Saint Paul Public Schools

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

Nov 21, 2022

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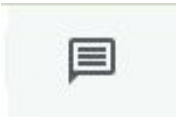

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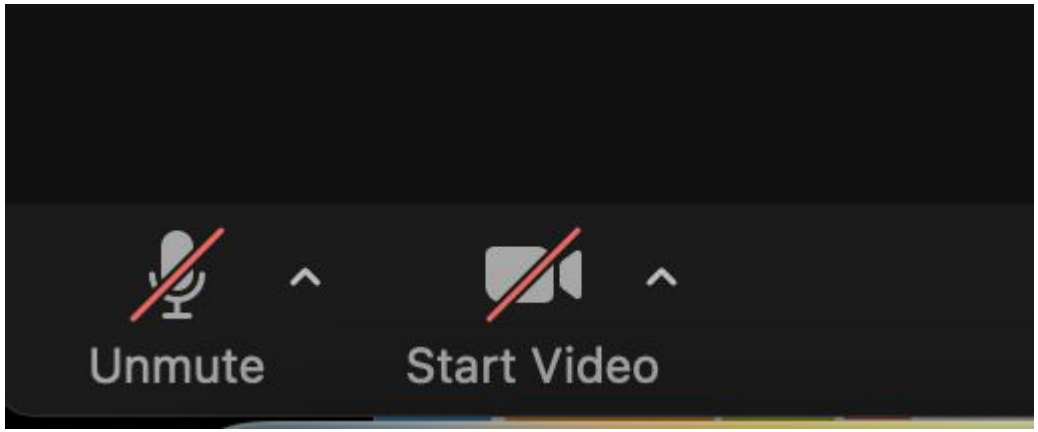

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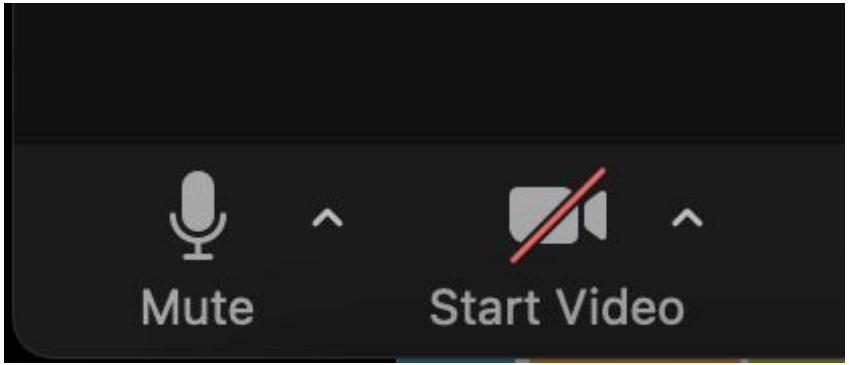

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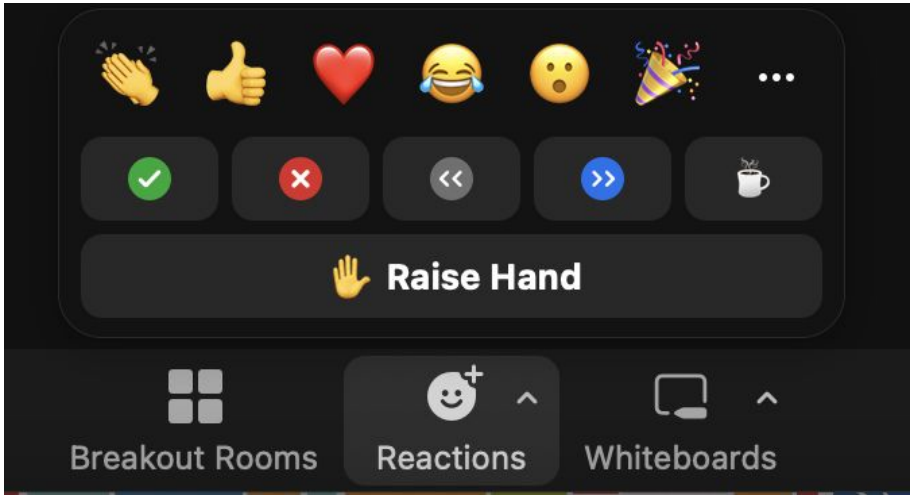

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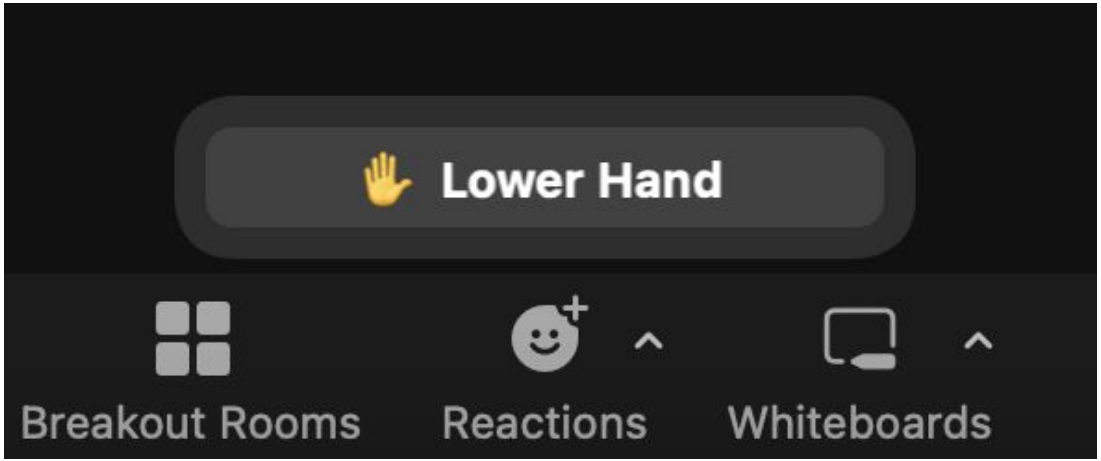

