

County: Union

Academy For Performing Arts (39-5260-035)

2023-2024

Principal: Mrs. Kelly Douglas-Jackson

School Website



908-889-8288



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District: Union County Vocational-Technical School District

Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-2997



09-12 **Grades Offered**

Overview & Resources

1776 Raritan Road

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

Total Students

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 NJD0E 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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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	Union County Vocational-Technical School District
Principal Name	Mrs. Kelly Douglas-Jackson
Address	1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-2997
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Website	http://www.ucvts.org
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Demographics

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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
9	63	58	68
10	55	60	57
11	56	55	60
12	56	55	54
Total	230	228	239

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	80-85%	80-85%	80-85%
Male	15-20%	10-15%	15-20%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	3.5%	7.5%	5.9%
Students with Disabilities	2.6%	2.6%	2.9%
Multilingual Learners	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students in Foster Care	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
White	44.8%	41.7%	41.8%
Hispanic	26.1%	31.1%	32.2%
Black or African American	20.0%	18.9%	17.6%
Asian	6.1%	3.5%	3.8%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two Or More Races	3.0%	4.4%	3.8%



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Enrollment Trends by Full and Shared Time Status

This table shows the number of full- and shared-time students for the last three years. The full-time equivalent is the number of full-time students plus half the number of shared-time students.

Enrollment Status	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Full Time Students	230	228	239
Shared Time Students	0	0	0
Full Time Equivalent	230	228	239



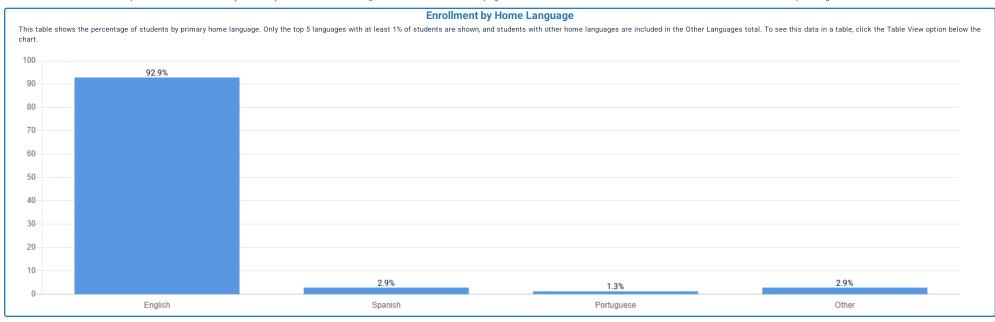
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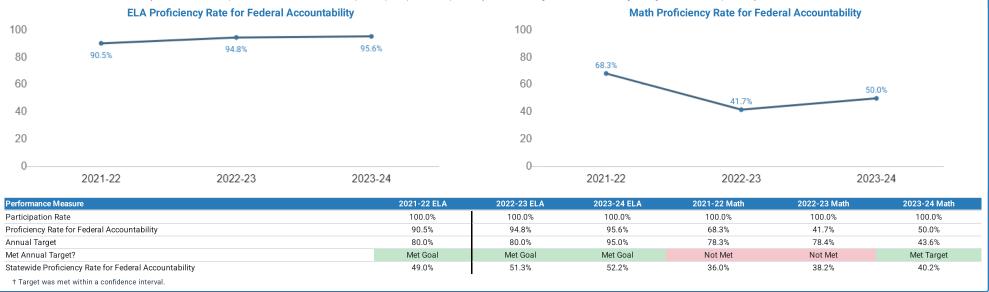
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English Language Arts and Mathematics Performance Trends

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.





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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 for ELA 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 status in meeting annual targets. Annual targets are specific to each student group, school, and district and represent the expected proficiency needed to stay on track to meet long-term goals. 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 MJDDE Accountability page. More information and additional data can also be found on the MJDDE Accountability page.

Student Group	Valid	% of students taking	School: % of testers met/exceeded	District: % of testers met/exceeded	State: % of testers met/exceeded	Proficiency Rate for Federal	Annual	Met Annual
Student Group	Scores	test	expectations	expectations	expectations	Accountability	Target	Target
Schoolwide	68	100%	95.6%	98.1%	52.2%	95.6%	95%	Met Goal
White	33	100%	93.9%	96.1%	61.8%	93.9%	96.1%	Met Goal
Hispanic	21	100%	95.2%	97.6%	38%	95.2%	100%	Met Goal
Black or African American	*	*	*	100%	35.9%	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	100%	79.9%	*	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	51.2%	*	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	100%	59.4%	*	**	**
Female	*	100%	96.6%	98.8%	57.7%	96.6%		
Male	*	*	*	97.2%	47%	*		
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	69.6%	*		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	*	34.6%	*	**	**
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	100%	95.6%	98.1%	62.8%	95.6%		
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*	19.8%	*	**	**
Students without Disabilities	*	100%	95.4%	98.3%	59.4%	95.4%		
Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	*	23.1%	*	**	**
Non-Multilingual Learners	*	100%	95.6%	98.1%	56.2%	95.6%		
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*	*	*	21.9%	*		
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	*	19.3%	*		
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	*	48.2%	*		
Migrant Students	*	*	*	*	13.3%	*		

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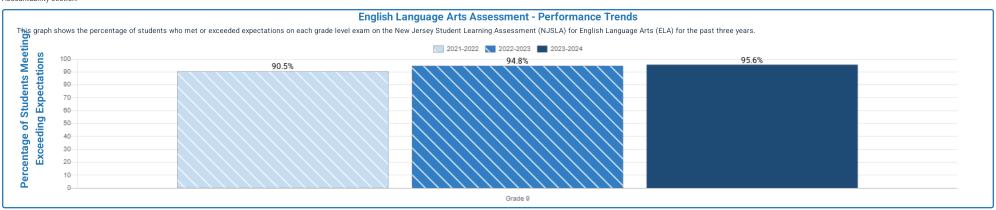
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English Language Arts Assessment - Performance By Grade: Grade 9

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 who took the NJSLA, which includes students who were enrolled less than half a year.

Student Group	Valid	School Mean	District Mean		% Level 1: Did not yet meet					% of testers met or exceeded	State: % of testers met or
	Scores	Scale Score	Scale Score	Scale Score	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	exceeded expectations
Schoolwide	68	790	805	755	0%	1%	3%	37%	59%	96%	58%
White	33	793	805	764	0%	3%	3%	24%	70%	94%	67%
Hispanic	21	788	801	741	0%	0%	5%	48%	48%	95%	45%
Black or African American	*	*	797	737	*	*	*	*	*	*	40%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	813	789	*	*	*	*	*	*	87%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	757	*	*	*	*	*	*	59%
Two or More Races	*	*	813	761	*	*	*	*	*	*	64%
Female	*	792	808	762	0%	2%	2%	36%	60%	97%	64%
Male	*	*	801	747	*	*	*	*	*	*	51%
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	774	*	*	*	*	*	*	77%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	738	*	*	*	*	*	*	41%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	790	805	764	0%	1%	3%	37%	59%	96%	67%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	717	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Students without Disabilities	*	791	805	761	0%	2%	3%	35%	60%	95%	64%
Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	701	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Non-Multilingual Learners	*	790	805	758	0%	1%	3%	37%	59%	96%	61%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*	*	721	*	*	*	*	*	*	25%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	714	*	*	*	*	*	*	20%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	749	*	*	*	*	*	*	51%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	683	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



