



The Northbridge Public Schools

Town of Northbridge

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Northbridge Public Schools has posted the Massachusetts District Report Card Overview on our district website. In addition, we have posted the individual school report card overviews on each of the school websites, along with a letter to parents/guardians explaining each section of the report card. This information will also be distributed to each family via mail or ConnectEd (email) before the the end of the week.

Report cards allow parents/guardians and the general public to see where schools and districts are succeeding and where there is still work to do. The District Report Card Overview answers important questions about our district's performance, such as:

- Accountability and assistance levels
- Overall progress in narrowing gaps
- How our district's achievement compares to the state (on MCAS)
- How our district's growth compares to the state (on MCAS)
- How our district's enrollment compares to the state
- How our district's teachers and classrooms compare to the state
- How our district compares to the state relative to: attendance, discipline and high school completion requirements

** Note: NES does not administer MCAS, so they are not included in accountability, achievement and growth data

For the full report card containing additional data, visit the Massachusetts DESE's website at <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu>. For any other information relative to district level curriculum, instruction or assessment, please contact the curriculum office at (508) 234-8156. For questions at the school level, please contact individual building principals.

Northbridge Public Schools will continue to strive for excellence in and out of the classroom by providing all students with both a challenging and supportive educational experience. We thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,
Jill Healy
Director of Curriculum

2019 District Report Card

Families and communities are critical partners to a district's success. Just as a student's report card shows how they are performing, the district report card shows how a district is performing in multiple areas. It shows the district's strengths and the challenges that need to be addressed to ensure the district is meeting the needs of all students.

Northbridge

Superintendent

Amy B McKinstry

Grades Served

PK,K,01,02,03,04,05,06,07,08,09,10,11,12

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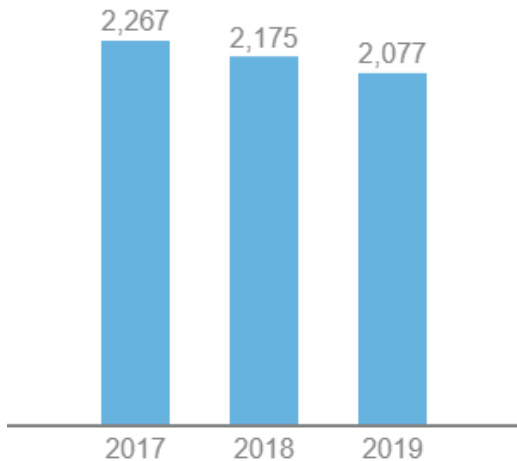
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▶ Who are our students and teachers?

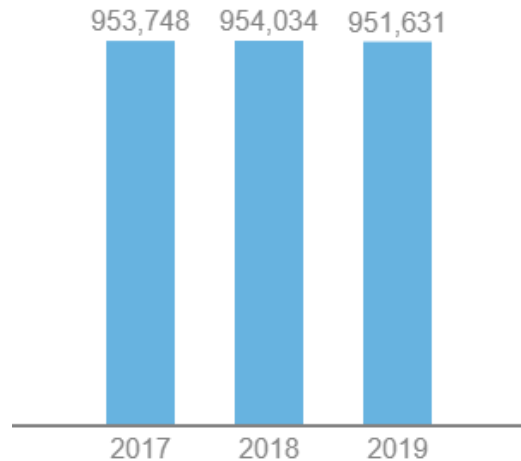
Students

Student Enrollment

The total number of students enrolled, including pre-kindergarten (PK), kindergarten (K), and students who attend beyond grade 12.



