



Thomas Richards Early Childhood Center (07-5560-060)

2023-2024

County: Camden

District: Waterford Township School District

934 Lincoln Avenue
Atco, NJ 08004-1325

Principal: Mr. Patrick Davidson

[School Website](#)

856-767-2421



252
Total Students



PK-KG
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 Note for 2023-24 Reports: The NJDOE recommends caution in comparing data from year to year over the last several years.

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	Camden
District	Waterford Township School District
Principal Name	Mr. Patrick Davidson
Address	934 Lincoln Avenue, Atco, NJ 08004-1325
Phone Number	856-767-2421
Email Address	pdavidson@wtsd.org
Website	www.wtsd.org
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/WTSDschool
Twitter	https://twitter.com/wt_schools

Demographics

Enrollment data reflects enrollment reported at the end of the school year and only includes students attending the school. Students who 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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
PK	161	164	149
KG	88	99	103
Total	249	263	252

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 may show a range, depending on the overall school population size.

Student Group	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Female	50-55%	50-55%	45-50%
Male	45-50%	45-50%	50-55%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	16.6%	22.9%	25.4%
Students with Disabilities	17.0%	15.4%	15.6%
Multilingual Learners	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Students in Foster Care	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students	0.8%	1.1%	1.2%
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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
White	77.5%	78.9%	74.2%
Hispanic	11.5%	10.2%	11.3%
Black or African American	3.2%	4.9%	7.4%
Asian	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two Or More Races	7.1%	5.6%	6.3%

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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.

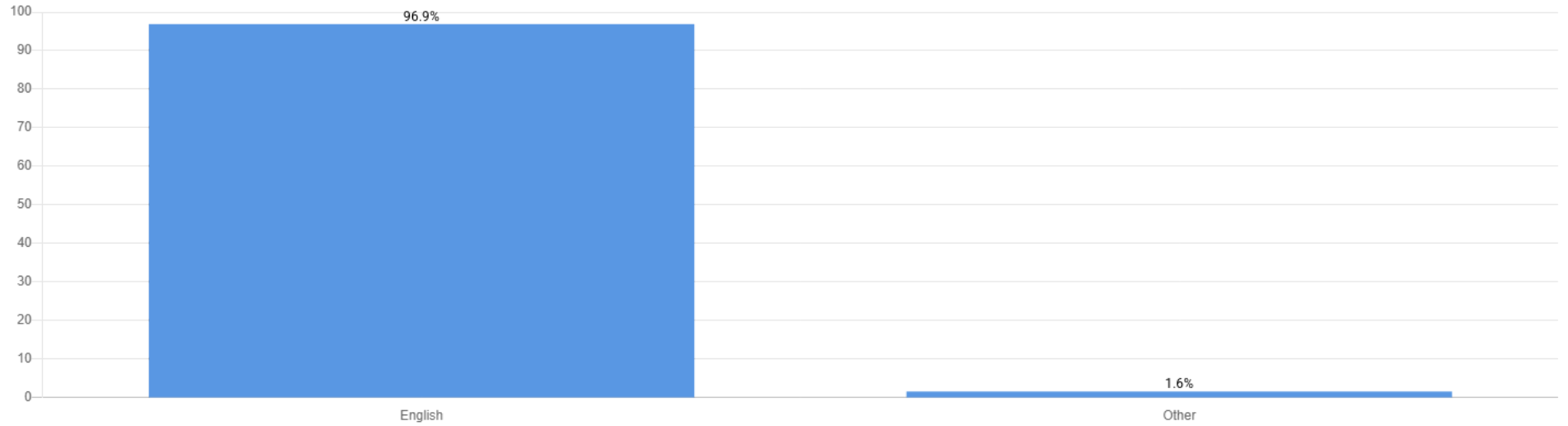
Grade	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
PK - Half Day	0	0	0
PK - Full Day	161	164	149
KG - Half Day	0	0	0
KG - Full Day	88	99	103

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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.



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Academic Achievement

This section of the reports includes results on statewide assessments, including the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA), the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), and the ACCESS for ELLs assessment. For more information about New Jersey's statewide assessments, see the [NJDOE's Assessment page](#).

For detailed information showing comparisons of the percentage of students performing at each of the five NJSLA performance levels at the school, district and state-level, see data available on our [NJDOE Accountability webpage](#) under 2024 Accountability Data in the School & District Accountability section.

