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School Contact Info

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Type	Contact Information
County	MORRIS
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Principal Name	MR. WHITE
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Website	https://www.chester-nj.org/Domain/92
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/Black-River-Middle-School-110843132303750/
Twitter	https://twitter.com/BlackRiverMS

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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
6	137	131	108
7	175	142	135
8	142	175	141
Total	455	449	384

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	49.7%	48.3%	46.1%
Male	50.3%	51.7%	53.9%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	5.1%	5.8%	5.2%
Students with Disabilities	18.9%	15.6%	14.6%
English Learners	2.2%	2.0%	2.9%
Homeless Students		0.0%	0.0%
Students in Foster Care		0.0%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students		0.2%	0.5%
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	86.4%	84.2%	83.3%
Hispanic	5.7%	7.3%	10.2%
Black or African American	1.1%	1.8%	1.8%
Asian	5.1%	5.3%	3.9%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	0.2%	0.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	1.1%	1.1%	0.5%

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	95.6%
Spanish	3.6%
Other Languages	0.8%

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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/Literacy (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	52	57	50	Met Standard	63	64	50	Exceeds Standard
White	52.5	58	50	Met Standard	62	64	51	Exceeds Standard
Hispanic	60.5	57	49	Exceeds Standard	55	61	48	**
Black or African American	*	*	44	**	*	*	44	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	45.5	53.5	61	**	*	60	61	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	52	**	N	N	53	**
Two or More Races	*	*	49	**	*	*	51	**
Economically Disadvantaged	68	63	48	**	*	71	47	**
Students with Disabilities	47	42	41	Met Standard	42	45	43	Met Standard
English Learners	71	47	54	**	*	69	51	**

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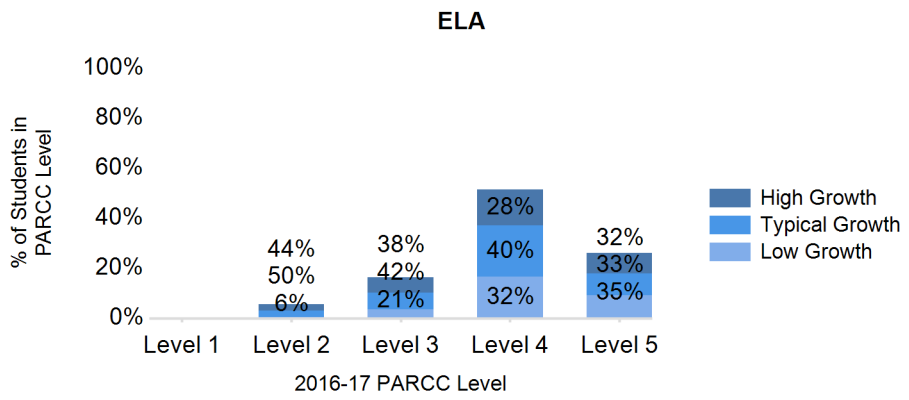
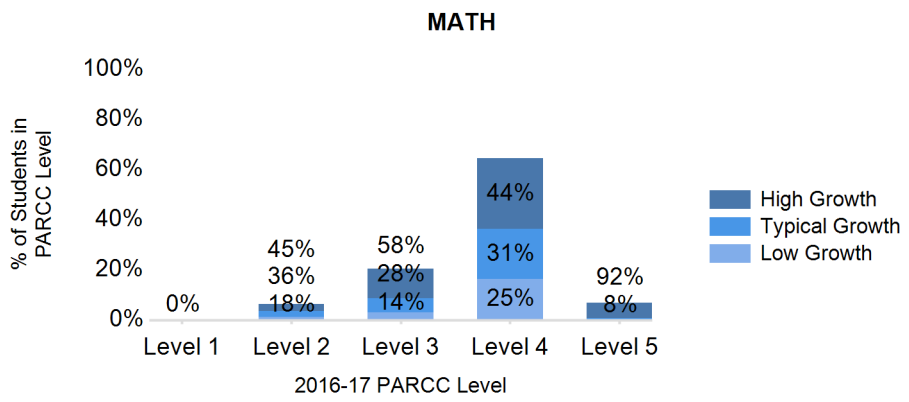
Student Growth by Performance Level

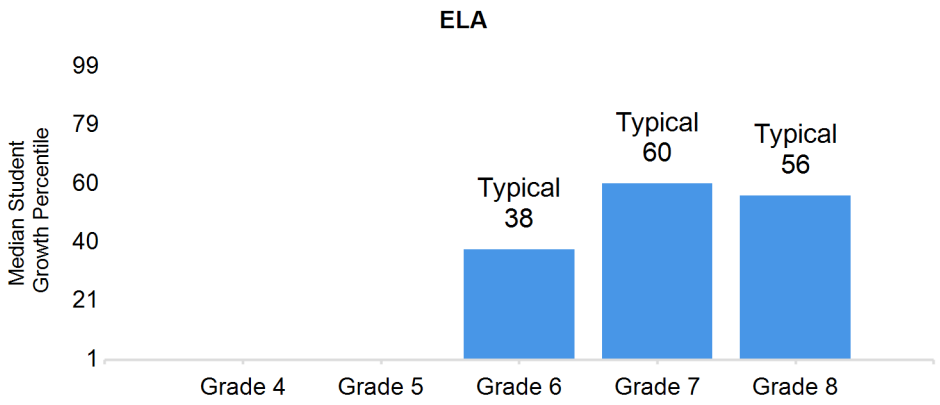
These graphs show the percentage of students by 2016-17 PARCC performance level that fall into each of the three levels of growth based on their 2017-18 test scores.

