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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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Footnotes

1. An "*" indicates that data is not displayed to protect student privacy; "N" indicates no data is available to display.
2. ** ESSA accountability targets are only included if data is available for at least 20 students.

Note: Additional footnotes may exist within the reports specific to certain data tables. In those instances, the footnotes will be displayed below the applicable table.



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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
5	72	59	71
6	0	74	72
7	70	67	72
8	73	70	70
Ungraded	0	0	0
Total	215	270	285

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	53%	51%	52%
Male	47%	49%	48%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	80%	60%	75%
Students with Disabilities	11%	12%	12%
English Learners	0%	0%	0%
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
Black or African American	94.4%
Hispanic	4.6%
Asian	0.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
White	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.4%

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	99.3%
Other	0.7%



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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Participation and Performance

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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	275	96.8	57.50	57.50	54.90	57.5	46.1	Met Target
White	*	*	*	N	63.90	N	**	**
Hispanic	11	91.7	54.60	54.60	39.80	52.7	**	**
Black or African American	195	96.1	61.00	61.00	35.20	61	45	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	80.70	*	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	N	53.70	N	**	**
Two or More Races	67	100.0	46.30	46.30	54.90	46.3	N	N
Female	144	98.6	66.70	66.70	62.20	66.7		
Male	131	94.9	47.30	47.30	48.10	47.3		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	206	96.3	58.20	58.20	36.20	58.2	39.4	Met Target
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	69	98.6	55.00	55.00	65.80	55		
Students with Disabilities	30	93.7	10.00	10.00	20.50	*	10.3	Met Target†
Students without Disabilities	245	97.2	63.30	63.30	61.90	*		
English Learners	*	*	*	*	25.20	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*	57.40	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N	26.40	N		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	N	24.80	N		
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 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 by school and student group the number of valid test scores and the mean scale score for the school, district, and state. It also shows the percentage of students at each performance level and the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations (Level 4 or 5) for the school and the state.

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	752	752	756	*	18%	21%	49%	*	55%	59%
White	N	N	N	763	N	N	N	N	N	N	69%
Hispanic	*	*	*	743	*	*	*	*	*	*	44%
Black or African American	19	764	764	740	*	*	*	63%	*	74%	39%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	779	N	N	N	N	N	N	84%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	56%
Two or More Races	51	747	747	757	*	22%	26%	43%	*	47%	60%
Female	37	761	761	761	*	*	*	57%	*	65%	66%
Male	34	743	743	750	*	*	*	41%	*	44%	53%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	54	756	756	740	*	*	*	*	*	57%	40%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	17	742	742	765	*	*	*	*	*	47%	71%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	725	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	762	*	*	*	*	*	*	66%
English Learners	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Non-English Learners	71	752	752	757	*	18%	21%	49%	*	55%	60%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	733	N	N	N	N	N	N	30%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	757	N	N	N	N	N	N	62%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	731	N	N	N	N	N	N	36%



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

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Schoolwide	72	748	748	752	*	14%	33%	47%	*	51%	54%
White	N	N	N	758	N	N	N	N	N	N	63%
Hispanic	*	*	*	740	*	*	*	*	*	*	38%
Black or African American	64	750	750	736	*	*	28%	53%	*	56%	32%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	776	N	N	N	N	N	N	81%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	749	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	56%
Female	41	753	753	758	*	*	29%	51%	*	59%	61%
Male	31	742	742	746	*	*	39%	42%	*	42%	46%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	55	749	749	737	*	*	*	*	*	56%	34%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	17	746	746	761	*	*	*	*	*	35%	65%
Students with Disabilities	11	714	714	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	17%
Students without Disabilities	61	755	755	758	*	*	*	*	*	*	61%
English Learners	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	72	748	748	753	*	14%	33%	47%	*	51%	*
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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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	754	754	756	*	*	25%	51%	*	62%	59%
White	N	N	N	764	N	N	N	N	N	N	69%
Hispanic	*	*	*	742	*	*	*	*	*	*	44%
Black or African American	62	752	752	737	*	*	27%	50%	*	60%	38%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	784	N	N	N	N	N	N	85%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	755	N	N	N	N	N	N	59%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	757	*	*	*	*	*	*	59%
Female	32	759	759	764	*	*	*	59%	*	72%	68%
Male	39	750	750	749	*	*	*	44%	*	54%	51%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	55	750	750	739	*	*	*	*	*	58%	40%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	16	767	767	766	*	*	*	*	*	75%	70%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	719	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	763	*	*	*	*	*	*	67%
English Learners	N	N	N	701	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	71	754	754	758	*	*	25%	51%	*	62%	*
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	61	755	755	757	*	*	21%	49%	*	62%	59%
White	N	N	N	764	N	N	N	N	N	N	68%
Hispanic	*	*	*	742	*	*	*	*	*	*	44%
Black or African American	50	758	758	738	*	*	22%	48%	*	64%	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	34	762	762	766	*	*	*	53%	*	74%	68%
Male	27	746	746	749	*	*	*	44%	*	48%	50%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	42	756	756	739	*	*	*	45%	*	62%	40%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	19	752	752	766	*	*	*	58%	*	63%	69%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	718	*	*	*	*	*	*	18%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	764	*	*	*	*	*	*	67%
English Learners	N	N	N	701	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	61	755	755	759	*	*	21%	49%	*	62%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	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%

