

District 3

Data Summary

2027-2028 Strategic Planning Data Considerations

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CITYWIDE ENROLLMENT (DISTRICT AND CHARTER), 2016-17 TO 2025-26

New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) is committed to thoughtful collaboration with districts and communities to collectively strengthen schools, support students and families, and respond to demographic and population changes in New York City.



Source: Audited Register and Charter Headcount; includes district and charter school enrollment only

- Enrollment in District 1-32 schools decreased by about 3% in 2025-2026. While enrollment has been relatively stable for the past three years, this year's decline is the largest since the steeper declines following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Citywide, K-12 enrollment in District 1-32 schools and charter schools has declined by about 14% since its peak in the 2016-2017 school year.

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

District 3 Enrollment by Grade Level and Year (District Schools Only)

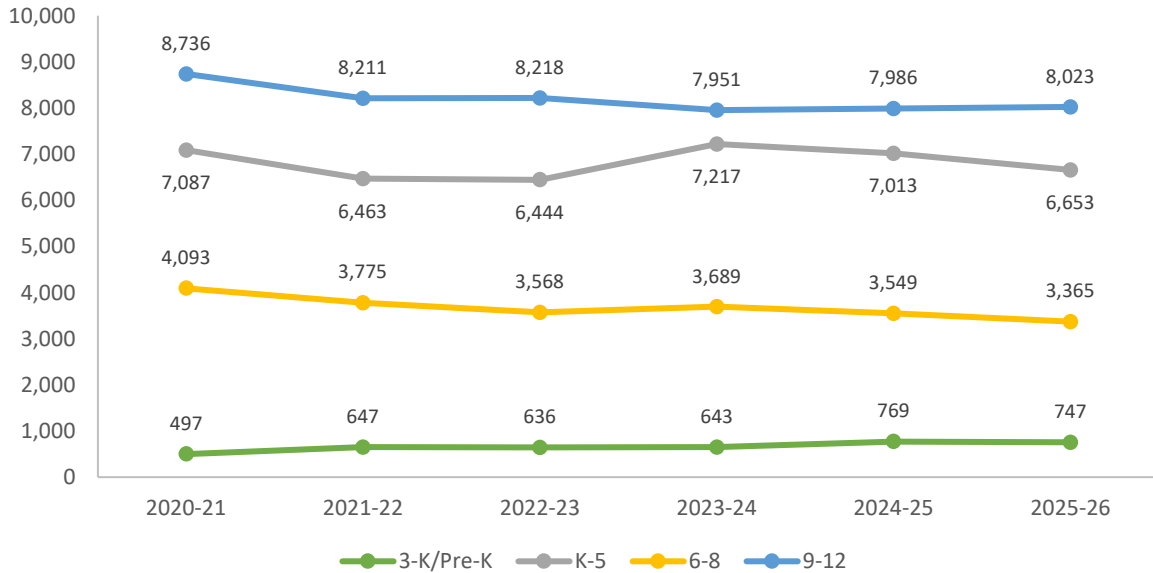


Table 1: District 3 Enrollment - 2020-21 to 2025-26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
3K	N/A	122	137	158	281	266	-5%	N/A
PK	497	525	499	485	488	481	-1%	-3%
K-5	7,087	6,463	6,444	7,217	7,013	6,653	-5%	-6%
6-8	4,093	3,775	3,568	3,689	3,549	3,365	-5%	-18%
9-12	8,736	8,211	8,218	7,951	7,986	8,023	0%	-8%
Total	20,413	19,096	18,866	19,500	19,317	18,788	-3%	-8%
% Change YoY		-6.5%	-1.2%	3.4%	-0.9%	-2.7%		

Table 2: District 3 Entry Grade Enrollment - 2020-21 to 2025-26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
K	1,166	1,057	1,097	1,302	1,189	1,113	-6.4%	-5%
6	1,324	1,216	1,142	1,158	1,156	1,151	-0.4%	-13%
9	2,025	1,888	2,159	2,125	2,107	2,173	3.1%	7%

Source: Audited Register, preliminary for 3-K and pre-K for 2025-26; includes enrollment in district schools only

