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Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School strives to promote success for all through excellence in teaching and learning where students receive a comprehensive education that addresses literacy, mathematics, social studies, science, the arts, and technology as outlined in the Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Thomas Jefferson School is one of six elementary schools in Washington Township. Using the Common State Standards as a guide, the staff and administration are constantly engaged in the development of enhancing teaching practices and fostering the principles of dynamic classroom environments. Our staff is comprised of a dedicated group of educators who always place the students as their top priority. New and creative ideas are constantly employed to actualize the potential of the students. The Thomas Jefferson community promotes a child-centered environment in which children can take risks and thrive.

The implementation of our Balanced Literacy program has further shaped the learning culture of our school and has shifted the focus from teaching to student evidenced-based learning. Students in grades 1-2 use the *Literacy by Design Program* to introduce our youngest readers to the world of reading instruction. Our students in grades 3-5 have incorporated the *Making Meaning Program* which combines the latest comprehension research with support for students' social and ethical development. Teachers at all levels use non-fiction and fiction read-aloud books to teach comprehension strategies, while also developing our students' social values to create a supportive community of readers. At all levels, guided and independent reading and writing opportunities are provided on a daily basis. An innovative vocabulary program continues in all grade levels, as well as a research-based approach to word study. Our writing curriculum utilizes the *Being a Writer Program* to develop the skills and creativity of our writers. By looking at high-quality writing, students participate in community-building and guided partner work to develop their own writing skills.

The district's *Everyday Mathematics* program emphasizes the development of students' understanding of mathematical concepts and problem-solving skills through day-to-day experiences. The program focuses on concrete, real-life examples as an introduction to math concepts and provides repeated exposures to concepts and skills. We embrace the belief that there are multiple methods and problem-solving strategies which foster true proficiency and accommodate different learning styles.

Thomas Jefferson students participate in a host of related arts programs. These opportunities include Computer Education, Physical Education, Art, Music, Library Science, and World Languages. Students' learning needs are met through differentiated instruction, flexible grouping, meaningful learning centers, and the integration of technology. Our classrooms are using Renaissance Programs (Star Literacy, Star Math, and Accelerated Reading) to identify our children's instructional levels and plan instruction accordingly. The Thomas Jefferson School staff also uses data to differentiate instruction at all grade levels through the use of formative and summative assessments. Our focus on individual needs allows early diagnosis and timely interventions so that all students continue to thrive in their educational setting.

Thomas Jefferson School offers opportunities to struggling students before and after the traditional school day. Students participate in programs focused on mathematics, reading, and writing through the *Get Set* and *Working Writers'* programs. Early risers participate in our *Good Morning Math* program to strengthen math skills through games and teacher-directed activities.

The Thomas Jefferson School Family, which consists of students, teachers, parents, and administrators, work together to create a unifying bond that makes all endeavors fun and exciting. Character Education is woven into the tapestry of life, whereby all members of the Thomas Jefferson community share in the heartwarming experience of

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helping others. Character education is an integral component of what makes our school a family. Every child is treated as a central part of our school, and children are encouraged to accept and celebrate the diversity of our family. Teachers infuse character education in lessons and activities throughout the day. Students are encouraged to develop positive character traits to help them do their best in all areas of their lives.

Thomas Jefferson School provides a safe learning environment for our school community as well as open lines of communication to our families. Students and staff spend their day in a safe and secure building. Newly hired greeters further help to enhance our building security. Communication is paramount to the success of our students, and the Thomas Jefferson School continues to reach out to families through email as well as voicemail. Teachers continue to update families through individual eBoards linked through the district's webpage, www.wtjps.org.

Thomas Jefferson School remains a "special place" where parents lend a supportive hand. Students are given the opportunity to learn in a fun and challenging environment. Thomas Jefferson School continues to strive to provide the very best educational experience for every learner in our care. We continue to promote technology as an instructional tool for learning. Looking toward the future to meet the stringent requirements of the Common Core State Standards, the Thomas Jefferson staff participates in professional development opportunities to guarantee that we are ready for the challenges ahead. The Thomas Jefferson School community vows to continue to uphold its reputation as a school that meets the challenges of the 21st Century in all areas, and provide only the best in education to its students.

Washington Township Public Schools

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In August 2008, *Money Magazine* shared with the nation what those in our community have known for a long time. Honored by the publication as one of America's Best Small Cities in which to live – specifically the 58th best small city among 716 across the country with populations between 50,000 and 300,000 – Washington Township scored its highest mark in education and its second-highest mark in safety.

In size, stature and standard, the Washington Township Public Schools proudly continue to show the way in educational excellence and achievement. Enlisting the talents of an exceptional teaching and support staff, our district annually re-dedicates its energies and resources to create safe, structured environments where *every* child can thrive, flourish and succeed. Some 8,000 students enrolled in our 11 schools routinely are embraced, challenged and empowered through a broad, standards-based curriculum. We encourage hands-on, discovery-based, inquiry-oriented learning. Countless opportunities for self-discovery, growth and expression are embedded in the educational experience and serve to reinforce our mission of developing engaged and accomplished life-long learners who will collect, along with cherished Washington Township diplomas, the skills and self-worth to share their talents with the world.