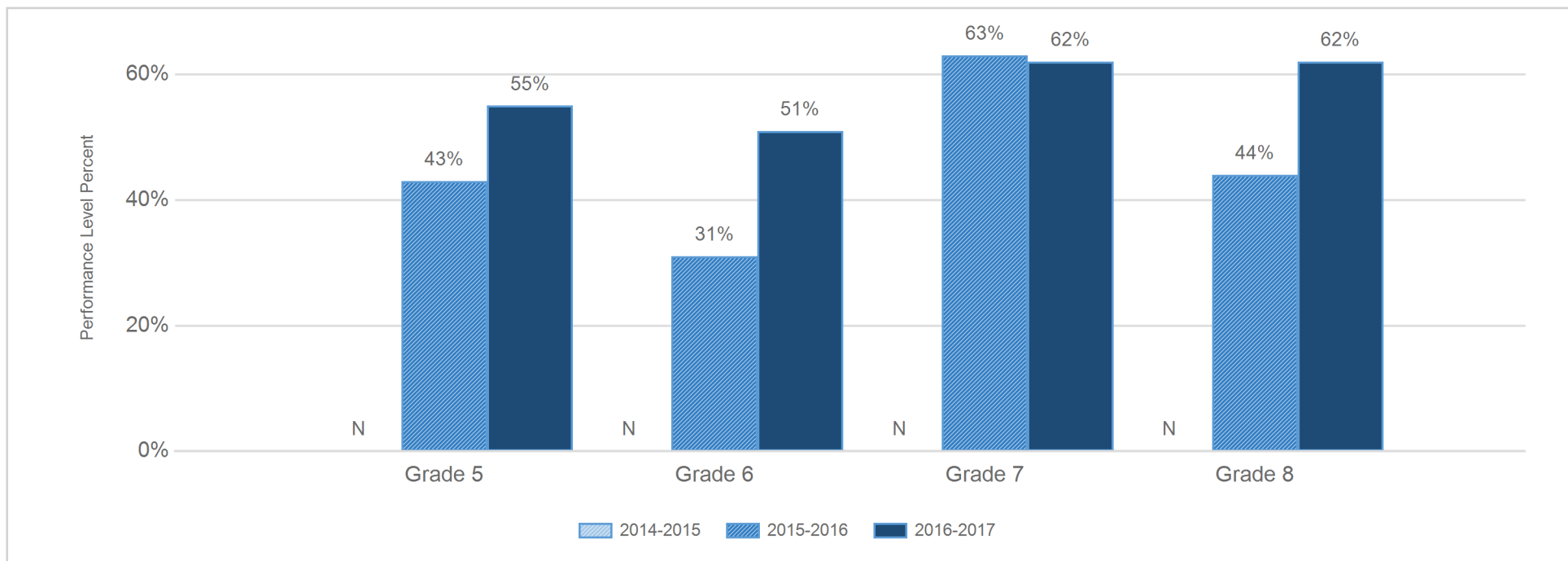


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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance Trends

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





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Mathematics Assessment - Participation and Performance

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Schoolwide	272	95.8	27.50	27.50	43.50	27.5	24.1	Met Target
White	N	N	N	N	52.40	N	**	**
Hispanic	*	*	*	*	27.60	*	**	**
Black or African American	194	95.6	25.80	25.80	21.70	25.8	23.7	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	75.60	*	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	42.50	N	**	**
Two or More Races	67	100.0	29.90	29.90	44.90	29.9	N	N
Female	142	97.3	31.00	31.00	44.10	31		
Male	130	94.2	23.80	23.80	42.90	23.7		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	203	94.9	27.50	27.50	25.10	27.5	19.7	Met Target
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	69	98.6	27.50	27.50	54.30	27.5		
Students with Disabilities	30	93.7	*	*	16.50	*	7.1	Met Target†
Students without Disabilities	242	96.0	*	*	48.80	*		
English Learners	*	*	*	*	23.30	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*	45.20	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N	16.40	N		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	N	15.10	N		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	39.90	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	18.20	N		

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 5

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Schoolwide	71	742	742	747	*	31%	32%	30%	*	37%	46%
White	N	N	N	754	N	N	N	N	N	N	57%
Hispanic	*	*	*	735	*	*	*	*	*	*	30%
Black or African American	19	743	743	729	0%	*	*	*	*	42%	22%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	774	N	N	N	N	N	N	79%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	745	N	N	N	N	N	N	51%
Two or More Races	51	741	741	747	*	33%	33%	26%	*	33%	47%
Female	37	747	747	747	0%	*	35%	*	*	43%	47%
Male	34	736	736	746	0%	*	29%	*	*	29%	46%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	54	744	744	732	*	*	*	*	*	43%	27%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	17	736	736	756	*	*	*	*	*	18%	59%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	725	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	751	*	*	*	*	*	*	52%
English Learners	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Non-English Learners	71	742	742	748	*	31%	32%	30%	*	37%	48%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	724	N	N	N	N	N	N	18%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	721	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	748	N	N	N	N	N	N	48%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	18%



