

Brief Overview: Segregated Schooling and Opportunities to Learn in New Jersey

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THE TAKEAWAY:

Leaving students in segregated school environments means leaving them in schools more likely characterized by weak, if not harsh, social bonds, limited learning opportunities, especially for high-level learning, and fewer human resources.

SCHOOL SEGREGATION CATEGORIES



Mixed Enrollment schools where the White population is between 10% and 90% and percent economically disadvantaged is less than 50% (n=1,527).

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White Isolated schools where 90% or more of students are white (n=64).



Economically Segregated schools serving a mix of racial groups but 50% or more low-income students (n=298).



Racially Segregated schools, with at least 90% minority students (n=44).



Racially and Economically Segregated schools also serve at least 90% minority students and have at least 50% economically disadvantaged students (n=407).

Percentage Low-income by School Segregation - All Traditional Schools, 2015-2020

School Type		2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
	% Econ Disadv. Students	19.7	19.9	18.8	18.8	18.9
Mixed/Non-segregated	No. of Schools Reporting	1,425	1,451	1,527	1,543	1,570
	Total Enrolled Students	808,013	826,537	843,181	840,229	853,612
	% Econ Disadv. Students	10.7	11.5	10.0	9.6	9.1
White Isolated	No. of Schools Reporting	113	91	86	64	55
	Total Enrolled Students	52,311	43,391	32,261	26,041	21,571
	% Econ Disadv. Students	65.2	65.4	63.5	63.1	63.4
Economically Segregated Only	No. of Schools Reporting	337	321	309	298	283
	Total Enrolled Students	192,503	177,397	176,066	175,842	164,809
	% Econ Disadv. Students	31.1	24.3	27.5	30.2	25.4
Racially Segregated	No. of Schools Reporting	18	14	24	44	49
	Total Enrolled Students	10,216	8,243	12,142	22,920	26,479
Racially & Economically Segregated	% Econ Disadv. Students	80.5	80.8	78.3	78.4	78.2
	No. of Schools Reporting	364	383	423	407	409
	Total Enrolled Students	218,487	232,455	251,751	246,367	249,690

Percentage English Learners by School Segregation - All Traditional Schools, 2015-2020

School Type		2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Mixed/Non-segregated	% EL Students	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.1	3.3
	No. of Schools Reporting	1,169	1,166	1,527	1,543	1,570
	Total Enrolled Students	699,535	696,900	843,181	840,229	853,612
White Isolated	% EL Students	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
	No. of Schools Reporting	57	47	86	64	55
	Total Enrolled Students	32,975	28,293	32,261	26,041	21,571
Economically Segregated	% EL Students	8.5	9.3	8.3	9.2	9.7
Only	No. of Schools Reporting	296	283	309	298	283
	Total Enrolled Students	179,510	165,006	176,066	175,842	164,809
Racially Segregated	% EL Students	8.6	10.6	5.4	8.3	9.4
	No. of Schools Reporting	15	11	24	44	49
	Total Enrolled Students	9,041	6,483	12,142	22,920	26,479
Racially & Economically	% EL Students	16.8	16.8	16.6	17.9	19.2
Segregated	No. of Schools Reporting	338	355	423	407	409
	Total Enrolled Students	211,277	224,620	251,751	246,367	249,690

Chronic Student Absenteeism Rates by School Segregation - All Traditional Schools, 2015-2019

School Type	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Mixed/Non-segregated	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.0
White Isolated	6.5	7.5	8.0	6.2
Economically Segregated Only	11.4	11.7	12.4	12.2
Racially Segregated	14.1	6.0	21.1	18.3
Racially & Economically Segregated	17.5	17.0	18.3	17.9

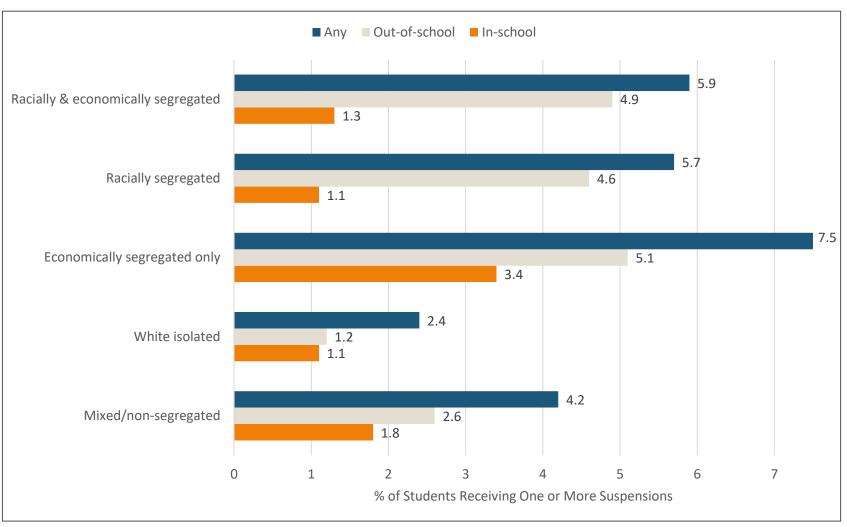
Source: Calculations based on data from New Jersey Department of Education School Performance Reports Database: <u>https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/download</u>. Because of pandemic disruptions, there were no attendance/absenteeism data for students or staff for 2019-2020.

