

St. James Parish Dropout Profile



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- Large Number of Siblings
- Not Living with Both Natural Parents
- Family Disruption

Family Engagement/Commitment to Education

- Low Education Expectation (page 10)
- Sibling Has Dropped Out
- Low Contact with School
- Lack of Conversation About School

Social Attitudes, Values and Behaviors

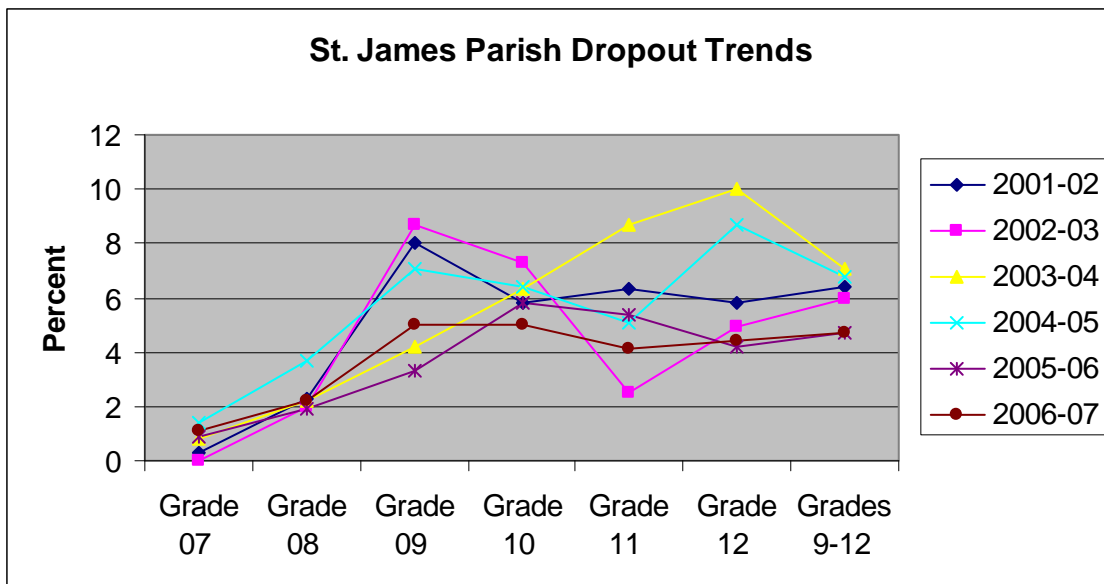
- High-Risk Peer Group
- High-Risk Social Behavior
- Highly Active Outside of School

Individual Background Characteristics

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

St. James Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

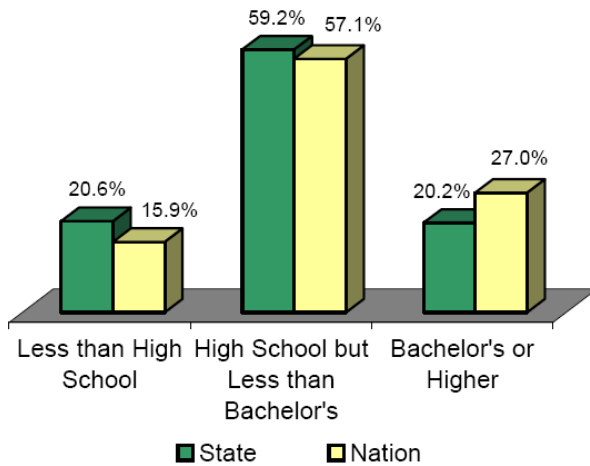
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	0.3	2.3	8	5.8	6.3	5.8	6.4
2002-03	0	2	8.7	7.3	2.5	4.9	6
2003-04	0.8	2.2	4.2	6.3	8.7	10	7.1
2004-05	1.4	3.7	7.1	6.4	5.1	8.7	6.8
2005-06	0.9	1.9	3.3	5.8	5.4	4.2	4.7
2006-07	1.1	2.2	5	5	4.1	4.4	4.7