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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 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	64	100%	50%	72.2%	40.2%	50%	43.6%	Met Target
White	27	100%	63%	71.9%	51.1%	63%	N	N
Hispanic	23	100%	39.1%	57.4%	24.2%	39.1%	N	N
Black or African American	*	*	*	55.6%	20.1%	*	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	92.9%	74.4%	*	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*		*	**	**
Two or More Races	*	*	*	95.2%	48.9%	*	**	**
Female	*	100%	51.7%	69.7%	38.4%	51.7%		
Male	*	*	*	76.2%	42%	*		
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	47.3%	*		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	40%	21.7%	*	**	**
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	100%	52.5%	73.5%	51.5%	52.5%		
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*	16.6%	*	**	**
Students without Disabilities	*	100%	50.8%	72.4%	45.4%	50.8%		
Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	*	18.7%	*	**	**
Non-Multilingual Learners	*	100%	50%	72.2%	43.5%	50%		
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*	*	*	12.9%	*		
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	*	12.4%	*		
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	*	38.8%	*		
Migrant Students	*	*	*	*	<10%	*		
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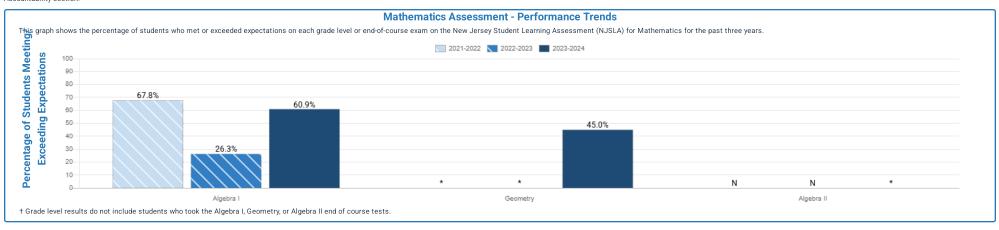
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Mathematics Assessment - Performance By Test: Algebra I

This table shows performance on the NJSLA Algebra I end-of-course assessment. The performance results in this table include all students who took the NJSLA, it does not exclude students who were enrolled less than half a year.

This includes any students who were enrolled in an Algebra I course and took the Algebra I assessment in grades 7 through 12. Students in sixth grade who were enrolled in Algebra I course were required to take both the Algebra I and Grade 6 mathematics assessment. The results of their Algebra I assessment are not included in these results but will be reported when the student in in grade 9.

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student Group	Scores	Scale Score	Scale Score	Scale Score	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	exceeded expectations
Schoolwide	23	750	766	738	0%	26%	13%	61%	0%	61%	40%
White	10	762	770	748	0%	20%	0%	80%	0%	80%	51%
Hispanic	*	*	755	723	*	*	*	*	*	*	23%
Black or African American	*	*	765	719	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	780	773	*	*	*	*	*	*	77%
merican Indian or Alaska Iative	*	*	*	737	*	*	*	*	*	*	38%
wo or More Races	*	*	*	746	*	*	*	*	*	*	49%
emale	*	752	765	737	0%	23%	14%	64%	0%	64%	39%
Male	*	*	769	739	*	*	*	*	*	*	41%
lon-binary/undesignated ender	*	*	*	738	*	*	*	*	*	*	45%
conomically Disadvantaged tudents	*	*	*	722	*	*	*	*	*	*	22%
on-Economically isadvantaged Students	*	750	766	747	0%	26%	13%	61%	0%	61%	50%
tudents with Disabilities	*	*	*	710	*	*	*	*	*	*	11%
tudents without Disabilities	*	754	768	743	0%	20%	15%	65%	0%	65%	45%
lultilingual Learners	*	*	*	705	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
on-Multilingual Learners	*	750	766	741	0%	26%	13%	61%	0%	61%	43%
udents Experiencing omelessness	*	*	*	712	*	*	*	*	*	*	13%
tudents in Foster Care	*	*	*	703	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
filitary-Connected Students	*	*	*	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	31%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	696	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance By Test: Geometry

This table shows performance on the NJSLA Geometry end-of-course assessment. The performance results in this table include all students who took the NJSLA assessment, it does not exclude students that were enrolled less than half a year.

This includes any students who were enrolled in a Geometry course and took the Geometry assessment in grades 7 through 12. Students in sixth grade who were enrolled in a Geometry course were required to take both the Geometry and Grade 6 mathematics assessment. The results of their Geometry assessment are not included in these results but will be reported when the student in in grade 9.

Student Group	Valid	School Mean	District Mean	State Mean	% Level 1: Did not yet meet	% Level 2: Partially met	% Level 3: Approached	% Level 4: Met	% Level 5: Exceeded	% of testers met or exceeded	State: % of testers met or
Student Group	Scores	Scale Score	Scale Score	Scale Score	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	exceeded expectations
Schoolwide	40	745	758	750	0%	13%	43%	43%	3%	45%	53%
White	17	750	758	752	0%	0%	47%	53%	0%	53%	57%
Hispanic	15	741	752	735	0%	13%	47%	40%	0%	40%	29%
Black or African American	*	*	749	733	*	*	*	*	*	*	26%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	772	765	*	*	*	*	*	*	77%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	753	*	*	*	*	*	*	66%
Two or More Races	*	*	767	756	*	*	*	*	*	*	63%
Female	*	746	755	748	0%	14%	40%	43%	3%	46%	50%
Male	*	*	762	752	*	*	*	*	*	*	57%
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	752	*	*	*	*	*	*	60%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	748	734	*	*	*	*	*	*	28%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	746	758	754	0%	13%	39%	45%	3%	47%	60%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	727	*	*	*	*	*	*	24%
Students without Disabilities	*	745	758	751	0%	13%	43%	43%	3%	45%	54%
Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	716	*	*	*	*	*	*	11%
Non-Multilingual Learners	*	745	758	751	0%	13%	43%	43%	3%	45%	55%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*	*	727	*	*	*	*	*	*	19%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	743	*	*	*	*	*	*	44%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



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Mathematics Assessment - Performance By Test: Algebra II

This table shows performance on the NJSLA Algebra II end-of-course assessment. The performance results in this table include all students who took the NJSLA, it does not exclude students who were enrolled less than half a year.

Student Group	Valid	School Mean	District Mean		% Level 1: Did not yet meet					% of testers met or exceeded	State: % of testers met or
otauciit oroup	Scores	Scale Score	Scale Score	Scale Score	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	expectations	exceeded expectations
Schoolwide	*	*	813	770	*	*	*	*	*	*	73%
White	*	*	789	771	*	*	*	*	*	*	75%
Hispanic	*	*	*	736	*	*	*	*	*	*	37%
Black or African American	*	*	*	736	*	*	*	*	*	*	36%
Asian, Native Hawailan, or Pacific Islander	*	*	829	785	*	*	*	*	*	*	88%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	775	*	*	*	*	*	*	83%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	773	*	*	*	*	*	*	74%
Female	*	*	805	765	*	*	*	*	*	*	68%
Male	*	*	819	776	*	*	*	*	*	*	78%
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	733	*	*	*	*	*	*	33%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	815	777	*	*	*	*	*	*	80%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	752	*	*	*	*	*	*	54%
Students without Disabilities	*	*	814	771	*	*	*	*	*	*	73%
Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	706	*	*	*	*	*	*	14%
Non-Multilingual Learners	*	*	813	772	*	*	*	*	*	*	75%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	744	*	*	*	*	*	*	59%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



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DLM Alternate Assessment - Participation

This table shows the number and percentage 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	ELA: Participation Rate	Math: # Students Tested	Math: Participation Rate
11	N	N	N	N



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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	N	N	N	N	N
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
t Target was met within a confidence interval			



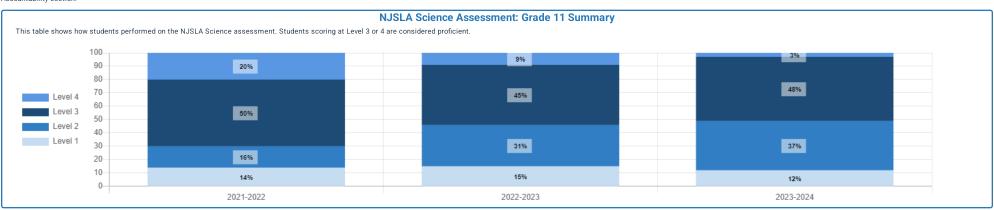
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NJSLA Science Assessment: Grade 11

This table shows how students performed on the NJSLA Science assessment for the school year, both overall and by student group. Students scoring at level 3 or 4 are considered proficient.