Teacher Attendance Rates by School Segreg		2010 201	
School Type	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Mixed/Non-segregated	96.4	96.4	96.3
White Isolated	95.8	96.2	96.0
Economically Segregated Only	95.6	95.5	95.1
Racially Segregated	93.1	92.4	91.4
Racially & Economically Segregated	95.5	94.6	92.8

Source: Calculations by the Cornwall Center based on NJDOE School Performance Reports.

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Suspension Rates by Type and School Segregation - All Traditional Schools, 2018-2019



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Student-Counselor Ratio by School Segregation - All Traditional Schools, 2016-2020

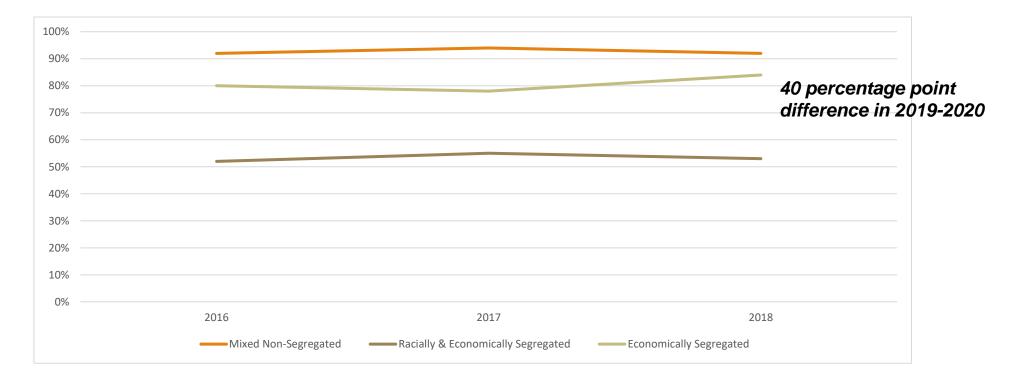
School Type	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Mixed/non-segregated	366.1	364.8	352.5	343.7
White Isolated	354.9	353.7	360.8	345.0
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Economically Segregated Only	400.2	399.8	392.9	375.3
Racially Segregated Only	390.5	437.4	345.1	362.9
	400.0	175.0	107.0	457.0
Racially & Economic Segregated	460.9	475.8	467.0	457.8



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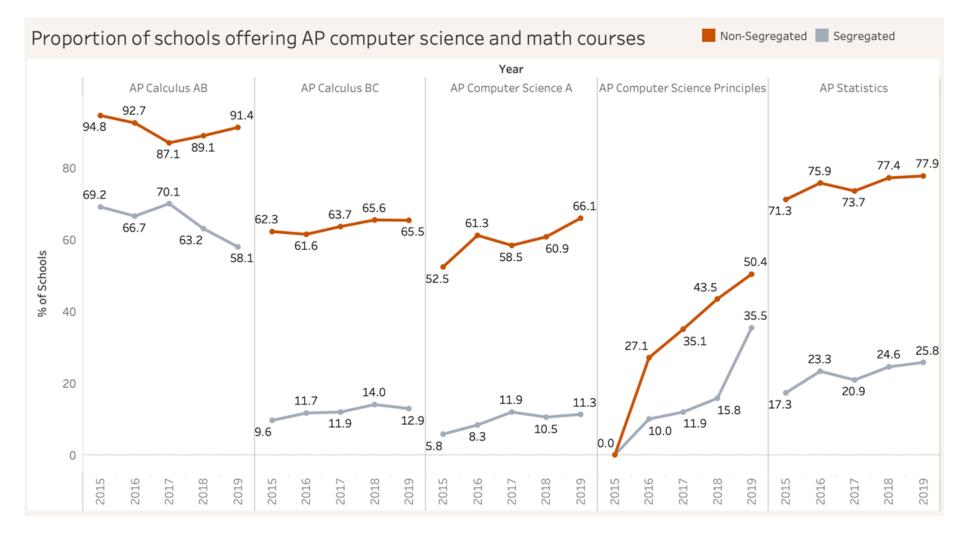
PERCENTAGE OF NJ MIDDLE SCHOOLS HAVING ENROLLMENT IN ALGEBRA I IN GRADES 6-8, BY SCHOOL SEGREGATION

Access to Algebra I in 8th grade for students who may be academically ready to take advantage of the opportunity is not equitably distributed.