Our high-quality curriculum mirrors our diverse student population and has been expanded over the years to include 20 high school advanced placement courses, innovative and expansive programming, and integrated technology that permeates all of our teaching on all levels. Students demonstrate their achievement using many different types of assessments: from teacher observations, checklists and classroom tests to portfolios, standardized achievement tests, state-mandated tests and college entrance exams to athletic and artistic performances. During the 2012-13 school year, our students' performance on state testing in grades 3,4,6,7, 8 and 11 exceeded the state mean in all tested subject areas including language arts literacy, mathematics and science, further documenting our success in meeting our students' needs and the benchmarks established by the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Extraordinary programming has brought proud distinction to our district in recent years and notable points of pride exist at every level. In 2012-13, Washington Township Public Schools' programs, students and staff members earned numerous accolades including:

- The National Jefferson Awards for Public Service named Washington Township High School the Top Service Leadership School in the State of New Jersey.
- The Washington Township School District was honored as the 2012 Safety District of the Year by the Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem County Districts Joint Insurance Fund.
- Washington Township High School Girls Softball, under the direction of State Coach of the Year Tracy Burkhart, captured the New Jersey Group IV State Championship.
- Birches Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Mary Byatt was named the New Jersey History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder-Lehman Institute of American History.
- Washington Township High School Wrestling Coach Ron Ippolite was named District 30 Coach of the Year.
- Washington Township High School science teacher Mary Howard was selected for a 2012-13 Fellowship in the National Science Teachers Association's (NSTA) New Science Teacher Academy.
- Washington Township High School Head Athletic Trainer Tanya Dargusch became the third female inducted into the Athletic Trainers Society of New Jersey (ATSNJ) Hall of Fame.
- Washington Township High School was recognized as a member of the College Board's Third Annual Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll.
- The Washington Township High School Varsity cheerleaders claimed National Championship status after placing first at the America's Masters Cheer Competition.

In fiscally challenging times, we continue to seek ways to reduce expenses and identify alternate revenue streams, while optimizing the use of our resources for the benefit of our school district and the community. As an example, the school district operates the TD Bank Arts Centre, a self-sustaining 2,500 seat theater that has brought proud distinction to the region as an entertainment and cultural center. The district also actively pursues other sources of funding and services by obtaining a variety of grants and awards, including a new advertising venture on our school bus fleet. Our Board of Education recently moved to paperless BOE meetings and launched a district-wide “green” initiative to provide the school calendar, regulations and policies, and informational flyers in an electronic format, thus reducing paper, printing and mailing costs. Our active Washington Township Education Foundation annually returns dollars to the classroom in the form of supplemental mini-grants. Virtual field trips enhance classroom instruction as an additional cost-saving measure.

Washington Township is an educational frontrunner! We continually challenge our students to take advantage of unprecedented opportunities, to dream of future possibilities, and to develop the skills necessary to achieve them. At every turn, we welcome community input and involvement through participation in various school and district-based events, committees, and organizations. We incorporate the many strengths and talents of our community in cultivating greater support for our schools as well as in generating a greater sense of civic pride.

What we are doing in Washington Township is working! Our efforts reinforce our educational mantra and serve to further support a cooperative learning spirit and shared respect that are cultivated as a benefit to our students and the community that supports them. We are Washington Township. We are **T**ogether **W**ith **P**ride.

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This school's academic performance **lags in comparison** to schools across the state. Additionally, its academic performance **lags in comparison** to its peers. This school's college and career readiness **lags in comparison** to schools across the state. Additionally, its college and career readiness **lags in comparison** to its peers. This school's student growth performance **lags in comparison** to schools across the state. Additionally, its student growth performance **lags in comparison** to its peers.

Performance Areas	Peer Percentile	Statewide Percentile	Percent of Targets Met
Academic Achievement	33	33	70%
College and Career Readiness	29	30	0%
Student Growth	35	31	100%

Improvement Status

N/A

Rationale

N/A

- Very High Performance** is defined as being equal to or above the 80th percentile.
- High Performance** is defined as being between the 60th and 79.9th percentiles.
- Average Performance** is defined as being between the 40th and 59.9th percentiles.
- Lagging Performance** is defined as being between the 20th and 39.9th percentiles.
- Significantly Lagging Performance** is defined as being equal to or below the 19.9th percentile.

Peer Schools are schools that have similar grade levels and students with similar demographic characteristics, such as the percentage of students qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch, Limited English Proficiency programs or Special Education programs.

Academic Achievement

This school outperforms **33%** of schools statewide as noted by its statewide percentile and **33%** of schools educating students with similar demographic characteristics as noted in its peer school percentile in the performance area of Academic Achievement. Additionally, this school is meeting **70%** of its performance targets in the area of Academic Achievement.



Academic Achievement measures the content knowledge students have in language arts literacy and math. For elementary and middle schools, this includes measures of the school's proficiency rate on both the Language Arts Literacy and Math sections of the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK). A proficiency rate is calculated by summing the count of students who scored either proficient or advanced proficient on the assessment and dividing by the count of valid test scores.

College and Career Readiness

This school outperforms **30%** of schools statewide as noted by its statewide percentile and **29%** of schools educating students with similar demographic characteristics as noted in its peer school percentile in the performance area of College and Career Readiness. Additionally, this school is meeting **0%** of its performance targets in the area of College and Career Readiness.



College and Career readiness measures the degree to which students are demonstrating behaviors that are indicative of future attendance and/or success in college and careers. For all elementary and middle schools, this includes a measurement of how many students are chronically absent. For schools with middle school grades, it also includes a measurement of how many students take Algebra I in eighth grade.

Student Growth

This school outperforms **31%** of schools statewide as noted by its statewide percentile and **35%** of schools educating students with similar demographic characteristics as noted in its peer school percentile in the performance area of Student Growth. Additionally, this school is meeting **100%** percentage of its performance targets in the area of Student Growth.