RESIDENTIAL POPULATION AND DISTRICT RETENTION

District 3 K-12 Enrollment vs. Residential Population

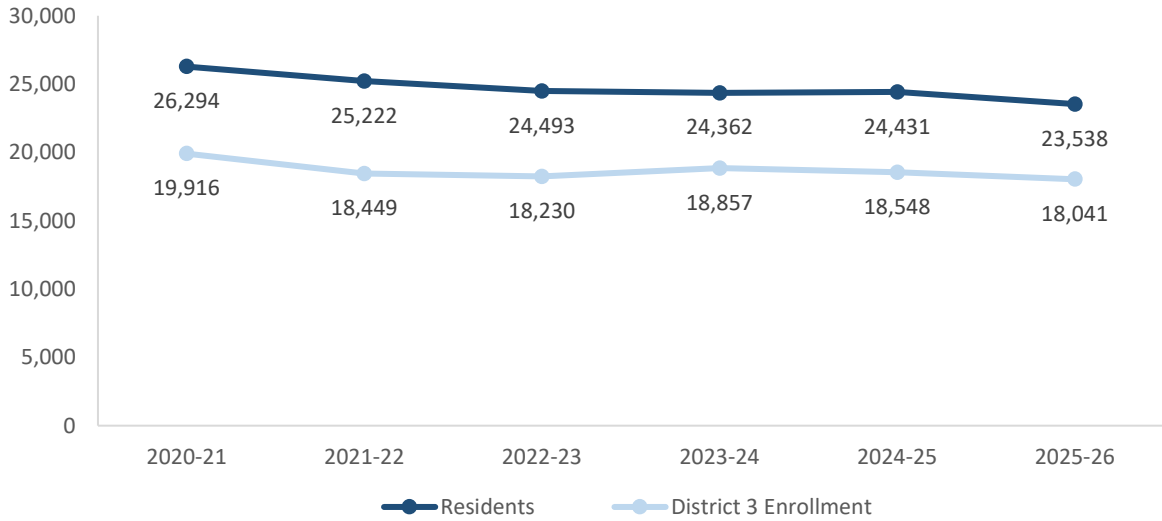


Table 3: District 3 Student Residential Population - 2020-21 to 2025-26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
K-5	11,797	11,043	10,602	10,598	10,554	10,233	-3%	-13%
6-8	6,365	6,125	6,011	5,813	5,677	5,345	-6%	-16%
9-12	8,132	8,054	7,880	7,951	8,200	7,960	-3%	-2%
Total	26,294	25,222	24,493	24,362	24,431	23,538	-4%	-10%
% Change YoY		-4.1%	-2.9%	-0.5%	0.3%	-3.7%		

- Between 2020-21 and 2025-26, the K-5 residential population in District 3 declined by 13%.
- During this time, the 6-8 residential population in District 3 declined by 16%.
- Citywide, the K-12 residential population declined by 7% since 2020-21.

Source: Residential population is the sum of students attending any NYCPS school, charter or non-public school; as such, this metric will not capture students who are home schooled, have dropped out, or are otherwise not enrolled in these school options.

Table 4: Elementary School District Retention (Where District 3 Residents Enroll in School)

							% of Residents	
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 3 Schools	5,485	5,010	4,971	5,129	5,057	4,987	46%	49%
Other District Schools	453	389	412	466	511	463	4%	5%
Charter Schools	1,421	1,260	1,156	1,100	969	922	12%	9%
Non-Public Schools	4,311	4,276	3,942	3,782	3,888	3,714	37%	36%
Other	127	108	121	121	129	147	1%	1%
Total	11,797	11,043	10,602	10,598	10,554	10,233	100%	100%
% Change YoY		-6.4%	-4.0%	0.0%	-0.4%	-3.0%		

Table 5: Middle School District Retention (Where District 3 Residents Enroll in School)

							% of Residents	
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 3 Schools	2,726	2,580	2,462	2,374	2,270	2,145	43%	40%
Other District Schools	323	299	299	294	298	288	5%	5%
Charter Schools	571	552	534	539	493	478	9%	9%
Non-Public Schools	2,686	2,635	2,665	2,537	2,547	2,369	42%	44%
Other	59	59	51	69	69	65	1%	1%
Total	6,365	6,125	6,011	5,813	5,677	5,345	100%	100%
% Change YoY		-3.8%	-1.9%	-3.3%	-2.3%	-5.8%		

Table 6: Where District 3 Students Live - Grades K-5

	K-5		% of Students	
	2020-21	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 3	5,485	4,987	77%	75%
Other District	1,602	1,666	23%	25%
	7,087	6,653	100%	100%

Table 7: Where District 3 Students Live - Grades 6-8

	6-8		% of Students	
	2020-21	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 3	2,726	2,145	67%	64%
Other District	1,367	1,220	33%	36%
	4,093	3,365	100%	100%

Citywide Trends

- Citywide, the average **District Retention Rate** (the percent of students living in a district who enroll in a district school in that district) is 53% for ES and 48% for MS.
- Citywide, the average **District Enrollment Rate** (the percent of students enrolled in district schools who live in that district) is 83% for ES and 76% for MS.

