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School Contact Info

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Type	Contact Information
County	SALEM
District	SALEM CO SPECIAL SERVICE
Principal Name	DR. D' AMATO
Address	404 DARETOWN ROAD ELMER, NJ 08318
Phone Number	(856)358-2108
Email Address	JDAMATO@SCSSSD.NET
Website	http://wwwscsssd.net

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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	1	1	0
KG	1	3	2
1	3	0	2
2	0	1	1
3	3	1	1
4	6	2	3
5	4	4	3
6	5	6	6
7	2	7	6
8	7	1	5
9	5	3	1
10	2	2	1
11	5	1	1
12	1	3	1
Total	45	35	33

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	4.4%	2.9%	6.1%
Male	95.6%	97.1%	93.9%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	46.7%	42.0%	63.6%
Students with Disabilities	100.0%	97.1%	97.0%
English Learners	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Homeless Students		0.0%	6.1%
Students in Foster Care		8.7%	3.0%
Military-Connected Students		0.0%	0.0%
Migrant Students		0.0%	0.0%

Enrollment by Racial and Ethnic Group

This table shows the percentage of students by racial and ethnic group for the past three school years.

Racial and Ethnic Group	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
White	37.8%	42.0%	45.5%
Hispanic	24.4%	17.4%	18.2%
Black or African American	35.6%	37.7%	27.3%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.2%	0.0%	3.0%
Two or More Races	0.0%	2.9%	6.1%

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	0	1	0
PK - Full Day	1	0	0
KG - Half Day	0	0	0
KG - Full Day	1	3	2

Enrollment Trends by Full and Shared Time Status

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

Enrollment Status	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Full Time Students	45	34	33
Shared Time Students	0	1	0
Full Time Equivalent	45	35	33

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	90.9%
Spanish	9.1%

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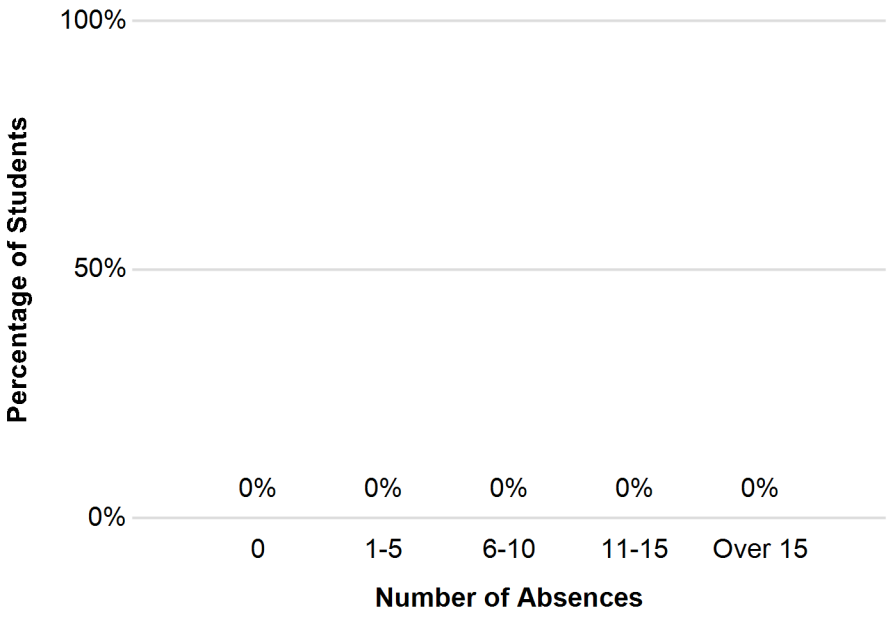
Chronic Absenteeism

This table shows the number and percentage of students in grades K-12 both overall and by student group who were chronically absent during the school year. The last two columns show the chronic absenteeism state average for students in the grades offered and whether the rate for each student group was above the state average ("Not Met") or less than or equal to the state average ("Met").

Student Group	Number of students chronically absent	Percent of students chronically absent	State Average	Met State Average
Schoolwide	N	N	N	N
White	N	N	N	N
Hispanic	N	N	N	N
Black or African American	N	N	N	N
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	N	N	N	N
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	N
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	N
English Learners	N	N	N	N

Days Absent

This graph shows the percentage of K-12 students by the number of days they were absent during the school year.