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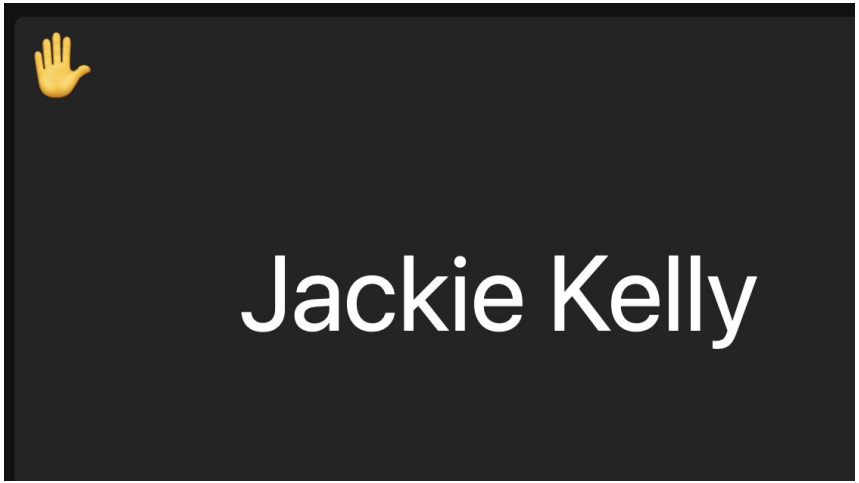


Welcome

We're glad you're joining us.

Member and Guest Introductions

Share:

- your name
- if you're a member or guest
- a little about your child
- where your child attends school
- What brings you to SEAC tonight?

Agenda

6:25 p.m. Approve September minutes

6:30 p.m. Legislative Liaison Update, Mary Gilbert Dougherty

6:50 p.m. Inclusive Calendar Development PAC Input

p.m. Special Education Update, Brenda Natala, Executive Director, Office of Specialized Services

7:30 p.m. SEAC Forum/meeting reflection

7:50 p.m. Announcements: Events, Resources, Agenda requests

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

6:25-6:30

Approve October Minutes

6:30 - 6:40 p.m. (10 minutes)

Introduction to SEAC

What is SEAC:

SEAC is a group of parents, guardians, staff and community members that meet monthly to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in decision making.

How does SEAC work:

At SEAC meetings members are informed and share input to improve programs and systems for students with disabilities and their families.

“What are Parents Supposed To Do At SEAC?”

-**Learn** something that will benefit your child.
-**Share** what you learn with people in your community (neighbor, friend, child’s teacher….)
-**Ask questions and share input.**

*For more check out PACER’s SEAC materials.

6:25- 6:55 p.m. (30 minutes)

Specialized Services Update

Office of Specialized Services

Brenda Natala, Executive Director of Specialized Services

Sarah Zielinski, Assistant Director, Early Childhood Special Education

Amy Johnson, Assistant Director, K-12 (Asst Supt. Adam Kunz schools)

Chong Thor, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst. Supt. Dr. Vang schools)

Dr. Kimberly Adams, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst Supt. Billy Chan schools)

Kimberly Totushek, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst Supt. Nancy Paez schools)

Compliance Team: Christina Richardson, Darcy Steinberg

OSS Organization Link: schools and assigned supervisors

Congratulations

Johnson's adapted soccer team won the State Consolation Championship! Congrats to the team and coaches on a great season.

Special Education Data

School & District Data / Enrollment - Public access to SPPS data

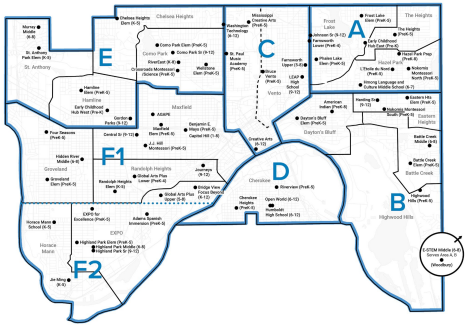
- Current Enrollment
- 5 year trends in Enrollment - 5 years
- Outcomes - MCA
- Risk Ratios

Saint Paul Public Schools

Saint Paul, Minnesota is the traditional land of the Dakota people and we respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of the land throughout the generations.

Our District

- 33,126 Total (PreK*-12) students
- 68 schools
- 5,500 employees
- 61% of school age children in the city attend SPPS



Our Students

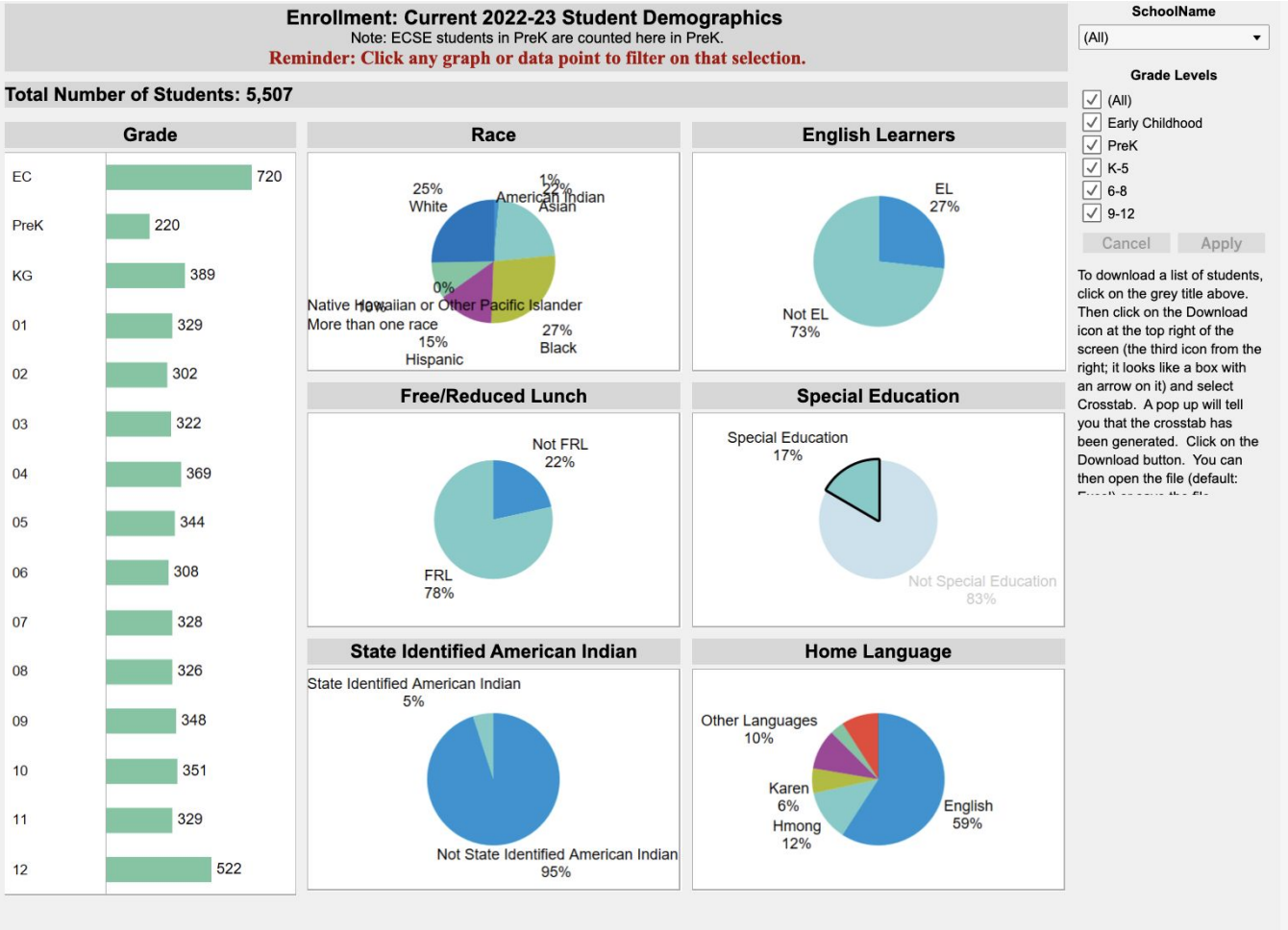
- 14% Hispanic/Latino
- 1% American Indian
- 30% Asian
- 25% Black
- 22% White
- 8% two or more races
- 30% English Language Learners (more than 100 languages, five major English, Hmong, Karen, Somali, Spanish)
- 16% receiving special education services
- 61% receiving free/reduced priced meals