Student Group	School % Level 1	School % Level 2	School % Level 3	School % Level 4	State % Level 1	State % Level 2	State % Level 3	State % Level 4
Schoolwide	12%	37%	48%	3%	45%	27%	19%	9%
White	4%	29%	63%	4%	34%	30%	26%	11%
Hispanic	17%	44%	39%	0%	61%	25%	11%	3%
Black or African American	20%	40%	33%	7%	64%	24%	10%	2%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	17%	23%	33%	28%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	54%	21%	19%	6%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	38%	26%	25%	11%
Female	6%	40%	51%	2%	43%	29%	20%	7%
Male	33%	17%	42%	8%	47%	24%	18%	10%
Non-binary/undesignated gender	*	*	*	*	26%	28%	30%	16%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	*	63%	24%	11%	2%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged Students	13%	34%	49%	4%	37%	28%	24%	12%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*	77%	16%	5%	1%
Students without Disabilities	12%	37%	48%	3%	40%	28%	22%	10%
Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	*	88%	10%	1%	0%
Non-Multilingual Learners	12%	37%	48%	3%	42%	28%	21%	9%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*	*	*	72%	19%	8%	1%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	*	76%	18%	5%	1%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	*	48%	29%	17%	7%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



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Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) Trends

These graphs show trends in performance on the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) for the last two years. 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. These results only include the performance of 11th graders taking the assessment in the given year.

Important Note for 2023-24: The NJGPA was administered as a field test in 2021-2022, so the results were not reported.



Performance Measure	2022-23 ELA	2023-24 ELA	2022-23 Math	2023-24 Math
Graduation Ready Rate	>90%	>90%	>90%	90.0%
Statewide Graduation Ready Rate	80.5%	82.5%	55.0%	55.6%



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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.

Student Group	ELA Valid Scores	School % Graduation Ready: ELA	District % Graduation Ready: ELA	State % Graduation Ready: ELA	Math Valid Scores	School % Graduation Ready: Math	District % Graduation Ready: Math	State % Graduation Ready: Math
Schoolwide	60	>90%	>90%	82.5%	60	90%	>90%	55.6%
White	24	>90%	>90%	90%	24	>90%	>90%	69.1%
Hispanic	18	>90%	>90%	72.3%	18	>90%	>90%	38%
Black or African American	15	>90%	>90%	73.6%	15	80%	86.8%	33.1%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	>90%	>90%	*	*	>90%	87.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	76.2%	*	*	*	43.8%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	87.5%	*	*	*	62%
Female	*	>90%	>90%	86.9%	*	>90%	>90%	56.6%
Male	*	>90%	>90%	78.3%	*	75%	>90%	54.7%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*	*	87.7%	*	*	*	69.9%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	>90%	71.7%	*	*	86%	36%
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	*	>90%	>90%	87.6%	*	>90%	>90%	65.1%
Students		790 %	290 %	07.0%		790%	290%	03.1%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	53.6%	*	*	*	18.2%
Students without Disabilities	*	>90%	>90%	87.4%	*	90%	>90%	62%
Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	24.4%	*	*	*	12.5%
Non-Multilingual Learners	*	>90%	>90%	86.5%	*	90%	>90%	58.8%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*	*	58.6%	*	*	*	23%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	*	44.3%	*	*	*	22.6%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	82%	*	*	*	48.1%
Migrant Students	*	*	*	50%	*	*	*	25.5%



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College and Career Readiness

Information about participation and performance on the PSAT, SAT, and ACT exams comes directly from College Board and ACT.

PSAT, SAT, & ACT - Participation

This table shows information about participation in the PSAT, SAT, and ACT exams. PSAT participation is the percentage of 10th and 11th graders that took the PSAT 10 or PSAT NMSQT exam during the reported school year. SAT and ACT participation rates show the percentage of 12th graders that have taken the SAT or ACT this year or in prior years.

Participation Type	School Participation Rate	State Participation Rate
10th and 11th graders taking PSAT 10/NMSQT in 2023-2024	96.6%	80.7%
12th graders taking SAT in 2023-2024 or prior years	70.4%	62.7%
12th graders taking ACT in 2023-2024 or prior years	14.8%	7.8%

PSAT, SAT, & ACT - Performance

This table shows how students performed on the PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests by subject area. The table includes average test scores, college readiness benchmarks, and the percentage of students who scored at or above these benchmarks. Benchmarks were defined by College Board and ACT and students that score at or above these benchmarks have a high chance of success in credit-bearing college courses.

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Participation Type	School Average Score	State Average Score	College Readiness Benchmarks	School - Students Scores at or above Benchmark	State - Students Scores at or above Benchmark
PSAT 10/NMSQT - Reading and Writing	531	459	Grade 10: 430 Grade 11: 460	88%	54%
PSAT 10/NMSQT - Math	493	454	Grade 10: 480 Grade 11: 510	49%	32%
SAT - Reading and Writing	611	530	480	97%	65%
SAT - Math	575	519	530	74%	46%
ACT - Reading	*	24	22	*	63%
ACT - English	*	24	18	*	76%
ACT - Math	*	23	22	*	58%
ACT - Science	*	23	23	*	55%



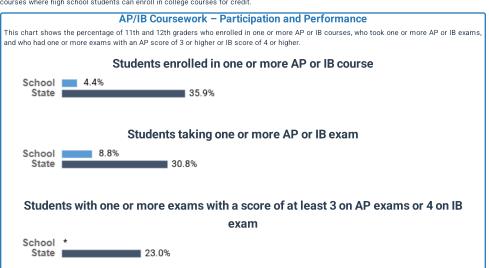
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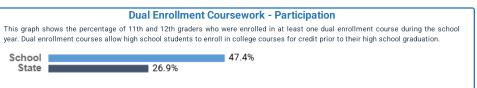
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AP/IB and Dual Enrollment Participation by Student Group

This table shows the percentage of 11th and 12th graders who were enrolled in one or more AP or IB and dual enrollment courses, with a comparison to the state.

