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The **2016-17 School Performance Reports** are designed to share school and district information collected by the New Jersey Department of Education directly with parents, educators, and communities. The Department believes that the greatest potential to improve school performance and student outcomes is through parents, educators, and community members working together. These reports seek to make that process easier by providing information that can help people to:

- **Learn more:** The School Performance Reports contain a wealth of data, going far beyond a school's test scores to include information about the staff working in a school, student discipline rates, and the sports and clubs offered.
- **Ask questions:** These reports can help start a conversation, but they cannot answer all the questions you might have about schools in your community. Use the contact information provided to engage with faculty and administrators at your schools to ask about the data you see in these reports.
- **Get involved:** Schools need help from parents and communities to help students succeed. Contact your school to find out about school board meetings or parent and community groups.

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Enrollment Trends by Grade

This table shows the number of students enrolled by grade for the past three school years. Ungraded students are students who are "on roll" but are educated in ungraded classrooms.

Grade	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
6	189	206	172
7	197	180	185
8	202	175	172
Ungraded	0	5	0
Total	588	566	529

Enrollment Trends by Student Group

This table shows the percentage of students by student group for the past three school years. Data for some student groups was not available before 2016-17.

Student Group	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Female	47%	49%	48%
Male	53%	51%	52%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	30%	29%	30%
Students with Disabilities	19%	16%	18%
English Learners	1%	1%	2%
Homeless Students			0%
Students in Foster Care			0%
Military-Connected Students			0%
Migrant Students			0%

Enrollment by Racial and Ethnic Group

This table shows the percentage of students by racial and ethnic group.

Racial and Ethnic Group	% of Students
White	77.1%
Black or African American	9.1%
Hispanic	6.8%
Asian	3.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Two or More Races	3.4%

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. All other students are included in Other Languages.

Home Language	% of Students
English	98.3%
Other	1.7%

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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	2016-17 Annual Target	Met 2016-17 Annual Target
Schoolwide	464	94.9	52.30	52.10	54.90	52.2	45.5	Met Target
White	354	94.1	55.10	53.40	63.90	54.4	48.1	Met Target
Hispanic	30	97.1	33.30	40.50	39.80	33.3	27.8	Met Target
Black or African American	46	98.0	34.70	*	35.20	34.7	24	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	17	100.0	82.40	70.50	80.70	82.4	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	50.00	53.70	N	**	**
Two or More Races	17	94.4	47.00	49.00	54.90	46.8	**	**
Female	224	96.5	62.00	61.00	62.20	62		
Male	240	93.5	43.30	43.30	48.10	42.6		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	120	95.0	36.60	35.30	36.20	*	25.1	Met Target
Non-Economically Disadvanatged Students	344	94.9	57.90	55.90	65.80	*		
Students with Disabilities	90	93.9	16.60	*	20.50	16.6	17.3	Met Target†
Students without Disabilities	374	95.2	61.00	*	61.90	61		
English Learners	*	*	*	*	25.20	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*	57.40	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	16.70	26.40	N		
Students In Foster Care	*	*	*	*	24.80	*		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	53.50	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	23.00	N		

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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 6

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Schoolwide	165	748	753	752	8%	11%	30%	41%	11%	52%	54%
White	127	751	755	758	*	*	31%	40%	13%	54%	63%
Hispanic	12	739	740	740	*	*	*	*	*	50%	38%
Black or African American	17	736	*	736	*	*	*	*	0%	29%	32%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	776	*	*	*	*	*	*	81%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	749	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	56%
Female	73	752	759	758	*	*	30%	41%	*	55%	61%
Male	92	746	748	746	*	*	29%	40%	*	49%	46%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	53	739	742	737	*	*	32%	30%	*	38%	34%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	112	753	756	761	*	*	29%	46%	*	58%	65%
Students with Disabilities	31	725	728	722	*	*	*	*	0%	26%	17%
Students without Disabilities	134	754	757	758	*	*	*	*	13%	58%	61%
English Learners	*	*	*	710	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	22%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	55%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	20%

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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 7

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Schoolwide	173	747	752	756	8%	16%	25%	39%	12%	51%	59%
White	130	751	754	764	*	14%	24%	43%	*	56%	69%
Hispanic	12	720	741	742	*	*	*	*	0%	17%	44%
Black or African American	17	730	*	737	*	*	*	*	*	29%	38%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	784	*	*	*	*	*	*	85%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	755	N	N	N	N	N	N	59%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	757	*	*	*	*	*	*	59%
Female	91	757	763	764	*	*	20%	51%	*	65%	68%
Male	82	736	741	749	*	*	31%	27%	*	35%	51%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	37	729	733	739	*	*	30%	*	*	27%	40%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	136	752	756	766	*	*	24%	*	*	57%	70%
Students with Disabilities	26	710	712	719	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Students without Disabilities	147	753	757	763	*	*	*	*	*	*	67%
English Learners	N	N	N	701	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	173	747	752	758	8%	16%	25%	39%	12%	51%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	731	N	N	N	N	N	N	31%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	64%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	15%

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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 8

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Schoolwide	162	754	754	757	8%	14%	22%	41%	15%	57%	59%
White	126	756	754	764	*	*	23%	43%	16%	59%	68%
Hispanic	10	722	738	742	*	*	0%	*	*	30%	44%
Black or African American	13	745	752	738	*	*	*	*	0%	46%	39%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	786	*	*	*	*	*	*	86%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	758	*	*	*	*	*	*	60%
Female	80	764	764	766	*	*	18%	49%	*	70%	68%
Male	82	745	744	749	*	*	26%	34%	*	44%	50%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	39	741	740	739	*	28%	*	44%	0%	44%	40%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	123	759	757	766	*	9%	*	41%	20%	61%	69%
Students with Disabilities	31	718	716	718	*	*	*	*	0%	13%	18%
Students without Disabilities	131	763	760	764	*	*	*	*	19%	67%	67%
English Learners	N	N	N	701	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	162	754	*	759	8%	14%	22%	41%	15%	57%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	28%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	61%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	721	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%

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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance Trends

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations for the past three years.

