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School Contact Info

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Type	Contact Information
County	MERCER
District	MERCER COUNTY VOCATIONAL
Principal Name	MR. BITTINGS
Address	129 BULL RUN ROAD PENNINGTON, NJ 08534-1303
Phone Number	(609)737-9785
Email Address	BBITTINGS@MCTS.EDU
Website	https://www.mcts.edu
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/mctsnj
Twitter	https://twitter.com/mctsnj

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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
10	4	3	5
11	110	105	86
12	127	122	125
Total	241	232	216

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	40.5%	42.1%	45.4%
Male	59.5%	57.9%	54.6%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	35.6%	38.4%	37.5%
Students with Disabilities	54.3%	50.8%	53.0%
English Learners	1.9%	0.6%	1.9%
Homeless Students		0.4%	0.7%
Students in Foster Care		0.4%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students		0.2%	0.2%
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	37.0%	36.3%	38.2%
Hispanic	30.6%	29.6%	28.5%
Black or African American	27.7%	28.7%	28.9%
Asian	3.1%	3.0%	3.5%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Two or More Races	1.7%	2.2%	0.9%

Enrollment Trends by Full and Shared Time Status

This table shows the number of full and shared time students for the last three years. The full time equivalent is the number of full time students plus half the number of shared time students.

Enrollment Status	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Full Time Students	14	13	30
Shared Time Students	453	437	372
Full Time Equivalent	241	232	216

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	78.0%
Spanish	17.6%
Other Languages	4.4%

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Career and Technical Education Participation

The graphs below show the percentage of students who were enrolled in courses in approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Students enrolled in shared-time Career and Technical Education programs in a county vocational school district are included in the percentages for both the county vocational school and their sending school.

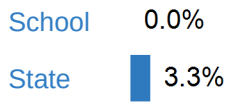
CTE Participants
(completed only one course in an approved CTE program)

CTE Concentrators
(completed two or more courses in a single approved CTE program and/or completed the entire CTE program)

Structured Learning Experiences Participation

The graph below shows the percentage of students who participated in Structured Learning Experiences during the school year. Structured Learning Experiences can include work-based learning programs, internships, apprenticeships, and service learning experiences and can be paid or unpaid.

Structured Learning Experiences



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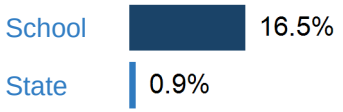
Industry-Valued Credentials

The graph below shows the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who earned one or more Industry-Valued Credential during the school year.

Students Earning Industry-Valued Credentials



Industry-Valued Credentials by Career Cluster

This table shows by Career Cluster the number of students enrolled in approved Career and Technical Education programs, the number of students that earned one or more industry-valued credential, and the total number of credentials earned. Students are only enrolled in one career cluster, but they may earn credentials in multiple clusters or earn multiple credentials within one cluster. Career Clusters without approved credentials are grayed out. Career Cluster rows will be hidden if no students were enrolled and no credentials were earned. The last row provides unique counts of students enrolled and students earning one or more credentials across all clusters.

Career Cluster	Students Enrolled in Program	Students Earning at least one Credential	Total credentials earned
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	20		
Architecture & Construction	29	67	67
Arts, AV Technology & Communications	39		
Business Management & Administration	30		
Finance	*		
Health Science	32		
Hospitality & Tourism	51		
Human Services	63		
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	30		
Marketing	*		
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	*		
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	83		
Total (All Clusters)	382	67	67

