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2012-13

80-6091-974

OVERVIEW

MERIT PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL OF NEWARK

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909 BROAD STREET

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GRADE SPAN 06

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

This school's academic performance **significantly lags in comparison** to schools across the state. Additionally, its academic performance **significantly lags in comparison** to its peers. This school's college and career readiness **significantly lags in comparison** to schools across the state. Additionally, its college and career readiness **significantly lags in comparison** to its peers. This school's student growth performance **is about average when compared** to schools across the state. Additionally, its student growth performance **is high when compared** to its peers.

Performance Areas	Peer Percentile	Statewide Percentile	Percent of Targets Met
Academic Achievement	0	0	N/A
College and Career Readiness	10	3	0%
Student Growth	68	40	100%

Improvement Status

N/A

Rationale

N/A

Very High Performance is defined as being equal to or above the 80th percentile.

High Performance is defined as being between the 60th and 79.9th percentiles.

Average Performance is defined as being between the 40th and 59.9th percentiles.

Lagging Performance is defined as being between the 20th and 39.9th percentiles.

Significantly Lagging Performance is defined as being equal to or below the 19.9th percentile.

Peer Schools are schools that have similar grade levels and students with similar demographic characteristics, such as the percentage of students qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch, Limited English Proficiency programs or Special Education programs.

Academic Achievement

This school outperforms **0%** of schools statewide as noted by its statewide percentile and **0%** of schools educating students with similar demographic characteristics as noted in its peer school percentile in the performance area of Academic Achievement. Additionally, this school is meeting **N/A** of its performance targets in the area of Academic Achievement.



Academic Achievement measures the content knowledge students have in language arts literacy and math. For elementary and middle schools, this includes measures of the school's proficiency rate on both the Language Arts Literacy and Math sections of the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK). A proficiency rate is calculated by summing the count of students who scored either proficient or advanced proficient on the assessment and dividing by the count of valid test scores.

College and Career Readiness

This school outperforms **3%** of schools statewide as noted by its statewide percentile and **10%** of schools educating students with similar demographic characteristics as noted in its peer school percentile in the performance area of College and Career Readiness. Additionally, this school is meeting **0%** of its performance targets in the area of College and Career Readiness.



College and Career readiness measures the degree to which students are demonstrating behaviors that are indicative of future attendance and/or success in college and careers. For all elementary and middle schools, this includes a measurement of how many students are chronically absent. For schools with middle school grades, it also includes a measurement of how many students take Algebra I in eighth grade.

Student Growth

This school outperforms **40%** of schools statewide as noted by its statewide percentile and **68%** of schools educating students with similar demographic characteristics as noted in its peer school percentile in the performance area of Student Growth. Additionally, this school is meeting **100%** percentage of its performance targets in the area of Student Growth.



Student Growth measures the performance of students from one year to the next on the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) in Language Arts Literacy and Math when compared to students with a similar history of performance on NJASK.

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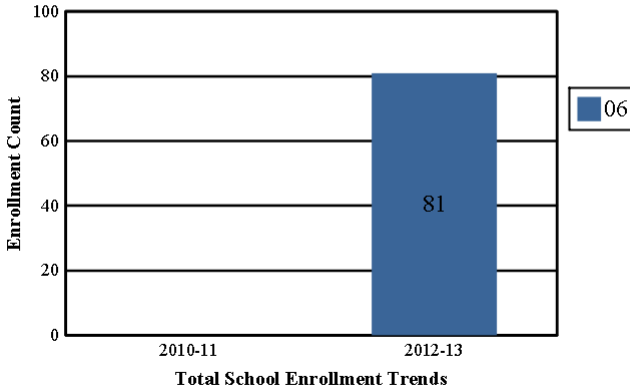
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Enrollment by Grade, in Full Time Equivalent