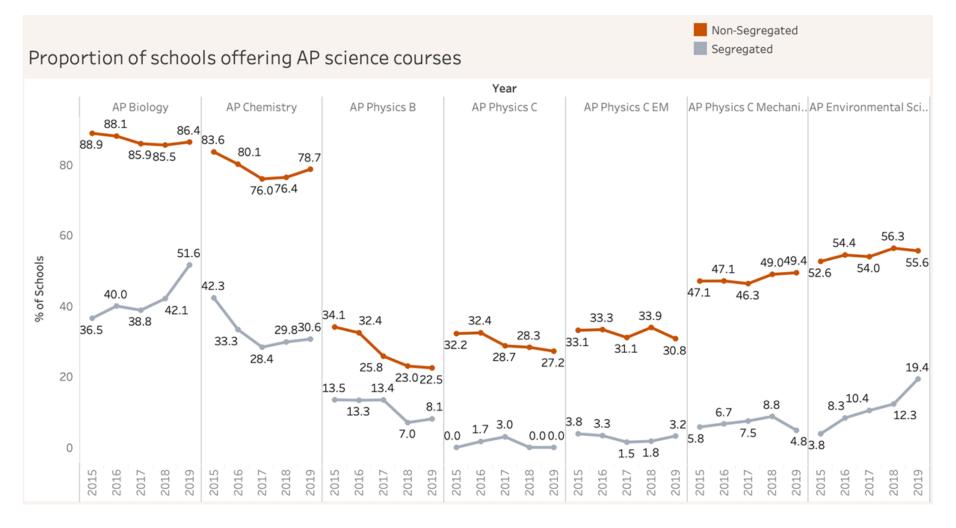
PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOLS OFFERING AP MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES, 2015-2020

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PERCENTAGE OF 11TH AND 12TH GRADERS ENROLLING AND TAKING EXAMS IN ONE OR MORE AP OR IB COURSE BY SCHOOL SEGREGATION, 2019-2020

Enrolling in Courses		Taking Exams		Earning College-Recognized Scores	
School Type	2019- 2020	School Type	2019- 2020	School Type	2019- 2020
Mixed/non-segregated	41.7	Mixed/non-segregated	33.1	Mixed/non-segregated	31.5
Economically segregated only	25.0	Economically segregated only	18.3	Economically segregated only	15.6
Racially & economically segregated	21.7	Racially & economically segregated	15.4	Racially & economically segregated	17.6
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School Type	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Mixed/non-segregated	19.0	24.7	25.6
Economically segregated only	9.1	12.2	13.4
Racially & economically segregated	2.3	9.3	11.2

Student Academic Performance by School Segregation - All Traditional Schools, 2016-2019

School Type	MATH		ELA			
	% at or above proficiency		% at or above proficiency			
	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Mixed/non-segregated	53.9	56.3	56.3	63.4	65.5	65.8
White Isolated	55.4	58.7	62.9	66.7	67.9	70.7
Economically Segregated Only	33.3	34.9	34.6	43.1	45.2	45.7
Racially Segregated Only	64.4	63.8	48.4	69.3	56.1	49.5
Racially & Economically Segregated	26.7	27.9	27.2	32.7	35.5	35.8

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above or just below the state average of 36%, 2021–2022

County	District	District Need Category	Latinx Math Proficiency Rate (%)
Bergen	Moonachie School District	Moderate Need	51.0
Bergen	South Hackensack School District	Moderate Need	49.1
Monmouth	Eatontown Public School District	Moderate Need	45.7
Bergen	Lodi School District	Moderate Need	45.3
Camden	Camden Prep, Inc.	High Need	42.9
Bergen	Teaneck School District	Moderate Need	42.7
Morris	Dover Public School District	High Need	42.0
Middlesex	Middlesex Borough School District	Moderate Need	42.0
Bergen	East Rutherford School District	Moderate Need	41.7
Union	Roselle Park Public School District	Moderate Need	40.4
Passaic	Passaic County Technical-Vocational School District	Moderate Need	40.1
Somerset	South Bound Brook Public School District	Moderate Need	40.0
Middlesex	Jamesburg Public School District	High Need	39.4
Union	Township of Union School District	Moderate Need	39.2
Hudson	Guttenberg School District	High Need	38.3
Monmouth	Freehold Borough School District	High Need	37.1
Bergen	Ridgefield School District	Moderate Need	36.9
Burlington	New Hanover Township	Moderate Need	36.8
Essex	West Orange Public Schools	Moderate Need	34.4
Monmouth	Red Bank Borough Public School District	Highest Need	34.3
Atlantic	Galloway Township Public School District	Moderate Need	34.2
Hudson	Union City School District	Highest Need	34.1
Burlington	Edgewater Park Township School District	High Need	33.8