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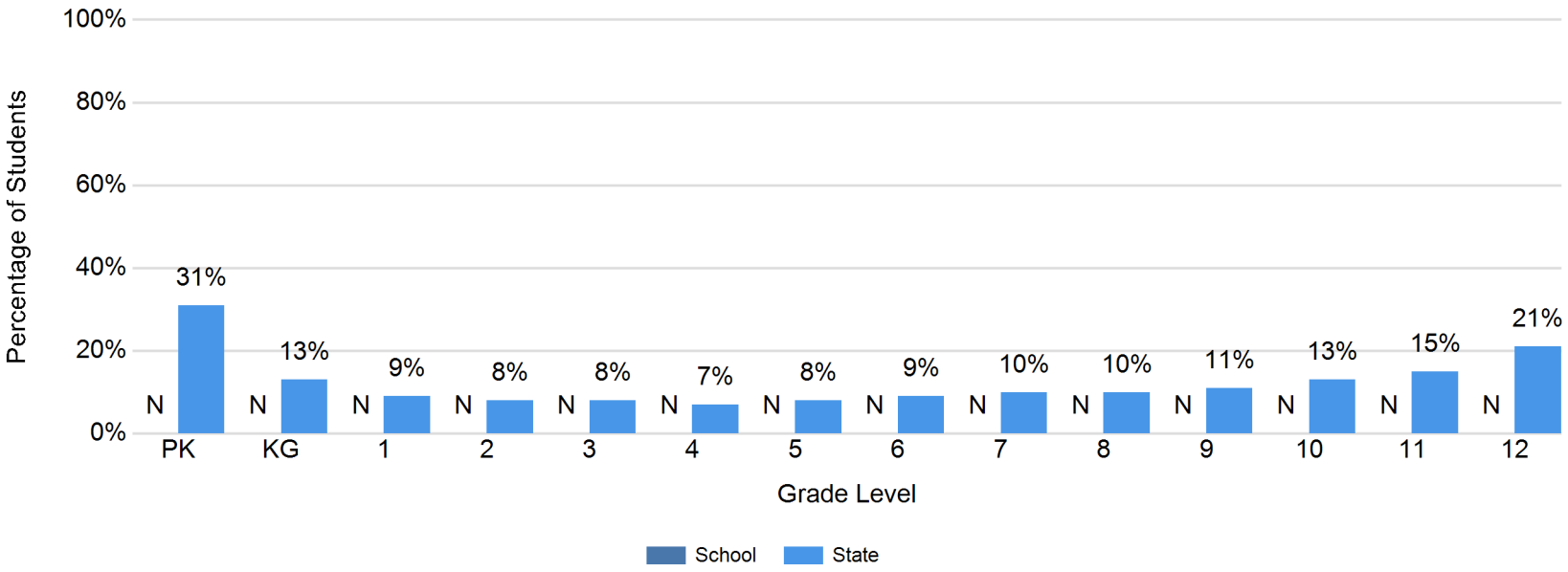
Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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	3
Weapons	0
Vandalism	1
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	2
Total Unique Incidents	5
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	15.15

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	3
Weapons	0
Vandalism	1
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	1	1
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0
Other	0	1	1
No Identified Nature	0		0

Student Disciplinary Removals

The first table shows, by removal type, the number and percentage of students who received disciplinary removals during the school year. Removal types include students receiving one or more in-school suspensions, one or more out-of-school suspensions, one or more suspension of any type, removal to another school or other educational program, expulsion with no further educational services, or arrest. The second table shows the total number of days missed due to out-of-school suspension for all students during the school year.

Removal Type	Number of Students	Percent of Students
In-School Suspensions	0	0.0%
Out-of-School Suspensions	*	*
Any Suspension	*	*
Removal to other education program	0	0.0%
Expulsion	0	0.0%
Arrest	*	*

School Days Missed due to Out-of-School Suspensions
12

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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	8:30 AM
Typical End Time	2:30 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs 0 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs 0 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	N

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)	N	N	N

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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	10	117,464
Average years experience in public schools	11.7	12.0
Average years experience in district	11.7	10.7
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	90.0%	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	10	9,374
Average years experience in public schools	14.2	16.0
Average years experience in district	11.9	12.0
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	100.0%	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	3:1	6:1
Students to Administrators	33:1	25:1
Teachers to Administrators	10:1	5:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		N
Students to Nurses		84:1
Students to Counselors		N
Students to Child Study Team		17:1