Student Growth measures the performance of students from one year to the next on the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) in Language Arts Literacy and Math when compared to students with a similar history of performance on NJASK.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

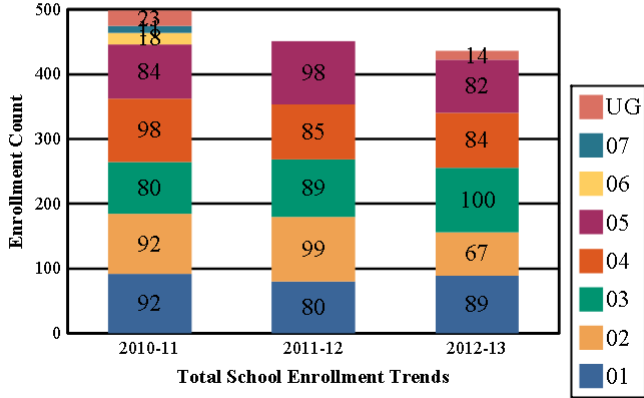
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Enrollment by Grade, in Full Time Equivalent

This graph presents the count of students who were 'on roll' by grade in October of each school year.

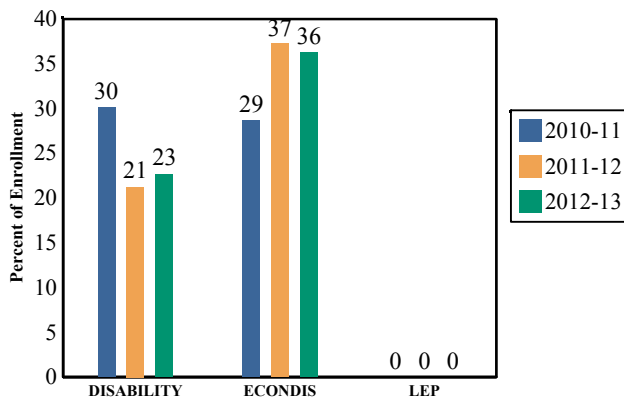


Note: "UG" represents the count of students who are 'on roll' in this school but who are educated in ungraded classrooms, meaning that the classrooms may contain students from multiple grade levels.

Total School Enrollment in Full Time Equivalent

2011-12	451
2012-13	436

Enrollment Trends by Program Participation



Current Year Enrollment by Program Participation

2012-2013	Count of Students	Percentage of Enrollment
Students with Disability	99	23%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	158	36%
Limited English Proficient Students	0	0%

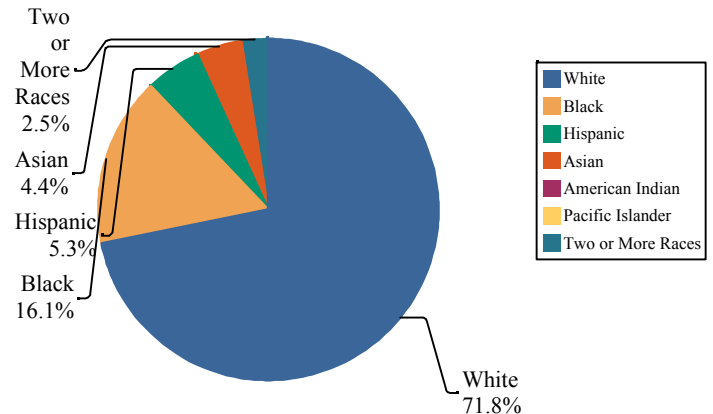
Language Diversity

This table presents the percentage of students who primarily speak each language in their home.

2012-13	Percent
English	98.9%
Gujarati	0.5%
Konkani	0.2%
Arabic	0.2%
Spanish	0.2%

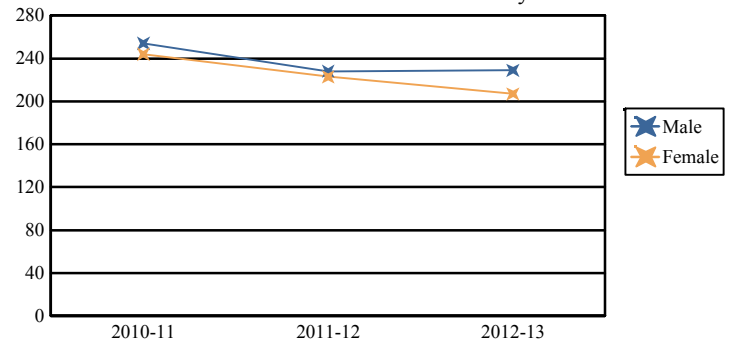
Enrollment by Ethnic/Racial Subgroup

This graph presents the percentages of enrollment for each subgroup defined by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001



Enrollment by Gender

This graph presents the count of students by gender who were 'on roll' in October of each school year.



	Male	Female
2010-11	254	244
2011-12	228	223
2012-13	229	207

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Academic Achievement measures the content knowledge students have in language arts literacy and math. In elementary and middle school, this includes the outcomes of the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK). The first column - Schoolwide Performance - in the table below includes measures of the total schoolwide proficiency rate in both language arts literacy and math. The second column - Peer School Percentile - indicates where the school's proficiency rate compares to its group of peer schools. For example, a school that has a peer school percentile of 65 has a proficiency rate that is higher than 65% of its peer schools. The third column - Statewide Percentile - indicates where the school's proficiency rate compares to schools across the state. For example, a school that has a statewide percentile of 30 has a proficiency rate that is higher than 30% of all schools with NJASK scores statewide. The last column - Percent of Targets Met - presents the percentage of progress targets met as defined by the NJDOE's NCLB waiver.

The Summary row presents the averages of the peer school percentiles, the average of statewide percentiles and the percentage of statewide targets met.

Academic Achievement Indicators	Schoolwide Performance	Peer Percentile	State Percentile	Percent of Targets Met
NJASK Language Arts Proficiency and above	60%	33	31	40%
NJASK Math Proficiency and above	79%	33	34	100%
SUMMARY - Academic Achievement		33	33	70%

NCLB Progress Targets - Language Arts Literacy

This table presents the Progress Targets as uniquely calculated for each subgroup in each school under NJDOE's NCLB waiver. The methodology - as defined by the United States Department of Education - is calculated so that each subgroup will halve the gap between their 2011 proficiency rate and 100% proficiency by 2017.