English Language Proficiency Test - Participation and Performance

This table shows, by years in district, the number of multilingual learner students taking the ACCESS for ELLs Assessment for English language proficiency and the number and 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 Below 4.5	# Students with Overall Score of 4.5 or Above	% Students with Overall Score 4.5 or Above
0-2	*	*	*	*	*
3-4	N	N	N	N	N
5 or more	N	N	N	N	N

English Language Progress to Proficiency

This table shows the percentage of multilingual 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/Multilingual Learners	N	N	N

† Target was met within a confidence interval.

College and Career Readiness

Information about [New Jersey Student Learning Standards](#) can be found on the NJDOE website.

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
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

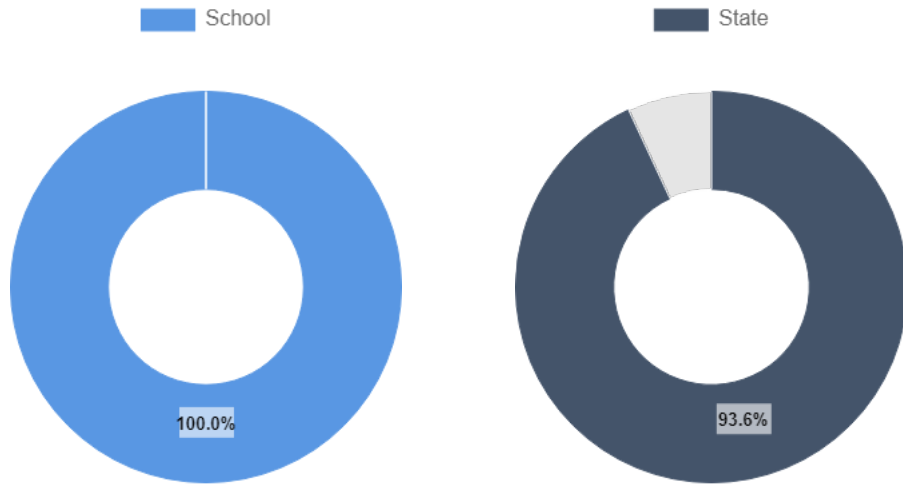
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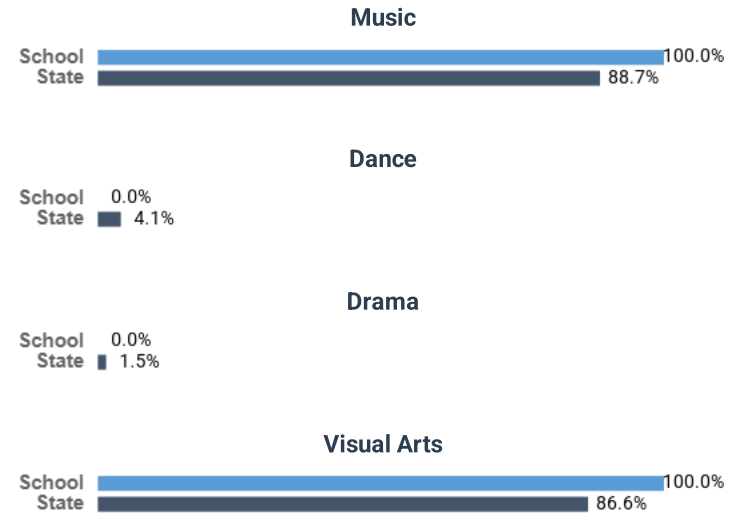
Visual and Performing Arts – Course Participation

The first set of graphs below show the percentages of students who were enrolled in any Visual and Performing Arts classes during the school year. The 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 K-5: Students enrolled in one or more visual and performing arts classes



Students enrolled in one or more classes by discipline:



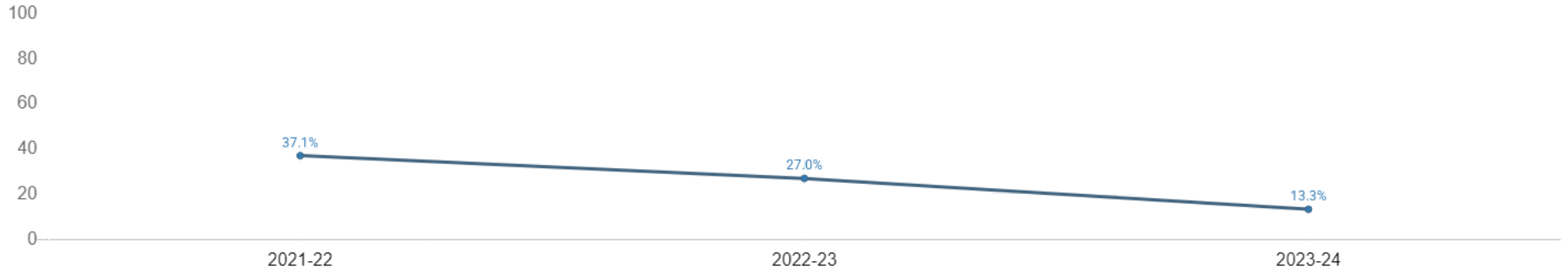
Climate and Environment

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 NJDOE used input from stakeholders 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.

Chronic Absenteeism Trends

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. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25.1, any school where 10 percent or more of the students enrolled are chronically absent must develop a corrective action plan to improve chronic absenteeism rates. The Requires Corrective Action Plan column in the table indicates whether the school's chronic absenteeism rate is 10% or higher, meaning that the school must complete a corrective action plan. The NJDOE Data-based Decision Making for Addressing Chronic Absenteeism guidance document (found on the [NJDOE attendance page](#) under Chronic Absenteeism) provides districts with guidance on responding to chronic absenteeism and includes sample corrective action plan templates.

The ESSA Target: State Average for Grades Served column is the target used for ESSA accountability purposes. 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 ESSA Target 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").



Performance Measure	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Chronic Absenteeism Rate	37.1%	27.0%	13.3%
ESSA Target (State Average for Grades Served)	24.7%	24.3%	19.1%
Met ESSA Target	Not Met	Not Met	Met
Statewide Chronic Absenteeism Rate (All Grades)	18.1%	16.6%	14.9%

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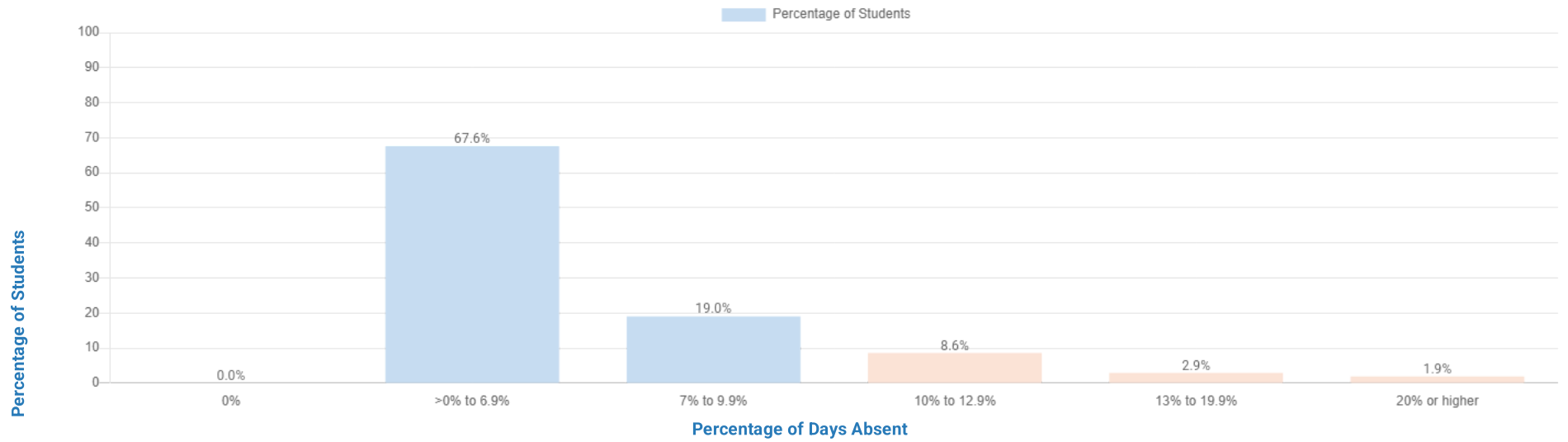
Student Group	# of Students Chronically Absent	% of Students Chronically Absent	Requires Corrective Action Plan: Schoolwide Rate is 10% or higher	ESSA Target: State Average for Grades Served	Met ESSA Target
Schoolwide	14	13.3%	Yes	19.1%	Met
White	9	11.1%		19.1%	Met
Hispanic	*	*		**	**
Black or African American	*	*		**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*		**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*		**	**
Two or More Races	*	*		**	**
Female	*	21.3%			
Male	*	6.9%			
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*			
Economically Disadvantaged Students	8	26.7%		19.1%	Not Met
Students with Disabilities	1	7.1%		**	**
Multilingual Learners	*	*		**	**
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*			
Students in Foster Care	*	*			
Military-Connected Students	*	*			
Migrant Students	*	*			

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Percentage of Days Absent

This graph shows the percentage of K-12 students by the percentage of days enrolled that the students were absent during the school year. The last three bars, 10% to 12.9%, 13% to 19.9%, and 20% or higher represent students who were chronically absent.

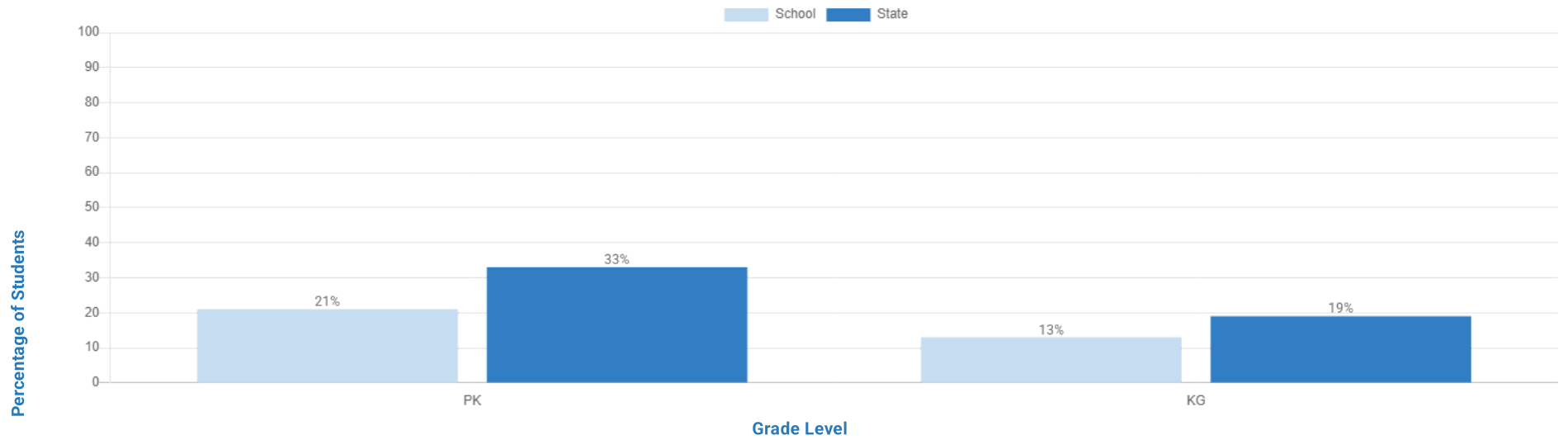


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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

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)	0
Total Unique Incidents	0
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	0.00

Police Notifications

This table shows, by incident type, the number of cases where an incident led to police notification.

Incident Type	Incidents Reported to Police
Violence	0
Weapons	0
Vandalism	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	0
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	0

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Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigations

This table shows, by the nature of the incident, the number of alleged and confirmed Harassment, Intimidation, and 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	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
No Identified Nature	0		0

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Student Disciplinary Removals: By Student Group

This table shows the number and percentage of students who received in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, removals to other educational programs, and expulsions by student group. Information on disciplinary actions is reported by schools and districts to the NJDOE through the Student Safety Data System (SSDS). Only students who attended the school are included in the disciplined student counts. The data used to determine student demographic information, and the enrollment totals used to calculate the percentages come from the fall and end-of-year NJ SMART SID Management snapshots. In some cases, a range, such as <5, is provided for groups of 10 or more students when between 1 and 4 students schoolwide received a type of disciplinary action to protect student privacy.

Student Group	# of Students with at least one In-School Suspension	% of Students with at least one In-School Suspension	# of Students with at least one Out-of-School Suspension	% of Students with at least one Out-of-School Suspension	# of Students with Any Suspension	% of Students with Any Suspension	# of Students with a Removal to other education program	% of Students with a Removal to other education program	# of Students with an Expulsion	% of Students with an Expulsion
Schoolwide	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
White	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hispanic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Black or African American	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Female	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%
Male	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Students with disabilities	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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Student Disciplinary Removals: By Grade Level

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Grade	# of Students with at least one In-School Suspension	% of Students with at least one In-School Suspension	# of Students with at least one Out-of-School Suspension	% of Students with at least one Out-of-School Suspension	# of Students with Any Suspension	% of Students with Any Suspension	# of Students with a Removal to other education program	% of Students with a Removal to other education program	# of Students with an Expulsion	% of Students with an Expulsion
Schoolwide	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
PK	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
KG	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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Students Involved in Police Notifications: By Student Group

This table shows the number and percentage of students who were involved in at least one incident that led to police notification by student group. Information on police notifications is reported by schools and districts to the NJDOE through the Student Safety Data System (SSDS). Only students who attended the school are included in the counts of students involved in incidents leading to police notification. The data used to determine student demographic information, and the enrollment totals used to calculate the percentages come from the fall and end-of-year NJ SMART SID Management snapshots. In some cases, a range, such as <5, is provided for groups of 10 or more students when between 1 and 4 students schoolwide were involved to protect student privacy.

Student Group	# of Students involved in at least one incident	% of Students involved in at least one incident	# of Students involved in at least one violent incident	% of Students involved in at least one violent incident	# of Students involved in at least one vandalism incident	% of Students involved in at least one vandalism incident	# of Students involved in at least one substance related incident	% of Students involved in at least one substance related incident	# of Students involved in at least one weapons related incident	% of Students involved in at least one weapons related incident	# of Students involved in at least one HIB incident	% of Students involved in at least one HIB incident	# of Students involved in at least one other incident type	% of Students involved in at least one other incident type
Schoolwide	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
White	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hispanic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Black or African American	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Female	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%
Male	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Students with disabilities	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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Grade	# of Students involved in at least one incident	% involved in an incident	# of Students involved in at least one violent incident	% of Students involved in a violent incident	# of Students involved in at least one vandalism incident	% of Students involved in a vandalism incident that led to police notification	# of Students involved in at least one substance related incident	% of Students involved in a substance related incident	# of Students involved in at least one weapons related incident	% of Students involved in a weapons related incident	# of Students involved in at least one HIB incident	% of Students involved in an HIB incident that led to police notification	# of Students involved in at least one other incident type	% of Students involved in an other incident type
Schoolwide	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
PK	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
KG	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Climate and Environment

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Students Arrested by Type of Incident Leading to Arrest: By Student Group

This table shows the number and percentage of students in select student groups who were involved in at least one incident that led to their arrest. Information on arrests is reported by schools and districts to the NJDOE through the Student Safety Data System (SSDS). Only students who attended the school are included in the arrested student counts. The data used to determine student demographic information, and the enrollment totals used to calculate the percentages come from the fall and end-of-year NJ SMART SID Management snapshots. In some cases, a range, such as <5, is provided for groups of 10 or more students when between 1 and 4 students schoolwide were involved to protect student privacy.

Student Group	# of Students Arrested	% of Students Arrested	# of students involved in at least one violent incident that led to arrest	% of students involved in a violent incident that led to arrest	# of students involved in at least one vandalism incident that led to arrest	% of students involved in a vandalism incident that led to arrest	# of students involved in at least one substance related incident that led to arrest	% of students involved in a substance related incident that led to arrest	# of students involved in at least one weapons related incident that led to arrest	% of students involved in a weapons related incident that led to arrest	# of students involved in at least one HIB incident that led to arrest	% of students involved in an HIB incident that led to arrest	# of students involved in at least one other type of incident that led to arrest	% of students involved in an other type of incident that led to arrest
Schoolwide	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
White	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hispanic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Black or African American	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Female	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%
Male	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Students with disabilities	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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Grade	# of Students Arrested	% of Students Arrested	# of Students involved in at least one violent incident that led to arrest	% involved in a violent incident that led to arrest	# of Students involved in at least one vandalism incident that led to arrest	% involved in a vandalism incident that led to arrest	# of Students involved in at least one substance related incident that led to arrest	% involved in a substance related incident that led to arrest	# of Students involved in at least one weapons related incident that led to arrest	% involved in a weapons related incident that led to arrest	# of Students involved in at least one HIB incident that led to arrest	% involved in an HIB incident that led to arrest	# of Students involved in at least one other type incident that led to arrest	% involved in an other type incident that led to arrest
Schoolwide	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
PK	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
KG	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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School Days Missed due to Out-of-School Suspensions

This table shows the total number of days missed due to out-of-school suspension for all students during the school year.

School Days Missed due to Out-of-School Suspensions

0

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School Day

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

Category	School
Typical Start Time	9:20 AM
Typical End Time	3:50 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs. 30 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 2024, 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
2023-2024	1.6:1

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.

Staff

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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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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	29	119,239
Average years experience in public schools	7.6	12.6
Average years experience in district	7.6	11.3
Number of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	18	87,243
Percentage of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	62.1%	73.6%
Number of out-of-field teachers	0	2,931
Percentage of out-of-field teachers	0%	2.5%
Number of Teachers with Provisional Credentials	3	9,065
Percentage of Teachers with Provisional Credentials	10.3%	7.6%

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	1	10,170
Average years experience in public schools	17.0	16.2
Average years experience in district	17.0	12.5
Number of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	1	7,734
Percentage of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	100.0%	76.8%

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	29	94	119,239
Administrators	1	8	10,170
Librarians/Media Specialists	N	N	1,160
Nurses	1	3	3,025
School Counselors	2	3	4,673
Child Study Team Members	1	6	9,654
School Psychologists	N	1	2,185
School Social Workers	1	2	2,750
Student Assistance Coordinators	N	N	400
School Safety Specialists	N	1	681

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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	9:1	10:1
Students to Administrators	256:1	115:1
Teachers to Administrators	29:1	12:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists †	N	N
Students to Nurses †	256:1	306:1
Students to Counselors †	128:1	306:1
Students to Child Study Team Members †,††	40:1	30:1
Students to School Psychologists †	N	919:1
Students to School Social Workers †	256:1	460:1
Students to Student Assistance Coordinators †	N	N
Students to School Safety Specialists †		919:1

† 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	45-50%	>80%	*	48.0%	77.0%	57.0%
Male	50-55%	≤20%	*	52.0%	23.0%	43.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤5%	≤20%	*	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%
White	74.2%	100.0%	100.0%	38.2%	81.8%	74.5%
Hispanic	11.3%	0.0%	0.0%	34.0%	8.6%	8.6%
Black or African American	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%	14.2%	6.4%	14.4%
Asian	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	10.1%	2.5%	1.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
Two or More Races	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	0.3%	0.4%

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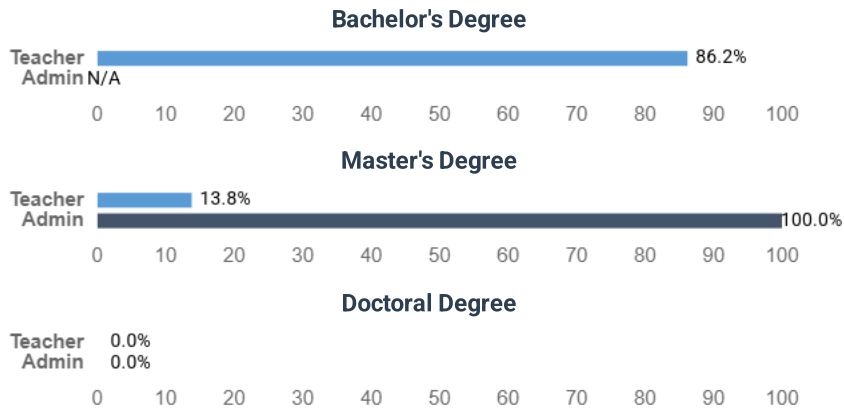
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Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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.



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

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators assigned to this district in 2022-23 that were still assigned to this district in 2023-24. Staff who were not retained may have changed districts or no longer work for the state (including retirements).

Job Type	District	State
2022-23 Teachers: Same district 2023-24	93.8%	89.5%
2022-23 Administrators: Same district 2023-24	75.0%	87.9%

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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 they 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)	% Doctoral Degree(Highest Degree)
Elementary (Not Subject Specific)	22	>80%	≤20%	≤20%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	90.9%	9.1%	0.0%
English/Language Arts/Literacy	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
English to Speakers of Other Languages	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Mathematics	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Science	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Social Studies/History	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
World Language	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Visual and Performing Arts	1	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Health/Physical Education	1	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Family & Consumer Sciences	0	N	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	N
Business	0	N	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	N
Industrial Arts	0	N	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	N
Special Education	3	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Bilingual	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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 2023-24 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 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 [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report \(ACFR\) 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 2023-24 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.

