



Hillside Elementary School (03-0930-050)

2022-2023

County: Bergen
District: Closter Public School District
340 Homans Avenue
Closter, NJ 07624-2907

Principal: Ms. Dianne Smith
[School Website](#)
201-768-3860



627
Total Students



PK-04
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 2022-23 Reports: The 2022-23 School Performance Reports include all data that was previously reported prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes all assessment, student growth, and accountability data. Data throughout the reports has been impacted by the pandemic in various ways, so the NJDOE recommends caution in comparing data from year to year.

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:

- One-page guides to help start conversations for [school board members](#), [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)

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Overview & Resources

School Contact Information

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

Type	Contact Information
County	Bergen
District	Closter Public School District
Principal Name	Ms. Dianne Smith
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Demographics

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

Enrollment Trends by Grade

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

Grade	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
PK	30	42	35
KG	92	98	110
1	123	110	110
2	104	129	114
3	128	116	138
4	128	136	120
Total	605	631	627

Enrollment Trends by Student Group

This table shows the percentage of students by student group for the past three school years. To protect student and staff privacy, gender percentages for 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 may show a range, depending on the overall school population size.

Student Group	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Female	47.0%	46.0%	48.0%
Male	53.0%	54.0%	52.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	0.0%	0.2%	1.8%
Students with Disabilities	15.4%	15.7%	16.7%
English Learners	11.7%	13.5%	16.6%
Homeless Students	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students in Foster Care	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students	0.2%	0.8%	1.0%
Migrant Students	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Enrollment by Racial and Ethnic Group

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

Racial And Ethnic Group	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
White	43.5%	45.5%	42.9%
Hispanic	8.4%	7.0%	7.3%
Black or African American	0.8%	0.6%	1.4%
Asian	41.7%	39.9%	40.5%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.8%	1.6%	1.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.7%	0.2%	0.3%
Two Or More Races	3.1%	5.2%	6.1%

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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.

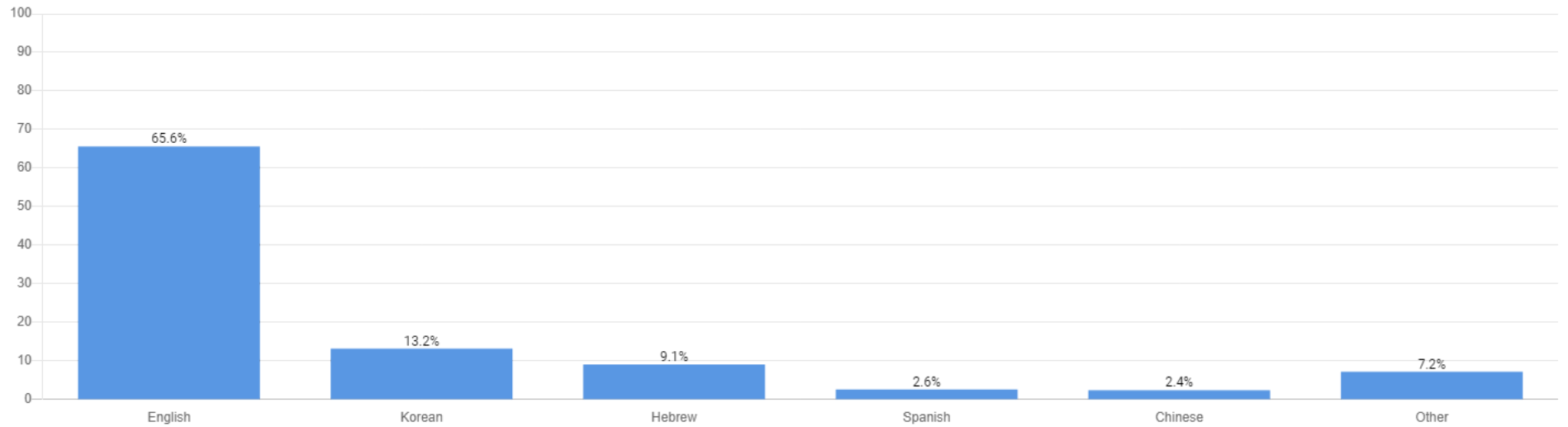
Grade	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
PK - Half Day	0	0	0
PK - Full Day	30	42	35
KG - Half Day	0	0	0
KG - Full Day	92	98	110

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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.



Student Growth

Student growth is a measure of how much students are learning each year. New Jersey's ESSA state plan outlines that academic progress will be measured with school's median student growth percentile (mSGP) on statewide ELA and mathematics assessments. Each individual 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. The SGP measures their academic progress from one year to the next compared to other students with similar prior test scores (academic peers).

A student's SGP falls between 1 and 99 and can be grouped into three levels. An mSGP below 35 indicates low growth, an mSGP between 35 and 65 indicates typical growth, and an mSGP greater than 65 indicates high growth. If the SGPs for all students are ordered from smallest to largest, the mSGP is the percentile in the middle of the list.

The [NJDOE Student Growth page](#) has more information about SGPs and mSGPs, including a video that explains how both SGPs and mSGPs are calculated.

Important Note for 2022-23: Student growth data is not available for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school years due to federal waivers and assessment cancellations. An alternate measure of academic progress, or growth, called Relative School Improvement Measure (RSIM) was used for the 2021-2022 school year only.

Student Growth Trends and Progress

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

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ELA Median Student Growth Percentile



Math Median Student Growth Percentile



Performance Measure	2020-21 ELA	2021-22 ELA	2022-23 ELA	2020-21 Math	2021-22 Math	2022-23 Math
Median Student Growth Percentile			69			63
Met Standard (40-59.5)?			Exceeds Standard			Exceeds Standard
Statewide: Median Student Growth Percentile			50			50

Student Growth

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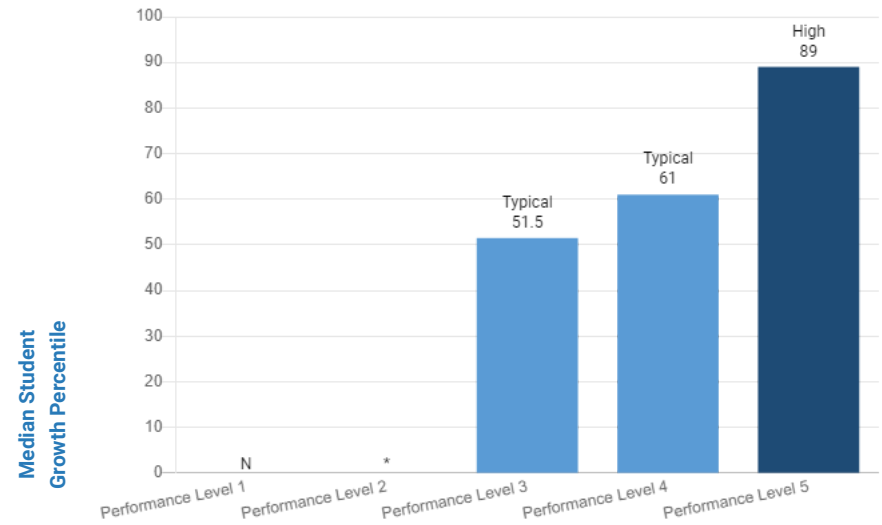
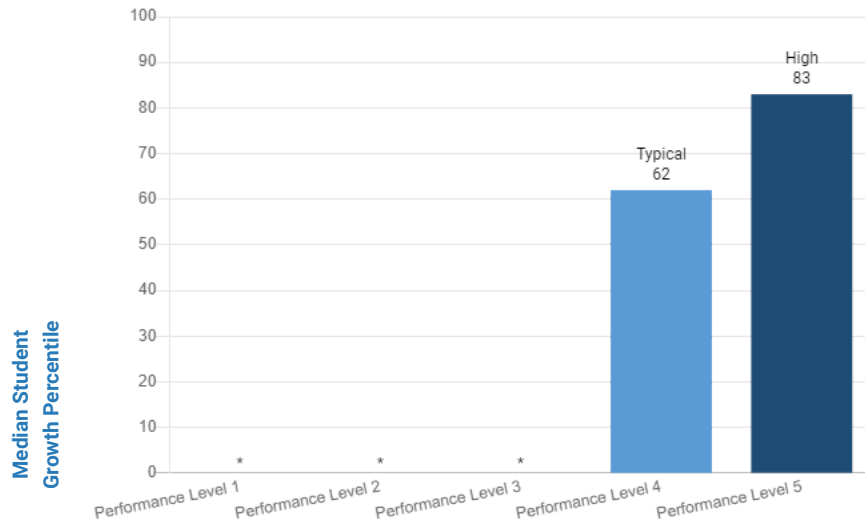
This table shows the **median Student Growth Percentile (mSGP)** for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics both overall and for each student group with comparisons to the district and the state. This table also shows whether each mSGP Met Standard (40-59.5) as required by ESSA accountability.

Student Group	ELA: School Median	ELA: District Median	ELA: Statewide Median	ELA: Met Standard (40-59.5)	Math: School Median	Math: District Median	Math: Statewide Median	Math: Met Standard (40-59.5)
Schoolwide	69	63	50	Exceeds Standard	63	57	50	Exceeds Standard
White	67	60	51	Exceeds Standard	66	56	51	Exceeds Standard
Hispanic	*	60	47	**	*	54	47	**
Black or African American	N	*	45	**	N	*	44	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	79	66	60	Exceeds Standard	61	59.5	61	Exceeds Standard
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	54	**	N	N	49	**
Two or More Races	*	55	52	**	*	62	51	**
Female	65.5	62	52		61	57	49	
Male	70	64	48		66	57	51	
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	N	N	46.5		N	N	62	
Economically Disadvantaged Students	N	*	46	**	N	*	46	**
Students with Disabilities	49	48	40	**	61	47.5	42	**
English Learners	59	52.5	47	**	83.5	49	48	**
Homeless Students	N	N	42		N	N	42	
Students in Foster Care	N	N	42		N	N	44	
Military-Connected Students	N	*	50		N	*	49	
Migrant Students	N	N	36		N	N	43	

Student Growth

Student Growth by Performance Level

These graphs show the median Student Growth Percentile (mSGP) for students by performance level on the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics.

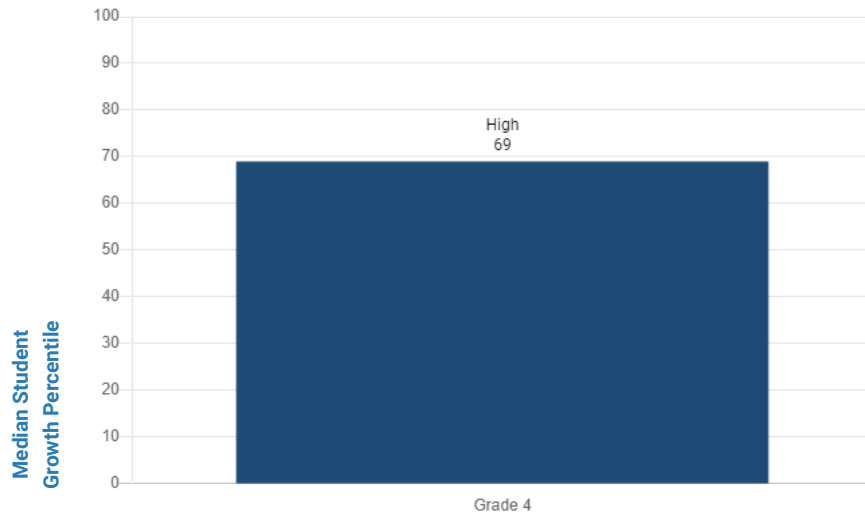


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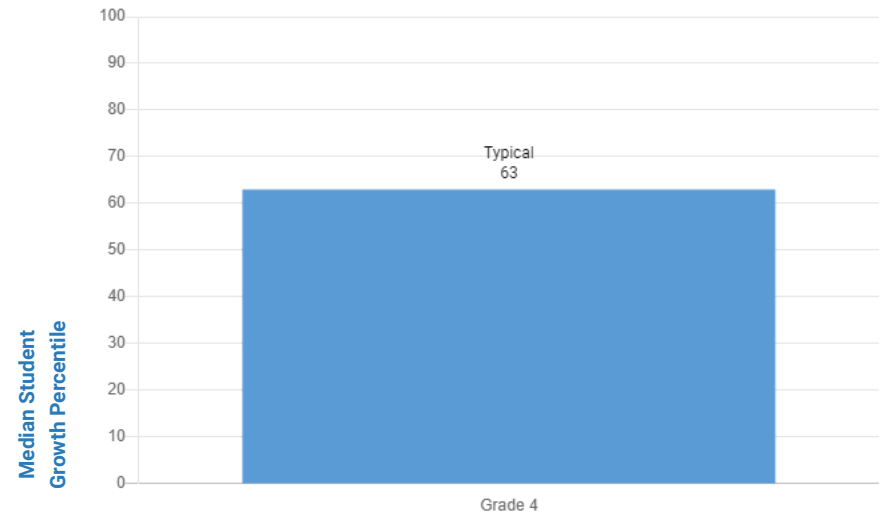
Student Growth by Grade

These graphs show the median Student Growth Percentile for students in each grade for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics.

ELA



Math



Academic Achievement

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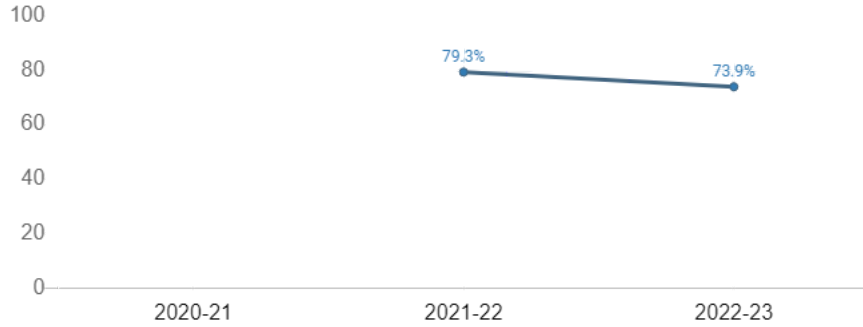
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English Language Arts and Mathematics Performance Trends

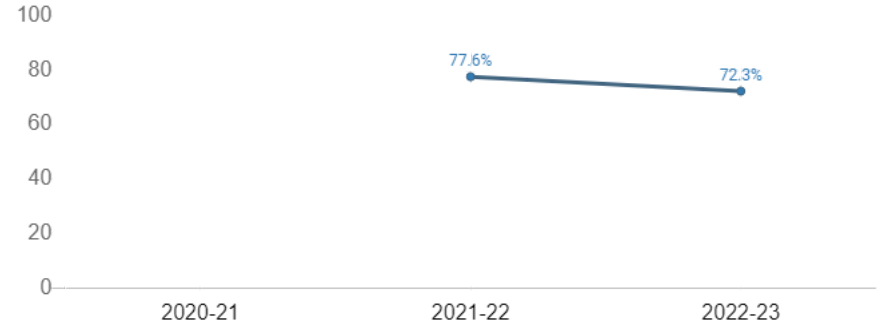
These graphs show trends in the Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability over the last three years. The data includes the results of students taking both the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and the DLM alternate assessment for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. The Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability measures the percentage of students who 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. Students who 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.

Important note for 2022-23: Due to the cancellation of statewide assessments in prior years, statewide assessment results are not available for the 2020-21 school year.

ELA Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability



Math Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability



Performance Measure	2020-21 ELA	2021-22 ELA	2022-23 ELA	2020-21 Math	2021-22 Math	2022-23 Math
Participation Rate		99.2%	99.6%		99.2%	99.6%
Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability		79.3%	73.9%		77.6%	72.3%
Annual Target		80.0%	80.0%		80.0%	80.0%
Met Annual Target?		Met Target†	Not Met		Met Target†	Not Met
Statewide Proficiency Rate for Federal Accountability		49.0%	51.3%		36.0%	38.2%

† Target was met within a confidence interval.

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English Language Arts Assessment - Participation and Performance

This table shows performance on statewide assessments for English language arts (ELA) both overall and by student group. It includes the results of students taking both the NJSLA and DLM. NJSLA results include only students in grades 3 through 9. Students who were enrolled for less than half a school year are excluded from performance results. Student are considered to have met or exceeded expectations if they score at Level 4 or 5 on the NJSLA or at Level 3 or 4 on the DLM.

This table shows both the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations and a proficiency rate used for federal accountability. The proficiency rate for federal accountability will be lower if the participation rate is below 95%. This table also shows progress towards meeting the state's long-term goal of 80% proficiency by 2032. Annual targets are specific to each subgroup, school, and district and represent the expected proficiency needed to stay on track to meet the state's long-term goal. Student groups where the annual target fields are grayed out are not required to meet annual targets under ESSA accountability. For more details on New Jersey's accountability system, see the [NJDOE Accountability page](#). More information and additional data can also be found on the [NJDOE Academic Achievement page](#).

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	Annual Target	Met Annual Target
Schoolwide	253	99.6%	73.9%	82.7%	51.3%	73.9%	80%	Not Met
White	113	99.1%	71.7%	80.6%	60.7%	71.7%	79.8%	Not Met
Hispanic	24	100%	54.2%	68.4%	37.3%	54.2%	77.3%	Not Met
Black or African American	*	*	*	50%	34%	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	101	100%	82.2%	89%	79.8%	82.2%	80%	Met Goal
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	52.7%	*	**	**
Two or More Races	12	100%	75%	83.3%	58.2%	75%	**	**
Female	*	100%	76.5%	85.1%	56.8%	76.5%		
Male	*	99.3%	71.6%	80.3%	46%	71.6%		
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	62.5%	*		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	33.3%	33.4%	*	**	**
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	99.6%	75.2%	83.8%	61.3%	75.2%		
Students with Disabilities	49	98%	28.6%	40.8%	19.2%	28.6%	48.7%	Not Met
Students without Disabilities	204	100%	84.8%	90.5%	58.3%	84.8%		
English Learners	40	100%	62.5%	66%	23.9%	62.5%	68.4%	Met Target†
Non-English Learners	213	99.5%	76.1%	85.1%	54.7%	76.1%		
Homeless Students	*	*	*	*	23.2%	*		
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	*	20.3%	*		
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	*	49.2%	*		
Migrant Students	*	*	*	*	15.9%	*		

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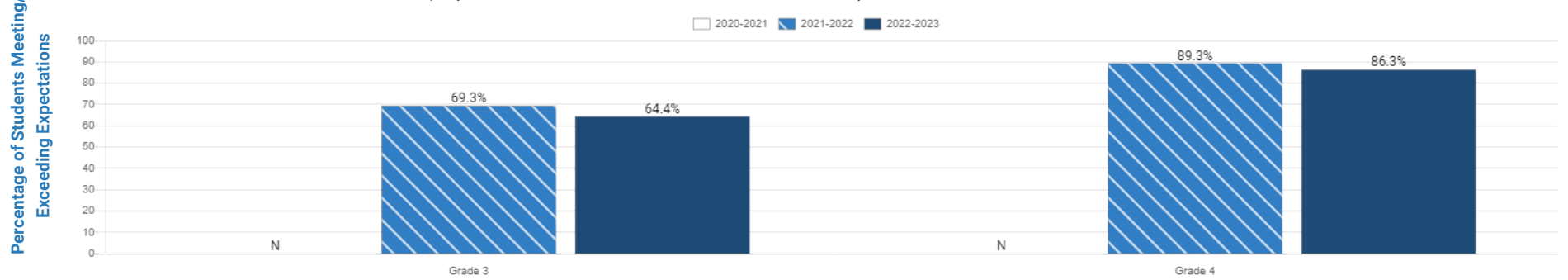
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English Language Arts Assessment - Performance Trends

This graph shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on each grade level exam on the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) for English Language Arts (ELA) for the past three years.

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English Language Arts Assessment - Performance By Grade: Grade 3

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

Student Group	Valid Scores	School 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 or exceeded expectations	State: % of testers met or exceeded expectations
Schoolwide	135	767	767	739	10%	8%	17%	46%	19%	64%	42%
White	59	763	763	749	12%	10%	19%	39%	20%	59%	51%
Hispanic	15	752	752	723	13%	13%	27%	47%	0%	47%	27%
Black or African American	*	*	*	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	26%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	54	780	780	768	4%	4%	15%	56%	22%	78%	69%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	746	*	*	*	*	*	*	52%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	749	*	*	*	*	*	*	51%
Female	*	768	768	744	11%	8%	17%	43%	22%	65%	47%
Male	*	766	766	734	10%	9%	17%	49%	16%	64%	37%
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	719	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	769	769	751	9%	8%	16%	47%	19%	66%	53%
Students with Disabilities	27	713	713	709	41%	19%	22%	19%	0%	19%	18%
Students without Disabilities	108	780	780	745	3%	6%	16%	53%	23%	76%	47%
English Learners	15	734	734	703	27%	7%	27%	33%	7%	40%	12%
Non-English Learners	120	771	771	743	8%	8%	16%	48%	20%	68%	46%
Homeless Students	*	*	*	708	*	*	*	*	*	*	16%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	708	*	*	*	*	*	*	13%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	40%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	701	*	*	*	*	*	*	14%

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English Language Arts Assessment - Performance By Grade: Grade 4

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

Student Group	Valid Scores	School 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 or exceeded expectations	State: % of testers met or exceeded expectations
Schoolwide	117	784	784	748	3%	3%	8%	43%	44%	86%	51%
White	54	776	776	758	4%	4%	7%	54%	31%	85%	62%
Hispanic	*	*	*	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	36%
Black or African American	*	*	*	733	*	*	*	*	*	*	34%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	46	799	799	776	0%	2%	4%	33%	61%	93%	79%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	55%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	757	*	*	*	*	*	*	60%
Female	*	788	788	752	4%	0%	7%	39%	50%	89%	55%
Male	*	781	781	745	2%	7%	8%	46%	38%	84%	48%
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	731	*	*	*	*	*	*	32%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	784	784	759	3%	3%	7%	43%	44%	87%	63%
Students with Disabilities	17	735	735	720	18%	24%	18%	41%	0%	41%	22%
Students without Disabilities	100	792	792	755	0%	0%	6%	43%	51%	94%	58%
English Learners	*	*	*	712	*	*	*	*	*	*	14%
Non-English Learners	*	786	786	752	3%	4%	5%	42%	46%	88%	55%
Homeless Students	*	*	*	720	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	724	*	*	*	*	*	*	25%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	748	*	*	*	*	*	*	51%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	697	*	*	*	*	*	*	15%

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Mathematics Assessment - Participation and Performance

This table shows performance on statewide assessments for mathematics both overall and by student group. It includes the results of students taking both the NJSLA and DLM. NJSLA results include students taking end-of-grade assessments in grades 3 through 8, as well as end-of-course assessments (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) in middle school and high school. High school mathematics assessment results include all results for Algebra I and Geometry and/or Algebra II results only for students who took Algebra I in middle school and who are enrolled in their first high school mathematics course that corresponds to an end-of-course assessment. Students who were enrolled for less than half a school year are excluded from performance results. Student are considered to have met or exceeded expectations if they score at Level 4 or 5 on the NJSLA or at Level 3 or 4 on the DLM assessment.

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Schoolwide	256	99.6%	72.3%	72.4%	38.2%	72.3%	80%	Not Met
White	115	99.2%	69.6%	66.8%	48.7%	69.6%	79%	Not Met
Hispanic	25	100%	36%	37.5%	22.2%	36%	80%	Not Met
Black or African American	*	*	*	30%	17.9%	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	101	100%	86.1%	87.6%	73.1%	86.1%	80%	Met Goal
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	40.1%	*	**	**
Two or More Races	12	100%	66.7%	75%	46.4%	66.7%	**	**
Female	*	100%	71.1%	69.1%	36.5%	71.1%		
Male	*	99.3%	73.3%	75.8%	39.9%	73.3%		
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	36.8%	*		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	16.7%	19.5%	*	**	**
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	99.6%	73.5%	73.7%	48.8%	73.5%		
Students with Disabilities	49	98%	34.7%	26.2%	15.7%	34.7%	46.3%	Not Met
Students without Disabilities	207	100%	81.2%	81%	43%	81.2%		
English Learners	43	100%	60.5%	58%	18.1%	60.5%	68.4%	Met Target†
Non-English Learners	213	99.5%	74.6%	74.7%	41%	74.6%		
Homeless Students	*	*	*	*	11.9%	*		
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	*	<10%	*		
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	*	37.3%	*		
Migrant Students	*	*	*	*	12.7%	*		

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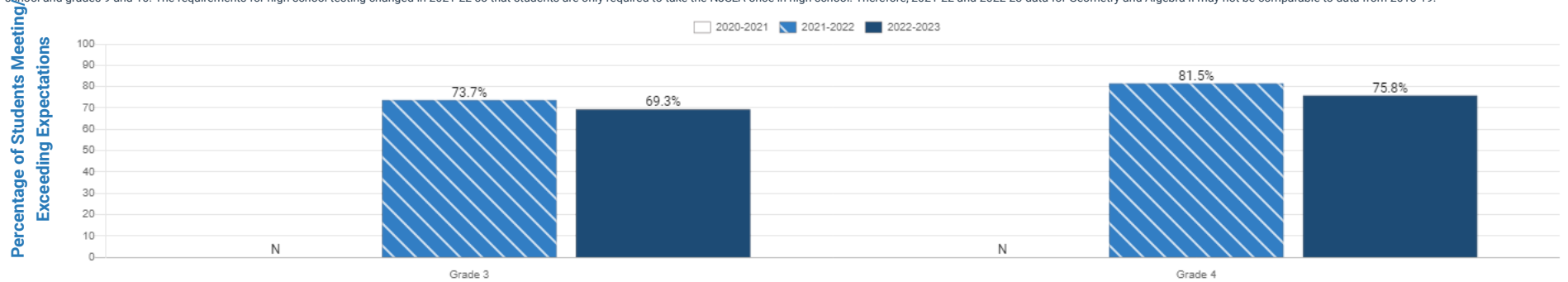
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Mathematics Assessment – Performance Trends

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.

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

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance By Grade: Grade 3

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

Student Group	Valid Scores	School 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 or exceeded expectations	State: % of testers met or exceeded expectations
Schoolwide	137	767	767	745	7%	7%	17%	40%	29%	69%	46%
White	61	761	761	756	5%	11%	18%	46%	20%	66%	58%
Hispanic	15	742	742	731	20%	7%	33%	27%	13%	40%	29%
Black or African American	*	*	*	725	*	*	*	*	*	*	25%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	54	785	785	775	2%	4%	9%	41%	44%	85%	77%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	752	*	*	*	*	*	*	57%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	53%
Female	*	762	762	743	9%	11%	17%	41%	23%	64%	44%
Male	*	772	772	747	4%	4%	17%	39%	35%	75%	48%
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	727	*	*	*	*	*	*	26%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	769	769	756	6%	7%	17%	40%	30%	70%	58%
Students with Disabilities	27	726	726	724	30%	19%	22%	22%	7%	30%	24%
Students without Disabilities	110	777	777	750	1%	5%	15%	45%	35%	79%	50%
English Learners	16	742	742	721	19%	19%	13%	38%	13%	50%	20%
Non-English Learners	121	771	771	749	5%	6%	17%	40%	31%	72%	50%
Homeless Students	*	*	*	716	*	*	*	*	*	*	16%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	718	*	*	*	*	*	*	16%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	746	*	*	*	*	*	*	47%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	728	*	*	*	*	*	*	25%

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Mathematics Assessment - Performance By Grade: Grade 4

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

Student Group	Valid Scores	School 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 or exceeded expectations	State: % of testers met or exceeded expectations
Schoolwide	120	774	774	743	0%	4%	20%	52%	24%	76%	44%
White	56	765	765	754	0%	5%	23%	57%	14%	71%	57%
Hispanic	*	*	*	729	*	*	*	*	*	*	27%
Black or African American	*	*	*	723	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	46	789	789	773	0%	0%	7%	54%	39%	93%	78%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	750	*	*	*	*	*	*	49%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	751	*	*	*	*	*	*	54%
Female	*	772	772	741	0%	5%	17%	55%	22%	78%	42%
Male	*	776	776	745	0%	3%	23%	48%	26%	74%	47%
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	725	*	*	*	*	*	*	24%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	774	774	754	0%	4%	19%	53%	25%	77%	57%
Students with Disabilities	17	742	742	720	0%	29%	29%	41%	0%	41%	21%
Students without Disabilities	103	779	779	748	0%	0%	18%	53%	28%	82%	49%
English Learners	10	751	751	716	0%	0%	70%	20%	10%	30%	14%
Non-English Learners	110	776	776	747	0%	5%	15%	55%	25%	80%	48%
Homeless Students	*	*	*	715	*	*	*	*	*	*	15%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	713	*	*	*	*	*	*	13%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	744	*	*	*	*	*	*	45%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	712	*	*	*	*	*	*	21%

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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.

Grade	ELA: # Students Tested	Math: # Students Tested
3	*	*
4	*	*

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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 Assessment for English language proficiency and the percentage of students tested who 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 4.5 or Above
0-2	72	69.4%	30.6%
3-4	23	78.3%	21.7%
5 or more	*	*	*

English Language Progress to Proficiency

This table shows the percentage of English Learners who demonstrated the expected amount of growth on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment for English Language proficiency. A student's expected growth is based on the student's initial year proficiency level and student growth expectations are increased by equal intervals each year so that the student meets the proficiency cut score of 4.5 within five years. The table shows the annual target for the percentage of students making expected growth and whether that target was met.

Student Group	Percent of English learners making expected growth to proficiency	Annual Target	Met Target?
Schoolwide/English Learners	75.4%	45.5%	Met Goal

† Target was met within a confidence interval.

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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 grades 5, 8, and 11 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.

NJSLA Science Assessment: Summary

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

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Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) : Grade 11

This table shows how grade 11 students performed on the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA), both overall and by student group. Students are identified as either Graduation Ready or Not Yet Graduation Ready for both English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics based on their scores on the assessment.



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Computer Science – 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.

Grade	Computer Programming	Principles of Computer Science	Computing Systems	Other Computer Science	Networking	Information Systems	Other IT
KG	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
1	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
3	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
4	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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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 state average column is the target used for accountability purposes and it reflects the statewide average for students in the grades offered by the school. Each student group has the same target based on all students, so the same "state average" will appear for all student groups. The last column shows 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	# of Students Chronically Absent	% of Students Chronically Absent	State Average	Met State Average
Schoolwide	60	10.1%	17.2%	Met
White	32	12.9%	17.2%	Met
Hispanic	4	10.0%	17.2%	Met
Black or African American	*	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	19	7.4%	17.2%	Met
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	**	**
Two or More Races	3	8.1%	17.2%	Met
Female	*	12.0%		
Male	*	8.4%		
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	4	40.0%	**	**
Students with Disabilities	13	14.3%	17.2%	Met
English Learners	12	11.5%	17.2%	Met
Homeless Students	*	*		
Students in Foster Care	*	*		
Military-Connected Students	*	*		
Migrant Students	*	*		

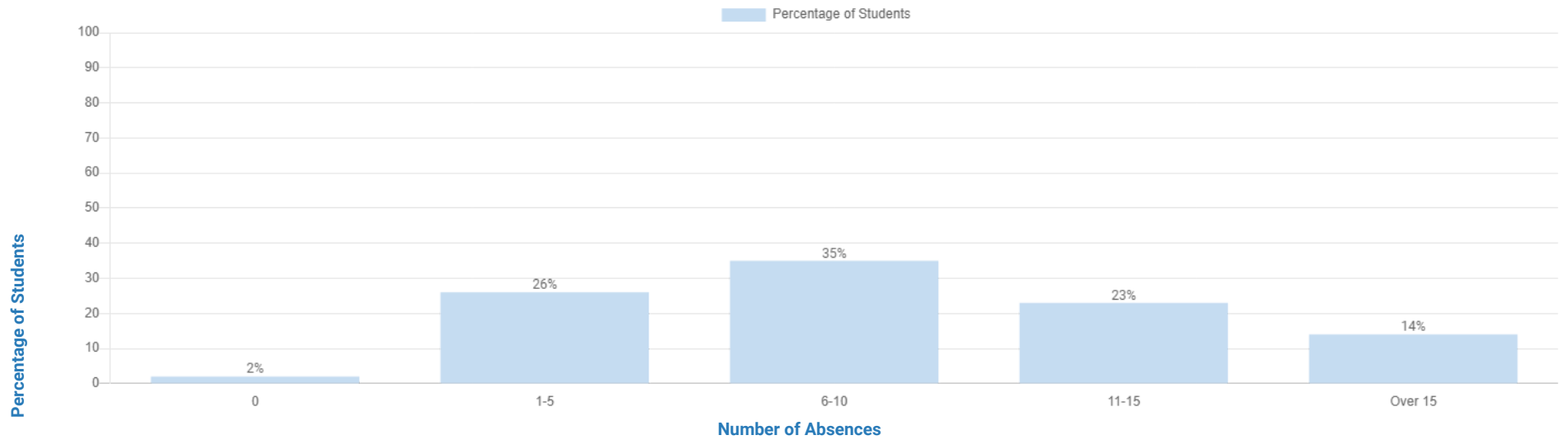
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Days Absent

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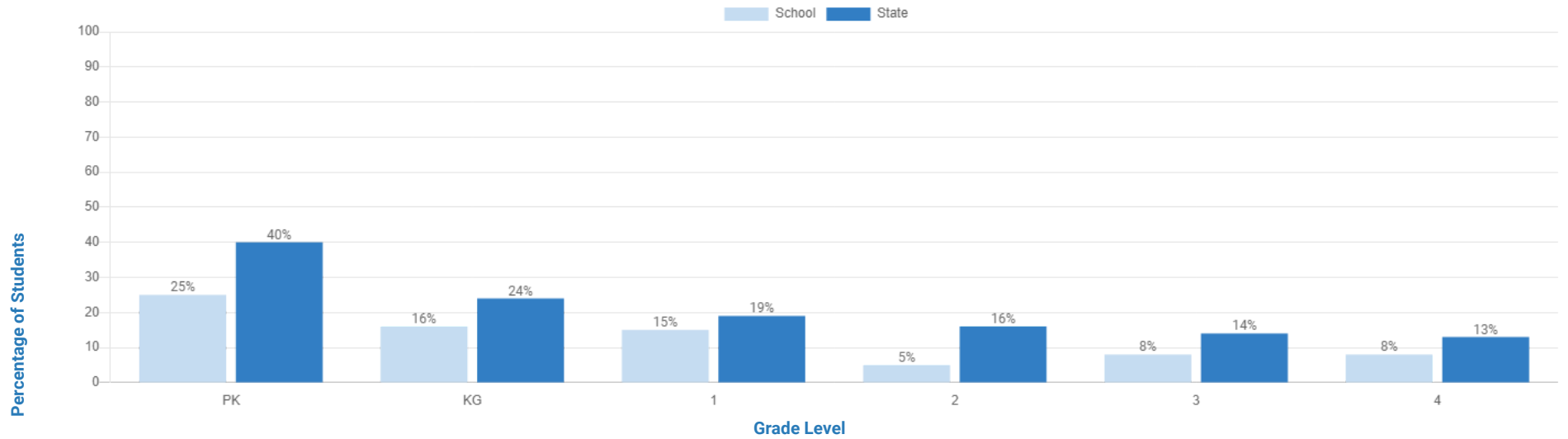
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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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



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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)	2
Total Unique Incidents	2
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	0.32

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 Bullying (HIB) investigations. The nature of an incident is based on the protected categories listed below, and the nature of a single HIB investigation may include multiple categories. All confirmed incidents must have an identified nature.

HIB Nature (Protected Category)	HIB Alleged	HIB Confirmed	Total HIB Investigations
Race	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0
Ancestry	0	0	0
Gender	1	1	2
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0
Other	0	2	2
No Identified Nature	3		3

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. The NJDOE is additionally required to report on the number, percentage, and demographics of students who received removals and that data is available on the [NJDOE website](#).

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%	

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School Day

This table shows the start and end times and length of school day for a typical student at this school. Instructional time is the amount of time that a typical student was engaged in instructional activities under the supervision of a certified teacher. Full time students attend this school for more than half of the school day and shared-time students attend the school for half of the school day or less.

Category	School
Typical Start Time	8:35 AM
Typical End Time	3:10 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs. 35 Mins.
Full Time - Instructional Time	5 Hrs. 45 Mins.
Shared Time - Instructional Time	N

Device Ratios

This table shows the student to device ratio, which is the number of students in grades PK-12 per device, including devices designated for instruction, testing, and remote learning. Devices are computers such as tablets, iPads, laptops and Chromebooks. The count includes only devices that meet nationally recommended specifications for online testing and digital learning in grades PreK through 12. This information comes from the elective NJTRAX survey and reflects data submitted as of October 2023, 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
2022-2023	1:1

Student Access to Technology and Internet

The NJDOE collects information on student device types, device owners, and internet connectivity. [Reports about student access to technology and internet connectivity](#) can be found on the NJDOE website.

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Staff

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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.

Out-of-Field: A teacher is labeled "out-of-field" if they are potentially teaching outside their area of certification. This could occur if the teacher cannot be found in the NJDOE's certification system, if their job code does not match their certification, or if the teacher has an expired certificate.

Provisional Teacher: A teacher with provisional certifications is a fully certified novice teacher of record who must meet further requirements of evaluation and mentoring during their induction into the profession before being granted "standard" or permanent certification.

Teachers – Experience

This table shows information about the experience and professional qualifications of teachers. Out-of-field teachers are teachers who are potentially teaching outside of their area of certification. Teachers with provisional certifications are fully certified novice teachers of record who must meet further requirements of evaluation and mentoring during their induction into the profession before being granted "standard" or permanent certification. The New Jersey Department of Education does not issue emergency instructional certificates for teachers. Additional data on the professional qualifications of teachers and administrators, broken down by schools with high or low economically disadvantaged populations, is available on the [School Performance Staff page](#).

Category	Teachers in School	Teachers in State
Total Number of teachers	59	118,882
Average years experience in public schools	13.6	12.5
Average years experience in district	11.8	11.3
Number of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	43	88,415
Percentage of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	72.9%	74.8%
Number of out-of-field teachers	4	2,811
Percentage of out-of-field teachers	6.8%	2.4%
Number of Teachers with Provisional Credentials	8	8,605
Percentage of Teachers with Provisional Credentials	13.6%	7.3%

Administrators – Experience

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

Category	Admin. in School	Admin. in State
Total Number of administrators	3	9,952
Average years experience in public schools	5.0	16.1
Average years experience in district	2.0	12.5
Number of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	0	7,675
Percentage of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	0.0%	77.9%

Staff Counts

This table shows the number of staff members assigned to the school, 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. The School Safety Specialists data is based on data submitted by districts in the CDS system and is not available at the school level because it is a district assigned position.

Staff Category	School: Total Staff Members	District: Total Staff Members	State: Total Staff Members
Teachers	59	101	118,882
Administrators	3	7	9,952
Librarians/Media Specialists	N	1	1,194
Nurses	1	2	2,960
School Counselors	2	4	4,519
Child Study Team Members	5	7	9,367
School Psychologists	1	1	2,166
School Social Workers	1	1	2,654
Student Assistance Coordinators	N	N	381
School Safety Specialists	N	1	694

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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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Provisional Teacher: A teacher with provisional certifications is a fully certified novice teacher of record who must meet further requirements of evaluation and mentoring during their induction into the profession before being granted "standard" or permanent certification.

Student and Staff Ratios

This table shows ratios of students and staff members in the school and district. The ratios are based on data submitted by districts to NJ SMART and are not based on staff full-time equivalent (FTE). The School Safety Specialists data is based on data submitted by districts in the CDS system and is not available at the school level because it is a district assigned position.

Ratio	School Ratio	District Ratio
Students to Teachers	11:1	12:1
Students to Administrators	209:1	174:1
Teachers to Administrators	20:1	14:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists †	N	1216:1
Students to Nurses †	627:1	608:1
Students to Counselors †	314:1	304:1
Students to Child Study Team Members †,††	21:1	26:1
Students to School Psychologists †	627:1	1216:1
Students to School Social Workers †	627:1	1216:1
Students to Student Assistance Coordinators †	N	N
Students to School Safety Specialists †	N	1216:1

† 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 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. To protect student and staff privacy, gender percentages may show a range, depending on the overall school population size.

Category	Students in School	Teachers in School	Administrators in School	Students in State	Teachers in State	Administrators in State
Female	48.0%	>90%	*	48.0%	77.0%	57.0%
Male	52.0%	≤10%	*	52.0%	23.0%	43.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤1%	≤10%	*	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%
White	42.9%	84.7%	100.0%	39.1%	82.2%	74.8%
Hispanic	7.3%	0.0%	0.0%	33.1%	8.3%	8.5%
Black or African American	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	14.4%	6.3%	14.3%
Asian	40.5%	15.3%	0.0%	10.1%	2.4%	1.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%
Two or More Races	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.2%	0.4%

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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

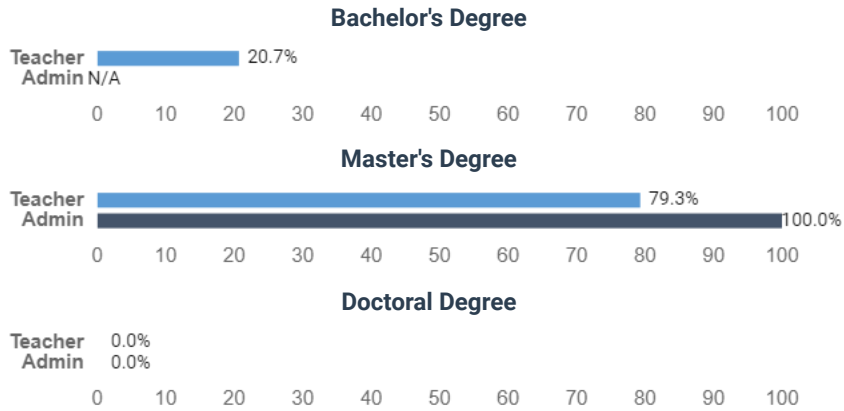
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Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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.



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

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators assigned to this district in 2021-22 that were still assigned to this district in 2022-23. Staff who were not retained may have changed districts or no longer work for the state (including retirements).

Job Type	District	State
2021-22 Teachers: Same district 2022-23	89.2%	88.4%
2021-22 Administrators: Same district 2022-23	85.7%	86.6%

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Per-Pupil Expenditures

Per-Pupil Expenditures by Source

The table below summarizes the most recently available expenses for regular and special education students taught at schools in the district. The amounts include both actual personnel and actual non-personnel expenditures and include expenditures for instruction, support services, administration, operations and maintenance, and extra-curricular activities. An overall cost per pupil for a given school can be calculated by adding the Central Expenditures and the Expenditures Not Assigned to a School to the School Level Expenditures reported for that school. The Average Daily Enrollment (ADE**) comes from the 2022-23 School Registry Summary (SRS).

For more information regarding this table please refer to the guidance for school level reporting, which is available on the NJDOE webpage [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 2022-23 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.

Closter Boro	Federal	State & Local	Total	ADE**
District Level Total Expenditures	\$505	\$16,345	\$16,850	1,204.0
District Level Central Expenditures		\$4,647	\$4,647	1,204.0
Hillside Elementary School	\$414	\$12,530	\$12,944	622.5
Tenakill Middle School	\$603	\$10,808	\$11,411	581.4
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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:**
 - Title I schools with a summative score in the bottom 5% of Title I schools.
- **Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI): Low Graduation Rate:**
 - All high schools with a four-year graduation rate of 67% or less
- **Additional Targeted Support and Improvement: Low Performing Student Group (ATSI):**
 - All 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 fall 2023 identification is the first year that the NJDOE identified schools in this category.

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

- **Targeted Support and Improvement: Consistently Underperforming Student Group (TSI):**
 - All 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 additional data, see the [NJDOE accountability page](#)

Important Note for 2022-23 Reports: The NJDOE received approval to make a one-time change to the identification timeline under the [COVID-19 State Plan Addendum](#). Under the approved Addendum, the NJDOE identified schools for CSI and ATSI status in both fall 2022 and fall 2023. Schools that were identified for CSI or ATSI status in fall 2022 were eligible to exit status at the end of the 2023-2024 school year if all exit criteria were met. Schools that were identified for CSI or ATSI status in fall 2023 will be eligible to exit status at the end of the 2026-2027 school year if all exit criteria are met. Schools identified for TSI status are eligible to exit annually if exit criteria are met.

The NJDOE resumed using median student growth percentiles (mSGPs) to measure academic progress, or growth, for the 2022-2023 school year. The NJDOE had received approval through the Addendum to use an alternate measure of academic progress, Relative School Improvement Measure (RSIM) for the 2021-2022 school year only because mSGPs were unavailable.

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ESSA Accountability Status

The table below provides the school's federal school status for the 2024-25 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 Accountability page](#) 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.

Status for 2024-25 School Year	Not in Status
Category of Identification	n/a
Year Eligible to Exit Status	n/a
Student Group Status: White	
Student Group Status: Hispanic	
Student Group Status: Black or African American	
Student Group Status: Asian, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian	
Student Group Status: American Indian or Alaska Native	
Student Group Status: Two or More Races	
Student Group Status: Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Student Group Status: Students with Disabilities	
Student Group Status: English Learners	

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

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: Percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on statewide assessments (NJSLA or DLM) **ELA and Math Growth: For 2022-23, this data reflects median student growth percentiles (mSGPs).** For 2021-22, this data shows the Relative School Improvement Measure (RSIM), which was based on aggregate scale score improvement on the statewide assessments in ELA and mathematics (NJSLA), when comparing prior year performance to 2021-22 performance. **Four- and five-year graduation rates:** The adjusted cohort graduation rate **Progress toward English Language Proficiency:** The percentage of English Learners who demonstrated the expected amount of growth on the ACCESS for ELLs Assessment for English Language proficiency. **Chronic absenteeism:** The percentage of students who were absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year.

Important Note for 2022-23: 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 2020-21. The growth measure used for 2021-22 was an alternate measure used because median student growth percentiles were not available for 2021-22 and the NJDOE resumed using mSGPs for 2022-2023, so growth data for 2021-22 to 2022-23 should not be compared. As data over the last three years was impacted by the pandemic in various ways, the NJDOE recommends caution in comparing data from year to year.

ESSA Accountability Indicator	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
ELA Proficiency		79.3%	73.9%
Math Proficiency		77.6%	72.3%
ELA Growth		30	69
Math Growth		33	63
4-Year Graduation Rate†	N	N	N
5-Year Graduation Rate†	N	N	N
Progress toward English Language Proficiency		70.4%	75.4%
Chronic Absenteeism	0.9%	6.3%	10.1%

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

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Accountability Indicator Scores and Summative Ratings - 2022-23 School Year

New Jersey developed a school accountability system as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to identify schools that are in need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement. This table shows the indicator scores for each indicator included in the accountability system and the weight that each indicator receives when calculating the overall Summative Score. The Summative Rating is the percentile rank of the Summative Score as compared to other schools across the state. Title I schools with a summative score in the bottom 5% of Title I schools or any school with a four-year graduation rate of 67% or less are identified as requiring Comprehensive Support and Improvement. For more information about New Jersey's accountability system and how these indicator scores were calculated, see the [NJDOE Accountability page](#).

ESSA Accountability Indicator	Score	Weight
ELA Proficiency Indicator Score	84.21	15.0%
Math Proficiency Indicator Score	87.60	15.0%
ELA Growth Indicator Score	96.05	20.0%
Math Growth Indicator Score	88.47	20.0%
4-Year Graduation Rate Indicator Score	N	N
5-Year Graduation Rate Indicator Score	N	N
Progress toward English Language Proficiency Indicator Score	96.33	20.0%
Chronic Absenteeism Indicator Score	73.77	10.0%
Summative Score	89.32	
Summative Rating	96.16	
Comprehensive Support: Overall Low Performing	No	
Comprehensive Support: Low Graduation Rate	No	

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

††A modified summative score was calculated using only available data.

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Accountability Summary by Student Group - 2022-23 School Year

The NJDOE is required under ESSA to identify schools for Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI). Both TSI and ATSI identifications are based on how student groups within schools perform. Schools are identified for ATSI if they have at least one student group that has a summative score that would be in the bottom 5% of Title I schools if it was its own school. Schools are identified for TSI if they have at least one student group that missed annual targets or standards for all indicators for two years in a row. Only student groups that have data for at least 20 students are included in the accountability determinations.

In the table below, the first three columns show information on the identification for ATSI. It shows the summative score for each student group, the cut-off score that was used to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI), and whether the school (and student groups) have been identified as requiring ATSI. The remaining columns in the table show whether the student group met annual targets or standards for all indicators for the 2022-23 school year. If at least one student group did not meet all targets and also did not meet all targets in the 2021-22 school year, then the school will be identified as requiring TSI.

For more information about accountability determinations, indicators, and annual targets, see the [NJDOE Accountability page](#).

Student Group	Summative Score	Summative Score Cut-Off for Additional Targeted Support	Requires Additional Targeted Support: Low Performing Student Group	ELA Proficiency	Math Proficiency	ELA Growth	Math Growth	4-Year Graduation Rate	5-Year Graduation Rate	Progress toward English Language Proficiency	Chronic Absenteeism	Requires Targeted Support: Consistently Underperforming Student Group
Schoolwide			No	Not Met	Not Met	Exceeds Standard	Exceeds Standard	N	N	Met Goal	Met	No
White	82.63	11.64	No	Not Met	Not Met	Exceeds Standard	Exceeds Standard	N	N		Met	No
Hispanic	**	**	No	Not Met	Not Met	**	**	N	N		Met	No
Black or African American	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	N	N		**	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	90.17	11.64	No	Met Goal	Met Goal	Exceeds Standard	Exceeds Standard	N	N		Met	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	N	N		**	No
Two or More Races	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	N	N		Met	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	**	**	No	**	**	**	**	N	N		**	No
Students with Disabilities	**	**	No	Not Met	Not Met	**	**	N	N		Met	No
English Learners	**	**	No	Met Target†	Met Target†	**	**	N	N	Met Goal	Met	No

†Target was met within a confidence interval.

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Highlights:

- Hillside School features a rigorous academic program in a supportive environment where our staff continues to grow as learners through the support of the NVCC.
- Hillside School was recognized as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School. Additionally, Hillside School was ranked #20 by the 2022 U.S. News and World Report as New Jersey Best Elementary Schools.
- The Hillside music program has received the NAMM Community Music Award since 2015. The orchestra, chorus, and band have appeared at town events and cultural programs.



Mission, Vision, Theme:

The community of faculty, parents, and administration of Hillside School provide a learning environment that prepares children to be responsible world citizens of the 21st century. Our mission is to promote the love of school and life-long learning for all children by developing their self-esteem, integrity, self-discipline, ability to work cooperatively, decision-making and problem-solving skills, appreciation of individual differences, and respect for the environment.



Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

Hillside School has been recognized as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School. Hillside School continues to be recognized by multiple organizations on various occasions as one of the ten best elementary schools in Bergen County and/or the State of New Jersey. The elementary school uses NJ Trout in the Classroom to teach cold water conservation.

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

The Hillside School program of studies evolves around the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Its Language Arts program is modeled after the TC Readers and Writers Workshop. Phonics First is a main component of K-2 literacy. Math instruction is guided by the "GoMath" program with a comprehensive online home component. Instruction in these areas, as well as the social and physical sciences, is differentiated according to individual abilities. In addition to library, art, music, and physical education, science and STEM are featured programs for all students. The Hillside Enrichment Program serves students with push in and pull out strategies. The character education program follows I.C.A.R.E (Integrity, Caring, Attitude, Respect, Empathy) and is integrated into all classes.



Clubs and Activities:

Hillside students are offered clubs such as Garden Club, Kids Against Pollution, Writing Club and Student Council. The PTO runs an enrichment program three days a week with courses such as chess, karate, keyboarding, robotics, cooking, and STEAM.



Before and After School Programs:

An afterschool program is offered at an additional expense. Students are afforded the opportunity to interact with each other in the gym, on the playground, and in a spacious learning area. A certain amount of time is dedicated to snack and homework. The program runs from immediately after school dismissal until 6:00pm.

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Staff and Professional Learning:

In addition to embedded professional development within the school year, the staff of Hillside School participates in a consortium of seven elementary schools where 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. At Hillside, staff participate in various committees and PLCs. This year we will work with a Literacy Consultant for staff in grades K-4.



Student Supports and Services:

There are many support services offered at Hillside School 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 ESL, Basic Skills, Gifted and Talented, OT/PT, Orton-Gillingham multisensory reading, speech-language services, two School Counselors, School Psychologist and Social Worker and a grant-funded school-based counselor. Our School Based Threat Assessment team is also available to support students in need.



Student Health and Wellness:

Recognizing the benefit of student health and wellness on their academic and social growth, Hillside School incorporated a dedicated wellness program through weekly Wellness Wednesday activities. Additionally, Hillside boasts the services of a full-time nurse and two school guidance counselors. In addition to playground equipment, students also have access to a vegetable garden, butterfly garden and a sensory wall, supported by the local Boy Scouts and the Science program.

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Parent and Community Involvement:

Hillside School functions as part of the community at large. We maintain close relationships with the borough's municipal organizations such as the Mayor and Council, the Police and Fire Departments, the Recreation Association and local businesses. Community members present their roles during assemblies. Our active PTO provides daily lunch, extra-curricular programs for students and parents, and raises funds to support school initiatives. They also sponsor the After School Enrichment Program. The Parent Portal provides access for the Standard Based Progress Reports. Hillside School provides evening parent presentations for parents on the topics of wellness and parenting support, and information for ESL and SEPAG.



Facilities:

While the original building was built in 1955, many upgrades and improvements have made Hillside Elementary School an excellent environment for Closter school children. K-2 classrooms were refurbished with new floors, lights, and cabinetry in the past two years. There is a fully equipped science lab and a new STEM lab. Students visit climate controlled areas such as the library and a full sized gymnasium/all-purpose room. There is also a well-equipped art room and music room. Building extensions were added specifically for Early Childhood Education.



School Safety:

School safety is a priority for Hillside Elementary School. 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. The LEAD program will begin in fourth grade.

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Technology and STEM:

Under the program umbrella, Hillside has several STEM initiatives for the students to participate in during the day and after school. Hillside has two labs: STEM and Science. The STEM lab features the engineering design process, while the Science Lab focuses on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) curriculum. Coding and robotics are embedded in the program. After school activities are available through separate courses supported by the PTO. The Closter Nature Center supports the curriculum in all grades, investigating the local environment and animal habitats. Regarding technology, all teachers use Macbooks and Promethean Boards, while students utilize Chromebooks and iPads.



Early Childhood Education:

Hillside 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. Enrollment is limited and wait lists are often needed for general education students. Tuition is based on half day and full day services.



Effective and Efficient Use of ESSR Funding:

The evidence-based interventions funded through ESSER grants have played a pivotal role in addressing learning loss and enhancing students' overall well-being in our district. The district has been proactive in providing academic support programs, including small group instruction after school and during the summer, which specifically targeted students not meeting standards based on Link-it! Data. In addition to these academic interventions, funds were allocated for various training opportunities for teachers and implementing the One Book, One School program, all of which have contributed to the quality of instruction.

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Other Information:

A regular school day at Hillside runs from 8:35am to 3:15 pm for students in Kindergarten to Grade 4., PreSchool begins at 9:00 am through 3:00 pm. There is half and full day option. We strive to provide a secure, but nurturing environment for our students. We are proud of an outstanding faculty comprised of dedicated professionals with experience levels ranging from novice to seasoned veterans. In addition to our academic program, we feature many virtual events throughout the year like cultural assemblies, author visits, student concerts, class trips and book fairs. At Hillside Elementary School, 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.