Student Group	% Enrolled in one or more AP or IB course	% Enrolled in one or more Dual Enrollment course	State: % Enrolled in one or more AP or IB course	State: % Enrolled in one or more Dual Enrollment course
Schoolwide	4.4%	47.4%	35.9%	26.9%
White	4.5%	45.5%	41.8%	33.0%
Hispanic	8.6%	48.6%	23.2%	20.9%
Black or African American	0.0%	42.3%	20.3%	17.4%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	70.5%	32.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	30.4%	28.6%
Two or More Races	*	*	41.0%	29.0%
Female	4.5%	47.2%	41.4%	30.2%
Male	4.2%	50.0%	30.6%	23.7%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*	42.9%	28.4%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	22.8%	20.2%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	4.8%	10.9%
Multilingual Learners	N	N	9.8%	8.8%
Students experiencing homelessness	N	N	12.6%	15.1%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	4.5%	10.6%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	30.1%	29.2%
Migrant Students	N	N	0.0%	7.1%



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AP/IB Courses Offered

This table shows the list of AP/IB Courses that were offered by the school or for which students took the corresponding AP/IB exam along with the number of students enrolled and the number of students taking the exam. Students do not need to take a course to take the exam and not all students enrolled in a course take the exam. The last two rows show the total number of exams taken and the number of exams with AP scores of 3 or higher or IB scores of 4 or higher. Students who take multiple examples are counted more than once in the last two rows.

AP/IB Course	Students Enrolled	Students Tested
AP Calculus AB	4	4
AP English Language and Composition	0	3
AP English Literature and Composition	0	2
AP Psychology	0	5
AP Spanish Language and Culture	1	1
AP U.S. Government and Politics	0	1
AP U.S. History	0	2
Total Exams taken		18
Exams with scores of at least 3 on AP exams or 4 on IB exams		11



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Seal of Biliteracy

The New Jersey Department of Education State Seal of Biliteracy identifies graduating high school students who are able to demonstrate proficiency in English in addition to one or more languages. This table shows the number of Seals of Biliteracy earned by language and the percentage of grade 12 students earning a seal in each language. Students may be counted more than once if they earned Seals across more than one language. The table provides the overall number of seals earned and the total unique number of students earning seals. This table also shows the number and percentage of current and former multiligual learners who earned a Seal. Visit the NJDOE Seal of Biliteracy website for more information.

Language	Students Earning a Seal of Biliteracy	Percentage of 12th Graders		
Spanish	*	*		
Total Seals Earned	*			
Total Unique Students Earning Seals	*	*		
Current and Former Multilingual Learners Earning Seals	0	N†		
†This represents the percentage of 12th grade current and former multilingual learners who have earned a seal.				



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Career and Technical Education Participation

The graphs below show the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who were enrolled in courses in approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Students enrolled in shared-time Career and Technical Education programs in a county vocational school district are included in the percentages for both the county vocational school and their sending school.

CTE Participants

(completed only one course in an approved CTE program)



CTE Concentrators

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Career and Technical Education Participation by Student Group

This table shows the percentage of students, both overall and by student group, in grades 9 through 12 who were enrolled in courses in approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. CTE participants have completed only one course in an approved CTE program. CTE concentrators have completed two or more courses in a single approved CTE program and/or have completed the entire CTE program. Students enrolled in shared-time CTE programs in a county vocational school district are included in the percentages for both the county vocational school and their sending high school.

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Student Group	School: % CTE Participants	School: % CTE Concentrators	State: % CTE Participants	State: % CTE Concentrators
Schoolwide	27.6%	71.5%	7.6%	10.4%
White	31.0%	67.0%	6.1%	10.0%
Hispanic	27.3%	72.7%	9.3%	10.8%
Black or African American	16.7%	83.3%	9.5%	10.7%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	45.5%	54.5%	5.5%	10.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	8.3%	8.8%
Two or More Races	*	*	7.5%	10.1%
Female	28.6%	70.4%	7.5%	10.9%
Male	23.1%	76.9%	7.7%	9.9%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*	8.9%	15.2%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	35.7%	64.3%	9.8%	10.7%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	6.0%	7.9%
Multilingual Learners	*	*	8.0%	3.5%
Students experiencing homelessness	*	*	7.7%	6.2%
Students in Foster Care	*	*	5.9%	6.7%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	12.6%	15.8%
Migrant Students	*	*	2.3%	0.0%



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Work-Based Learning Participation by Career Cluster

This table shows the number and percentage of students in an approved CTE program/program of study in grades 9 through 12 who participated in a work-based learning experience during the school year by career cluster. Work-based learning can include career exploration (e.g., community service, job shadowing, school-based enterprise, service learning, or volunteering), career preparation (e.g., cooperative education experience or paid/unpaid internships), or career training (e.g., pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship registered with the USDOL-OA). This table only includes students enrolled in an approved CTE program/program of study. See the Structured Learning Experiences table for information on all high school students (both CTE and non-CTE).

Career Cluster	Number of Students Participating in Work-Based Learning	Percentage of Students Participating in Work-Based Learning
Arts, A/V Technology & Communications	237	100.0%
Total	237	100.0%



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Industry-Valued Credentials

The graph below shows the percentage of all students in grades 9 through 12 who were enrolled in a approved CTE program and earned one or more Industry-Valued Credentials during the school year.

Students Earning Industry-Valued Credentials

School 0.0% State 2.2%



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Industry-Valued Credentials by Career Cluster

This table shows by Career Cluster the number of students enrolled in approved Career and Technical Education programs, the number of students who earned one or more industry-valued credentials, and the total number of credentials earned. Students are only enrolled in one career cluster, but they may earn credentials in multiple clusters or earn multiple credentials were earned. The last row provides unique counts of students enrolled and students earning one or more credentials across all clusters.

Career Cluster	Students Enrolled in Program	Students Earning at least one Credential	Total credentials earned
Arts, A/V Technology & Communications	237	*	*
Total	237	*	*



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Mathematics - Course Participation

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

Grade	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus	Calculus	Statistics	Grade Level and Other Math
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
11	0	0	0	0	4	0	56
12	0	0	0	0	9	0	46
Total	0	0	0	0	13	0	227
Enrolled in AP/IB Course					4	0	0
Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Course	0	0	0	0	9	0	46

Science - Course Participation

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

Grade	Biology	Chemistry	Earth and Space Science	Environmental Science	Physics	Other Science
9	68	0	0	0	0	68
10	0	57	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	60	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	54
Total	68	57	0	0	60	122
Enrolled in AP/IB Course	0	0		0	0	0
Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Course	0	0	0	0	0	54



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Social Studies and History - Course Participation

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

Grade	World History	US History I & II	Economics	Psychology	Sociology	Other Social Studies or History
9	68	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	57	0	0	0	0
11	0	60	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	1	0	3	7
Total	68	117	1	0	3	7
Enrolled in AP/IB Course	0	0	0	0		0
Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Course	0	0	1	0	3	7

World Languages - Course Participation

This table shows the number of students who were enrolled in World Languages courses by grade and language. Students are counted more than once if they were enrolled in courses across multiple languages. The last three rows show the number of students enrolled in level 3 or higher courses (such as French II or IV), Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, and Dual Enrollment courses by language.

Grade	Spanish	French	Italian	Latin	German	Chinese	Other Languages
9	68	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	57	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	44	0	0	0	0	0	16
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Total	169	0	0	0	0	0	21
Enrolled in AP/IB Course	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Enrolled in Level 3 or Higher	46	0	0	0	0	0	0



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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. The last two rows show the number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and Dual Enrollment courses by subject area. Subject areas where AP/IB courses are not offered are grayed out.