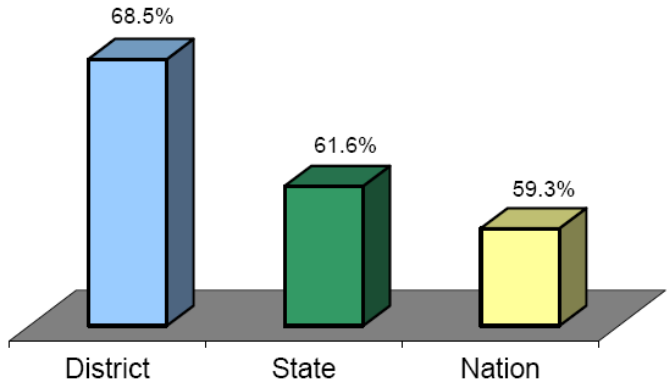
Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Grade 7	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.5	2.6	1.6
Grade 8	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.3	4.2	4.2
Grade 9	6.3	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.8
Grade 10	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.2
Grade 11	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4
Grade 12	7.0	7.5	9.0	7.6	7.1	7.1
Louisiana State Total (All Grades)	6.6	7.0	7.4	7.0	6.9	6.9

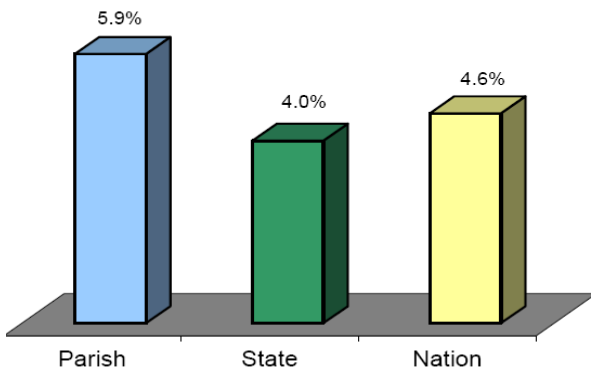
Educational Attainment at State and National Levels



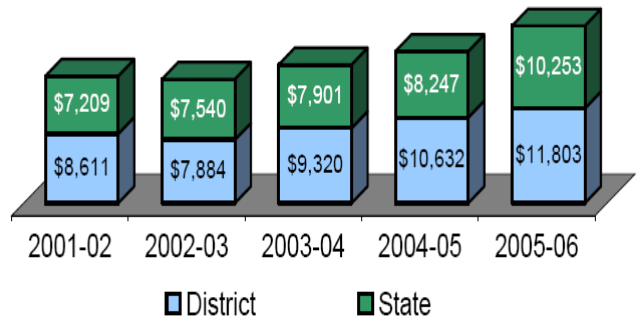
Student Participation in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program



Unemployment Rate



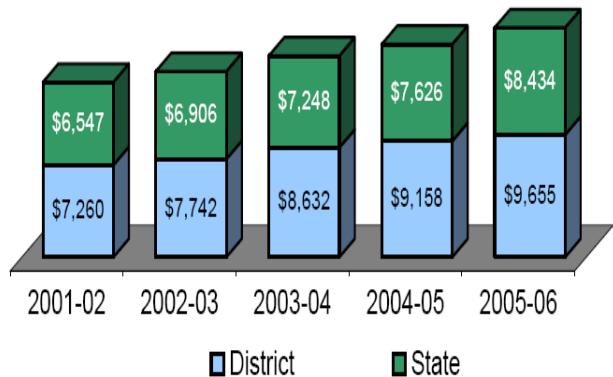
Revenues Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$36,945	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	17.7%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	27.7%	27.8%	18.3%

