

**LINK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**

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School Contact Info

This table contains contact information including principal name, address, phone number, email address, and social media information, if provided.

Type	Contact Information
County	CHARTERS
District	LINK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Principal Name	MS. HESTER
Address	23 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NEWARK, NJ 07114
Phone Number	(973)642-0529
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Website	http://www.linkschool.org
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/LinkCommunitySchool/
Twitter	https://twitter.com/link_school?lang=en



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Enrollment Trends by Grade

This table shows the number of students enrolled by grade for the past three school years.

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
5	59	71	72
6	74	72	73
7	67	72	71
8	70	70	72
Total	270	285	288

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	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Female	50.7%	51.6%	53.1%
Male	49.3%	48.4%	46.9%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	60.4%	74.7%	82.3%
Students with Disabilities	11.9%	11.6%	11.5%
English Learners	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Homeless Students		0.0%	0.0%
Students in Foster Care		0.0%	0.3%
Military-Connected Students		0.0%	0.0%
Migrant Students		0.0%	0.0%

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	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
White	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	6.7%	4.6%	3.1%
Black or African American	92.2%	94.4%	96.5%
Asian	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%

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	95.8%
Creoles and pidgins, French-based	3.1%
Other Languages	1.0%



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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/Literacy (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	45	45	50	Met Standard	60	60	50	Exceeds Standard
White	N	N	50	**	N	N	51	**
Hispanic	*	*	49	**	*	*	48	**
Black or African American	44.5	44.5	44	Met Standard	60	60	44	Exceeds Standard
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	61	**	N	N	61	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	52	**	N	N	53	**
Two or More Races	*	*	49	**	*	*	51	**
Economically Disadvantaged	44	44	48	Met Standard	60	60	47	Exceeds Standard
Students with Disabilities	40.5	40.5	41	Met Standard	48	48	43	Met Standard
English Learners	*	*	54	**	*	*	51	**



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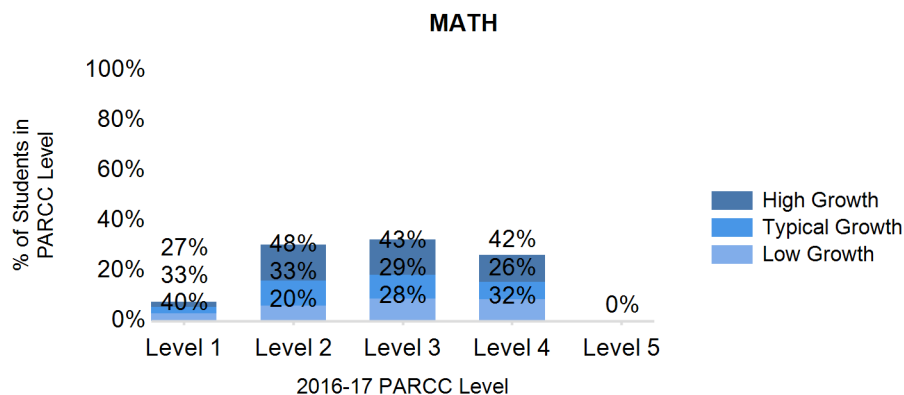
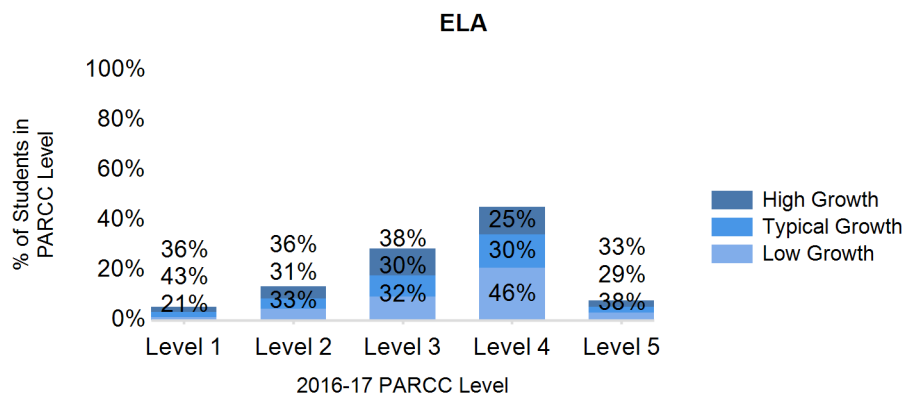
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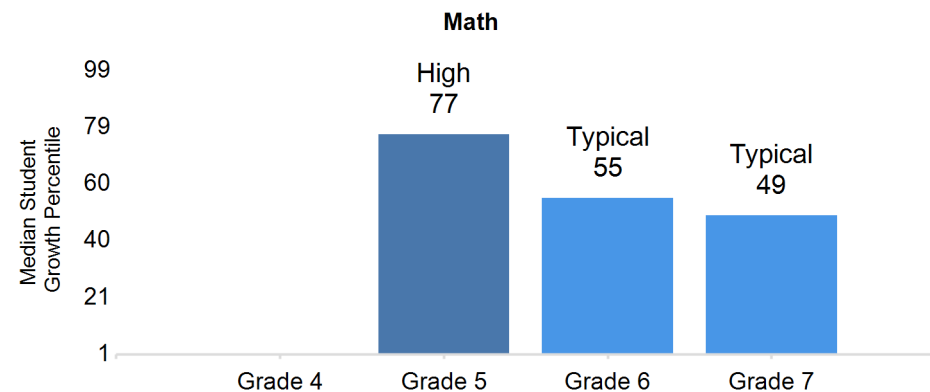
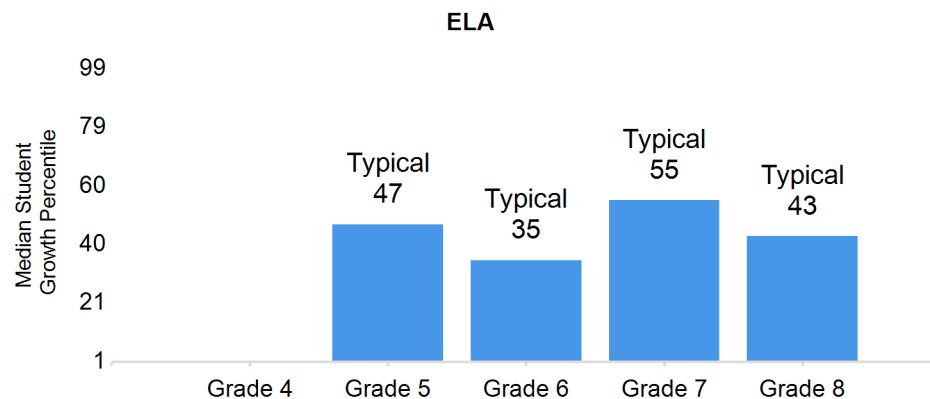
Student Growth by Performance Level

