

DATA TIMEFRAME

1. All data, including enrollment and academic data, is from the 2017-2018 academic year, unless otherwise noted.

DEFINITIONS

1. Each “cluster” and “feeder pattern” is defined by MNPS “School Communities 2018-2019” cluster pathways, available online.
2. Charter Schools— Each profile page lists charter schools located inside the cluster zone, as defined by MNPS “School Communities 2018-2019.” Charter schools are MNPS authorized public schools, but operated autonomously. LEAD Brick Church and LEAD Neely’s Bend are operated by the state-run Achievement School District.
3. The Achievement School District— The state-run school district was created to provide support and interventions at Tennessee’s lowest performing schools statewide.
4. Non-zoned schools— MNPS-run schools located inside the cluster zone, but are not accessible through the traditional feeder pattern. These are academic magnet schools with testing requirements, Alternative Learning Centers (ALCs), Adult Learning Centers, and non-traditional schools.
5. Reward School— Identified by the state as improving student achievement and growth. Reward status is the top distinction a school can earn in Tennessee.
6. Priority School — Identified by the state and fall in the bottom five percent statewide over the past three years, and are in need of the most support and improvement.
7. “Ready Graduate”— The state of Tennessee identifies a Ready Graduate as a student who graduated on time in 2017 and earned a composite ACT score of 21 or higher, the score at which students are considered career and college ready.
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 percentage of students "on track or mastered" is below 5 percent and therefore unavailable.

DATA SOURCES & CALCULATIONS

1. English and Math: TNReady achievement data sets were provided by the Tennessee Department of Education and represents the number of students scoring on track or mastered.
2. % Ready Graduate and average ACT: College readiness data sets were provided by the Tennessee Department of Education.
3. Chronic Absenteeism: This calculation is the percentage of students missing more than 10% of school days. The percentage were pulled from the MNPS Data Warehouse Annenberg Formative Data Report.
4. Suspensions: This calculation is the percentage of students with one or more suspensions based on total student enrollment. Total enrollment reflects active student at the conclusion of the school year in addition to withdrawn students. This information was pulled from the MNPS Data Warehouse Annenberg Formative Data Report.
5. Enrollment: Enrollment numbers were pulled from the MNPS Data Warehouse Annenberg Formative Data Report.
6. Demographics: English Language Learners (ELL) and Economically Disadvantaged (ED) was sourced from the MNPS Data Warehouse Annenberg Formative Data Report.
7. Economically Disadvantaged: As defined by the State of Tennessee, includes all students who are directly certified to receive free lunch without the need to complete the household application.
8. Teacher retention rate is an average of the retention rates for the 16-17 and 17-18 school years. Teacher retention data was provided by MNPS for all MNPS-managed schools. Charter data is self-reported.