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 6**

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Schoolwide	72	730	730	743	*	36%	29%	24%	*	26%	44%
White	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	54%
Hispanic	*	*	*	731	*	*	*	*	*	*	27%
Black or African American	64	730	730	724	*	34%	30%	25%	*	28%	20%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	771	N	N	N	N	N	N	77%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	744	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	745	*	*	*	*	*	*	46%
Female	41	731	731	745	*	29%	*	*	*	29%	45%
Male	31	728	728	742	*	45%	*	*	*	23%	43%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	55	729	729	728	*	*	*	*	*	26%	24%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	17	731	731	752	*	*	*	*	*	29%	56%
Students with Disabilities	11	703	703	717	*	*	*	*	*	*	13%
Students without Disabilities	61	734	734	748	*	*	*	*	*	*	50%
English Learners	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	72	730	730	745	*	36%	29%	24%	*	26%	*
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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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	71	723	723	741	16%	42%	28%	14%	0%	14%	40%
White	N	N	N	748	N	N	N	N	N	N	49%
Hispanic	*	*	*	730	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Black or African American	62	720	720	726	18%	44%	27%	*	*	11%	19%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	764	N	N	N	N	N	N	72%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	741	N	N	N	N	N	N	45%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	740	*	*	*	*	*	*	39%
Female	32	722	722	743	*	*	*	*	*	*	41%
Male	39	723	723	740	*	*	*	*	*	*	38%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	55	720	720	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	16	733	733	749	*	*	*	*	*	*	50%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	716	*	*	*	*	*	*	11%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	746	*	*	*	*	*	*	45%
English Learners	N	N	N	712	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	71	723	723	742	16%	42%	28%	14%	0%	14%	*
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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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	58	736	736	728	19%	*	33%	33%	*	35%	28%
White	N	N	N	736	N	N	N	N	N	N	35%
Hispanic	*	*	*	721	*	*	*	*	*	*	21%
Black or African American	49	736	736	715	20%	*	33%	33%	*	35%	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	32	743	743	730	*	*	*	*	*	41%	30%
Male	26	728	728	725	*	*	*	*	*	27%	26%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	39	737	737	719	*	*	*	*	*	36%	19%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	19	734	734	734	*	*	*	*	*	32%	34%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	705	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
English Learners	N	N	N	703	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	58	736	736	729	19%	*	33%	33%	*	35%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	705	N	N	N	N	N	N	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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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	743	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
White	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Hispanic	N	N	N	728	N	N	N	N	N	N	24%
Black or African American	N	N	N	724	N	N	N	N	N	N	19%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	774	N	N	N	N	N	N	76%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	736	N	N	N	N	N	N	30%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	741	N	N	N	N	N	N	41%
Female	N	N	N	744	N	N	N	N	N	N	43%
Male	N	N	N	741	N	N	N	N	N	N	40%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	714	N	N	N	N	N	N	10%
Students without Disabilities	N	N	N	747	N	N	N	N	N	N	47%
English Learners	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	N	N	N	745	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
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%