These graphs show the percentage of students by 2016-17 PARCC performance level that fall into each of the three levels of growth based on their 2017-18 test scores.



Student Growth by Grade

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





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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Participation and Performance

This table shows information about the English Language Arts/Literacy section of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment both overall and by student group. The PARCC assessment has five performance levels, and students scoring a Level 4 or 5 (Met or Exceeded Expectations) have demonstrated readiness for the next grade level and are on track for college and careers. This table shows the number of valid test scores, the percentage of students that took the test, and the percentage of testers that met or exceeded expectations in the school, the district, and across the state. The last three columns of the table show the proficiency rate used for federal accountability, the annual target, and whether the target was met, as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) accountability. Student group rows 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 these [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	2017-18 Annual Target	Met 2017-18 Annual Target
Schoolwide	279	97.9	55.6	55.6	56.7	55.6	47.9	Met Target
White	N	N	N	N	65.6	N	**	**
Hispanic	*	*	*	*	42.5	*	**	**
Black or African American	268	98.2	54.5	54.5	37.3	54.5	46.9	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N	82.3	N	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	52.7	N	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	63.4	*	**	**
Female	147	98.7	63.9	63.9	64.5	63.9		
Male	132	97.1	46.2	46.2	49.4	46.2		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	233	98.7	56.6	56.6	38.5	*	41.6	Met Target
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	46	94.0	50.0	50.0	67.5	*		
Students with Disabilities	29	88.2	20.7	20.7	21.6	19.1	13.9	Met Target
Students without Disabilities	250	99.2	59.6	59.6	63.9	59.6		
English Learners	*	*	*	*	27.3	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*	59.4	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N	27.7	N		
Students In Foster Care	*	*	*	*	26.3	*		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	57.4	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	30.1	N		

† Target was met within a confidence interval.



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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 5

This table shows participation and performance on the English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) section of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment by grade level exam. This table shows both overall and by student group the number of valid test scores and a summary of performance including mean scale scores, percentages of students scoring in each performance level, and the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations (Level 4 or 5).

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	71	751	751	755	*	20%	25%	*	*	52%	58%
White	N	N	N	763	N	N	N	N	N	N	68%
Hispanic	*	*	*	743	*	*	*	*	*	*	43%
Black or African American	*	*	*	738	*	*	*	*	*	*	38%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	780	N	N	N	N	N	N	84%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	53%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	763	N	N	N	N	N	N	65%
Female	37	758	758	762	*	*	*	*	*	57%	66%
Male	34	743	743	749	*	*	*	*	*	47%	51%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	59	750	750	739	*	*	*	*	*	53%	39%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	12	755	755	766	*	*	*	*	*	50%	71%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	724	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	762	*	*	*	*	*	*	65%
English Learners	N	N	N	712	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Non-English Learners	71	751	751	757	*	20%	25%	*	*	52%	60%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	731	N	N	N	N	N	N	30%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	728	*	*	*	*	*	*	27%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	59%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	732	N	N	N	N	N	N	33%



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

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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	72	746	746	754	*	19%	28%	*	*	46%	56%
White	N	N	N	761	N	N	N	N	N	N	66%
Hispanic	*	*	*	742	*	*	*	*	*	*	42%
Black or African American	69	745	745	737	*	20%	28%	*	*	45%	35%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	779	N	N	N	N	N	N	83%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	49%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	761	*	*	*	*	*	*	64%
Female	39	756	756	761	*	*	*	*	*	54%	64%
Male	33	735	735	748	*	*	*	*	*	36%	48%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	61	746	746	739	*	*	*	*	*	48%	37%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	11	750	750	764	*	*	*	*	*	36%	68%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	723	*	*	*	*	*	*	18%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	760	*	*	*	*	*	*	63%
English Learners	N	N	N	712	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	72	746	746	755	*	19%	28%	*	*	46%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	26%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	26%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	55%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	732	N	N	N	N	N	N	36%



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

This table shows participation and performance on the English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) section of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment by grade level exam. This table shows both overall and by student group the number of valid test scores and a summary of performance including mean scale scores, percentages of students scoring in each performance level, and the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations (Level 4 or 5).