Our District

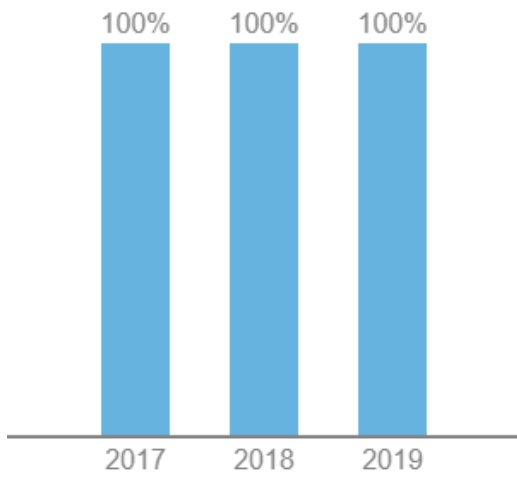


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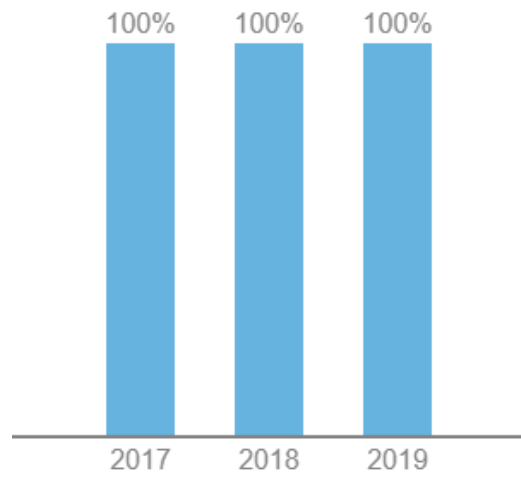
Student Demographics

The percentage of students enrolled, by race/ethnicity and by selected population. Selected populations include students with disabilities, current and former English learners, students who are economically disadvantaged, and high needs students (students who belong to one or more of the other selected population groups).

All Students ▼



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Teachers

Teacher Workforce

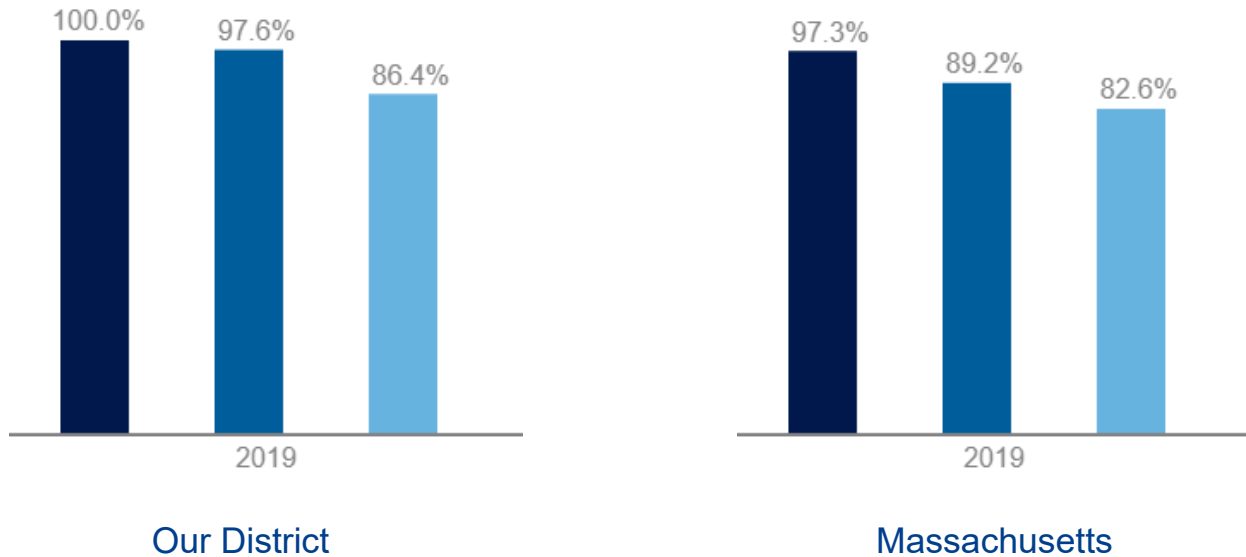
The number of teachers in a school or district is reported by full-time equivalency. This number represents the number of full-time positions filled by teachers.

Our District : 164.8

Massachusetts : 73,878.0

Teacher Qualifications

The percentage of teachers who are licensed, the percentage of teachers who are licensed in the subject(s) they teach, and the percentage of teachers who are considered experienced, meaning they have been teaching in a Massachusetts public school for at least 3 years. In some schools, like charter schools, teachers are not required to have a teacher’s license.



- Licensed Teachers
- Teachers Licensed in the Subject They Teach
- Experienced Teachers

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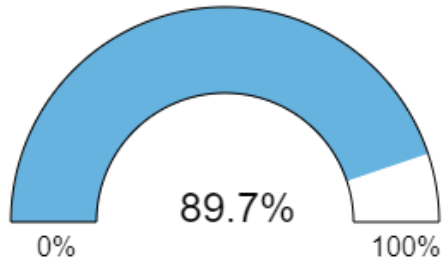
► What academic opportunities are available to our students?

