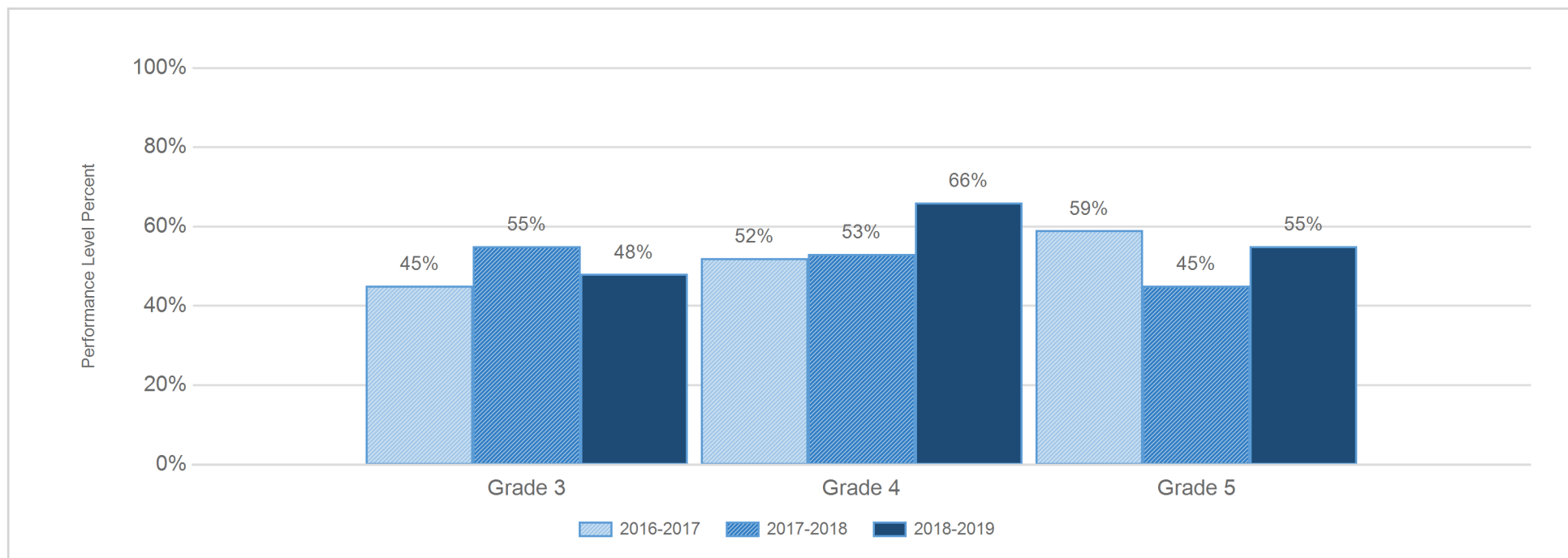
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English Language Arts Assessment - Performance Trends

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on each grade level exam on the statewide assessment for English Language Arts (ELA) for the past three years. 2018-19 data is from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and 2016-17 and 2017-18 data is from the PARCC assessment.





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English Language Arts Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 3

This table shows performance on the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

Student Group	Valid Scores	Mean Scale Score	District Mean Scale Score	State Mean Scale Score	% Level 1: Did Not Yet Meet Expectations	% Level 2: Partially Met Expectations	% Level 3: Approached Expectations	% Level 4: Met Expectations	% Level 5: Exceeded Expectations	% of Testers Met/ Exceeded Expectations	State % of Testers Met / Exceeded Expectation
Schoolwide	81	745	744	748	12%	14%	26%	*	*	48%	50%
White	60	745	746	757	*	*	32%	*	*	47%	60%
Hispanic	*	*	740	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	36%
Black or African American	*	*	722	731	*	*	*	*	*	*	33%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	753	773	*	*	*	*	*	*	75%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	746	N	N	N	N	N	N	46%
Two or More Races	*	*	749	756	*	*	*	*	*	*	58%
Female	46	746	749	753	*	*	*	*	*	50%	55%
Male	35	743	739	743	*	*	*	*	*	46%	46%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	14	737	730	731	*	*	*	*	*	36%	33%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	67	746	747	759	*	*	*	*	*	51%	61%
Students with Disabilities	12	733	723	719	*	*	*	*	*	33%	24%
Students without Disabilities	69	747	749	754	*	*	*	*	*	51%	56%
English Learners	*	*	*	713	*	*	*	*	*	*	17%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	751	*	*	*	*	*	*	54%
Homeless Students	N	N	*	720	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	*	720	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	55%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	24%



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English Language Arts Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 4

This table shows performance on the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

