NJ SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Closter Public School District (03-0930)

2020-2021

County: Bergen

District: Closter Public School District

📍 340 Homans Avenue
Closter, NJ 07624-2907

Superintendent: Mr. Vincent McHale

District Website

📞 201-768-3001 x41116

👥 **1,196**
Total Students

🏫 **PK-08**
Grades Offered

Overview & Resources

The School Performance Reports reflect the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) commitment to providing parents, students, and school communities with a large variety of information about each school and district. These reports can be used as a tool to help evaluate whether all students have equitable access to high quality education. We encourage you to use these reports to:

- **Learn more** about the school and the district
- **Start conversations** with school community members and ask questions
- **Engage** with school communities to identify where schools are doing well and where they can improve

Important Notes for 2020-2021: The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has continued to have a significant impact on the way the NJDOE was able to measure school performance and student achievement for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Performance Reports. While some data that was missing in 2019-2020 will be available again for 2020-2021 (e.g. chronic absenteeism data), other data continues to remain unavailable or look different from prior years.

The NJDOE recognizes that our existing data can't begin to measure the hard work and perseverance of the students, families, educators and community members during the past two years. While some data may be missing, the NJDOE emphasizes how important it is to use the available data in the reports, along with other information collected directly within districts and communities, to start conversations, identify gaps in information, and begin to find ways to address the impacts of COVID-19 and ensure all students receive the support that they need.

The 2020-2021 School Performance Reports will not include the following data elements:

- Statewide assessment participation and performance for the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)
  - Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) and ACCESS for ELLs data will be included in the 2020-2021 reports
  - Links will be provided to the results of the Fall 2021 Start Strong Assessments
- Student growth data
- Progress toward English language proficiency
- ESSA summative ratings or indicator scores
- Status in meeting annual targets or standards for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) accountability indicators

An updated "Impact of COVID-19 on Data Availability" resource summarizes which data is available, which data is not available, and which data may have been impacted. Notes are included throughout the School Performance Reports and the Reference Guide to explain where data is missing or impacted by COVID-19. Look for "Important Note for 2020-2021" sections.

School Performance Report Resources: The NJDOE has several resource documents that can help you understand and use the School Performance Reports, which can also be found under the "Resource Documents" link at the top of the page:

- Impact of COVID-19 on Data Availability
- One-page guides to help start conversations for administrators, educators, elementary, and middle and high school families
- Reference Guide with details on all the data in these reports
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Understanding Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rates
- Understanding Student Growth Percentiles
- Data Privacy Rules (why you see *'s and N's in the reports)

Let the NJDOE know how we can improve future reports by taking our feedback survey. Contact reportcard@doe.nj.gov with any questions about the reports.

Overview & Resources

District Contact Information

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

Type	Contact Information
County	Bergen
District	Closter Public School District
Superintendent Name	Mr. Vincent McHale
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Schools in this District

Click on a school name below to access the detailed school-level report for each school.

School Name	Grades Offered
Hillside Elementary School	PK-04
Tenakill Middle School	05-08

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Report Key:
* Data is not displayed in order to protect student privacy
** Accountability calculations require 20 or more students
N No Data is available to display
† This indicates a table specific note,see note below table

Demographics

Enrollment data reflects enrollment reported at the end of the school year and only includes students attending the school. Students that attend programs 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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
PK	53	45	30
KG	109	122	92
1	139	105	123
2	125	128	104
3	136	128	128
4	143	137	128
5	130	141	138
6	132	129	144
7	130	125	134
8	123	136	126
Total	1,220	1,196	1,147

Enrollment Trends by Student Group

This table shows the percentage of students by student group for the past three school years. Note that 2019-20 is the first year that data was collected for non-binary/undesignated gender and, as a result, the 2019-20 and 2020-21 data may not be a true representation of the student population. Additionally, to protect student privacy, gender percentages for 2019-20 are rounded to the nearest 0.5 and percentages for 2020-21 may show a range, depending on the overall school population size.

Student Group	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Female	48.0%	48.0%	47.0%
Male	52.0%	52.0%	53.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender		<1%	≤1%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	0.9%	0.0%	0.1%
Students with Disabilities	15.2%	16.0%	15.5%
English Learners	8.8%	8.6%	11.1%
Homeless Students	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students in Foster Care	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students	0.1%	0.1%	2.3%
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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
White	47.5%	46.6%	44.5%
Hispanic	6.7%	8.2%	9.5%
Black or African American	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%
Asian	41.9%	41.6%	40.8%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	0.6%	1.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
Two Or More Races	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%

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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.
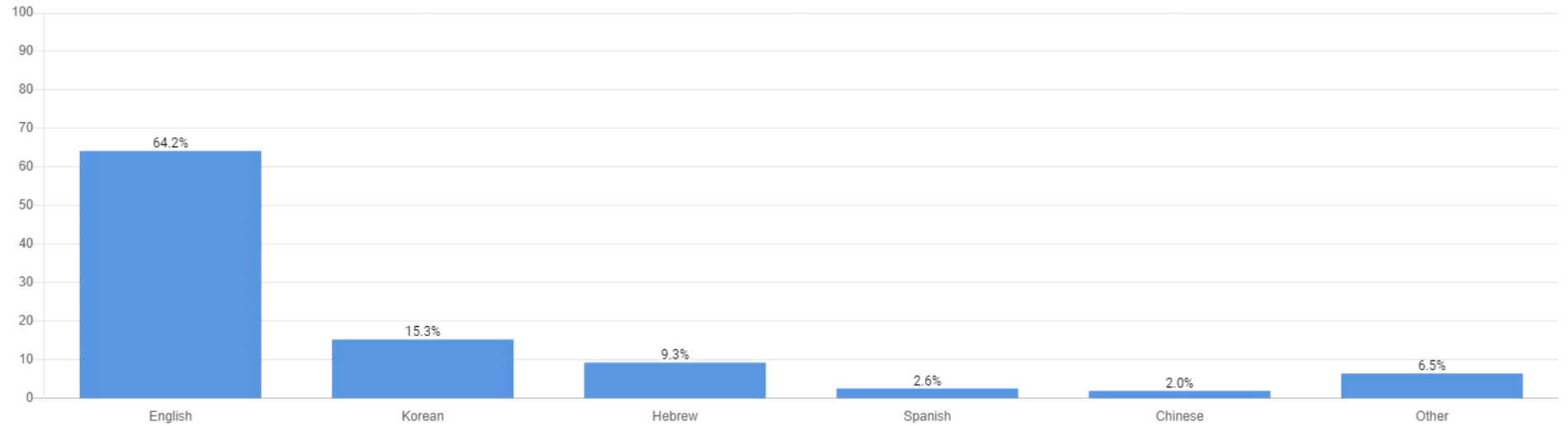
Grade	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
PK - Half Day	6	2	0
PK - Full Day	47	43	30
KG - Half Day	0	0	0
KG - Full Day	109	122	92