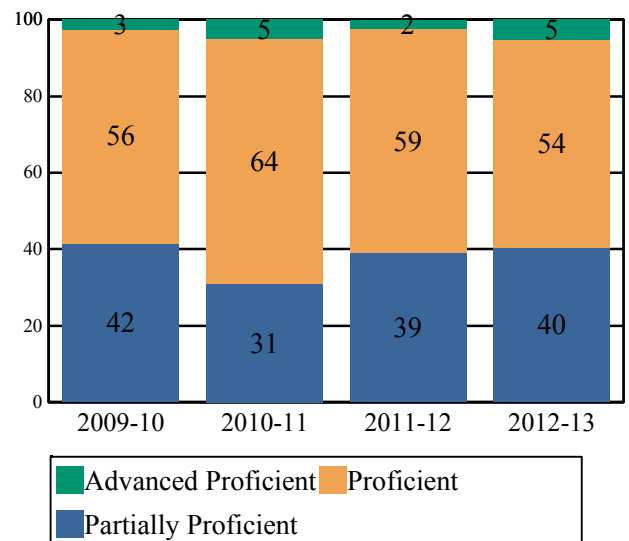
Subgroups	Total Valid Scores	Pass Rate	Target	Met Target?
Schoolwide	245	59.6	74.4	NO
White	177	62.1	76.6	NO
Black	35	45.8	56	YES*
Hispanic	-	-		--
American Indian	-	-		--
Asian	-	-		--
Two or More Races	-	-		--
Students with Disability	56	33.9	41.5	YES*
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-		--
Economically Disadvantaged Students	89	48.3	60.4	NO

YES* = Met Progress Target(Confidence Interval Applied)

Data is presented for subgroups when the count is high enough under NCLB suppression rules.

Proficiency Trends - Language Arts Literacy

This graph presents the percentage of students who scored in the Advanced Proficient, Proficient and Partially Proficient categories of the statewide Language Arts Literacy assessment over the prior four years.



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NCLB Progress Targets - Math

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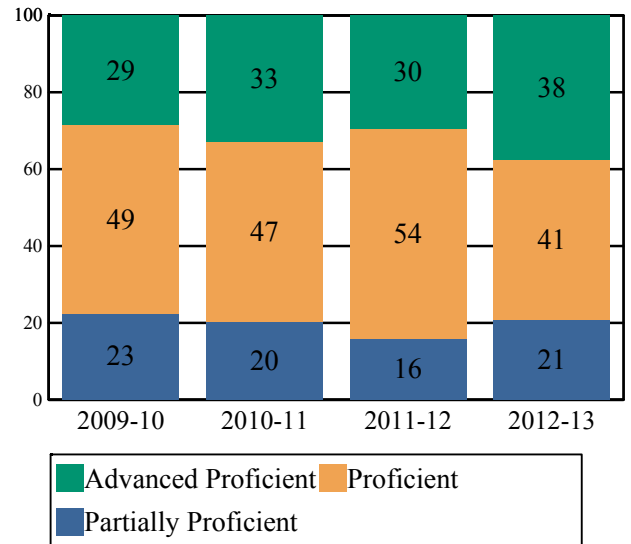
Subgroups	Total Valid Scores	Pass Rate	Target	Met Target?
Schoolwide	244	79.1	83.1	YES*
White	177	82.5	86.2	YES*
Black	34	64.7	69.9	YES*
Hispanic	-	-		--
American Indian	-	-		--
Asian	-	-		--
Two or More Races	-	-		--
Students with Disability	55	65.4	58.4	YES
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-		--
Economically Disadvantaged Students	88	71.6	70.3	YES

YES* = Met Progress Target(Confidence Interval Applied)

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Proficiency Trends - Math

This graph presents the percentage of students who scored in the Advanced Proficient, Proficient and Partially Proficient categories of the statewide Math assessment over the prior four years.



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NJASK Results - Language Arts Literacy Grade Level - 03

This table presents the grade level proficiency results, as measured by NJASK, in Advanced Proficient, Proficient, and Partially Proficient categories for all appropriate subgroups.

Subgroups	Advanced Proficient	Proficient	Partially Proficient
Schoolwide	5%	63%	32%
White	5%	67%	28%
Black	0%	57%	43%
Hispanic	-	-	-
American Indian	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Two or More Races	-	-	-
Students with Disability	0%	38%	62%
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-	-
Economically Disadvantaged Students	0%	59%	41%

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NJASK Results - Language Arts Literacy Grade Level - 04

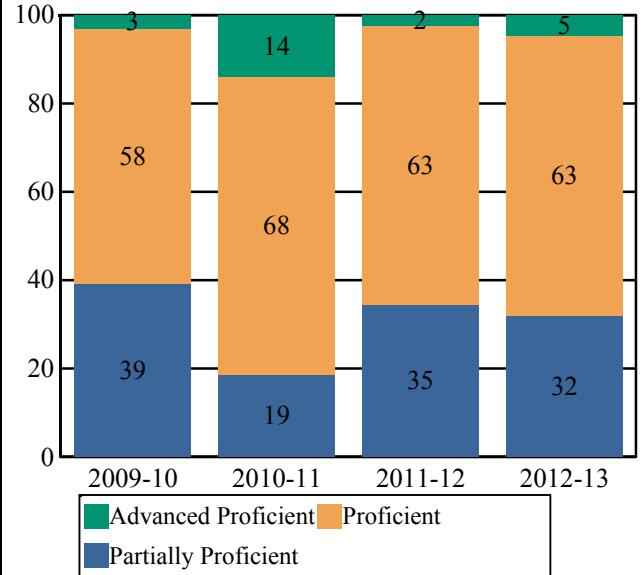
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Subgroups	Advanced Proficient	Proficient	Partially Proficient
Schoolwide	0%	42%	58%
White	0%	43%	57%
Black	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-
American Indian	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Two or More Races	-	-	-
Students with Disability	0%	17%	83%
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-	-
Economically Disadvantaged Students	0%	29%	71%