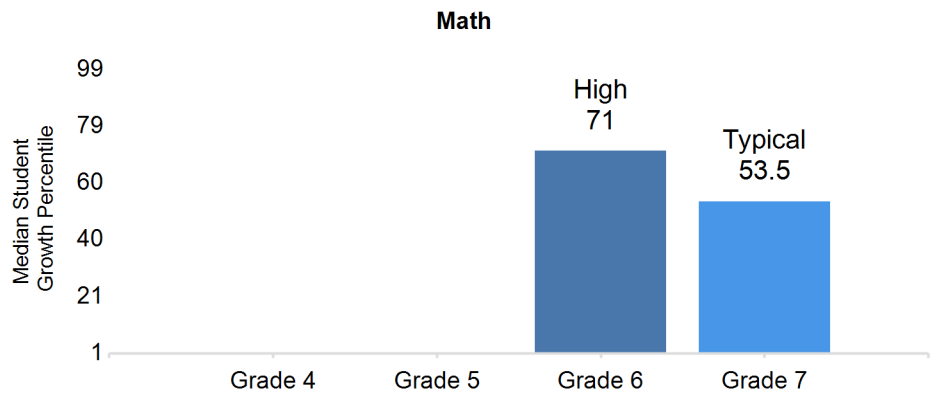




Student Growth by Grade

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





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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	364	95.6	78.9	73.6	56.7	78.9	67.1	Met Target
White	304	95.0	81.9	77.5	65.6	81.9	67.5	Met Goal
Hispanic	36	97.3	52.8	41.7	42.5	52.8	48	Met Target
Black or African American	*	*	*	*	37.3	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	16	100.0	93.8	87.1	82.3	93.8	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	52.7	N	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	63.4	*	**	**
Female	164	94.3	82.9	80.5	64.5	82.3		
Male	200	96.6	75.5	67.5	49.4	75.5		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	19	95.0	47.4	34.8	38.5	47.4	N	N
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	345	95.6	80.6	76.3	67.5	80.6		
Students with Disabilities	54	96.4	40.8	37.6	21.6	40.8	49.8	Met Target†
Students without Disabilities	310	95.4	85.5	81.3	63.9	85.5		
English Learners	15	100.0	46.6	30.0	27.3	46.6	**	**
Non-English Learners	349	95.4	80.3	76.2	59.4	80.3		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	*	27.7	N		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	N	26.3	N		
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	*	57.4	*		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	*	30.1	N		

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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 6

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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	104	765	765	754	0%	*	21%	*	*	73%	56%
White	88	767	767	761	0%	*	20%	*	*	75%	66%
Hispanic	*	*	*	742	*	*	*	*	*	*	42%
Black or African American	*	*	*	737	*	*	*	*	*	*	35%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	779	*	*	*	*	*	*	83%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	751	N	N	N	N	N	N	49%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	761	*	*	*	*	*	*	64%
Female	46	774	774	761	0%	*	*	*	*	87%	64%
Male	58	758	758	748	0%	*	*	*	*	62%	48%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	37%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	764	*	*	*	*	*	*	68%
Students with Disabilities	10	734	734	723	0%	*	*	*	*	20%	18%
Students without Disabilities	94	768	768	760	0%	*	*	*	*	79%	63%
English Learners	*	*	*	712	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	755	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	26%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	26%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	752	*	*	*	*	*	*	55%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	732	N	N	N	N	N	N	36%

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English Language Arts/Literacy 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
Schoolwide	127	781	781	760	*	*	11%	33%	50%	83%	63%
White	104	781	781	768	*	*	10%	35%	50%	85%	72%
Hispanic	12	769	769	746	0%	*	*	*	*	58%	49%
Black or African American	*	*	*	740	*	*	*	*	*	*	42%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	790	*	*	*	*	*	*	87%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	756	N	N	N	N	N	N	57%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	767	*	*	*	*	*	*	68%
Female	58	786	786	769	*	*	*	28%	55%	83%	72%
Male	69	778	778	752	*	*	*	38%	45%	83%	54%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	742	*	*	*	*	*	*	44%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	771	*	*	*	*	*	*	73%
Students with Disabilities	14	735	735	721	*	*	*	*	*	21%	22%
Students without Disabilities	113	787	787	768	*	*	*	*	*	90%	71%
English Learners	*	*	*	705	*	*	*	*	*	*	11%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	762	*	*	*	*	*	*	64%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	32%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	725	N	N	N	N	N	N	25%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	758	*	*	*	*	*	*	64%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%