Student Group	Valid Scores	Mean Scale Score	District Mean Scale Score	State Mean Scale Score	% Level 1: Did Not Yet Meet Expectations	% Level 2: Partially Met Expectations	% Level 3: Approached Expectations	% Level 4: Met Expectations	% Level 5: Exceeded Expectations	% of Testers Met/ Exceeded Expectations	State % of Testers Met / Exceeded Expectation
Schoolwide	88	762	749	755	0%	*	26%	*	*	66%	57%
White	71	765	752	763	0%	*	25%	*	*	70%	67%
Hispanic	*	*	739	743	*	*	*	*	*	*	44%
Black or African American	*	*	729	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	39%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	760	779	*	*	*	*	*	*	82%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	749	N	N	N	N	N	N	53%
Two or More Races	*	*	742	762	*	*	*	*	*	*	64%
Female	42	767	755	760	0%	*	*	*	*	83%	62%
Male	46	757	743	750	0%	*	*	*	*	50%	53%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	18	750	*	740	0%	*	56%	*	*	33%	40%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	70	765	*	765	0%	*	19%	*	*	74%	69%
Students with Disabilities	12	761	729	725	0%	*	*	*	*	50%	25%
Students without Disabilities	76	762	754	761	0%	*	*	*	*	68%	64%
English Learners	N	N	*	720	N	N	N	N	N	N	17%
Non-English Learners	88	762	*	758	0%	*	26%	*	*	66%	60%
Homeless Students	N	N	*	730	N	N	N	N	N	N	29%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	*	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	757	N	N	N	N	N	N	58%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	25%



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English Language Arts Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 5

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Student Group	Valid Scores	Mean Scale Score	District Mean Scale Score	State Mean Scale Score	% Level 1: Did Not Yet Meet Expectations	% Level 2: Partially Met Expectations	% Level 3: Approached Expectations	% Level 4: Met Expectations	% Level 5: Exceeded Expectations	% of Testers Met/ Exceeded Expectations	State % of Testers Met / Exceeded Expectation
Schoolwide	98	754	754	756	*	13%	29%	*	*	55%	58%
White	72	754	756	764	0%	15%	28%	*	*	57%	68%
Hispanic	10	736	742	743	*	*	*	*	*	30%	44%
Black or African American	*	*	733	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	38%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	765	781	*	*	*	*	*	*	83%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	753	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Two or More Races	*	*	763	762	*	*	*	*	*	*	65%
Female	34	763	761	761	*	*	*	*	*	74%	64%
Male	64	749	748	750	*	*	*	*	*	45%	52%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	21	739	739	740	*	*	*	*	*	38%	39%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	77	758	758	766	*	*	*	*	*	60%	69%
Students with Disabilities	19	728	*	724	*	*	*	*	*	21%	23%
Students without Disabilities	79	760	*	762	*	*	*	*	*	63%	65%
English Learners	*	*	*	713	*	*	*	*	*	*	11%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	758	*	*	*	*	*	*	60%
Homeless Students	N	N	*	730	N	N	N	N	N	N	29%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	*	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	62%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	723	N	N	N	N	N	N	26%



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Hispanic	29	100.0	41.4	*	28.8	41.4	40.3	Met Target
Black or African American	15	100.0	26.7	15.9	23.0	26.7	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	57.1	76.5	*	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	*	42.7	N	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	53.3	*	**	**
Female	122	99.2	59.0	41.2	44.9	59.0		
Male	150	99.4	56.7	39.7	44.2	56.7		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	55	100.0	32.7	22.8	26.3	32.7	43.5	Not Met
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	217	99.1	64.1	45.0	54.9	64.1		
Students with Disabilities	51	100.0	39.2	17.7	17.4	39.2	47.4	Met Target†
Students without Disabilities	221	99.1	62.0	44.6	50.0	62.0		
English Learners	*	*	*	43.8	25.0	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	40.4	46.5	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	*	17.1	N		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	10.5	17.1	N		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	46.4	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	23.3	N		

† Target was met within a confidence interval.



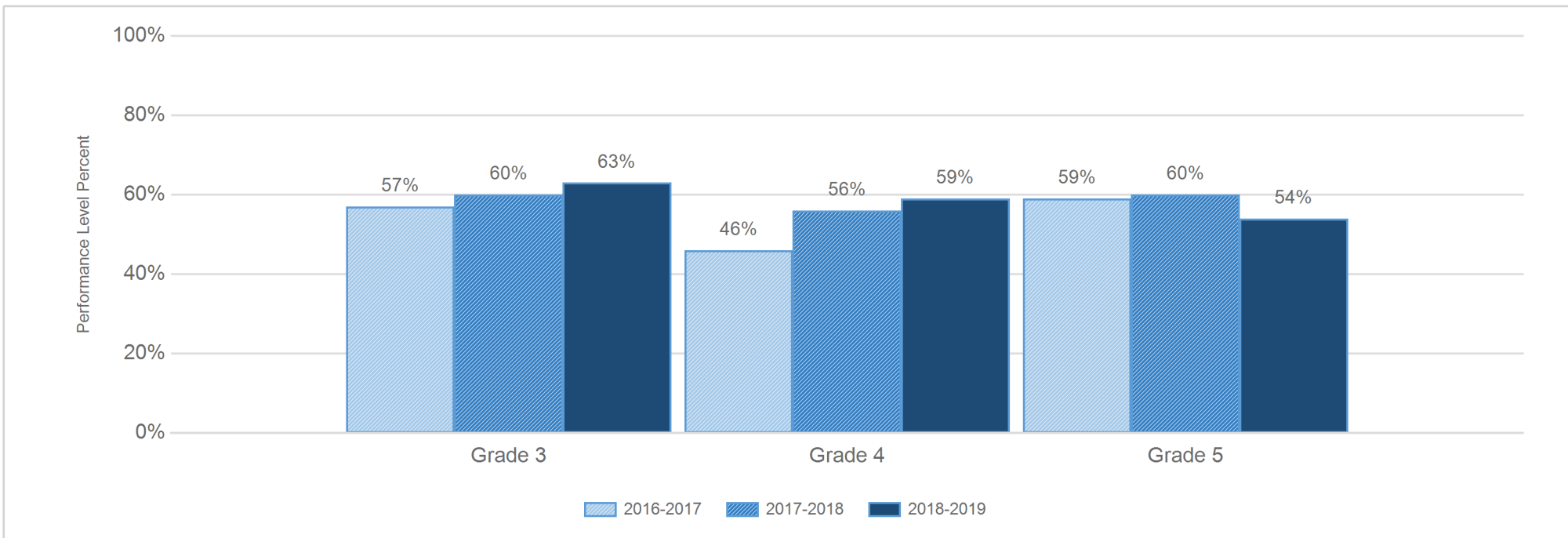
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Mathematics Assessment – Performance Trends