Grade	Computer Programming	Principles of Computer Science	Computing Systems	Other Computer Science	Networking	Information Systems	Other IT
9	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
11	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Enrolled in AP/IB Course	0	0		0			0
Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Course	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



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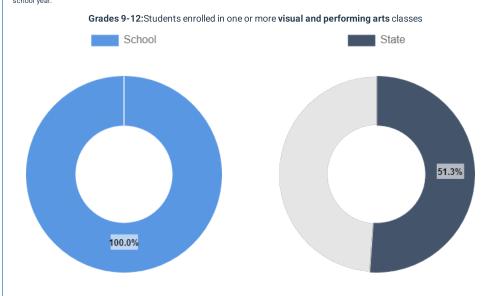
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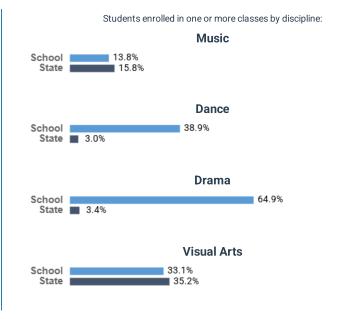
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The first set of graphs below show the percentages of students who were enrolled in any Visual and Performing Arts classes during the school year. The second set of charts show the percentages of students enrolled in at least one course within each of the four arts disciplines during the







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Structured Learning Experiences Participation

The graph below shows the percentage of all (CTE and non-CTE) students in grades 11 and 12 who participated in Structured Learning Experiences (SLEs) during the school year. SLEs include work-based learning (WBL) programs. Examples of WBL experiences include job shadowing, school-based enterprise, community service, service learning, volunteering, internships, cooperative education experiences, and apprenticeships. Depending on the type of WBL experience, these may be paid or unpaid.

Important Note for 2023-24: The calculation of this measure for the 2023-24 has been changed to be based on 11th and 12th graders to better reflect the population of students participating in SLEs. In prior years, the calculation was based on all students in grades 9-12, so the 2023-24 percentages should not be compared to prior years.

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Cohort 2024 4-Year Graduation Cohort Profile

This table shows the percentage of students in the 2024 cohort who graduated, who are still enrolled ("Continuing Students"), or who dropped out of school or are no longer enrolled ("Non-Continuing Students") within four years of entering high school, both overall and by student group. This table is based on the state version of the graduation rate, which reflects all students who received a state-endorsed diploma.

Student Group	Graduates	Continuing Students	Non-Continuing Students	State: Graduates	State: Continuing Students	State: Non-Continuing Students
Schoolwide	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	91.3%	3.8%	4.9%
White	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	95.0%	2.6%	2.5%
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	86.9%	4.9%	8.3%
Black or African American	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	86.5%	6.0%	7.5%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	96.7%	2.3%	1.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	91.7%	3.8%	4.5%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	92.3%	3.5%	4.3%
Female	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	93.1%	2.8%	4.1%
Male	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	89.5%	4.7%	5.7%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	N	N	N	86.7%	3.3%	10.0%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	87.1%	5.3%	7.7%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	80.7%	12.5%	6.8%
Multilingual Learners	N	N	N	78.9%	7.5%	13.6%
Students experiencing homelessness	N	N	N	74.5%	11.2%	14.3%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	61.6%	13.1%	25.3%
Military-Connected Students	N	N	N	94.5%	2.3%	3.1%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	88.2%	3.9%	7.9%



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Cohort 2023 5-Year Graduation Cohort Profile

This table shows the percentage of students in the 2023 cohort who graduated, who are still enrolled ("Continuing Students"), or who dropped out of school or are no longer enrolled ("Non-Continuing Students") within five years of entering high school, both overall and by student group. This table is based on the state version of the graduation rate, which reflects all students who received a state-endorsed diploma.

Student Group	Graduates	Continuing Students	Non-Continuing Students	State: Graduates	State: Continuing Students	State: Non-Continuing Students
Schoolwide	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	92.6%	1.7%	5.6%
White	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	95.9%	1.5%	2.6%
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	88.2%	1.9%	9.9%
Black or African American	*	*	*	88.9%	2.5%	8.7%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	97.5%	1.3%	1.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	92.5%	0.0%	7.5%
Two or More Races	*	*	*	94.7%	1.0%	4.3%
Female	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	94.4%	1.2%	4.4%
Male	*	*	*	91.0%	2.2%	6.8%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	N	N	N	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	88.8%	2.0%	9.2%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	84.1%	8.2%	7.7%
Multilingual Learners	N	N	N	78.0%	2.0%	20.0%
Students experiencing homelessness	N	N	N	78.0%	3.9%	18.1%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	67.0%	7.5%	25.5%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	96.0%	0.8%	3.1%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	66.7%	10.7%	22.6%



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Cohort 2022 6-Year Graduation Cohort Profile

This table shows the percentage of students in the 2022 cohort who graduated, who are still enrolled ("Continuing Students"), or who dropped out of school or are no longer enrolled ("Non-Continuing Students") within six years of entering high school, both overall and by student group. This table is based on the state version of the graduation rate, which reflects all students who received a state-endorsed diploma.

This table also shows a new measure called High School Persistence. This measure represents the percentage of students who have either graduated or remained enrolled after six years of entering high school.

Student Group	Graduates	Continuin	Non-Continuing	High School Persistence (Graduates + Continu	uing) State: Graduates S	State: Continuing Students	State: Non-Continuing Students	State: High School Persistence (Graduates + Continuin
Schoolwide	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	93.2%	1.0%	5.8%	94.2%
White	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	96.4%	0.9%	2.7%	97.3%
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	88.2%	1.0%	10.8%	89.2%
Black or African American	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	89.6%	1.4%	9.0%	91.0%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	98.1%	0.8%	1.0%	99.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	N	93.6%	0.8%	5.6%	94.4%
Two or More Races	N	N	N	N	92.9%	1.3%	5.9%	94.1%
Female	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	95.0%	0.6%	4.4%	95.6%
Male	*	*	*	*	91.5%	1.4%	7.1%	92.9%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	N	N	N	N	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	*	88.8%	1.1%	10.2%	89.8%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*	86.6%	5.4%	8.0%	92.0%
Multilingual Learners	N	N	N	N	77.6%	0.6%	21.9%	78.1%
Students experiencing homelessness	N	N	N	N	76.2%	1.4%	22.4%	77.6%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	N	64.1%	3.5%	32.4%	67.6%
Military-Connected Students	*	*	*	*	92.9%	1.7%	5.4%	94.6%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	N	67.1%	2.4%	30.5%	69.5%



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Federal Graduation Rates

This table shows the federal version of the Cohort 2024 4-year, Cohort 2023 5-year, and Cohort 2022 6-year graduation rates. To be included as a graduate in the federal version of the graduation rate, students must meet the graduation assessment requirements in place based on the year they graduated, regardless of their graduation cohort. Any students with disabilities who did not meet requirements because of a modification or exemption in their IEP were not included in the graduates count (the numerator) but were included in the adjusted cohort (the denominator). For accountability purposes, graduation data from the prior school year is used, so these graduation rates will be used when the NJDOE runs the accountability system for the 2024-25 assessment, growth, and chronic absenteeism data) and will be included in the accountability profiles in fall 2025.