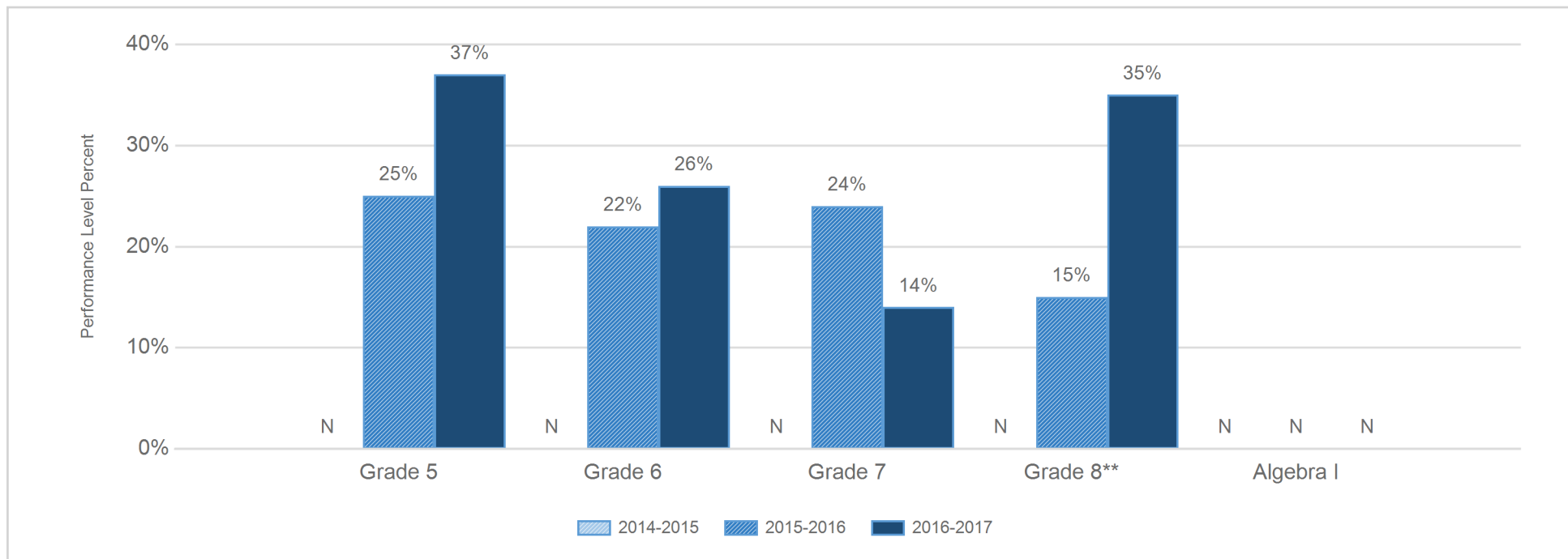


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Mathematics Assessment – Performance Trends

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



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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
5	N	N
6	N	N
7	N	N
8	N	N

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	N	N	N
2	N	N	N
3	N	N	N
4	N	N	N
5+	N	N	N



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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.

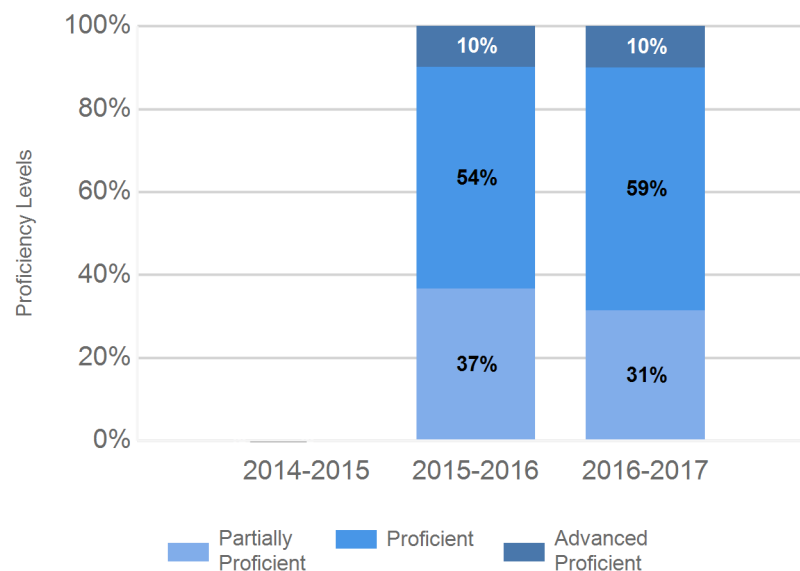
NJASK Science Assessment Performance: Grade 8

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	10%	59%	31%
White	N	N	N
Hispanic	N	*	*
Black or African American	11%	*	*
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N
Two or More Races	N	N	N
Economically Disadvantaged Students	13%	55%	32%
Students with Disabilities	N	N	*
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	60	60	50	Exceeds Target	46	46	50	Met Target
White	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Hispanic	*	*	49	**	*	*	47	**
Black or African American	64	64	45	Exceeds Target	41	41	43	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	60	**	N	N	N	N
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	51	51	51	Met Target	*	*	52	Met Target
Economically Disadvantaged	61	61	47	Exceeds Target	47	47	46	Met Target
Students with Disabilities	35.5	35.5	41	Not Met	34	34	43	Not Met
English Learners	*	*	53	**	*	*	51	**

