NJ SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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School Contact Info

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Type	Contact Information
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Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/BranchburgSchools/
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Enrollment Trends by Grade

This table shows the number of students enrolled by grade for the past three school years.

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
PK	32	41	49
KG	120	151	133
1	131	127	157
2	161	134	137
3	176	164	137
Total	620	617	613

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	53.1%	51.2%	49.9%
Male	46.9%	48.8%	50.1%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	7.4%	6.0%	7.0%
Students with Disabilities	13.2%	13.7%	15.3%
English Learners	3.5%	3.7%	2.1%
Homeless Students		0.0%	0.3%
Students in Foster Care		0.0%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students		0.0%	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	75.6%	73.3%	73.7%
Hispanic	6.3%	6.6%	6.9%
Black or African American	3.1%	2.7%	2.8%
Asian	11.5%	14.9%	13.5%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Two or More Races	3.1%	2.3%	2.8%

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
PK - Half Day	28	37	46
PK - Full Day	4	4	3
KG - Half Day	0	0	0
KG - Full Day	120	151	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	92.0%
Spanish	2.4%
Chinese	1.0%
Other Languages	4.6%

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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	2017-18 Annual Target	Met 2017-18 Annual Target
Schoolwide	125	95.6	42.4	69.5	56.7	42.4	56	Not Met
White	93	94.1	40.9	70.1	65.6	40.4	55.3	Not Met
Hispanic	10	100.0	30.0	52.0	42.5	30.0	**	**
Black or African American	*	*	*	*	37.3	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	15	100.0	53.3	81.9	82.3	53.3	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	52.7	N	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	63.4	*	**	**
Female	68	94.6	45.6	75.3	64.5	45.3		
Male	57	96.8	38.6	64.0	49.4	38.6		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	*	38.5	*	**	**
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	*	67.5	*		
Students with Disabilities	19	79.2	21.1	33.8	21.6	17.5	31.7	Not Met
Students without Disabilities	106	99.1	46.3	76.9	63.9	46.3		
English Learners	*	*	*	56.0	27.3	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	70.0	59.4	*		
Homeless Students	*	*	*	*	27.7	*		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	N	26.3	N		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	*	57.4	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	30.1	N		

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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	130	747	747	750	12%	11%	35%	*	*	42%	52%
White	94	748	748	759	11%	*	39%	*	*	40%	61%
Hispanic	11	715	715	736	*	*	*	*	*	27%	38%
Black or African American	*	*	*	733	*	*	*	*	*	*	35%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	16	760	760	777	0%	*	*	*	*	56%	77%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	743	N	N	N	N	N	N	46%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	758	*	*	*	*	*	*	58%
Female	69	750	750	756	*	*	35%	*	*	46%	57%
Male	61	743	743	744	*	*	36%	*	*	38%	46%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	12	724	724	733	*	*	*	*	*	25%	34%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	118	749	749	762	*	*	*	*	*	44%	64%
Students with Disabilities	18	714	714	719	*	*	*	*	*	22%	24%
Students without Disabilities	112	752	752	756	*	*	*	*	*	46%	57%
English Learners	*	*	*	712	*	*	*	*	*	*	15%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	55%
Homeless Students	*	*	*	720	*	*	*	*	*	*	21%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	741	N	N	N	N	N	N	48%

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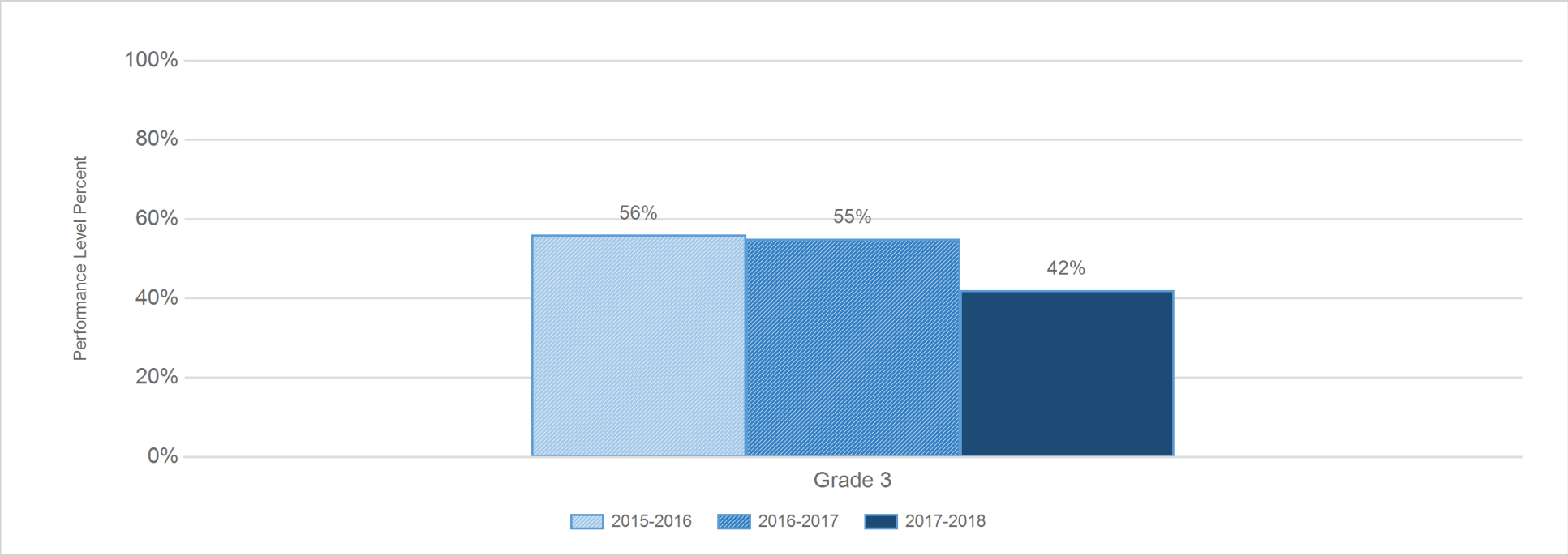

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Schoolwide	125	95.6	64.8	67.3	45.0	64.8	64.9	Met Target†
White	93	94.1	65.6	69.8	54.1	64.9	64	Met Target
Hispanic	10	100.0	10.0	36.9	29.2	10.0	**	**
Black or African American	*	*	*	*	23.4	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	15	100.0	93.3	86.3	77.0	93.3	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	42.5	N	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	53.0	*	**	**
Female	68	94.6	63.2	68.2	46.0	62.9		
Male	57	96.8	66.6	66.4	43.9	66.6		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	*	26.6	*	**	**
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	*	55.9	*		
Students with Disabilities	19	79.2	42.1	30.9	17.1	35.1	36.4	Met Target†
Students without Disabilities	106	99.1	68.9	74.8	50.5	68.9		
English Learners	*	*	*	68.0	24.6	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	67.3	46.9	*		
Homeless Students	*	*	*	*	17.3	*		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	N	16.2	N		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	*	45.8	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	23.7	N		

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Schoolwide	130	758	758	752	*	*	18%	48%	15%	64%	53%
White	94	758	758	760	*	*	19%	52%	13%	65%	64%
Hispanic	11	719	719	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	38%
Black or African American	*	*	*	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	32%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	16	787	787	780	0%	0%	*	*	*	94%	83%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	747	N	N	N	N	N	N	49%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	757	*	*	*	*	*	*	59%
Female	69	757	757	752	*	*	19%	*	*	64%	53%
Male	61	759	759	751	*	*	16%	*	*	64%	53%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	12	732	732	736	*	*	*	*	*	42%	35%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	118	760	760	762	*	*	*	*	*	66%	66%
Students with Disabilities	18	732	732	730	*	*	*	*	*	44%	29%
Students without Disabilities	112	762	762	756	*	*	*	*	*	67%	57%
English Learners	*	*	*	726	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	754	*	*	*	*	*	*	56%
Homeless Students	*	*	*	723	*	*	*	*	*	*	20%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	725	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	753	N	N	N	N	N	N	55%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	737	N	N	N	N	N	N	46%

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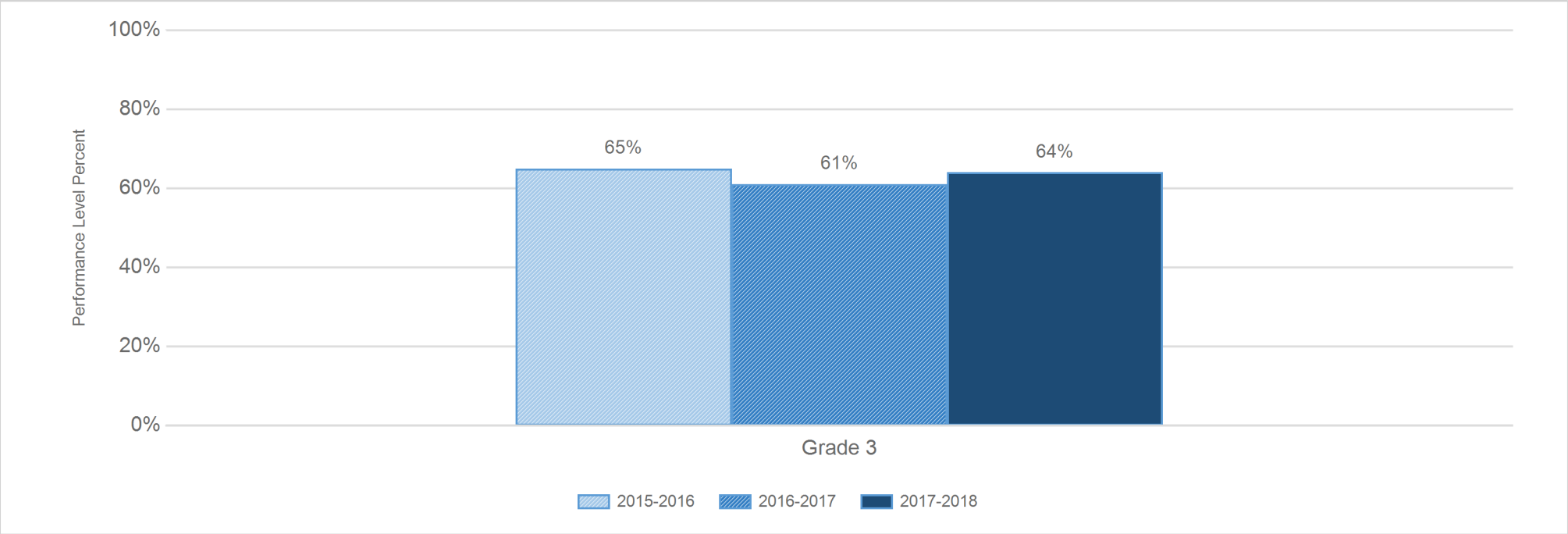

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DLM Alternate Assessment - Participation

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
3	*	*

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	*	*	*

† Target was met within one standard deviation

English Language Proficiency Test - Participation and Performance

This table shows, by years in district, the number of English learner students taking the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment for English language proficiency and the percentage of students tested that received an overall score of 4.5 or above. Students must receive a score of 4.5 or higher to be considered for proficient status.

Years in District	# Students Tested	% Students with Overall Score Below 4.5	% Students with Overall Score of 4.5 and above
0-2	*	*	*
3-4	*	*	*
5 or more	N	N	N

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NJASK Science Assessment Information

New Jersey transitioned from the NJASK to NJSLA-S in 2017-18 to align to new science standards. Results of field tests in 2017-18 will not be reported, but results of NJSLA-S will be added to the performance reports in 2018-19.

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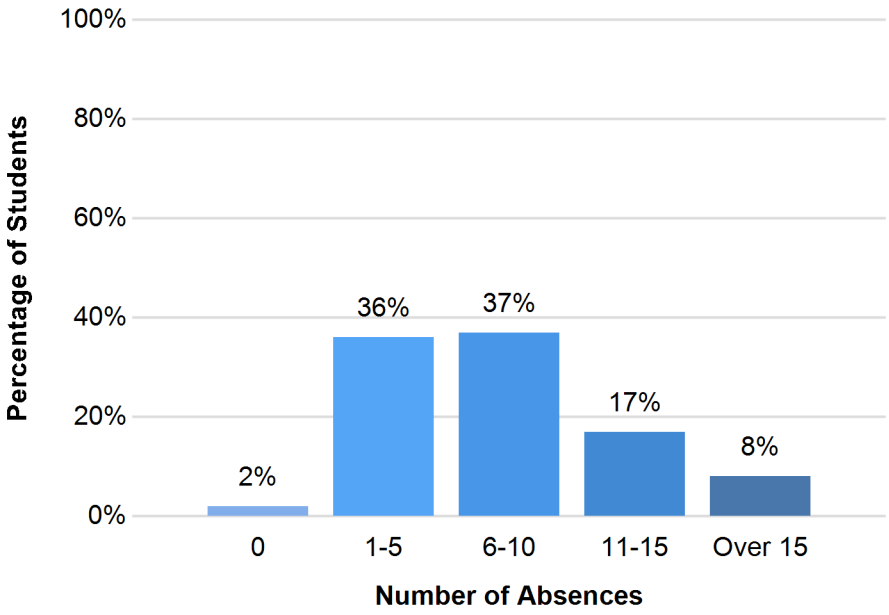
Chronic Absenteeism

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	21	3.7	9.6	Met
White	16	3.9	9.6	Met
Hispanic	2	4.9	9.6	Met
Black or African American	0	0	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	3	3.8	9.6	Met
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	**	**
Economically Disadvantaged Students	6	14.6	9.6	Not Met
Students with Disabilities	7	9.7	9.6	Not Met
English Learners	1	7.7	**	**

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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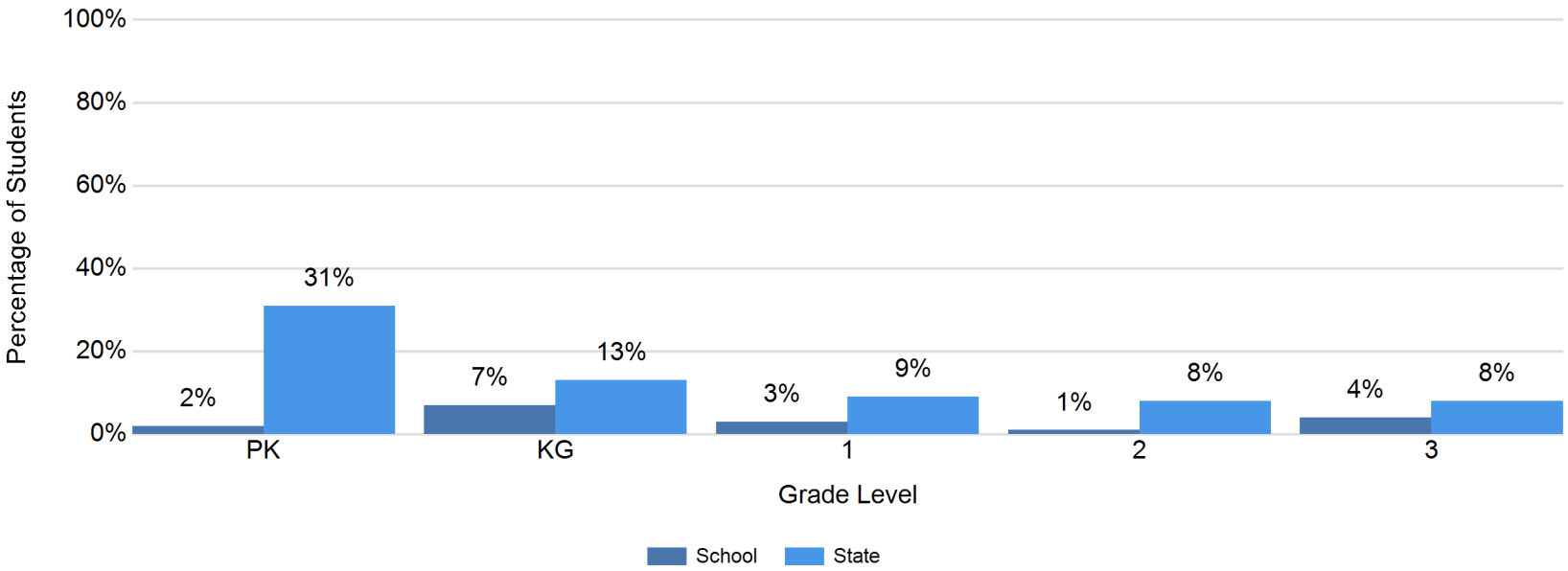

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Violence, Vandalism, HIB, and Substance Offenses

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	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	8:55 AM
Typical End Time	3:45 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs 50 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	5 Hrs 50 Mins
Shared Time - Instructional Time	N

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)	$318	$16,829	$17,147

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Key terms for staff data:
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

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	60	117,464
Average years experience in public schools	14.6	12.0
Average years experience in district	13.1	10.7
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	85.0%	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	9	9,374
Average years experience in public schools	15.0	16.0
Average years experience in district	7.9	12.0
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	66.7%	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	10:1	9:1
Students to Administrators	307:1	163:1
Teachers to Administrators	30:1	17:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		732:1
Students to Nurses		488:1
Students to Counselors		732:1
Students to Child Study Team		163:1

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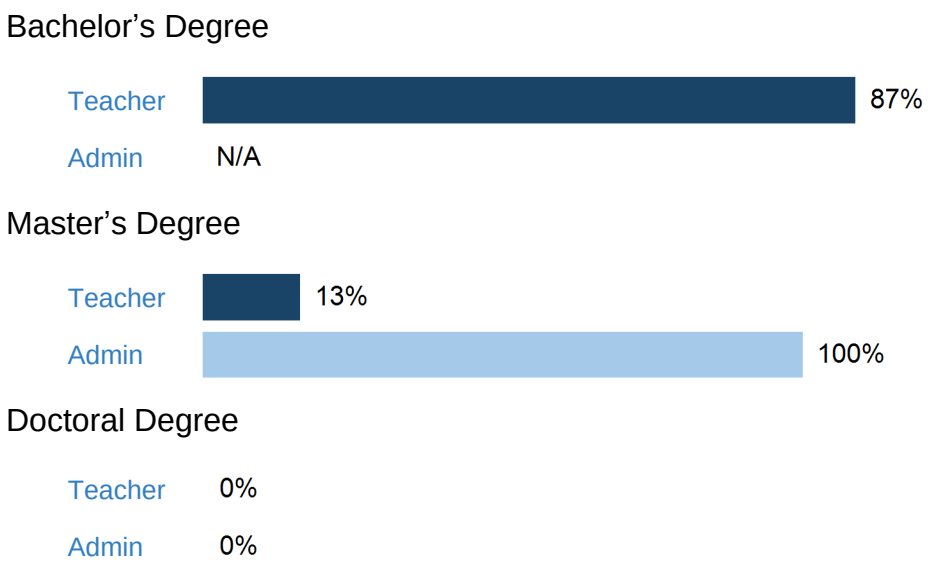
Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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	94.2%	90.2%
2016-17 Administrators: Same district 2017-18	90.0%	86.2%

Faculty Attendance

This table shows the percentage of days that faculty members were present during the school year. Approved professional days, personal days, staff training days, bereavement days, jury duty, and absences due to extended illness are not counted against days present, and faculty members on long-term leave or disability are excluded from this calculation.

School Year	% Days Present
2017-18	92.5%

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Teachers and Administrators – Demographics

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators by gender and by racial and ethnic group.

Category	Teachers	Administrators
Female	95.0%	100.0%
Male	5.0%	0.0%
White	98.3%	100.0%
Hispanic	1.7%	0.0%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.0%	0.0%

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New Jersey's school accountability system identifies schools that are in need of comprehensive and targeted support as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). For more information about New Jersey's accountability system, how indicator and summative scores were calculated, and how federal accountability status is determined, see these accountability resources.

Comprehensive Status

This table shows whether this school is identified as requiring Comprehensive Support and Improvement during the 2019-20 school year and whether it will be eligible to exit comprehensive status in January 2021 or January 2022. Schools must meet exit criteria in order to exit status. Schools with a summative score in the bottom 5% of Title I schools or with a four-year graduation rate of 67% or less are identified as requiring Comprehensive Support and Improvement.

Requires Comprehensive Support during the 2019-20 School Year	Eligible to exit status in January 2021	Eligible to exit status in January 2022
N	N	N

Targeted Status

This table shows whether one or more student groups in this school has been identified as requiring Targeted Support and Improvement during the 2019-20 school year and whether each student group will be eligible to exit targeted status in January 2021 or January 2022. Schools must meet exit criteria in order to exit status. Student groups with a summative score that would be in the bottom 5% of schools and student groups that miss annual targets for all indicators for two years in a row are identified as requiring Targeted Support and Improvement. Note: Schools identified as requiring comprehensive support may have student groups identified as needing targeted support below, but the date they are eligible to exit status is based on their comprehensive status.

Student Group	Requires Targeted Support during the 2019-20 School Year	Eligible to exit status in January 2021	Eligible to exit status in January 2022
Any Student Groups	N	N	N
White	N		
Hispanic	N		
Black or African American	N		
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N		
American Indian or Alaska Native	N		
Two or More Races	N		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N		
Students with Disabilities	N		
English Learners	N		

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Accountability Indicator Scores and Summative Rating - 2017-18 School Year

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Accountability Indicator	Score	Weight
English Language Arts Proficiency	N	N
Mathematics Proficiency	N	N
Progress Towards English Language Proficiency	N	N
Chronic Absenteeism	N	N
Summative Score: Sum of all indicator scores multiplied by indicator weights	N	n/a
Summative Rating: Percentile Rank of Summative Score	N	n/a
Requires Comprehensive Support: Summative Rating is less than or equal to 5th percentile	N	n/a

† Weights indicated by this symbol were adjusted due to data availability

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Accountability Summary by Student Group - 2017-18 School Year

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 and Improvement. Any student group where the summative score would be in the bottom 5% of schools is identified for Targeted Support for a Low-Performing Student Group. Any student group that has missed annual targets for all indicators two years in a row is identified for Targeted Support for a Consistently Underperforming Student Group. In the table below, schools in which one or more student groups are identified for Targeted Sport will be noted in the Schoolwide row. Annual targets for proficiency and graduation rate were set based on a school or student group's performance in 2015-16. The target for chronic absenteeism is the state average for chronic absenteeism based on students enrolled in the grades served by the given school. For more details on accountability targets, see these accountability resources.

Student Group	Summative Score	Summative Score Cut-off for Targeted Support	Requires Targeted Support: Low Performing Student Group	ELA Proficiency: Met Annual Target	Math Proficiency: Met Annual Target	ELA Student Growth: Met Standard	Math Student Growth: Met Standard	Progress Towards English Language Proficiency: Met Annual Target	Chronic Absenteeism: Met State Average	Requires Targeted Support: Consistently Underperforming Student Group - 2017-18
Schoolwide	n/a	n/a	No	Not Met	Met Target†	**	**	**	Met	No
White	N	N	No	Not Met	Met Target	**	**	n/a	Met	No
Hispanic	N	N	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	Met	No
Black or African American	N	N	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	Met	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Two or More Races	N	N	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	Not Met	No
Students with Disabilities	N	N	No	Not Met	Met Target†	**	**	n/a	Not Met	No
English Learners	N	N	No	**	**	**	**	**	**	No

† Target was met within a confidence interval (Proficiency) or within one standard deviation (Progress to English Language Proficiency).

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School Narrative

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Highlights:	• Curriculum includes differentiated instruction using reading, writing, and mathematics workshop models. • Technology is used daily: 2nd and 3rd grade students are 1:1 with Chromebooks and kindergarten and 1st grade have classroom sets of iPads. • Responsive Classroom is used in all classrooms to support student emotional and social growth and well-being.
Mission, Vision, Theme:	The mission of the Branchburg Township Schools District and community is to inspire our children to learn, think, grow and excel in life.
Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:	During the 2017-18 school year, Mr. Boehm was named the recipient of the 2018 Elementary Division Award by the Executive Board of Art Educators of New Jersey and Ms. Szajdecki was honored as a Magic 98.3 "Teacher Who Makes Magic".

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:	Our students participate in the reading, writing, and math workshop model. This allows for differentiation for students based on their level while also allowing teachers to work with small groups of students. We have a Gifted and Talented program for students who qualify in grades 1-3. We offer instructional support programs for students who are below benchmark in K-3rd grade. All grades are implementing problem-based learning experiences to allow students to make connections to the real-world. We also use Responsive Classroom to focus on students' social and emotional well-being.
Clubs and Activities:	Our school offers students before and after school clubs facilitated by our staff members to provide the following clubs: Be a Buddy, Bitsbox Coding, Environmental Club, The Mindfulness Club, Shake, Rattle, and Roll, Sign Language, and Sports Club. Our school also works closely with our community to provide students with opportunities such as Kidding Around Yoga, Drama Kids International, Branchburg Basketball Association, Creative Theatre, Girls on the Run, On the Court Basketball, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. During the school day, third grade students can volunteer to be part of our Community Service Organization, "Helping Hands" or "What's Up Whiton?", our news media program.

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Before and After School Programs:	Our before and after school care is offered by Jointure. The program is for students in kindergarten through third grade.
Staff and Professional Learning:	Two times during a 6-day cycle, our teachers have opportunities to meet as professional learning communities and grade level teams. Literacy and STEM coaches support our work to continually enhance our professional learning to increase student success. Our school is currently focused on differentiated instruction, problem-based learning experiences, and integrating Responsive Classroom into our daily habits.

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Student Supports and Services:	Both our regular education students, supported through our instructional support program, and English Language Leaners receive a combination of push-in and pull-out services depending on need. Students with disabilities receive small group instruction in conjunction with in-class resource services. Any student who is experiencing difficulties with learning, behavior or health concerns is eligible for an Intervention and Referral Services program. Additionally, some students qualify for before and/or after-school tutoring.
Student Health and Wellness:	Students participate in recess daily for 30 minutes and physical education classes for 40 minutes twice during each six day cycle. Students receive lessons to promote the health and wellness of their bodies during their regular homeroom instruction.
Parent and Community Involvement:	Whiton Elementary School is supported through our PTO which provides ongoing support for our programs throughout the school year. Together, the school and PTO provide students with the annual book fair, as well as grade level family night events offered throughout the year, and parent volunteers to support the smooth operation of the school, such as lunch and copy volunteers. Parents have access to Genesis which allows them to track student progress for each trimester.

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Facilities:	Whiton Elementary School was built in 1997 and as student population increased, an addition was later added to the building. Our building is positioned so that wooded areas are on three of the four sides and is located in a quiet neighborhood. The school has air conditioning which allows for instruction to be uninterrupted during the hot fall and spring days. Our classrooms, technology lab, and media center have been transformed to allow for wireless devices and flexible and choice seating for students.
School Safety:	Our school is equipped with video cameras and locking doors requiring guests to gain access for entrance into the building. The school also has a district resource officer to support the safety and well being of students and staff. We provide our students with regular practice of emergency procedures in preparation for this type of situation. Our procedures regarding these practices are aligned with the expectations of the county and state.

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Technology and STEM:	All of our students receive technology and STEM experiences in their homeroom classes. Students also receive additional technology classes at least 40 minutes per six day cycle. The majority of classrooms have SmartBoards, document cameras and either iPads or Chromebooks for student use.
Early Childhood Education:	For our youngest learners, we offer a half-day integrated pre-school program and students are provided with transportation. Entrance for regular education students into our pre-school program is done through a lottery system, typically during November/December for the upcoming school year.

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Other Information:	Whiton Elementary School provides students with a well-rounded educational experience where students are able to regularly participate in art, physical education, music, technology, library, and Spanish. Our students in grades K-3 are divided into homerooms and the majority of their instructional time is delivered by their homeroom teachers. For students in third grade, classes switch for science and social studies instruction and students participate in Response to Intervention (RTI) time to allow for students to receive identified support. All of our classrooms are provided with technology to include SmartBoards, document cameras, and student devices (iPads for K and 1st grade and individual Chromebooks for 2nd and 3rd grade students). Our staff is working hard to ensure that all parents have access to happenings in the classroom using social media, such as Twitter, email and other electronic forms of communication to keep parents informed. Parents are also regularly invited into classrooms to support students in centers, join in reading or writing celebrations, and to celebrate students' birthdays. It is a special place at Whiton!