



Linden Avenue School (13-1750-080)

County: Essex

District: Glen Ridge Public School District

205 Linden Ave
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028



166
Total Students



2020-2021

Principal: Mr. Joseph Caravela

[School Website](#)

973-429-8301

PK-02
Grades Offered

Overview & Resources

The School Performance Reports reflect the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) commitment to providing parents, students, and school communities with a large variety of information about each school and district. These reports can be used as a tool to help evaluate whether all students have equitable access to high quality education. We encourage you to use these reports to:

- **Learn more** about the school and the district
- **Start conversations** with school community members and ask questions
- **Engage** with school communities to identify where schools are doing well and where they can improve

Important Notes for 2020-2021: The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has continued to have a significant impact on the way the NJDOE was able to measure school performance and student achievement for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Performance Reports. While some data that was missing in 2019-2020 will be available again for 2020-2021 (e.g. chronic absenteeism data), other data continues to remain unavailable or look different from prior years.

The NJDOE recognizes that our existing data can't begin to measure the hard work and perseverance of the students, families, educators and community members during the past two years. While some data may be missing, the NJDOE emphasizes how important it is to use the available data in the reports, along with other information collected directly within districts and communities, to start conversations, identify gaps in information, and begin to find ways to address the impacts of COVID-19 and ensure all students receive the support that they need.

The 2020-2021 School Performance Reports will not include the following data elements:

- Statewide assessment participation and performance for the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)
 - Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) and ACCESS for ELLs data will be included in the 2020-2021 reports
 - Links will be provided to the results of the Fall 2021 Start Strong Assessments
- Student growth data
- Progress toward English language proficiency
- ESSA summative ratings or indicator scores
- Status in meeting annual targets or standards for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) accountability indicators

An updated "[Impact of COVID-19 on Data Availability](#)" resource summarizes which data is available, which data is not available, and which data may have been impacted. Notes are included throughout the School Performance Reports and the Reference Guide to explain where data is missing or impacted by COVID-19. Look for "Important Note for 2020-2021" sections.

School Performance Report Resources:The NJDOE has several resource documents that can help you understand and use the School Performance Reports, which can also be found under the "Resource Documents" link at the top of the page:

- [Impact of COVID-19 on Data Availability](#)
- One-page guides to help start conversations for [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)

Let the NJDOE know how we can improve future reports by taking our [feedback survey](#). Contact reportcard@doe.nj.gov with any questions about the reports.

Overview & Resources

School Contact Information

This table contains contact information including principal name, address, phone number, email address, and social media information, if provided.

Type	Contact Information
County	Essex
District	Glen Ridge Public School District
Principal Name	Mr. Joseph Caravela
Address	205 Linden Ave, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028
Phone Number	973-429-8301
Email Address	jcaravela@glenridge.org
Website	https://www.glenridge.org/Domain/398
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/groups/lindenavenuehsa/
Twitter	https://www.glenridge.org/Domain/398#

Demographics

Enrollment data reflects enrollment reported at the end of the school year and only includes students attending the school. Students that attend programs at other schools or outside of the district are not included in enrollment counts and percentages.

Enrollment Trends by Grade

This table shows the number of students enrolled by grade for the past three school years. Any students enrolled outside of the grades offered will be included in the total enrollment.

Grade	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
PK	52	0	0
KG	66	71	43
1	69	60	65
2	63	75	58
Total	250	206	166

Enrollment Trends by Student Group

This table shows the percentage of students by student group for the past three school years. Note that 2019-20 is the first year that data was collected for non-binary/undesignated gender and, as a result, the 2019-20 and 2020-21 data may not be a true representation of the student population. Additionally, to protect student privacy, gender percentages for 2019-20 are rounded to the nearest 0.5 and percentages for 2020-21 may show a range, depending on the overall school population size.