Student Group	2024 4-Year Federal Graduation	2023 5-Year Federal Graduation	2022 6-Year Federal Graduation	State: 2024 4-Year Federal Graduation		State: 2022 6-Year Federal Graduation
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Schoolwide	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	87.7%	91.8%	87.0%
White	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	91.5%	95.0%	90.0%
Hispanic	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	83.3%	87.4%	82.1%
Black or African American	100.0%	*	100.0%	80.9%	87.6%	80.8%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	96.1%	97.3%	96.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	N	N	84.1%	92.5%	86.4%
Two or More Races	*	*	N	89.0%	93.0%	86.2%
Female	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	90.5%	93.7%	90.6%
Male	100.0%	*	*	85.2%	90.0%	83.7%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	N	N	N	83.3%	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*	*	82.6%	87.8%	81.4%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	60.2%	79.2%	51.8%
Multilingual Learners	N	N	N	77.6%	77.6%	75.7%
Students experiencing homelessness	N	N	N	67.0%	76.2%	64.6%
Students in Foster Care	N	N	N	50.4%	61.9%	47.1%
Military-Connected Students	N	*	*	91.4%	94.9%	88.4%
Migrant Students	N	N	N	85.5%	64.3%	64.6%



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Accountability Graduation Rates

This table shows Cohort 2023 4-year and Cohort 2022 5-year graduation rates both overall and by student group. For accountability and annual targets, graduation data from the prior year is used. These graduation rates are the "federal version" of the graduation rate, which means that students with disabilities who did not meet either the state course, local attendance, and/or state graduation assessment requirements are not included as graduates (the numerator), but they are included in the adjusted cohort (the denominator).

Student Group	Cohort 2023: 4-Year Graduation Rate	Cohort 2023: Annual Target	Cohort 2023: Met Target	Cohort 2022: 5-Year Graduation Rate	Cohort 2022: Annual Target	Cohort 2022: Met Target
Schoolwide	100.0%	95.0%	Met Goal	100.0%	N	Met Goal
White	100.0%	95.0%	Met Goal	100.0%	N	Met Goal
Hispanic	100.0%	**	**	100.0%	**	**
Black or African American	*	**	**	100.0%	**	**
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	*	**	**	*	**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	**	**	*	**	**
Two or More Races	*	**	**	*	**	**
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	**	**	*	**	**
Students with Disabilities	*	**	**	*	**	**
Multilingual Learners	*	**	**	*	**	**



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Graduation Pathways

This table shows the percentage of Cohort 2024 graduates who met the <u>high school graduation assessment requirements</u> through each type of graduation pathway for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.

Graduation Pathway	% of Graduates Meeting ELA Requirements by Pathway	% of Graduates Meeting Math Requirements by Pathway
Statewide Assessment	98.1%	92.6%
Substitute Competency Test	1.9%	7.4%
Portfolio Appeals Process	0.0%	0.0%
Alternate Requirements Specified in IEP	0.0%	0.0%
Unknown/Other	0.0%	0.0%

Dropout Rate Trends

This table shows the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who dropped out during each of the past three school years.

School Year	School Rate	State Rate
2023-2024	0.0%	1.0%
2022-2023	0.0%	1.2%
2021-2022	0.0%	1.2%



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Information about students enrolling in colleges and universities after graduation is collected from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), which collects data from at least 97% of higher education institutions nationwide. New Jersey graduates are matched to postsecondary enrollment data by NSC each year. While most students who enroll in a postsecondary institution each year are able to be matched by NSC, there are some students each year who cannot be matched. Some reasons that students may not be matched are: 1. Postsecondary enrollment cannot be shared with the NJDOE if students request a FERPA block on their postsecondary enrollment records; 2. Students who attend a college or university outside of the United States are not included in NSC data; 3. Certain colleges or universities may not participate in sharing data with NSC or may fail to report data for a certain group of students; and 4. NSC may not be able to match a student's name or date of birth in NJ SMART to the information provided by the postsecondary institution(s) with a high level of confidence.

In 2023, NSC implemented an additional manual review process to reduce the number of students who do not match due to #4 above, which may result in NSC matching additional students to postsecondary records moving forward. As a result, the NJDOE is not including trend data from prior to 2022-2023 in the reports.

Note for 2023-2024: Postsecondary enrollment data for the 2023-2024 school year is not yet available. The NJDOE expects to release the data in the coming months. Please refer to the 2022-2023 reports for the most recently available postsecondary enrollment rates.

Apprenticeship

This table shows, by year of graduation, the number of graduates who were enrolled into United States Department of Labor (USDOL) registered apprenticeship programs as of June 2024. This only includes students who enrolled in an apprenticeship program in New Jersey after high school graduation.

Year of Graduation	Graduates enrolled in apprenticeship programs
2023	*
2022	*
2021	*
2020	*
2019	*
2018	*
2017	*
2016	*



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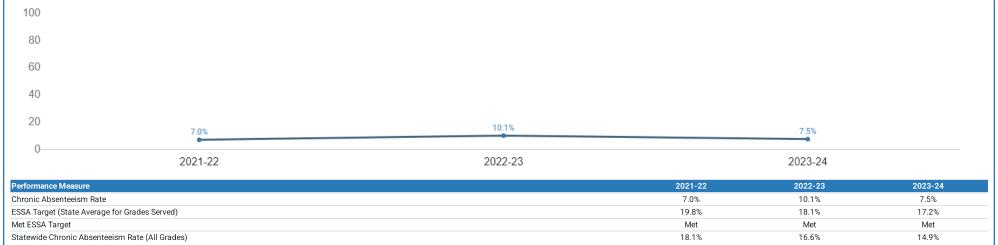
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Student Group	# of Students Chronically Absent	% of Students Chronically Absent	Requires Corrective Action Plan: Schoolwide Rate is 10% or higher	ESSA Target: State Average for Grades Served	Met ESSA Target
Schoolwide	18	7.5%	No	17.2%	Met
White	9	9.0%		17.2%	Met
Hispanic	6	7.8%		17.2%	Met
Black or African American	3	7.1%		17.2%	Met
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0	0.0%		**	**
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*		**	**
Two or More Races	*	*		**	**
Female	*	8.7%			
Male	*	2.6%			
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*			
Economically Disadvantaged Students	1	7.1%		**	**
Students with Disabilities	*	*		**	**
Multilingual Learners	*	*		**	**
Students Experiencing Homelessness	*	*			
Students in Foster Care	*	*			
Military-Connected Students	*	*			
Migrant Students	*	*			



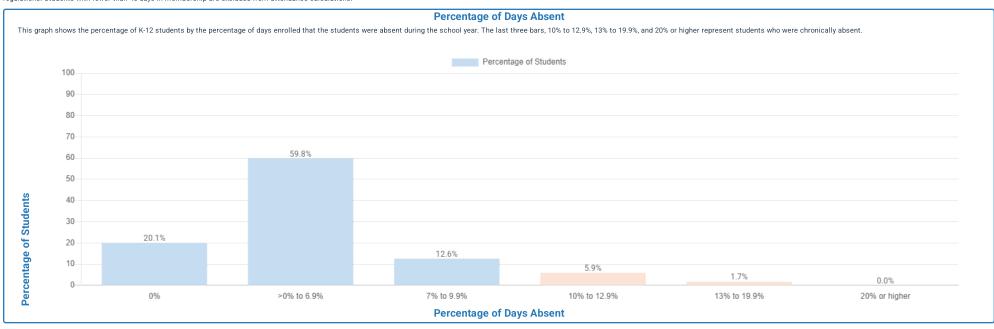
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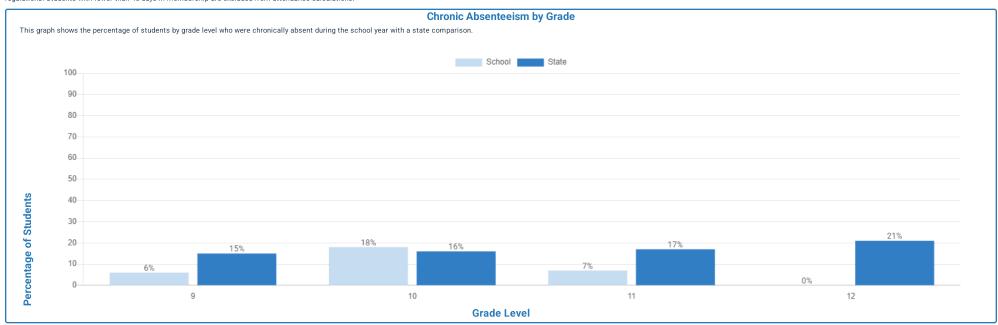
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Violence, Vandalism, HIB, and Substance Offenses

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	1
Weapons	0
Vandalism	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	0
Total Unique Incidents	1
Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled	0.42

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Weapons	0
/andalism	0
Substances	0
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	0
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	0



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Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigations

This table shows, by the nature of the incident, the number of alleged and confirmed Harassment, Intimidation, and Bulling (HIB) investigations. The nature of an incident is based on the protected categories listed below, and the nature of a single HIB investigation may include multiple categories. All confirmed incidents must have an identified nature.