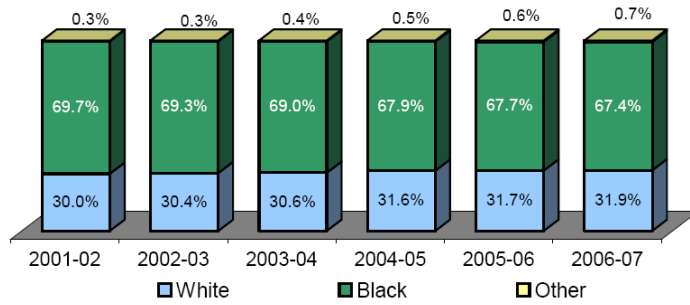
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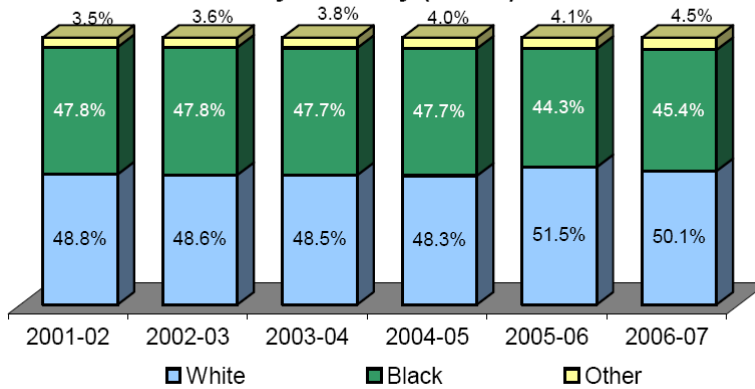
Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	15.9%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	11.8%	16.1%	12.5%

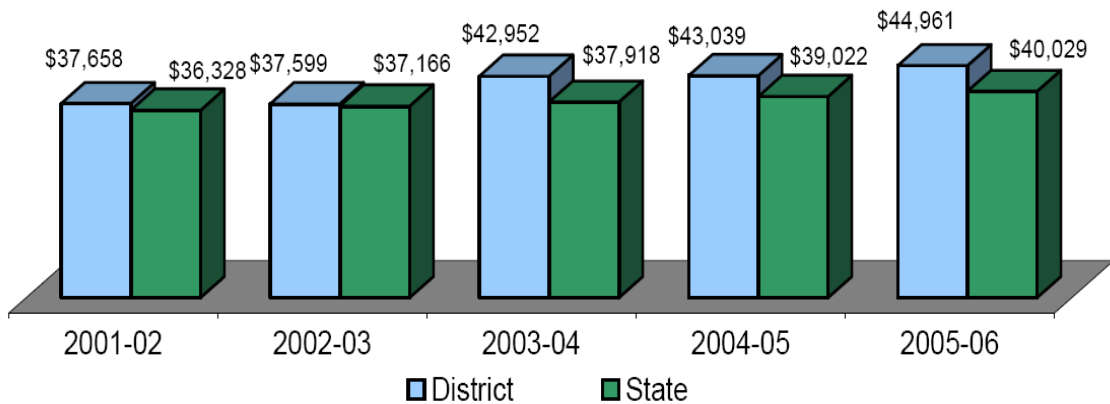
District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



