



# Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center No 51 (39-1320-355)

2023-2024

County: Union  
District: Elizabeth Public Schools  
544 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

Principal: Ms. Jocelyn Rodriguez

[School Website](#)

908-436-6410



310  
Total Students



PK-PK  
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	Union
District	Elizabeth Public Schools
Principal Name	Ms. Jocelyn Rodriguez
Address	544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07207
Phone Number	<a href="tel:908-436-6410">908-436-6410</a>
Email Address	<a href="mailto:rodrigjoc@epsnj.org">rodrigjoc@epsnj.org</a>
Website	<a href="https://www.epsnj.org/Domain/16">https://www.epsnj.org/Domain/16</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/donaldstewartECC51">https://www.facebook.com/donaldstewartECC51</a>

## 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	289	312	310
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>310</b>

### 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	45-50%	48.0%	52.0%
Male	50-55%	52.0%	48.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤5%	≤1%	≤1%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	64.4%	77.9%	79.7%
Students with Disabilities	15.2%	16.7%	18.7%
Multilingual Learners	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%
Students in Foster Care	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%
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	8.3%	9.9%	6.8%
Hispanic	69.6%	66.3%	71.3%
Black or African American	21.1%	22.1%	20.6%
Asian	0.7%	1.3%	1.3%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Two Or More Races	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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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.

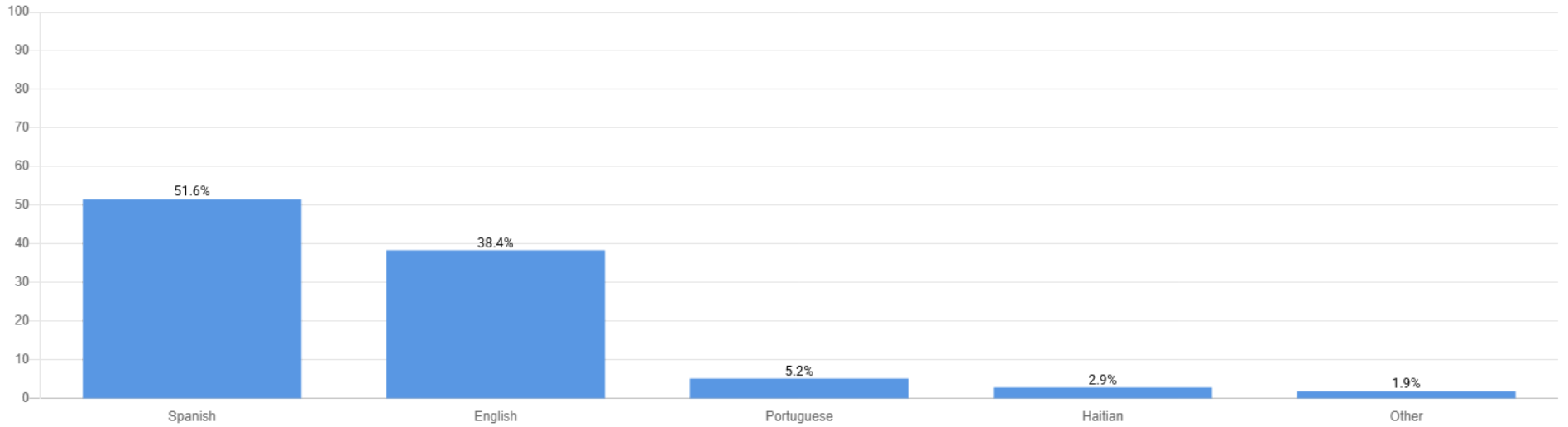
Grade	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
PK - Half Day	0	0	0
PK - Full Day	289	312	310

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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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### 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
<b>Total Unique Incidents</b>	<b>0</b>
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	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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
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PK	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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### Students Involved in Police Notifications: By Student Group

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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	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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%

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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
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White	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
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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	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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Schoolwide	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

**Report Key:**

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- \*\* Accountability calculations require 20 or more students
- N** No Data is available to display
- † This indicates a table specific note, see note below table

