

# TOP 10



2013

# SCHOOLS

**NEW JERSEY'S BEST SCHOOLS IN 2013**

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# *About the Top 10s*

JerseyCAN ranks schools in key areas so parents can compare schools to one another. We use these public school rankings to generate Top 10 Lists, which show the top-performing schools in seven different areas:

- Student performance
- Low-income student performance
- Black student performance
- Latino student performance
- Performance gains\*

Each subgroup's performance score is an average of their reading and math proficiency at the highest tested grade level in that school.

In order for a school to be on the Top 10 list for a major subgroup (low-income, black or Latino), the student body it serves must reflect the statewide student demographics for that subgroup. For example, Latinos represent 23 percent of New Jersey's population. For a school to be on the Top 10 list for Latino student performance, therefore, at least 23 percent of its students must be Latino.

The statewide student demographics for all subgroups are as follows:

35% = Low-Income

16% = Black

23% = Latino

\* There are no performance gains at the high school level because reading and math are only tested once)

*Top 10  
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Schools*

TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

*Performance gains*

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% POINT CHANGE IN PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Bayonne Board of Education Nicholas Oresko School	20.2
2	<b>T</b>	Ewing Township Public Schools William L. Antheil Elementary School	19.0
3	<b>T</b>	Passaic City Public Schools Number 10, Roosevelt Elementary School	18.0
4	<b>C</b>	Leap Academy University Charter School Leap Academy University Charter School	17.4
5	<b>T</b>	Cape May City Board of Education Cape May City Elementary School	17.3
	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Number 19 Elementary School	
6	<b>T</b>	Frenchtown School District Edith Ort Thomas Elementary School	15.8
7	<b>T</b>	Camden City Public Schools Riletta T. Cream Elementary School	15.0
8	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Louise A. Spencer Elementary School	14.8
	<b>C</b>	Discovery Charter School Discovery Charter School	
	<b>T</b>	Vernon Township School District Lounsberry Hollow	

TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

# Low-income student performance

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Number 76, Reilly Middle School	97.8
	<b>T</b>	Lodi Public Schools Columbus Elementary School	
2	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Monsignor Joao S. Antao School No. 31	96.1
3	<b>C</b>	Englewood on the Palisades Charter School Englewood on the Palisades Charter School	94.8
4	<b>T</b>	Union City School District Woodrow Wilson School	91.7
5	<b>C</b>	The Gray Charter School Gray Charter School	90.0
6	<b>C</b>	Robert Treat Academy Charter School Robert Treat Academy Charter School	89.7
7	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Alexander Hamilton Academy	88.8
8	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Roberto Clemente Elementary School	88.2
9	<b>T</b>	Atlantic City Public Schools Chelsea Heights Elementary School	87.5

TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

*Black student performance*

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>C</b>	The Gray Charter School Gray Charter School	96.9
2	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Number 76, Reilly Middle School	93.8
3	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Alexander Hamilton Academy	91.7
4	<b>T</b>	Rahway Public School District Grover Cleveland Elementary School	88.0
5	<b>T</b>	West Orange Public Schools Redwood Elementary School	87.2
6	<b>T</b>	City of Vineland Board of Education Marie Durand Elementary School	86.4
7	<b>T</b>	Montclair Public Schools Bradford School	85.8
8	<b>T</b>	Montclair Public Schools Watchung Elementary School	84.6
9	<b>T</b>	Hackensack City Nellie K. Parker Elementary School	84.1
10	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Norman S. Weir Elementary School	83.4
	<b>T</b>	West Orange Public Schools St. Cloud Elementary School	

TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

*Latino student performance*

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Number 76, Reilly Middle School	98.8
2	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Monsignor Joao S. Antao School No. 31	96.9
3	<b>T</b>	Lodi Public Schools Columbus Elementary School	94.5
4	<b>T</b>	South Hackensack Memorial Elementary School	94.2
5	<b>T</b>	Atlantic City Public Schools Chelsea Heights Elementary School	93.8
6	<b>C</b>	Englewood on the Palisades Charter School Englewood on the Palisades Charter School	93.4
7	<b>T</b>	Bergenfield Borough School District Jefferson Elementary School	92.3
8	<b>C</b>	Robert Treat Academy Charter School Robert Treat Academy Charter School	90.8
9	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Roberto Clemente Elementary School	90.4
10	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Alexander Hamilton Academy	89.3



TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

*Student performance*

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Bay Head Borough Bay Head Elementary School	100
2	<b>C</b>	Princeton Charter School Princeton Charter School	98.0
3	<b>T</b>	Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Schools Mount Tabor Elementary School	97.9
4	<b>T</b>	Ridgewood Public Schools Willard Elementary School	97.5
5	<b>T</b>	North Caldwell Board of Education Gould/Mountain Elementary School	97.4
6	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Number 76, Reilly Middle School	97.1
7	<b>T</b>	Closter Public Schools Hillside Elementary School	96.7
	<b>T</b>	Frenchtown School District Edith Ort Thomas Elementary School	
8	<b>T</b>	West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Maurice Hawk Elementary School	96.6
	<b>T</b>	Bernards Township Public Schools Mount Prospect Elementary School	
	<b>T</b>	Essex Fells School District Essex Fells Elementary School	

*Top 10  
Middle Schools*

TOP 10 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

*Performance gains*

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% POINT CHANGE IN PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Elsinboro Township School District Elsinboro Elementary School	29.2
2	<b>T</b>	Kenilworth Public Schools David Brearley High School	25.5
3	<b>C</b>	Central Jersey College Prep Charter School Central Jersey College Prep Charter School	24.8
4	<b>T</b>	Gloucester City Public Schools Gloucester City Junior Senior High School	24.4
5	<b>C</b>	Greater Brunswick Charter School Greater Brunswick Charter School	24.3
6	<b>T</b>	Palmyra Public Schools Palmyra High School	23.6
7	<b>T</b>	West New York Board of Education West New York Middle School	23.2
	<b>T</b>	Bogota Public Schools Bogota Junior/Senior High School	
8	<b>T</b>	Glassboro Public Schools Glassboro Intermediate School	22.9
9	<b>T</b>	Hazlet Township Public Schools Hazlet Middle School	22.0

TOP 10 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

# Low-income student performance

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>C</b>	Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton	100
	<b>T</b>	Monsignor Joao S. Antao School No. 31	
2	<b>T</b>	Number 76, Reilly Middle School	99.6
3	<b>T</b>	Science High School	98.8
4	<b>C</b>	North Star Academy Charter School of Newark	98.0
5	<b>T</b>	Norman S. Weir Elementary School	96.5
6	<b>T</b>	Ann Street Elementary School	93.6
7	<b>C</b>	Robert Treat Academy Charter School	93.1
8	<b>C</b>	Gray Charter School	92.3
9	<b>T</b>	Woodrow Wilson School	90.3

TOP 10 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

# Black student performance

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Number 76, Reilly Middle School	100
2	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Science High School	97.6
3	<b>C</b>	North Star Academy Charter Schools of Newark North Star Academy Charter School of Newark	97.0
4	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Norman S. Weir Elementary School	94.2
5	<b>T</b>	Paterson Public Schools Alexander Hamilton Academy	88.7
6	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools University High School	88.0
7	<b>C</b>	The Gray Charter School Gray Charter School	86.7
8	<b>T</b>	Westampton Township Public School District Westampton Middle School	84.2
9	<b>T</b>	Deptford Township Public School District Monongahela Middle School	78.9
10	<b>C</b>	Learning Community Charter School Learning Community Charter School	78.5

TOP 10 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

*Latino student performance*

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Science High School	100
	<b>C</b>	Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton	
2	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Number 76, Reilly Middle School	99.5
3	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Monsignor Joao S. Antao School No. 31	99.2
4	<b>C</b>	Robert Treat Academy Charter School Robert Treat Academy Charter School	93.4
5	<b>T</b>	Union City School District Woodrow Wilson School	93.3
6	<b>T</b>	Middlesex Borough Public Schools Von E. Mauger Middle School	91.3
7	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Ann Street Elementary School	89.8
8	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy No. 26	87.5
	<b>T</b>	Plainfield Public Schools Clinton Elementary School	

TOP 10 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

*Student performance*

**T** Traditional public school  
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RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Alpine Elementary School District Alpine Public Elementary School	100
	<b>T</b>	Avon-By-The-Sea Avon Elementary School	
	<b>C</b>	Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton	
	<b>C</b>	Princeton Charter School Princeton Charter School	
2	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Number 76, Reilly Middle School	99.6
	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Monsignor Joao S. Antao School No. 31	
3	<b>T</b>	Old Tappan Public School District Charles Dewolf Middle School	99.0
4	<b>T</b>	Mendham Township Board of Education Mendham Township Middle School	98.6
5	<b>C</b>	Jersey City Public Schools Infinity Institute	98.0
	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Science High School	