State's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



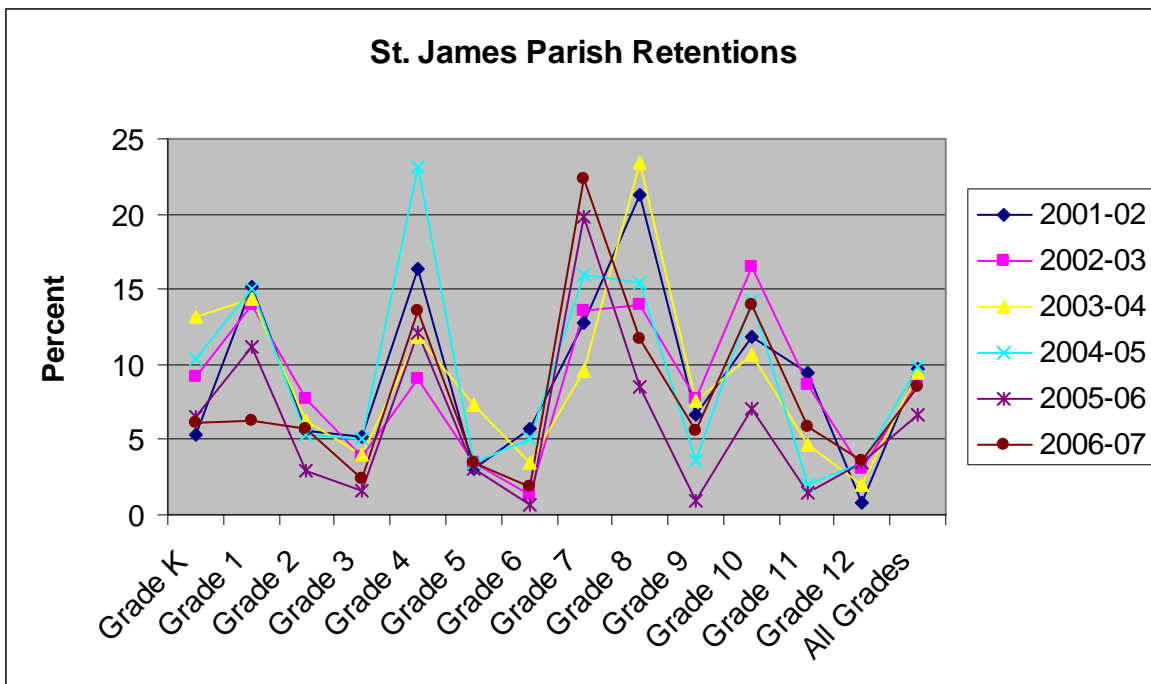
Average Classroom Teacher Salary



Risk Factor: Student Retention

St. James Parish Student Retention

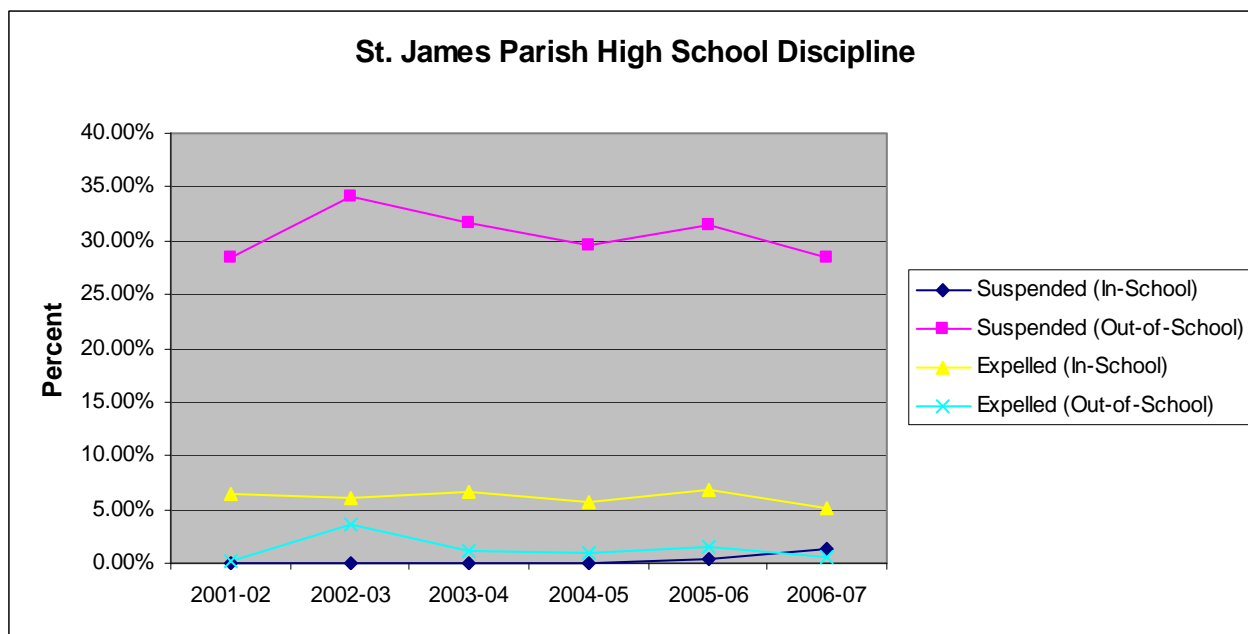
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	5.3	14	9.2	27	13.2	34	10.4	28	6.5	18	6.1	19
Grade 1	15.1	51	13.9	42	14.4	43	15	40	11.2	31	6.3	18
Grade 2	5.6	16	7.7	23	6.3	17	5.3	14	2.9	7	5.7	15
Grade 3	5.2	15	3.8	11	4	11	5.1	14	1.6	4	2.4	6
Grade 4	16.4	54	9	29	11.8	37	23.2	69	12.1	38	13.6	41
Grade 5	3	7	3.5	10	7.3	22	3.4	10	3	7	3.5	10
Grade 6	5.7	16	1.3	3	3.4	10	5.1	15	0.7	2	1.9	5
Grade 7	12.8	38	13.6	41	9.6	27	16	52	19.8	66	22.4	84
Grade 8	21.3	65	14	42	23.4	76	15.4	50	8.5	27	11.7	36
Grade 9	6.7	13	7.7	16	7.6	20	3.6	9	0.9	2	5.6	16
Grade 10	11.9	37	16.5	41	10.6	24	14.2	37	7.1	21	13.9	36
Grade 11	9.4	24	8.7	24	4.7	10	2	4	1.4	3	5.8	15
Grade 12	0.8	2	3.1	7	2	5	3.4	7	3.5	7	3.6	8
All	9.7	352	8.8	316	9.4	336	9.9	349	6.7	233	8.5	309