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on each grade level or end-of-course exam on the statewide assessment for Mathematics for the past three years. 2018-19 data is from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and 2016-17 and 2017-18 data is from the PARCC assessment.



† 2018-19 results for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II do not include students in grade 11, but 2016-17 and 2017-18 results do include students in grade 11. Therefore, trend data for these assessments may not be comparable.



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 3

This table shows performance on the Mathematics section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

Student Group	Valid Scores	Mean Scale Score	District Mean Scale Score	State Mean Scale Score	% Level 1: Did Not Yet Meet Expectations	% Level 2: Partially Met Expectations	% Level 3: Approached Expectations	% Level 4: Met Expectations	% Level 5: Exceeded Expectations	% of Testers Met/ Exceeded Expectations	State % of Testers Met / Exceeded Expectation
Schoolwide	81	757	751	752	*	*	25%	51%	12%	63%	55%
White	60	758	754	760	*	*	27%	*	*	65%	66%
Hispanic	*	*	744	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	40%
Black or African American	*	*	729	735	*	*	*	*	*	*	35%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	761	778	*	*	*	*	*	*	83%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	749	N	N	N	N	N	N	51%
Two or More Races	*	*	754	758	*	*	*	*	*	*	62%
Female	46	753	751	751	*	*	*	*	*	57%	54%
Male	35	762	752	752	*	*	*	*	*	71%	56%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	14	744	732	737	*	*	*	*	*	50%	37%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	67	759	757	761	*	*	*	*	*	66%	67%
Students with Disabilities	12	743	731	731	*	*	*	*	*	50%	31%
Students without Disabilities	69	759	756	756	*	*	*	*	*	65%	60%
English Learners	*	*	*	728	*	*	*	*	*	*	26%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	754	*	*	*	*	*	*	58%
Homeless Students	N	N	*	724	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	*	725	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	754	N	N	N	N	N	N	56%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	728	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 4

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Student Group	Valid Scores	Mean Scale Score	District Mean Scale Score	State Mean Scale Score	% Level 1: Did Not Yet Meet Expectations	% Level 2: Partially Met Expectations	% Level 3: Approached Expectations	% Level 4: Met Expectations	% Level 5: Exceeded Expectations	% of Testers Met/ Exceeded Expectations	State % of Testers Met / Exceeded Expectation
Schoolwide	88	757	752	749	0%	*	36%	*	*	59%	51%
White	71	760	754	757	0%	*	38%	*	*	61%	62%
Hispanic	*	*	746	737	*	*	*	*	*	*	36%
Black or African American	*	*	729	731	*	*	*	*	*	*	29%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	763	776	*	*	*	*	*	*	82%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	747	N	N	N	N	N	N	46%
Two or More Races	*	*	746	754	*	*	*	*	*	*	58%
Female	42	758	752	749	0%	*	33%	*	*	64%	50%
Male	46	756	752	749	0%	*	39%	*	*	54%	52%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	18	747	*	734	0%	*	*	*	*	44%	32%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	70	760	*	759	0%	*	*	*	*	63%	63%
Students with Disabilities	12	756	736	726	0%	*	*	*	*	50%	25%
Students without Disabilities	76	758	755	754	0%	*	*	*	*	61%	56%
English Learners	N	N	*	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	18%
Non-English Learners	88	757	*	751	0%	*	36%	*	*	59%	54%
Homeless Students	N	N	*	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	19%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	*	724	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	753	N	N	N	N	N	N	56%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	16%



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 5

This table shows performance on the Mathematics section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