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Schoolwide	70	759	759	760	*	*	19%	40%	23%	63%	63%
White	N	N	N	768	N	N	N	N	N	N	72%
Hispanic	*	*	*	746	*	*	*	*	*	*	49%
Black or African American	67	759	759	740	*	*	19%	39%	24%	63%	42%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	790	N	N	N	N	N	N	87%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	57%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	767	*	*	*	*	*	*	68%
Female	40	770	770	769	*	*	*	*	*	80%	72%
Male	30	744	744	752	*	*	*	*	*	40%	54%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	56	762	762	742	*	*	*	*	*	68%	44%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	14	747	747	771	*	*	*	*	*	43%	73%
Students with Disabilities	11	721	721	721	*	*	*	*	*	18%	22%
Students without Disabilities	59	766	766	768	*	*	*	*	*	71%	71%
English Learners	N	N	N	705	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Non-English Learners	70	759	759	762	*	*	19%	40%	23%	63%	64%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	32%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	725	N	N	N	N	N	N	25%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	758	N	N	N	N	N	N	64%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%



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

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Schoolwide	69	754	754	759	*	*	26%	*	*	62%	60%
White	N	N	N	767	N	N	N	N	N	N	70%
Hispanic	*	*	*	744	*	*	*	*	*	*	45%
Black or African American	*	*	*	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	39%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	789	N	N	N	N	N	N	86%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	759	N	N	N	N	N	N	59%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	766	N	N	N	N	N	N	66%
Female	34	753	753	768	*	*	*	*	*	65%	69%
Male	35	754	754	751	*	*	*	*	*	60%	52%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	59	750	750	740	*	*	*	*	*	61%	42%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	10	772	772	769	*	*	*	*	*	70%	71%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	719	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	766	*	*	*	*	*	*	68%
English Learners	N	N	N	703	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	69	754	754	761	*	*	26%	*	*	62%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	726	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	760	N	N	N	N	N	N	61%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%



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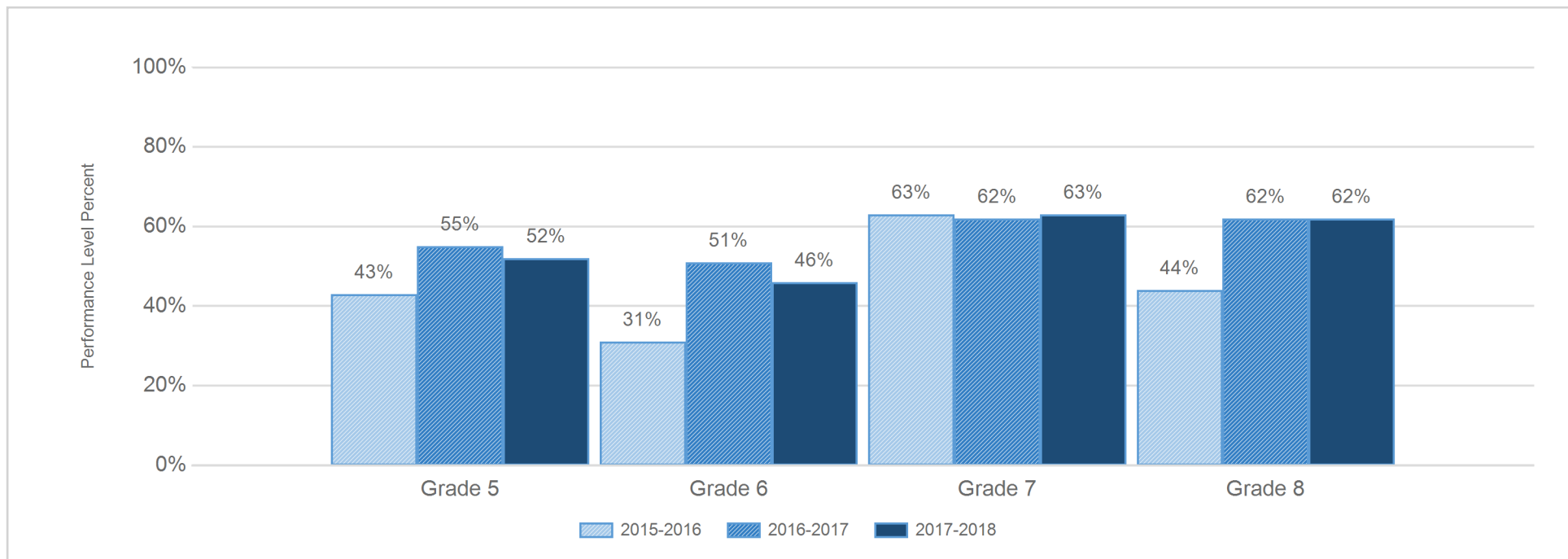
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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance Trends

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on each grade level exam on the English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) section of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment for the past three years.





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Schoolwide	278	97.6	28.1	28.1	45.0	28.1	27.1	Met Target
White	N	N	N	N	54.1	N	**	**
Hispanic	*	*	*	*	29.2	*	**	**
Black or African American	267	97.8	27.7	27.7	23.4	27.7	26.6	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N	77.0	N	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	42.5	N	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	53.0	*	**	**
Female	147	98.7	33.3	33.3	46.0	33.3		
Male	131	96.3	22.1	22.1	43.9	22.1		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	232	98.3	27.2	27.2	26.6	*	22.9	Met Target
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	46	94.0	32.6	32.6	55.9	*		
Students with Disabilities	29	88.2	*	*	17.1	*	11	Not Met
Students without Disabilities	249	98.8	*	*	50.5	*		
English Learners	*	*	*	*	24.6	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*	46.9	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N	17.3	N		
Students In Foster Care	*	*	*	*	16.2	*		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	45.8	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	23.7	N		