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



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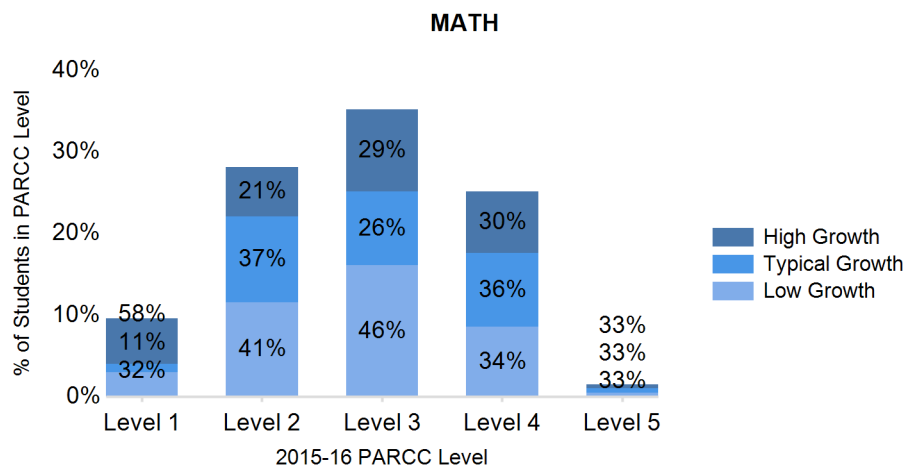
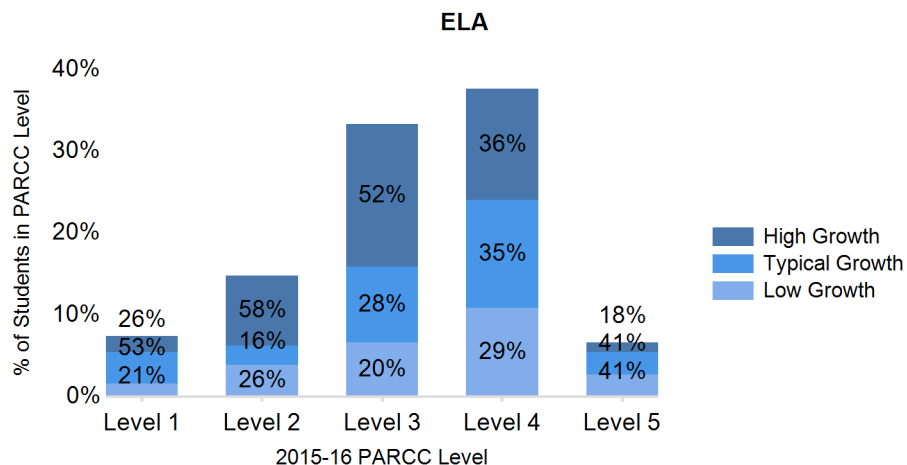
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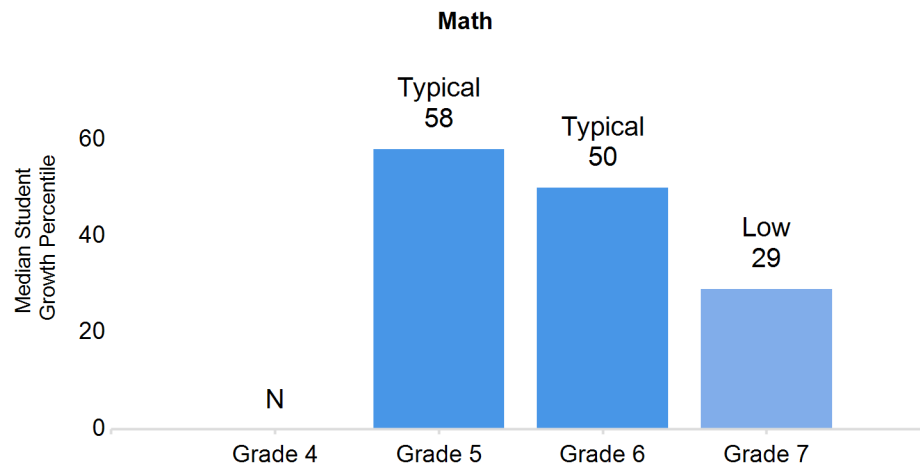
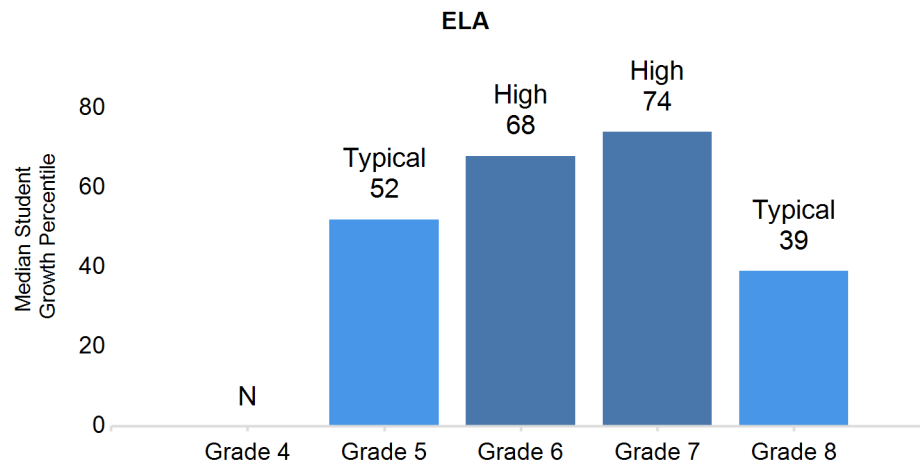
Student Growth by Performance Level

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

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





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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	73
7	0	0	72
8	70	0	0
Schoolwide	70	0	145

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	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
7	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
8	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Schoolwide	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Enrolled in Level 3 or Higher	N	N	N	N	N	N	N



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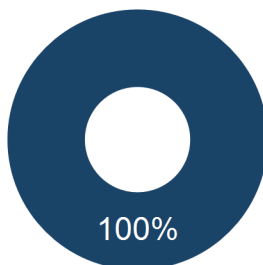
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Visual and Performing Arts – Course Participation