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Schoolwide	467	95.1	35.20	39.80	43.50	35.2	37.2	Met Target†
White	355	94.4	38.30	41.00	52.40	38	39.7	Met Target†
Hispanic	32	97.3	12.50	32.20	27.60	12.5	18.3	Met Target†
Black or African American	46	98.0	17.40	19.60	21.70	17.4	13.9	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	17	100.0	53.00	56.80	75.60	53	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	*	42.50	N	**	**
Two or More Races	17	94.4	41.20	44.00	44.90	40.9	**	**
Female	226	96.9	35.80	40.10	44.10	35.8		
Male	241	93.5	34.40	39.70	42.90	33.9		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	122	95.1	16.40	*	25.10	16.4	18.3	Met Target†
Non-Economically Disadvanatged Students	345	95.1	41.80	*	54.30	41.8		
Students with Disabilities	91	93.9	12.10	15.30	16.50	12.1	12.1	Met Target
Students without Disabilities	376	95.4	40.70	44.50	48.80	40.7		
English Learners	*	*	*	*	23.30	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*	45.20	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	*	16.40	N		
Students In Foster Care	*	*	*	*	15.10	*		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	39.90	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	18.20	N		

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Schoolwide	165	735	739	743	8%	26%	35%	32%	0%	32%	44%
White	127	737	741	751	*	23%	37%	35%	*	35%	54%
Hispanic	12	725	724	731	*	*	*	*	0%	25%	27%
Black or African American	17	716	*	724	*	*	*	*	0%	12%	20%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	771	*	*	*	*	*	*	77%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	744	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	745	*	*	*	*	*	*	46%
Female	73	733	738	745	*	34%	29%	32%	*	32%	45%
Male	92	735	739	742	*	19%	39%	33%	*	33%	43%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	53	727	728	728	*	34%	34%	21%	*	21%	24%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	112	738	742	752	*	21%	35%	38%	*	38%	56%
Students with Disabilities	31	716	717	717	*	39%	*	*	*	13%	13%
Students without Disabilities	134	739	742	748	*	22%	*	*	*	37%	50%
English Learners	*	*	*	710	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	745	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	719	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	743	N	N	N	N	N	N	40%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%

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Schoolwide	174	736	738	741	*	23%	38%	28%	*	31%	40%
White	130	740	741	748	*	22%	35%	35%	*	37%	49%
Hispanic	13	713	725	730	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Black or African American	17	717	*	726	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	764	*	*	*	*	*	*	72%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	741	N	N	N	N	N	N	45%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	740	*	*	*	*	*	*	39%
Female	91	739	741	743	*	23%	42%	30%	*	32%	41%
Male	83	733	736	740	*	23%	34%	27%	*	29%	38%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	38	719	722	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	136	741	742	749	*	*	*	*	*	*	50%
Students with Disabilities	27	709	709	716	*	*	*	*	*	*	11%
Students without Disabilities	147	741	743	746	*	*	*	*	*	*	45%
English Learners	*	*	*	712	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	742	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	15%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	15%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	743	N	N	N	N	N	N	43%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	*

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Schoolwide	118	725	732	728	25%	20%	31%	25%	0%	25%	28%
White	89	726	733	736	23%	19%	33%	26%	0%	26%	35%
Hispanic	*	*	*	721	*	*	*	*	*	*	21%
Black or African American	*	*	*	715	*	*	*	*	*	*	15%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	747	*	*	*	*	*	*	51%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	728	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	726	*	*	*	*	*	*	28%
Female	58	728	732	730	*	21%	40%	24%	*	24%	30%
Male	60	722	732	725	*	18%	23%	25%	*	25%	26%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	37	718	722	719	32%	*	30%	*	0%	16%	19%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	81	728	735	734	21%	*	32%	*	0%	28%	34%
Students with Disabilities	28	694	700	705	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students without Disabilities	90	735	739	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
English Learners	*	*	*	703	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	705	*	*	*	*	*	*	12%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	733	N	N	N	N	N	N	35%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	713	N	N	N	N	N	N	*

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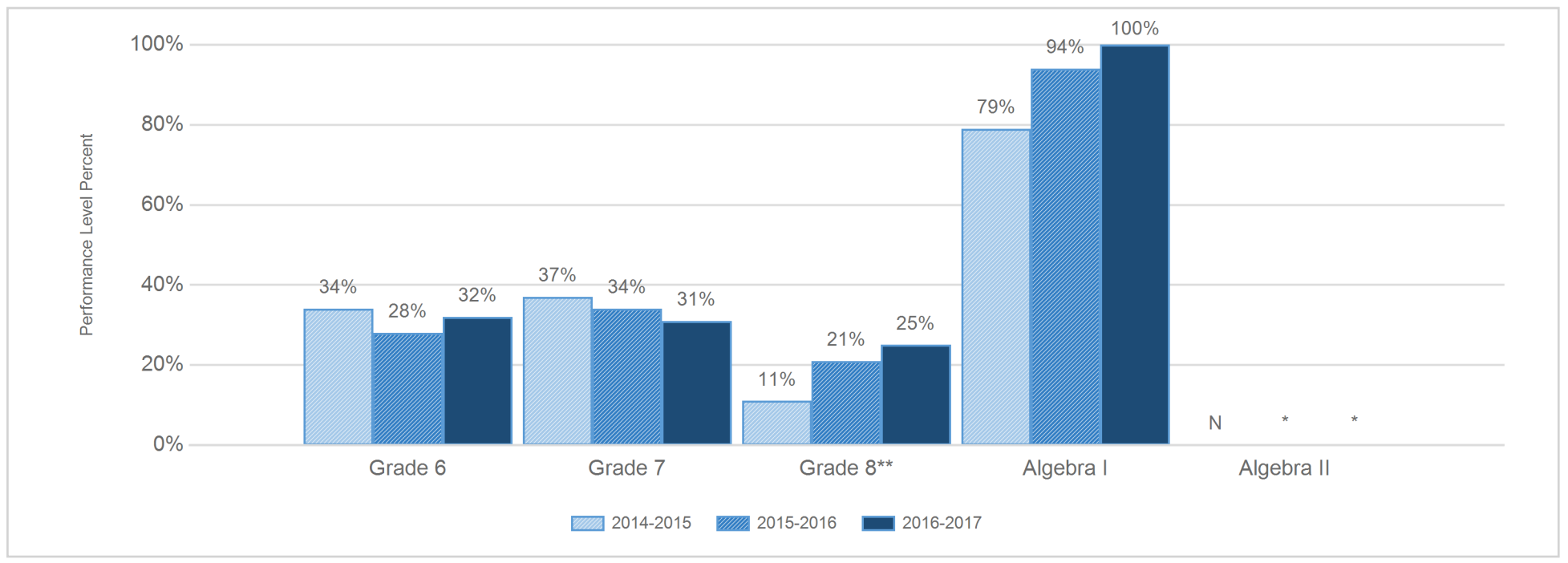
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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Test: Algebra I