Student Group	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Female	51.2%	51.5%	50-55%
Male	48.8%	48.5%	45-50%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender		<1%	≤5%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students with Disabilities	16.8%	13.6%	19.3%
English Learners	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Homeless Students	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Students in Foster Care	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Military-Connected Students	0.8%	0.0%	0.6%
Migrant Students	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Enrollment by Racial and Ethnic Group

This table shows the percentage of students by racial and ethnic group for the past three school years.

Racial And Ethnic Group	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
White	70.8%	74.8%	81.3%
Hispanic	9.6%	10.2%	6.0%
Black or African American	3.6%	2.9%	3.0%
Asian	12.8%	9.7%	6.6%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Two Or More Races	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%

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Enrollment Trends by Full/Half Day PK and KG

This table shows number of students in full day and half day Pre-Kindergarten (PK) and Kindergarten (KG) for the past three school years.

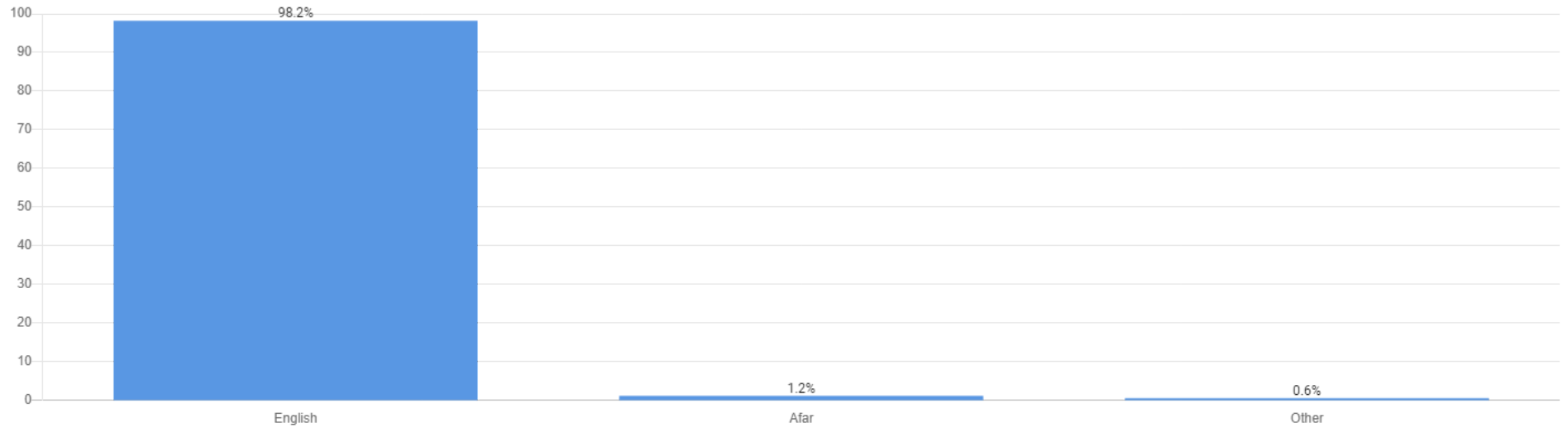
Grade	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
PK - Half Day	0	0	0
PK - Full Day	52	0	0
KG - Half Day	0	0	0
KG - Full Day	66	71	43

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Enrollment by Home Language

This table shows the percentage of students by primary home language. Only the top 5 languages with at least 1% of students are shown, and students with other home languages are included in the Other Languages total. To see this data in a table, click the Table View option below the chart.



Academic Achievement

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the cancellation of statewide assessments in 2019-20 and 2020-21 and federal waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, statewide assessment results for the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) and related accountability measures are not available and will not be reported for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Tables showing 2020-21 NJSLA results and related accountability measures will not be included in this report.

The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) and ACCESS for ELLs assessments were administered in spring 2021 and results will be included for the 2020-21 school year. These two assessments were administered in-person only, not remotely, so participation rates for these assessments may have been lower than in previous years. As a result, the NJDOE recommends using caution in comparing results for 2020-21 to prior or future years.