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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	8:20 AM
Typical End Time	3:00 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs. 40 Mins.
Full Time - Instructional Time	4 Hrs. 40 Mins.
Shared Time - Instructional Time	N

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## Staff

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

**Key terms for staff data:**

**Teachers:** All classroom teachers

**Administrators:** Principals, assistant principals, supervisors, coordinators, directors, and other central-office administrators, as well as superintendents and other district-level administrators

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

**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	24	119,239
Average years experience in public schools	14.7	12.6
Average years experience in district	14.7	11.3
Number of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	20	87,243
Percentage of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	83.3%	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	4	9,065
Percentage of Teachers with Provisional Credentials	16.7%	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	24.0	16.2
Average years experience in district	24.0	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	24	2,161	119,239
Administrators	1	80	10,170
Librarians/Media Specialists	N	10	1,160
Nurses	1	60	3,025
School Counselors	N	51	4,673
Child Study Team Members	1	165	9,654
School Psychologists	N	34	2,185
School Social Workers	1	73	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	13:1	13:1
Students to Administrators	310:1	354:1
Teachers to Administrators	24:1	27:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists †	N	2835:1
Students to Nurses †	310:1	472:1
Students to Counselors †	N	556:1
Students to Child Study Team Members †,††	58:1	21:1
Students to School Psychologists †	N	834:1
Students to School Social Workers †	310:1	388:1
Students to Student Assistance Coordinators †	N	N
Students to School Safety Specialists †		28350:1

† 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	52.0%	>80%	*	48.0%	77.0%	57.0%
Male	48.0%	≤20%	*	52.0%	23.0%	43.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤1%	≤20%	*	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%
White	6.8%	25.0%	0.0%	38.2%	81.8%	74.5%
Hispanic	71.3%	66.7%	100.0%	34.0%	8.6%	8.6%
Black or African American	20.6%	4.2%	0.0%	14.2%	6.4%	14.4%
Asian	1.3%	4.2%	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	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
Two or More Races	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	0.3%	0.4%

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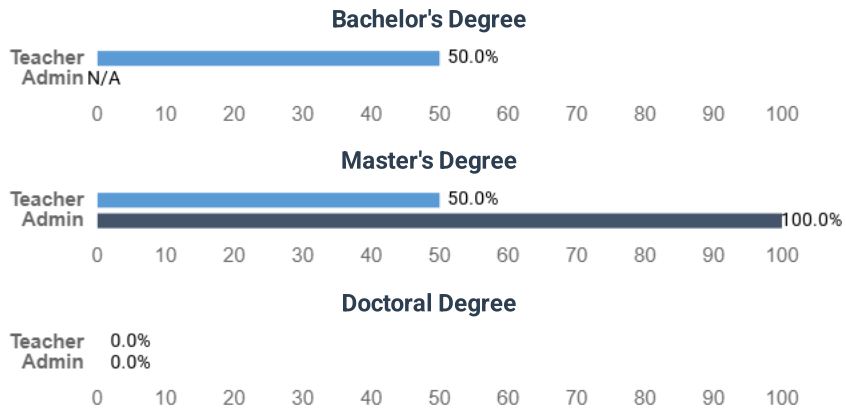
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### Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

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	91.8%	89.5%
2022-23 Administrators: Same district 2023-24	95.2%	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%	18.2%	72.7%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	81.8%	50.0%	50.0%	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%	0.0%	100.0%	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	*	*	*	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Bilingual	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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- 2021 National School of Character recipient
- 2024 Champions for Change Award
- 2019 ECO School USA Silver Award



**Mission, Vision, Theme:**

Our vision is to be one of the highest performing Early Childhood Centers in the nation. Our mission as a school is to promote excellence in academics, exposing our students to language and social emotional experiences that foster reasoning skills, and developing our students' character development. As a school, we chose the motto, "Friends Care Friends Share", as a verbal reminder of our mission to lay the groundwork of morals and values that will facilitate their educational journey.



**Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:**

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### Sports and Athletics:

Donald Stewart celebrated inclusion during Autism Awareness Month by participating in Special Olympics Unified Game Day. This event was to promote inclusion, compassion and confidence. Activities for Unified Games Day, included group dancing and a cooperative parachute activity to promote unity and inclusion in school.



### Clubs and Activities:

Through out the years we have offered many activities to our school community including: parent workshops, Parent/Teacher conferences, Books and Breakfast, Back to School Night, Reading Under the Stars, Safe Streets, our Multicultural Fashion Show/Sing-A-Long, Moving Up Ceremony, Kindergarten Transition Workshops, Parent Profession Presentations, Book Fairs, Plant Sales, Science Fair, Fall Harvest Activity, Field Day, Light It Up Blue Parade, Panda Pride Parade, Teddy Bear Clinic, various educational and interactive assemblies, as well as Student's Monthly birthday celebrations.

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### Before and After School Programs:

Our students are offered a before and after school program which is provided by Catapult Learning. The program is offered to our 3 and 4 year old students to facilitate working parents' schedules and serves as an enrichment program for those students enrolled.



### Staff and Professional Learning:

Our educators are supported with ongoing professional development opportunities at a district and school community level. Our teachers attend monthly Professional Developmental Meetings and workshops, Departmental Meetings, Faculty Meetings, as well as Professional Learning Community Meetings. Our Professional Learning Communities are directly connected to data collected from student and staff assessments, which facilitates the decisions of which topics/techniques are needed to be reinforced.



### Student Supports and Services:

Donald Stewart provides all students with developmentally appropriate and differentiated instruction in our self-contained and inclusion classrooms. We have intervention and referral services that are available to students requiring additional help; referrals for behavior and/or academic assistance are reviewed with students' parents, action plans are implemented and logged, students' progress is monitored and then evaluated to see if continuation of the referral is needed.

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### Student Health and Wellness:

Monthly parent workshops as well as student assemblies are held where various topics related to our students' physical and mental well being are addressed. As part of NJ's Whole Child Initiative we serve healthy and nutritionally balanced breakfasts and lunches which are available for all students. The students also receive physical education and visit the playground on a daily basis.



### Parent and Community Involvement:

Donald Stewart School 51 offers many opportunities for parents, family and community members to be involved in our school community. We offer parental involvement programs such as monthly workshops and newsletters, volunteer opportunities, trips to visit local Adult Community Programs, visits from local emergency services, and family involvement in our Parent Teacher Organization. Our PTO is dedicated to establishing a home-school connection among all its' members and our school community.



### Climate Surveys:

Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Administrators, Teachers. Surveys are distributed to our school community twice a year. Staff surveys focus on our school's moral, sense of community, level of support from administrators, communication, etc. Family surveys focus on the quality of the school's program, level of communication, and the school's environment as a whole. For the 2023-2024 school year, our areas with the highest "Excellent" scores were: School Security, Quality of the Program, Positive School Climate, and Effective Communication.

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### Facilities:

Donald Stewart first opened its' doors in 2004. Our school services 316 students. Each classroom is equipped with a SmartBoards as well as networked iPads for the students' use. We have an Atrium that the students use as space to read outdoors and for gardening activities, a Multi-Purpose room used for indoor activities or assemblies, a Gymnasium, and two outdoor Courtyards that are used for our students' gross motor activities.



### School Safety:

The school Safety Committee meets every two months to review, develop and implement safety measures and initiatives. The committee is also responsible for developing creative and preventive measures that will contribute to the safety of our students and school community overall.

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### Other Information:

The teachers and parents work collaboratively to identify the diverse cultures and individual needs of each students in the learning process. We utilize the High Scope approach, as mentioned, which encourages the teacher to serve as a facilitator for our students as they take on a leadership role and learn through play and interaction in their environment. Donald Stewart school 51 goal and highlight is to provide an environment where every child feels welcomed and academically challenged in their educational experiences.