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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	45	784	743	743	*	*	*	87%	*	100%	42%
White	*	*	*	751	*	*	*	*	*	*	52%
Hispanic	*	*	*	728	*	*	*	*	*	*	24%
Black or African American	*	*	*	724	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	774	*	*	*	*	*	*	76%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	736	N	N	N	N	N	N	30%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	741	*	*	*	*	*	*	41%
Female	23	780	743	744	*	*	*	100%	*	100%	43%
Male	22	789	742	741	*	*	*	73%	*	100%	40%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	727	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	751	*	*	*	*	*	*	52%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	714	*	*	*	*	*	*	10%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	747	*	*	*	*	*	*	47%
English Learners	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	45	784	*	745	*	*	*	87%	*	100%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	711	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	742	N	N	N	N	N	N	37%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	715	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Test: Algebra II

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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	*	*	*	725	*	*	*	*	*	*	28%
White	*	*	*	731	*	*	*	*	*	*	33%
Hispanic	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Black or African American	N	N	N	703	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	761	N	N	N	N	N	N	62%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	715	N	N	N	N	N	N	20%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	25%
Female	*	*	*	725	*	*	*	*	*	*	27%
Male	N	N	N	725	N	N	N	N	N	N	29%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	733	*	*	*	*	*	*	35%
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	692	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
English Learners	N	N	N	692	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	726	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	702	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	692	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	702	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%

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Mathematics Assessment – Performance Trends

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations for the past three years.

Performance Level Percent

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8**	Algebra I	Algebra II
2014-2015	34%	37%	11%	79%	N
2015-2016	28%	34%	21%	94%	*
2016-2017	32%	31%	25%	100%	*

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Alternate Assessments - Participation

This table shows the number of students taking the Dynamic Learning Maps 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
6	N	N
7	*	*
8	*	*

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. The table also shows 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
1	*	*	*
2	*	*	*
3	*	*	*
4	*	*	*
5+	*	*	*

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This section shows performance on the NJASK science test which measures students' ability to recall information and to solve problems by applying science concepts. The assessment is given to students in grades 4 and 8 and has three proficiency categories. Students performing at "Proficient" and "Advanced Proficient" have demonstrated readiness for the next grade-level/course.

NJASK Science Assessment Performance: Grade 8

This table shows the percentage of students in each proficiency category for the NJASK science test for the school and each student group and also provides a comparison to the statewide percentages.

Student Group	% Advanced Proficient	% Proficient	% Partially Proficient
Statewide	27%	47%	27%
Schoolwide	29%	43%	28%
White	30%	43%	27%
Hispanic	10%	30%	60%
Black or African American	14%	64%	21%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N
Two or More Races	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	14%	46%	40%
Students with Disabilities	14%	31%	56%
English Learners	N	N	N

NJASK Science Assessment Performance Trends: Grade 8

This graph shows the percentage of students by proficiency category for the past three school years.
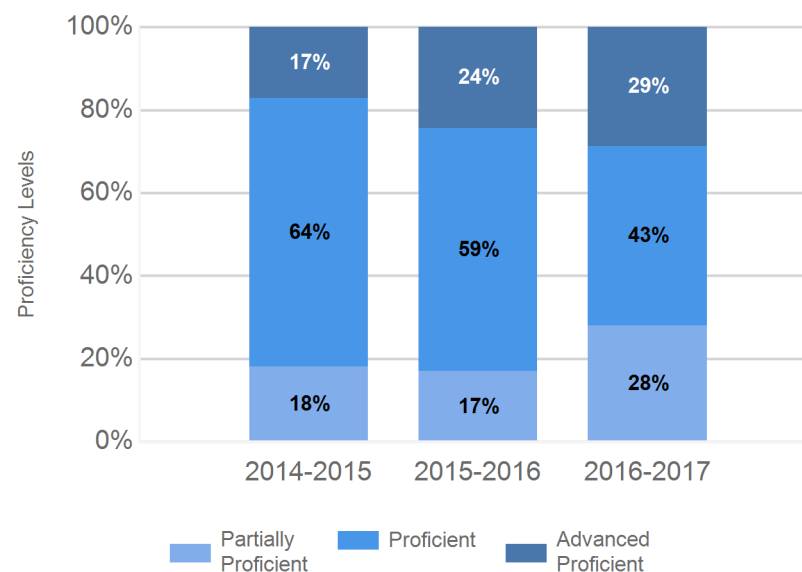
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This section of the performance report shows information on student growth which measures how much students are learning each year. Each student receives a **Student Growth Percentile** (**SGP**) for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) in grades 4 through 8 and for Mathematics in grades 4 through 7 that explains their progress compared to students who had the same test scores in the prior year.

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**) is the percentile in the middle of that list. Watch a short video that explains how **median Student Growth Percentile** (**mSGP**) is calculated here:
http://www.state.nj.us/education/njsmart/performance/

Student Growth

This table shows the **median Student Growth Percentile** (mSGP) for both English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for the school and each student group with comparisons to the district and the state. This table also shows whether the school and each student group met the *ESSA* accountability target of 40 for the 2016-17 school year.