The fall 2021 administration of the Start Strong assessment was used to satisfy the federal statewide assessment requirement to administer general assessments in ELA, mathematics, and science for the 2020-21 school year. As a result, the fall 2021 Start Strong results will be used to meet ESSA reporting requirements for the 2020-2021 school year. Results of the fall 2021 Start Strong results are available on the [NJDOE website](#). Please note that these results are aligned to reporting requirements for the 2020-2021 school year, so results only include students that were enrolled during the 2020-21 school year and the school/district, grade level, and student group status in that file represent the student's enrollment as of June 2021, not as of fall 2021. Other reports on Start Strong results that reflect all students testing as of Fall 2021 are available on the [NJDOE Assessment webpage](#).

English Language Progress to Proficiency

This table shows the percentage of English 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.

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the cancellation of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment in 2019-20 and federal waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, English Language Progress to Proficiency is not available for 2020-21.

English Language Proficiency Test - Participation and Performance

This table shows, by years in district, the number of English learner students taking the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment for English language proficiency and the percentage of students tested that 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.

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Years in District	# Students Tested	% Students with Overall Score Below 4.5	% Students with Overall Score 4.5 or Above
0-2	N	N	N
3-4	N	N	N
5 or more	N	N	N

Climate and Environment

Student absences provide important information about a school's culture and climate. Research shows that absences impact a student's ability to succeed in school. The New Jersey Department of Education used input from New Jersey communities to select chronic absenteeism as its measure of school quality and student success for the ESSA accountability plan. **Chronic absenteeism** is defined as being absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year. A student who is not present for any reason, whether excused, unexcused, or for disciplinary action, is considered absent unless permitted by state statute or regulations. Students with fewer than 45 days in membership are excluded from attendance calculations.

Important note for 2020-21: The absenteeism data for the 2020-21 school year reflects both in-person and remote instruction. Districts were able to employ multiple ways to determine whether a student in a remote learning environment was present or absent, including check-ins through internet or telephone, logging in to online learning platforms, or monitoring student submission of assignments. Because the number of days students spent in in-person and remote learning environments during the school year differed, the NJDOE recommends caution in comparing chronic absenteeism rates between schools and districts and comparing 2020-21 data to prior or future school years.

Chronic Absenteeism

This table shows the number and percentage of students in grades K-12 both overall and by student group who were chronically absent during the school year.

Important Note for 2020-21: NJDOE received federal waivers which removed the requirement to report on status in meeting annual ESSA targets for 2019-20 and 2020-21. As a result, state averages and status in meeting the state average are not reported for the 2020-21 school year.

Student Group	# of Students Chronically Absent	% of Students Chronically Absent	State Average	Met State Average
Schoolwide	2	1.2%		
White	2	1.5%		
Hispanic	0	0.0%		
Black or African American	*	*		
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0	0.0%		
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*		
Two or More Races	*	*		
Female	*	1.2%		
Male	*	1.2%		
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	*	*		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	*	*		
Students with Disabilities	1	3.1%		
English Learners	*	*		
Homeless Students	*	*		
Students in Foster Care	*	*		
Military-Connected Students	*	*		
Migrant Students	*	*		