Our Indicators

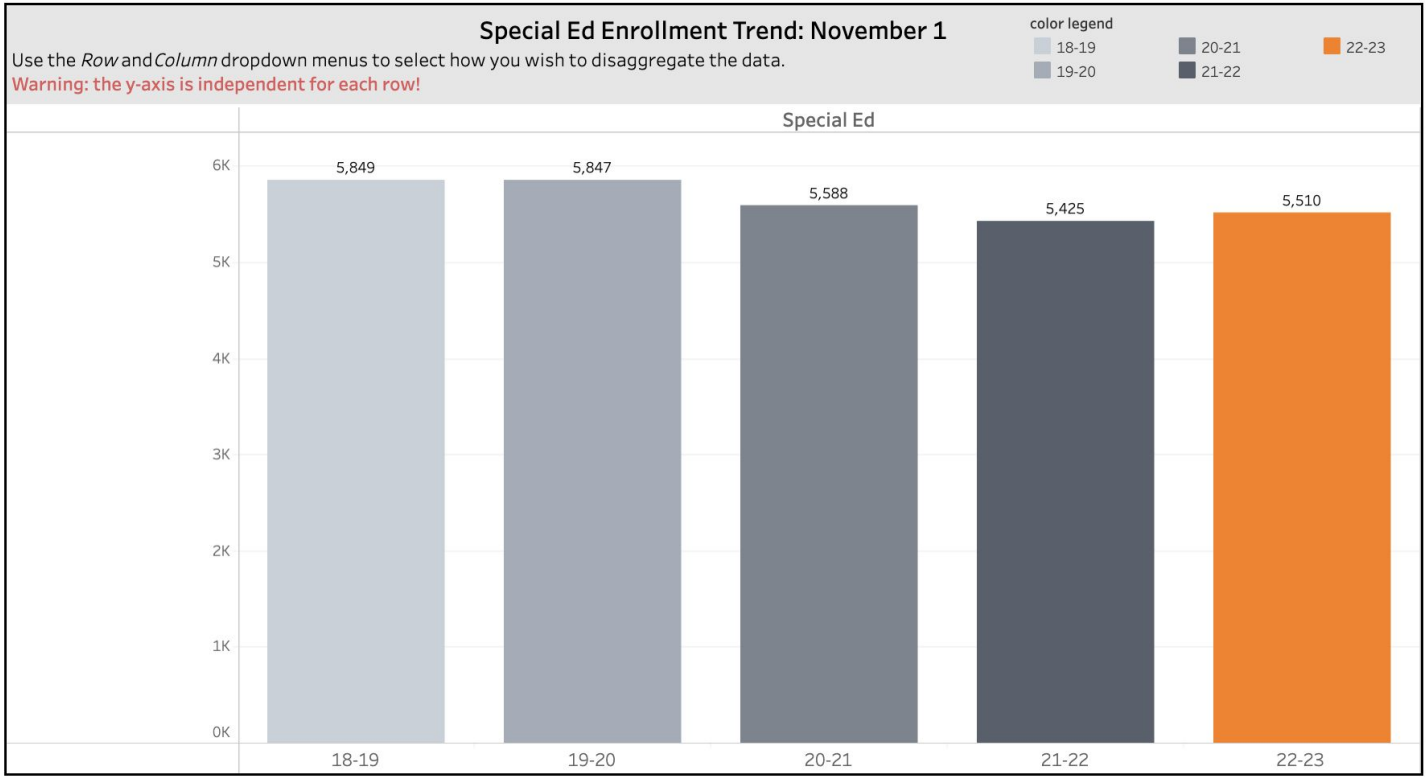
- 85% students continue from year to year
- 35% proficient in reading
- 25% proficient in math
- 76% of students graduating in 4 years

Current Enrollment:

Students with special education services

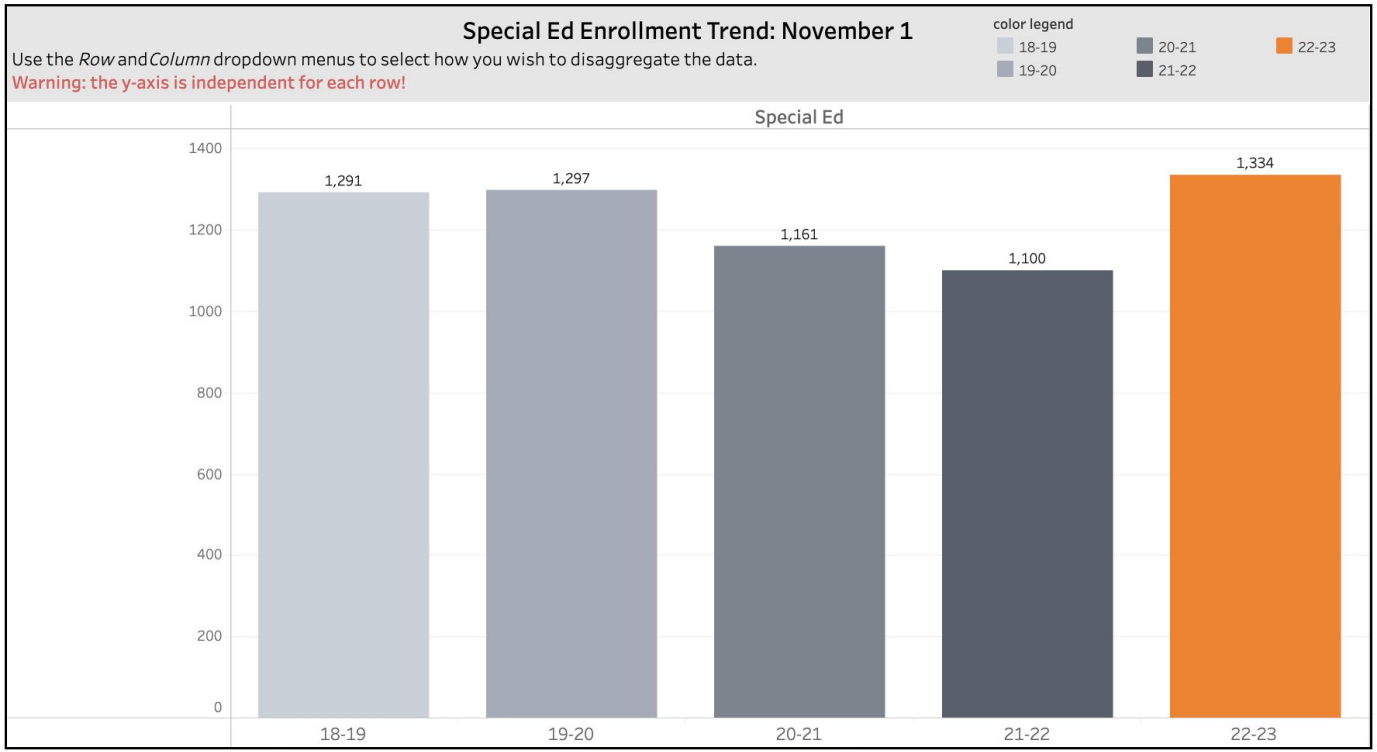


Enrollment Trends - Birth to 21

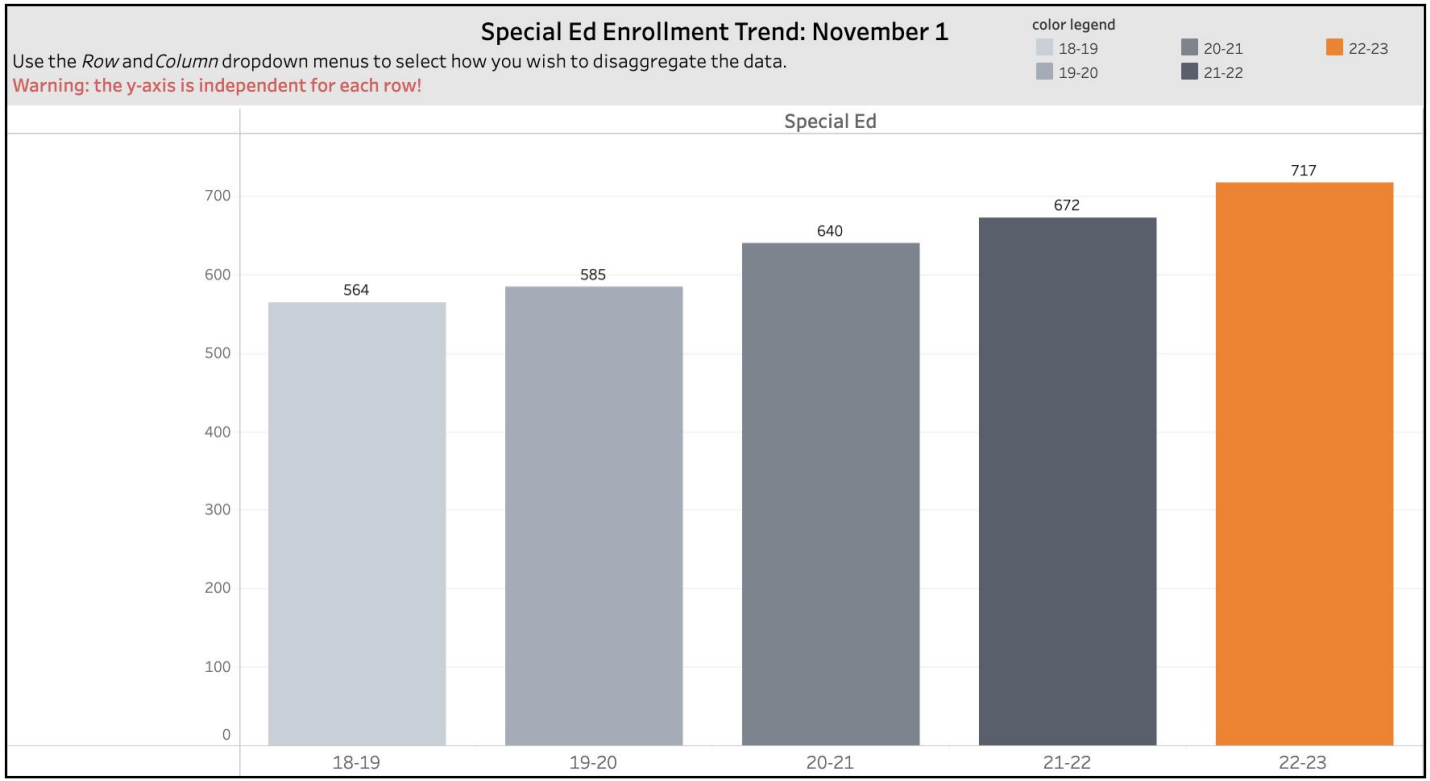


Enrollment Trends - Birth through K