Student Group	ELA: School Median	ELA: District Median	ELA: Statewide Median	ELA: Met Target of 40	Math: School Median	Math: District Median	Math: Statewide Median	Math: Met Target of 40
Schoolwide	59	53	50	Met Target	55	52	50	Met Target
White	58	52	50	Met Target	56	52	52	Met Target
Hispanic	40	51.5	49	Met Target	53	51	47	**
Black or African American	61	52	45	Exceeds Target	34.5	38.5	43	Not Met
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	76	66	60	**	*	61	59	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	69	*	51	**	*	*	52	**
Economically Disadvantaged	60	54	47	Exceeds Target	52	49	46	Met Target
Students with Disabilities	45	47	41	Met Target	43	49	43	Met Target
English Learners	*	69	53	**	*	46	51	**

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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 |

Student Growth by Performance Level

These graphs show the percentage of students by 2015-16 PARCC performance level that fall into each of the three levels of growth based on their 2016-17 test scores.
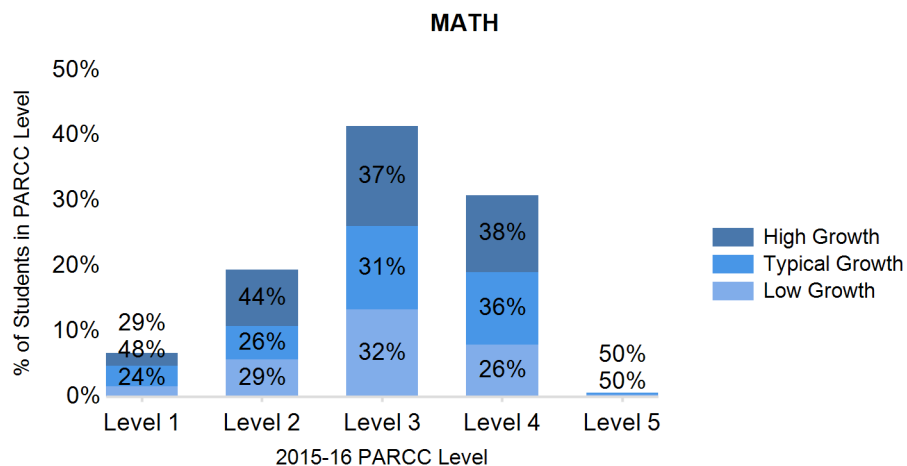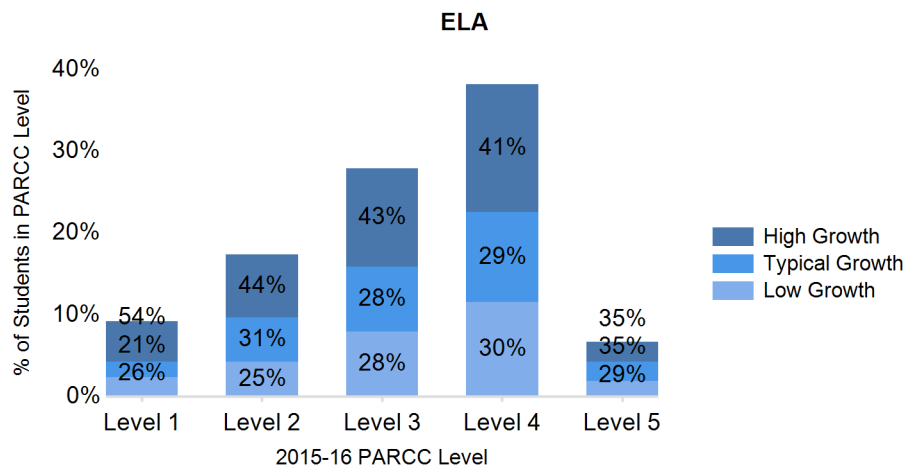
Student Growth by Grade

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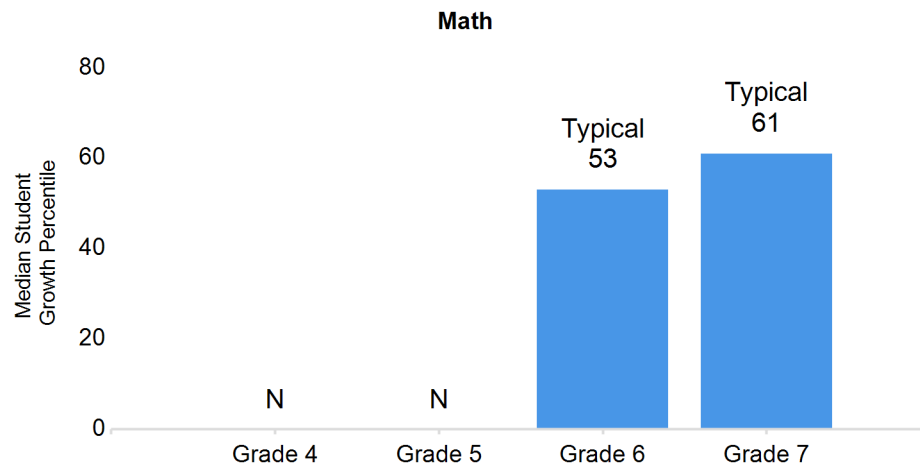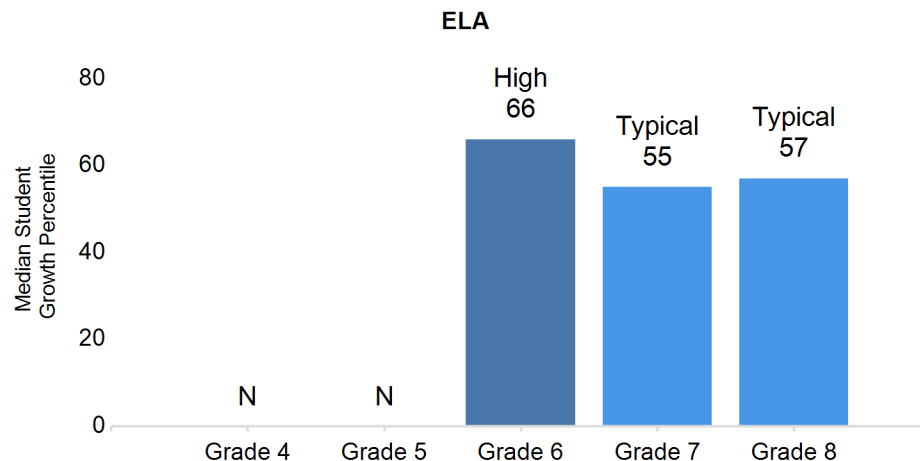
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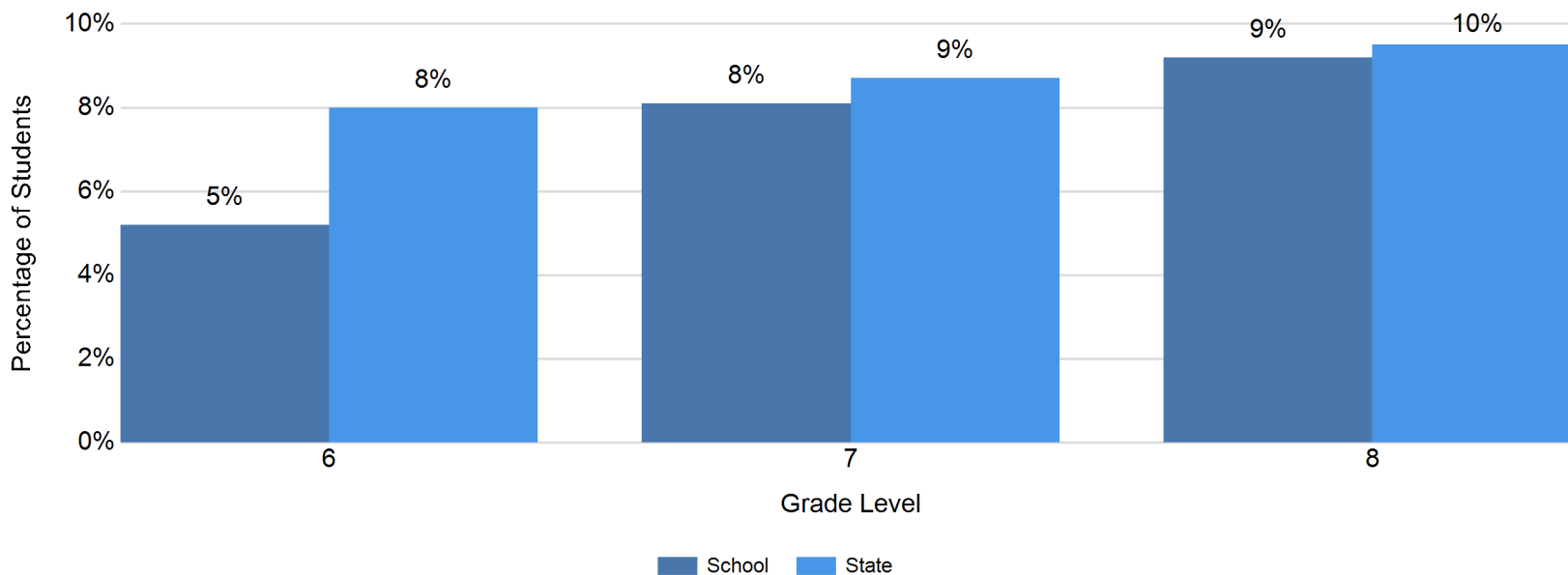
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This section shows the types of courses that students were enrolled in by grade level for the 2016-17 school year. You can find more information about New Jersey Student Learning Standards on our website and more details about the data in this section in our Reference Guide.

Mathematics - Course Participation

This table shows the number of students by grade that were enrolled in **Mathematics** courses by subject area. Students are counted more than once if they are enrolled in more than one math course. Students counted in the other math category may be enrolled in grade level math courses, intervention courses, or other advanced math courses.

Grade	Algebra I	Geometry	Grade Level and Other Math
6	0	0	172
7	0	0	185
8	45	0	125
Schoolwide	45	0	482

World Languages - Course Participation

This table shows the number of students by grade that were enrolled in **World Languages** courses by language. Students are counted more than once if they are enrolled in more than one language course. The bottom row of the table shows students enrolled in a level 3 or higher language course (such as French III or IV).

Grade	Spanish	French	Italian	Latin	German	Chinese	Other Languages
6	66	31	0	0	19	0	0
7	88	25	0	0	34	0	0
8	74	28	0	0	26	0	0
Schoolwide	228	84	0	0	79	0	0
Enrolled in Level 3 or Higher	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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Visual and Performing Arts – Course Participation

The top graphs below show the percentages of students that were enrolled in any **Visual and Performing Arts** classes within the school and across the state. The graphs at the bottom of the page show the percentages of students enrolled in at least one course within each of the four arts disciplines within the school and across the state.

Grades 6-8:

Students enrolled in one or more **visual and performing arts** classes
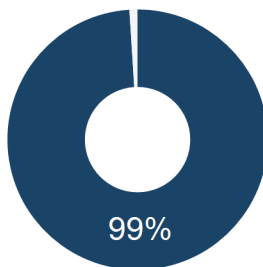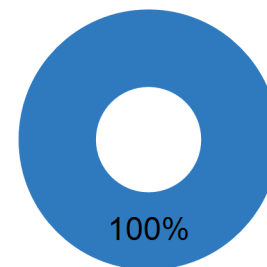
99% — School

100% — State

Students enrolled in one or more classes by discipline:
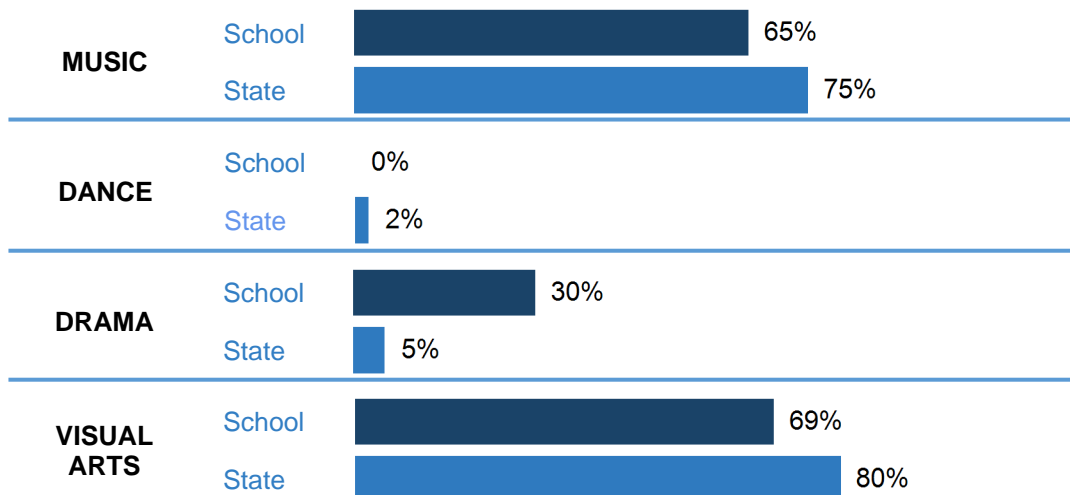
MUSIC
- School: 65%
- State: 75%

DANCE
- School: 0%
- State: 2%

DRAMA
- School: 30%
- State: 5%

VISUAL ARTS
- School: 69%
- State: 80%

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This section shows information about student absences which provides important information about a school's culture and climate. In addition, research shows that student absences impact a child's ability to succeed in school. The New Jersey Department of Education selected chronic absenteeism as its measure of school quality and student success for the *ESSA* accountability plan. **Chronic absenteeism** is defined as being absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year. A student who is not present for any reason, excused, unexcused or for disciplinary action, is considered absent unless permitted by statute or regulation.

Chronic Absenteeism

This table shows the percentage of students in grades K-12 in the school and each student group who were chronically absent. This table also shows whether the school and each student group met the *ESSA* accountability targets for 2016-17.

Student Group	% Chronically Absent	2016-17 Target	Met 2016-17 Target
Schoolwide	7.50	8.70	Met Target
White	8.00	8.70	Met Target
Hispanic	5.60	8.70	Met Target
Black or African American	8.20	8.70	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	**	**
Two or More Races	N	**	**
Economically Disadvantaged Students	11.00	8.70	Not Met
Students with Disabilities	8.30	8.70	Met Target
English Learners	N	**	**

** ESSA accountability targets are only included if data is available for at least 20 students.

Days Absent

The graph displays the percentage of K-12 students schoolwide by the number of days they were absent during the school year. An absence is defined as being 'not present' and includes both excused and unexcused absences.
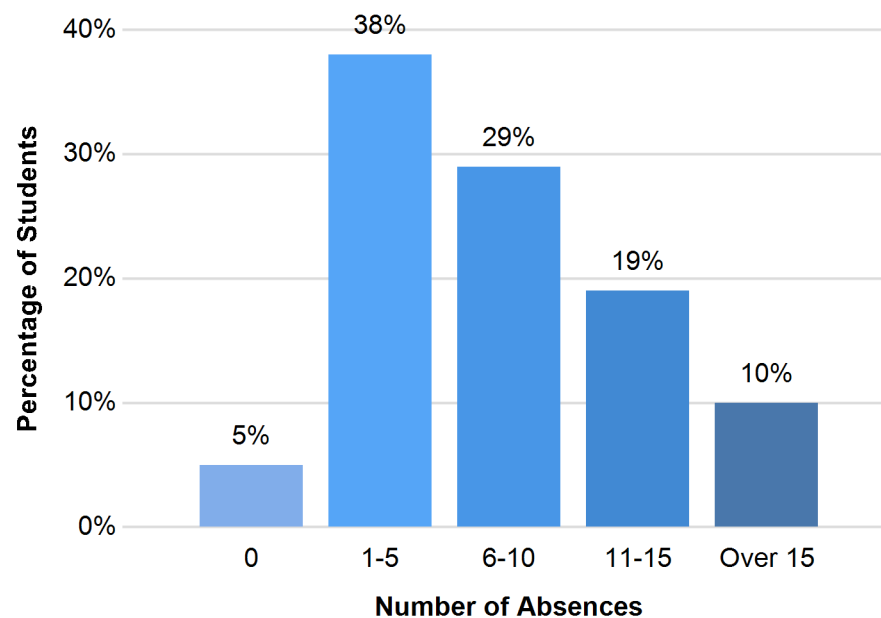
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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

This graph shows the percentage of students in the school and across the state who were chronically absent for each grade level. **Chronic absenteeism** is defined as being absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year. A student who is not present for any reason, excused, unexcused or for disciplinary action, is considered absent unless permitted by statute or regulation.

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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.

Category	School
Typical Start Time	7:55AM
Typical End Time	2:50PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs 55 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	5 Hrs. 50 Mins.
Shared Time - Instructional Time	*

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 provides a non-duplicated count of incidents. The final row shows a rate of incidents for every 100 students enrolled in the school.

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Violence	3
Vandalism	0
Weapons	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	2
Total Unique Incidents	5
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	0.95

Student Suspension Rate

This table shows the percentage of students who received one or more in-school suspensions, one or more out-of-school suspensions, and one or more suspensions of any type during the school year. Students receiving both in-school and out-of-school suspensions will be counted in all rows of the table. Students who received more than one suspension are counted only one time in each category below.

Suspension Types	% of Students
In-School Suspensions	4.5%
Out-of-School Suspensions	4.2%
Any Suspension	7.6%

Student Expulsions

This table shows the number of students who were expelled from the school during the school year. An expulsion is when a student is removed from a school and does not receive any further educational services during the school year.

Category	Number of Students
Expulsions	0

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Technology Readiness

This table shows information that was collected through the optional NJTRAx survey to determine a school's technology readiness. The student to device ratio shows the number of students for every computer or tablet in the school. The internet speed is the internet bandwidth per 1000 students enrolled in the district measured in megabits per second. The connectivity between schools is a school's LAN network architecture. The NJTRAx survey is optional for schools, so data may not be available for all schools. Additionally, schools that have adopted a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy may have appear to have a very low Student to Device ratio due to this policy decision.

School Year	Student to Device Ratio	Internet Speed	Recommended Internet Speed	Met Recommended Speed?	Connectivity between Schools	Recommended Connectivity	Met Recommended Connectivity?
2016-17	1:1	272.6 kbps	100 kbps	Yes	Fiber	Fiber	Yes

Per-Pupil Expenditures (District Level)

This table shows the total current expenses for regular and special education students taught within the district's schools. It includes expenditures for instruction, support services, administration, operations and maintenance, extra-curricular activities, and community service. More information about district and charter school spending can be found using districts' User Friendly Budgets, or the NJDOE Finance District Report Search of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs) and Auditor's Management Reports (AMRs).

Per-Pupil Expenditures	Federal	State/ Local	Total
District Total	$412	$16,165	$16,577

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This section contains information about staff that are assigned to the school and district. Here is an explanation of some of the **key terms used in the staff section**:
Faculty: All classroom teachers and educational support services personnel (such as Librarians, Nurses, Counselors, and Child Study Team members)
Teachers: All classroom teachers
Administrators: Principals, assistant principals, supervisors, coordinators, directors, and other central-office administrators, as well as superintendents and other district-level administrators
Full-Time Equivalent: In calculations, staff members are weighted based on the percentage of their time that they are assigned to a school or district. For example – a teacher assigned to a school half time would be weighted 50% in calculations, but a teacher assigned to a school full time would be weighted 100% in calculations.

Teachers – Experience

This table shows information about experience for teachers assigned to this school and across the state.

Category	Teachers in School	Teachers in State
Total Number of teachers	60	120,724
Average years experience in public schools	12.6	11.8
Average years experience in district	11.4	10.5
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	80%	74%

Administrators – Experience (District Level)

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

Category	Admin. in District	Admin. in State
Total Number of administrators	45	9,506
Average years experience in public schools	19.1	15.9
Average years experience in district	15.6	11.6
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	80%	74%

Student to Staff Ratios

This table shows the number of students per staff member 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.

Staff Type	School Students: Staff	District Students: Staff
Teachers	9:1	11:1
Administrators	176:1	163:1
Librarian/Media Specialists		564:1
Nurses		611:1
Counselors		272:1
Child Study Team		306:1

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This section contains information about staff that are assigned to the school and district. Here is an explanation of some of the **key terms used in the staff section**:
Faculty: All classroom teachers and educational support services personnel (such as Librarians, Nurses, Counselors, and Child Study Team members)
Teachers: All classroom teachers
Administrators: Principals, assistant principals, supervisors, coordinators, directors, and other central-office administrators, as well as superintendents and other district-level administrators
Full-Time Equivalent: In calculations, staff members are weighted based on the percentage of their time that they are assigned to a school or district. For example – a teacher assigned to a school half time would be weighted 50% in calculations, but a teacher assigned to a school full time would be weighted 100% in calculations.

Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

This chart shows the highest level of education attained by the teachers and administrators at this school. 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

Teacher 73%

Admin N/A

Master's Degree

Teacher 27%

Admin 100%
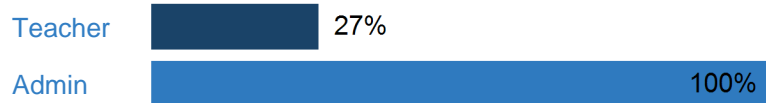
Doctoral Degree

Teacher N

Admin N

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

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators assigned to the district in 2015-16 that were still assigned to the district in 2016-17. Staff who are not retained may have changed districts or no longer work for the state (including retirements).

Job Type	District	State
2015-16 Teachers: Same district 2016-17	89%	89%
2015-16 Administrators: Same district 2016-17	90%	88%

Faculty Attendance

This table shows the percentage of days that school 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
2016-17	95%

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Accountability Indicator Scores and Summative Rating

New Jersey has developed a school accountability system as required by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* to identify schools that are in need of comprehensive support. This table shows the indicator scores for each indicator included in the accountability system and the weights that each indicator receives when calculating the overall Summative Score. The Summative Rating is the percentile rank of the Summative Score as compared to other schools across the state. Schools with a summative rating below the 5th percentile or high schools with a 4-year graduation rate that is less than or equal to 67% are identified for Comprehensive Support. For more information about New Jersey's accountability system and how these indicator scores were calculated, see these accountability resources.

Accountability Indicator	Indicator Score	Indicator Weight
English Language Arts Proficiency	34.8	17.5%
Mathematics Proficiency	19.7	17.5%
English Language Arts Growth	76.3	25.0%
Mathematics Growth	57.6	25.0%
Chronic Absenteeism	49.5	15.0%
Progress Towards English Language Proficiency (coming 2018)	N/A	N/A
Summative Score: Sum of all indicator scores multiplied by indicator weights		50.4
Summative Rating: Percentile rank of Summative Score		50.7
Requires Comprehensive Support: Summative Rating is less than or equal to 5th percentile		No

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† Indicator weights for this school were adjusted due to data availability.

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Accountability Summary by Student Group

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Student Group	Summative Score	Cut-off Score for Targeted Support and Improvement	Requires Targeted Support and Improvement for 2016-17	English Language Arts Proficiency	Mathematics Proficiency	Chronic Absenteeism	English Language Arts Student Growth	Mathematics Student Growth	At Risk for Consistently Underperforming Student Group
Schoolwide	50.4	11.9	No	Met Target	Met Target†	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	No
White	44.5	11.9	No	Met Target	Met Target†	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	No
Hispanic	26.4	11.9	No	Met Target	Met Target†	Met Target	Met Target	**	No
Black or African American	53.2	11.9	No	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	Exceeds Target	Not Met	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No
Two or More Races	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	57.3	11.9	No	Met Target	Met Target†	Not Met	Exceeds Target	Met Target	No
Students with Disabilities	52.2	11.9	No	Met Target†	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	No
English Learners	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No

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† Target was met within a confidence interval.

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School Narrative

This section allows schools and districts to share highlights, achievements, and other important information about programs, activities, and services that are offered in their own words. If there are questions about the information provided in the narrative section, please contact your school directly.

Highlights:	• Integrated English Language Arts Curriculum aligned with NJSLS, partnering with Rowan University. • Incorporating the Learner-Active-Technology Infused Classroom to enrich instruction and differentiated instruction • Technology initiative where students use various digital platforms for learning to engage in 21st Century Learning.
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:	Our award winning music and drama departments compete in annual festivals. Receiving rankings of Outstanding and Superior, our programs are some of the best in the state. Students of the month are named for impressive character traits. Our Math, Science, History and Writing contest winners and are recognized by the community with awards. Teachers are recognized for innovative instruction. Our School has been recognized for character and technology education, and many other areas.

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:	Students have the opportunity to experience advanced coursework at the middle level, including Advanced Math 7 & 8, Advanced Science 7 & 8, Advanced ESL, and Humanities. With the majority of our textbooks and resources online, students can access links to research, videos, and other authentic texts about any topic. Using these resources, our students identify real-world problems, study the trends, and create viable solutions that can be immediately implemented in our communities.
Sports and Athletics:	Sports Offered: Basketball (Boys & Girls), Cross-Country (Boys & Girls), Field Hockey (Girls), Soccer (Co-ed), Wrestling (Boys) Our Middle level Sports and Athletic programs also participate in Project Unify, a form of Special Olympics which provides opportunities for our special needs population to participate alongside our athletes in areas such as track, bowling, basketball, and bacci ball. Unified sports provides a atmosphere where all students have a chance to play as one team.
Clubs and Activities:	We have 30+ clubs and activities. They include Band, Art Club, Chorus, Computer Club, Drama Club, Engineering Club, Future Acts, Grade Level Class Councils, Orchestra, Panther Pride (OV), Paws for Action, Stage Crew, Student Council, Tech Student Association, Yearbook, Adventure Club (BHMS), Anime Club (BH), Future Teachers of America (BH), Photography club, School Musical, Peer Leadership Club (CR), Newspaper, Prep Club, News Team, Greenhouse Club (BH), World Language Cultures Club.
Before and After School Programs:	Students are supported academically throughout the school day. Our students participate each morning in the morning announcements broadcast ran by a faculty advisor and broadcast throughout the school daily. In addition, students can stay after school to participate in the Digits Math Academy ran by our Math faculty, or get extra help in any subject from their teachers.

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Staff and Professional Learning:	ur Middle Level calendar supports many professional learning opportunities for our staff. ICR Planning, Observations, Achievement, PARCC, Office 365, Technology, Blackboard, SAMR, Cultural Proficiency, Equity Literacy, Multi-Tiered System of Supports are among the topics currently being discussed. Weekly, teachers participate in Professional Learning Communities. Monthly, they participate in Department and Faculty meetings where students achievement is the lead topic.
Postsecondary Information:	At the Middle Level, we begin preparing our students for College and Career Readiness. Using Naviance, students explore future programs that interest them, as well as begin to choose their high school courses they will need to reach their goals. State Assessments such as PARCC and Benchmark Assessments such as STAR give educators the insight to make data driven educational decisions.
Student Supports and Services:	Student Supports range from academic to social/emotional. SAC and Guidance Counselors, Nursing Services, Character programs and our service projects support the S/E learner. Supplemental, Digits Academy/Math Club, Accelerated Reader, Moodle, Star Assessment, Office 365, IXL, Read 180, Just Words, Systems 44, Success Maker, Examnew, In-Class Resource, Basic Skills Instruction, ESL, and Advanced Courses support the acadmic learner.
Student Health and Wellness:	Our students' health and wellness are critical to their academic success. At the Middle Level, we offer many programs, such as CHIP, Free Eye Screenings, Fitness Club, and Gym/Recess. Through our Health and PE department, students get a comprehensive education about their fitness and nutrition. These lessons and activities are supported by our nursing staff, administration, and staff.
Parent and Community Involvement:	Parents are involved in virtually all aspects of our school. Family Technology Fairs in-person and online opportunities happen throughout the school year. Our parents participate on our school safety team, and visit during our Olweus parent days. Book Fairs, Career Days, Box Tops, Locker Works, Magazine Drives, and many more PTO events occur annually. Many parents can be found at any events where volunteers are needed.

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Climate Surveys:	Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Teachers Our School Climate Survey is collected annually from our staff, students, 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.
Facilities:	The Middle Level enjoys state of the art facilities where students can learn specialized subject matter in a professional environment, including Next-Generation Science labs, Construction, Technology, and Visual/Performing Arts labs, and distance learning, Skype capable classrooms. Our Media Center is the hub of our research based authentic problem solving activities and projects. ELA classrooms have flexible seating, tables, student conference centers, and brand new classroom libraries.

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Other Information:	At the Middle Level, we look at the middle school years for our students as a journey where students are constantly encouraged to set and meet their academic and social/emotional goals. Highlights of this philosophy are: 1)Bolstering positive school climate through the continued implementation of the Olweus program and peer leadership. 2) Implementing a more student-friendly middle school schedule that lengthens instructional time and reduces student passing time. 3) Adopting standard grading weights so that learning and grades become synonymous. 4) Teachers working to create assessments that transcend all levels of Webb's Depth of Knowledge beyond lower levels of recall and understanding. 5) Middle School teachers exploring the flipped classroom model, use of social media for educational purpose and the problem based learning model. 5) recruiting high-caliber professionals whose love of middle level education inspires them to utilize innovative teaching strategies and practices. We anticipate great results as the entire school community mobilizes our available resources to achieve our ambitious goals.