Access to Broad and Challenging Coursework

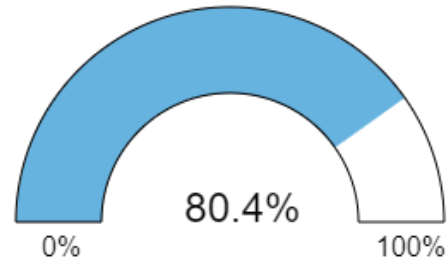
All Students ▼

Access to the Arts

The percentage of students who participate in an arts course. Arts courses include visual art, music, theater, dance, and general arts.



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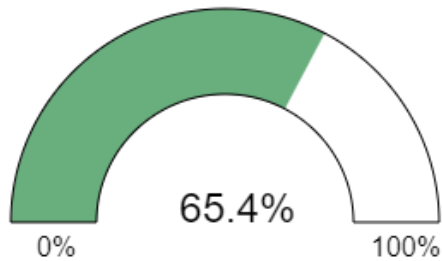


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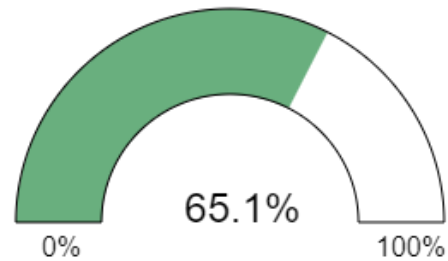
[View more detailed arts data](#)

Advanced Coursework Completion

The percentage of 11th and 12th grade students completing at least one advanced course. Advanced courses include: Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Project Lead the Way, dual enrollment for credit, approved vocational/technical cooperative programs, and other rigorous courses.



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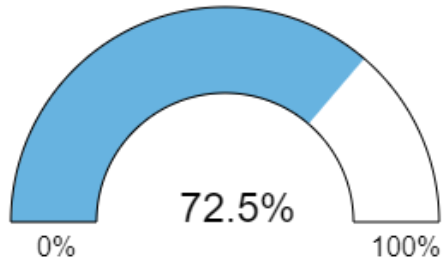


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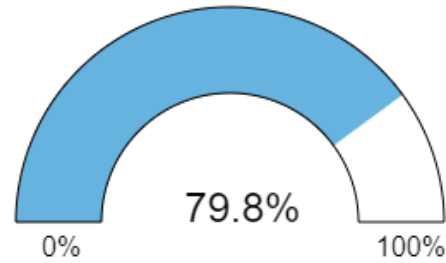
[View more detailed advanced coursework data](#)

Grade 9 Course-Passing

The percentage of students who pass all of their courses in grade 9. In Massachusetts, a student is four times more likely to finish high school if they pass all of their classes in 9th grade.



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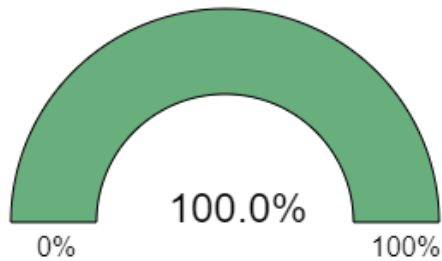


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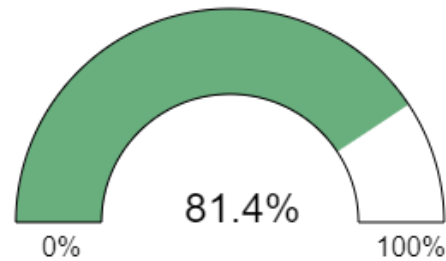
[View more detailed grade 9 course-passing data](#)

MassCore Completion

The percentage of high school graduates completing MassCore. The MassCore program of studies includes: four years of english, four years of math, three years of a lab-based science, three years of history, two years of the same foreign language, one year of an arts program and five additional "core" courses.



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[View more detailed MassCore data](#)

► What do student attendance and discipline look like in our district?