Data Source/Explanatory Notes | Enrollment Trends



Autism - 5 year trend



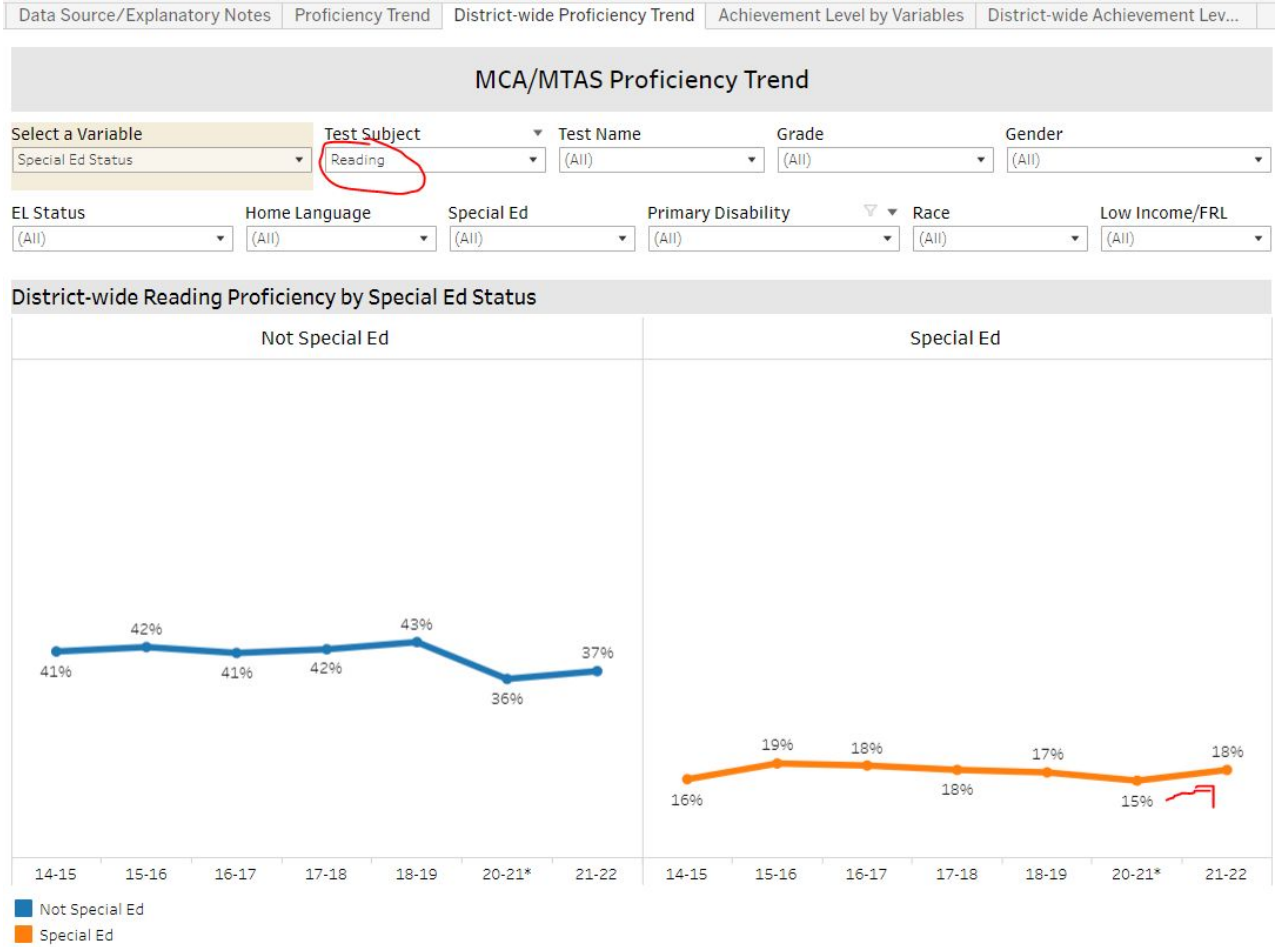
State Testing Results

Link to MDE Report Card showing SPPS results for students in special ed on the math, reading, science MCA