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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 8

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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	780	780	759	*	*	14%	48%	34%	82%	60%
White	112	782	782	767	*	*	10%	51%	36%	87%	70%
Hispanic	13	767	767	744	0%	0%	*	*	*	54%	45%
Black or African American	*	*	*	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	39%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	789	*	*	*	*	*	*	86%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	759	N	N	N	N	N	N	59%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	766	N	N	N	N	N	N	66%
Female	58	781	781	768	*	*	*	50%	34%	84%	69%
Male	72	779	779	751	*	*	*	47%	33%	81%	52%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	740	*	*	*	*	*	*	42%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	769	*	*	*	*	*	*	71%
Students with Disabilities	25	752	752	719	*	*	*	64%	0%	64%	19%
Students without Disabilities	105	786	786	766	*	*	*	45%	42%	87%	68%
English Learners	*	*	*	703	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	761	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	726	N	N	N	N	N	N	27%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	760	N	N	N	N	N	N	61%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%

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English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment - Performance Trends

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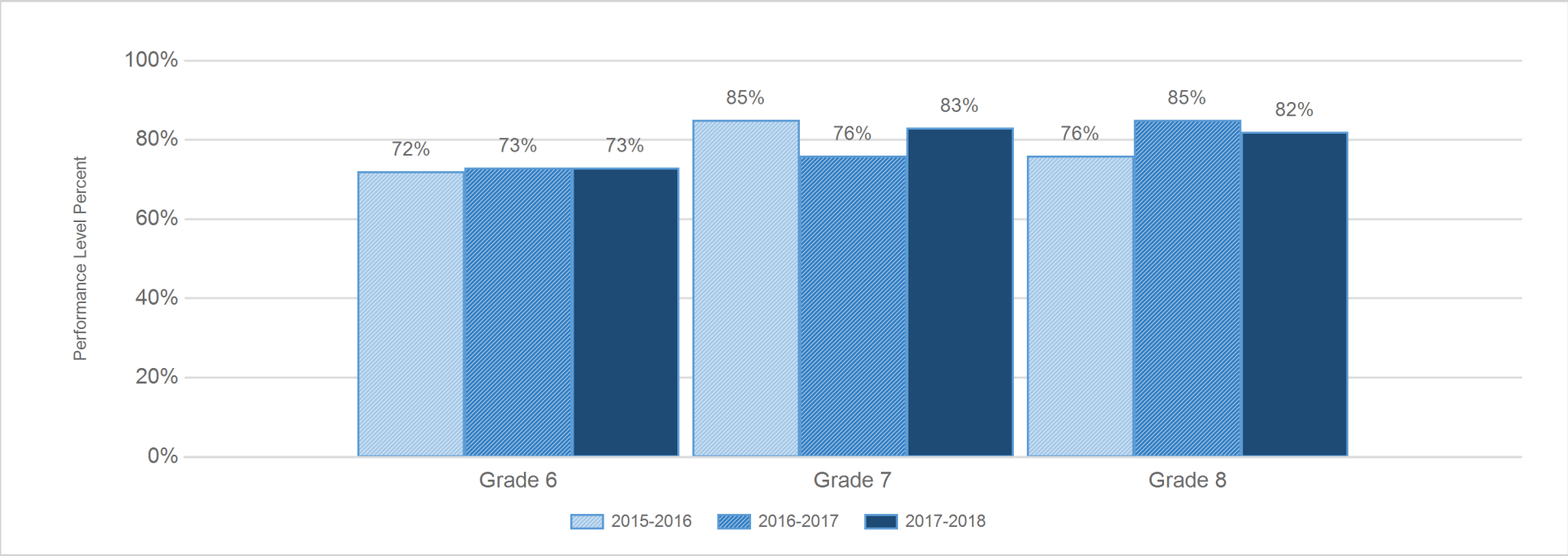

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Schoolwide	368	96.1	72.3	71.7	45.0	72.3	63.4	Met Target
White	306	95.7	75.5	75.5	54.1	75.5	64.4	Met Target
Hispanic	38	97.4	44.7	41.5	29.2	44.7	33.5	Met Target
Black or African American	*	*	*	*	23.4	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	16	100.0	87.5	83.9	77.0	87.5	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	42.5	N	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	53.0	*	**	**
Female	167	95.5	74.3	73.6	46.0	74.3		
Male	201	96.6	70.6	70.0	43.9	70.6		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	19	95.0	31.6	30.5	26.6	31.6	N	N
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	349	96.2	74.5	74.6	55.9	74.5		
Students with Disabilities	54	96.4	22.2	42.4	17.1	22.2	39.9	Not Met
Students without Disabilities	314	96.0	80.9	77.9	50.5	80.9		
English Learners	17	100.0	35.3	30.2	24.6	35.3	**	**
Non-English Learners	351	95.9	74.0	74.4	46.9	74.0		
Homeless Students	N	N	N	*	17.3	N		
Students In Foster Care	N	N	N	N	16.2	N		
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	*	45.8	*		
Migrant Students	N	N	N	*	23.7	N		