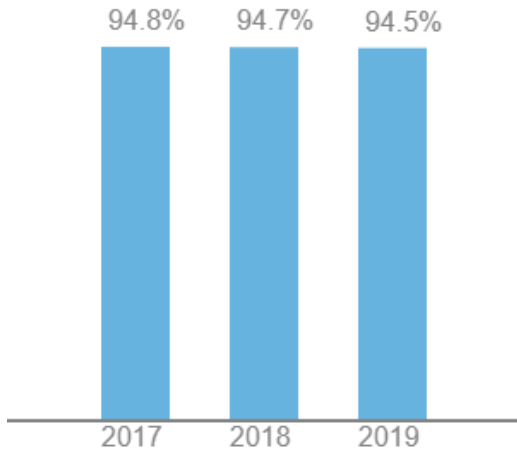
Student Attendance and Discipline

All Students ▼

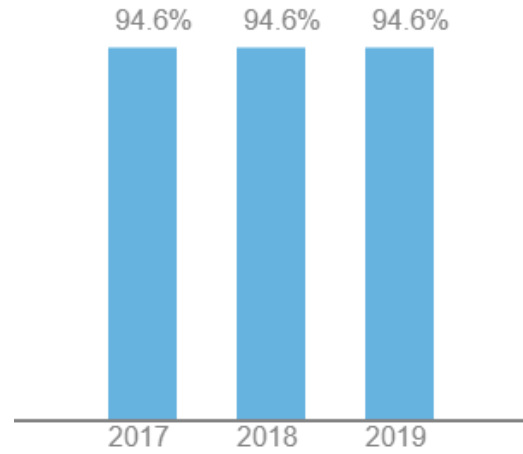
Attendance

ATTENDANCE RATE

The percentage of days that students are in attendance. To be in attendance, students must be taught for at least half the school day.



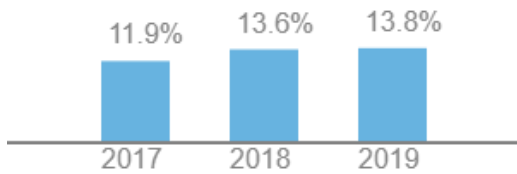
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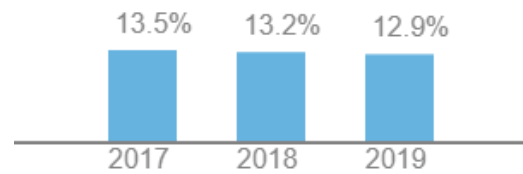
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CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM RATE

The percentage of students who miss more than 10 percent of the school year. In a typical 180-day school year, this represents the percentage of students who miss 18 or more days of school.



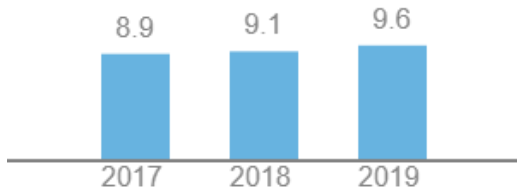
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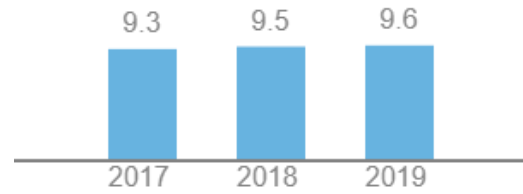
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Average Number of Days Absent

The average number of days of school that a student misses in a school year.



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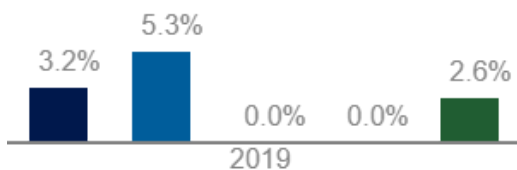
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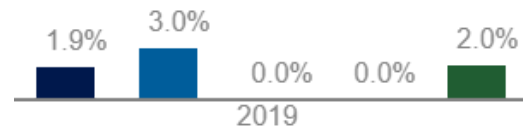
Student Discipline

Reported Incidents

The percentage of students who are suspended (in and out of school), expelled, arrested at school or during off-campus school activities, or removed from regular classroom activities due to violence. Incidences of violence include harassment, bullying, and other behavior.



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- In-School Suspensions
- Out-of-School Suspensions

- Expulsions
- School-Based Arrests
- Incidences of Violence

[View more detailed discipline data](#) | [View Federal Civil Rights Data Collection data](#)

► How prepared are our students for success after high school?