Link to SPPS Data Center showing SPPS MCA results

MCA Reading

- Gains compared to 20-21
- Fewer students took test



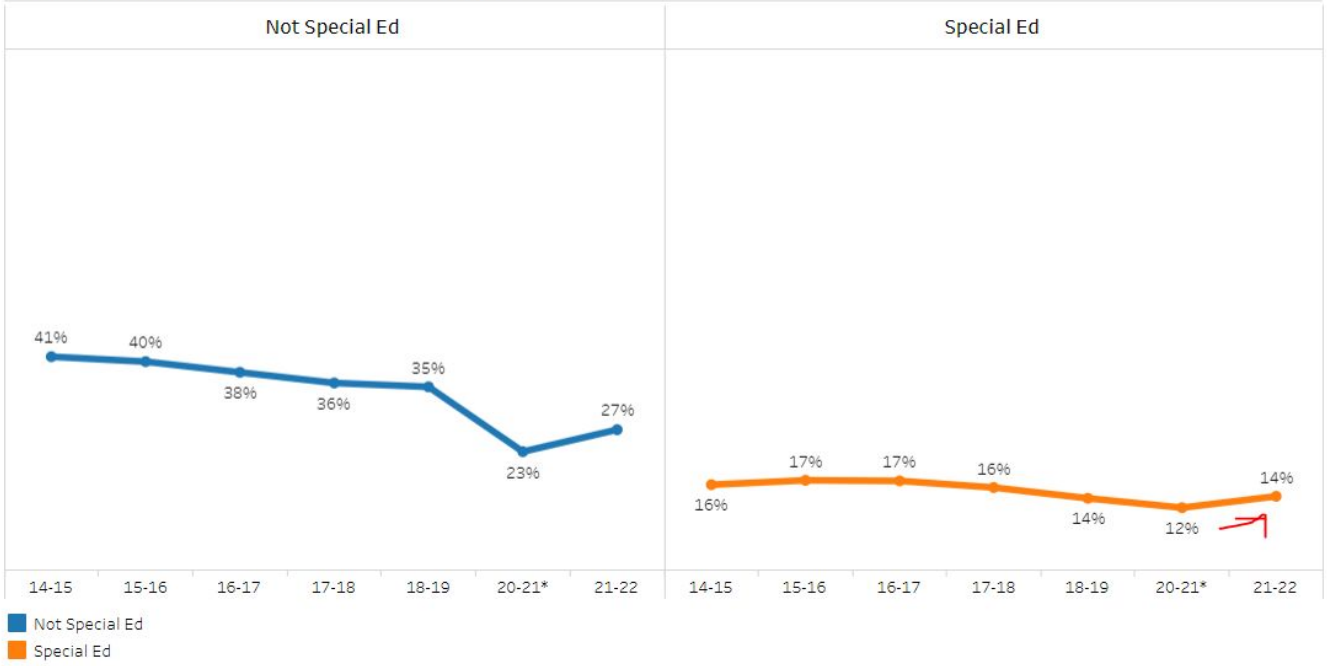
MCA Math

Data Source/Explanatory Notes | Proficiency Trend | District-wide Proficiency Trend | Achievement Level by Variables | District-wide Achievement Lev...

MCA/MTAS Proficiency Trend

Select a Variable: Special Ed Status
Test Subject: Math
Test Name: (All)
Grade: (All)
Gender: (All)
EL Status: (All)
Home Language: (All)
Special Ed: (All)
Primary Disability: (All)
Race: (All)
Low Income/FRL: (All)