Student Group	Valid Scores	Mean Scale Score	District Mean Scale Score	State Mean Scale Score	% Level 1: Did Not Yet Meet Expectations	% Level 2: Partially Met Expectations	% Level 3: Approached Expectations	% Level 4: Met Expectations	% Level 5: Exceeded Expectations	% of Testers Met/ Exceeded Expectations	State % of Testers Met / Exceeded Expectation
Schoolwide	98	752	753	747	*	15%	29%	*	*	54%	47%
White	72	753	754	755	*	14%	24%	*	*	60%	58%
Hispanic	10	738	740	735	0%	*	*	*	*	30%	30%
Black or African American	*	*	734	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	767	775	*	*	*	*	*	*	80%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	747	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
Two or More Races	*	*	755	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	55%
Female	34	755	753	747	*	*	32%	*	*	56%	47%
Male	64	751	753	747	*	*	27%	*	*	53%	47%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	21	735	740	732	*	*	52%	*	*	14%	27%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	77	757	756	757	*	*	22%	*	*	65%	59%
Students with Disabilities	19	734	*	725	*	*	*	*	*	26%	19%
Students without Disabilities	79	757	*	752	*	*	*	*	*	61%	52%
English Learners	*	*	*	718	*	*	*	*	*	*	12%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	749	*	*	*	*	*	*	49%
Homeless Students	N	N	*	723	N	N	N	N	N	N	17%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	*	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	748	N	N	N	N	N	N	50%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	17%



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DLM Alternate Assessment - Participation

This table shows the number of students taking the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) alternate assessment, which tests academic progress in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for students with different types of significant cognitive disabilities.

Grade	ELA: # Students Tested	Math: # Students Tested
3	*	*
4	*	*
5	*	*

English Language Progress to Proficiency

This table shows the percentage of English Learners who demonstrated the expected amount of growth on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment for English Language proficiency. A student's expected growth is based on the student's initial year proficiency level and student growth expectations are increased by equal intervals each year so that the student meets the proficiency cut score of 4.5 within five years. The table shows the annual target for the percentage of students making expected growth and whether that target was met.

Student Group	Percent of English Learners Making Expected Growth to Proficiency	2018-19 Target	Met Target?
Schoolwide/English Learners	*	*	*

† Target was met within one standard deviation

English Language Proficiency Test - Participation and Performance

This table shows, by years in district, the number of English learner students taking the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment for English language proficiency and the percentage of students tested that received an overall score of 4.5 or above. Students must receive a score of 4.5 or higher to be considered for proficient status.

Years in District	# Students Tested	% Students with Overall Score Below 4.5	% Students with Overall Score of 4.5 and above
0-2	N	N	N
3-4	*	*	*
5 or more	N	N	N



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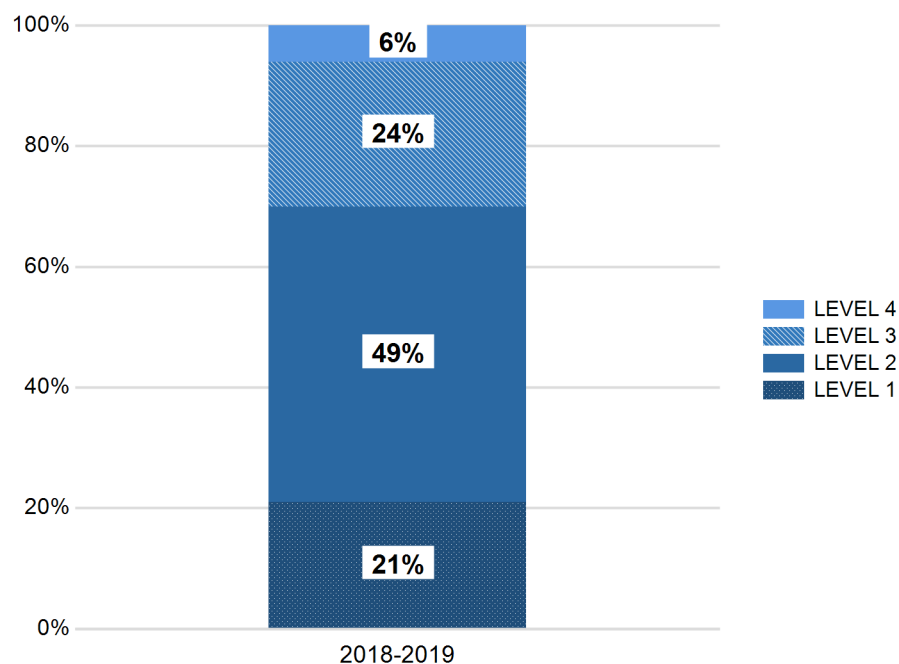
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NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 5 Summary

This table shows how students performed this year on the NJSLA Science assessment. Students scoring at Level 3 or 4 are considered proficient.



NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 5

This table shows how students performed this year on the NJSLA Science assessment, both overall and by student group. Students scoring at Level 3 or 4 are considered proficient.

Student Group	% Level 1	% Level 2	% Level 3	% Level 4
Schoolwide	21	49	24	6
White	17	51	28	4
Hispanic	*	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*
Female	15	59	24	3
Male	24	44	24	8
Economically Disadvantaged Students	48	43	4	4
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	12	51	30	7
Students with Disabilities	69	19	13	0
Students without Disabilities	11	55	26	8
English Learners	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	N
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N