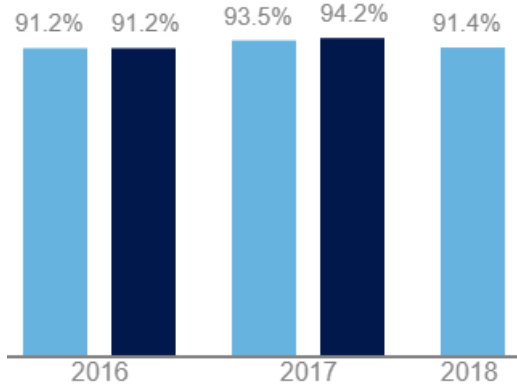
High School Outcomes

All Students ▼

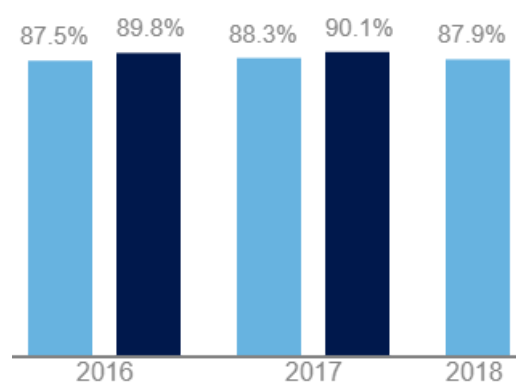
High School Completion

Graduation Rates

The graduation rate is the percentage of students who graduate from high school within 4 or 5 years.



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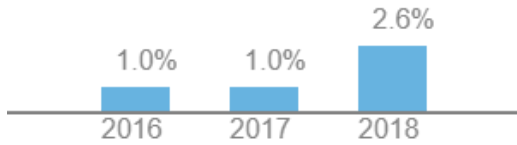
- 4-Year Graduation Rate
- 5-Year Graduation Rate

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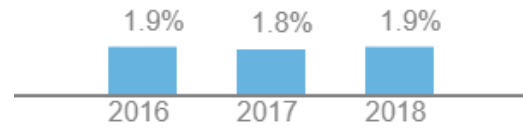
Annual Dropout Rate

The annual dropout rate is the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who leave school in a

given year without graduating or transferring to another school.



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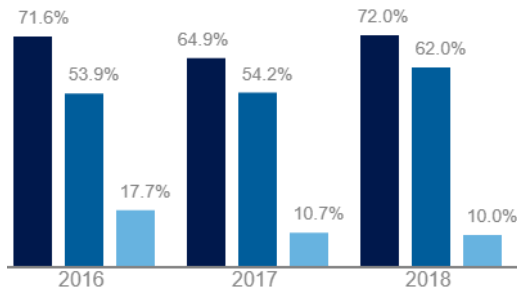
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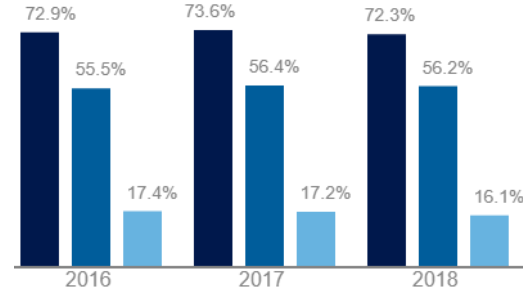
Post-Secondary Enrollment

College-Going Rates

The college-going rate is the percentage of high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education by March 1 of the year after high school graduation. Postsecondary education includes community colleges, colleges, and universities; public and private institutions; 2-year and 4-year institutions; and institutions both in and outside of Massachusetts.



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- Any Post-Secondary Institution
- 4-Year Institution
- 2-Year Institution

[View more detailed post-secondary enrollment data](#)

► How do our students perform on state tests?

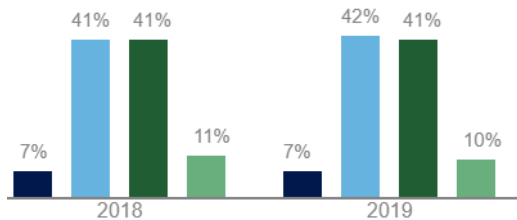
Student Performance on MCAS

Student Achievement

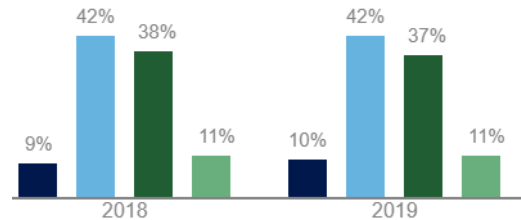
The percentage of students scoring at each achievement level on the English language arts, mathematics, and science MCAS tests.

