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School Contact Info

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Type	Contact Information
County	MORRIS
District	MORRIS PLAINS BORO
Principal Name	MRS. VIEIRA
Address	205 MOUNTAIN WAY MORRIS PLAINS, NJ 07950
Phone Number	(973)538-0339
Email Address	LVIEIRA@MPSDK8.ORG
Website	https://www.morrisplainsschooldistrict.org/Domain/9
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/Morris-Plains-School-District-1054548634563313/
Twitter	https://twitter.com/wearempsd?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
PK	28	25	20
KG	68	62	61
1	60	65	61
2	67	60	66
Total	223	212	208

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	45.3%	47.2%	49.5%
Male	54.7%	52.8%	50.5%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	4.5%	3.8%	5.8%
Students with Disabilities	10.8%	19.8%	16.3%
English Learners	2.7%	2.4%	4.3%
Homeless Students		0.0%	0.5%
Students in Foster Care		0.0%	0.5%
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	72.2%	81.1%	74.0%
Hispanic	4.9%	4.7%	8.2%
Black or African American	2.2%	4.7%	4.8%
Asian	9.0%	9.4%	13.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	11.2%	0.0%	0.0%

Enrollment Trends by Full/Half Day PK and KG

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

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
PK - Half Day	0	0	0
PK - Full Day	28	25	20
KG - Half Day	0	0	0
KG - Full Day	68	62	61

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	93.8%
Spanish	1.9%
German	1.0%
Chinese	1.0%
French	1.0%
Other Languages	1.4%

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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	*	*	*

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	*	*	*
3-4	N	N	N
5 or more	*	*	*

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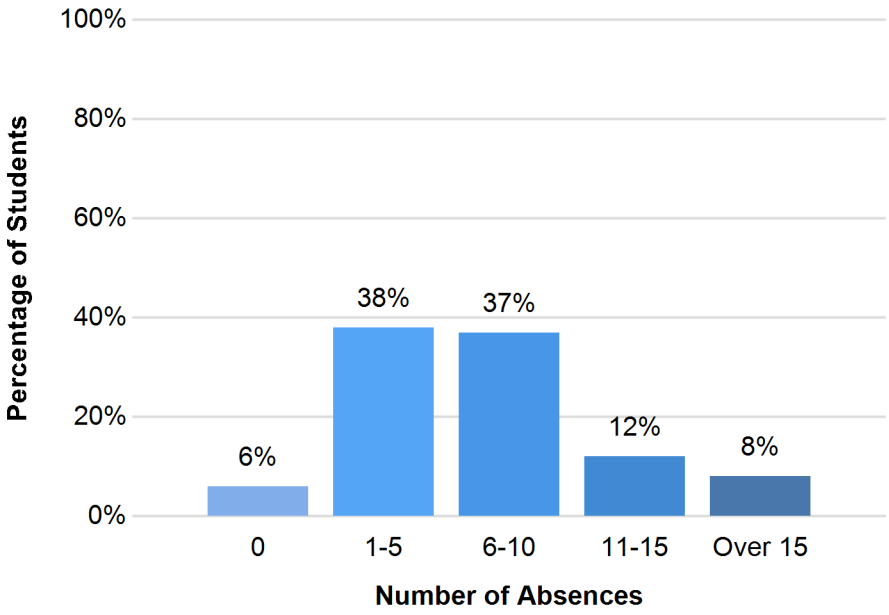
Chronic Absenteeism

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	9	4.7	10.2	Met
White	6	4.2	10.2	Met
Hispanic	*	*	**	**
Black or African American	*	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	1	4.8	10.2	Met
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	N	N	N	N
Economically Disadvantaged Students	2	18.2	**	**
Students with Disabilities	3	9.1	10.2	Met
English Learners	*	*	**	**