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 6

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

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Schoolwide	104	765	765	744	0%	*	24%	*	*	70%	44%
White	88	767	767	751	0%	*	24%	*	*	73%	54%
Hispanic	*	*	*	731	*	*	*	*	*	*	27%
Black or African American	*	*	*	726	*	*	*	*	*	*	21%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	771	*	*	*	*	*	*	78%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	744	N	N	N	N	N	N	48%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	749	*	*	*	*	*	*	52%
Female	46	771	771	745	0%	*	*	*	*	78%	45%
Male	58	760	760	742	0%	*	*	*	*	64%	42%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	24%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	56%
Students with Disabilities	10	726	726	717	*	*	*	*	*	*	13%
Students without Disabilities	94	769	769	748	*	*	*	*	*	*	49%
English Learners	*	*	*	713	*	*	*	*	*	*	11%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	745	*	*	*	*	*	*	45%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	745	*	*	*	*	*	*	45%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	18%

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Mathematics 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
Schoolwide	94	756	756	743	*	*	18%	61%	11%	71%	43%
White	78	757	757	750	*	*	18%	*	*	74%	54%
Hispanic	11	746	746	732	0%	*	*	*	*	45%	27%
Black or African American	*	*	*	727	*	*	*	*	*	*	21%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	767	*	*	*	*	*	*	75%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	742	N	N	N	N	N	N	39%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	748	*	*	*	*	*	*	51%
Female	42	753	753	745	*	*	*	*	*	69%	45%
Male	52	759	759	741	*	*	*	*	*	73%	42%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	730	*	*	*	*	*	*	24%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	751	*	*	*	*	*	*	55%
Students with Disabilities	14	729	729	717	*	*	*	*	*	21%	12%
Students without Disabilities	80	761	761	748	*	*	*	*	*	80%	50%
English Learners	*	*	*	716	*	*	*	*	*	*	10%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	744	*	*	*	*	*	*	45%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	720	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	743	*	*	*	*	*	*	42%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Grade: Grade 8

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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	70	744	744	728	*	*	29%	43%	0%	43%	28%
White	54	746	746	736	*	*	30%	46%	0%	46%	36%
Hispanic	12	741	741	722	0%	*	*	*	*	33%	22%
Black or African American	*	*	*	715	*	*	*	*	*	*	15%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	747	*	*	*	*	*	*	51%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	721	N	N	N	N	N	N	21%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Female	38	753	753	731	*	*	*	*	*	55%	31%
Male	32	733	733	725	*	*	*	*	*	28%	26%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	719	*	*	*	*	*	*	20%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	735	*	*	*	*	*	*	35%
Students with Disabilities	25	734	734	705	*	*	*	*	*	32%	*
Students without Disabilities	45	749	749	735	*	*	*	*	*	49%	*
English Learners	*	*	*	705	*	*	*	*	*	*	10%
Non-English Learners	*	*	*	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	29%
Homeless Students	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	734	N	N	N	N	N	N	31%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	703	N	N	N	N	N	N	10%

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Test: Algebra I

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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	72	796	796	746	0%	0%	0%	67%	33%	100%	46%
White	64	795	795	755	0%	0%	0%	70%	30%	100%	57%
Hispanic	*	*	*	730	*	*	*	*	*	*	27%
Black or African American	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	23%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	779	*	*	*	*	*	*	79%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	746	N	N	N	N	N	N	49%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	755	N	N	N	N	N	N	54%
Female	32	795	795	748	0%	0%	0%	69%	31%	100%	48%
Male	40	797	797	745	0%	0%	0%	65%	35%	100%	44%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	25%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	72	796	796	756	0%	0%	0%	67%	33%	100%	57%
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	716	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Students without Disabilities	72	796	796	752	0%	0%	0%	67%	33%	100%	52%
English Learners	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	72	796	796	749	0%	0%	0%	67%	33%	100%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	16%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	712	N	N	N	N	N	N	12%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	752	N	N	N	N	N	N	49%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	720	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Test: Geometry

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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	25	790	790	735	0%	0%	0%	*	*	100%	30%
White	22	791	791	740	0%	0%	0%	*	*	100%	37%
Hispanic	*	*	*	723	*	*	*	*	*	*	14%
Black or African American	N	N	N	719	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	760	*	*	*	*	*	*	65%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	734	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	741	N	N	N	N	N	N	39%
Female	*	*	*	736	*	*	*	*	*	*	30%
Male	*	*	*	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	29%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	722	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	25	790	790	741	0%	0%	0%	*	*	100%	38%
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	713	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Students without Disabilities	25	790	790	738	0%	0%	0%	*	*	100%	*
English Learners	N	N	N	711	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	25	790	790	736	0%	0%	0%	*	*	100%	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	718	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	711	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	731	N	N	N	N	N	N	24%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	709	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance by Test: Algebra II