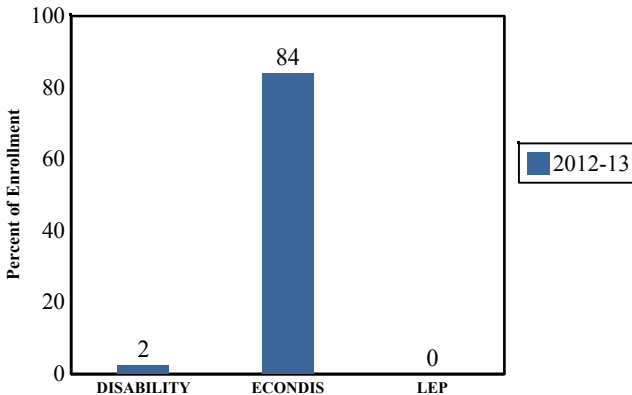
This graph presents the count of students who were 'on roll' by grade in October of each school year.



Note: "UG" represents the count of students who are 'on roll' in this school but who are educated in ungraded classrooms, meaning that the classrooms may contain students from multiple grade levels.

Total School Enrollment in Full Time Equivalent	
2012-13	81

Enrollment Trends by Program Participation



Current Year Enrollment by Program Participation

2012-2013	Count of Students	Percentage of Enrollment
Students with Disability	2	2%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	68	84%
Limited English Proficient Students	0	0%

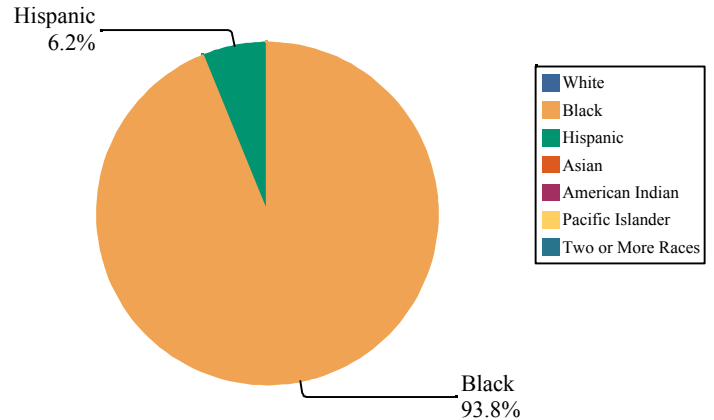
Language Diversity

This table presents the percentage of students who primarily speak each language in their home.

2012-13	Percent
English	100.0%

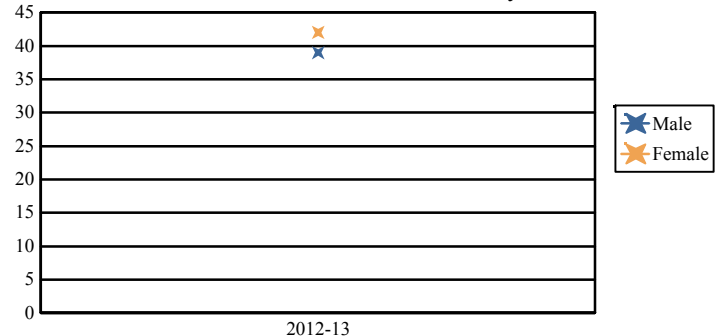
Enrollment by Ethnic/Racial Subgroup

This graph presents the percentages of enrollment for each subgroup defined by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001



Enrollment by Gender

This graph presents the count of students by gender who were 'on roll' in October of each school year.



	Male	Female
2012-13	39	42

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The Summary row presents the averages of the peer school percentiles, the average of statewide percentiles and the percentage of statewide targets met.

Academic Achievement Indicators	Schoolwide Performance	Peer Percentile	State Percentile	Percent of Targets Met
NJASK Language Arts Proficiency and above	0%	0	0	N/A
NJASK Math Proficiency and above	0%	0	0	N/A
SUMMARY - Academic Achievement		0	0	N/A

NCLB Progress Targets - Language Arts Literacy

This table presents the Progress Targets as uniquely calculated for each subgroup in each school under NJDOE's NCLB waiver. The methodology - as defined by the United States Department of Education - is calculated so that each subgroup will halve the gap between their 2011 proficiency rate and 100% proficiency by 2017.