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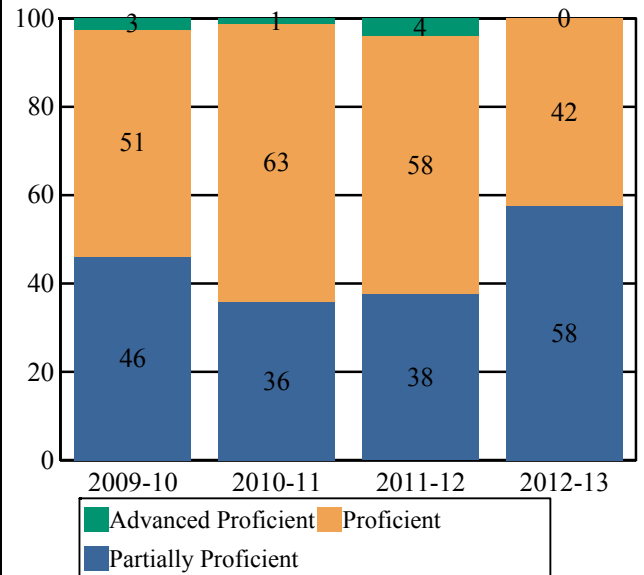
NJASK Proficiency Trends - Language Arts Literacy - Grade Level - 03

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NJASK Results - Language Arts Literacy Grade Level - 05

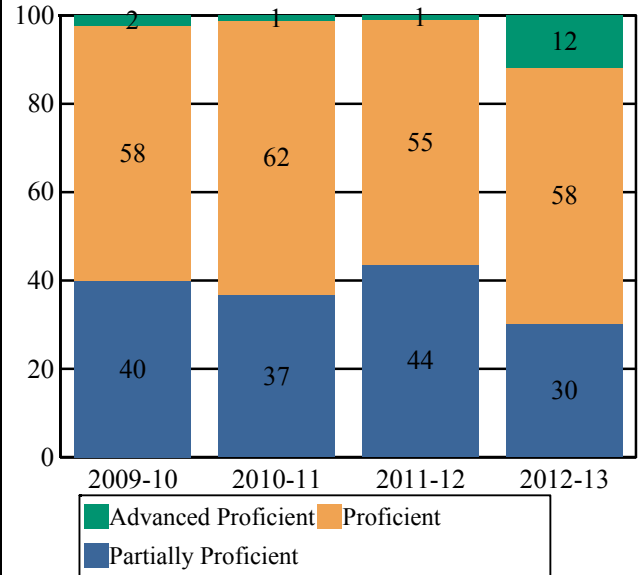
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Subgroups	Advanced Proficient	Proficient	Partially Proficient
Schoolwide	12%	58%	30%
White	14%	59%	27%
Black	8%	42%	50%
Hispanic	-	-	-
American Indian	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Two or More Races	-	-	-
Students with Disability	8%	50%	42%
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-	-
Economically Disadvantaged Students	7%	52%	41%

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NJASK Proficiency Trends - Language Arts Literacy - Grade Level - 05

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2013 National Assessment Educational Progress (NAEP)

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<http://www.nj.gov/education/pr/1213/naep/naep4read.html> For more information, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

Proficiency Percentages

Grade 4 Reading	State/Nation	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	State (NJ)	25	33	30	12
All Students	Nation	32	33	27	8

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Proficiency Percentages

Grade 8 Reading	State/Nation	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	State (NJ)	15	39	40	7
All Students	Nation	22	42	32	4

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NJASK Results - MATH Grade Level - 03

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Subgroups	Advanced Proficient	Proficient	Partially Proficient
Schoolwide	36%	30%	35%
White	40%	32%	28%
Black	21%	29%	50%
Hispanic	-	-	-
American Indian	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Two or More Races	-	-	-
Students with Disability	14%	38%	48%
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-	-
Economically Disadvantaged Students	28%	28%	45%

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NJASK Results - MATH Grade Level - 04

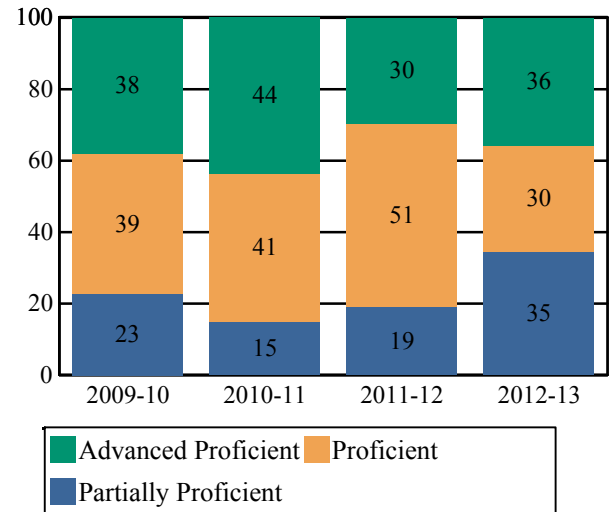
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Schoolwide	24%	58%	18%
White	25%	59%	16%
Black	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-
American Indian	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Two or More Races	-	-	-
Students with Disability	27%	41%	32%
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-	-
Economically Disadvantaged Students	23%	53%	23%