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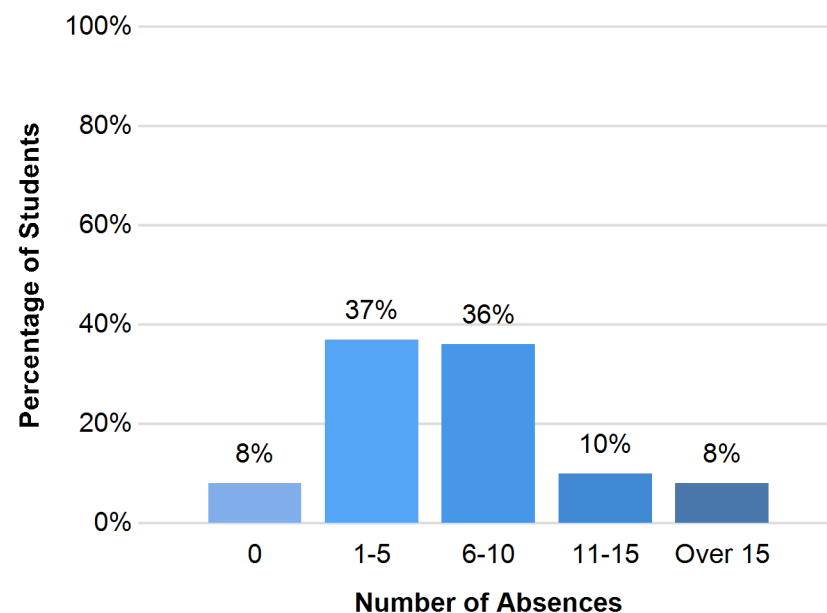
Chronic Absenteeism

This table shows the number and percentage of students in grades K-12 both overall and by student group who were chronically absent during the school year. The last two columns show the chronic absenteeism state average for students in the grades offered and whether the rate for each student group was above the state average ("Not Met") or less than or equal to the state average ("Met").

Student Group	Number of Students Chronically Absent	Percent of Students Chronically Absent	State Average	Met State Average?
Schoolwide	27	5.9	8.9	Met
White	20	5.5	8.9	Met
Hispanic	4	10.0	8.9	Not Met
Black or African American	0	0	8.9	Met
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific	0	0	8.9	Met
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	3	23.1	**	**
Female	18	8.7		
Male	9	3.6		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	9	8.8	8.9	Met
Students with Disabilities	5	5.1	8.9	Met
English Learners	*	*	**	**
Homeless Students	N	N		
Students in Foster Care	*	*		
Military-Connected Students	N	N		
Migrant Students	N	N		

Days Absent

This graph shows the percentage of K-12 students by the number of days they were absent during the school year.





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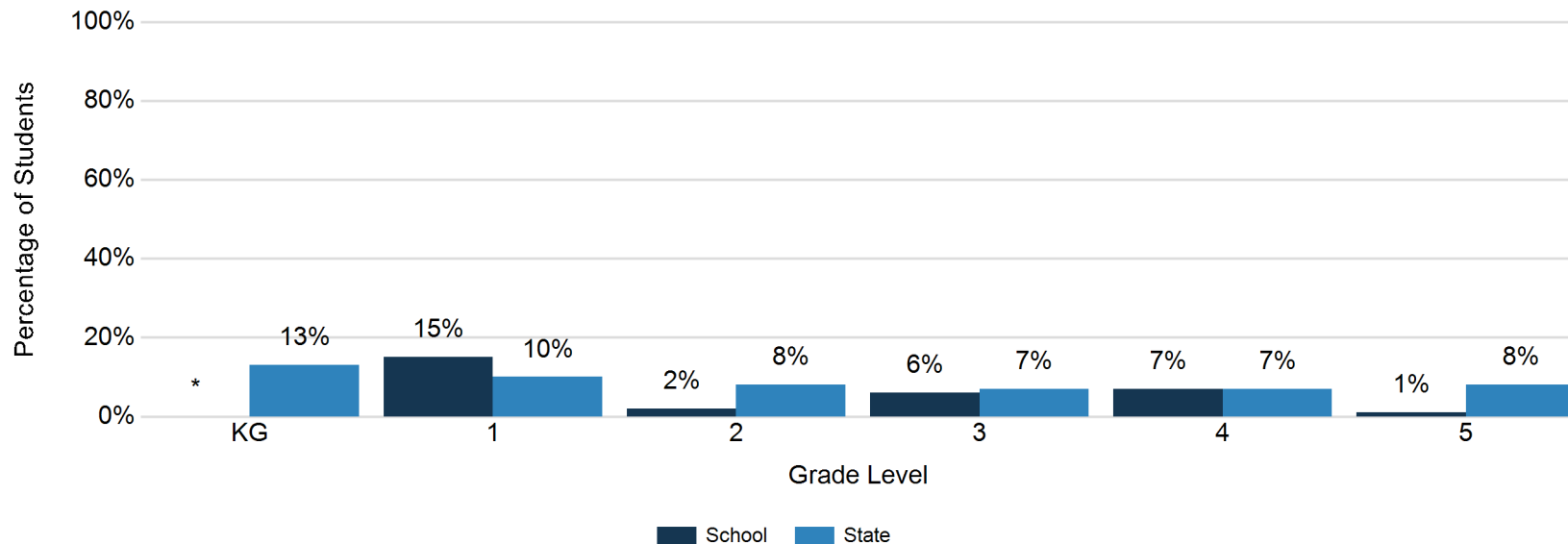
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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

This graph shows the percentage of students by grade level who were chronically absent during the school year.