Waterford Twp	Federal	State & Local	Total	ADE**
District Level Total Expenditures	\$1,335	\$19,404	\$20,739	917.5
District Level Central Expenditures	\$725	\$2,183	\$2,908	917.5
Atco Elementary School	\$606	\$16,918	\$17,524	203.1
Thomas Richards Early Childhood Center	\$639	\$20,440	\$21,079	253.9
Waterford Elementary School	\$595	\$15,581	\$16,176	460.5

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Accountability

New Jersey's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Accountability System New Jersey's school accountability system identifies schools 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.

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.

The NJDOE identified schools for CSI and ATSI status in fall 2023 based on data from the 2022-2023 school year, so the NJDOE did not identify schools for CSI or ATSI status based on 2023-2024 school year data. The NJDOE only identified schools for TSI status based on data from the 2023-2024 school year.

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](#).

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Accountability

ESSA Accountability Status

The table below provides the school's federal school status for the 2025-26 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 2025-26 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: Multilingual 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 and 2023-24, 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 federal adjusted cohort graduation rate. Prior year graduation rates are used for ESSA Accountability, so the graduation rates shown for 2023-2024 represent the Cohort 2023 4-year and Cohort 2022 5-year rates. **Progress toward English Language Proficiency:** The percentage of multilingual learners who demonstrated the expected amount of growth on the ACCESS for ELLs Assessment for English language proficiency. **Chronic absenteeism:** The percentage of K-12 students who were absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year.

Important Note for 2023-24: The growth measure used for 2021-22 was an alternate measure used because median student growth percentiles were not available for 2021-22. The NJDOE resumed using mSGPs in 2022-2023, so 2021-22 growth data should not be compared to other years.

ESSA Accountability Indicator	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
ELA Proficiency	N	N	N
Math Proficiency	N	N	N
ELA Growth†	N	N	N
Math Growth†	N	N	N
4-Year Graduation Rate (Prior Year)††	N	N	N
5-Year Graduation Rate (Prior Year)††	N	N	N
Progress toward English Language Proficiency	N	N	N
Chronic Absenteeism	37.1%	27.0%	13.3%

† An alternate measure of growth was used for the 2021-2022 school year because median student growth percentiles were not available.

†† The graduation rates in this table reflect the rates used for the accountability process for the given year, which are the rates from the prior school year.

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Accountability

Accountability Indicator Scores and Summative Ratings - 2023-24 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.

Schools are only identified for comprehensive support and improvement every three years. The NJDOE identified schools for support based on data from the 2022-2023 school year, so schools will not be identified for comprehensive support based on data from the 2023-2024 school year. As a result, this table will not flag whether schools met the identification criteria for 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	Actual Performance	Indicator Score	Weight
ELA Proficiency	N	**	**
Math Proficiency	N	**	**
ELA Growth	N	**	**
Math Growth	N	**	**
4-Year Graduation Rate (Prior Year)†	N	N	N
5-Year Graduation Rate (Prior Year)†	N	N	N
Progress toward English Language Proficiency	N	**	**
Chronic Absenteeism	13.3%	36.30	n/a
Summative Score	**		
Summative Rating (Percentile Rank)	n/a		
Comprehensive Support: Overall Low Performing	N/A		
Comprehensive Support: Low Graduation Rate	N/A		

Alternate Methodology Note: This school did not have sufficient data across the academic achievement, academic progress, or graduation indicators to calculate a summative score for the 2023-24 school year

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

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

Accountability

Accountability Summary by Student Group - 2023-24 School Year

The NJDOE is required under ESSA to identify schools for Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) annually and for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) every three years. 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.

The NJDOE identified schools for ATSI status based on data from the 2022-2023 school year, so schools will not be identified for ATSI status based on data from the 2023-2024 school year. The table below will show the summative score for each student group, but it will not show a cut-off score or indicate that a student group has been identified for ATSI status since it is not an identification year.

Schools will be identified for TSI status based on data from the 2023-2024 school year, since that is required annually. The remaining columns in the table show whether each student group met annual targets or standards for all indicators for the 2023-24 school year. If at least one student group did not meet all targets and also did not meet all targets in the 2022-23 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				N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Met	No
White	**			N	N	N	N	N	N		Met	No
Hispanic	**			N	N	N	N	N	N		**	No
Black or African American	**			N	N	N	N	N	N		**	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	**			N	N	N	N	N	N		**	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	**			N	N	N	N	N	N		**	No
Two or More Races	**			N	N	N	N	N	N		**	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	**			N	N	N	N	N	N		Not Met	No
Students with Disabilities	**			N	N	N	N	N	N		**	No
Multilingual Learners	**			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	**	No

†Target was met within a confidence interval.

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Narrative

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Mission, Vision, Theme:

It is our goal to ensure that our students walk out of Thomas Richards each day, not just as better learners, but as better individuals. We understand that if students are to be successful at learning, they must feel safe, cared for, and supported in their daily interactions. We will work every day to create a positive environment where students are able to grow socially, emotionally, and academically.



Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

The district was once again awarded with Preschool Expansion funding from the NJDOE, allowing us to continue to operate universal preschool. The district also took part in the P-3 Transforming Leaders grant through NJPSA, in which we created an action plan to promote high-quality early childhood education and seamless transitions from preschool through third grade.



Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

The Kindergarten curriculum for ELA (Into Reading), Math (Envision), and Science and Social Studies are aligned to the NJSL standards and are complimented with differentiated instruction and a comprehensive Response to Intervention Program.

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Clubs and Activities:

TR School offers afterschool tutoring and summer program for at-risk students.



Before and After School Programs:

Just Kids offers before and after school care for Pre-K-6 students. In addition, the district provided high impact after school tutoring for students.



Staff and Professional Learning:

The district provides teachers with a variety of professional development offerings, including a novice teacher mentoring program, in-service days, and professional learning communities. The district has been taking part in workshops that address mental health and other SEL needs. Other professional development in the district included: seizure training, dyslexia training, CPR, CPI, Dreams, NJPBSIS, and Pyramid training (preschool).

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Student Supports and Services:

The district continues to implement a tiered system of support through RtI, offering support to the at-risk population and establishing criteria to identify children who may need additional intervention. At-risk students are invited to participate in a summer tutoring program to improve math and literacy skills. The district also offers a full continuum of services for special education students, including: in-class resource, pull-out support, self-contained rooms, speech, OT, and PT. Preschool Intervention & Referral (PIRT) services are also available for preschool.



Student Health and Wellness:

The wellness committee creates an action plan each year to encourage appropriate nutritional choices and adequate physical activity. Each school provides activity during the first ten minutes of the school day to allow students to segue from home to school and prepare for learning. Teachers also utilize brain breaks and other mindfulness practices to encourage wellness and overall well-being. The district holds a Wellness fair for families in the Spring.



Parent and Community Involvement:

Parents are typically encouraged to attend parent interaction and Title I meetings, Back to School Nights, and American Education week. Parents can also communicate with teachers during Parent-Teacher conferences and access important information through the Realtime Parent Portal. The Early Childhood Advisory Committee and SEPAG invites parent and community stakeholder involvement for the preschool and special education programs. Our Home and School Association keeps families involved and holds fundraisers to benefit the children. Major projects include: assemblies, class trips and fun nights.

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School Safety:

The district has taken the following measures to maintain a safe school environment: table-top safety discussions, school safety audit with the local police department, district-wide SEL activities; anti-bullying committee; individual and group counseling services; and site-based resource officers for each building.



Technology and STEM:

The district offers STEM classes and technology integration to assist teachers in meaningful infusion of technology into their instruction.



Early Childhood Education:

Through the Preschool Expansion funding, the district is able to offer preschool education to its 3- and 4-year old students.

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The Waterford Township School District used ESSER funding to provide high impact tutoring services for our students after school and throughout the summer with a program that focuses on ELA and Math. The Waterford Township School District revised the attendance policy and streamlined our procedures to improve student attendance. In addition to strengthening and enforcing our policy and procedures, students who were chronically absent were required to complete our Summer Attendance Completion program to avoid retention.

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Other Information:

Waterford Township School District serves students in grades Pre-K-6. The district sends students to Hammonton Public Schools for grades 7-12. WTSD participates in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program.