All Students ▼

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (GRADES 03-08)



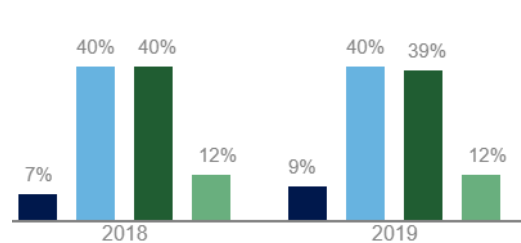
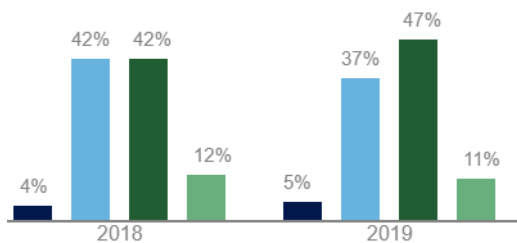
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- Exceeding Expectations
- Meeting Expectations
- Partially Meeting Expectations
- Not Meeting Expectations

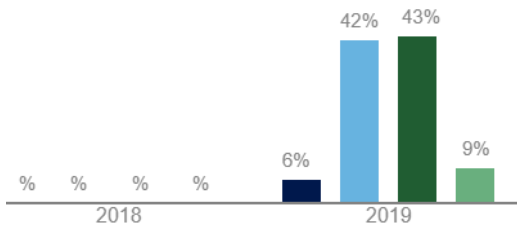
MATHEMATICS (GRADES 03-08)



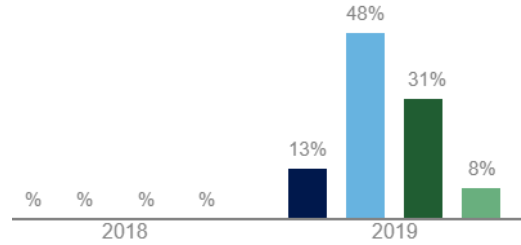
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- Meeting Expectations
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (GRADES 10)



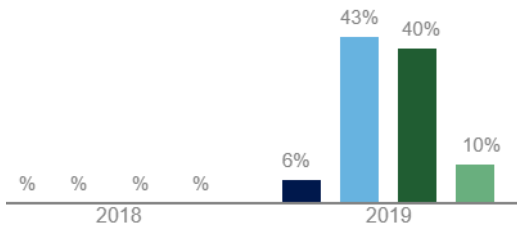
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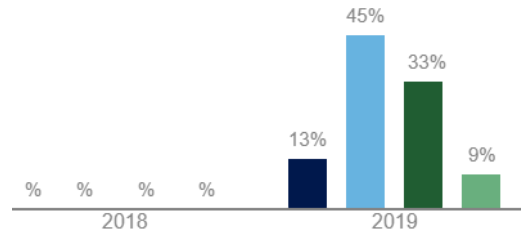
Our District

- Exceeding Expectations
- Meeting Expectations
- Partially Meeting Expectations
- Not Meeting Expectations

MATHEMATICS (GRADES 10)



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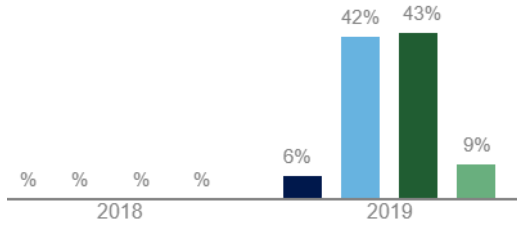


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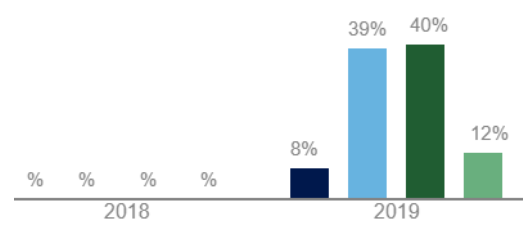
- Exceeding Expectations
- Meeting Expectations
- Partially Meeting Expectations
- Not Meeting Expectations