Risk Factor: Student Discipline

St. James Parish- High School **Discipline**

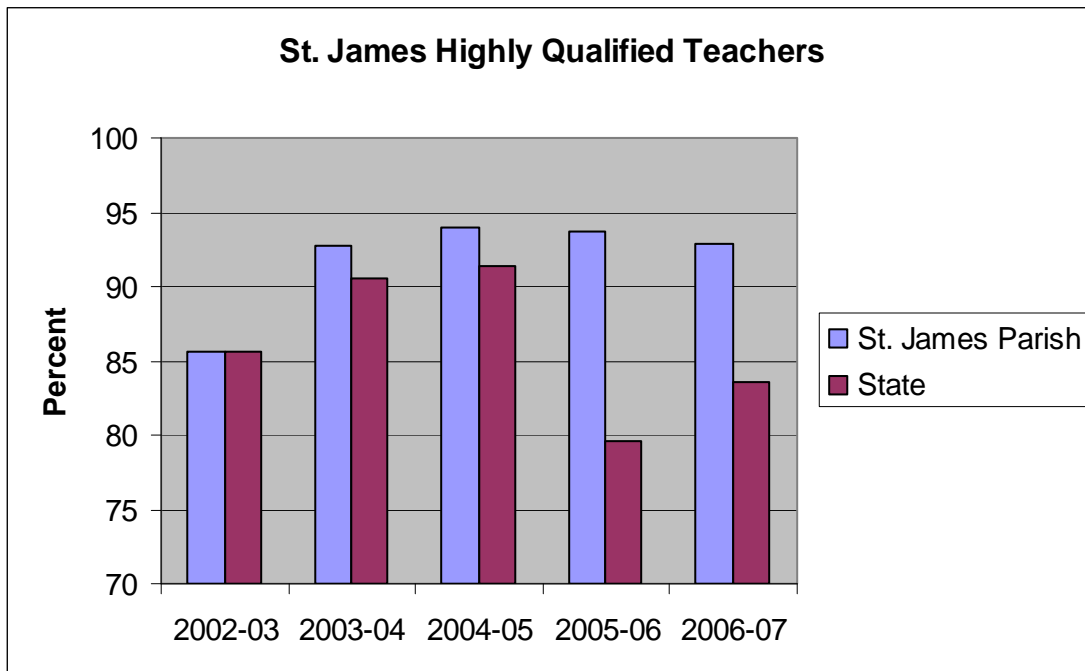
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	0.00%		34.17%	518	6.07%	92	3.63%	55
2003-04	0.00%		31.61%	549	6.68%	116	1.15%	20
2004-05	0.00%		29.58%	517	5.72%	100	0.97%	17
2005-06	0.35%	7	31.47%	626	6.89%	137	1.46%	29
2006-07	1.26%	23	28.44%	521	5.13%	94	0.49%	9