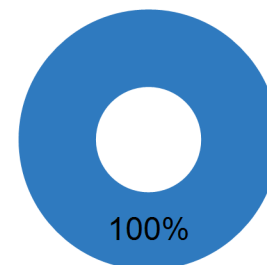
The top graphs below show the percentages of students that were enrolled in any **Visual and Performing Arts** classes within the school and across the state. The graphs at the bottom of the page show the percentages of students enrolled in at least one course within each of the four arts disciplines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

Grades 6-8:

Students enrolled in one or more **visual and performing arts** classes

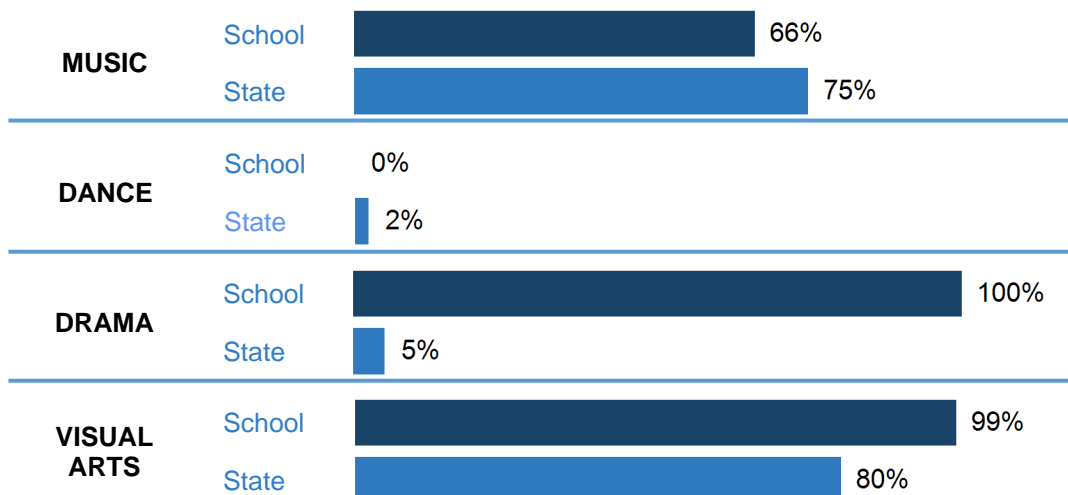


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Students enrolled in one or more classes by discipline:





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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.

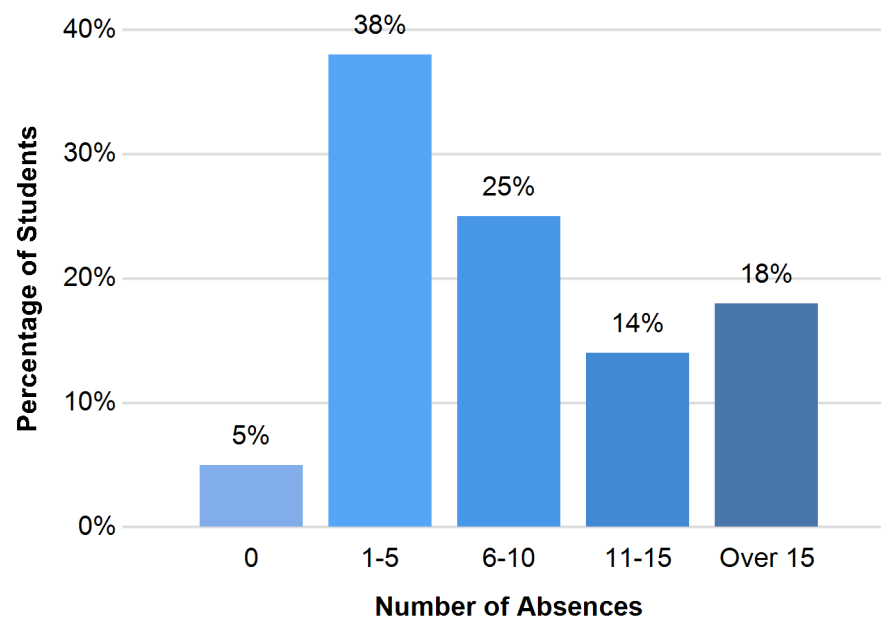
Chronic Absenteeism

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	10.90	8.30	Not Met
White	N	**	**
Hispanic	N	**	**
Black or African American	9.70	8.30	Not Met
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	**	**
Two or More Races	N	**	**
Economically Disadvantaged Students	12.70	8.30	Not Met
Students with Disabilities	15.20	8.30	Not Met
English Learners	N	**	**

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.