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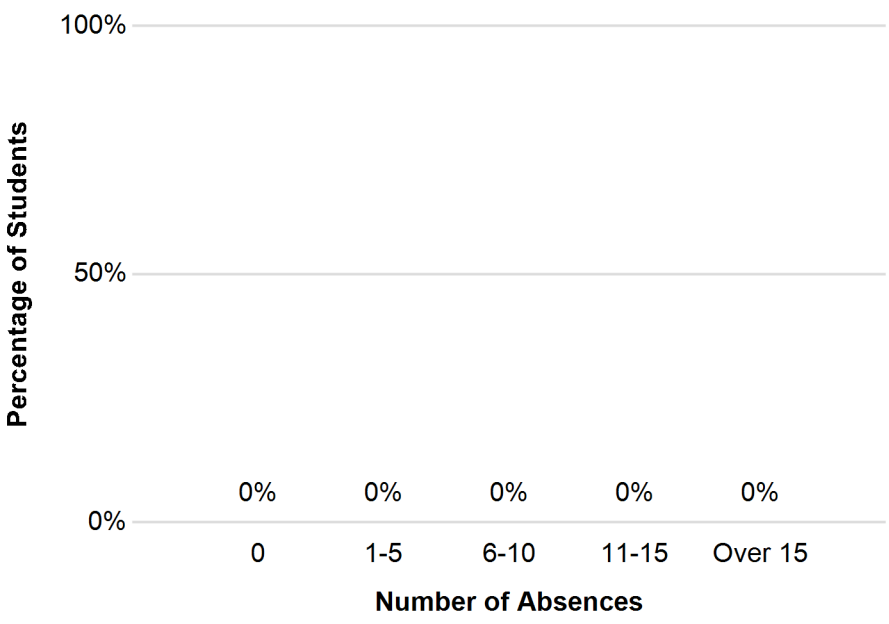
Chronic Absenteeism

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	N	N	N	N
White	N	N	N	N
Hispanic	N	N	N	N
Black or African American	N	N	N	N
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
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	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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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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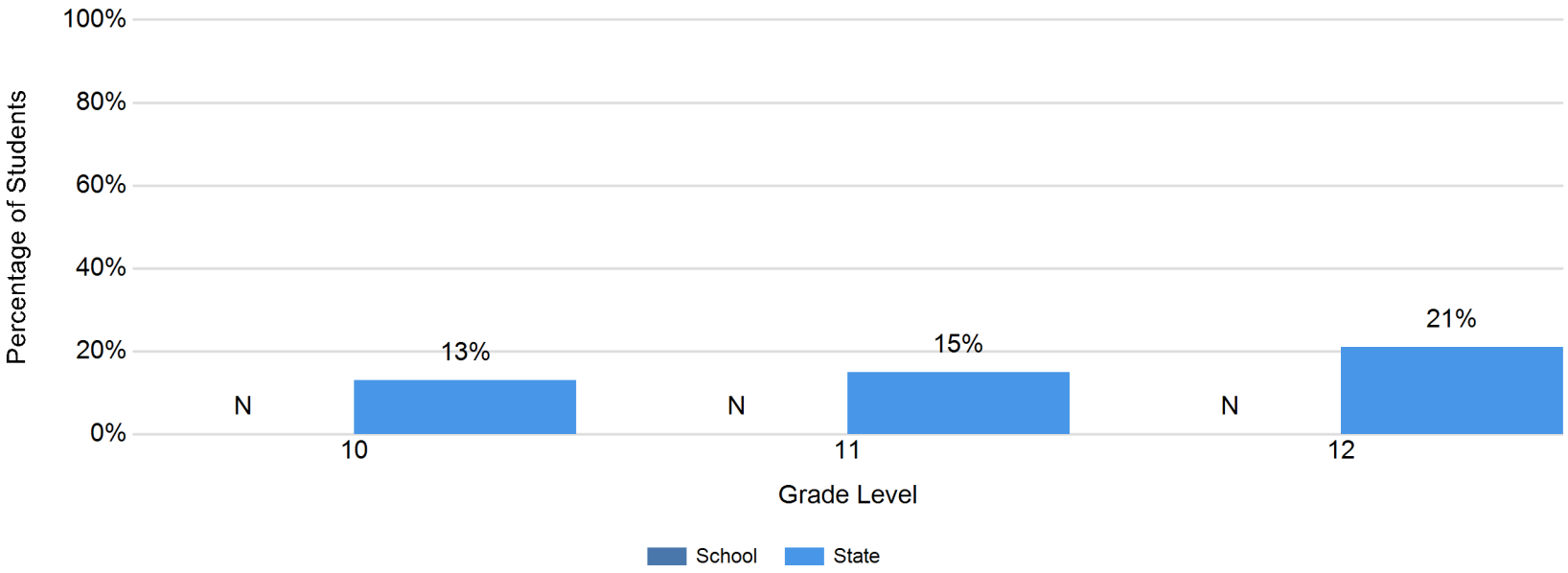

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Violence, Vandalism, HIB, and Substance Offenses

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	3
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	1
Total Unique Incidents	4
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	1.86

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	2
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	1	1
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	*	*
Any Suspension	*	*
Removal to other education program	0	0.0%
Expulsion	*	*
Arrest	0	0.0%

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	7:55 AM
Typical End Time	3:00 PM
Length of School Day	7 Hrs 5 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	N
Shared Time - Instructional Time	2 Hrs. 45 Mins.