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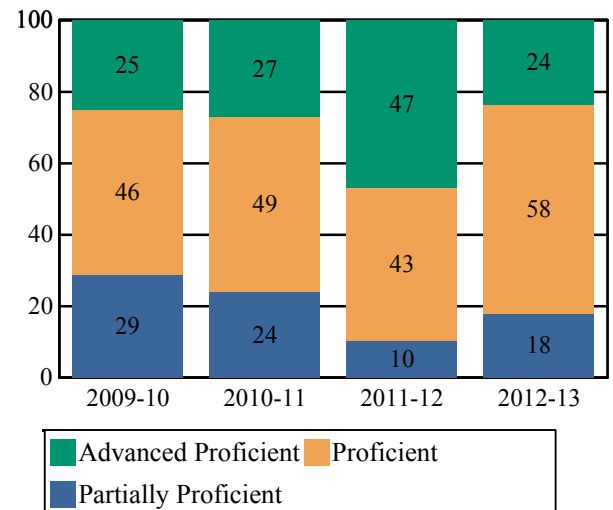
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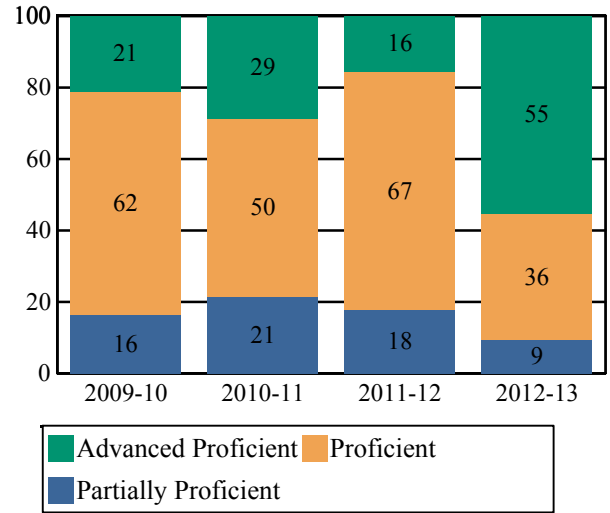
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Schoolwide	55%	36%	9%
White	61%	31%	8%
Black	33%	50%	17%
Hispanic	-	-	-
American Indian	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Two or More Races	-	-	-
Students with Disability	33%	50%	17%
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-	-
Economically Disadvantaged Students	34%	48%	17%

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Proficiency Percentages

Grade 4 Math	State/Nation	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	State (NJ)	13	38	39	10
All Students	Nation	17	41	34	8

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Proficiency Percentages

Grade 8 Math	State/Nation	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	State (NJ)	18	34	33	16
All Students	Nation	26	38	27	9

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NJASK Results - Science Grade Level - 04

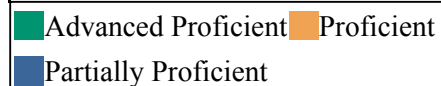
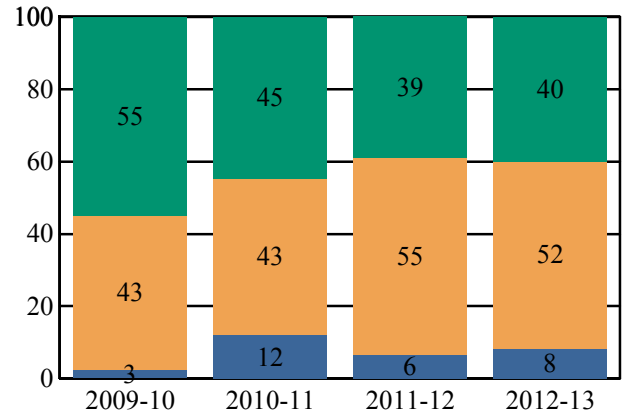
This table presents the grade level proficiency results, as measured by NJASK, in Advanced Proficient, Proficient, and Partially Proficient categories for all appropriate subgroups.

Subgroups	Advanced Proficient	Proficient	Partially Proficient
Schoolwide	40%	52%	8%
White	43%	51%	7%
Black	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-
American Indian	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Two or More Races	-	-	-
Students with Disability	39%	43%	17%
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-	-
Economically Disadvantaged Students	32%	58%	10%

Data is presented for subgroups when the count is high enough under NCLB suppression rules.

NJASK Proficiency Trends - Science - Grade Level - 04

This graph presents the grade level outcomes in the categories of Advanced Proficient, Proficient, and Partially Proficient over the last four years.



Students in both elementary and middle schools begin to demonstrate college readiness behaviors long before they even enter high school. Among the behaviors that research has shown to be indicative of success and college and career readiness are regularly attending school and challenging themselves with rigorous course work. The table presents the percentage of students who were chronically absent during the prior school year. A chronically absent student is a student who was not present for any reason for more than 10% of the total days possible for that individual student.

The first column - Schoolwide Performance - represents the outcomes for these particular indicators in this school. The second column - Peer School Percentile - indicates how the school's performance compares to its group of peer schools. For example, a school whose peer school percentile is 65 in Chronic Absenteeism has a lower Chronic Absenteeism than 65% of its peer group. The third column - Statewide Percentile - indicates how the school's performance compares to schools across the state. The fourth column - Statewide Target - provides the statewide targets for each of these indicators. The last column - Met Target? - indicates whether the School Performance met or exceeded the statewide target.