*Top 10  
High Schools*



TOP 10 HIGH SCHOOLS

# Low-income student performance

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Jersey City Public Schools Dr. Ronald E. Mc Nair/Academic High School	100
	<b>C</b>	North Star Academy Charter Schools of Newark North Star Academy Charter School of Newark	
2	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Science High School	99.7
3	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Elizabeth High School	99.2
4	<b>T</b>	Essex County Vocational Technical Schools Essex County Vocational School-Bloomfield	98.9
5	<b>T</b>	Atlantic County Vocational School District Atlantic County Institute of Technology	97.7
6	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Technology High School	96.9
7	<b>T</b>	Hudson County Schools of Technology High Tech High School	95.8
8	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools University High School	94.2
9	<b>T</b>	Hudson County Schools of Technology County Prep High School	92.7

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# Black student performance

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RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
<b>1</b>	<b>T</b>	Union County Vocational-Technical School District <b>Academy for Performing Arts</b>	100
	<b>T</b>	Jersey City Public Schools <b>Dr. Ronald E. Mc Nair/Academic High School</b>	
	<b>C</b>	North Star Academy Charter Schools of Newark <b>North Star Academy Charter School of Newark</b>	
	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools <b>Science High School</b>	
	<b>T</b>	Union County Vocational-Technical School District <b>Union County Vocational Technical School</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>T</b>	Essex County Vocational Technical Schools <b>Essex County Vocational School-Bloomfield</b>	97.3
<b>3</b>	<b>T</b>	Atlantic County Vocational School District <b>Atlantic County Institute of Technology</b>	96.9
<b>4</b>	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools <b>Elizabeth High School</b>	95.7
<b>5</b>	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools <b>University High School</b>	94.6
<b>6</b>	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools <b>Technology High School</b>	92.9

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**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<b>T</b>	Jersey City Public Schools Dr. Ronald E. Mc Nair/Academic High School	100
	<b>T</b>	Union County Vocational-Technical School District Union County Vocational Technical School	
	<b>T</b>	Bergen County Vocational Technical Schools Bergen County Technical School - Teterboro	
2	<b>T</b>	Elizabeth Public Schools Elizabeth High School	99.5
3	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Science High School	99.3
4	<b>T</b>	The Newark Public Schools Technology High School	98.5
5	<b>T</b>	Hudson County Schools of Technology High Tech High School	98.2
6	<b>T</b>	Essex County Vocational Technical Schools Essex County Vocational School - Bloomfield	97.7
7	<b>T</b>	Woodbridge Township School District Woodbridge High School	96.7
8	<b>T</b>	Manville Board of Education Manville High School	92.6

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RANK	NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
<b>1</b>	<b>T</b> Union County Vocational-Technical School District <b>Academy for Allied Health Science</b>	<b>100</b>
	<b>T</b> Union County Vocational-Technical School District <b>Academy for Information Technology</b>	
	<b>T</b> Union County Vocational-Technical School District <b>Academy for Performing Arts</b>	
	<b>T</b> Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools <b>Academy of Science Vocational School</b>	
	<b>T</b> Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools <b>Academy-Allied Health and Biomed Science</b>	
	<b>T</b> Bergen County Vocational Technical Schools <b>Bergen Academies</b>	
	<b>T</b> Monmouth County Vocational School District <b>Biotechnology High School</b>	
	<b>T</b> Monmouth County Vocational School District <b>Communications High School</b>	
	<b>T</b> Jersey City Public Schools <b>Dr. Ronald E. Mc Nair/Academic High School</b>	
	<b>T</b> Monmouth County Vocational School District <b>High Technology High School</b>	

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*Student performance continued*

**T** Traditional public school  
**C** Charter school

RANK	NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	<p><b>T</b> Monmouth County Vocational School District  <b>Marine Academy of Science and Technology</b></p>	100
	<p><b>T</b> Morris County Vocational School District  <b>Mathematics, Science and Engineering School</b></p>	
	<p><b>T</b> Monmouth County Vocational School District  <b>Monmouth County HTH Academy</b></p>	
	<p><b>C</b> North Star Academy Charter Schools of Newark  <b>North Star Academy Charter School of Newark</b></p>	
	<p><b>T</b> Ocean County Vocational Technical School  <b>Performing Arts Academy</b></p>	
	<p><b>T</b> Union County Vocational-Technical School District  <b>Union County Magnet High School</b></p>	
	<p><b>T</b> Union County Vocational-Technical School District  <b>Union County Vocational Technical School</b></p>	

# About JerseyCAN

JerseyCAN: The New Jersey Campaign for Achievement launched in the spring of 2013 as an education research and policy organization that brings together education leaders from across the state and arms them with top-notch education research and policy analysis to enact smart education policy. We believe every New Jersey child should have access to a great public school, because great schools change everything. We are a branch of 50CAN: The 50-State Campaign for Achievement Now, a growing national network of state-based education reform advocacy groups with campaigns in Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island based on the groundbreaking model developed by ConnCAN in Connecticut.

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