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Violence, Vandalism, HIB, and Substance Offenses

This table shows the number of incidents reported by type. A single incident may be counted under multiple incident types. The total unique incidents row provides an unduplicated count of incidents. The last row shows the rate of incidents for every 100 students enrolled.

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Violence	0
Weapons	0
Vandalism	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	1
Total Unique Incidents	1
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	0.23

Police Notifications

This table shows, by incident type, the number of cases where an incident led to police notification.

Incident Type	Incidents Reported to Police
Violence	0
Weapons	0
Vandalism	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	0
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	0



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Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigations

This table shows, by the nature of the incident, the number of alleged and confirmed Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) investigations. The nature of an incident is based on the protected categories listed below, and the nature of a single HIB investigation may include multiple categories. All confirmed incidents must have an identified nature.

HIB Nature (Protected Category)	HIB Alleged	HIB Confirmed	Total HIB Investigations
Race	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0
Ancestry	0	1	1
Gender	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0
Other	2	0	2
No Identified Nature	0		0

Student Disciplinary Removals

The first table shows, by removal type, the number and percentage of students who received disciplinary removals during the school year. Removal types include students receiving one or more in-school suspensions, one or more out-of-school suspensions, one or more suspension of any type, removal to another school or other educational program, expulsion with no further educational services, or arrest. The second table shows the total number of days missed due to out-of-school suspension for all students during the school year.

Removal Type	Number of Students	Percent of Students
In-School Suspensions	0	0.0%
Out-of-School Suspensions	0	0.0%
Any Suspension	0	0.0%
Removal to other education program	0	0.0%
Expulsion	0	0.0%
Arrest	0	0.0%

School Days Missed due to Out-of-School Suspensions

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School Day

This table shows the start and end times and length of school day for a typical student at this school. Instructional time is the amount of time that a typical student was engaged in instructional activities under the supervision of a certified teacher. Full time students attend this school for more than half of the school day and shared-time students attend the school for half of the school day or less.

Category	School
Typical Start Time	9:20 AM
Typical End Time	3:45 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs 25 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	5 Hrs 40 Mins
Shared Time - Instructional Time	5 Hrs. 40 Mins.

Device Ratios

This table shows the student to device ratio, which is the number of students in tested grades 3 through 10 per device. Devices are computers such as tablets, iPads, laptops and Chromebooks. The count includes only devices that meet nationally recommended specifications for digital learning in grades 3 through 10. This information comes from the elective NJTRAx survey, therefore data may not be available for all schools. Additionally, schools that have adopted a Bring Your Own Device policy may appear to have a very low Student to Device ratio due to this policy decision.

School Year	Student to Device Ratio
2018-19	1:1



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Teachers – Experience

This table shows information about the experience of teachers assigned to this school and across the state. No teachers in New Jersey are teaching under emergency or provisional credentials as defined the United States Department of Education.

Category	Teachers in School	Teachers in State
Total Number of teachers	47	118,214
Average years experience in public schools	15.0	12.1
Average years experience in district	13.5	10.8
Percentage of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	83.0%	75.3%

Administrators – Experience (District Level)

This table shows information about the experience of administrators assigned to this district and across the state.

Category	Admin. in District	Admin. in State
Total Number of administrators	47	9,530
Average years experience in public schools	18.7	16.0
Average years experience in district	15.8	12.0
Percentage of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	89.4%	76.9%

Student and Staff Ratios

This table shows ratios of students and staff members in the school and district. Ratios for librarians, nurses, counselors, and child study team members are only reported at the district level because many staff in these jobs are assigned only to the district and not to individual schools.

Ratio	School Ratio	District Ratio
Students to Teachers	9:1	11:1
Students to Administrators	145:1	153:1
Teachers to Administrators	16:1	14:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		554:1
Students to Nurses		600:1
Students to Counselors		277:1
Students to Child Study Team Members		313:1



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Teachers and Administrators – Demographics

This table compares the percentage of students, teachers, and administrators by gender and by racial and ethnic group.

Category	Students in School	Teachers in School	Administrators in School	Students in State	Teachers in State	Administrators in State
Female	46.1%	95.7%	100.0%	48.4%	77.1%	54.9%
Male	53.9%	4.3%	0.0%	51.6%	22.9%	45.1%
White	79.6%	100.0%	100.0%	42.4%	83.6%	77.4%
Hispanic	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	29.9%	7.3%	7.2%
Black or African American	4.6%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	6.6%	13.9%
Asian	4.6%	0.0%	0.0%	10.2%	2.0%	1.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or More Races	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.2%	0.2%



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Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

This chart shows the highest level of education attained by teachers and administrators. The Bachelor's category may include other degrees/certificates such as a Specialist's degree. Administrators are required to have a Master's degree or higher.

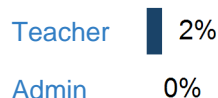
Bachelor's Degree



Master's Degree



Doctoral Degree



Teachers and Administrators - One-Year Retention (District Level)

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators assigned to this district in 2017-18 that were still assigned to this district in 2018-19. Staff who were not retained may have changed districts or no longer work for the state (including retirements).