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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	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	30%
White	N	N	N	733	N	N	N	N	N	N	35%
Hispanic	N	N	N	710	N	N	N	N	N	N	14%
Black or African American	N	N	N	705	N	N	N	N	N	N	11%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	N	N	N	766	N	N	N	N	N	N	66%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	28%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	736	N	N	N	N	N	N	37%
Female	N	N	N	728	N	N	N	N	N	N	30%
Male	N	N	N	727	N	N	N	N	N	N	30%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	709	N	N	N	N	N	N	13%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	N	N	736	N	N	N	N	N	N	37%
Students with Disabilities	N	N	N	693	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Students without Disabilities	N	N	N	732	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
English Learners	N	N	N	691	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Non-English Learners	N	N	N	729	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Homeless Students	N	N	N	703	N	N	N	N	N	N	10%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	693	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	717	N	N	N	N	N	N	20%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	708	N	N	N	N	N	N	15%

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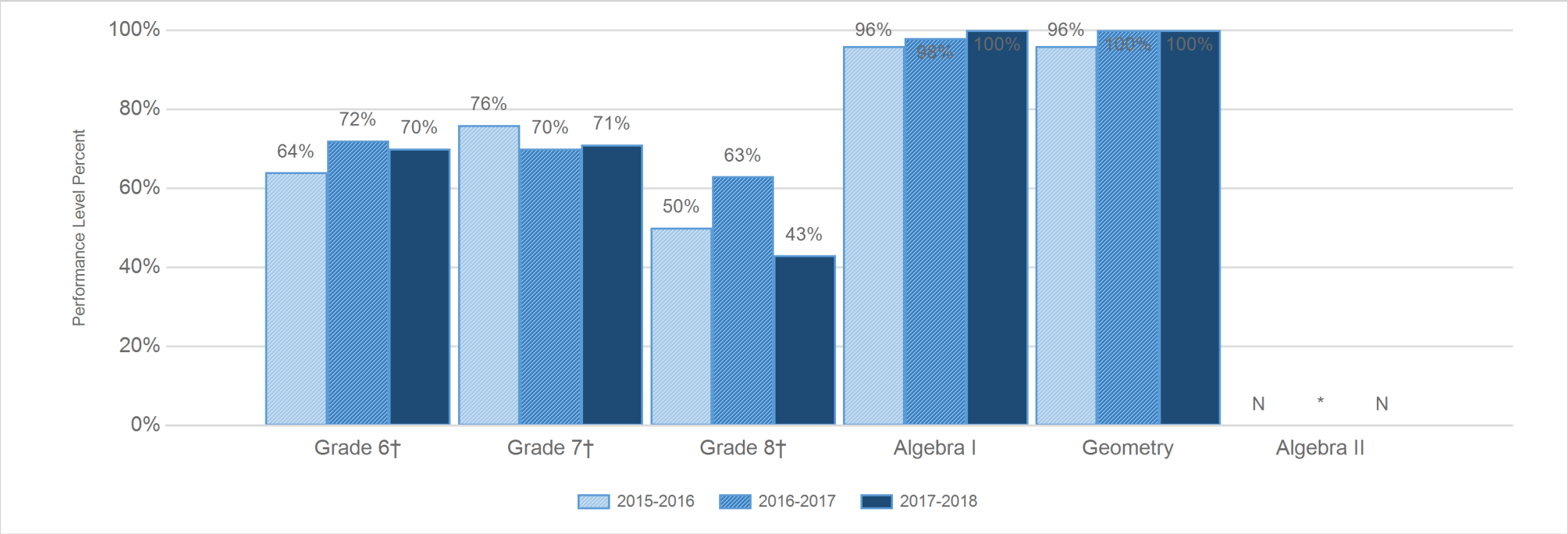
Mathematics Assessment – Performance Trends

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on each grade level or end of course exam on the Mathematics section of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment for the past three years.



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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
6	*	*
7	*	*
8	*	*

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	30.0%	**	**

† 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	N	N	N
5 or more	*	*	*

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The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) measures student proficiency with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science. All students in grade 5, grade 8, and grade 11 were administered the NJSLA-Science field test in 2017-18.

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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Information about New Jersey Student Learning Standards can be found on the NJDOE website.