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)	$988	$21,489	$22,477

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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	20	117,464
Average years experience in public schools	10.3	12.0
Average years experience in district	9.0	10.7
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	60.0%	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	7	9,374
Average years experience in public schools	7.3	16.0
Average years experience in district	5.3	12.0
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	42.9%	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	11:1	14:1
Students to Administrators	72:1	86:1
Teachers to Administrators	7:1	6:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		N
Students to Nurses		303:1
Students to Counselors		303:1
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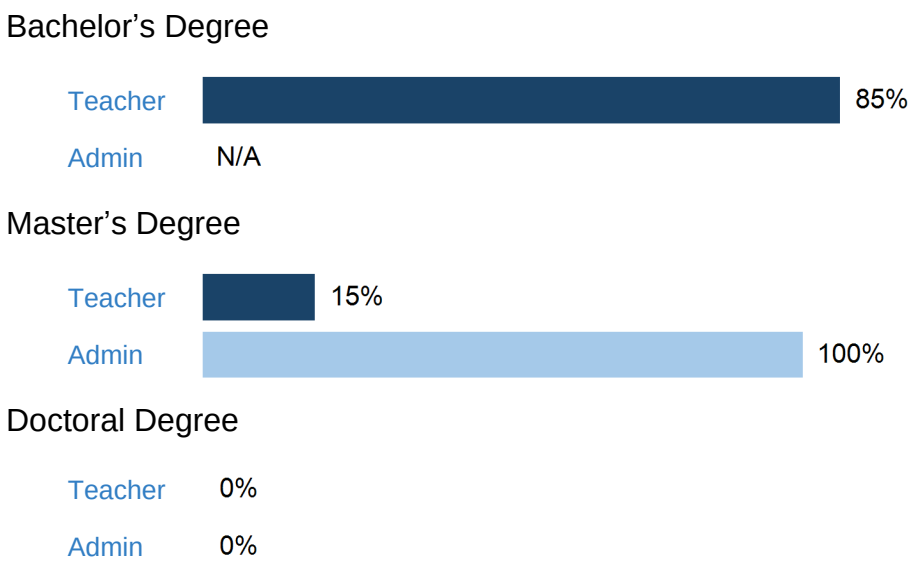
Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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	76.7%	90.2%
2016-17 Administrators: Same district 2017-18	83.3%	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	91.3%

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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	30.0%	0.0%
Male	70.0%	100.0%
White	90.0%	33.3%
Hispanic	0.0%	33.3%
Black or African American	5.0%	33.3%
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Highlights:	• Shared-time programs are offered to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students from school districts in Mercer County.
Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:	The school district is currently under certification by the State Department of Education pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.1 et.seq. and it is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:	Shared-time programs are offered in Architectural/Engineering Design, Cosmetology, Automotive Collision Technology, Automotive Technology, Automotive Technology Fundamentals, Baking & Dining Services, Building Maintenance Trades, Criminalistics & Criminal Science, Culinary Arts, Graphic Arts Technology, and Horticulture & Turf Care Management.
Clubs and Activities:	All students are provided with opportunities to enhance their educational experience by becoming members SkillsUSA – prominent national career and technology student organizations.

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Student Supports and Services:	Seniors have an opportunity to strengthen their skills by participating in a structured learning experience known as the Cooperative Industrial Education (CIE) program. The CIE program allows students to enhance their education with hands-on learning in the industry they are studying.

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Technology and STEM:	Established in September 2010, the Mercer County Technical School District also offers two full-time, four-year academies: STEM & Culinary Arts Academy for 9-12th. The Culinary Arts Academy offers students a comprehensive preparation for careers in the Culinary Arts. The STEM Academy delivers academically challenging and rigorous curriculum including Project Lead The Way, an activity-, project-, and problem-based curriculum.

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Other Information:	A Career Prep program for 12th graders is offered in partnership with Mercer County Community College on a shared-time basis. Through articulation agreements, high school seniors in Mercer County may earn up to 13 college credits while simultaneously completing their high school graduation requirements. More than twenty different programs are offered in areas such as Business Studies, Criminal Justice, Dance, Exercise Science, Fire Science Technology, Gaming, Hospitality Management, Information Technology, Pre-engineering, Radio & Television Production and Theatre and several others.