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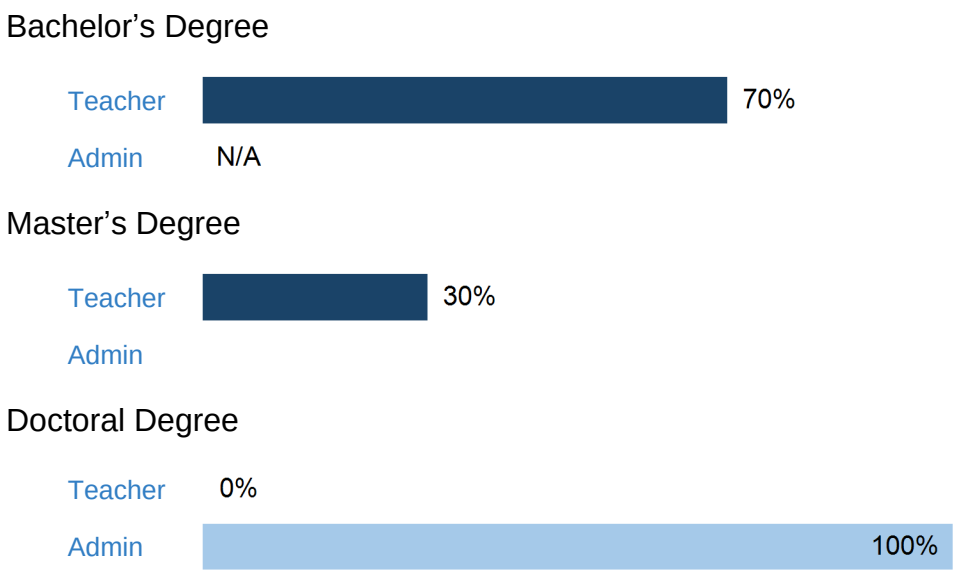
Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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	89.1%	90.2%
2016-17 Administrators: Same district 2017-18	100.0%	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	95.7%

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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	70.0%	0.0%
Male	30.0%	100.0%
White	100.0%	100.0%
Hispanic	0.0%	0.0%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%
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School Narrative

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Highlights:	• K-12 special education program with strong school-wide behavior management component • 1:5 student-teacher ratio; tech. integrated curriculum inclds. Smart boards and 1:1 personal Chromebooks.
Mission, Vision, Theme:	The mission of the Daretown School is to provide a highly individualized program consisting of special education, related services, counseling and family involvement in an environment that encourages appropriate social behavior and prepares students for successful return to a less restrictive public school setting.
Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:	2014 National School Change Award Finalist 2015 NJ School Boards Association "Innovations in Special Education" Award Winner 2017 Philadelphia Zoo "Unless Project" Competition Finalist 2017 Philadelphia Zoo "Unless Project" Competition Second Place High School Category 2018

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:	The cornerstone of the Daretown program is its team-oriented approach. Weekly team meetings, bi-weekly collaborative (cross-curricular) planning sessions, shared decision-making, and shared accountability ensure a common vision, and maximize the potential of both teachers and learners.
Clubs and Activities:	Extra curricular clubs and activities are (with the exception of Special Olympics) are not possible since student transportation is provided by 'sending schools,' making after school activities impossible.

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Staff and Professional Learning:	Daretown faculty and staff are highly trained and experienced. Most teachers have multiple degrees and state certifications, and many of our paraprofessionals are also sub-certified. Virtually all take advantage of the district's tuition reimbursement program to further their education.

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Student Supports and Services:	Student support services are provided by the Salem County Special Services School District as needed. They include, but are not limited to speech and language, occupational and physical therapies, individual and group counseling, etc.
Student Health and Wellness:	A full-time RN with both school nurse and teaching credentials is housed at the school.
Parent and Community Involvement:	Numerous activities are scheduled throughout the year to encourage parent involvement and support.

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Facilities:	The school was constructed in the 1920's. It has continually been upgraded. It includes a fully functional computer lab, wireless internet, central heat and air conditioning, a water purification system. Drop ceilings, wall-to-wall carpeting, elevator and ramps to assure ADA compliance. Smart Boards in all classrooms, up-to-date computer system, 1:1 Chromebooks for students, interior and exterior security cameras.
School Safety:	First floor exterior windows and interior classroom door windows reinforced with 3M shatter resistant film. IP security cameras now provide 'live access' to First Responders in the event of an emergency.

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Technology and STEM:	1:1 Chromebooks for students to use.

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Other Information:	STAFFING AND SUPPORT SERVICES Fulltime certified/highly qualified teachers, a social worker/counselor, behaviorist, registered nurse, and experienced teacher associates staff the program. Related services, ongoing program support and technical assistance are provided by the Salem County Special Services School District. SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM STRENGTHS • The cornerstone of the Daretown program is its team-oriented approach. Weekly team meetings, bi-weekly collaborative (cross-curricular) planning sessions, shared decision-making and shared accountability ensure a common vision, and maximize the potential of both teachers and learners. • Cross-age, cross-grade grouping and a class size of 1:5 or fewer enables teachers to easily identify student strengths, weaknesses and individual learning styles, making it possible to provide highly personalized, highly effective instruction. • A school-wide behavior management system, three mentoring sessions per day designed to monitor ongoing student academic and behavioral performance, and group and/or individual counseling twice a week have resulted in a school environment that is nurturing, conducive to learning and one that encourages and rewards positive social behavior. • A consistently enforced “Zero Tolerance” Code of Student Conduct has all but eliminated truancy, serious disciplinary concerns, out-of-school suspensions, violence and vandalism.