Subgroups	Total Valid Scores	Pass Rate	Target	Met Target?
Schoolwide	-	-		--
White	-	-		--
Black	-	-		--
Hispanic	-	-		--
American Indian	-	-		--
Asian	-	-		--
Two or More Races	-	-		--
Students with Disability	-	-		--
Limited English Proficient Students	-	-		--
Economically Disadvantaged Students	-	-		--

YES* = Met Progress Target(Confidence Interval Applied)

Data is presented for subgroups when the count is high enough under NCLB suppression rules.

Proficiency Trends -

This graph presents the percentage of students who scored in the Advanced Proficient, Proficient and Partially Proficient categories of the statewide assessment over the prior four years.

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NJASK Results - Grade Level -

This table presents the grade level proficiency results, as measured by NJASK, in Advanced Proficient, Proficient, and Partially Proficient categories for all appropriate subgroups.

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<http://www.nj.gov/education/pr/1213/naep/naep4read.html> For more information, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

Proficiency Percentages

Grade 4 Reading	State/Nation	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	State (NJ)	25	33	30	12
All Students	Nation	32	33	27	8

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Proficiency Percentages

Grade 8 Reading	State/Nation	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	State (NJ)	15	39	40	7
All Students	Nation	22	42	32	4

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Proficiency Percentages

Grade 4 Math	State/Nation	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	State (NJ)	13	38	39	10
All Students	Nation	17	41	34	8

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Grade 8 Math	State/Nation	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	State (NJ)	18	34	33	16
All Students	Nation	26	38	27	9



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COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

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Students in both elementary and middle schools begin to demonstrate college readiness behaviors long before they even enter high school. Among the behaviors that research has shown to be indicative of success and college and career readiness are regularly attending school and challenging themselves with rigorous course work. The table presents the percentage of students who were chronically absent during the prior school year. A chronically absent student is a student who was not present for any reason for more than 10% of the total days possible for that individual student.

The first column - Schoolwide Performance - represents the outcomes for these particular indicators in this school. The second column - Peer School Percentile - indicates how the school's performance compares to its group of peer schools. For example, a school whose peer school percentile is 65 in Chronic Absenteeism has a lower Chronic Absenteeism than 65% of its peer group. The third column - Statewide Percentile - indicates how the school's performance compares to schools across the state. The fourth column - Statewide Target - provides the statewide targets for each of these indicators. The last column - Met Target? - indicates whether the School Performance met or exceeded the statewide target.

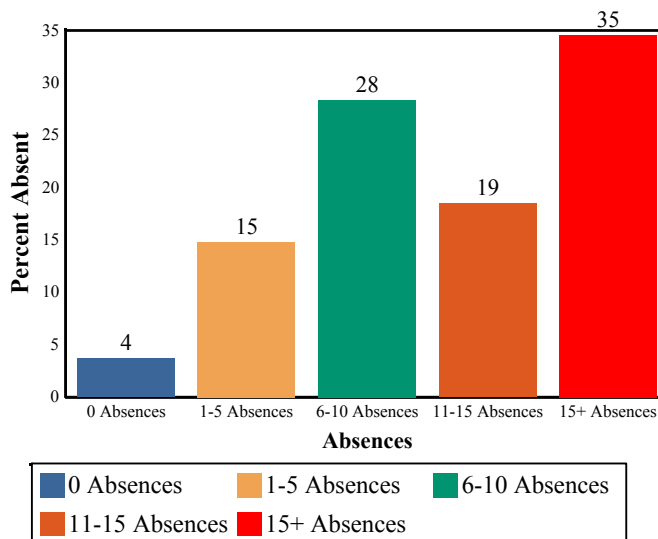
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College and Career Readiness Indicators	School Performance	Peer Rank (Percentile)	Statewide Rank (Percentile)	Statewide Target	Met Target?
Chronic Absenteeism (%)	27%	10	3	6%	NO
Summary					0%

Chronic Absenteeism - Number of students in the most recent school year that missed 10% or more of the instructional days in the school year divided by the total number of students enrolled.

