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School Contact Info

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Type	Contact Information
County	BERGEN
District	RIDGEFIELD PARK TWP
Principal Name	
Address	110 Mt Vernon Street Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660
Phone Number	(201)336-9855
Email Address	
Website	http://rpps.net

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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
KG	129	123	133
1	143	133	125
Total	272	256	258

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	48.9%	50.4%	51.4%
Male	51.1%	49.6%	48.6%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	32.4%	34.4%	35.5%
Students with Disabilities	2.9%	2.3%	3.5%
English Learners	12.9%	13.3%	13.5%
Homeless Students		0.0%	0.8%
Students in Foster Care		0.0%	0.4%
Military-Connected Students		0.8%	0.8%
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	26.1%	26.2%	25.5%
Hispanic	53.3%	55.1%	61.4%
Black or African American	5.5%	5.9%	3.5%
Asian	14.7%	11.7%	8.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.8%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Two or More Races	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%

Enrollment Trends by Full/Half Day PK and KG

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

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
KG - Half Day	0	0	0
KG - Full Day	129	123	133

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	53.7%
Spanish	32.4%
Korean	3.9%
Albanian	1.9%
Arabic	1.5%
Other Languages	6.6%

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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	100.0%	**	**

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	35	85.7%	14.3%
3-4	*	*	*
5 or more	N	N	N

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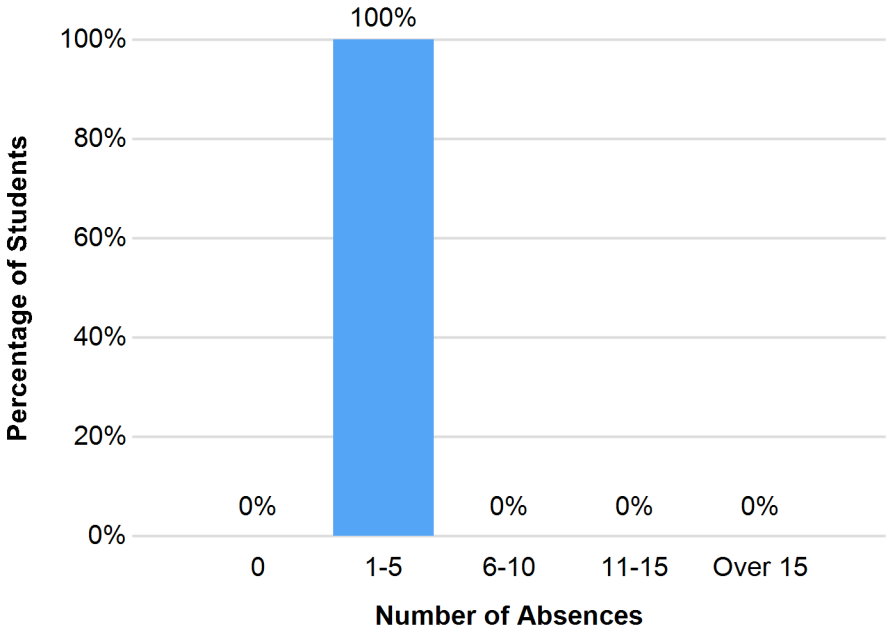
Chronic Absenteeism

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

Student Group	Number of students chronically absent	Percent of students chronically absent	State Average	Met State Average
Schoolwide	*	*	**	**
White	N	N	N	N
Hispanic	N	N	N	N
Black or African American	N	N	N	N
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	N	N	N	N
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	N
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	N
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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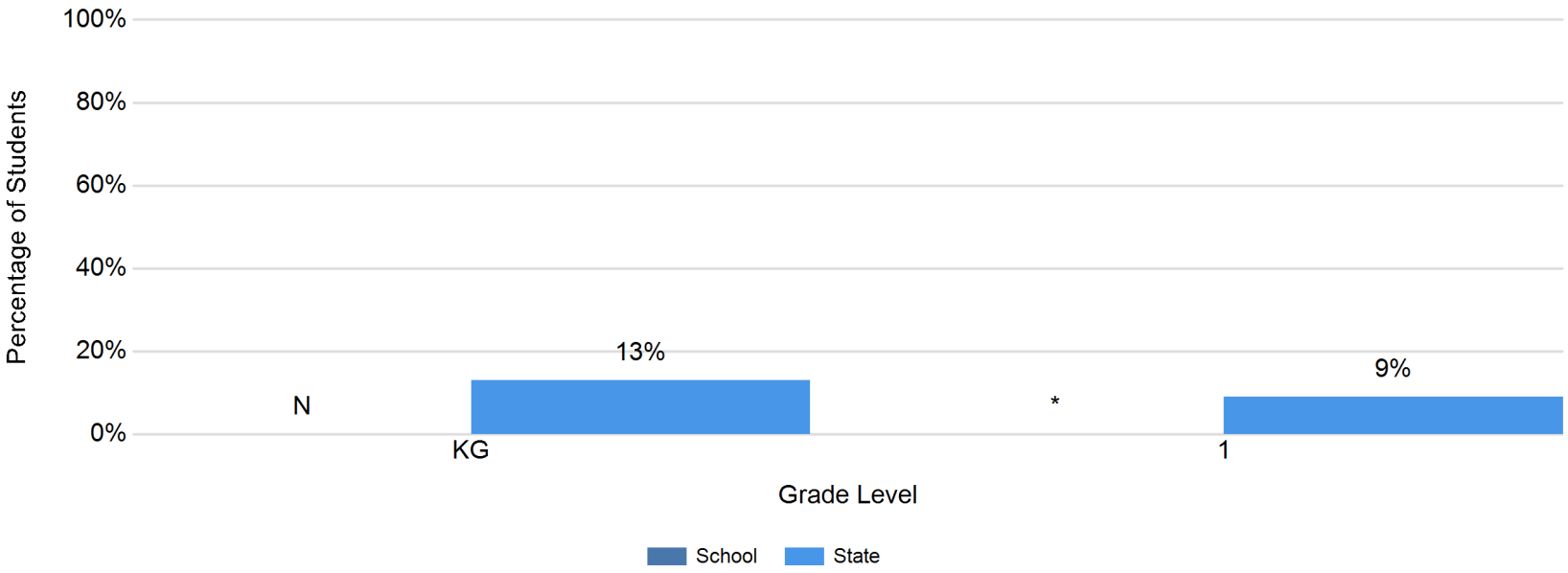
Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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)	0
Total Unique Incidents	0
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	0.00

Police Notifications

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

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

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Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigations

This table shows, by the nature of the incident, the number of alleged and confirmed Harassment, Intimidation, and 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	0	0
No Identified Nature	0		0

Student Disciplinary Removals

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

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

School Days Missed due to Out-of-School Suspensions
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	N
Typical End Time	N
Length of School Day	N
Full Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs 20 Mins
Shared Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs. 19 Mins.

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)	$482	$13,806	$14,288

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Key terms for staff data:
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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	15	117,464
Average years experience in public schools	12.6	12.0
Average years experience in district	10.7	10.7
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	93.3%	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	15	9,374
Average years experience in public schools	23.1	16.0
Average years experience in district	16.6	12.0
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	93.3%	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	17:1	14:1
Students to Administrators	259:1	156:1
Teachers to Administrators	15:1	11:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		1167:1
Students to Nurses		467:1
Students to Counselors		333:1
Students to Child Study Team		389:1