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

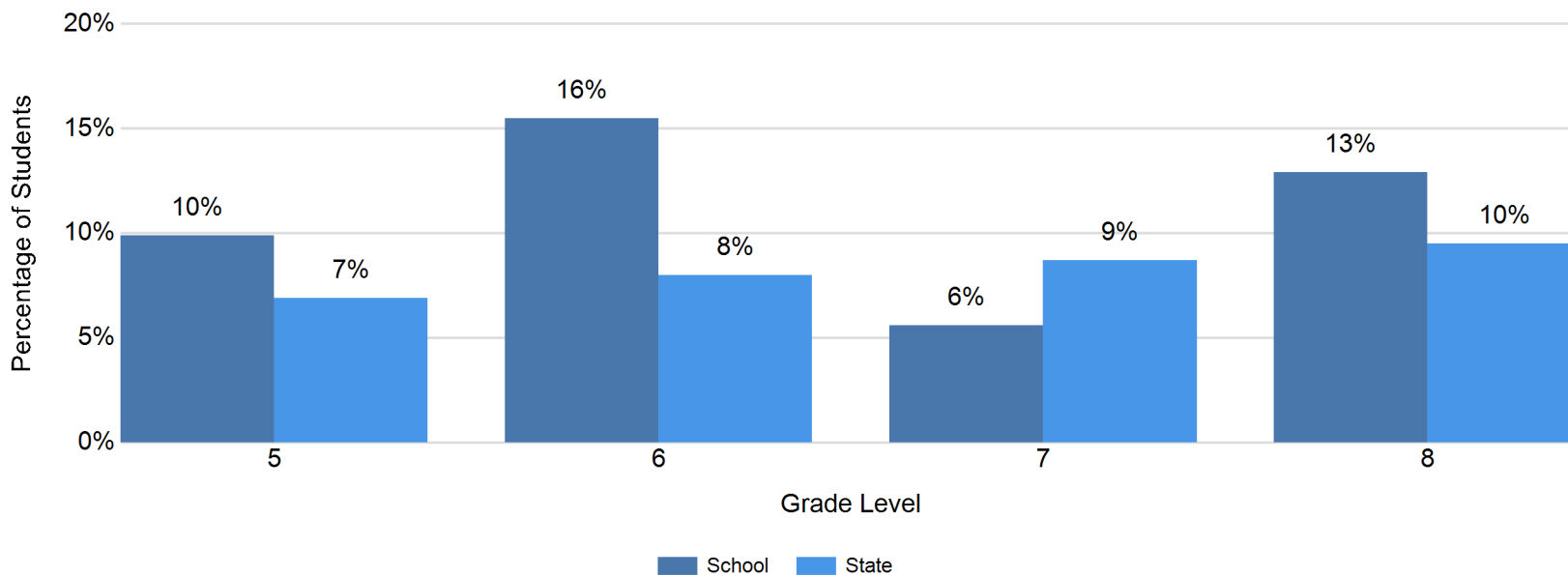


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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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	7:45AM
Typical End Time	4:00PM
Length of School Day	8 Hrs 15 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs. 35 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	6
Vandalism	0
Weapons	0
Substances	1
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	0
Total Unique Incidents	7
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	2.46

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	1.4%
Out-of-School Suspensions	14.4%
Any Suspension	14.7%

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	1.7:1	350.9 kbps	100 kbps	Yes	Copper	Fiber	No

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 (2015-2016)	\$783	\$14,528	\$15,311



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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	N	120,724
Average years experience in public schools	N	11.8
Average years experience in district	N	10.5
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	N	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	N	9,506
Average years experience in public schools	N	15.9
Average years experience in district	N	11.6
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	N	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	N	N
Administrators	N	N
Librarian/Media Specialists		N
Nurses		N
Counselors		N
Child Study Team		N



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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 N
 Admin N/A

Master's Degree

Teacher N
 Admin N

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	N	89%
2015-16 Administrators: Same district 2016-17	N	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	98%



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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	54.1	17.5%
Mathematics Proficiency	22.1	17.5%
English Language Arts Growth	78.9	25.0%
Mathematics Growth	37.6	25.0%
Chronic Absenteeism	26.8	15.0%
Progress Towards English Language Proficiency (coming 2018)	N/A	N/A
Summative Score: Sum of all indicator scores multiplied by indicator weights		46.5
Summative Rating: Percentile rank of Summative Score		43.9
Requires Comprehensive Support: Summative Rating is less than or equal to 5th percentile		No

** Indicator scores are only calculated for inclusion in ESSA accountability if data is available for at least 20 students.

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



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Accountability Summary by Student Group

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. Any student group where the summative score would be in the bottom 5% of schools (see previous page) is identified for Targeted Support for a Low-Performing Student Group. If any student group is identified for Targeted Support, this will be noted in the Schoolwide row in the table. Schools in which one or more student groups miss annual targets for all indicators two years in a row are identified for Targeted Support for a Consistently Underperforming Student Group. In the table below, schools in which one or more student groups miss annual targets for all indicators are noted to be At Risk for being identified for Targeted Support for the 2017-18 school year. Annual targets for proficiency and graduation rate are set based on a school or student group's performance in 2015-16. The target for chronic absenteeism is the statewide average for all students. For more details on accountability targets, see these [accountability resources](#).

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	46.5	11.9	No	Met Target	Met Target	Not Met	Exceeds Target	Met Target	No
White	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No
Hispanic	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No
Black or African American	70.2	11.9	No	Met Target	Met Target	Not Met	Exceeds Target	Met Target	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No
Two or More Races	45.6	11.9	No	N	N	**	Met Target	Met Target	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	66.3	11.9	No	Met Target	Met Target	Not Met	Exceeds Target	Met Target	No
Students with Disabilities	25.0	11.9	No	Met Target†	Met Target†	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	No
English Learners	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	No

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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.