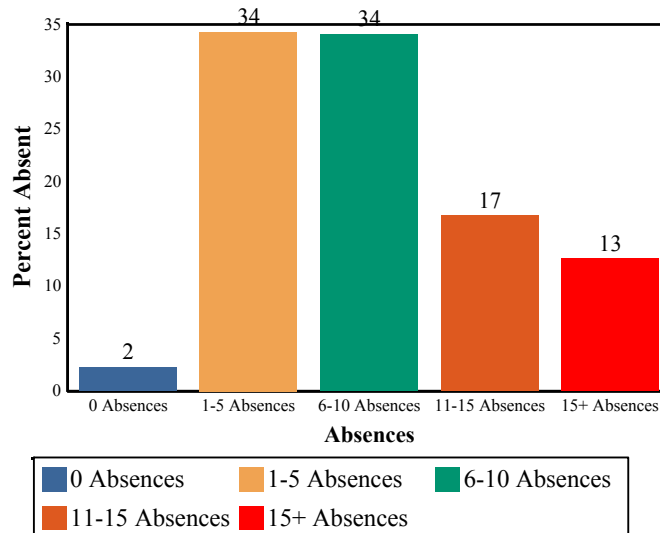
The Summary row presents the averages of the peer school percentiles, the average of statewide percentiles and the percentage of statewide targets met.

College and Career Readiness Indicators	School Performance	Peer Rank (Percentile)	Statewide Rank (Percentile)	Statewide Target	Met Target?
Chronic Absenteeism (%)	10%	29	30	6%	NO
Summary					0%

Chronic Absenteeism - Number of students in the most recent school year that missed 10% or more of the instructional days in the school year divided by the total number of students enrolled.

Absenteeism

The chart below presents the percentage of students who were absent in each category of absence: 0 absences, 1- 5 absences, 6 - 10 absences, 11 - 15 absences, and more than 15 absences. An absence is defined as being 'not present' and includes the days missed regardless of whether they were determined to be excused or unexcused by the school.



STUDENT GROWTH

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This section of the performance report presents data about student growth, utilizing the Student Growth Percentile Methodology (SGP). SGP creates a measure of how students progressed in grades 4 through 8 in NJ ASK Language Arts Literacy and Math when compared to other students with a similar NJ ASK test score history. A short video explaining the methodology can be found here: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/njsmart/performance/>

The first column - Schoolwide Performance - presents the schoolwide median growth score in either Language Arts Literacy or Math for all students in the school. The second column - Peer Percentile - indicates how the school's growth performance compares to its group of peer schools. The third column - Statewide Percentile - indicates how a school compares to schools across the state. The last column - Met Target? - indicates whether the school's performance met or exceeded the target.

The summary row presents the averages of the peer school percentiles, the averages of statewide percentiles, the percentage of statewide targets met.

Student Growth Indicators	Schoolwide Performance	Peer Percentile	Statewide Percentile	Statewide Target	Met Target?
Student Growth on Language Arts	44	29	28	35	YES
Student Growth on Math	46	40	34	35	YES
		35	31		100%

Student Growth

This table presents for all students with growth scores the interaction between their proficiency level on NJASK and their growth scores. For example, in the top left cell the percentage of students who are both partially proficient AND also demonstrating low growth is displayed.

Language Arts

	GROWTH		
	Low	Typical	High
Partially Proficient	30%	13%	2%
Proficient	12%	22%	15%
Advanced Proficient	0%	1%	5%

Math

	GROWTH		
	Low	Typical	High
Partially Proficient	12%	1%	1%
Proficient	18%	13%	16%
Advanced Proficient	10%	11%	19%

Low Growth is defined as an **Student Growth Percentile** score less than 35.

Typical Growth is defined as an **Student Growth Percentile** score between 35 and 65.

High Growth is defined as a **Student Growth Percentile** score higher than 65.

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This section of the performance report presents data about the achievement gap that exists within a school - as measured by the difference between the students' scale scores at the 25th and 75th percentile in the school, the so-called Interquartile Range (IQR). Taken together with an understanding of the overall and average achievement levels in the school, the IQR furthers an understanding of the range of student outcomes that exist in a school. A school gap smaller than the state gap indicates that the school's range of student outcomes is narrower than the state's while a school gap larger than the state gap indicates that the school's range of student outcomes is larger than the state's.

Grade Level - 03

NJ ASK Language Arts 25th %ile vs 75th%ile

This table presents the scale scores associated with students at the bottom (0th percentile), the 25th percentile, the 50th percentile, the 75th percentile and the top (99th percentile) of school's distribution.

Percentile	School Scale Score	State Scale Score
99th	253	300
75th	221	221
50th	207	204
25th	191	191
0th	158	100

	Scale Score Gap - School	Scale Score Gap - State
25th vs 75th Gap	30	30

Grade Level - 03

NJ ASK Math 25th %ile vs 75th%ile

This table presents the scale scores associated with students at the bottom (0th percentile), the 25th percentile, the 50th percentile, the 75th percentile and the top (99th percentile) of school's distribution.

Percentile	School Scale Score	State Scale Score
99th	300	300
75th	255	264
50th	219	235
25th	188	201
0th	137	100

	Scale Score Gap - School	Scale Score Gap - State
25th vs 75th Gap	67	63

Grade Level - 04

NJ ASK Language Arts 25th %ile vs 75th%ile

This table presents the scale scores associated with students at the bottom (0th percentile), the 25th percentile, the 50th percentile, the 75th percentile and the top (99th percentile) of school's distribution.

Percentile	School Scale Score	State Scale Score
99th	243	300
75th	209	225
50th	193	206
25th	180	183
0th	135	100

	Scale Score Gap - School	Scale Score Gap - State
25th vs 75th Gap	29	42

Grade Level - 04

NJ ASK Math 25th %ile vs 75th%ile

This table presents the scale scores associated with students at the bottom (0th percentile), the 25th percentile, the 50th percentile, the 75th percentile and the top (99th percentile) of school's distribution.