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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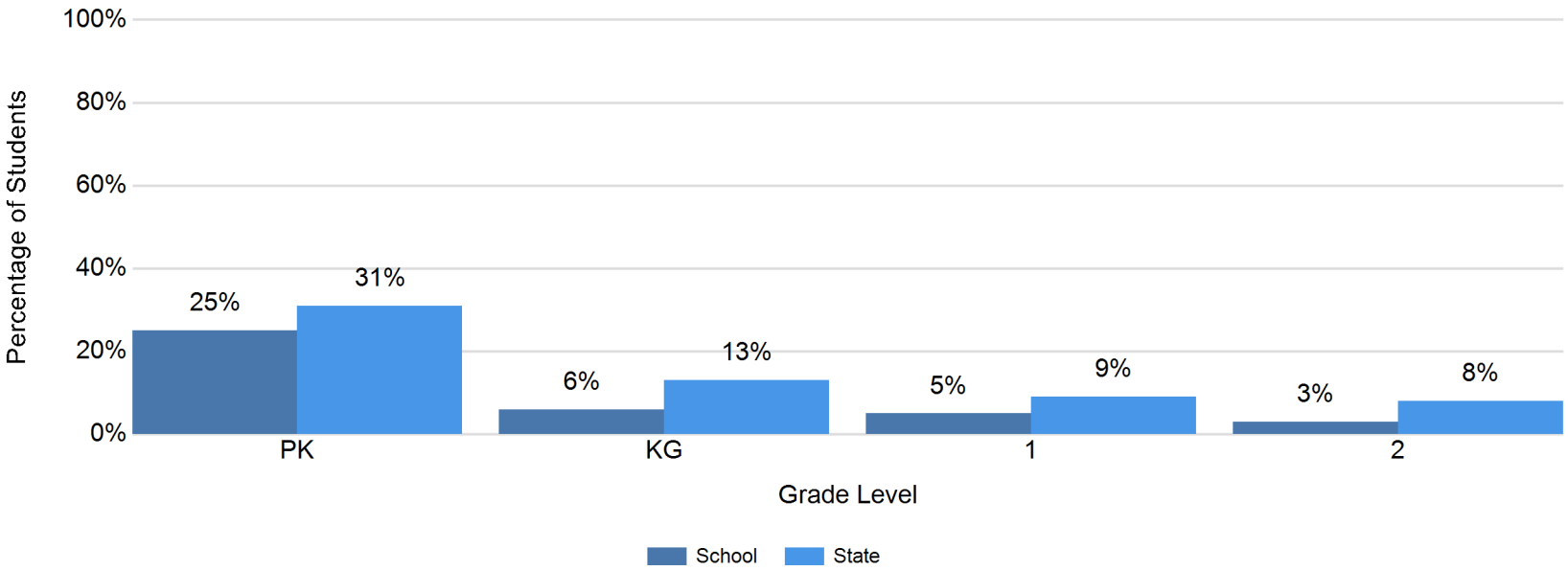
Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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



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Violence, Vandalism, HIB, and Substance Offenses

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

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Violence	0
Weapons	0
Vandalism	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	1
Total Unique Incidents	1
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	0.48

Police Notifications

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

Incident Type	Incidents Reported to Police
Violence	0
Weapons	0
Vandalism	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	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 Bulling (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	1	1
No Identified Nature	2		2

Student Disciplinary Removals

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

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

School Days Missed due to Out-of-School Suspensions
0

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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	8:20 AM
Typical End Time	3:00 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs 40 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	5 Hrs 20 Mins
Shared Time - Instructional Time	N

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)	$307	$17,373	$17,680

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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	23	117,464
Average years experience in public schools	9.0	12.0
Average years experience in district	7.0	10.7
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	56.5%	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	5	9,374
Average years experience in public schools	15.0	16.0
Average years experience in district	4.0	12.0
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	40.0%	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	208:1	116:1
Teachers to Administrators	23:1	13:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		579:1
Students to Nurses		290:1
Students to Counselors		290:1
Students to Child Study Team		193:1

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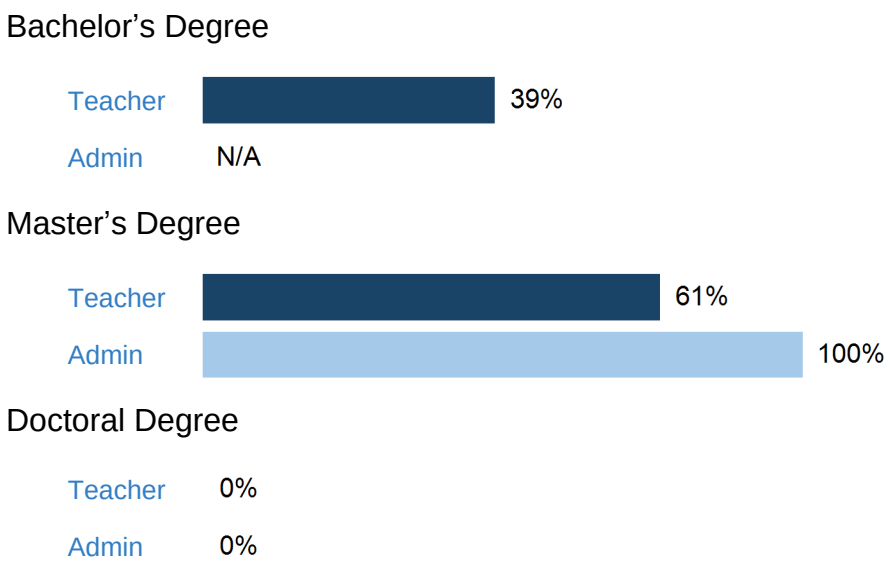
Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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.