 <p>Highlights:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCCS provides comprehensive middle school program that develops mind, body & spirit with strong and passionate teachers. • 100% of Class of 2017 was accepted into competitive high school and earned \$4.2 million in scholarships & financial aid. • Link offers outdoor adventure education, the arts, STEM activities, array of electives, summer camps, and much more.
 <p>Mission, Vision, Theme:</p>	<p>Link Community Charter School will provide an outstanding middle 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCCS participated in STC Design Day Challenge, Prudential LearnDoEarn Program, and Novartis Teen Mentoring Program with teams earning top prizes in each.







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 <p>Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:</p>	<p>• 5th and 6th Grades offer 100 minutes daily of ELA and math, 50 minutes of social studies/science, physical education/health, music, art, performing arts, 21st century, life skills. •7th and 8th grades offers 100 minutes daily of ELA and 50 minutes daily of social studies, math, and science, as well as music, art, performing arts, creative writing, physical education/health, 21st century skills, high school placement and “breakfast before the bell”.</p>
 <p>Sports and Athletics:</p>	<p>Sports Offered: Basketball (Boys & Girls), Golf (Boys & Girls), Soccer (Co-ed), Volleyball (Co-ed)</p> <p>LCCS provides exposure to students, including a Golf Academy through the First Tee program at Weequahic Park in Newark and a personal development and running program through Girls on the Run. All sports give students the opportunity to explore new activities, develop teamwork and cooperation, and refine skills</p>
 <p>Clubs and Activities:</p>	<p>Link offers an array of Elective Classes that run for one academic quarter (8 Fridays), including photography, boat building, micro-greens, CPR & First Aid, Fun with Science, Hip Hop Dance, Pottery, Glass Mosaics, Bucket Drumming, Manga drawing, and many more. Students also participate in Student Government, Link Field Day.</p>
 <p>Before and After School Programs:</p>	<p>With an extended school day, LCCS is able to offer many club-like activities to students during the school day but there are a few after school programs: Link After Care provides support to families who cannot pick up their children at dismissal by offering care, a snack and activities until 6 pm.</p>



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 <p>Staff and Professional Learning:</p>	<p>Teachers are supported through a strong community of learners, instructional coaches and mentors, observations and continual feedback, celebrations, ongoing and dedicated professional development throughout the school year, an opening retreat and meeting structure. With specific focus on the classroom environment, teachers receive support, guidance and coaching from the Instructional Coach/Mentor and the Principal with both modeling and resources.</p>
 <p>Student Supports and Services:</p>	<p>Special education teachers & paraprofessionals provide an inclusion model for classified students so they work alongside their peers while receiving additional supports and gaining confidence and developing essential academic and social skills. Pull-out support is also employed to provide targeted assistance. ELL students are screened and assessed, with constant parent involvement, using a few tools and ultimately receive services.</p>
 <p>Student Health and Wellness:</p>	<p>Students take part in a number of programs that support a positive mind, body and spirit, including: an advisory program, morning circle, electives classes, life skills class, breakfast and lunch program, afterschool snack for after school programs, physical education and health instruction. Students</p>
 <p>Parent and Community Involvement:</p>	<p>LCCS partners with Link Parent Association (LPA) to hold meetings monthly and Parent University 4 times per year. LCCS holds a Report Card Night each quarter for parent-teacher conferences, produces and sends home a weekly newsletter, offers High School Night and Summer Opportunities Fair, holds a Holiday Celebration, Black History Celebration, and Art Shows. Parents are invited to visit Link and shadow their child to get a first-hand look at what it means to be a Link scholar.</p>





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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 uses school climate surveys for various stakeholders: students and parents (separately annually), staff twice per year. LCCS uses both paper and electronic (survey monkey) surveys to facilitate participation and data analysis. Results are communicated to the board and to LPA. Parents cited four main positive aspects: parents are engaged and feel respected; culture of excellence, high expectations, & academic rigor for all; broadening horizons; high school placement.</p>
 <p>Facilities:</p>	<p>LCCS' facility is housed in a 55,000 square foot school building built in 1907 that provides multiple general content area classrooms, a library and media center, art room, science lab, technology room, cafeteria, gymnasium/auditorium, art room, music room, performing arts room, all updated in 2012 and 2013 as LCCS moved into this building. All classrooms have air conditioners. The building is bright and airy, clean and well organized, providing a positive and welcoming environment for learning.</p>



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Link's school day (7:45 am to 4:00 pm) provides additional time to support a rigorous academic program, strong exposure to the arts and opportunities for experiential education and personal development. Students have access to technology both in the classrooms and in specialized technology rooms and to digital learning platforms both in and out of school. A Summer Academy supports the transition for Link's entry point, the 5th grade and the Summer Scholars Program allows rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to hone skills and knowledge as they prepare for the next academic year.



Other Information: