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### School Contact Information

This table contains contact information including principal name, address, phone number, email address, and social media information, if provided.

Type	Contact Information
County	Charters
District	Link Community Charter School
Principal Name	Ms. Kathleen Hester
Address	23 Pennsylvania Ave Newark, NJ 07114
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Website	<a href="http://www.linkschool.org">http://www.linkschool.org</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/LinkCommunitySchool/">https://www.facebook.com/LinkCommunitySchool/</a>



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Enrollment data reflects enrollment reported at the end of the school year and only includes students attending the school. Students that attend programs at other schools or outside of the district are not included in enrollment counts and percentages.

**Enrollment Trends by Grade**

This table shows the number of students enrolled by grade for the past three school years. Any students enrolled outside of the grades offered will be included in the total enrollment.

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
5	71	72	79
6	72	73	75
7	72	71	72
8	70	72	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>298</b>

**Enrollment Trends by Student Group**

This table shows the percentage of students by student group for the past three school years.

Student Group	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Female	51.6%	53.1%	54.7%
Male	48.4%	46.9%	45.3%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	74.7%	82.3%	78.5%
Students with Disabilities	11.6%	11.5%	11.4%
English Learners	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Homeless Students	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students in Foster Care	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Migrant Students	0.0%	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	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
White	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	4.6%	3.1%	3.7%
Black or African American	94.4%	96.5%	96.3%
Asian	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%

**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	98.7%
Other Languages	1.3%

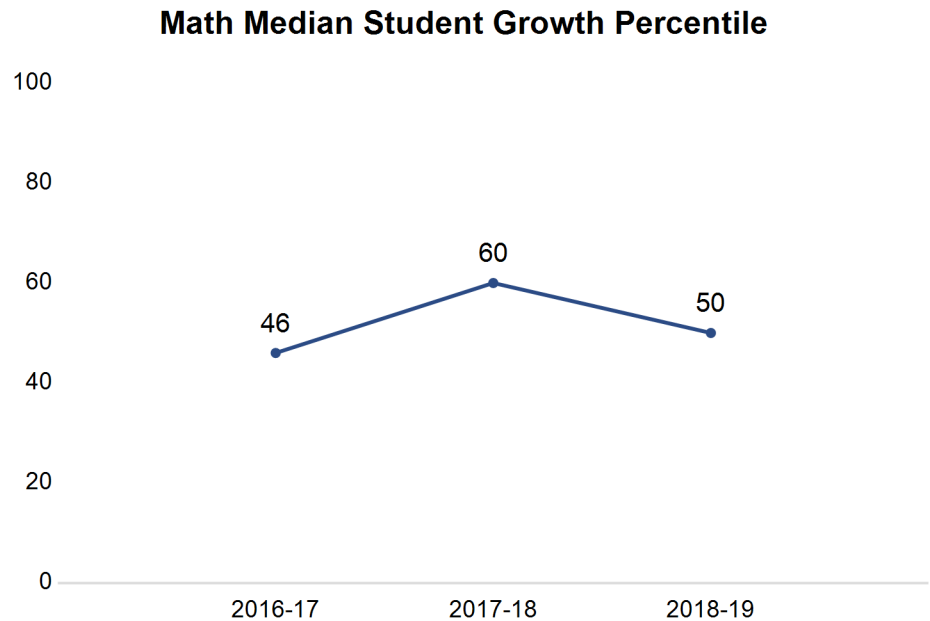
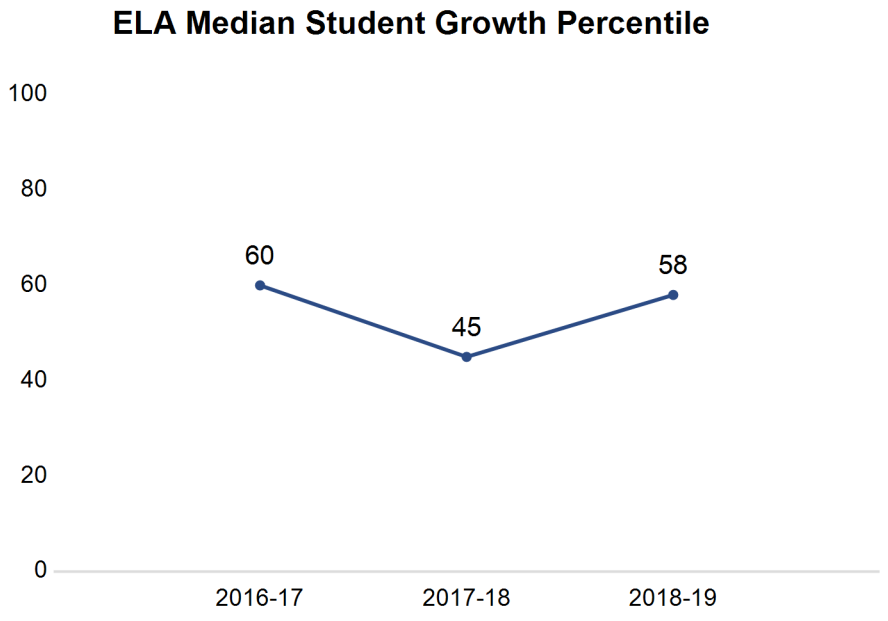


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**Student Growth Trends and Progress**

These graphs illustrate trends in student growth over the last three years. Student growth is measured by median student growth percentile. The table below tells us how student growth over the last three years compares to the state standard of 40-59.5 and to the statewide median.



Performance Measure	2016-17 ELA	2017-18 ELA	2018-19 ELA	2016-17 Math	2017-18 Math	2018-19 Math
Median Student Growth Percentile	60	45	58	46	60	50
Met Standard (40-59.5)?	Exceeds Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	Met Standard
Statewide: Median Student Growth Percentile	50	50	50	50	50	50



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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) for the school is the percentile in the middle of that list. Watch a short [video about Student Growth Percentiles](#) that explains how they are calculated for students and how median Student Growth Percentiles (mSGP) are calculated for groups of students.

## Student Growth

This table shows the **median Student Growth Percentile (mSGP)** for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics both overall and for each student group with comparisons to the district and the state. This table also shows whether each mSGP Met Standard (40-59.5) as required by ESSA accountability.

Student Group	ELA: School Median	ELA: District Median	ELA: Statewide Median	ELA: Met Standard (40-59.5)	Math: School Median	Math: District Median	Math: Statewide Median	Math: Met Standard (40-59.5)
Schoolwide	58	58	50	Met Standard	50	50	50	Met Standard
White	N	N	50	**	N	N	52	**
Hispanic	60	60	49	**	*	*	47	**
Black or African American	58	58	45	Met Standard	49.5	49.5	43	Met Standard
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	59	**	N	N	60	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	56	**	N	N	51.5	**
Two or More Races	N	N	49	**	N	N	52	**
Female	59	59	53	N	44	44	50	N
Male	58	58	47	N	56	56	51	N
Economically Disadvantaged Students	58	58	48	Met Standard	50	50	46	Met Standard
Students with Disabilities	59.5	59.5	43	Met Standard	53	53	45	**
English Learners	*	*	52	**	*	*	50	**
Homeless Students	N	N	43	N	N	N	44	N
Students in Foster Care	N	N	42	N	N	N	44	N
Military-Connected Students	N	N	49	N	N	N	51	N
Migrant Students	N	N	47	N	N	N	51	N



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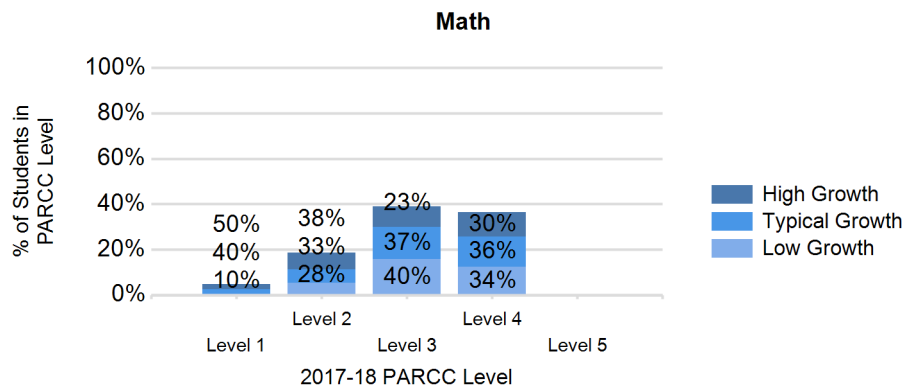
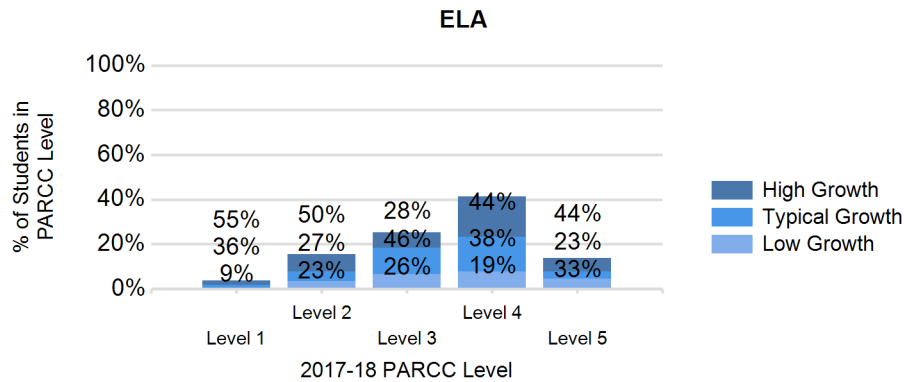
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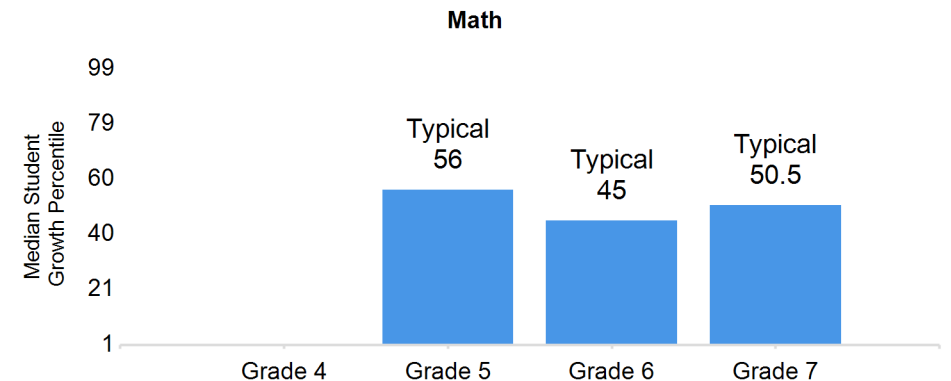
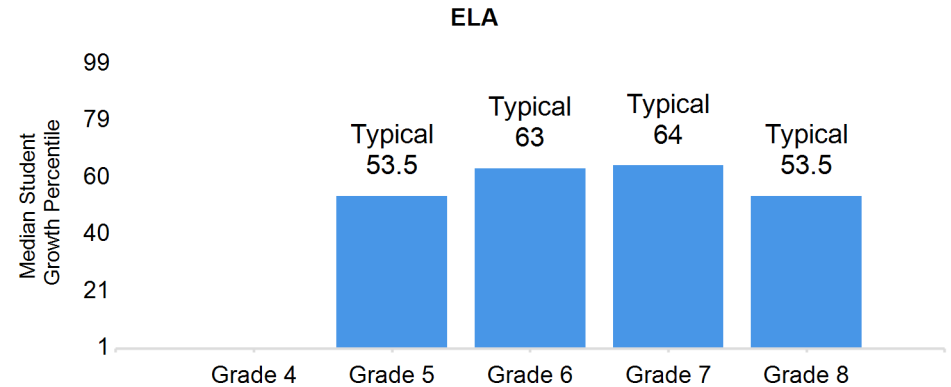
**Student Growth by Performance Level**

These graphs show the percentage of students by 2017-18 statewide assessment performance level that fall into each of the three levels of growth based on their 2018-19 statewide assessment growth.



**Student Growth by Grade**

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





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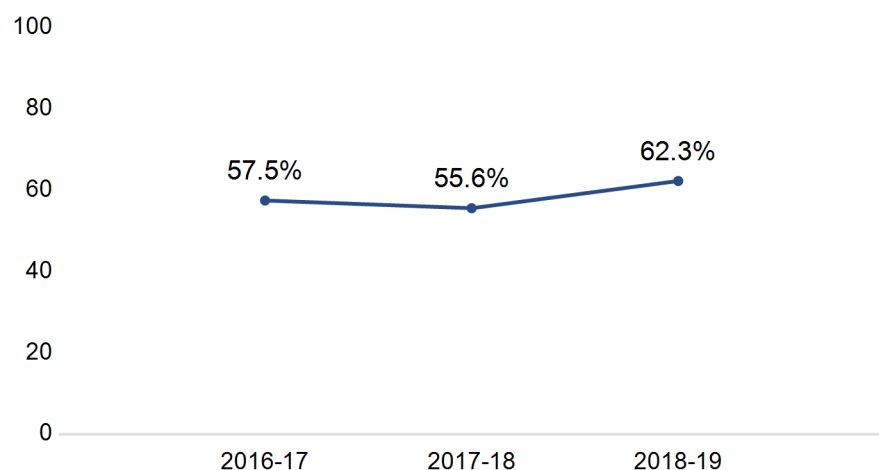
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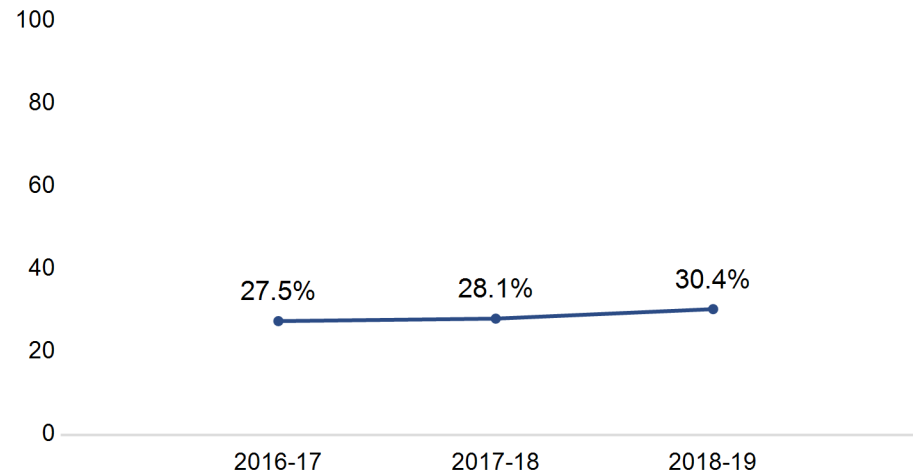
## English Language Arts and Mathematics Performance Trends

These graphs show trends in the Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability over the last three years. The data includes the results of students taking both the statewide assessment (NJSLA for 2018-19 and PARCC for 2016-17 and 2017-18) and the DLM alternate assessment. The Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability measures the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations on the assessments (NJSLA/PARCC or DLM) with an adjustment made if the participation rate is below 95% to ensure reporting on at least 95% of students. NJSLA/PARCC results include only students in grades 3 through 10. Students that were enrolled for less than half a school year are excluded from performance results. The table below provides participation rates, proficiency rates, annual targets and status in meeting the targets, and statewide proficiency rates.

### ELA Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability



### Math Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability



Performance Measure	2016-17 ELA	2017-18 ELA	2018-19 ELA	2016-17 Math	2017-18 Math	2018-19 Math
Participation Rate	96.8%	97.9%	98.7%	95.8%	97.6%	99.0%
Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability	57.5%	55.6%	62.3%	27.5%	28.1%	30.4%
Annual Target	46.1%	47.9%	49.7%	24.1%	27.1%	30.0%
Met Annual Target?	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target	Met Target
Statewide Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability	54.9%	56.7%	57.9%	43.5%	45.0%	44.5%

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## English Language Arts Assessment - Participation and Performance

This table shows performance on statewide assessments for English Language Arts both overall and by student group. It includes the results of students taking both the NJSLA and DLM assessments. NJSLA results include only students in grades 3 through 10. Students that were enrolled for less than half a school year are excluded from performance results. A student is considered to have met or exceeded expectations if he/she scores at Level 4 or 5 on the NJSLA assessment or at Level 3 or 4 on the DLM assessment.

This table shows both the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations and a proficiency rate used for federal accountability. The proficiency rate for federal accountability will be lower if the participation rate is below 95%. This table also shows progress towards meeting the state's long term goal of 80% proficiency by 2030. Annual targets are specific to each subgroup, school, and district and represent the expected proficiency needed to stay on track to meet the state's long term goal. Student groups where the annual target fields are grayed out are not required to meet annual targets under ESSA accountability. For more details on New Jersey's accountability system, see our [accountability resources](#).

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	2018-19 Annual Target	Met 2018-19 Annual Target
Schoolwide	292	98.7	62.3	62.3	57.9	62.3	49.7	Met Target
White	N	N	N	N	66.9	N	**	**
Hispanic	11	100.0	54.5	54.5	43.9	54.5	**	**
Black or African American	281	98.6	62.6	62.6	38.5	62.6	48.7	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N	82.9	N	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	56.0	N	**	**
Two or More Races	N	N	N	N	64.4	N	**	**
Female	161	99.4	72.0	72.0	64.8	72.0		
Male	131	97.8	50.4	50.4	51.3	50.4		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	238	98.8	62.2	62.2	40.0	62.2	43.7	Met Target
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	54	98.2	63.0	63.0	67.9	63.0		
Students with Disabilities	30	93.7	23.3	23.3	22.7	23.0	17.6	Met Target
Students without Disabilities	262	99.3	66.8	66.8	65.1	66.8		
English Learners	*	*	*	*	29.3	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*	60.6	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N	29.1	N		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	N	27.6	N		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	57.8	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	30.4	N		

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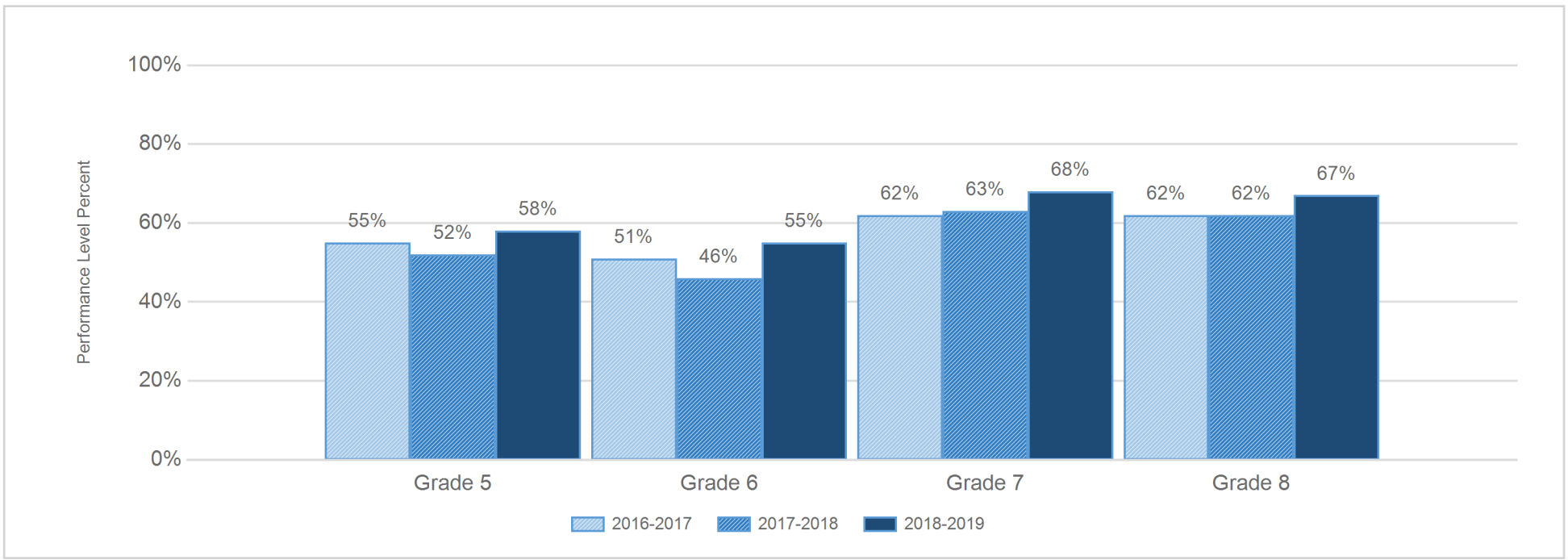


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**English Language Arts Assessment - Performance Trends**

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on each grade level exam on the statewide assessment for English Language Arts (ELA) for the past three years. 2018-19 data is from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and 2016-17 and 2017-18 data is from the PARCC assessment.





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## English Language Arts Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 5

This table shows performance on the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

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
<b>Schoolwide</b>	77	754	754	756	*	*	22%	*	*	58%	58%
White	N	N	N	764	N	N	N	N	N	N	68%
Hispanic	*	*	*	743	*	*	*	*	*	*	44%
Black or African American	*	*	*	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	38%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	781	N	N	N	N	N	N	83%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	753	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	762	N	N	N	N	N	N	65%
Female	39	760	760	761	*	*	*	*	*	67%	64%
Male	38	748	748	750	*	*	*	*	*	50%	52%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	58	753	753	740	*	*	*	*	*	57%	39%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	19	759	759	766	*	*	*	*	*	63%	69%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	724	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	762	*	*	*	*	*	*	65%
English Learners	N	N	N	713	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Non-English Learners	77	754	754	758	*	*	22%	*	*	58%	60%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	730	N	N	N	N	N	N	29%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	62%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	723	N	N	N	N	N	N	26%



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### English Language Arts Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 6

This table shows performance on the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

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
<b>Schoolwide</b>	74	759	759	754	0%	*	35%	*	*	55%	56%
White	N	N	N	762	N	N	N	N	N	N	65%
Hispanic	*	*	*	743	*	*	*	*	*	*	43%
Black or African American	*	*	*	738	*	*	*	*	*	*	36%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	780	N	N	N	N	N	N	83%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	53%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	760	N	N	N	N	N	N	64%
Female	43	763	763	762	0%	*	23%	*	*	63%	64%
Male	31	754	754	748	0%	*	52%	*	*	45%	48%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	740	*	*	*	*	*	*	39%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	763	*	*	*	*	*	*	67%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	761	*	*	*	*	*	*	64%
English Learners	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	74	759	759	756	0%	*	35%	*	*	55%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	726	N	N	N	N	N	N	26%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	753	N	N	N	N	N	N	54%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	721	N	N	N	N	N	N	25%



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### English Language Arts 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
<b>Schoolwide</b>	72	767	767	761	*	*	19%	40%	28%	68%	63%
White	N	N	N	769	N	N	N	N	N	N	72%
Hispanic	*	*	*	747	*	*	*	*	*	*	50%
Black or African American	*	*	*	741	*	*	*	*	*	*	43%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	790	N	N	N	N	N	N	87%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	761	N	N	N	N	N	N	65%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	768	N	N	N	N	N	N	68%
Female	40	774	774	769	*	*	*	*	*	78%	71%
Male	32	757	757	753	*	*	*	*	*	56%	55%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	57	766	766	743	*	*	*	*	*	70%	45%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	15	769	769	771	*	*	*	*	*	60%	73%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	720	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	769	*	*	*	*	*	*	71%
English Learners	N	N	N	706	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Non-English Learners	72	767	767	763	*	*	19%	40%	28%	68%	65%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	34%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	726	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	758	N	N	N	N	N	N	56%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	728	N	N	N	N	N	N	31%



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<b>Schoolwide</b>	72	762	762	762	*	*	18%	46%	21%	67%	63%
White	N	N	N	770	N	N	N	N	N	N	72%
Hispanic	*	*	*	747	*	*	*	*	*	*	49%
Black or African American	*	*	*	741	*	*	*	*	*	*	43%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	794	N	N	N	N	N	N	88%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	758	N	N	N	N	N	N	60%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	769	N	N	N	N	N	N	69%
Female	41	772	772	771	*	*	*	*	*	80%	71%
Male	31	749	749	753	*	*	*	*	*	48%	55%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	60	763	763	743	*	*	*	*	*	65%	45%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	12	759	759	772	*	*	*	*	*	75%	72%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	721	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	770	*	*	*	*	*	*	71%
English Learners	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Non-English Learners	72	762	762	764	*	*	18%	46%	21%	67%	65%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	31%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	726	N	N	N	N	N	N	32%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	760	N	N	N	N	N	N	62%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%



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### Mathematics Assessment - Participation and Performance

This table shows performance on statewide assessments for Mathematics both overall and by student group. It includes the results of students taking both the NJSLA and DLM assessments. NJSLA results include only students in grades 3 through 10. Students that were enrolled for less than half a school year are excluded from performance results. A student is considered to have met or exceeded expectations if he/she scores at Level 4 or 5 on the NJSLA assessment or at Level 3 or 4 on the DLM assessment.

This table shows both the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations and a proficiency rate used for federal accountability. The proficiency rate for federal accountability will be lower if the participation rate is below 95%. This table also shows progress towards meeting the state's long term goal of 80% proficiency by 2030. Annual targets are specific to each subgroup, school, and district and represent the expected proficiency needed to stay on track to meet the state's long term goal. Student groups where the annual target fields are grayed out are not required to meet annual targets under ESSA accountability. For more details on New Jersey's accountability system, see our [accountability resources](#).

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	2018-19 Annual Target	Met 2018-19 Annual Target
Schoolwide	293	99.0	30.4	30.4	44.5	30.4	30	Met Target
White	N	N	N	N	54.1	N	**	**
Hispanic	11	100.0	45.5	45.5	28.8	45.5	**	**
Black or African American	282	99.0	29.8	29.8	23.0	29.8	29.6	Met Target
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N	76.5	N	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	42.7	N	**	**
Two or More Races	N	N	N	N	53.3	N	**	**
Female	161	99.4	36.0	36.0	44.9	36.0		
Male	132	98.5	23.5	23.5	44.2	23.5		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	239	99.2	28.5	28.5	26.3	28.5	26	Met Target
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	54	98.2	38.9	38.9	54.9	38.9		
Students with Disabilities	31	96.9	*	*	17.4	*	14.8	Met Target†
Students without Disabilities	262	99.3	*	*	50.0	*		
English Learners	*	*	*	*	25.0	*	**	**
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	*	46.5	*		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N	17.1	N		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	N	17.1	N		
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N	46.4	N		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	23.3	N		

† Target was met within a confidence interval.

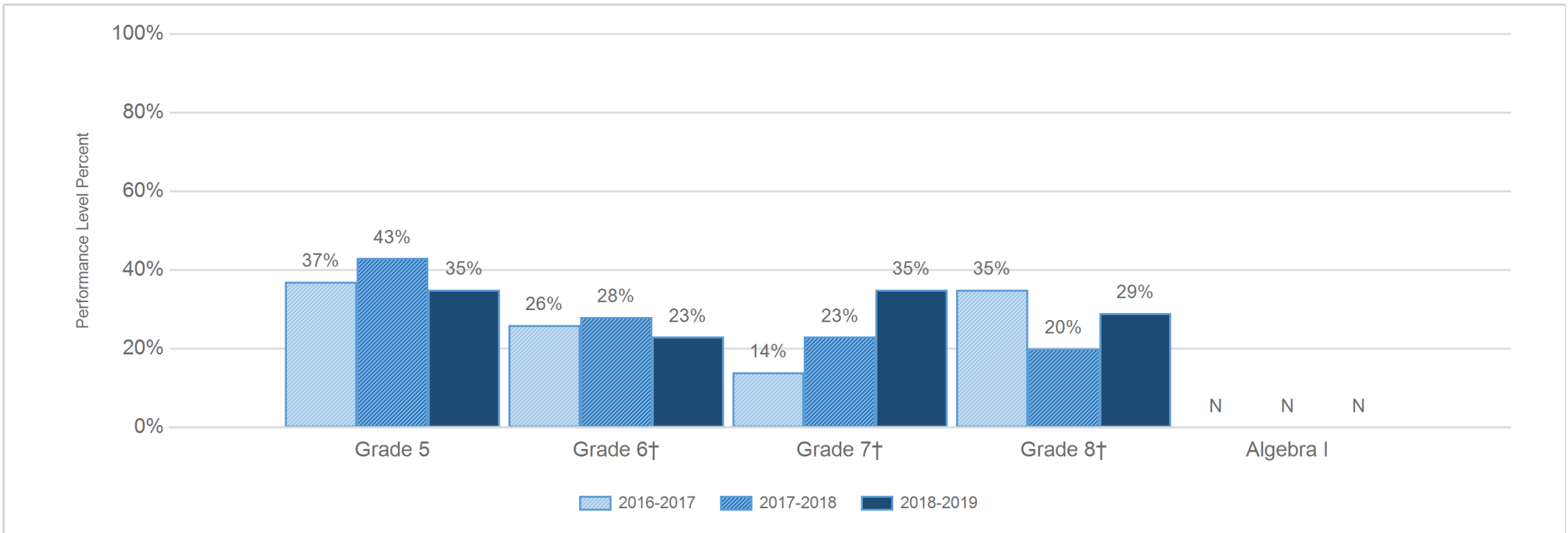


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**Mathematics Assessment – Performance Trends**

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on each grade level or end-of-course exam on the statewide assessment for Mathematics for the past three years. 2018-19 data is from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and 2016-17 and 2017-18 data is from the PARCC assessment.



† 2018-19 results for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II do not include students in grade 11, but 2016-17 and 2017-18 results do include students in grade 11. Therefore, trend data for these assessments may not be comparable.



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## Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 5

This table shows performance on the Mathematics section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

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
<b>Schoolwide</b>	78	741	741	747	*	27%	36%	*	*	35%	47%
White	N	N	N	755	N	N	N	N	N	N	58%
Hispanic	*	*	*	735	*	*	*	*	*	*	30%
Black or African American	*	*	*	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	775	N	N	N	N	N	N	80%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	747	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	753	N	N	N	N	N	N	55%
Female	39	744	744	747	*	*	33%	*	*	36%	47%
Male	39	738	738	747	*	*	38%	*	*	33%	47%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	59	738	738	732	*	*	*	*	*	32%	27%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	19	749	749	757	*	*	*	*	*	42%	59%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	725	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	752	*	*	*	*	*	*	52%
English Learners	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Non-English Learners	78	741	741	749	*	27%	36%	*	*	35%	49%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	723	N	N	N	N	N	N	17%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	748	N	N	N	N	N	N	50%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	17%



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## Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 6

This table shows performance on the Mathematics section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

Note: Students that took the Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II end of course tests are not included in grade level results.

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
<b>Schoolwide</b>	74	733	733	741	*	31%	39%	*	*	23%	41%
White	N	N	N	749	N	N	N	N	N	N	51%
Hispanic	*	*	*	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	24%
Black or African American	*	*	*	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	769	N	N	N	N	N	N	76%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	738	N	N	N	N	N	N	37%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	747	N	N	N	N	N	N	48%
Female	43	734	734	742	*	*	44%	*	*	26%	42%
Male	31	731	731	740	*	*	32%	*	*	19%	40%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	726	*	*	*	*	*	*	21%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	750	*	*	*	*	*	*	53%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	716	*	*	*	*	*	*	12%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	746	*	*	*	*	*	*	46%
English Learners	N	N	N	709	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	74	733	733	743	*	31%	39%	*	*	23%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	742	N	N	N	N	N	N	43%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	20%



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## Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 7

This table shows performance on the Mathematics section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

Note: Students that took the Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II end of course tests are not included in grade level results.

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
<b>Schoolwide</b>	72	740	740	744	*	26%	32%	*	*	35%	42%
White	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	53%
Hispanic	*	*	*	733	*	*	*	*	*	*	26%
Black or African American	*	*	*	727	*	*	*	*	*	*	21%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	768	N	N	N	N	N	N	75%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	742	N	N	N	N	N	N	43%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	749	N	N	N	N	N	N	51%
Female	40	744	744	744	*	*	*	*	*	40%	42%
Male	32	734	734	743	*	*	*	*	*	28%	42%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	57	739	739	731	*	*	*	*	*	33%	24%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	15	745	745	751	*	*	*	*	*	40%	53%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	718	*	*	*	*	*	*	13%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	749	*	*	*	*	*	*	48%
English Learners	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	10%
Non-English Learners	72	740	740	745	*	26%	32%	*	*	35%	44%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	721	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	720	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	746	N	N	N	N	N	N	44%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%



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## Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 8

This table shows performance on the Mathematics section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, which includes students that were enrolled less than half a year.

Note: Students that took the Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II end of course tests are not included in grade level results.

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
<b>Schoolwide</b>	72	730	730	728	25%	24%	22%	*	*	29%	29%
White	N	N	N	737	N	N	N	N	N	N	38%
Hispanic	*	*	*	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Black or African American	*	*	*	714	*	*	*	*	*	*	15%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	747	N	N	N	N	N	N	51%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	725	N	N	N	N	N	N	29%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	730	N	N	N	N	N	N	31%
Female	41	741	741	731	*	*	*	*	*	44%	31%
Male	31	714	714	726	*	*	*	*	*	10%	27%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	60	729	729	719	*	28%	*	*	*	27%	20%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	12	733	733	735	*	0%	*	*	*	42%	36%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	707	*	*	*	*	*	*	10%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	35%
English Learners	N	N	N	706	N	N	N	N	N	N	10%
Non-English Learners	72	730	730	730	25%	24%	22%	*	*	29%	30%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	709	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	709	N	N	N	N	N	N	15%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	735	N	N	N	N	N	N	32%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	701	N	N	N	N	N	N	16%



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## Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Test: Algebra I

This table shows performance on the Mathematics section of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The performance results in this table include all students that took the NJSLA assessment, it does not exclude students that were enrolled less than half a year.

Note: 2018-19 results do not include students in grade 11, therefore results may not be comparable to prior years when students in grade 11 were included.

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
<b>Schoolwide</b>	N	N	N	744	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
White	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	53%
Hispanic	N	N	N	728	N	N	N	N	N	N	24%
Black or African American	N	N	N	725	N	N	N	N	N	N	20%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	775	N	N	N	N	N	N	76%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	744	N	N	N	N	N	N	42%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	51%
Female	N	N	N	745	N	N	N	N	N	N	44%
Male	N	N	N	743	N	N	N	N	N	N	41%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	52%
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Students without Disabilities	N	N	N	748	N	N	N	N	N	N	47%
English Learners	N	N	N	710	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	14%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	744	N	N	N	N	N	N	43%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	707	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%



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### DLM Alternate Assessment - Participation

This table shows the number of students taking the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) 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 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. A student's expected growth is based on the student's initial year proficiency level and student growth expectations are increased by equal intervals each year so that the student meets the proficiency cut score of 4.5 within five years. The table shows the annual target for the percentage of students making expected growth and whether that target was met.

Student Group	Percent of English Learners Making Expected Growth to Proficiency	2018-19 Target	Met Target?
Schoolwide/English Learners	N	N	N

† 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	N	N	N
3-4	N	N	N
5 or more	N	N	N



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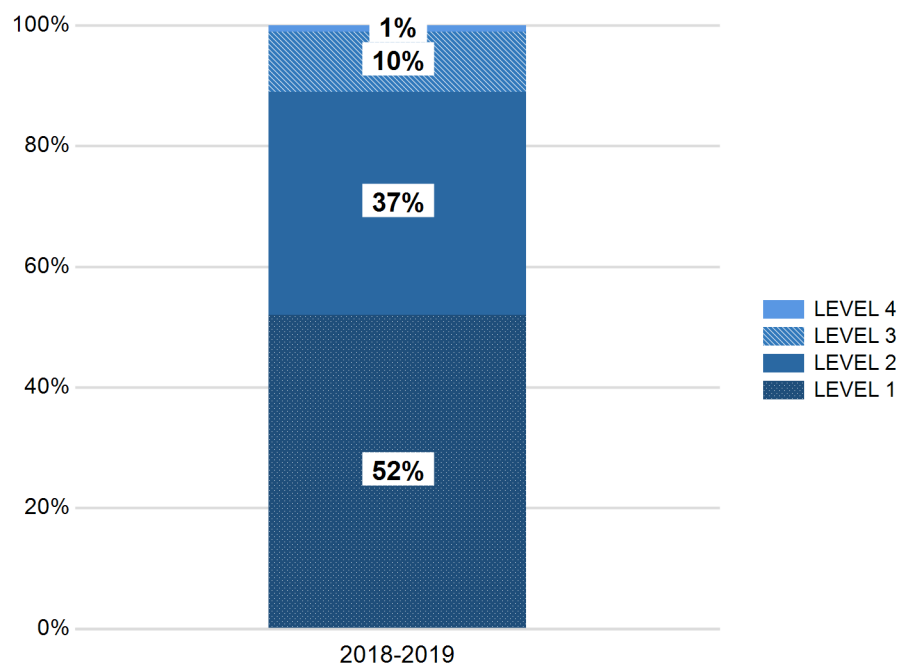
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### NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 5 Summary

This table shows how students performed this year on the NJSLA Science assessment. Students scoring at Level 3 or 4 are considered proficient.



### NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 5

This table shows how students performed this year on the NJSLA Science assessment, both overall and by student group. Students scoring at Level 3 or 4 are considered proficient.

Student Group	% Level 1	% Level 2	% Level 3	% Level 4
<b>Schoolwide</b>	52	37	10	1
White	N	N	N	N
Hispanic	*	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
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
Female	55	35	10	0
Male	49	38	10	3
Economically Disadvantaged Students	51	39	8	2
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	56	28	17	0
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	*
English Learners	N	N	N	N
Non-English Learners	52	37	10	1
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	N
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N



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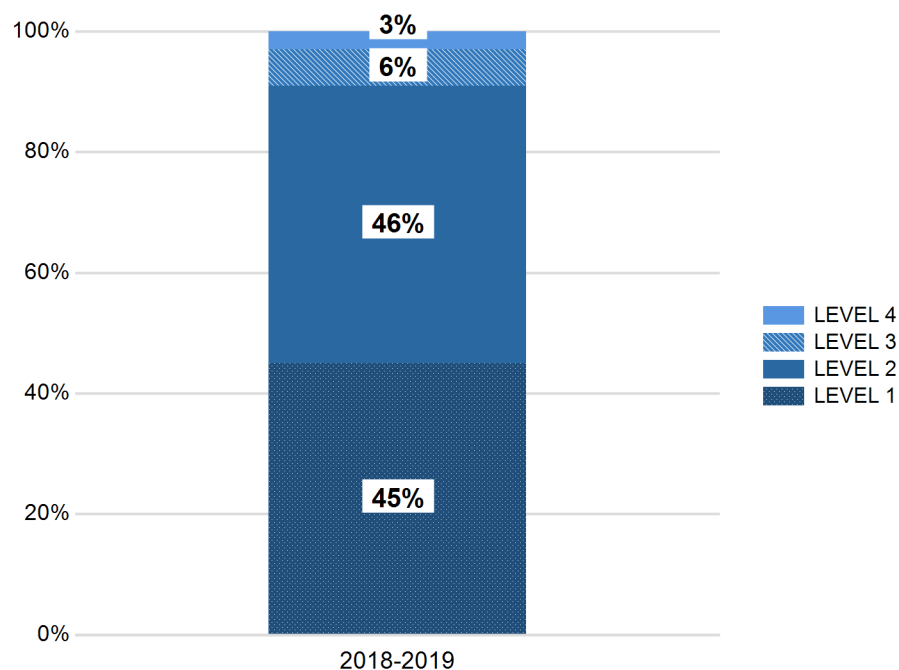
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### NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 8 Summary

This table shows how students performed this year on the NJSLA Science assessment. Students scoring at Level 3 or 4 are considered proficient.



### NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 8

This table shows how students performed this year on the NJSLA Science assessment, both overall and by student group. Students scoring at Level 3 or 4 are considered proficient.

Student Group	% Level 1	% Level 2	% Level 3	% Level 4
<b>Schoolwide</b>	45	46	6	3
White	N	N	N	N
Hispanic	*	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
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
Female	37	54	7	2
Male	57	37	3	3
Economically Disadvantaged Students	42	47	7	3
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	58	42	0	0
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*
Students without Disabilities	*	*	*	*
English Learners	N	N	N	N
Non-English Learners	45	46	6	3
Homeless Students	N	N	N	N
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	N
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	N
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N



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### Mathematics - Course Participation

This table shows the number of students who were enrolled in Mathematics courses by grade and subject area. Students are counted more than once if they were enrolled in courses across multiple subject areas.

Grade	Algebra I	Geometry	Grade Level and Other Math
6	0	0	75
7	0	0	73
8	0	0	73
Total	0	0	221

### World Languages - Course Participation

This table shows the number of students who were enrolled in World Languages courses by grade and language. Students are counted more than once if they were enrolled in courses across multiple languages.

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
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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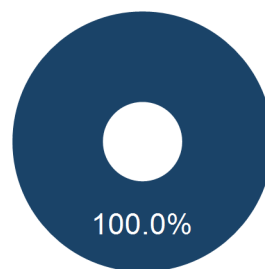
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## Visual and Performing Arts – Course Participation

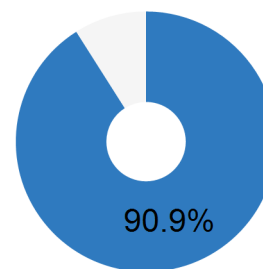
The first set of graphs below show the percentages of students who were enrolled in any Visual and Performing Arts classes during the school year. The graphs at the bottom of the page show the percentages of students enrolled in at least one course within each of the four arts disciplines during the school year.

### Grades 6-8:

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

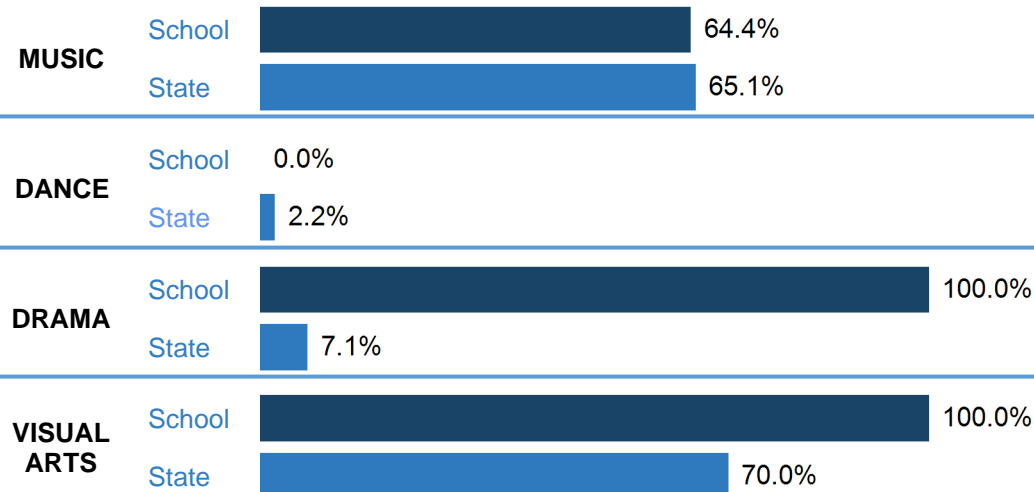


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Students enrolled in one or more classes by discipline:





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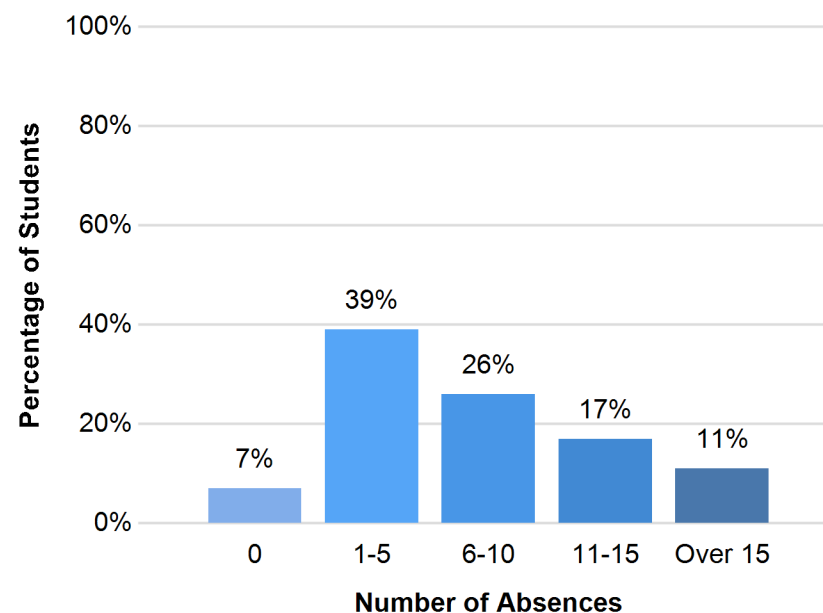
### Chronic Absenteeism

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	10	3.3	8.7	Met
White	N	N	N	N
Hispanic	1	9.1	**	**
Black or African American	9	3.1	8.7	Met
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific	N	N	N	N
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	N	N	N	N
Female	4	2.4		
Male	6	4.4		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	7	3.0	8.7	Met
Students with Disabilities	3	8.6	8.7	Met
English Learners	N	N	N	N
Homeless Students	N	N		
Students in Foster Care	N	N		
Military-Connected Students	N	N		
Migrant Students	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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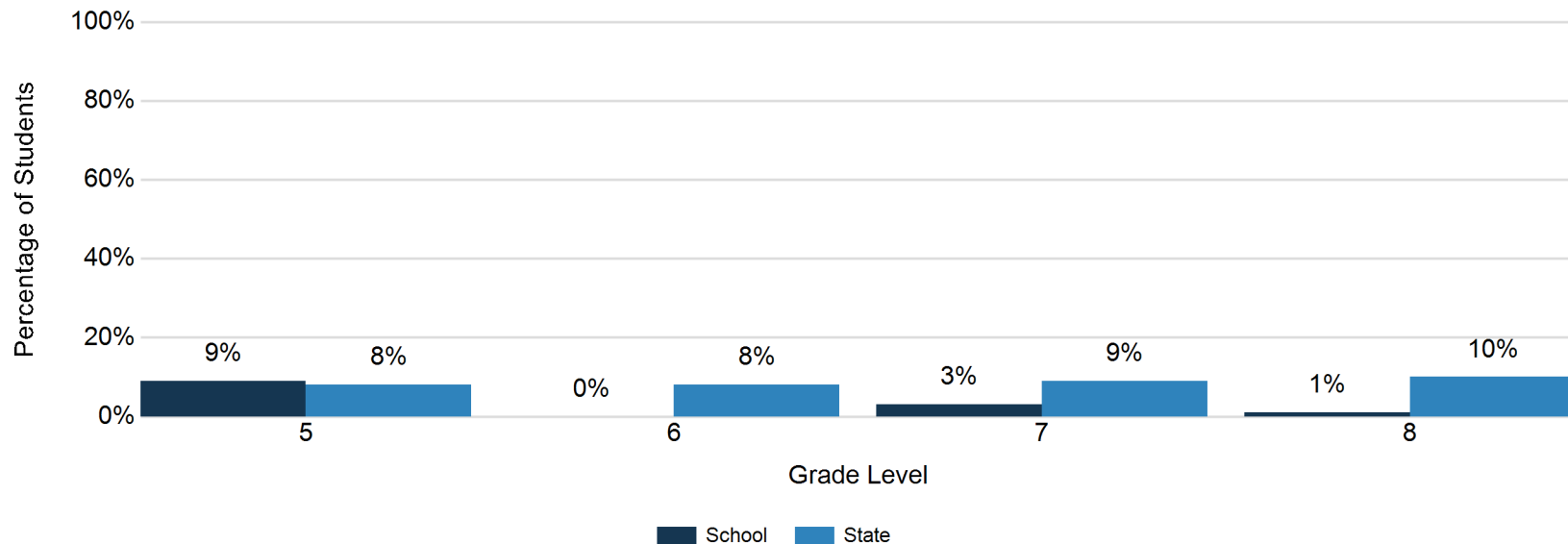
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### Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

This graph shows the percentage of students by grade level who were chronically absent during the school year.





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### Violence, Vandalism, HIB, and Substance Offenses

This table shows the number of incidents reported by type. A single incident may be counted under multiple incident types. The total unique incidents row provides an unduplicated count of incidents. The last row shows the rate of incidents for every 100 students enrolled.

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Violence	34
Weapons	0
Vandalism	1
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	2
Total Unique Incidents	37
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	12.42

### Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigations

This table shows, by the nature of the incident, the number of alleged and confirmed Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (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	1	1
Religion	0	0	0
Ancestry	0	1	1
Gender	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0
Other	0	1	1
No Identified Nature	0		0

### 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	1
Weapons	0
Vandalism	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	0
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	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	13	4.4%
Out-of-School Suspensions	56	18.8%
Any Suspension	66	22.1%
Removal to other education program	0	0.0%
Expulsion	0	0.0%
Arrest	0	0.0%

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123



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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	7:45 AM
Typical End Time	4:10 PM
Length of School Day	8 Hrs 25 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs 58 Mins
Shared Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs. 58 Mins.

**Device Ratios**

This table shows the student to device ratio, which is the number of students in tested grades 3 through 10 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 through 10. 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
2018-19	1:1



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### Teachers – Experience

This table shows information about the experience of teachers assigned to this school and across the state. No teachers in New Jersey are teaching under emergency or provisional credentials as defined the United States Department of Education.

Category	Teachers in School	Teachers in State
Total Number of teachers	28	118,214
Average years experience in public schools	4.0	12.1
Average years experience in district	1.9	10.8
Percentage of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	28.6%	75.3%

### Administrators – Experience (District Level)

This table shows information about the experience of administrators assigned to this district and across the state.

Category	Admin. in District	Admin. in State
Total Number of administrators	5	9,530
Average years experience in public schools	6.6	16.0
Average years experience in district	1.8	12.0
Percentage of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	40.0%	76.9%

### 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	11:1
Students to Administrators	60:1	60:1
Teachers to Administrators	6:1	6:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		N
Students to Nurses		298:1
Students to Counselors		N
Students to Child Study Team Members		149:1



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## Teachers and Administrators – Demographics

This table compares the percentage of students, teachers, and administrators by gender and by racial and ethnic group.

Category	Students in School	Teachers in School	Administrators in School	Students in State	Teachers in State	Administrators in State
Female	54.7%	85.7%	100.0%	48.4%	77.1%	54.9%
Male	45.3%	14.3%	0.0%	51.6%	22.9%	45.1%
White	0.0%	57.1%	40.0%	42.4%	83.6%	77.4%
Hispanic	3.7%	10.7%	0.0%	29.9%	7.3%	7.2%
Black or African American	96.3%	28.6%	20.0%	15.0%	6.6%	13.9%
Asian	0.0%	3.6%	20.0%	10.2%	2.0%	1.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or More Races	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.2%	0.2%



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### Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

This chart shows the highest level of education attained by 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.

#### Bachelor's Degree

Teacher 61%

Admin N/A

#### Master's Degree

Teacher 39%

Admin 100%

#### Doctoral Degree

Teacher 0%

Admin 0%

### Teachers and Administrators - One-Year Retention (District Level)

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators assigned to this district in 2017-18 that were still assigned to this district in 2018-19. Staff who were not retained may have changed districts or no longer work for the state (including retirements).

Job Type	District	State
2017-18 Teachers: Same district 2018-19	53.1%	90.5%
2017-18 Administrators: Same district 2018-19	100.0%	87.9%

### 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
2018-19	95.1%



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## Per-Pupil Expenditures by Source

The link below produces a table summarizing the most recently available expenses for regular and special education students taught at schools in the district. The amounts shown include expenditures for instruction, support services, administration, operations and maintenance, and extra-curricular activities.

For more information regarding this table please refer to the guidance for school level reporting, which is available on the [NJDOE webpage ESSA School Level Reporting Information](#). More in-depth information about district and charter school spending can be found in the [User Friendly Budget](#) and the [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report \(CAFR\) and Auditor Management Reports \(AMRs\)](#).

*Please be aware that the total district expenditures represented in these reports are taken from audited district financial data, but the subsequent allocation of these resources to specific schools is not audited or otherwise verified by the New Jersey Department of Education. If you have specific questions about the assignment (or lack of assignment) of school-level amounts, please contact the district for additional information.*

[Link to District Summary of 2018-19 School-Level Per Pupil Expenditures by Source.](#)

An option to [download all school-level summaries by district](#) in one spreadsheet is also available. However, because districts have flexibility in how certain costs are allocated to individual schools, school-level costs should not be compared between schools in different districts.



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## ESSA Accountability Status

The table below provides the school's federal school status for the 2020-21 school year, the category (or reason) for identification, the year the school is eligible to exit status, and, if applicable, the student groups identified for support.

Status for 2020-21 School Year	Not in Status
Category of Identification	n/a
Year Eligible to Exit Status	n/a
Student Group Status: White	
Student Group Status: Hispanic	
Student Group Status: Black or African American	
Student Group Status: Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	
Student Group Status: American Indian or Alaska Native	
Student Group Status: Two or More Races	
Student Group Status: Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Student Group Status: Students with Disabilities	
Student Group Status: English Learners	

† This flag is used if a school is identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement, but one or more student groups met criteria for Targeted Support and Improvement.



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## ESSA Accountability Progress

The table below shows performance on each of New Jersey's ESSA accountability indicators for the last three years. ELA and Math Proficiency represent the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations on statewide assessments (NJSLA/PARCC or DLM). ELA and Math Growth represent the median student growth percentile. Four- and five-year graduation rates represent the adjusted cohort graduation rates. Progress toward English Language Proficiency, which was first available in 2017-18, shows the percentage of English Learners that demonstrated the expected amount of growth on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment for English Language proficiency. Chronic absenteeism represents the percentage of students that were absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year.

ESSA Accountability Indicator	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
ELA Proficiency	57.5%	55.6%	62.3%
Math Proficiency	27.5%	28.1%	30.4%
ELA Growth	60	45	58
Math Growth	46	60	50
4-Year Graduation Rate†	N	N	N
5-Year Graduation Rate†	N	N	N
Progress toward English Language Proficiency		N	N
Chronic Absenteeism	10.9%	7.3%	3.3%

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## Accountability Indicator Scores and Summative Ratings - 2018-19 School Year

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This year accountability indicator scores and summative ratings are not used to identify schools for Comprehensive Support and Improvement, so these data are not included in the School Performance Reports. Review the previous two pages to see a school's current status, in the ESSA Accountability Status table, and to monitor a school's school progress on each accountability indicator over the last three years using the new ESSA Accountability Progress table.



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### Accountability Summary by Student Group - 2018-19 School Year

This table shows whether student groups in this school met annual ESSA accountability targets and standards for each indicator. Annual targets for proficiency and graduation rate were set based on a school or student group's performance in 2015-16 or the first year data was available. The standard for student growth is a median student growth percentile of 40-59.5. The target for chronic absenteeism is the statewide chronic absenteeism rate based on students enrolled in the grades served by the school. For more details on accountability targets, see these [accountability resources](#).

The accountability system will not be used to identify schools for Targeted Support and Improvement – Low Performing Student Group for 2018-19, so student group summative scores are not included in this table this year.

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	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Met Standard	N	Met	No
White	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Hispanic	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Black or African American	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Met Standard	n/a	Met	No
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American Indian or Alaska Native	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Two or More Races	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Met Standard	n/a	Met	No
Students with Disabilities	Met Target	Met Target†	Met Standard	**	n/a	Met	No
English Learners	**	**	**	**	**	**	No

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### Highlights:

- LCCS provides a comprehensive middle school program that develops the mind body and spirit within a positive school environment that both supports and challenges each student.
- 100% of Link's graduating class is accepted into a competitive high school that is best matched to the student. Together, the class of 2018 received \$4.9 million in scholarships and financial aid.



### Mission, Vision, Theme:

LCCS 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.



### Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

LCCS participates in the STC Design Day Challenge, Prudential LearnDoEarn Program, Novartis Teen Mentoring Program, and other innovative programs. Through a rigorous core curriculum and extensive extracurricular programs, the school and the students have demonstrated impressive results on the PARCC, outperforming district school and the state averages, as well as outpacing both on student growth. LCCS is a member of Schools that Can, a national network of high performing cross-sector schools.



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### Sports and Athletics:

Sports Offered: Basketball (Boys & Girls), Cheerleading (Girls), Soccer (Coed), Volleyball (Coed)

LCCS competes in the NJ Charter School Athletic League



### Clubs and Activities:

Electives are offered Friday mornings to expand student horizons, including food and culture, chess, African dance, drumming, DJ class, hip hop, photography, robotics. Students are invited to participate in math competitions and mentoring programs. Students take part in 2-3 community service days throughout the year.



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 <p><b>Before and After School Programs:</b></p>	<p>7th and 8th grade students are offered breakfast at 7:30 am (before the school day begins for them). Students can participate in the After Care Program, Link Choir, Musical Program, and sports after dismissal.</p>
 <p><b>Staff and Professional Learning:</b></p>	<p>LCCS teachers and staff participate in Friday afternoon professional development sessions twice per month led by in-house team of instructional leaders, focusing on content area and instructional practices. LCCS teachers also receive personalized training and support from instructional leaders who mentor them. LCCS teachers are supported in their continuing education with 80% contributions towards two-year program at Relay Graduate School of Education and annual awards at other institutions. LCCS teachers are invited to participate in PLCs at Schools that Can.</p>



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 <p><b>Student Supports and Services:</b></p>	<p>LCCS students benefit from a school community that supports every student. While there are currently no ELL students enrolled at Link, there is a program of identification, assessment and program delivery. Students with disabilities are supported in an inclusion model with a talented team of special education teachers and paraprofessionals. Students who struggle academically receive support through the special education team and classroom teachers during the school day, including a basic skills class. I&amp;RS is implemented by the social workers.</p>
 <p><b>Student Health and Wellness:</b></p>	<p>LCCS works to provide an environment in which students can thrive by supporting the development of a positive mind, body and spirit. All students engage in the advisory program and morning circle, as well as daily centering/breathing exercises. 5th graders take a life skills class with the social workers, Breakfast is provided to all students (5th and 6th - after the bell and 7th and 8th - before the bell). 5th and 6th graders have recess every day for 25 minutes (in the gym). All students take 100 minutes of physical education on a weekly basis (2 classes per week). All students also take a 50 minute health class, once per week. 7th and 8th graders participate in yoga through the weekly electives program.</p>
 <p><b>Parent and Community Involvement:</b></p>	<p>The Link Parent Association (LPA) holds monthly meetings, offers programs after school/evenings throughout the school year to support a positive community, and shares feedback to the school leadership. Parents have access to a parent page on the school website, Deans List and Class Dojo for student conduct updates, and PowerSchool for student academic performance data. LCCS invites parents each quarter to meet with teachers on Report Card Night, encourages families to meet with the principal and shadow their children for a school day twice per year, runs a parent orientation program each summer for new families and provides opportunities throughout the year to highlight student work and build community.</p>



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 <p>Climate Surveys:</p>	<p>Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Administrators, Teachers LCCS administers the climate survey to parents and students annually in June and to staff twice per year. 47.3% of families completed survey with 86.7% expressing satisfaction with overall school environment. 80% of teachers completed survey in June and 60% expressed satisfaction with leadership and overall school environment.</p>
 <p>Facilities:</p>	<p>LCCS's 55,000 square foot school facility was built circa 1907. The building includes a gymnasium/auditorium, a cafeteria, a science lab, an art classroom, a music room, technology classroom, library/ media room, and in addition to many general content classrooms, all with air conditioners. The building is bright and airy, clean and well organized, producing a positive and welcoming environment for learning.</p>
 <p>School Safety:</p>	<p>LCCS works to build a community grounded in Core Values. Using Restorative Justice Practices, Link works with students to develop the tools to positively approach conflict. Community Service opportunities help further develop students' character. The advisory program and morning circle help students navigate challenges, provide a voice, and build positive traits and habits. The school's merit and demerit system provide timely feedback on student conduct that is used to decide on fun incentives throughout the school year, while keeping parents informed.</p>



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### Technology and STEM:

Technology is used to support student learning throughout the school, allowing for blended learning, differentiation, and the development of 21st century skills. Classes are equipped with Chrome Books, i-pads, and laptops for student use. Students in grades 6 and 7 engage in project based STEM learning and in grade 8 visit Students2Science and Novartis Pharmaceuticals to explore STEM applications in the real world.



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### Other Information

Link's school day (7:45 am to 4:10 pm) provides additional time to support a rigorous academic program, strong exposure to the arts and opportunities for experiential education and personal development. The admissions process is simple and welcoming. Families complete a one page enrollment form and their child's name is placed in a lottery for random selection. As the school serves four approved districts of residence (Newark, Irvington, East Orange and Orange), LCCS does not participate in One Newark Enrolls. Therefore, families must apply directly to Link. Students wear a school uniform which can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara and a gym uniform which can be purchased at LCCS. The school receives donations of uniforms to assist those families who experience a hardship with purchasing one. Uniform guidelines are available on the website. While the school does not provide transportation, parents can work with their home districts to coordinate busing, aid in lieu or NJ Transit bus tickets, pursuant to NJDOE Transportation Practices.