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Mathematics 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	70	746	746	748	*	*	43%	*	*	43%	49%
White	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	60%
Hispanic	*	*	*	736	*	*	*	*	*	*	32%
Black or African American	*	*	*	730	*	*	*	*	*	*	26%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	777	N	N	N	N	N	N	82%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	745	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	754	N	N	N	N	N	N	55%
Female	37	751	751	749	*	*	41%	*	*	51%	50%
Male	33	739	739	747	*	*	45%	*	*	33%	48%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	58	744	744	733	*	*	*	*	*	41%	29%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	12	751	751	758	*	*	*	*	*	50%	62%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	726	*	*	*	*	*	*	20%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	752	*	*	*	*	*	*	55%
English Learners	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Non-English Learners	70	746	746	750	*	*	43%	*	*	43%	51%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	17%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	20%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	749	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	728	N	N	N	N	N	N	29%



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 6

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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	72	737	737	744	*	28%	38%	*	*	28%	44%
White	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	54%
Hispanic	*	*	*	731	*	*	*	*	*	*	27%
Black or African American	69	736	736	726	*	29%	38%	*	*	26%	21%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	771	N	N	N	N	N	N	78%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	744	N	N	N	N	N	N	48%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	749	*	*	*	*	*	*	52%
Female	39	744	744	745	*	*	31%	*	*	38%	45%
Male	33	729	729	742	*	*	45%	*	*	15%	42%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	61	736	736	729	*	*	*	*	*	26%	24%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	11	741	741	753	*	*	*	*	*	36%	56%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	717	*	*	*	*	*	*	13%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	748	*	*	*	*	*	*	49%
English Learners	N	N	N	713	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Non-English Learners	72	737	737	745	*	28%	38%	*	*	28%	45%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	745	N	N	N	N	N	N	45%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	18%



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 7

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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	70	731	731	743	*	36%	33%	*	*	23%	43%
White	N	N	N	750	N	N	N	N	N	N	54%
Hispanic	*	*	*	732	*	*	*	*	*	*	27%
Black or African American	67	731	731	727	*	36%	31%	*	*	24%	21%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	767	N	N	N	N	N	N	75%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	742	N	N	N	N	N	N	39%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	748	*	*	*	*	*	*	51%
Female	40	736	736	745	*	*	*	*	*	28%	45%
Male	30	724	724	741	*	*	*	*	*	17%	42%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	56	733	733	730	*	*	*	*	*	25%	24%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	14	722	722	751	*	*	*	*	*	14%	55%
Students with Disabilities	11	709	709	717	*	*	*	*	*	*	12%
Students without Disabilities	59	735	735	748	*	*	*	*	*	*	50%
English Learners	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	10%
Non-English Learners	70	731	731	744	*	36%	33%	*	*	23%	45%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	720	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	743	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 8

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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	69	728	728	728	16%	30%	33%	*	*	20%	28%
White	N	N	N	736	N	N	N	N	N	N	36%
Hispanic	*	*	*	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Black or African American	*	*	*	715	*	*	*	*	*	*	15%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	747	N	N	N	N	N	N	51%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	721	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Female	34	727	727	731	*	32%	35%	*	*	18%	31%
Male	35	729	729	725	*	29%	31%	*	*	23%	26%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	59	724	724	719	19%	*	*	*	*	19%	20%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	10	750	750	735	0%	*	*	*	*	30%	35%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	705	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	735	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
English Learners	N	N	N	705	N	N	N	N	N	N	10%
Non-English Learners	69	728	728	729	16%	30%	33%	*	*	20%	29%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	734	N	N	N	N	N	N	31%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	703	N	N	N	N	N	N	10%



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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	N	N	N	746	N	N	N	N	N	N	46%
White	N	N	N	755	N	N	N	N	N	N	57%
Hispanic	N	N	N	730	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%
Black or African American	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	779	N	N	N	N	N	N	79%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	746	N	N	N	N	N	N	49%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	755	N	N	N	N	N	N	54%
Female	N	N	N	748	N	N	N	N	N	N	48%
Male	N	N	N	745	N	N	N	N	N	N	44%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	25%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	57%
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Students without Disabilities	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
English Learners	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	N	N	N	749	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	16%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	712	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	49%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	720	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%



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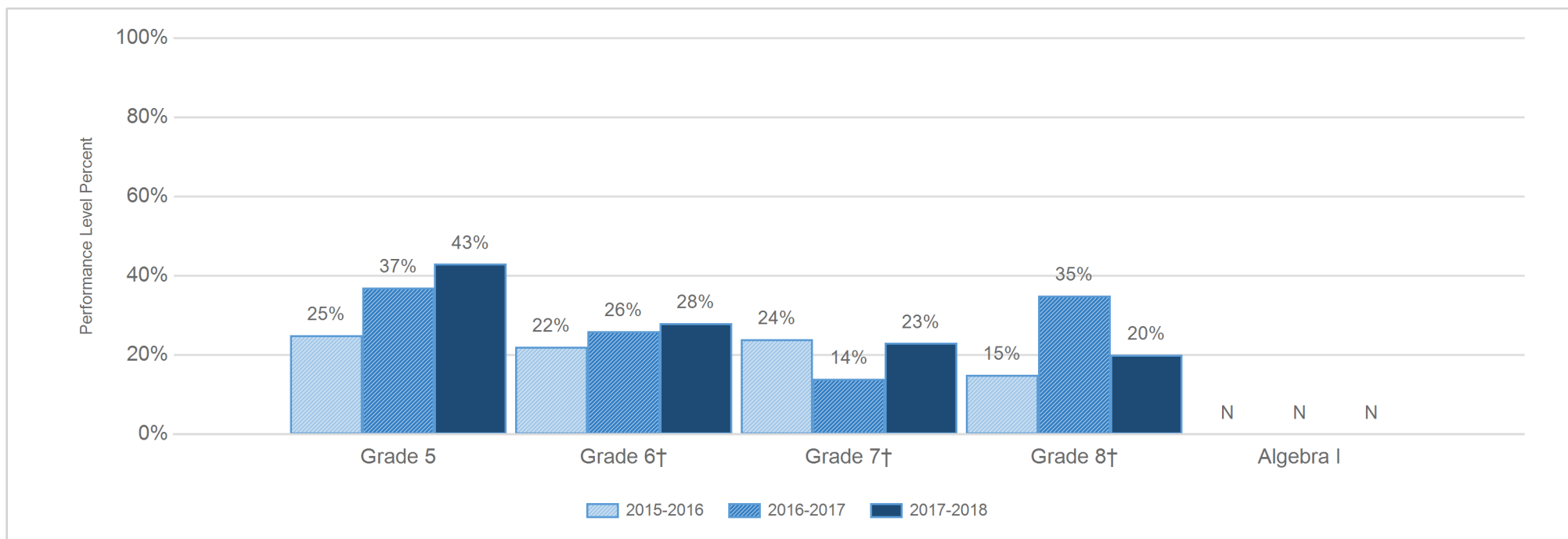
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Mathematics Assessment – Performance Trends