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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. To see this data in a table, click the Table View option below the chart.

Language	Percentage
English	64.2%
Korean	15.3%
Hebrew	9.3%
Spanish	2.6%
Chinese	2.0%
Other	6.5%

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Student Growth

Student growth is a measure of how much students are learning each year. Each student receives a Student Growth Percentile (SGP) for English Language Arts (ELA) in grades 4 through 8 and for Mathematics in grades 4 through 7 that explains their progress compared to students who had the same test scores in previous years.

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 district are ordered from smallest to largest, the median student growth percentile (mSGP) for the district 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.

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the cancellation of statewide assessments as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in both 2019-20 and 2020-21, student growth percentile were not calculated and will not be reported for either the 2019-20 or 2020-21 school years. Tables showing 2020-21 median student growth percentiles and other measures of student growth will not be included in this report.

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 shows how student growth over the last three years compares to the state standard of 40-59.5 and to the statewide median.

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ELA Median Student Growth Percentile
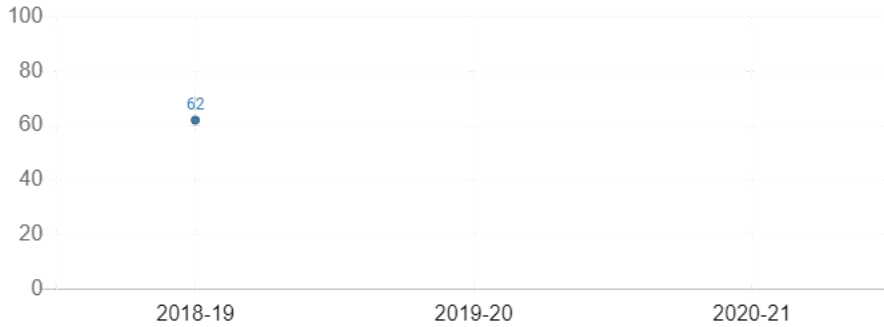
Math Median Student Growth Percentile

Performance Measure	2018-19 ELA	2019-20 ELA	2020-21 ELA	2018-19 Math	2019-20 Math	2020-21 Math
Median Student Growth Percentile	62			65		
Met Standard (40-59.5)?	Exceeds Standard			Exceeds Standard		
Statewide: Median Student Growth Percentile	50			50		

Academic Achievement

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The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) and ACCESS for ELLs assessments were administered in spring 2021 and results will be included for the 2020-21 school year. These two assessments were administered in-person only, not remotely, so participation rates for these assessments may have been lower than in previous years. As a result, the NJDOE recommends using caution in comparing results for 2020-21 to prior or future years.

## 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 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and the DLM alternate assessment. The Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability measures is the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations on the assessments (NJSLA or DLM) with an adjustment made if the participation rate is below 95% to ensure reporting on at least 95% of students. NJSLA results for 2018-19 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.
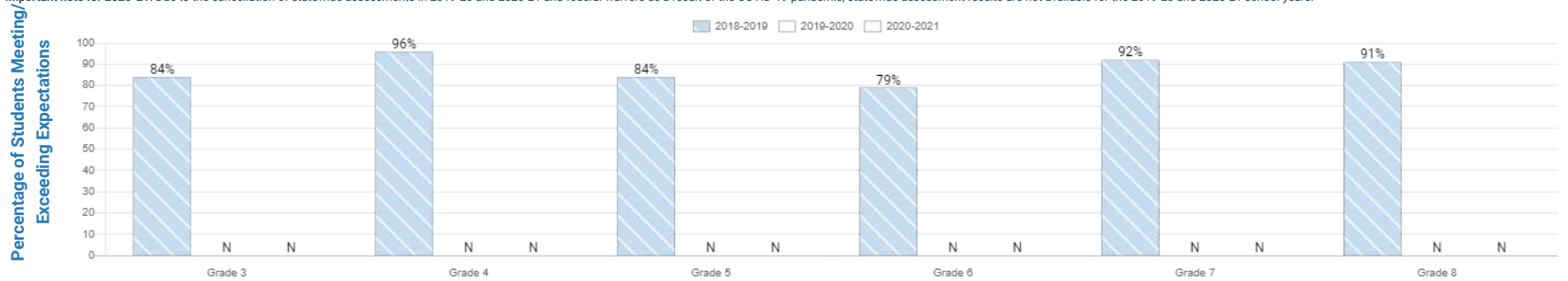
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ELA Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability

Math Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability
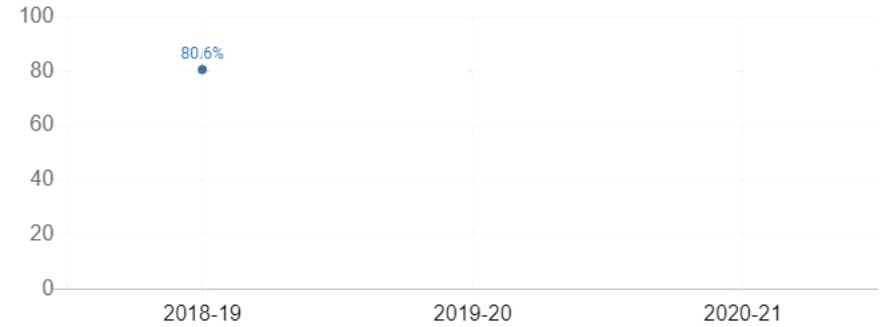
Performance Measure	2018-19 ELA	2019-20 ELA	2020-21 ELA	2018-19 Math	2019-20 Math	2020-21 Math
Participation Rate	96.9%			96.6%		
Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability	87.8%			80.6%		
Annual Target	80.0%			78.2%		
Met Annual Target?	Met Goal			Met Goal		
Statewide Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability	57.9%			44.5%		

† Target was met within a confidence interval.

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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 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) for English Language Arts (ELA) for the past three years.
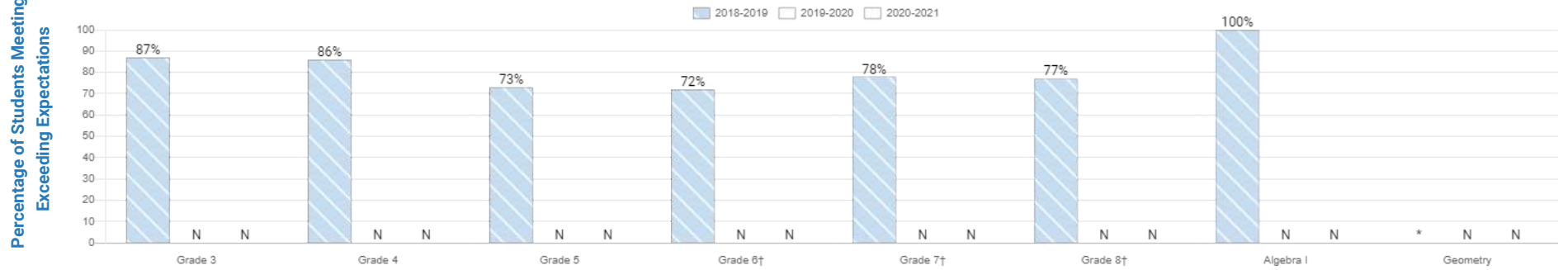
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Legend: 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021

Grade	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Grade 3	84%	N	N
Grade 4	96%	N	N
Grade 5	84%	N	N
Grade 6	79%	N	N
Grade 7	92%	N	N
Grade 8	91%	N	N

Y-axis: Percentage of Students Meeting/Exceeding Expectations

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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 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) for Mathematics for the past three years.

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the cancellation of statewide assessments in 2019-20 and 2020-21 and federal waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, statewide assessment results are not available for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

† Grade level results do not include students who took the Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II end of course tests.

Academic Achievement

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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 the most significant intellectual disabilities.

Important note for 2020-21: The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment was administered in spring 2021 in-person only, not remotely, and participation rates may have been lower than in previous years. As a result, the NJDOE recommends using caution in comparing results for 2020-21 to prior or future years.

Grade	ELA: # Students Tested	Math: # Students Tested
3	*	*
4	*	*
5	*	*
6	*	*
7	*	*
8	N	N

Academic Achievement

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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.

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the cancellation of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment in 2019-20 and federal waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, English Language Progress to Proficiency is not available for 2020-21.

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.

Important note for 2020-21: The ACCESS for ELLs assessment was administered in spring 2021 in-person only, not remotely, and participation rates may have been lower than in previous years. As a result, the NJDOE recommends using caution in comparing results for 2020-21 to prior or future years.

| Years in District	# Students Tested	% Students with Overall Score Below 4.5	% Students with Overall Score 4.5 or Above
0-2	43	83.7%	16.3%
3-4	32	59.4%	40.6%
5 or more	*	*	*

Academic Achievement

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 grades 5, 8, and 11 will take the NJSLA-Science assessment. Students receive a score of Level 1, 2, 3, or 4 where levels 3 and 4 represent proficiency. Visit the NJSLA-Science website for more information about NJSLA-S. These results do not include students that took the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Science assessment. Visit the assessment reports page for DLM results.

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the cancellation of statewide assessments in 2019-20 and 2020-21 and federal waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, statewide assessment results are not available for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Tables showing 2020-21 NJSLA Science assessment results will not be included in this report.

NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 5 Summary

This table shows how students performed on the NJSLA Science assessment. Students scoring at Level 3 or 4 are considered proficient.
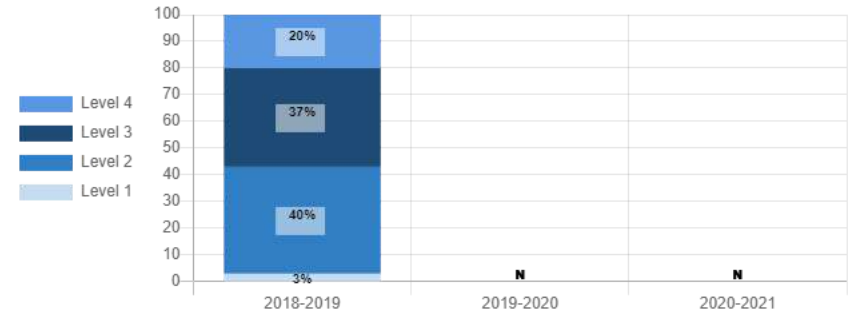
Important note for 2020-21: Due to the cancellation of statewide assessments in 2019-20 and 2020-21 and federal waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, statewide assessment results for NJSLA Science are not available for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.
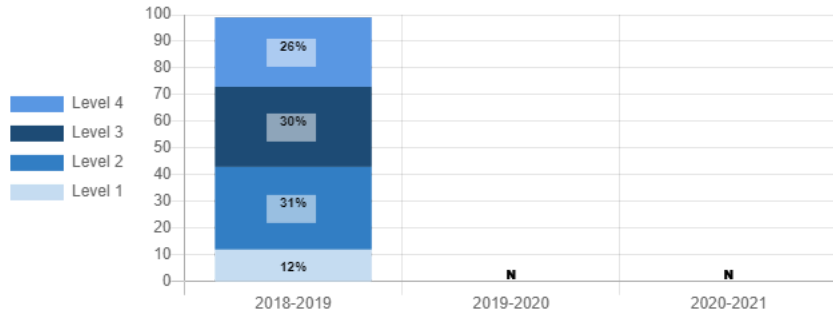
NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 8 Summary

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

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the cancellation of statewide assessments in 2019-20 and 2020-21 and federal waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, statewide assessment results for NJSLA Science are not available for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

College and Career Readiness

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	Other Math
6	0	0	141
7	6	0	128
8	47	2	75
Total	53	2	344

College and Career Readiness

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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	0	0	0	0	0	140	0
7	64	0	0	0	0	53	0
8	58	0	0	0	0	48	0
Total	122	0	0	0	0	241	0

College and Career Readiness

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

Computer Science and Information Technology – Course Participation

This table shows the number of students who were enrolled in Computer Science and Information Technology (IT) courses by grade and subject area. Students are counted more than once if they were enrolled in courses across multiple subject areas. The last two rows show the number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and Dual Enrollment courses by subject area. Subject areas where AP/IB courses are not offered are grayed out.

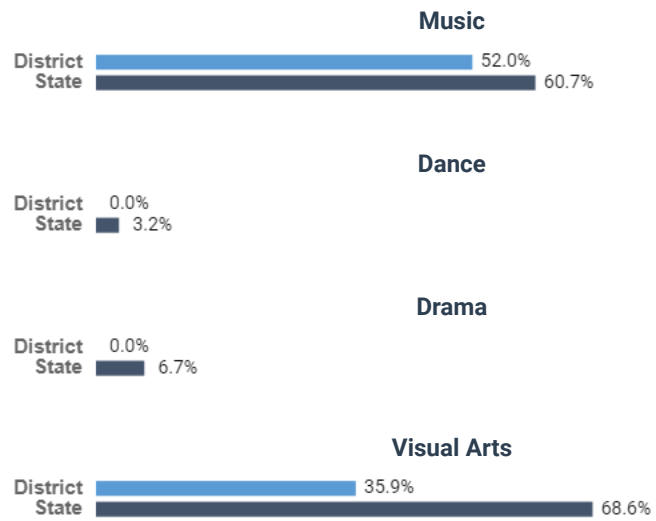| Grade	Computer Programming	Principles of Computer Science	Computing Systems	Other Computer Science	Networking	Information Systems	Other IT
6	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
7	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
8	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

College and Career Readiness

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 second set of charts 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

District: 77.0%
State: 87.5%
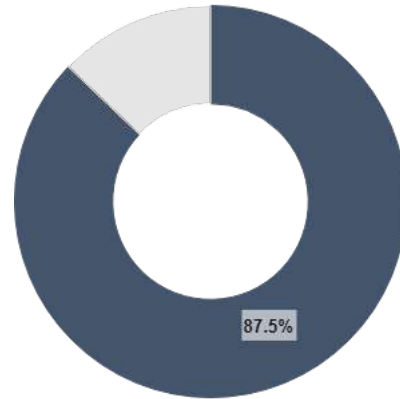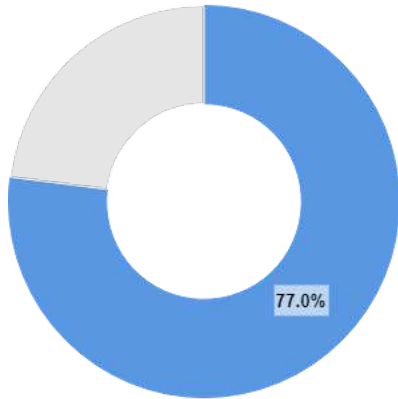
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Students enrolled in one or more classes by discipline:

Music

District	52.0%
State	60.7%

Dance

District	0.0%
State	3.2%

Drama

District	0.0%
State	6.7%

Visual Arts

District	35.9%
State	68.6%

Climate and Environment

Student absences provide important information about a school's culture and climate. Research shows that absences impact a student's ability to succeed in school. The New Jersey Department of Education used input from New Jersey communities to select chronic absenteeism as its measure of school quality and student success for the ESSA accountability plan. **Chronic absenteeism** is defined as being absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year. A student who is not present for any reason, whether excused, unexcused, or for disciplinary action, is considered absent unless permitted by state statute or regulations. Students with fewer than 45 days in membership are excluded from attendance calculations.

Important note for 2020-21: The absenteeism data for the 2020-21 school year reflects both in-person and remote instruction. Districts were able to employ multiple ways to determine whether a student in a remote learning environment was present or absent, including check-ins through internet or telephone, logging in to online learning platforms, or monitoring student submission of assignments. Because the number of days students spent in in-person and remote learning environments during the school year differed, the NJDOE recommends caution in comparing chronic absenteeism rates between schools and districts and comparing 2020-21 data to prior or future school years.

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.

Important Note for 2020-21: NJDOE received federal waivers which removed the requirement to report on status in meeting annual ESSA targets for 2019-20 and 2020-21. As a result, state averages and status in meeting the state average are not reported for the 2020-21 school year.
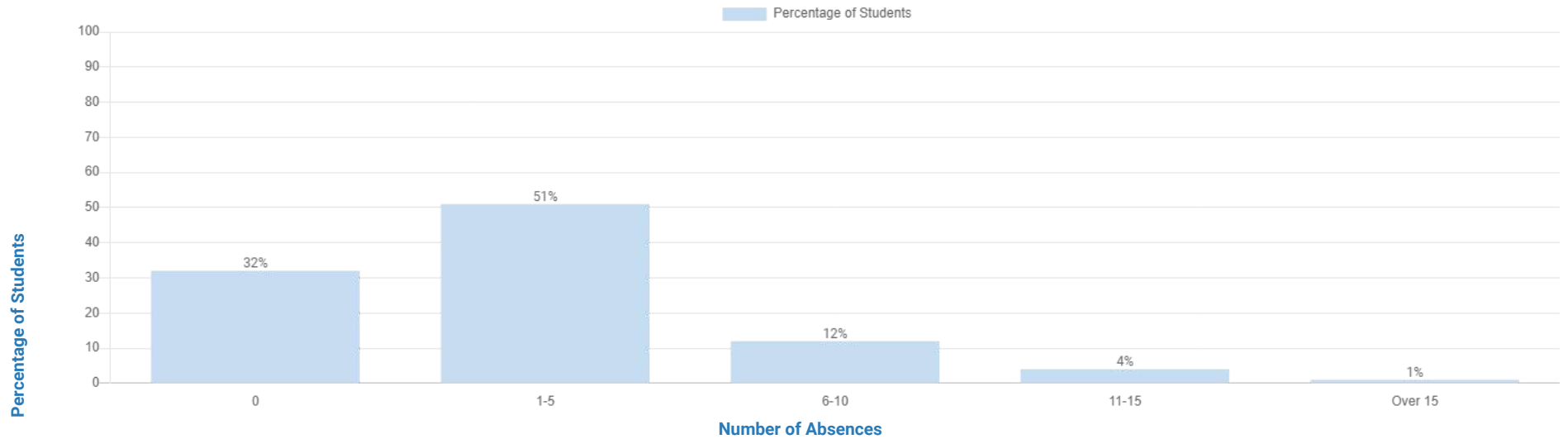
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Days Absent

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

Legend: Percentage of Students

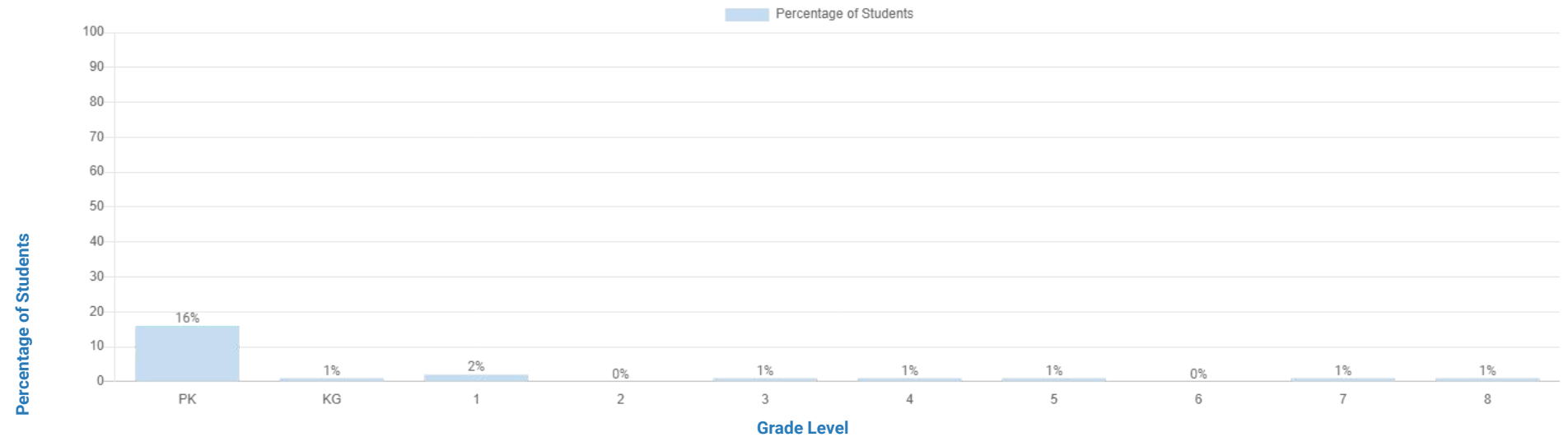| Number of Absences	Percentage of Students
0	32%
1-5	51%
6-10	12%
11-15	4%
Over 15	1%

Climate and Environment

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Important note for 2020-21: The absenteeism data for the 2020-21 school year reflects both in-person and remote instruction. Districts were able to employ multiple ways to determine whether a student in a remote learning environment was present or absent, including check-ins through internet or telephone, logging in to online learning platforms, or monitoring student submission of assignments. Because the number of days students spent in in-person and remote learning environments during the school year differed, the NJDOE recommends caution in comparing chronic absenteeism rates between schools and districts and comparing 2020-21 data to prior or future school years.

Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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

Important note for 2020-21: Because the number of days that students spent in in-person and remote learning environments during the school year differed, state level comparisons are not included in the graph for 2020-21.

Climate and Environment

The New Jersey Department of Education migrated to a new reporting system, the Student Safety Data System (SSDS), starting in 2017-18, which includes improved definitions, new reporting fields, and updated guidance for reporting incidents. Comparing current data to data from 2016-17 and earlier could lead to inaccurate conclusions in many reporting categories. In addition to the 2018-19 data below, NJDOE is required, under ESSA, to report on the most recent, publicly-available Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) data, which can be found on the NJDOE School Performance webpage. Please note that prior to school year 2017-2018, the CRDC and the State collection system, EVVRS, did not collect the same data elements. In an effort to better align the State system with the CRDC, the new Student Safety Data System (SSDS) collects all the required CRDC data elements. NJDOE is in the process of developing a reporting function for the SSDS which will allow LEAs to use the same data for both submissions.

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, discipline data for the 2020-21 school year may not be comparable to prior or future school years and NJDOE recomments caution in making comparisons.

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)	3
Total Unique Incidents	3
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	0.26

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	1	0	1
Religion	0	0	0
Ancestry	0	0	0
Gender	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	1	0	1
Disability	1	0	1
Other	1	3	4
No Identified Nature	1		1

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	School Days Missed due to Out-of-School Suspensions
In-School Suspensions	0	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%	

Climate and Environment

Student Access to Technology and Internet

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NJDOE began collecting information on student device types, device owners, and internet connectivity during the 2020-2021 school year. Additional reports about student access to technology and internet connectivity as of the end of the 2020-2021 school year can be found on the NJDOE website.

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Staff

Staff data reflects teachers and administrators reported by districts at the beginning of the school year.

Key terms for staff data:

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

Experience: Experience is based on information submitted by districts on all their staff members. For purposes of this report, the ESSA Educator Equity and federal reporting requirements, NJDOE has defined teachers as "inexperienced" if they have fewer than four years of prior experience in a given district. The tables below report on "experienced" teachers and administrators for federal reporting purposes.

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Teachers – Experience

This table shows information about the experience of teachers assigned to this district and across the state. No teachers in New Jersey are teaching under emergency or provisional credentials as defined the United States Department of Education. The number of out-of-field teachers is the number of teachers who are potentially teaching outside of their area of certification.

Category	Teachers in District	Teachers in State
Total Number of teachers	93	118,311
Average years experience in public schools	15.3	12.5
Average years experience in district	12.6	11.2
Percentage of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	75.3%	76.5%
Number of out-of-field teachers	2	2,724

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	7	9,580
Average years experience in public schools	11.9	16.6
Average years experience in district	4.0	12.7
Percentage of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	57.1%	79.3%

Staff Counts

This table shows the number of staff members assigned to the district and state across several staff categories. The staff counts in this table reflect data submitted by districts to NJ SMART and reflect any teachers assigned and are not based on full-time equivalent (FTE). Additionally, some staff members may be assigned to the district only, but work in multiple schools in the district. In these cases, the table may show 0 staff members assigned to the school, even though there are district staff members working in the school.

Staff Category	District: Total Staff Members	State: Total Staff Members
Teachers	93	118,311
Administrators	7	9,580
Librarians/Media Specialists	2	1,215
Nurses	2	2,670
School Counselors	2	4,039
Child Study Team Members	3	5,893

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Student and Staff Ratios

This table shows ratios of students and staff members in the district. The ratios are based on data submitted by the districts to NJ SMART and are not based on staff full-time equivalent (FTE).

Ratio	District Ratio
Students to Teachers	12:1
Students to Administrators	164:1
Teachers to Administrators	13:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists †	574:1
Students to Nurses †	574:1
Students to Counselors †	574:1
Students to Child Study Team Members †,††	59:1

† In some districts, staff members in these roles who work in multiple schools may be assigned only to the district and not to individual schools. As a result, a School Ratio may show N, but there may be district assigned staff working in the school †† Child Study Team members include school psychologists, school social workers, and learning disabilities teacher consultants also note that for the ratio compares Students with Disabilities instead of all students.

Teachers and Administrators – Demographics

This table compares the percentage of students, teachers, and administrators by gender and by racial and ethnic group. Note that 2019-20 is the first year that data was collected for non-binary/undesignated gender and, as a result, the 2019-20 and 2020-21 data may not be a true representation of the student or staff population. Additionally, to protect student privacy, gender percentages for 2019-20 are rounded to the nearest 0.5 and percentages for 2020-21 may show a range, depending on the overall school population size.

Category	Students in District	Teachers in District	Administrators in District	Students in State	Teachers in State	Administrators in State
Female	47.0%	85-90%	*	49.0%	77.0%	56.0%
Male	53.0%	10-15%	*	51.0%	23.0%	44.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤1%	≤5%	*	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%
White	44.5%	91.4%	85.7%	40.5%	82.9%	76.8%
Hispanic	9.5%	2.2%	0.0%	31.2%	7.8%	7.6%
Black or African American	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	6.5%	14.0%
Asian	40.8%	6.5%	14.3%	10.4%	2.2%	1.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or More Races	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.2%	0.2%

Staff

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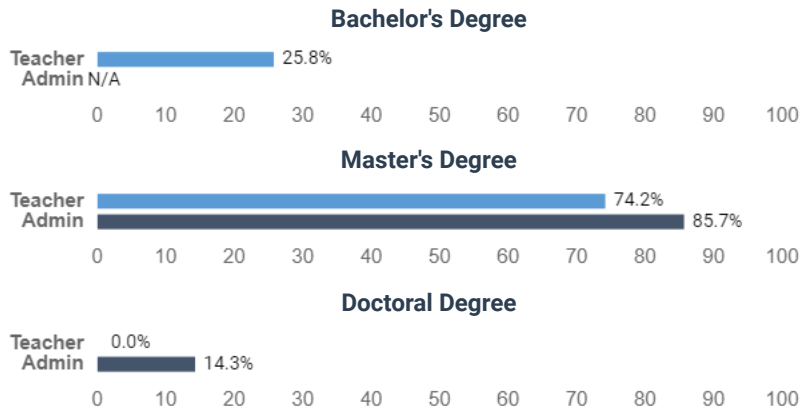
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Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

This chart shows the highest level of education attained by teachers and administrators. The Bachelor's degree 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 25.8%
Admin N/A

Master's Degree

Teacher 74.2%
Admin 85.7%

Doctoral Degree

Teacher 0.0%
Admin 14.3%

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

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators assigned to this district in 2019-20 that were still assigned to this district in 2020-21. Staff who were not retained may have changed districts or no longer work for the state (including retirements).

Job Type	District	State
2019-20 Teachers: Same district 2020-21	87.5%	91.5%
2019-20 Administrators: Same district 2020-21	100.0%	89.7%

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Teachers by Subject Area

This table shows the counts of teachers by subject area with gender breakdown, experience, and level of education. The staff counts in this table reflect staff assignments as submitted by districts to NJ SMART and reflect any teachers assigned and are not based on full-time equivalent (FTE). Note that some teachers may teach in multiple subject areas and may be counted more than once in this table or they may only be counted in their primary subject area. Additionally, in many elementary schools teachers are not assigned to specific subject areas, so teachers will appear in the Elementary (Not Subject Specific) category and not in the other subject areas, but that does not mean those subjects are not being taught in the school. Special Education and Bilingual teachers are generally assigned to a subject area and also either special education or bilingual, so those teachers will be counted in multiple subject areas.

Subject Area	Total Number of Teachers	% Female	% Male	% Non-binary or Undesignated Gender	% White	% Hispanic	% Black or African American	% Asian	% Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	% American Indian or Native American	% Two or More Races	% 4 or more years experience in the district	% Bachelor's Degree(Highest Degree)	% Master's Degree(Highest Degree)
Elementary Not Subject Specific	38	>90%%	≤10%	≤10%	92.1%	0.0%	0.0%	7.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	68.4%	28.9%	71.1%
English/Language Arts/Literacy	9	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	77.8%	11.1%	88.9%
English Speakers or Other Languages	4	*	*	*	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%	75.0%
Mathematics	7	*	*	*	71.4%	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	28.6%	71.4%
Science	4	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Social Studies/History	3	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
World Language	3	*	*	*	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	66.7%	33.3%
Visual and Performing Arts	5	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%	20.0%	80.0%
Health/Physical Education	4	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	75.0%
Family & Consumer Sciences	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Financial Literacy	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Business	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Computer Science/IT	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Industrial Arts	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Career and Technical Education	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Special Education	19	>80%%	≤20%	≤20%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	78.9%	26.3%	73.7%
Bilingual	2	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%

Per-Pupil Expenditures

Per-Pupil Expenditures by Source

The link below produces a spreadsheet listing all school-level summaries of the most recently available expenses for regular and special education students taught at schools by district across the state. The amounts shown include expenditures for instruction, support services, administration, operations and maintenance, and extra-curricular activities.

For more information regarding this spreadsheet 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 2020-21 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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Accountability

New Jersey's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Accountability System New Jersey's school accountability system identifies schools that are in need of comprehensive and targeted support as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Based on New Jersey's approved ESSA state plan, NJDOE will identify schools in the following four federal categories every three years:

- **Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI): Overall Low Performing:**
  - Schools with a summative score in the bottom 5% of Title I schools.
- **Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI): Low Graduation Rate:**
  - High schools with a four-year graduation rate of 67% or less
- **Additional Targeted Support and Improvement: Low Performing Student Group (ATSI):**
  - Schools with one or more student group with a summative score that would be in the bottom 5% of Title I schools
- **Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI): Chronically Low Performing:**
  - Title I schools identified as Additional Targeted Support and Improvement; Low Performing Student Group (ATSI) that are identified for three or more consecutive years, i.e. ATSI schools that do not meet exit criteria.
  - The NJDOE has not yet identified schools in this category as no ATSI schools have been in status for three or more years.

Annually, NJDOE will identify schools in the following federal category:

- **Targeted Support and Improvement: Consistently Underperforming Student Group (TSI):**
  - Schools with one or more student groups that missed annual targets or standards for all indicators for two years in a row

For purposes of ESSA accountability, only schools and student groups with data for 20 or more students are included in calculations.

For more information about New Jersey's accountability system, how indicator and summative scores were calculated, how federal accountability status is determined, and statewide progress toward long-term goals, see these accountability resources.

Important Note for 2020-2021: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, New Jersey received waivers from the United States Department of Education (USED) in both March 2020 and March 2021 that waived accountability-related requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. These waivers removed the requirements to:

- Calculate indicator scores and summative scores for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years;
- Measure progress toward long-term goals and measures of interim progress for accountability indicators for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years; and
- Identify schools for comprehensive and targeted support and improvement during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years (based on 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 data, respectively).

As a result of these waivers, any school that was identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement during the 2019-2020 school year will retain the same status for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years and continue to receive support and interventions from the NJDOE.

For the categories that are identified every three years, the last identification occurred in the 2018-2019 school year (based on 2017-2018 data) and the next identification was scheduled for the 2021-2022 school year (based on 2020-2021 data). As a result of these waivers, the next identification will be delayed until the 2022-2023 school year (based on 2021-2022 data) and all currently identified schools will be eligible to exit status at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

For the annual identification of schools for Targeted Support and Improvement: Consistently Underperforming Student Group, no schools will be identified during the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 school year as a result of these waivers. The next identification is scheduled for the 2022-2023 school year.

The 2020-2021 Accountability Indicator Scores and Summative Ratings and Accountability Summary by Student Group tables will not be included in the report for 2020-2021 as these tables include indicator scores, summative scores, and progress toward long-term goals and those measures were waived under the March 2020 waiver.

Accountability

Schools Identified as Requiring Comprehensive or Targeted Support – Districtwide

The table below provides the list of schools in the district that have been identified for either comprehensive or targeted support for the 2022-23 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. For additional information, the NJDOE ESSA Accountability webpage includes a list of all schools requiring comprehensive or targeted support and improvement with the amount of School Improvement Aid (SIA) funds received and information on exit criteria for identified schools.

There are currently no schools in this district identified as requiring comprehensive or targeted support during the 2022-23 school year.

Accountability

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 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 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. Chronic absenteeism represents the percentage of students that were absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year.

Important Note for 2020-21: The NJDOE received federal waivers that waived certain assessment and accountability-related requirements for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. As a result, proficiency, growth, and progress toward English language proficiency data is not available for 2019-20 or 2020-21 and chronic absenteeism data is not available for 2019-20.

ESSA Acountability Indicator	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
ELA Proficiency	87.8%		
Math Proficiency	80.6%		
ELA Growth	62		
Math Growth	65		
4-Year Graduation Rate†			
5-Year Graduation Rate†			
Progress toward English Language Proficiency	79.4%		
Chronic Absenteeism	5.7%		0.7%

† This table shows the most recent graduation rate for reference, but accountability calculations for a given year use the prior year's graduation rate.