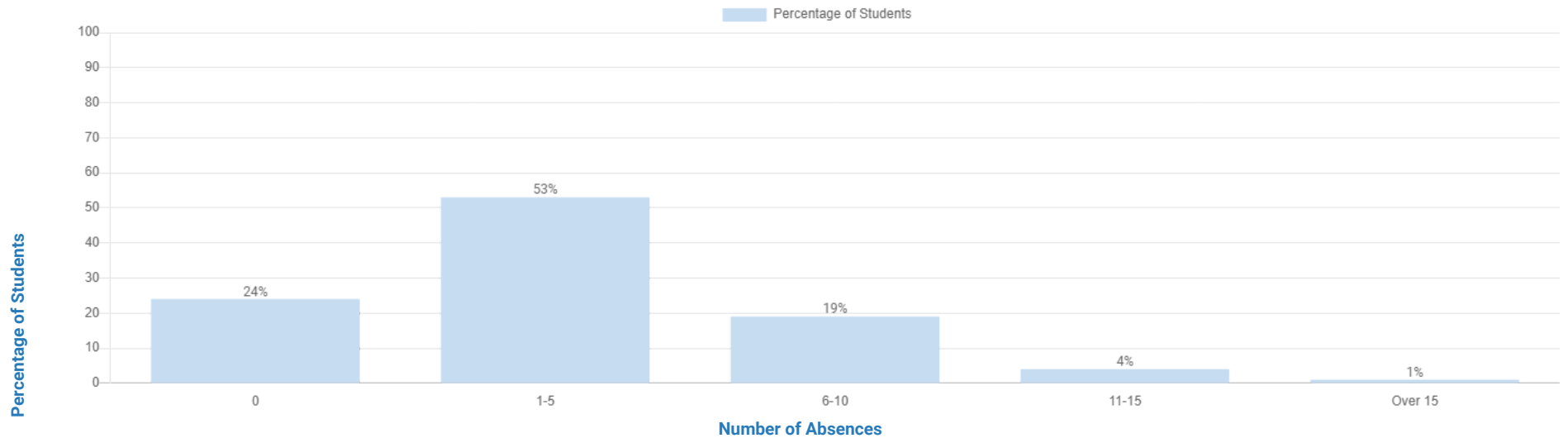
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Days Absent

This graph shows the percentage of K-12 students by the number of days they were absent during the school year.



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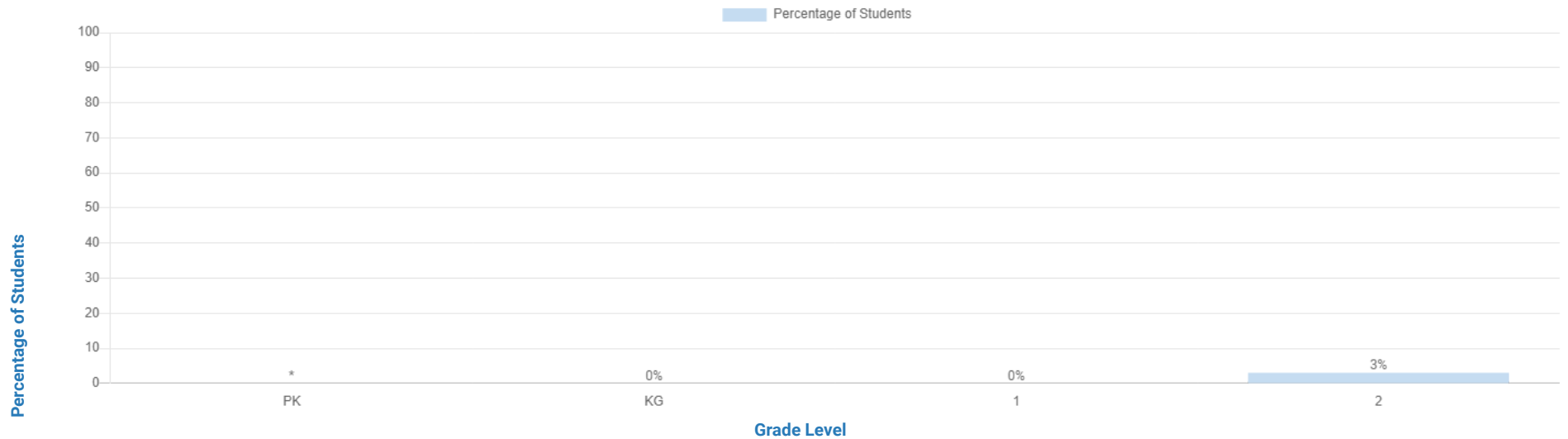
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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

This graph shows the percentage of students by grade level who were chronically absent during the school year.

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Climate and Environment

The New Jersey Department of Education migrated to a new reporting system, the Student Safety Data System (SSDS), starting in 2017-18, which includes improved definitions, new reporting fields, and updated guidance for reporting incidents. Comparing current data to data from 2016-17 and earlier could lead to inaccurate conclusions in many reporting categories. In addition to the 2018-19 data below, NJDOE is required, under ESSA, to report on the most recent, publicly-available Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) data, which can be found on the [NJDOE School Performance webpage](#). Please note that prior to school year 2017-2018, the CRDC and the State collection system, EVVRS, did not collect the same data elements. In an effort to better align the State system with the CRDC, the new Student Safety Data System (SSDS) collects all the required CRDC data elements. NJDOE is in the process of developing a reporting function for the SSDS which will allow LEAs to use the same data for both submissions.

Important note for 2020-21: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, discipline data for the 2020-21 school year may not be comparable to prior or future school years and NJDOE recommends caution in making comparisons.

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

Police Notifications

This table shows, by incident type, the number of cases where an incident led to police notification.

Incident Type	Incidents Reported to Police
Violence	N
Weapons	N
Vandalism	N
Substances	N
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	N
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	N

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Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigations

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

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

Student Disciplinary Removals

The first table shows, by removal type, the number and percentage of students who received disciplinary removals during the school year. Removal types include students receiving one or more in-school suspensions, one or more out-of-school suspensions, one or more suspension of any type, removal to another school or other educational program, expulsion with no further educational services, or arrest. The second table shows the total number of days missed due to out-of-school suspension for all students during the school year.

Removal Type	Number of Students	Percent of Students
In-School Suspensions	0	0.0%
Out-of-School Suspensions	0	0.0%
Any Suspension	0	0.0%
Removal to other education program	0	0.0%
Expulsion	0	0.0%
Arrest	0	0.0%

School Days Missed due to Out-of-School Suspensions

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Climate and Environment

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.

Important note for 2020-21: The start and end times in this table may reflect standard hours for in-person instruction. These hours may have been adjusted due to remote or hybrid instruction schedules.

Category	School
Typical Start Time	8:30 AM
Typical End Time	3:00 PM
Length of School Day	6 Hrs. 30 Mins.
Full Time - Instructional Time	5 Hrs. 30 Mins.
Shared Time - Instructional Time	3 Hrs. 0 Mins.

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 2021, 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
2020-2021	16.6:1

Student Access to Technology and Internet

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NJDOE began collecting information on student device types, device owners, and internet connectivity during the 2020-2021 school year. [Additional reports about student access to technology and internet connectivity](#) as of the end of the 2020-2021 school year can be found on the NJDOE website.

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Staff

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

Key terms for staff data:
Teachers: All classroom teachers

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

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

Out-of-Field: A teacher is labeled "out-of-field" if they are potentially teaching outside their area of certification. This could occur if the teacher cannot be found in the NJDOE's certification system, if their job code does not match their certification, or if the teacher has an expired certificate.

Teachers – Experience

This table shows information about the experience of teachers assigned to this school and across the state. No teachers in New Jersey are teaching under emergency or provisional credentials as defined the United States Department of Education. The number of out-of-field teachers is the number of teachers who are potentially teaching outside of their area of certification.

Category	Teachers in School	Teachers in State
Total Number of teachers	19	118,311
Average years experience in public schools	12.4	12.5
Average years experience in district	11.0	11.2
Percentage of Teachers with 4 or more years experience in the district	78.9%	76.5%
Number of out-of-field teachers	1	2,724

Administrators – Experience (District Level)

This table shows information about the experience of administrators assigned to this district and across the state.

Category	Admin. in District	Admin. in State
Total Number of administrators	13	9,580
Average years experience in public schools	21.5	16.6
Average years experience in district	15.4	12.7
Percentage of Administrators with 4 or more years experience in the district	84.6%	79.3%

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.

Staff Category	School: Total Staff Members	District: Total Staff Members	State: Total Staff Members
Teachers	19	160	118,311
Administrators	1	13	9,580
Librarians/Media Specialists	1	2	1,215
Nurses	1	5	2,670
School Counselors	1	6	4,039
Child Study Team Members	1	10	5,893

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Student and Staff Ratios

This table shows ratios of students and staff members in the school and district. The ratios are based on data submitted by districts to NJ SMART and are not based on staff full-time equivalent (FTE).

Ratio	School Ratio	District Ratio
Students to Teachers	9:1	11:1
Students to Administrators	166:1	141:1
Teachers to Administrators	19:1	12:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists †	166:1	914:1
Students to Nurses †	166:1	366:1
Students to Counselors †	166:1	305:1
Students to Child Study Team Members †,††	32:1	30:1

† In some districts, staff members in these roles who work in multiple schools may be assigned only to the district and not to individual schools. As a result, a School Ratio may show N, but there may be district assigned staff working in the school

†† Child Study Team members include school psychologists, school social workers, and learning disabilities teacher consultants also note that for the ratio compares Students with Disabilities instead of all students.

Teachers and Administrators – Demographics

This table compares the percentage of students, teachers, and administrators by gender and by racial and ethnic group. Note that 2019-20 is the first year that data was collected for non-binary/undesignated gender and, as a result, the 2019-20 and 2020-21 data may not be a true representation of the student or staff population. Additionally, to protect student privacy, gender percentages for 2019-20 are rounded to the nearest 0.5 and percentages for 2020-21 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	50-55%	>80%	*	49.0%	77.0%	56.0%
Male	45-50%	≤20%	*	51.0%	23.0%	44.0%
Non-Binary/Undesignated Gender	≤5%	≤20%	*	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%
White	81.3%	94.7%	100.0%	40.5%	82.9%	76.8%
Hispanic	6.0%	5.3%	0.0%	31.2%	7.8%	7.6%
Black or African American	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	6.5%	14.0%
Asian	6.6%	0.0%	0.0%	10.4%	2.2%	1.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or More Races	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.2%	0.2%

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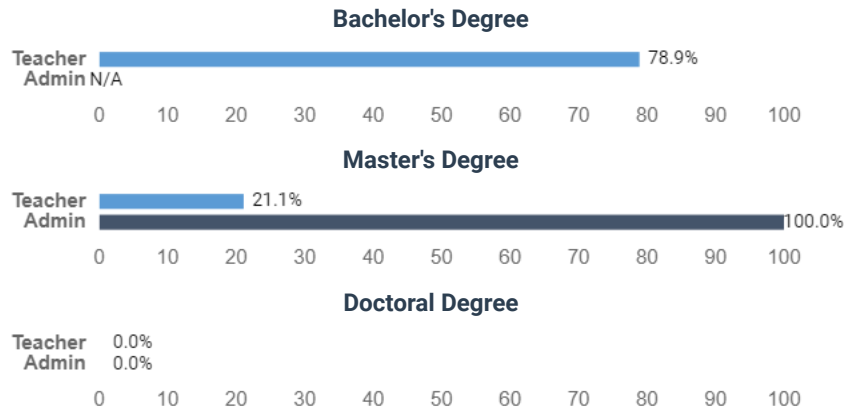
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Teachers and Administrators - Level of Education

This chart shows the highest level of education attained by teachers and administrators. The Bachelor's degree category may include other degrees/certificates such as a Specialist's degree. Administrators are required to have a Master's degree or higher.



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

This table shows the percentage of teachers and administrators assigned to this district in 2019-20 that were still assigned to this district in 2020-21. Staff who were not retained may have changed districts or no longer work for the state (including retirements).

Job Type	District	State
2019-20 Teachers: Same district 2020-21	95.3%	91.5%
2019-20 Administrators: Same district 2020-21	100.0%	89.7%

Per-Pupil Expenditures

Per-Pupil Expenditures by Source

The link below produces a spreadsheet listing all school-level summaries of the most recently available expenses for regular and special education students taught at schools by district across the state. The amounts shown include expenditures for instruction, support services, administration, operations and maintenance, and extra-curricular activities.