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	111
7	86	1	50
8	41	27	75
Total	127	28	236

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	69	18	0	0	0	21	0
7	82	31	0	0	0	24	0
8	102	26	0	0	0	11	0
Total	253	75	0	0	0	56	0

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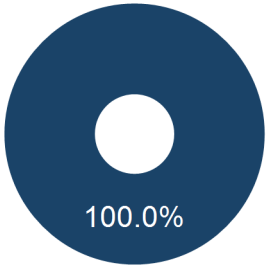
Visual and Performing Arts – Course Participation

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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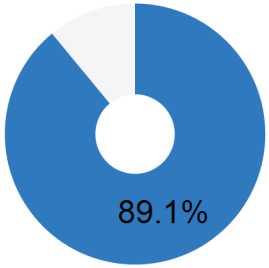

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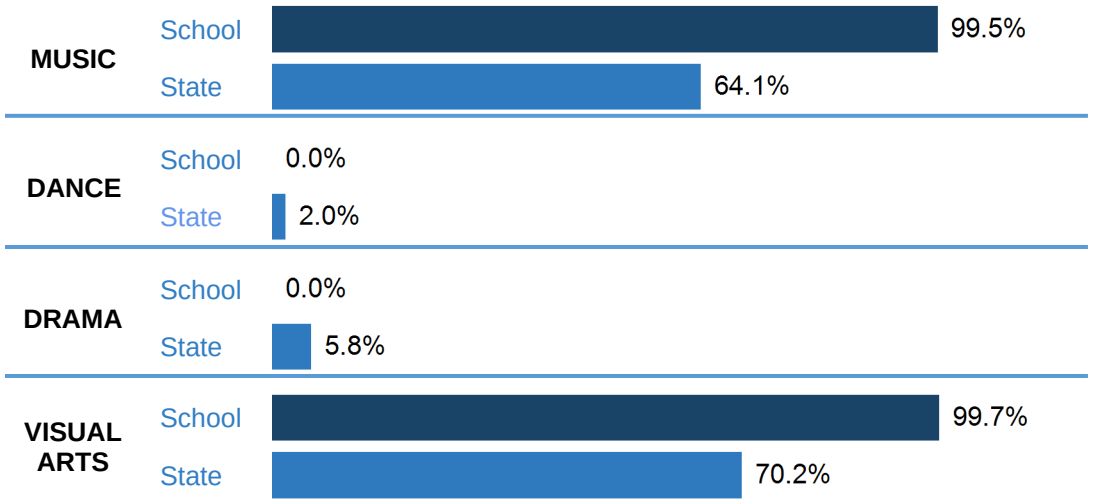

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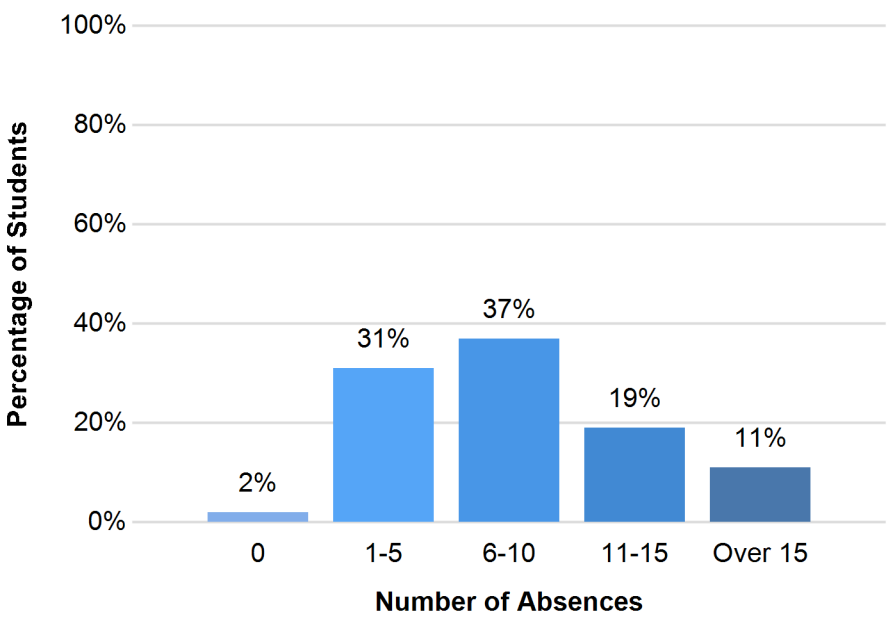
Chronic Absenteeism

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	29	7.5	9.5	Met
White	28	8.7	9.5	Met
Hispanic	1	2.6	9.5	Met
Black or African American	*	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0	0	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Two or More Races	*	*	**	**
Economically Disadvantaged Students	1	5.0	9.5	Met
Students with Disabilities	7	12.3	9.5	Not Met
English Learners	0	0	**	**