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



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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 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 an Expulsion	% of Students with an Expulsion
Schoolwide	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%
White	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	0	0%
Hispanic	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	0	0%
Black or African American	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Female	*	<5.00%	*	0%	*	<5.00%	*	0%	*	0%
Male	*	<5.00%	*	0%	*	<5.00%	*	0%	*	0%
Non- Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged Students	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	0	0%
Students with disabilities	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



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Grade			# of Students with at least one Out-of-School Suspension						# of Students with an Expulsion	% of Students with an Expulsion
Schoolwide	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%
9	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	0	0%
10	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	0	0%
11	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	0	0%
12	<5	<5.00%	0	0%	<5	<5.00%	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	involved in at	# of Students involved in at least one violent incident	involved in at	# 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%
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Economically Disadvantaged Students	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
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Students Involved in Police Notifications: By Grade Level

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	# of Students involved in at least one	involved		involved in a	involved in at least	% of Students involved in a vandalism incident that led to police notification	# of Students involved in at least one substance			involved in a	involved in at	% of Students involved in an HIB incident that led to police		involved in an
	incident	incident	incident	incident	incident	ica to police notification	related incident	incident	incident	incident	incident	notification	type	type
Schoolwide	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
9	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
10	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
11	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
12	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	Students	nvolved in at least	violent incident	# 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 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	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



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Grade	Students	% of Students Arrested	involved in at least	a violent	in at least one	vandalism	# of Students involved in at least one substance related incident that led	substance related	in at least one weapons	weapons related	involved in at least	an HIB	in at least one other	other type
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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.

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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	8:00 AM
Typical End Time	2:50 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs. 50 Mins.
Full Time - Instructional Time	6 Hrs. 2 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	1.0:1

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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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	20	119,239
Average years experience in public schools	8.7	12.6
Average years experience in district	7.0	11.3
Number of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	15	87,243
Percentage of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	75.0%	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	7	9,065
Percentage of Teachers with Provisional Credentials	35%	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	2	10,170
Average years experience in public schools	24.0	16.2
Average years experience in district	20.5	12.5
Number of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	2	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
	Members	Members	Members
Teachers	20	145	119,239
Administrators	2	19	10,170
Librarians/Media Specialists	N	N	1,160
Nurses	N	2	3,025
School Counselors	2	13	4,673
Child Study Team Members	N	3	9,654
School Psychologists	N	1	2,185
School Social Workers	N	1	2,750
Student Assistance Coordinators	N	N	400
School Safety Specialists	N	1	681



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Student and Staff Ratios

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Ratio	School Ratio	District Ratio
Students to Teachers	12:1	13:1
Students to Administrators	120:1	103:1
Teachers to Administrators	10:1	8:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists †	N	N
Students to Nurses †	N	976:1
Students to Counselors †	120:1	150:1
Students to Child Study Team Members †,††	N	55:1
Students to School Psychologists †	N	1953:1
Students to School Social Workers †	N	1953:1
Students to Student Assistance Coordinators †	N	N
Students to School Safety Specialists †		1953:1

- † 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
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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	80-85%	40-60%	*	48.0%	77.0%	57.0%
Male	15-20%	20-40%	*	52.0%	23.0%	43.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤5%	≤20%	*	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%
White	41.8%	70.0%	50.0%	38.2%	81.8%	74.5%
Hispanic	32.2%	5.0%	0.0%	34.0%	8.6%	8.6%
Black or African American	17.6%	10.0%	50.0%	14.2%	6.4%	14.4%
Asian	3.8%	15.0%	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	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
Two or More Races	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	0.3%	0.4%



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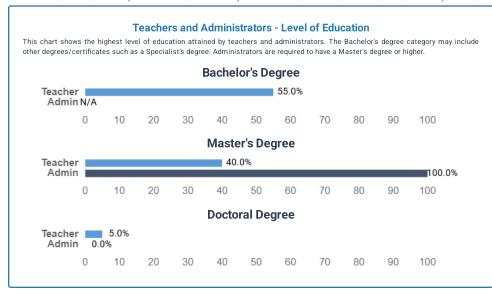
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Teachers and Administrators - One-Year Retention (District Level)

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	89.9%	89.5%
2022-23 Administrators: Same district 2023-24	95.0%	87.9%



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Teachers by Subject Area

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Subject Area	Total Number of Teachers		% e Male	% Non-binary or Undesignated Gender	% White	% Hispanic	% Black or African American	% Asian	% Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	% American Indian or Native American		% 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)	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
English/Language Arts/Literacy	5	*	*	*	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%
English to Speakers of Other Languages	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Mathematics	2	*	*	*	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Science	4	*	*	*	25.0%	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%
Social Studies/History	2	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
World Language	0	N	Ν	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%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Health/Physical Education	4	*	*	*	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Family & Consumer Sciences	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Financial Literacy	0	N	Ν	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Business	0	Ν	Ν	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Computer Science/IT	0	N	Ν	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Industrial Arts	0	N	Ν	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Career and Technical Education	2	*	*	*	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Special Education	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Bilingual	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N



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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 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 <u>NJDOE webpage ESSA School Level Reporting Information</u>. More in-depth information about district and charter school spending can be found in the <u>User Friendly Budget</u> and the <u>Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Auditor Management Reports (AMRs)</u>

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.

Union County Vocational	Federal	State & Local	Total	ADE**
District Level Total Expenditures	\$1,256	\$15,304	\$16,560	1,996.8
District Level Central Expenditures		\$4,204	\$4,204	1,996.8
Academy For Allied Health Sciences		\$11,645	\$11,645	303.1
Academy For Information Technology		\$12,429	\$12,429	301.3
Academy For Performing Arts		\$15,309	\$15,309	238.0
Union County Magnet High School		\$12,309	\$12,309	309.7
Union County Tech		\$10,336	\$10,336	506.2
Raymond J. Lesniak Experience, Strength, And Hope		\$4,280	\$4,280	6.1
Union County Career And Technical Institute		\$6,431	\$6,431	316.3
Simon Youth Academy		\$8,760	\$8,760	16.1



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Accountability

New Jersey's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Accountability SystemNew 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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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 MJDDE 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 Acountability Indicator	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
ELA Proficiency	90.5%	94.8%	95.6%
Math Proficiency	68.3%	41.7%	50.0%
ELA Growth†	N	N	N
Math Growth†	N	N	N
4-Year Graduation Rate (Prior Year)††	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
5-Year Graduation Rate (Prior Year)††	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Progress toward English Language Proficiency	N	N	N
Chronic Absenteeism	7.0%	10.1%	7.5%

†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 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	95.6%	91.80	17.5%
Math Proficiency	50%	77.45	17.5%
ELA Growth	N	N	N
Math Growth	N	N	N
4-Year Graduation Rate (Prior Year)†	100%	96.39	25.0%
5-Year Graduation Rate (Prior Year)†	100%	96.12	25.0%
Progress toward English Language Proficiency	N	**	**
Chronic Absenteeism	7.5%	78.34	15.0%
Summative Score	89.5		
Summative Rating (Percentile Rank)	93.6		
Comprehensive Support: Overall Low Performing	N/A		
Comprehensive Support: Low Graduation Rate	N/A		

[†] 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 - 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 2023-204 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, since that is required annually.