Narrative

This section allows schools and districts to share highlights, achievements, and other important information about programs, activities, and services that are offered in their own words. Please note that the narrative is optional, so only categories in which the district chose to share information will be displayed. If there are questions about the information provided in the narrative section, please contact the school or district directly.

Highlights:

- Closter Public Schools consistently performs high academically to meet the needs of various learner.
- Closter Schools has STEM labs in each building servicing all students in grades K-8.
- Closter is part of the Northern Valley Consortium sharing services for professional development, curriculum alingment, special education and related services.

Mission, Vision, Theme:

The Closter Public School District is dedicated to educational excellence & committed to meeting the educational needs of each child by providing the programs & environment necessary to 1) Enable every child to reach full potential 2) Promote self-esteem, respect, responsibility & appreciation of diversity 3) Develop knowledge, skills & academic achievement as per the NJ Learning Standards 4) Prepare each child for continued education & responsible citizenship 5) Instill a lifelong passion for learning.

Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

Closter students are recognized at the regional, state, and national levels for academic achievement and the creative arts. NAMM has named Closter one of the Best Communities for Music Education. Faculty speak at state and national conferences.

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

Some features within the full spectrum of curricula include the following courses: Mandarin, Robotics, Coding, a full range of arts electives, Digital Media Literacy, Forensics, Fitness, and STEM. We use Phonics First K-2, provide Orton-Gillingham reading instruction, and have gifted education push-in/pullout programs for qualified students. Technology is available at all levels and is integrated within the curriculum. All students are assigned a device.

Sports and Athletics:

Sports Offered: Baseball (Boys), Basketball (Boys & Girls), Cross Country (Coed), Soccer (Coed), Softball (Girls), Track and Field - Spring (Coed), Volleyball (Girls)

Students in sixth through eighth grade can participate in our middle school sports program, which includes volleyball, cross-country, soccer, basketball, track-and-field, baseball, and softball.

Clubs and Activities:

Tenakill clubs available include dance, drama, kids tutoring, ambassadors club, service club, stage crew, newspaper, culture club, photography club, poetry club, Continental Math League, garden club, television broadcasting, and student council. Grade seven and eight clubs include debate, fitness, and science olympiad. Eighth graders can participate in peer-to-peer and tutoring for community service.The Hillside PTO runs an enrichment program three days a week with courses such as chess, fencing, Korean drumming, robotics, cooking, Outrageous Pets, tennis, golf, and crafting.

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Staff and Professional Learning:

In addition to embedded professional development within the school year, the staff of Closter Public Schools participate in a consortium of seven elementary schools in which courses, resources, classroom coaching, and specifically-designed learning opportunities are designed to support and improve instruction. The Northern Valley Curriculum Consortium offers a wide variety of courses in their catalog. New staff participate in a three-year Academy with designated curriculum and coaching. Staff participate in a variety of committees, book clubs, and PLCs.

Student Supports and Services:

There are many support services offered at Closter Public Schools that are designed to assist students in their studies and social interactions. Examples include classroom interventions, the Intervention and Referral Services committee designed to offer additional strategies for struggling students. Among the services offered in school are ELL, Basic Skills, Gifted and Talented, OT/PT, Orton-Gillingham multisensory reading, speech-language services, a School Guidance Counselor and a School Psychologist.

Student Health and Wellness:

Closter students engage in physical fitness and health on a regular basis. Yoga and meditation were added to the activities. All students participate in recess every day. Sixth graders take a Northern Valley Criterion Reference Test on Health. Closter had the highest passing rate in the consortium of schools. In the middle school, the health classroom was converted into a fitness center.

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Parent and Community Involvement:

Closter has a supportive PTO. The PTO raised enough money to put air conditioning in every classroom. The PTO sponsors cultural events like the Veteran's Day and Lunar New Year assemblies, the spring musical, and school dances. In addition, parents may join the superintendent's advisory group. Parents are informed about student progress through a parent portal that not only displays grades but contacts parents about district events. Parents are also part of committees for ELL, Title I, Special Education, and HIB.

Facilities:

The Closter Public School District has two school buildings. Hillside Elementary School was built in 1955 but has had additions through 2005. Tenakill Middle School was built in the earlier part of the 20th century with extensive additions in 1996. Both schools include STEM labs, TV production studios and stages, gymnasiums, and media centers.

School Safety:

Closter invested in additional security measures in 2018 and continues to prioritze school safety. School safety is a priority for Closter Public Schools. Visitor access is limited to essential business. Staff and students practice a variety of drills. In conjunction with the Closter Police Department, upgrades to the lockdown system and evacuation plan have firmed up safety measures for the Hillside community within the past year. Cameras, outside and in, have added a level of security to the building and grounds. Frequent police presence in the school is a reassuring presence.

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Technology and STEM:

Under the program umbrella, Closter has several STEM initiatives for the students to participate in during the day and after school. Coding and robotics are embedded in the program. General education classes also participate in Hour of Code. After school activities are available through separate courses supported by the PTO. The Closter Nature Center supports the curriculum in most grades, investigating the local environment and animal habitats. Regarding technology, all teachers use Macbooks and either Promethean Boards or SmartBoards, while students utilize laptops or iPads.

Early Childhood Education:

Closter offers an integrated preschool program for students starting at three years old. Teachers are dually certified in early childhood and special education. A speech therapist is dedicated to the classes and students receive enrichment from the special area staff, such as world language, physical education, library sciences, music and movement, and art. Enrollment is limited and wait lists are often needed for general education students. Tuition is based on half day and full day services.

Learning During COVID-19:

The district offers both hybrid and fully virtual schedules during the COVID Pandemic. Hybrid students attend on alternating four hour A/B days. For full information regarding our reopening plan, visit our district web site or https://tb2cdn.schoolwebmasters.com/accnt_390190/site_390191/Documents/Closter-Reopening-Plan.pdf.

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Other Information:

Closter Public Schools are an integral part of the borough. Teachers, staff, and parents strive to work together to foster learning opportunities for children that are challenging and interesting in a safe, relaxed, and welcoming atmosphere.