Teacher Quality

Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
St. James Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	85.6	92.7	94	93.7	92.9
Louisiana Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	85.6	90.5	91.4	79.6	83.5



Risk Factor: Student Engagement and Family Background

St. James Parish **Dropout Reasons**

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	90	91.8
Academic Difficulty	0	0
Behavioral Difficulty	0	0
Dislike of School Experience	0	0
Employment	1	1.0
Entered Criminal Justice System	0	0
Failed Required Test	0	0
Military	0	0
Needed at Home	0	0
Parent/Guardian Influence	0	0
Pregnancy	0	0
Reason Unknown	1	1.0
Total	92	97.0

St. James Dropout **Truancy**

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	63	64.3
Truant	35	35.7
Total	98	100
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	5,890	36.0

St. James Parish Dropout: **Options Program Participation**

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	75	76.5
Option 3 (GED Program)	22	22.4
Total	97	99.9
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,924	11.7

St. James Dropout **Homelessness**

	St. James Counts	St. James Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	98	100	15,834	96.6
Hotels/Motels	0	0	8	.0
Shelters	0	0	28	.2
Sharing Housing with Others	0	0	412	2.5
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	55	.3
Total	98	100	16,383	100

Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

St. James Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	41	41.8
Male	57	58.2
Total	98	100

Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	6,686	40.8
Male	9,697	59.2
Total	16,383	100

St. James Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	78	79.6
Free Lunch	19	19.4
Reduced Lunch	1	1.0
Total	98	100

Louisiana Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	6,883	42.0
Free Lunch	8,954	54.7
Reduced Lunch	546	3.3
Total	16,383	100

St. James Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0
African American	73	74.5
Hispanic	1	1.0
Caucasian	24	24.5
Total	98	100

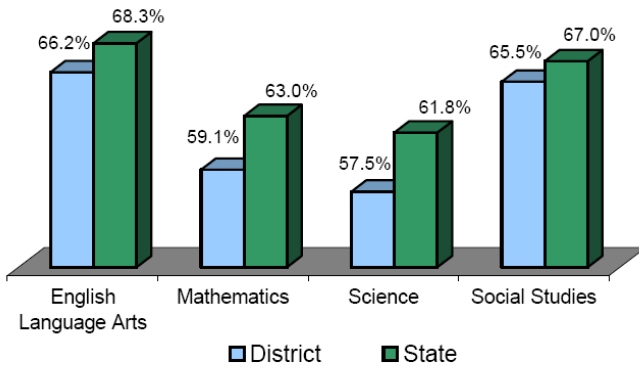
Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	120	.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	164	1.0
African American	10,439	63.7
Hispanic	452	2.8
Caucasian	5,208	31.8
Total	16,383	100

Risk Factor: School Performance

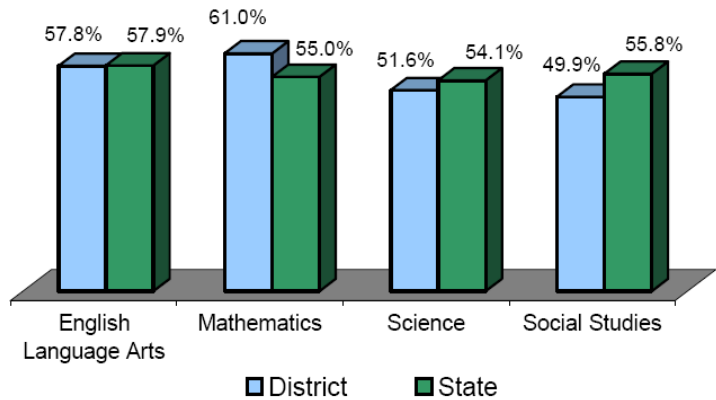
Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



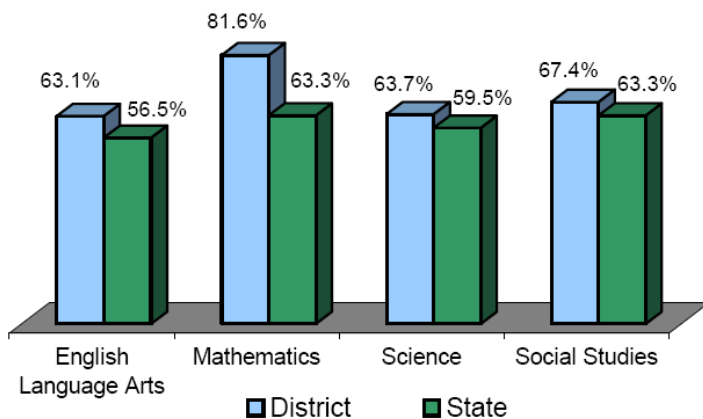
Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



GEE Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



District Indicator Results Student Achievement

Grade 4 LEAP Test Results													
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
English Language Arts													
Advanced	1.5	5	1.6	5	1.7	5	1.3	4	2.0	6	1.8	5	
Mastery*	10.1	33	10.6	34	15.2	45	15.5	49	9.5	28	11.0	31	
Basic	36.0	118	38.8	124	38.4	114	45.4	144	48.8	144	53.4	150	
Approaching Basic	36.9	121	31.9	102	25.6	76	27.8	88	24.7	73	26.0	73	
Unsatisfactory	15.5	51	17.2	55	19.2	57	10.1	32	14.9	44	7.8	22	
Mathematics													
Advanced	1.5	5	2.2	7	2.4	7	0.9	3	3.7	11	0.7	2	
Mastery*	9.5	31	12.7	41	11.8	35	14.5	46	11.2	33	10.7	30	
Basic	33.5	110	37.9	122	35.7	106	45.4	144	42.0	124	47.7	134	
Approaching Basic	32.6	107	29.5	95	26.3	78	22.4	71	24.7	73	21.0	59	
Unsatisfactory	22.9	75	17.7	57	23.9	71	16.7	53	18.3	54	19.9	56	
Science													
Advanced	4.3	14	1.2	4	1.3	4	1.3	4	2.4	7	1.1	3	
Mastery*	9.1	30	9.0	29	8.4	25	10.1	32	8.8	26	9.2	26	
Basic	38.7	127	36.6	118	43.8	130	48.9	155	35.6	105	47.2	133	
Approaching Basic	33.8	111	40.7	131	32.7	97	33.4	106	40.0	118	32.6	92	
Unsatisfactory	14.0	46	12.4	40	13.8	41	6.3	20	13.2	39	9.9	28	
Social Studies													
Advanced	0.3	1	0.6	2	0.3	1	0.3	1	1.0	3	1.4	4	
Mastery*	9.1	30	9.3	30	11.1	33	5.4	17	8.8	26	10.6	30	
Basic	41.8	137	50.6	163	44.1	131	48.9	155	55.9	165	53.5	151	
Approaching Basic	30.8	101	25.2	81	21.9	65	29.3	93	24.4	72	20.9	59	
Unsatisfactory	18.0	59	14.3	46	22.6	67	16.1	51	9.8	29	13.5	38	

District Indicator Results *Student Achievement*

		Grade 8 LEAP Test Results											
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District English Language Arts	Advanced	0.4	1	0.3	1	0.0	0	1.0	3	2.1	6	1.0	3
	Mastery*	9.2	24	8.0	23	7.6	21	16.9	50	12.6	36	13.0	40
	Basic	28.5	74	37.6	108	34.5	96	34.5	102	37.1	106	43.8	135
	Approaching Basic	48.1	125	41.1	118	40.6	113	32.8	97	37.1	106	30.8	95
	Unsatisfactory	13.8	36	12.9	37	17.3	48	14.9	44	11.2	32	11.4	35
Mathematics													
Advanced	0.0	0	2.1	6	1.4	4	2.4	7	2.1	6	3.9	12	
Mastery*	0.4	1	4.9	14	3.2	9	7.4	22	4.5	13	5.8	18	
Basic	30.1	78	37.3	107	52.5	146	57.4	170	55.5	162	51.3	158	
Approaching Basic	42.5	110	27.5	79	20.1	56	16.6	49	22.6	66	21.4	66	
Unsatisfactory	27.0	70	28.2	81	22.7	63	16.2	48	15.4	45	17.5	54	
Science													
Advanced	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.1	3	0.7	2	0.7	2	0.7	2	
Mastery*	5.0	13	8.7	25	13.0	36	17.2	51	11.5	32	14.7	45	
Basic	30.1	78	30.0	86	31.5	87	41.2	122	38.0	106	36.2	111	
Approaching Basic	41.3	107	39.4	113	31.2	86	25.3	75	30.8	86	30.0	92	
Unsatisfactory	23.6	61	22.0	63	23.2	64	15.5	46	19.0	53	18.6	57	
Social Studies													
Advanced	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.3	1	0.0	0	0.3	1	
Mastery*	0.8	2	3.5	10	6.2	17	10.8	32	5.4	15	4.6	14	
Basic	38.6	100	36.5	104	43.1	118	48.6	144	49.8	139	45.0	138	
Approaching Basic	34.4	89	39.3	112	30.7	84	18.2	54	19.4	54	26.4	81	
Unsatisfactory	26.3	68	20.7	59	20.1	55	22.0	65	25.4	71	23.8	73	

District Indicator Results

Student Achievement

		Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Results											
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
	English Language Arts												
	Advanced	0.4	1	0.0	0	0.4	1	1.9	5	0.4	1	0.4	1
	Mastery*	10.7	24	6.4	14	11.0	28	20.5	53	11.7	29	10.7	29
	Basic	40.4	91	34.7	76	37.8	96	41.3	107	48.8	121	52.0	141
	Approaching Basic	24.0	54	34.7	76	25.2	64	21.2	55	27.4	68	23.2	63
	Unsatisfactory	24.4	55	24.2	53	25.6	65	15.1	39	11.7	29	13.7	37
	Mathematics												
	Advanced	5.8	13	6.3	14	4.3	11	8.9	23	7.8	19	11.0	30
	Mastery*	12.4	28	15.4	34	15.4	39	22.5	58	22.9	56	25.7	70
	Basic	34.1	77	37.6	83	40.6	103	41.5	107	48.2	118	44.9	122
	Approaching Basic	11.5	26	18.6	41	13.8	35	16.7	43	12.2	30	8.8	24
	Unsatisfactory	36.3	82	22.2	49	26.0	66	10.5	27	9.0	22	9.6	26
	Science												
	Advanced	1.5	4	1.4	3	4.0	7	0.0	0	3.5	9	4.1	9
	Mastery*	8.3	22	9.1	20	13.1	23	7.8	16	10.5	27	13.3	29
	Basic	36.2	96	32.3	71	35.4	62	43.4	89	37.1	95	46.3	101
	Approaching Basic	23.8	63	29.1	64	32.6	57	35.6	73	30.9	79	27.5	60
	Unsatisfactory	30.2	80	28.2	62	14.9	26	13.2	27	18.0	46	8.7	19
	Social Studies												
	Advanced	0.0	0	1.4	3	0.6	1	0.0	0	0.4	1	1.4	3
	Mastery*	6.1	16	5.4	12	8.6	15	4.4	9	4.3	11	7.3	16
	Basic	37.9	100	41.2	91	48.6	85	52.0	106	49.6	127	58.7	128
	Approaching Basic	27.7	73	27.1	60	31.4	55	29.9	61	31.6	81	22.5	49
	Unsatisfactory	28.4	75	24.9	55	10.9	19	13.7	28	14.1	36	10.1	22