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		Math Proficiency	ELA Growth		4-Year Graduation Rate	5-Year Graduation Rate	Progress toward English Language Proficiency	Chronic Absenteeism	Requires Targeted Support: Consistently Underperforming Student Group
Schoolwide				Met Goal	Met Target	**	**	Met Goal	Met Goal	N	Met	No
White	91.66			Met Goal	N	**	**	Met Goal	Met Goal		Met	No
Hispanic	**			Met Goal	N	**	**	**	**		Met	No
Black or African American	**			**	**	**	**	**	**		Met	No
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	**			**	**	**	**	**	**		**	No
American Indian or Alaska Native	**			**	**	**	**	**	**		**	No
Two or More Races	**			**	**	**	**	**	**		**	No
Economically Disadvantaged Students	**			**	**	**	**	**	**		**	No
Students with Disabilities	**			**	**	**	**	**	**		**	No
Multilingual Learners	**			**	**	**	**	**	**	N	**	No
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- The Academy for Performing Arts offers students the ability to specialize in dance, theatre or technical theatre.
- The Academy for Performing Arts was awarded a Blue Ribbon in 2016 for academic excellence by the Department of Education.
- · All APA classes are taught at an honors level. In addition, all APA seniors attend Kean University during their senior year where they earn up to 34 credits per year.



Mission, Vision, Theme:

The Academy for Performing Arts is an innovative high school, immersing students in honors level academics while training in a pre-professional artistic setting. The Academy fosters the discipline, integrity and passion necessary for students to succeed at the post-secondary level and as members of the performing arts community. The culmination of the program allows the students to complete their senior year at Kean University.



Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

We are very proud of the many accomplishments of our students at the Academy for Performing Arts. APA is recognized by Newsweek as one of the top high schools in the United States. In 2016, APA was named a Blue Ribbon School for Exemplary High Performance by the Department of Education.



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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

The Academy for Performing Arts offers three pathways for students, including Dance, Theatre and Technical Theatre. Our students take classes in their major each day. Vocational classes, as well as all other classes at APA are taught at an honors level. All APA students are dually enrolled as college freshman and high school seniors on the campus of Kean University during their senior year. Students take college classes and earn up to 34 credits from Kean University.



Students are offered a wide variety of extra-curricular options at APA. In addition to Relay for Life, the Multicultural Club, Skills USA, Robotics Club, Dance Club and a host of other activities, our students also have the opportunity to demonstrate their talents through school plays and dance performances throughout the year.



Before and After School Programs:

APA facilitates a peer-tutoring program during school that is open to all students. In addition, students can meet with peer tutors after-school in a district multi-media center. Also, ELA, Math, and Science teachers are available during a free period for students to help with enrichment opportunities. There are numerous college and financial information sessions, a college fair and access to SAT/ACT preparation through Naviance.



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The Academy for Performing Arts professional development program gives our teachers the opportunity to help create their own professional development goals. Teachers are asked to come up with at least three goals each year. These goals include a plan that supports students and their achievement.



One hundred percent of APA students are accepted to colleges. During their senior year, students are enrolled in classes at Kean University where they earn college credits. Those who stay at Kean University have completed one full year of college and are considered sophomores. Those who move on to other universities find that those universities take anywhere from half to all of the credits they have earned during their senior year.



Student Supports and Services:

All APA students have a co-curricular period built into their schedule to allow them to pursue tutoring and support services from their teachers during the school day. Also, faculty have been assigned extra help duties in their classrooms during this period to help meet the needs of their students. All faculty members have received professional development on initiating an I&RS referral. Finally, there is a Special Services Department to assist and support students with disabilities.



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All APA students participate in the required health and physical education courses. Each of these courses is tailored to help promote fitness and wellness across the lifespan of the student. In addition, there are four fitness centers available on campus for student use during class, co-curricular periods and after school. Our counseling department is also available to help assist our students with managing stress.



Parent and Community Involvement:

APA has a Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSO) that is actively engaged in supporting our students. The organization supplies parent volunteers for field trips, Relay for Life and special performances. The PTSO also works with the principal to constantly communicate the goals of the program. In addition, APA has an Advisory Board which consists of industry professionals, college professors, teachers and students. We meet several times a year to evaluate and make improvements to the program.



Climate Surveys:

Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Administrators, Teachers. Throughout the 2023-2024 School Year, UCVTS collected data from stakeholders on topics related to teaching and learning, safety, educational technology, and other topics. All stakeholders were given the opportunity to provide feedback on topics related to School Climate.



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The Academy for Performing Arts was built in 2009. Our rooms are fully equipped with SMART boards to help assist our teachers provide dynamic lessons. In addition, our performing arts program utilizes a 150 seat Black Box Theatre for student classes and performances throughout the year.



UCVTS maintains a long-standing partnership with a team of experienced Security and Law Enforcement professionals who provide specific recommendations towards security and emergency management practices and resources. Our security and emergency management practices include a full time safety officer in each building, who assists staff with bi-monthly security drills and day to day safety procedures. Additionally, there is a Union County PD officer stationed on our Scotch Plains campus daily. Each school has a school safety team that meets monthly to ensure that safety policies and procedures are sound and effective and there is an annual Tabletop meeting with the Union County Police Department to determine best practices for the most safe environment.



All Academy for Performing Arts students participate in our 1:1 technology program which gives students access to chromebooks for their entire four years at APA. All teachers have been trained in utilizing Google Classroom to deliver instruction and help students manage their coursework and communication.

Technology and STEM:



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UCVTS is committed to supporting students and families in promoting regular attendance in school. To improve and maintain regular school attendance in the 2023-2024 year, evidence-based practices used at UCVTS include regular review of attendance trends at the building and district level which allows for early identification of concerning patterns. UCVTS staff analyze data to pinpoint root causes and implement timely interventions for student attendance issues. Counseling services and individualized support plans address barriers such as transportation, mental health, or family challenges. Proactive attendance plans are developed for students at risk of chronic absenteeism, engaging families and incorporating strategies like daily check-ins or mentoring. This approach fosters collaboration, accountability, and ensures student needs are addressed before attendance issues escalate.



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Applicants are selected from a diverse population of eighth grade students in each of the twenty-one school districts of Union County. The competitive selection process includes a two- step mechanism whereby students must qualify academically in order to audition to become a Dancer or Theatre Arts major. For those who major in Technical Theatre, students are chosen based on their entrance exam scores and their academic records. The school day is divided into a four block-timed instructional period in an alternating A/B day schedule. An articulation agreement is in place with Kean University whereby students spend their senior year of high school at Kean University where they take a full freshman college course load. This load includes a specific concentration in performing arts. The graduation requirements for the Academy for Performing Arts exceed those mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education. Additionally, guest artist residencies and partnerships with the performing arts community are a staple of the program. Partnerships exist with Kean University, Union County Performing Arts Center, Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, George Street and the Playwright's Guild