SCIENCE (GRADES 05 AND 08)

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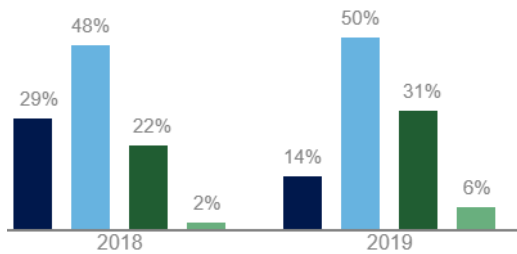
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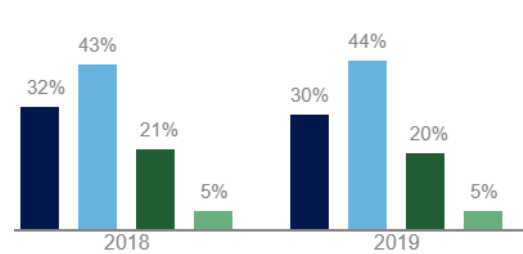
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- Exceeding Expectations
- Meeting Expectations
- Partially Meeting Expectations
- Not Meeting Expectations

SCIENCE (GRADE 10)



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- Advanced
- Proficient
- Needs Improvement
- Failing

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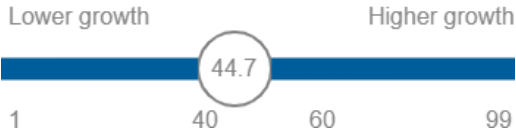
Student Progress

Student growth measures the amount of academic progress a student made over the year, based on MCAS. It compares a student’s MCAS performance to other students with similar past MCAS scores. Growth is reported on a scale from 1 to 99, with lower numbers representing lower progress

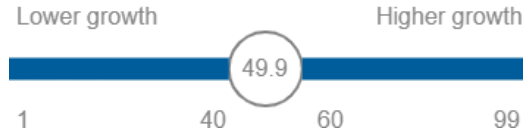
and higher numbers representing higher progress. An average growth score between 40 and 60 means that the district or school is making typical progress.

All Students ▼

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (GRADES 03-08)

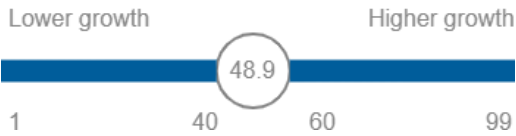


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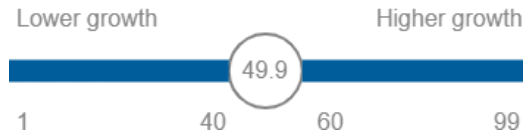


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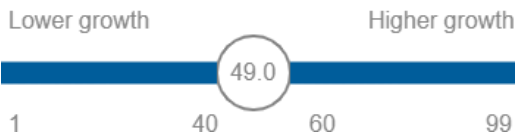


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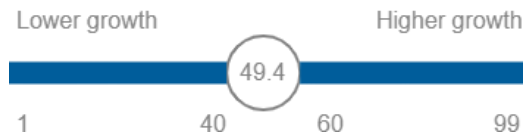


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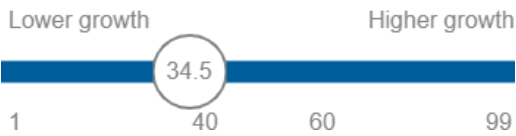


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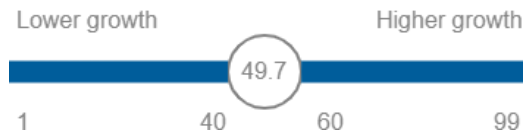