Absenteeism

The chart below presents the percentage of students who were absent in each category of absence: 0 absences, 1- 5 absences, 6 - 10 absences, 11 - 15 absences, and more than 15 absences. An absence is defined as being 'not present' and includes the days missed regardless of whether they were determined to be excused or unexcused by the school.



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This section of the performance report presents data about student growth, utilizing the Student Growth Percentile Methodology (SGP). SGP creates a measure of how students progressed in grades 4 through 8 in NJ ASK Language Arts Literacy and Math when compared to other students with a similar NJ ASK test score history. A short video explaining the methodology can be found here: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/njsmart/performance/>

The first column - Schoolwide Performance - presents the schoolwide median growth score in either Language Arts Literacy or Math for all students in the school. The second column - Peer Percentile - indicates how the school's growth performance compares to its group of peer schools. The third column - Statewide Percentile - indicates how a school compares to schools across the state. The last column - Met Target? - indicates whether the school's performance met or exceeded the target.

The summary row presents the averages of the peer school percentiles, the averages of statewide percentiles, the percentage of statewide targets met.

Student Growth Indicators	Schoolwide Performance	Peer Percentile	Statewide Percentile	Statewide Target	Met Target?
Student Growth on Language Arts	51	90	52	35	YES
Student Growth on Math	44	45	28	35	YES
		68	40		100%

Student Growth

This table presents for all students with growth scores the interaction between their proficiency level on NJASK and their growth scores. For example, in the top left cell the percentage of students who are both partially proficient AND also demonstrating low growth is displayed.

Language Arts

	GROWTH		
	Low	Typical	High
Partially Proficient	25%	18%	22%
Proficient	9%	12%	12%
Advanced Proficient	0%	0%	1%

Math

	GROWTH		
	Low	Typical	High
Partially Proficient	33%	17%	10%
Proficient	10%	7%	12%
Advanced Proficient	1%	1%	7%

Low Growth is defined as an **Student Growth Percentile** score less than 35.

Typical Growth is defined as an **Student Growth Percentile** score between 35 and 65.

High Growth is defined as a **Student Growth Percentile** score higher than 65.

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Length of School Day

This table presents the amount of time a school is in session for a typical student on a normal school day.

	School
2012-13	9 Hrs. 0 Mins.

Student Suspension Rate

This table presents the percentage of students who were suspended one or more times during the school year.

	School
2012-13	32.1%

Instructional Time

This table presents the amount of time that a typical student is engaged in instructional activities under the supervision of a certified teacher.

2012-13	School
Full Time	7 Hrs. 45 Mins.
Shared Time	0 Hrs. 0 Mins.

Student Expulsions

This table presents the number of students who were expelled from the school and district during the school year.

	School
2012-13	0

Student to Staff Ratio

This table presents the count of students per faculty member or administrator in the school. All staff are counted in full-time equivalents.

2012-13	School
Faculty	0
Administrators	0

SCHOOL PEER GROUP

Merit Preparatory Charter School of Newark

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This table presents the list of peer schools in alphabetical order by county name that was created specifically for this school (highlighted in yellow). Peer schools are drawn from across the state and represent schools that have similar grade configurations and that are educating students of similar demographic characteristics, as measured by enrollment in Free/Reduced Lunch Programs, Limited English Proficiency or Special Education Programs.