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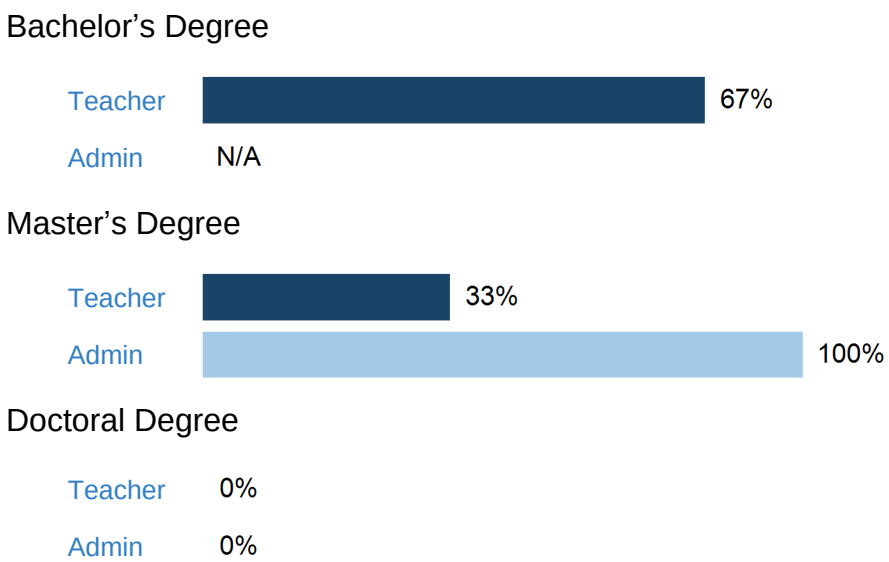
Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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	90.4%	90.2%
2016-17 Administrators: Same district 2017-18	93.3%	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	98.9%

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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	93.3%	0.0%
Male	6.7%	100.0%
White	100.0%	100.0%
Hispanic	0.0%	0.0%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%
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School Narrative

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Highlights:	• We have received a new Science program called Knowing Science. The program has STEAM built in. • In addition to our iPad cart, we now have a Chromebook cart, which contains 28 new Chromebooks! • The school utilizes the Zensational Kids program which helps students with their ability to self regulate.
Mission, Vision, Theme:	Mission Statement: Thomas Jefferson Early Learning Center empowers and supports students to achieve personal excellence and to become lifelong learners and global citizens who make a positive difference. Vision Statement: Thomas Jefferson Early Learning Center is a dynamic child-centered, learning community committed to providing exemplary programs in a challenging, vibrant, and safe environment. We value Respect, Personal Excellence, Curiosity and Creative Collaboration.

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:	We utilize both Zensational Kids and Music and Movement programs to assist with our students' social and emotional learning needs. We also have a new Science program called "Knowing Science," and a brand new Chromebook Lab with 28 new Chromebooks. We offer Gifted and Talented to all Learners and encourage and promote staff to take a STEM/STEAM approach to learning.
Clubs and Activities:	Kindness and Caring Club, Banana Splits

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Before and After School Programs:	The district proudly supports the Ridgefield Park After-Care program. This program provides an opportunity for parents to enroll their children in before and/or after school programs. The programs are staffed with many district staff members and provide students with a Homework hour, social skills development and active time. In addition, supplemental academic instruction is provided to students through TJELC's Title I After School Program for English Language Arts.
Staff and Professional Learning:	Professional development occurs throughout the school year via participation in PLC's, district professional development days and outside conferences and workshops. Topics include: Google Classroom, Supporting Students in Special Education, Recognition of Substance Abuse, Making Content Comprehensible for ELL's, Character Education and Creating Gender Inclusive Classrooms to name a few.

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Student Supports and Services:	We offer a wide range of student support services. ESL, Resource Room, In Class Support, BSI, and Gifted and Talented. We have a child study team, learning consultants, behaviorist, and a tremendous guidance counselor to assist and advocate for the students of Thomas Jefferson.
Student Health and Wellness:	With a focus on developing the 'whole child', it is paramount that a student's well-being (social, emotional, physical, behavioral and creative) is balanced against their academic learning goals and personal interests. Zensational Kids, Music and Movement, and working with a community health education consultant are all resources provided to our students.
Parent and Community Involvement:	The parent community provides our children with educational programs and activities that enrich their school experience. Our PTA plans and presents special events such as our Meet and Greet/Play Date, two Book Fairs, field days, assemblies, tricky tray, chicken hatching, planners and field trips. They also supply our students in grades K and 1 with take-home folders and supplies. Our very supportive community is well informed through social media and email blasts.

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Climate Surveys:	Is a Climate Survey Used: No

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Technology and STEM:	Teachers were professionally developed with how to incorporate STEM