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Thu, Oct 6, 2022 at 4:19 PM

Dr. Varley,

Can you please tell me the total number of students represented in the proficiency measures for A1, A2, G and Science?

So for example on the graph for A1 it shows 30% of students as proficient. The total number of students (proficient ÷ not proficient)

Thanks.

**Varley, Dr. Melissa** <mvarley@bhpsnj.org>  
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Thu, Oct 6, 2022 at 5:43 PM

I'm not sure which graph or year you're discussing.

Thanks,

Melissa Varley  
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Thu, Oct 6, 2022 at 5:49 PM

thanks for getting back....here is the math...ill need to get the science later...  
link to jpg - <https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/2020-2021/school/detail/39/0310/005/academic?lang=EN>

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Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 12:12 PM

If you click on the tabs on this site, it will tell you what you're looking for. Just as a reminder, this is 2018-2019 data. Other than the 8th graders in 2018-2019 (seniors now), the remainder of the students are well into their higher education careers.

Here is college and career readiness: <https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/2020-2021/school/detail/39/0310/005/college?lang=EN>

Also, to get a full picture, you must look at CMS as most of our students take Algebra 1 in 7th or 8th grade.

Thanks,

Melissa Varley  
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Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 2:30 PM

Yep I will look at CMS as well; im not trying to make a specific argument but simply trying to understand the data representation.

My argument has never been that you were responsible for the scores or that we are a failing District.

My argument is that the public understanding this data through a coherent message is important as are goals and targets for kids who are not meeting proficiency- no matter how big or small this group is.

I do feel the District has responsibility for the response to this with regard to a coherent message, plan and targets.

In any case:

Again no rush- but the concern I have on its face as an automatic conclusion is this (based on the following assumptions) and I am just checking with you to make sure they are accurate:

For Algebra I : 100 kids sit for the test at the high school level (again assuming course enrollment and test participation are the same numbers) and 30 kids match as proficient.

I can make the same assumptions on percentages and numbers for Geometry and Algebra 2

Is this an accurate understanding i your opinion on how to look at the data?

Based on this I would have concerns as to why, for example, 70% of the kids at the high school level taking Algebra I are not passing the test. Granted some of these kids are from mountainside but they completed a GL course in Algebra (again if I am understanding this. You dont have to respond to this last part but I am explaining where my thinking is at.

If you can get back to me on the accuracy of how I am reading the data (or representation of the data) at your leisure I would appreciate it.

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Sat, May 13, 2023 at 3:21 PM

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This is the email I sent to Dr. Varley last Year on the subject of this report (earlier edition)

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