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on each grade level or end of course exam on the Mathematics section of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment for the past three years.



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DLM Alternate Assessment - 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
5	N	N
6	N	N
7	N	N
8	N	N

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. Expected growth is based on the student's initial level of English Language Proficiency during the 2016-17 school year and the number of years the student has been enrolled in the district. This table also shows the school's 2017-18 ESSA accountability target and whether the target was met.

Student Group	Percent of English Learners Making Expected Growth to Proficiency	2017-18 Target	Met Target?
Schoolwide/English Learners	N	N	N

† 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	N	N	N
5 or more	N	N	N



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The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) measures student proficiency with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science. All students in grade 5, grade 8, and grade 11 were administered the NJSLA-Science field test in 2017-18.

NJASK Science Assessment Information

New Jersey transitioned from the NJASK to NJSLA-S in 2017-18 to align to new science standards. Results of field tests in 2017-18 will not be reported, but results of NJSLA-S will be added to the performance reports in 2018-19.



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Information about [New Jersey Student Learning Standards](#) can be found on the NJDOE website.

Mathematics - Course Participation

This table shows the number of students who were enrolled in Mathematics courses by grade and subject area. Students are counted more than once if they were enrolled in courses across multiple subject areas.

Grade	Algebra I	Geometry	Grade Level and Other Math
6	0	0	73
7	0	0	71
8	0	0	72
Total	0	0	216

World Languages - Course Participation

This table shows the number of students who were enrolled in World Languages courses by grade and language. Students are counted more than once if they were enrolled in courses across multiple languages.

Grade	Spanish	French	Italian	Latin	German	Chinese	Other Languages
6	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
7	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
8	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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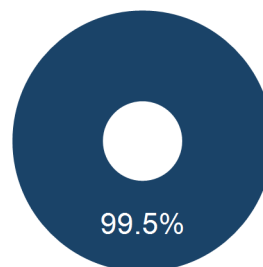
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Visual and Performing Arts – Course Participation

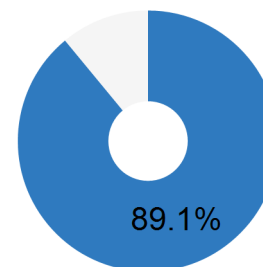
The first set of graphs below show the percentages of students who were enrolled in any Visual and Performing Arts classes during the school year. The graphs at the bottom of the page show the percentages of students enrolled in at least one course within each of the four arts disciplines during the school year.

Grades 6-8:

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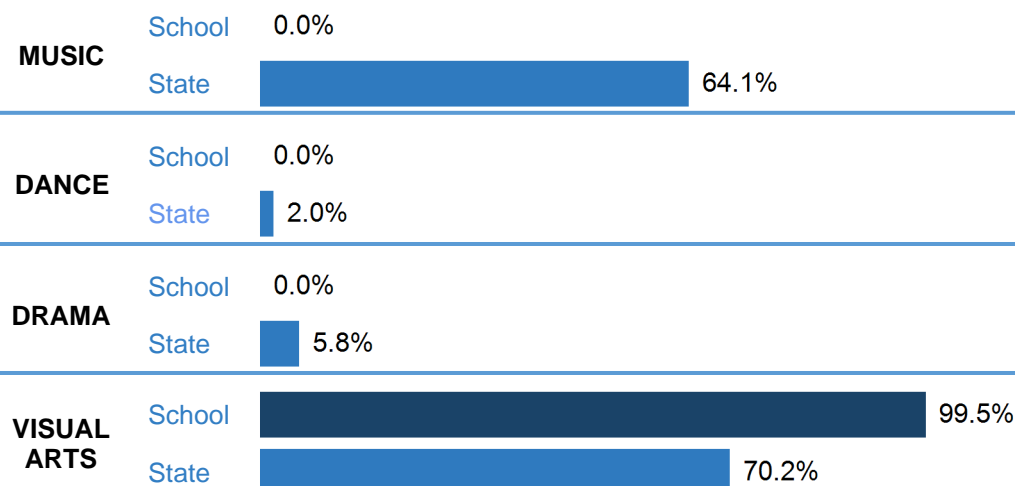


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Students enrolled in one or more classes by discipline:





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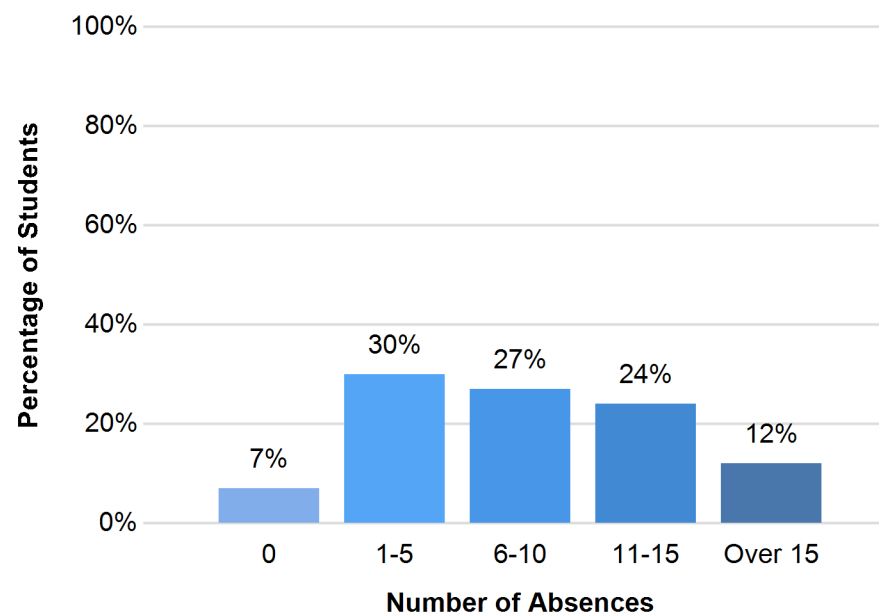
Chronic Absenteeism

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	21	7.3	9.1	Met
White	N	N	N	N
Hispanic	*	*	**	**
Black or African American	21	7.6	9.1	Met
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	*	*	**	**
Economically Disadvantaged Students	18	7.6	9.1	Met
Students with Disabilities	2	6.1	9.1	Met
English Learners	N	N	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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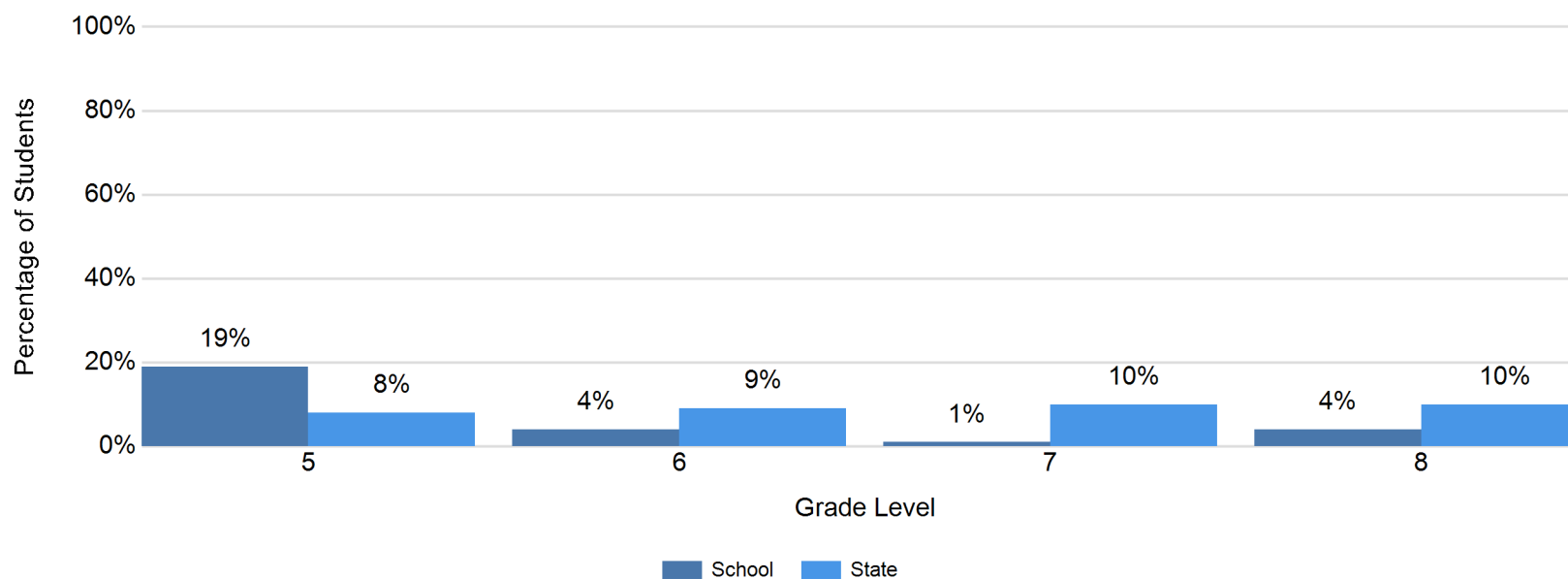
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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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	46
Weapons	2
Vandalism	1
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	4
Total Unique Incidents	53
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	18.40

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	1
Weapons	0
Vandalism	1
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	1
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	0	0
Gender	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0
Other	0	4	4
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	10	3.5%
Out-of-School Suspensions	61	21.2%
Any Suspension	64	22.2%
Removal to other education program	*	*
Expulsion	0	0.0%
Arrest	*	*

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	7:45 AM
Typical End Time	4:00 PM
Length of School Day	8 Hrs 15 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs 58 Mins
Shared Time - Instructional Time	N

Device Ratios

This table shows the student to device ratio, which is the number of students in tested grades 3-11 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 3-11. 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
2017-18	1:1

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). NJDOE will be collecting school-level per-pupil expenditures data for the 2018-19 school year, and that data will be included in future reports.