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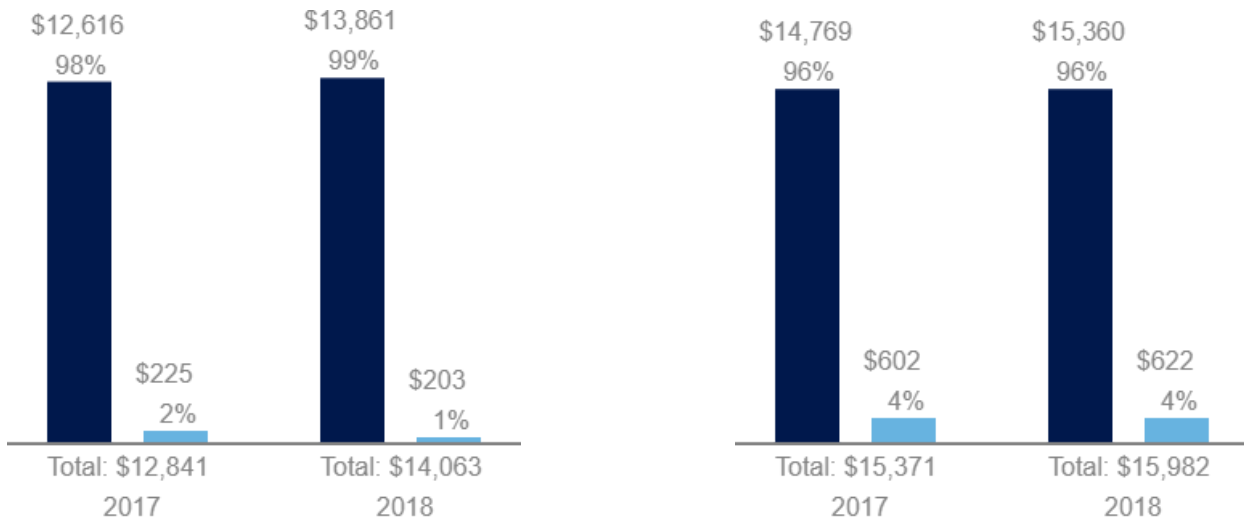
[View more detailed student growth data](#)

► How much does our district spend per student?

Finance

Dollars Spent per Student

The total dollars spent per student, broken down by the source of funds. Funding comes from federal, state, and local sources. The amount of money spent per student depends on many factors, including student enrollment, staffing, special programs, and whether the school receives state or federal grant funds.



Our District

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- State & Local Funds
- Federal Funds

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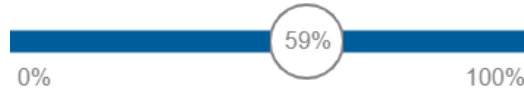
► How is our district doing in the state's accountability system?

Accountability

An accountability system brings together a set of measures in order to provide clear, actionable information about district and school performance. In Massachusetts, accountability results are calculated using information related to student performance on state tests, chronic absenteeism, high school completion, and advanced coursework completion.

Progress Toward Improvement Targets

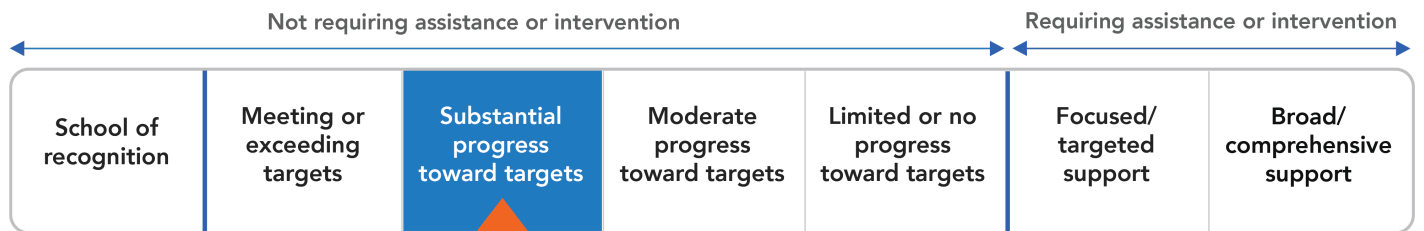
Massachusetts sets annual improvement targets for every district and school. Targets are set for achievement, growth, English learner progress, chronic absenteeism, high school completion, and advanced coursework completion. Districts and schools with a target percentage of 75% or higher are considered to be meeting or exceeding targets.



Our district is making substantial progress toward targets for most accountability measures.

Overall Classification

Massachusetts uses information related to progress toward improvement targets, accountability percentiles, graduation rates, and MCAS participation rates to determine each district and school's overall classification. Most districts and schools are placed into two categories: those that require assistance or intervention from the state, and those that do not require assistance or intervention. Districts and schools that are new or very small are classified as having "insufficient data."



[View more detailed accountability data](#) | [View accountability lists](#) | [Learn more about the accountability system](#)

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