District-wide Math Proficiency by Special Ed Status

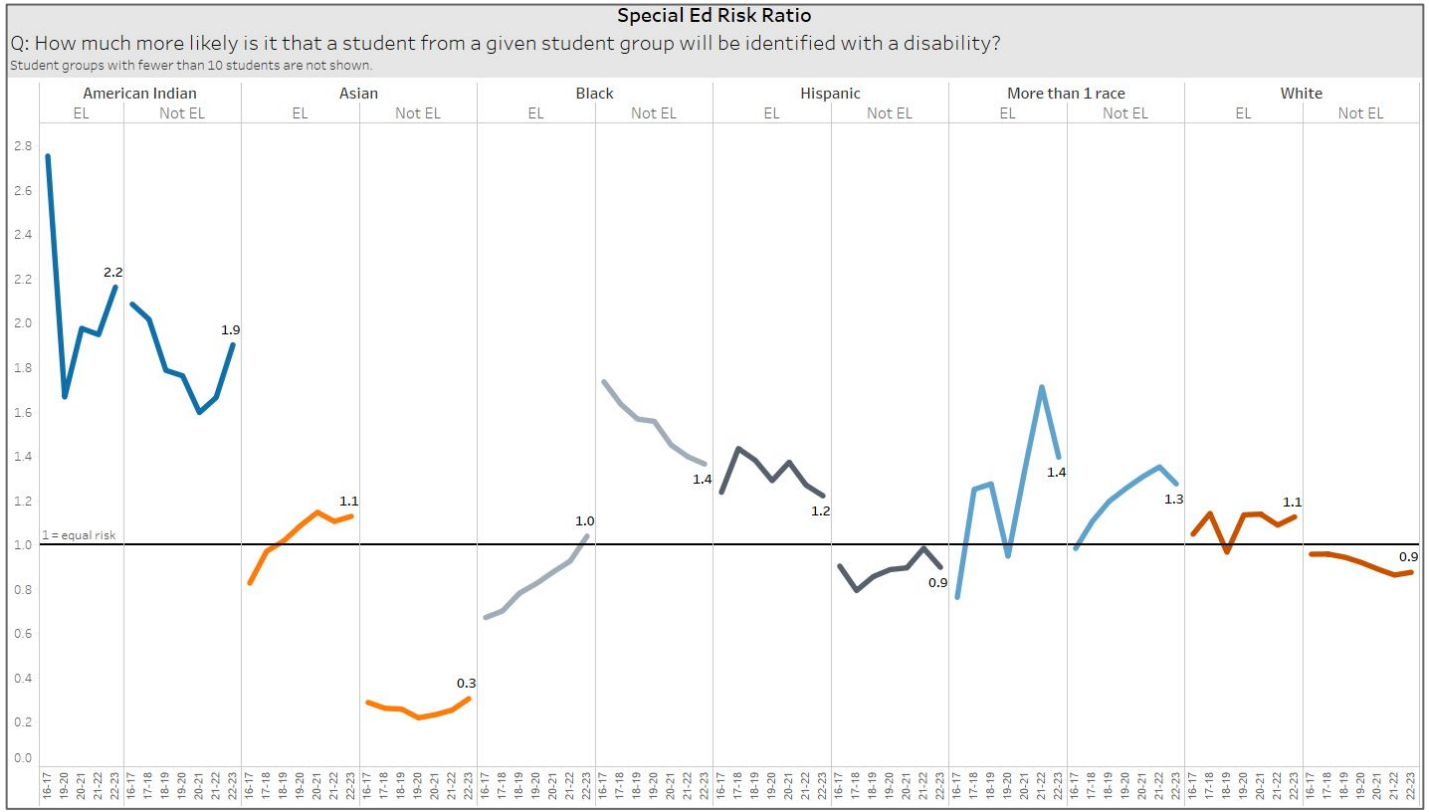


Risk Ratios

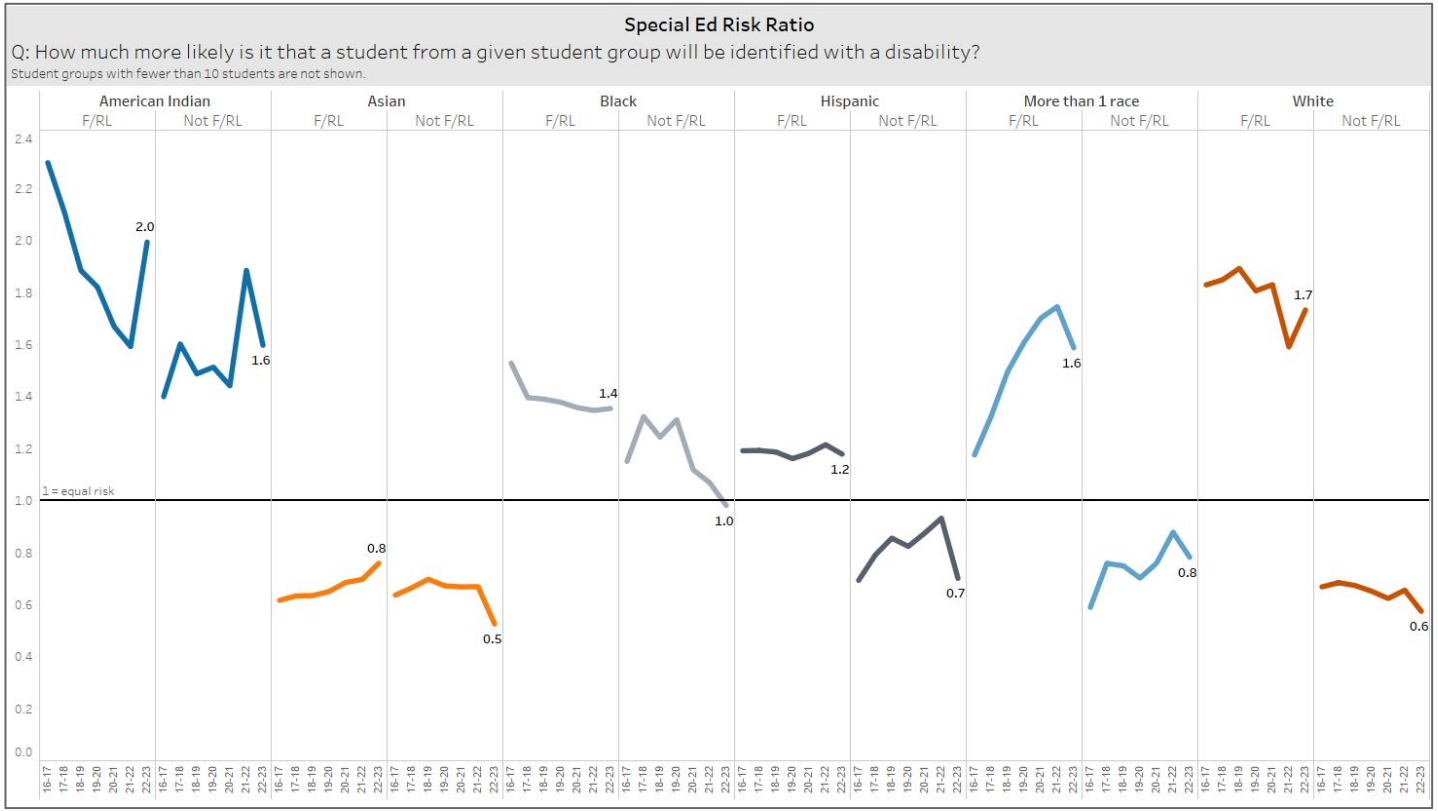
How likely is a student to have X compared to other students?

- Disability label
- Setting placement
- Suspension

Example reading: In 22-23, students who are American Indian and not EL are 1.9 times as likely as other students to be identified with a disability.



Example reading: In 22-23, students who are White and do not qualify for Free or Reduced Price Lunch are 1.7 times as likely as other students to be identified with a disability.

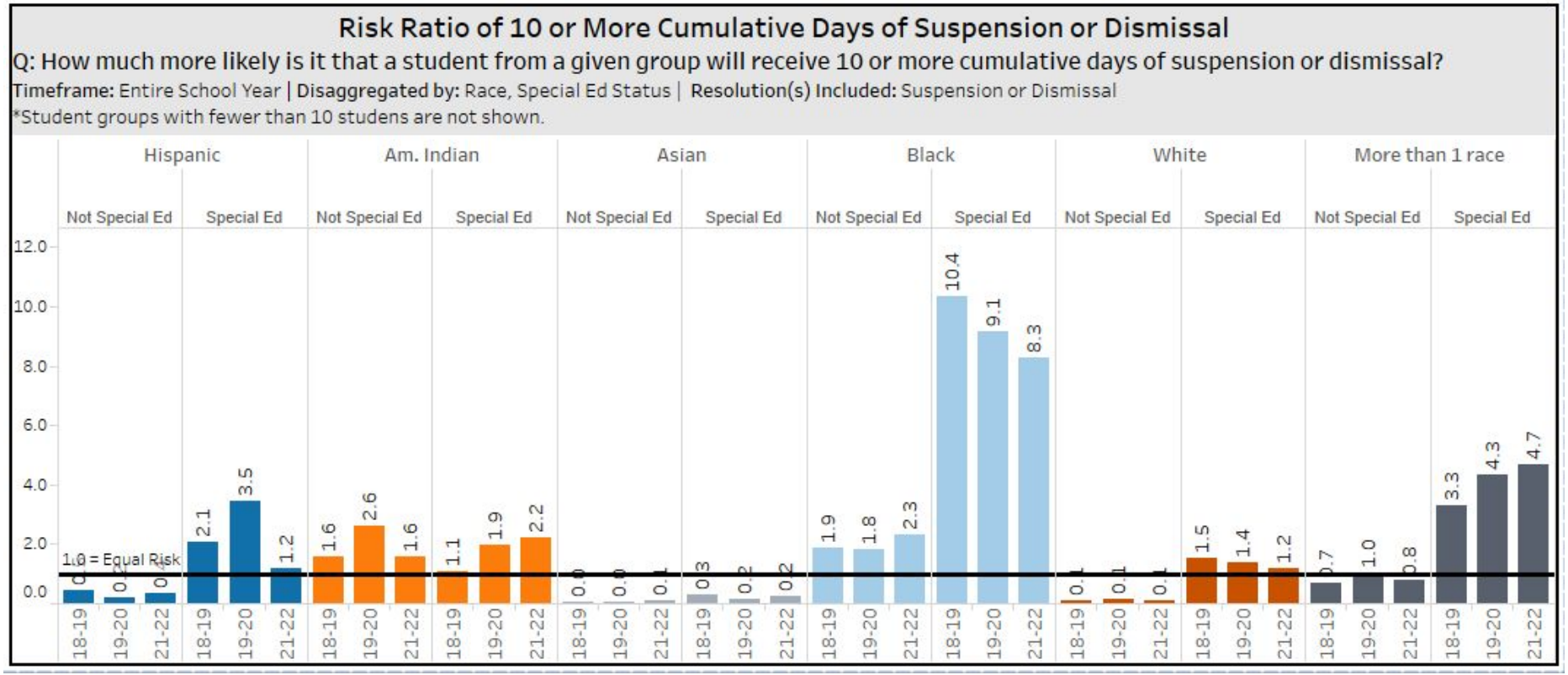


Example reading: In 22-23, students Black students are 27% of all students who are not in Special ed, and 55% of students with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders. I.e. over-representation.

Unofficial October 1, 2022 Enrollment by Race and Primary Disability

Primary Disability Full Name	American Indian	Asian	Black	Hispanic	More than 1 race	White	Grand Total
Not Special Ed	1%	30%	27%	15%	7%	21%	100%
Autism Spectrum Disorder	1%	23%	26%	13%	9%	30%	100%
Deaf - Blind		47%	13%	13%		27%	100%
Deaf - Hard of Hearing	0%	54%	15%	13%	8%	13%	100%
Developmental Cognitive Disabilities: M..	2%	20%	48%	11%	6%	15%	100%
Developmental Cognitive Disabilities: S..	1%	29%	37%	14%	2%	18%	100%
Developmental Delay	1%	25%	31%	14%	12%	19%	100%
Emotional/Behavioral Disorders	2%	3%	55%	11%	13%	17%	100%
Other Health Disabilities	3%	7%	39%	15%	11%	27%	100%
Physically Impaired	1%	23%	26%	17%	6%	29%	100%
Severely Multiply Impaired	4%	23%	43%	9%	4%	22%	100%
Specific Learning Disabilities	2%	25%	35%	19%	8%	14%	100%
Speech/Language Impaired	2%	25%	20%	19%	9%	28%	100%
Traumatic Brain Injury	2%	29%	39%	15%	2%	15%	100%
Visually Impaired	3%	28%	30%	18%	5%	23%	100%

Example reading: Black students in Special Ed were 8.3 times as likely as other students to receive 10 or more cumulative days of suspension or dismissal in SY21-22.



Compliance and Monitoring

US Department of Education requires states to show compliance with federal indicators.

Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires districts to show compliance.

IDEA Federal Indicators

- **Indicator 1: Graduation Rates**
- **Indicator 2: Dropout Rates**
- Indicator 3: Participation and Performance on Statewide Assessments
- Indicator 4: Suspensions and Expulsions
- Indicator 5: Participation/Time in General Education Settings (LRE)
- Indicator 6: Preschool Children in General Education Settings (Pre-School LRE)
- Indicator 7: Preschool Children with Improved Outcomes
- Indicator 8: Parental Involvement
- Indicator 9: Disproportionate Representation in Special Education that is the Result of Inappropriate Identification
- Indicator 10: Disproportionate Representation in Specific Disability Categories that is the Result of Inappropriate Identification.
- Indicator 11: Timeframe Between Evaluation and Identification (Child Find)
- Indicator 12: Transition Between Part C and Part B
- **Indicator 13: Transition in the IEP**
- **Indicator 14: Post-School Outcomes**
- Indicator 15: Noncompliance Issues in General Supervision System
- Indicator 16: Resolution of Written Complaints
- Indicator 17: Due Process/Dispute Resolution
- Indicator 18: Dispute Resolution
- Indicator 19: Mediations Resulting in Mediation Agreements
- Indicator 20: Timeliness and Accuracy of State Reported Data

MDE Monitoring Process

- The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) monitors school districts for both fiscal and program components.
- For program compliance, MDE identifies specific IEP components or “Indicators” to monitor (example, Transition)
- MDE provides a small list of student ID numbers for a record review on specific indicators.
- The SPPS compliance team reviews students’ files for the required indicator.

Monitoring Process

- Results are entered into the Stepwell MN system.
- MDE reviews the information submitted, and may assign corrective action to be completed by the district.
- The district completes the corrective action and submits updated information to MDE.
- 2021-22 SY SPPS had 1 corrective action.

Link to MDE Website for Program Monitoring

Fiscal monitoring -- regular audits federal and state funds

Professional Development

November 18th Secondary Professional Development Day

Sonday Training - **Orton**-Gillingham based program for literacy instruction

Unique Learning Systems Training - Curriculum for Setting III/IV ASD/DCD Programs

NVCI Trainings

Check and Connect Training

Paraprofessional Training: Digital Learning Day, upcoming professional development days

Grant - Connecting Families/CTLC

Connecting Families grant proposal: will provide space for new families of children with disabilities to connect, access information and support.

Charting the LifeCourse training grant proposal: will provide in training of the CtLC practices and tools for families and staff.

SEAC Membership Drive

How do all families get access to SEAC?

- SEAC is shared with all SpEd staff via OSS newsletter
- SpEd Coaches will be sharing information, having conversation and inviting families to attend
- SEAC members & guests share information with their communities
- OFECP website
- Special Education Family Engagement webpages
- SpEd website home page

How do all families get the same information that SEAC does?

- SEAC website posts agendas, minutes, and recordings

SEAC School Year Planning

What are our goals for the school year?

Theme/s

- Back to the Basics
- SpEd Touches everyone

Projects

- Student Spotlight
- All PAC
- Connecting with other SEACs
- SEAC School Year time line

Standing Agenda items:

- District Requests for feedback

7:40 - 7:50 p.m.- 10 min

SEAC Forum/Reflections

Open time for hearing parent voice, sharing stories from the disability community, giving feedback for future agenda items.

7:50 - 8:00 p.m. (10 minutes)

Meeting Announcements

(Events/Resources/Agenda requests)

- Dec 7 - ABCs of the IEP for parents of transition age students
- Board of Education Chair Jim Vue attending Dec. SEAC

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Next SEAC meeting
Monday, December 12th