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	93.7%	90.2%
2016-17 Administrators: Same district 2017-18	100.0%	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	97.3%

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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	95.7%	100.0%
Male	4.3%	0.0%
White	95.7%	100.0%
Hispanic	4.3%	0.0%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%
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School Narrative

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Highlights:	• Balanced Literacy Program including Teacher's College Readers and Writers' Workshop. • STEM Lab and Innovation Lab for all students grades K-2 • Designated Future Ready School 2018-2019
Mission, Vision, Theme:	Mountain Way: Where the Stars of Tomorrow Shine Brightly Today! Our school focuses on being Bucket Fillers to support each other and build a community and positive school climate. Additionally we focus on early literacy skills and intervention to support aquisition of critical reading and writing skills.
Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:	Mountain Way is a New Jersey Future Ready School! Additionally each year Mountain Way selects and recognizes a Teacher of the Year. Addtionally our staff has be awarded numerous local grants connected to STEM and innovative education.

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:	Our Balanced Literacy approach uses Reader?s and Writer?s Workshop to assist in developing foundational reading and writing skills in the heterogeneously grouped classrooms. Mathematics concentrates on the student?s ability to solve problems with a balance between skills and understanding. Houghton Mifflin?s Go Math is used to assist students in preparation for the math skills needed in the 21st Century.

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Before and After School Programs:	Mountain Way runs an after-school enrichment program taught by our own certified staff. Classes range from Yoga to Art to Legos and many things in between. Students from Kindergarten to second grade may sign up for these 8 week courses.
Staff and Professional Learning:	Our staff are engaged in a rigorous cycle of Professional Development, including out of district workshops, in-district consultants, work with in-house Literacy and Technology Coaches and personalized PD opportunities led by colleagues.

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Student Supports and Services:	Mountain Way boasts a full-inclusion model at kindergarten through second grade with nearly all of our Special Education students being educated in inclusive classrooms alongside typically developing peers. These classes are co-taught by a general and special education teacher. Basic skills and Title I programs support students who are struggling academically, while our Language Support Teacher works with those students who are still acquiring the English Language.
Student Health and Wellness:	In addition to two gym classes every four day cycle, our students engage in a recess period before school begins as well as in the middle of the day connected to their lunch period. Our new foodless birthday celebrations have brought a new level of health awareness to our staff, students and community.
Parent and Community Involvement:	Mountain Way is proud to partner with our parents and community. We have a very active Home and School Association which supports our school and teachers. Regular communication with the community takes place through school level websites, email, and social media pages, including Twitter and Facebook. Quarterly district newsletters keep parents informed of happenings in the district.

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Facilities:	Recent new lighting was installed in all of the classrooms at Mountain Way. The energy efficient lights are on motion detection sensors, which support a more eco-friendly environment. The movement of instructional spaces has maximized the available space in the building to meet the needs of our learning community.

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Other Information:	The academic program at Mountain Way is comprehensive and enriched with instruction in the subject areas of language arts literacy, mathematics, social studies, and science being implemented by classroom teachers. Special emphasis is placed on the language arts areas of writing, speaking and listening. Health, physical education, music, art, computers and library skills are coordinated by certified area specialists who meet regularly with each class. Our STEM and Innovation Lab provide a critical and enriching experiences for all students in Kindergarten through Second Grade. Two Preschool Classes serve the needs of our youngest children, and one classroom at each grade level is co-taught by a general education teacher and special education teacher, providing a great opportunity for all students to learn together. The students of Mountain Way School are learning early about community involvement and the value of being citizens in a democracy. We were extremely proud of our children's efforts this past year in collecting donations for various altruistic causes. Periodically throughout the year food drives are also held. Children have enthusiastically donated items to a local animal shelter, decorated Christmas trees in town, and collected new toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive. In addition, the children themselves select ways to volunteer and contribute to the community through our Character Education Program. Throughout the year, children make cheerful pictures that are sent via ?Color a Smile? to share with residents of nursing homes or to shut-ins as part of the Meals on Wheels Program. Using the ?Be a Bucket Filler? program our students are noticed and appreciated for their kind and ?bucket filling? behavior.