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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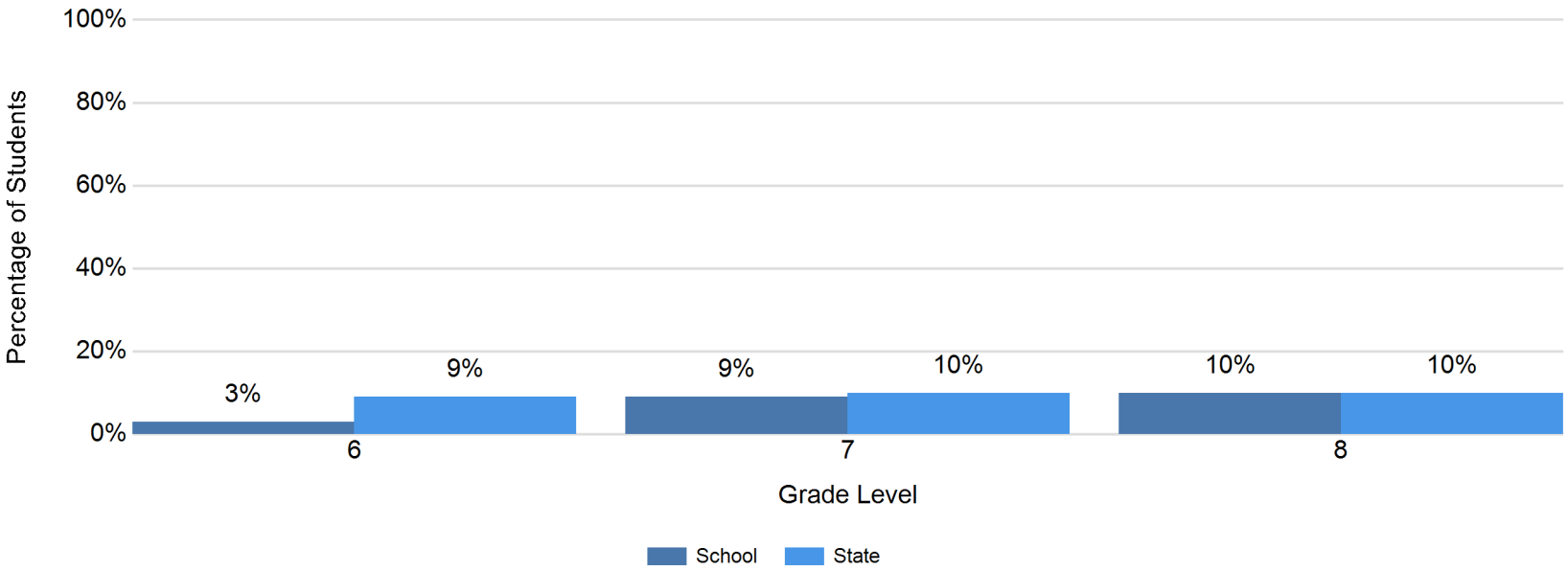
Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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	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	7		7

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	7:35 AM
Typical End Time	2:35 PM
Length of School Day	7 Hrs 0 Mins
Full Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs 20 Mins
Shared Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs. 20 Mins.

Device Ratios

This table shows the student to device ratio, which is the number of students in tested grades 3-11 per device. Devices are computers such as tablets, iPads, laptops and Chromebooks. The count includes only devices that meet nationally recommended specifications for digital learning in grades 3-11. This information comes from the elective NJTRAx survey, therefore data may not be available for all schools. Additionally, schools that have adopted a Bring Your Own Device policy may appear to have a very low Student to Device ratio due to this policy decision.

School Year	Student to Device Ratio
2017-18	2.6:1

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)	$448	$16,252	$16,700

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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
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Teachers – Experience

This table shows information about experience for teachers assigned to this school and across the state.

Category	Teachers in School	Teachers in State
Total Number of teachers	40	117,464
Average years experience in public schools	15.1	12.0
Average years experience in district	12.7	10.7
Teachers in district for 4 or more years	87.5%	75.5%

Administrators – Experience (District Level)

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

Category	Admin. in District	Admin. in State
Total Number of administrators	7	9,374
Average years experience in public schools	14.4	16.0
Average years experience in district	7.9	12.0
Administrators in district for 4 or more years	71.4%	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	192:1	154:1
Teachers to Administrators	20:1	16:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists		540:1
Students to Nurses		360:1
Students to Counselors		270:1
Students to Child Study Team		180:1

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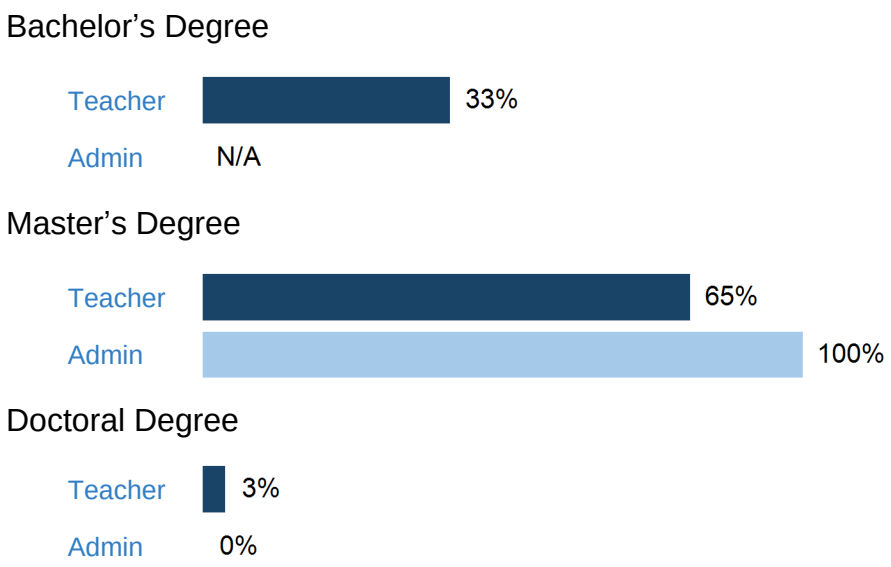
Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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	94.7%	90.2%
2016-17 Administrators: Same district 2017-18	85.7%	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	98.1%

