

DATA TIMEFRAME

1. All data, including enrollment and academic data, is from the 2018-2019 academic year, unless otherwise noted.

DEFINITIONS

1. Each district is represented by an elected school board member. More information about the Metropolitan Nashville Public School (MNPS) Board can be found here: <https://www.mnps.org/board-of-education>.
2. Charter Schools— Each profile page lists MNPS charter schools located in the district. Charter schools are MNPS authorized public schools, but operated autonomously. Charter schools operated by the state are not included. LEAD Brick Church and LEAD Neely's Bend are operated by the state-run Achievement School District. KIPP Antioch College Prep is run by the Tennessee State Board of Education.
3. Non-traditional schools— MNPS-run schools located inside a district, but not accessible through the traditional feeder pattern. These are magnet schools, Alternative Learning Centers (ALCs), and Adult Learning Centers.
4. Ready Graduate— The State of Tennessee identifies a "Ready Graduate" as a student who graduated on time and scored a 21 or higher on the ACT or achieved similar success on military placement tests or industry certification exams coupled with college-level courses. These rates also include students who participated in four or more college-level courses while in high school.
5. Chronic Absenteeism— Chronic absenteeism rates represent the percent of students missing 10 percent or more of the days they were enrolled in a school during the school year.
6. Student Suspension Rates— Suspension rates represent the percent of students receiving an out of school suspension.
7. Economically Disadvantaged — As defined by the State of Tennessee, it includes all students who are directly certified to receive free lunch without the need to complete the household application.
8. "NA"— When the percentage of students is below 5%, or above 95%, the state suppresses the data because it could be identifiable for students. We can understand that the metric is below 5 percent and therefore unavailable.

DATA SOURCES & CALCULATIONS

1. TNReady: TNReady achievement data sets were sourced from the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) and can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/education/data/data-downloads.html>. Data for individual schools can be found on the State Report Card at <https://reportcard.tnk12.gov/>.
2. Chronic Absenteeism: Chronic absenteeism data was sourced from the TDOE website here: https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/data/chr_abs_School-Level_Suppression_2017-18.xlsx
3. Student Suspension Rates: Suspension rates for individual schools can be found on the TDOE State Report Card at <https://reportcard.tnk12.gov/>.
4. Enrollment: Enrollment numbers were pulled from the TDOE State Report Card. Data for individual schools can be found on the State Report Card at <https://reportcard.tnk12.gov/>.
5. Demographics: Information on student groups, including students from various race and ethnic backgrounds, English Learners (EL), Economically Disadvantaged Students (ED), and Students with Disabilities (SWD) was sourced from the TDOE State Report Card (<https://reportcard.tnk12.gov/>)
6. Student Attrition: Attrition rates were calculated using data from the Annenberg Formative Data Report provided by MNPS. The calculation used to determine attrition is below.
$$\text{Total Number of Exits} / (\text{Enrollment} + \text{Total Exits})$$
7. Teacher Retention: Teacher retention data was provided by MNPS for all MNPS-managed schools. Charter data was self-reported.

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8. Ready Graduate: Ready Graduate data was sourced from the TDOE website:
https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/data/2018-19_ready_grad_school_suppressed.xlsx .
9. Graduation Rate: Graduation rate data was sourced from the TDOE website:
https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/data/2018-19_school_grad_rate_suppressed.csv.
10. ACT averages: ACT data was sourced from the TDOE website:
https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/data/ACT_school_suppressed_2019.xlsx.

UNAVAILABLE DATA

All MNPS cluster calculations include schools that have available data for that metric. At times, select metrics for some schools were unavailable on the TN State Report Card or in the MNPS-provided data for the following reasons:

1. The data did not exist. For example, charters that do not serve testing grades would not have data for TNReady.
2. The metric reflected the performance of fewer than 10 students. When fewer than 10 students in a school are used to calculate a metric, data is not displayed due to privacy protections.
3. In instances where the outcome for a metric was less than 5% or greater than 95%, the data was suppressed. This suppression occurs for privacy reasons. For example, if only 3% of students scored "On Track or Mastered" on TNReady assessments in a school you could point to almost any student in the school and know he or she was not on track. This would pose a threat to student privacy.