Per-Pupil Expenditures	Federal	State/Local	Total
District Total (2016-2017)	\$644	\$15,118	\$15,762



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Key terms for staff data:

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

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	32	117,464
Average years experience in public schools	4.7	12.0
Average years experience in district	1.8	10.7
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	0.0%	75.5%

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	3	9,374
Average years experience in public schools	11.0	16.0
Average years experience in district	2.0	12.0
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	0.0%	76.2%

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	9:1
Students to Administrators	96:1	96:1
Teachers to Administrators	11:1	11:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		N
Students to Nurses		288:1
Students to Counselors		N
Students to Child Study Team		144:1



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Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

This chart shows the highest level of education attained by the 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 2016-17 that were still assigned to this district in 2017-18. Staff who were not retained may have changed districts or no longer work for the state (including retirements).

Job Type	District	State
2016-17 Teachers: Same district 2017-18	N	90.2%
2016-17 Administrators: Same district 2017-18	N	86.2%

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
2017-18	95.6%



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Teachers and Administrators – Demographics

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators by gender and by racial and ethnic group.

Category	Teachers	Administrators
Female	84.4%	100.0%
Male	15.6%	0.0%
White	53.1%	33.3%
Hispanic	15.6%	0.0%
Black or African American	31.3%	33.3%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	33.3%
Two or More Races	0.0%	0.0%



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New Jersey's school accountability system identifies schools that are in need of comprehensive and targeted support as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). For more information about New Jersey's accountability system, how indicator and summative scores were calculated, and how federal accountability status is determined, see these [accountability resources](#).

Comprehensive Status

This table shows whether this school is identified as requiring Comprehensive Support and Improvement during the 2019-20 school year and whether it will be eligible to exit comprehensive status in January 2021 or January 2022. Schools must meet exit criteria in order to exit status. Schools with a summative score in the bottom 5% of Title I schools or with a four-year graduation rate of 67% or less are identified as requiring Comprehensive Support and Improvement.

Requires Comprehensive Support during the 2019-20 School Year	Eligible to exit status in January 2021	Eligible to exit status in January 2022
No	n/a	n/a

Targeted Status

This table shows whether one or more student groups in this school has been identified as requiring Targeted Support and Improvement during the 2019-20 school year and whether each student group will be eligible to exit targeted status in January 2021 or January 2022. Schools must meet exit criteria in order to exit status. Student groups with a summative score that would be in the bottom 5% of schools and student groups that miss annual targets for all indicators for two years in a row are identified as requiring Targeted Support and Improvement. Note: Schools identified as requiring comprehensive support may have student groups identified as needing targeted support below, but the date they are eligible to exit status is based on their comprehensive status.

Student Group	Requires Targeted Support during the 2019-20 School Year	Eligible to exit status in January 2021	Eligible to exit status in January 2022
Any Student Groups	No	n/a	n/a
White	No		
Hispanic	No		
Black or African American	No		
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	No		
American Indian or Alaska Native	No		
Two or More Races	No		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	No		
Students with Disabilities	No		
English Learners	No		



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Accountability Indicator Scores and Summative Rating - 2017-18 School Year

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 and Improvement. This table shows the indicator scores for each indicator included in the accountability system and the weight 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 score in the bottom 5% of Title I schools or with a four-year graduation rate of 67% or less are identified as requiring Comprehensive Support and Improvement. For more information about New Jersey's accountability system and how these indicator scores were calculated, see these [accountability resources](#).

Accountability Indicator	Score	Weight
English Language Arts Proficiency	55.92	17.5%
Mathematics Proficiency	19.14	17.5%
English Language Arts Growth	34.54	25.0%
Mathematics Growth	83.74	25.0%
Progress Towards English Language Proficiency	**	**
Chronic Absenteeism	66.07	15.0%
Summative Score: Sum of all indicator scores multiplied by indicator weights	52.61	n/a
Summative Rating: Percentile Rank of Summative Score	53.26	n/a
Requires Comprehensive Support: Summative Rating is less than or equal to 5 th percentile	No	n/a

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Accountability Summary by Student Group - 2017-18 School Year

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 Targeted Support and Improvement. Any student group where the summative score would be in the bottom 5% of schools is identified for Targeted Support for a Low-Performing Student Group. Any student group that has missed annual targets for all indicators two years in a row is identified for Targeted Support for a Consistently Underperforming Student Group. In the table below, schools in which one or more student groups are identified for Targeted Support will be noted in the Schoolwide row. Annual targets for proficiency and graduation rate were set based on a school or student group's performance in 2015-16. The target for chronic absenteeism is the state average for chronic absenteeism based on students enrolled in the grades served by the given school. For more details on accountability targets, see these [accountability resources](#).