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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	77.5%	0.0%
Male	22.5%	100.0%
White	95.0%	100.0%
Hispanic	2.5%	0.0%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	2.5%	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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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
No	n/a	n/a

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	No	n/a	n/a
White	No		
Hispanic	No		
Black or African American	No		
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	No		
American Indian or Alaska Native	No		
Two or More Races	No		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	No		
Students with Disabilities	No		
English Learners	No		

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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	80.86	17.5%
Mathematics Proficiency	77.78	17.5%
English Language Arts Growth	63.68	25.0%
Mathematics Growth	78.40	25.0%
Progress Towards English Language Proficiency	**	**
Chronic Absenteeism	58.63	15.0%
Summative Score: Sum of all indicator scores multiplied by indicator weights	72.08	n/a
Summative Rating: Percentile Rank of Summative Score	82.05	n/a
Requires Comprehensive Support: Summative Rating is less than or equal to 5th percentile	No	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

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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	Met Target	Met Target	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	**	Met	No
White	70.26	14.08	No	Met Goal	Met Target	Met Standard	Exceeds Standard	n/a	Met	No
Hispanic	79.20	14.08	No	Met Target	Met Target	Exceeds Standard	**	n/a	Met	No
Black or African American	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Two or More Races	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	n/a	**	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	**	**	No	N	N	**	**	n/a	Met	No
Students with Disabilities	62.77	14.08	No	Met Target†	Not Met	Met Standard	Met Standard	n/a	Not Met	No
English Learners	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	**	**	No

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

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Highlights:	• 2017-2020 Schools to Watch • 1:1 Chromebook Initiative. Future Ready and Sustainable NJ Certified . • STEM and Makerspace Program
Mission, Vision, Theme:	Black River Middle School's objectives are designed to improve student performance, strengthen high expectations of achievement in all areas, and foster positive community relations and trust in school goals. Curriculum implementation and continuous review encourages intensive planning to benefit student learning through innovative strategies such as peer tutoring, makerspaces, and digital learning activities.
Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:	Black River Middle School was re-designated in 2017 as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. Future Ready and Sustainable NJ Bronze Level Certified

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:	Encouraging children to learn through their interests helps enhance their ability to link personal knowledge with school experiences. For example, all students develop annual goals and career goals with input from their parents and school staff. Learning experiences focus on developing career planning, using technology, and designing opportunities for students to enhance their skills in the following essential areas: critical thinking, decision making, problem solving, and self-management.
Sports and Athletics:	Sports Offered: Baseball (Boys), Basketball (Boys & Girls), Cross Country (Boys & Girls), Field Hockey (Girls), Lacrosse (Boys & Girls), Soccer (Boys & Girls), Softball (Girls), Track and Field - Spring (Boys & Girls), Volleyball (Coed), Wrestling (Boys & Girls) Black River Middle School offers a comprehensive athletics program that provides many opportunities for all students to shine in their own unique ways. Recently Black River Middle School has won county championships in cross country, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls basketball, and baseball.
Clubs and Activities:	BRMS offers a variety of after-school activities. Clubs generally meet from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Some clubs meet year round, whileothers take place seasonally. Some of the clubs offered to students include Abilities Awareness, Destination Imagination, Environmental, Drama, Meteorology, Service, Spanish, Chinese, French, Ski and Snowboard, STEM, Yearbook, Tech Detectives, and Art.

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Staff and Professional Learning:	Professional growth is an important part of the school culture. Staff members are active contributors at faculty meetings, participate in online book talks, visit each other's classrooms, and collaborate with the technology coaches. Teachers also leverage the power of Google Apps for Education to foster innovation within their PLCs. Many staff members have taken the initiative to become Google Certified Educators that will ultimately help promote the success of all students.

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Climate Surveys:	Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Administrators, Teachers Chester Schools conduct annual school climate surveys for all stakeholders. These surveys are used to inform the decision making process. The results are carefully reviewed by various committees and used to promote the success of students.
School Safety:	School Vistor Management System, School Security Specialist, Camera Monitoring, Emergency Communication App

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Technology and STEM:	Technology and STEM courses are provided to students in grades K-8.