<u>COUNTY NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>	<u>CDS CODE</u>	<u>GRAD ESPAN</u>	<u>FRPL</u>	<u>LEP</u>	<u>SpED</u>
ATLANTIC	PLEASANTVILLE CITY	SOUTH MAIN STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	01-4180-095	KG-05	89.3%	6.0%	11.6%
BERGEN	FAIRVIEW BORO	NUMBER THREE SCHOOL	03-1470-080	KG-03	87.0%	11.3%	13.2%
BERGEN	HACKENSACK CITY	JACKSON AVENUE	03-1860-120	PK-04	85.5%	12.7%	10.3%
CHARTERS	EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CS	EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	80-6410-920	KG-04	87.3%	0.0%	5.8%
CHARTERS	ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY CS	ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY (ECO) CHARTER SCHOOL	80-6232-920	KG-05	93.5%	0.0%	13.5%
CHARTERS	INTERNATIONAL CS OF TRENTON	INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL OF TRENTON	80-6810-940	KG-04	92.1%	0.0%	10.1%
CHARTERS	MERIT PREP CS OF NEWARK	MERIT PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL OF NEWARK	80-6091-974	06	84.0%	0.0%	2.5%
CHARTERS	NEWARK EDUCATORS CHARTER SCHOOL	NEWARK EDUCATORS COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	80-6029-911	KG-05	90.3%	0.0%	7.6%
CHARTERS	NEWARK LEGACY CS	NEWARK LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL	80-6037-922	KG-03	88.8%	0.0%	9.5%
CHARTERS	PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CS	PASSAIC ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL	80-6080-966	KG-06	81.9%	3.4%	5.5%
CHARTERS	UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CS	UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL	80-8065-980	KG-06	85.1%	2.4%	6.0%
CUMBERLANI	MILLVILLE CITY	R. D. WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11-3230-090	KG-05	93.8%	0.0%	16.0%
CUMBERLANI	VINELAND CITY	DANE BARSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11-5390-095	KG-05	80.0%	10.3%	6.8%
ESSEX	CITY OF ORANGE TWP	OAKWOOD AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13-3880-110	PK-07	89.9%	2.5%	17.3%
ESSEX	EAST ORANGE	CICELY L. TYSON COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13-1210-140	PK-05	90.3%	0.6%	8.1%
ESSEX	EAST ORANGE	ECOLE TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE	13-1210-120	PK-05	89.2%	0.3%	13.4%
ESSEX	EAST ORANGE	EDWARD T. BOWSER SR. SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	13-1210-050	PK-05	83.5%	6.9%	8.9%
ESSEX	EAST ORANGE	GORDON PARKS ACADEMY	13-1210-130	PK-05	89.2%	0.3%	12.3%
ESSEX	NEWARK CITY	HARRIET TUBMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13-3570-455	PK-06	85.8%	0.3%	8.4%
HUDSON	JERSEY CITY	ALEXANDER D. SULLIVAN SCHOOL	17-2390-320	PK-05	84.4%	11.7%	6.6%
HUDSON	JERSEY CITY	CHARLES E. TREFURT SCHOOL	17-2390-120	PK-05	82.5%	16.6%	9.7%
HUDSON	JERSEY CITY	GLADYS NUNERY SCHOOL	17-2390-260	PK-05	88.3%	1.7%	6.3%
HUDSON	JERSEY CITY	JOTHAM W. WAKEMAN SCHOOL	17-2390-370	PK-05	78.1%	14.7%	5.0%
HUDSON	WEST NEW YORK TOWN	HARRY L BAIN	17-5670-100	PK-06	86.2%	3.4%	11.8%
HUDSON	WEST NEW YORK TOWN	PUBLIC SCHOOL NUMBER FOUR	17-5670-080	PK-06	83.2%	3.2%	6.7%
HUDSON	WEST NEW YORK TOWN	PUBLIC SCHOOL NUMBER ONE	17-5670-060	PK-06	85.5%	5.0%	12.4%
HUDSON	WEST NEW YORK TOWN	PUBLIC SCHOOL NUMBER THREE	17-5670-070	PK-06	86.8%	3.2%	12.5%
MIDDLESEX	CARTERET BORO	NATHAN HALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	23-0750-060	PK-05	74.5%	23.6%	5.7%
PASSAIC	PASSAIC CITY	ETTA GERO SCHOOL # 9	31-3970-125	04-06	82.3%	30.0%	20.6%
PASSAIC	PATERSON CITY	SCHOOL 19	31-4010-230	PK-04	81.6%	11.0%	4.4%
SOMERSET	FRANKLIN TWP	PINE GROVE MANOR SCHOOL	35-1610-140	PK-04	74.5%	29.8%	9.2%