Job Type	District	State
2017-18 Teachers: Same district 2018-19	92.9%	90.5%
2017-18 Administrators: Same district 2018-19	91.5%	87.9%

Faculty Attendance

This table shows the percentage of days that faculty members were present during the school year. Approved professional days, personal days, staff training days, bereavement days, jury duty, and absences due to extended illness are not counted against days present, and faculty members on long-term leave or disability are excluded from this calculation.

School Year	% Days Present
2018-19	96.5%



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Per-Pupil Expenditures by Source

The link below produces a table summarizing the most recently available expenses for regular and special education students taught at schools in the district. The amounts shown include expenditures for instruction, support services, administration, operations and maintenance, and extra-curricular activities.

For more information regarding this table please refer to the guidance for school level reporting, which is available on the [NJDOE webpage ESSA School Level Reporting Information](#). More in-depth information about district and charter school spending can be found in the [User Friendly Budget](#) and the [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report \(CAFR\) and Auditor Management Reports \(AMRs\)](#).

Please be aware that the total district expenditures represented in these reports are taken from audited district financial data, but the subsequent allocation of these resources to specific schools is not audited or otherwise verified by the New Jersey Department of Education. If you have specific questions about the assignment (or lack of assignment) of school-level amounts, please contact the district for additional information.

[Link to District Summary of 2018-19 School-Level Per Pupil Expenditures by Source.](#)

An option to [download all school-level summaries by district](#) in one spreadsheet is also available. However, because districts have flexibility in how certain costs are allocated to individual schools, school-level costs should not be compared between schools in different districts.



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Targeted Support and Improvement - Consistently Underperforming Student Group: Schools with one or more students group that missed annual targets or standards for all indicators for two years in a row

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ESSA Accountability Status

The table below provides the school's federal school status for the 2020-21 school year, the category (or reason) for identification, the year the school is eligible to exit status, and, if applicable, the student groups identified for support.

Status for 2020-21 School Year	Not in Status
Category of Identification	n/a
Year Eligible to Exit Status	n/a
Student Group Status: White	
Student Group Status: Hispanic	
Student Group Status: Black or African American	
Student Group Status: Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	
Student Group Status: American Indian or Alaska Native	
Student Group Status: Two or More Races	
Student Group Status: Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Student Group Status: Students with Disabilities	
Student Group Status: English Learners	

† This flag is used if a school is identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement, but one or more student groups met criteria for Targeted Support and Improvement.



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ESSA Accountability Progress

The table below shows performance on each of New Jersey's ESSA accountability indicators for the last three years. ELA and Math Proficiency represent the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations on statewide assessments (NJSLA/PARCC or DLM). ELA and Math Growth represent the median student growth percentile. Four- and five-year graduation rates represent the adjusted cohort graduation rates. Progress toward English Language Proficiency, which was first available in 2017-18, shows the percentage of English Learners that demonstrated the expected amount of growth on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment for English Language proficiency. Chronic absenteeism represents the percentage of students that were absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year.

ESSA Accountability Indicator	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
ELA Proficiency	52.4%	51.7%	56.6%
Math Proficiency	55.3%	58.3%	57.7%
ELA Growth	51	43	54
Math Growth	60	59	56
4-Year Graduation Rate†	N	N	N
5-Year Graduation Rate†	N	N	N
Progress toward English Language Proficiency		N	*
Chronic Absenteeism	6.3%	4.8%	5.9%

† This table shows 2018-19 graduation data for reference, but 2017-18 graduation data is used for accountability calculations for 2018-19.



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Accountability Indicator Scores and Summative Ratings - 2018-19 School Year

New Jersey developed a school accountability system as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to identify schools that are in need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement every three years. During the three-year federal status period, schools receive additional resources and support. NJDOE will next identify schools for Comprehensive Support and Improvement in 2022.

This year accountability indicator scores and summative ratings are not used to identify schools for Comprehensive Support and Improvement, so these data are not included in the School Performance Reports. Review the previous two pages to see a school's current status, in the ESSA Accountability Status table, and to monitor a school's school progress on each accountability indicator over the last three years using the new ESSA Accountability Progress table.



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Accountability Summary by Student Group - 2018-19 School Year

This table shows whether student groups in this school met annual ESSA accountability targets and standards for each indicator. Annual targets for proficiency and graduation rate were set based on a school or student group's performance in 2015-16 or the first year data was available. The standard for student growth is a median student growth percentile of 40-59.5. The target for chronic absenteeism is the statewide chronic absenteeism rate based on students enrolled in the grades served by the school. For more details on accountability targets, see these [accountability resources](#).

The accountability system will not be used to identify schools for Targeted Support and Improvement – Low Performing Student Group for 2018-19, so student group summative scores are not included in this table this year.

Student Group	ELA Proficiency: Met Annual Target	Math Proficiency: Met Annual Target	ELA Student Growth: Met Standard	Math Student Growth: Met Standard	Progress Towards English Language Proficiency: Met Annual Target	Chronic Absenteeism: Met State Average	Requires Targeted Support: Consistently Underperforming Student Group - 2017-18
Schoolwide	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Met Standard	**	Met	No
White	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Met Standard	n/a	Met	No
Hispanic	Met Target	Met Target	**	**	n/a	Not Met	No
Black or African American	**	**	**	**	n/a	Met	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	**	**	**	**	n/a	Met	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Two or More Races	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	Met Target†	Not Met	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	n/a	Met	No
Students with Disabilities	Met Target†	Met Target†	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	n/a	Met	No
English Learners	**	**	**	**	**	**	No

† Target was met within a confidence interval (Proficiency) or within one standard deviation (Progress to English Language Proficiency).