For more information regarding this spreadsheet please refer to the guidance for school level reporting, which is available on the [NJDOE webpage ESSA School Level Reporting Information](#). More in-depth information about district and charter school spending can be found in the [User Friendly Budget](#) and the [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report \(CAFR\) and Auditor Management Reports \(AMRs\)](#).

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 2020-21 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.

Glen Ridge Boro	Federal	State & Local	Total	ADE**
School Level Expenditures Not Assigned to a School	\$32	\$3,569	\$3,601	1,822.8
District Level Central Expenditures		\$2,431	\$2,431	1,822.8
Glen Ridge High School	\$81	\$11,406	\$11,487	850.3
Forest Avenue School	\$335	\$11,999	\$12,334	178.1
Ridgewood Avenue School	\$293	\$9,007	\$9,300	539.2
Linden Avenue School	\$343	\$10,535	\$10,878	165.0
Central School	\$157	\$9,349	\$9,506	90.3
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Highlights:

- The LAS PAWS-Up Program recognizes children for performing random acts of kindness. Children are rewarded with their name posted on a hallway bulletin board, and this program continues to thrive!
- DEI lessons and activities have been a focus for the school. Staff PD is provided for a culturally responsive experience to the student population.
- SEL fills the building with topics such as kindness, friendship, & identifying feelings and also delivers messages on self-mgt., responsible decision-making & relationship skills.



Mission, Vision, Theme:

The major goals at the Primary School level are for each child to develop a firm foundation in basic skills and a positive attitude about himself or herself. Since growth varies with each child, the school aims to help each pupil achieve at a level which is commensurate with his/her ability and at a rate of speed which is comfortable for him or her. In order to accomplish this goal, whole class instruction as well as small group and individual instruction are employed to meet the diverse developmental levels of the youngsters.



Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

Teachers at Linden Avenue pursue funding for innovative programs. Numerous innovation grants have been awarded to the Linden Avenue staff, some of which recently include: Little Makers - a Traveling makerspace, iRover SmartBoard/Table for PreKindergarten, and Sew STEAMing - Second grade sewing machines, and BrainPop for first graders. Others include: One Book, Three Schools; Unicef KidPower; March Book Madness; and Many Cultures, One School. Exemplary instructional and non-instructional staff have been selected for the annual Glen Ridge Tradition of Excellence Award. Within the school program, children are routinely recognized for doing their best and making positive choices through the PAWS Up for Respect program.

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

The district Pre-K - Grade 2 Curriculum includes Everyday Math, Reading Wonders, Mystery Science, McGraw-Hill Social Studies, and a variety of Related Arts courses.



Clubs and Activities:

A variety of after-school programs and activities are available to students. The Discovery Program is an after-school enrichment program which includes classes such as: Keyboarding, Martial Arts, Lego Club, Computer Fun, Mad Science, Puzzling Problem Solvers, Harry Potter World, Kids Yoga, Mindfulness, Chef-it-Up cooking class, Fun with STEM, Hip-Hop, Cheerleading, & Origami. There is also a Title 1 Math Homework Club for the reinforcement of math concepts and skills. In addition to school offerings, other local community organizations offer exciting athletic and club opportunities to residents.



Before and After School Programs:

The Glen Ridge Child Care Program was developed to meet the needs of the families in our community by offering both Before and After School Care as well as Vacation Day Care Programs. The Child Care Program is designed to complement both home and school by providing a safe, nurturing and enriching environment in which children can grow and have fun. Through supervised activities, children can explore such areas as the arts, games, computers and sports. A caring attitude toward home, school and friends is fostered in the Child Care Program by providing time to discuss and resolve problems and by giving attention to individuals as well as groups. Before Care (7:05 AM- 8:30 AM) and After Care (Dismissal - 6:00 PM) programs are available to students in PreK - Grade 2.