Student Group	Summative Score	Summative Score Cut-off for Targeted Support	Requires Targeted Support: Low Performing 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	n/a	n/a	No	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	N	Met	No
White	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Hispanic	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Black or African American	71.89	14.08	No	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	n/a	Met	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Two or More Races	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	65.98	14.08	No	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	n/a	Met	No
Students with Disabilities	49.86	14.08	No	Met Target	Not Met	Met Standard	Met Standard	n/a	Met	No
English Learners	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	**	No

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



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School Narrative

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 <p>Highlights:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCCS provides a comprehensive middle school program that develops the mind body and spirit within a positive school environment that both supports and challenges each student. 100% of Link's graduating class is accepted into a competitive high school that is best matched to the student. Together, the class of 2018 received \$4.9 million in scholarships and financial aid.
 <p>Mission, Vision, Theme:</p>	<p>LCCS will provide an outstanding middles school education for learners of all academic abilities by developing the mind, body and spirit through a strong curriculum, experiential learning, immersion in the arts, and an enduring commitment to Core Values; this will allow them to be successful in competitive high schools and become responsible and resourceful citizens who give back to others.</p>
 <p>Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:</p>	<p>LCCS participates in the STC Design Day Challenge, Prudential LearnDoEarn Program, Novartis Teen Mentoring Program and Playwrights Theatre of NJ residency program. Through a rigorous core curriculum and extensive extracurricular programs, the school and the students have demonstrated impressive results on the PARCC, outperforming district school and the state averages, as well as outpacing both on student growth.</p>



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 <p>Sports and Athletics:</p>	<p>Sports Offered: Basketball (Boys & Girls), Cheerleading (Girls), Soccer (Coed), Volleyball (Coed)</p> <p>LCCS competes in the NJ Charter School Athletic League</p>
 <p>Clubs and Activities:</p>	<p>Electives are offered Friday mornings to expand student horizons, including food and culture, chess, African dance, drumming, DJ class, hip hop, photography, robotics. Students are invited to participate in math competitions. Students take part in 2-3 community service days throughout the year.</p>



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Before and After
School Programs:

7th and 8th grade students are offered breakfast at 7:30 am (before the school day begins for them). Students can participate in the After Care Program, Link Choir, Musical Program, and sports after dismissal.



Staff and Professional
Learning:

LCCS teachers and staff participate in Friday afternoon professional development sessions twice per month led by in-house team of instructional leaders, focusing on content area and instructional practices. LCCS teachers also receive personalized training and support from instructional leaders who mentor them. LCCS teachers are supported in their continuing education with 80% contributions towards two-year program at Relay Graduate School of Education and annual awards at other institutions. LCCS teachers are invited to participate in PLCs at Schools that Can.



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Student Supports and Services:

LCCS students benefit from a school community that supports every student. While there are currently no ELL students enrolled at Link, there is a program of identification, assessment and program delivery. Students with disabilities are supported in an inclusion model with a talented team of special education teachers and paraprofessionals. Students who struggle academically receive support through the special education team and classroom teachers during the school day, including a basic skills class. I&RS is implemented by the social workers.



Student Health and Wellness:

LCCS works to provide an environment in which students can thrive by supporting the development of a positive mind, body and spirit. All students engage in the advisory program and morning circle, as well as daily centering/breathing exercises. 5th graders take a life skills class with the social workers, Breakfast is provided to all students (5th and 6th – after the bell and 7th and 8th - before the bell). 5th and 6th graders have recess every day for 25 minutes (in the gym). All students take 100 minutes of physical education on a weekly basis (2 classes per week). All students also take a 50 minute health class, once per week. 7th and 8th graders participate in yoga through the weekly electives program.



Parent and Community Involvement:

The Link Parent Association (LPA) holds monthly meetings, offers programs after school/evenings throughout the school year to support a positive community, and shares feedback to the school leadership. Parents have access to a parent page on the school website, Deans List and Class Dojo for student conduct updates, and PowerSchool for student academic performance data. LCCS invites parents each quarter to meet with teachers on Report Card Night, runs a parent orientation program each summer for new families and provides opportunities throughout the year to highlight student work and build community.



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 <p>Climate Surveys:</p>	<p>Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Administrators, Teachers</p> <p>LCCS administers the climate survey to parents and students annually in June and to staff twice per year. 44% of families completed survey with 88.4% expressing satisfaction with overall school environment. 80% of teachers completed survey in June and 60% expressed satisfaction with leadership and overall school environment.</p>
 <p>Facilities:</p>	<p>LCCS's 55,000 square foot school facility was built circa 1907. The building includes a gymnasium/auditorium, a cafeteria, a science lab, an art classroom, a music room, technology classroom, library/ media room, and in addition to many general content classrooms, all with air conditioners. The building is bright and airy, clean and well organized, producing a positive and welcoming environment for learning.</p>
 <p>School Safety:</p>	<p>LCCS works to build a community grounded in Core Values. Using Restorative Justice Practices, Link works with students to develop the tools to positively approach conflict. Community Service opportunities help further develop students' character. The advisory program and morning circle help students navigate challenges, provide a voice, and build soft skills. The school's merit and demerit system provide timely feedback on student conduct that is used to decide on fun incentives throughout the school year, while keeping parents informed.</p>



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Technology and
STEM:

Technology is used to support student learning throughout the school, allowing for blended learning, differentiation, and the development of 21st century skills. Classes are equipped with Chrome Books, i-pads, and laptops for student use. Students in grades 6 and 7 engage in project based STEM learning and in grade 8 visit Students2Science and Novartis Pharmaceuticals to explore STEM applications in the real world.



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Other Information:

Link's school day (7:45 am to 4:10 pm) provides additional time to support a rigorous academic program, strong exposure to the arts and opportunities for experiential education and personal development. The admissions process is simple and welcoming. Families complete a one page enrollment form and their child's name is placed in a lottery for random selection. As the school serves four approved districts of residence (Newark, Irvington, East Orange and Orange), LCCS does not participate in One Newark Enrolls. Therefore, families must apply directly to Link. Students wear a school uniform which can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara and a gym uniform which can be purchased at LCCS. The school receives donations of uniforms to assist those families who experience a hardship with purchasing one. Uniform guidelines are available on the website. While the school does not provide transportation, parents can work with their home districts to coordinate busing, aid in lieu or NJ Transit bus tickets, pursuant to NJDOE Transportation Practices.