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Highlights:

- New Jersey Future Ready School Status
- A robust tiered system of supports incorporates a variety of interventions to meet the the unique learning needs of our students.
- Character education, mindfulness, and social emotional learning all support a positive school culture and climate.



Mission, Vision, Theme:

The mission of the Washington Township Public Schools is to provide a safe, positive, and progressive environment that provides opportunity for all students to attain the knowledge and skills specified in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels, as to ensure their full participation in an ever-changing world as responsible, self-directed, and civic-minded citizens.



Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

Birches School is dedicated to the mission of excellence through equity, engagement, and environment. Our students are exposed to rich curricula, a variety of clubs, character education and social emotional learning programs, enrichment and remediation programs, and student recognition programs. Our school has partnered with many community resources to offer a myriad of learning experiences.



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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

A comprehensive balanced literacy approach provides students with opportunities to engage in variety of authentic reading and writing activities while learning foundational skills in a systematic approach. In addition to an inquiry-based approach to science and social studies, an observable connection exists with literacy integrated throughout the curriculum. Mathematics instruction fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills while students work in small guided groups or partnerships.



Clubs and Activities:

Students may elect to engage in the following clubs: Drama Club, STEM Club, Strategic Games Club, Future Acts, Newspaper Club, and the Environmental "Green" Club. The majority of these clubs are available to students in grades two through five. In addition, students in fifth grade may be selected to serve as a School Safety. School safeties support arrival and dismissal procedures, as well as, the orderly operations of special events.





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 <p>Before and After School Programs:</p>	<p>Intensive before and after school tutoring programs provide diagnostic-prescriptive instruction for identified students. Tutoring programs provide academic and/or behavior supports.</p>
 <p>Staff and Professional Learning:</p>	<p>The staff at Birches School engages in district-level and site-based, job-embedded professional development opportunities. These high-quality workshops develop theoretical understanding, provide demonstrations and/or modeling, and include opportunities for collaboration. Analysis of student data guides the content of these programs. In addition, the sharing of instructional strategies adds to the innovation of these professional development experiences.</p>






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 <p>Student Supports and Services:</p>	<p>Student supports range from academic to social/emotional. SACs and school counselors, nursing services, board certified behavior analysts and clinical associates, and character programs support the social emotional learner. A variety of academic supports are provided through our intervention/enrichment programs. All teachers analyze data during scheduled data meetings, and our Intervention and Referral Team meets regularly to examine student data in order to make decisions regarding the supports and services for individual students.</p>
 <p>Student Health and Wellness:</p>	<p>Birches School has a Wellness Committee that recognizes the link between student health and learning. The school is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes student wellness, proper nutrition, health education, and regular physical activity for all students. Breakfast is offered and served daily in each classroom to promote proper nutrition, improve concentration, and increase student performance in the classroom.</p>
 <p>Parent and Community Involvement:</p>	<p>Our school offers parent involvement in a variety of formats. Our PTO is an active organization along with our district Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG). Parent involvement nights such as Parents as Partners and Stepping Up to the Next Grade offer informative sessions about curriculum, instruction, and social and emotional supports. Parents are active on school-based committees, and they are also involved in school events and special programs.</p>





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 <p>Climate Surveys:</p>	<p>Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Administrators, Teachers Our School Climate Survey is collected annually from our staff and parents. Results are shared in a variety of manners, including faculty and community meetings, school safety teams, state reporting, and community newsletters. Our results are collated and utilized to create individualized character, culture, and climate programs to continue to increase the positivity and productivity of our school.</p>
 <p>Facilities:</p>	<p>The original building at Birches School was built in 1968. An addition that connects both sides of the original structure was added in 1995. The entire building boasts a media center, computer lab, art and music rooms, and a full gym. Classrooms and small group instructions rooms are available throughout the fully air-conditioned building.</p>



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Other Information

Technology applications continue to be infused into every aspect of the curriculum. This allows technology to open doors for students to access a world of knowledge that exists beyond the doors of our school. The computerized classroom assessment program, STAR Enterprise Reading and Math, is used by all students in all grade levels. The program is used for screening, benchmarking, and progress monitoring. STAR allows teachers to spend less time on assessment and more time on instruction. The Accelerated Reader Program challenges students to read engaging books and then test their comprehension ability through on-line quizzes. First in Math, a robust, online math supplemental program, provides students with opportunities to practice math facts and problem solving skills in a fun and engaging format. Fast ForWord, a computerized program, accelerates learning by developing cognitive skills, memory, attention, processing, and sequencing through a series of activities. Other students participate in Read 180 to enhance their acquisition of literacy skills. All of our classrooms are equipped with computers, document cameras, Red Cat amplification systems, LCD projectors, and/ or short throw projectors. Our school enables parent access to grades and attendance using the data management system, PowerSchool. The school website and staff web pages provide parents with detailed information regarding daily events and curriculum information.