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Staff and Professional Learning:

Teachers are supported as they pursue master's degrees, graduate level courses and certifications. They have opportunities to attend out of district workshops and attend in-district workshops. Math teachers attend several training sessions each year while the Language Arts teachers have the benefit of working with a consultant who comes into the district. One full day and two half-day Professional Development days are built into the school calendar. Staff meetings and grade-level meetings include professional development. Staff are provided a variety of meaningful professional learning opportunities and consultations through each year. Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) include the SciP, STEAM, Character Education/School Safety, Report Card Benchmarks, Literacy, Mindfulness, and more.



Student Supports and Services:

Students at all levels have an opportunity to succeed through a dedicated professional faculty. Support services include a Preschool Disabilities program, K-2 Resource programs, Primary One program and inclusion in the general education setting. Related services personnel include a Behavior Analyst, Occupational, Physical and Speech therapist, School Social Worker, Psychologist, Learning Consultant and Counselor. Support committees include the Child Study Team, Intervention & Referral Services Committee, Section 504 Committee and Nursing (Health Plans). Pre K - 2 programs include varying levels of Instructional Aide Support. The Reading Specialist & Title 1 Math teacher work with identified students on a pull-out basis. Services are available for students recognized as requiring Basic Skills Instruction and English Language Learners. Support staff work closely to consistently integrate differentiated instructional strategies to meet the individual needs of each student.



Student Health and Wellness:

Student health and wellness are important elements of the Pre-kindergarten - Grade 2 program. Student health records are maintained for all students. A full-time School Nurse is available during school hours to address student health and safety needs. Accommodations and procedures are established for students with life-threatening allergies and other medical conditions. Students receive instruction in Physical Education and Health. The School Counselor designs and implements programs for character education and positive school climate. Group Counseling and individual student support is provided to students, as needed. Classroom teachers engage the children in daily brain/fitness breaks. Music and movement is also included in the Music program. Various Health and Wellness programs are implemented school-wide, including Mindfulness and Yoga. Students learn about sustainability and healthy foods during programs that utilize the school's Learning Garden.

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Parent and Community Involvement:

Strengthening our Linden Family community through fun, social activities. • Coordinating services focused on education, such as the annual Enrichment Programs and after-school classes offered through the Discovery Series. • Communicating issues affecting Linden Avenue students and parents, along with those facing the Glen Ridge District. To that end, the H&SA publishes a regular newsletter, has a webpage dedicated to H&SA issues and events and numerous other forms of communication as outlined in the Linden Avenue Home & School Handbook located on the webpage. • Fundraising to provide goods and services that enrich our children's educational experience. Some events include: Welcome Back Pizza Party social; Book Fair; Mum & Crumb; Harvest Fest; Pumpkin Walk; Author Day; Spring Fling Carnival; Food Drives; After School Enrichment Discovery classes; Hot Lunches; Toys for Tots; Coat/hat/drives.



Technology and STEM:

All K-2 classrooms are equipped with computers and interactive SMART Boards that are used as part of the instructional process. Students regularly use laptops and Chromebooks as part of the instructional process. Students learn to function on their own with the computer and become skilled in accessing and using appropriate software and web-based programs.



Early Childhood Education:

The Pre-kindergarten program is comprised of half-day and full-day options and provides opportunities for enhancing the development of the whole child in the academic, physical, emotional, and social domain. Our 4 year old children attend classes with an average teacher student ratio of 12:1. Parents pay tuition for the program and there is always a waiting list. The program develops an awareness of many different basic concepts such as counting, colors, shapes, patterning, math, rhymes, sequencing, and environmental print. Learning centers are primarily based on a "letter of the week" and are designed to develop the whole child. Children take the initiative to choose such activities as blocks, puzzles, easel, painting, computers, housekeeping, listening center, writing center, light table, and sensory centers. Imaginative play is coupled with teacher-directed activities during circle or rectangle time, small group, or individualized instruction.