Percentile	School Scale Score	State Scale Score
99th	294	300
75th	245	260
50th	221	229
25th	201	201
0th	122	100

	Scale Score Gap - School	Scale Score Gap - State
25th vs 75th Gap	44	59

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Grade Level - 05

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Percentile	School Scale Score	State Scale Score
99th	262	300
75th	228	224
50th	208	205
25th	196	187
0th	166	100

Percentile	School Scale Score	State Scale Score
99th	300	300
75th	273	268
50th	253	237
25th	219	205
0th	161	100

	Scale Score Gap - School	Scale Score Gap - State
25th vs 75th Gap	32	37

	Scale Score Gap - School	Scale Score Gap - State
25th vs 75th Gap	54	63

Length of School Day

This table presents the amount of time a school is in session for a typical student on a normal school day.

	School
2012-13	6 Hrs. 20 Mins.

Student Suspension Rate

This table presents the percentage of students who were suspended one or more times during the school year.

	School
2012-13	1.2%

Instructional Time

This table presents the amount of time that a typical student is engaged in instructional activities under the supervision of a certified teacher.

2012-13	School
Full Time	5 Hrs. 40 Mins.
Shared Time	0 Hrs. 0 Mins.

Student Expulsions

This table presents the number of students who were expelled from the school and district during the school year.

	School
2012-13	0

Student to Staff Ratio

This table presents the count of students per faculty member or administrator in the school. All staff are counted in full-time equivalents.

2012-13	School
Faculty	9
Administrators	436

SCHOOL PEER GROUP**THOMAS HEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****15-5500-028**

This table presents the list of peer schools in alphabetical order by county name that was created specifically for this school (highlighted in yellow). Peer schools are drawn from across the state and represent schools that have similar grade configurations and that are educating students of similar demographic characteristics, as measured by enrollment in Free/Reduced Lunch Programs, Limited English Proficiency or Special Education Programs.

<u>COUNTY NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>	<u>CDS CODE</u>	<u>GRAD ESPAN</u>	<u>FRPL</u>	<u>LEP</u>	<u>SpED</u>
BERGEN	BERGENFIELD BORO	FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-0300-040	KG-05	30.1%	5.6%	13.9%
BERGEN	EAST RUTHERFORD BORO	MCKENZIE SCHOOL	03-1230-080	PK-04	32.1%	14.3%	7.9%
BERGEN	ELMWOOD PARK	GANTNER AVENUE SCHOOL	03-1345-070	KG-05	34.2%	0.0%	22.5%
BERGEN	TEANECK TWP	NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-5150-110	01-04	39.6%	5.9%	21.7%
BERGEN	WALLINGTON BORO	JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-5430-060	KG-03	32.7%	14.4%	8.7%
BURLINGTON	MAPLE SHADE TWP	MAUDE M. WILKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	05-3010-080	PK-04	36.4%	2.4%	23.1%
BURLINGTON	NORTH HANOVER TWP	CLARENCE B. LAMB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	05-3650-040	01-04	36.5%	1.2%	22.1%
CAMDEN	CHERRY HILL TWP	JOYCE KILMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	07-0800-105	KG-05	33.6%	7.2%	16.8%
CAMDEN	MOUNT EPHRAIM BORO	MARY BRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	07-3420-030	PK-04	36.4%	0.4%	20.7%
CAMDEN	RUNNEMEDE BORO	ALINE BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	07-4590-020	PK-03	34.2%	1.5%	22.3%
GLOUCESTER	GREENWICH TWP	BROAD STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15-1830-050	KG-04	33.6%	0.0%	19.0%
GLOUCESTER	PITMAN BORO	W.C.K. WALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15-4140-080	PK-05	31.0%	0.0%	20.3%
GLOUCESTER	WASHINGTON TWP	THOMAS HEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15-5500-028	01-05	36.2%	0.0%	22.7%
MERCER	EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL	GRACE N. ROGERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	21-1245-060	PK-05	40.3%	25.0%	6.6%
MERCER	EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL	PERRY L. DREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	21-1245-075	KG-05	31.3%	3.3%	15.3%
MIDDLESEX	SAYREVILLE BORO	SAMSEL UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	23-4660-085	PK-05	37.1%	0.8%	20.5%
MIDDLESEX	WOODBIDGE TWP	PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SCHOOL	23-5850-260	KG-05	31.9%	14.7%	8.8%
MONMOUTH	EATONTOWN BORO	WOODMERE	25-1260-110	KG-06	35.1%	0.0%	19.6%
MORRIS	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	NORMANDY PARK SCHOOL	27-3385-100	KG-05	36.0%	14.4%	12.8%
MORRIS	MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	SUSSEX AVENUE SCHOOL	27-3385-105	03-05	32.8%	3.6%	17.3%
OCEAN	BERKELEY TWP	BERKELEY TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	29-0320-025	05-06	35.1%	0.2%	22.3%
OCEAN	BRICK TWP	OSBORNVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	29-0530-070	01-05	32.3%	0.0%	18.2%
OCEAN	EAGLESWOOD TWP	EAGLESWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	29-1150-020	PK-06	30.6%	3.7%	17.2%
PASSAIC	CLIFTON CITY	SCHOOL #13	31-0900-180	KG-05	39.3%	18.5%	8.4%
PASSAIC	CLIFTON CITY	SCHOOL #14	31-0900-190	KG-05	39.8%	19.0%	11.9%
SALEM	PENNSVILLE	CENTRAL PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	33-4075-060	02-03	31.8%	1.0%	18.7%
SALEM	PITTSBURG TWP	OLIVET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	33-4150-060	03-05	33.5%	0.0%	19.6%
SUSSEX	MONTAGUE TWP	MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	37-3300-050	PK-06	33.0%	0.0%	19.7%
UNION	ROSELLE PARK BORO	ERNEST J. FINIZIO-ALDENE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	39-4550-060	PK-05	32.2%	14.3%	9.1%
UNION	SUMMIT CITY	JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	39-5090-090	01-05	41.5%	12.4%	17.1%
WARREN	WASHINGTON BORO	WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	41-5480-055	03-06	36.0%	0.7%	20.5%