Source: Audited Register for NYCPS and charter schools; NYCPS administrative data for non-public schools

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT MODEL ("IN-OUT MODEL")

The table below depicts the prevailing trends for students coming into the district ("IN") and leaving the district ("OUT") to help identify the primary drivers of district school enrollment change.

Table 8: In-Out Model - ES and MS

	ES			MS		
	2020-21	2025-26	% Change	2020-21	2025-26	% Change
Residents of District 3	11,797	10,233	-13%	6,365	5,345	-16%
- OUT to other districts	-453	-463	2%	-323	-288	-11%
- OUT to D75/D79	-127	-147	16%	-59	-65	10%
- OUT to charters	-1,421	-922	-35%	-571	-478	-16%
- OUT to Non-Public Schools	-4,311	-3,714	-14%	-2,686	-2,369	-12%
Total OUT	-6,312	-5,246	-17%	-3,639	-3,200	-12%
+ IN from other districts	+1,602	+1,666	4%	+1,367	+1,220	-11%
D3 Enrollment	7,087	6,653	-6%	4,093	3,365	-18%

Source: Audited Register for NYCPS and charter schools; NYCPS administrative data for non-public schools

Students Leaving the District:

- At the elementary school level, the largest number of students leaving District 3 enroll in non-public schools. Since 2020-21, this number has decreased by 14%, as compared to the overall number of elementary school-aged residents, which has decreased by 13%.
- At the middle school level, the largest number of students leaving District 3 enroll in non-public schools. Since 2020-21, this number has decreased by 12%, as compared to the overall number of middle school-aged residents, which has decreased by 16%.

Students Coming into the District:

- At the elementary school level, a greater number of students living in other districts come into District 3 schools (1,666) than District 3 residents who leave for other district schools (463).
- At the middle school level, a greater number of students living in other districts come into District 3 schools (1,220) than District 3 residents who leave for other district schools (288).

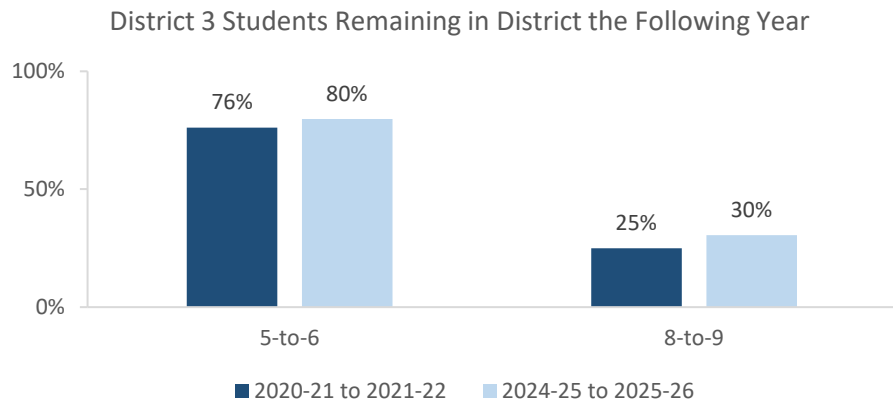
ARTICULATION TRENDS

Table 9: 5-to-6 Articulation (Where District 3 5th Graders Enrolled the Following Year)

	2020-21 to 2021-22		2024-25 to 2025-26	
	#	%	#	%
District 3 Schools	955	76%	924	80%
Other District Schools	69	5%	98	8%
D75 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
D79 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
Charter Schools	22	2%	28	2%
Non-Public Schools	68	5%	32	3%
Out of NYC	121	10%	68	6%
Other	22	2%	9	1%
Total	1,257	100%	1,159	100%

Table 10: 8-to-9 Articulation (Where District 3 8th Graders Enrolled the Following Year)

	2020-21 to 2021-22		2024-25 to 2025-26	
	#	%	#	%
District 3 Schools	354	25%	384	30%
Other District Schools	783	55%	674	53%
D75 Schools	3	0%	1	0%
D79 Schools	0	0%	2	0%
Charter Schools	20	1%	17	1%
Non-Public Schools	130	9%	94	7%
Out of NYC	111	8%	74	6%
Other	26	2%	15	1%
Total	1,427	100%	1,261	100%



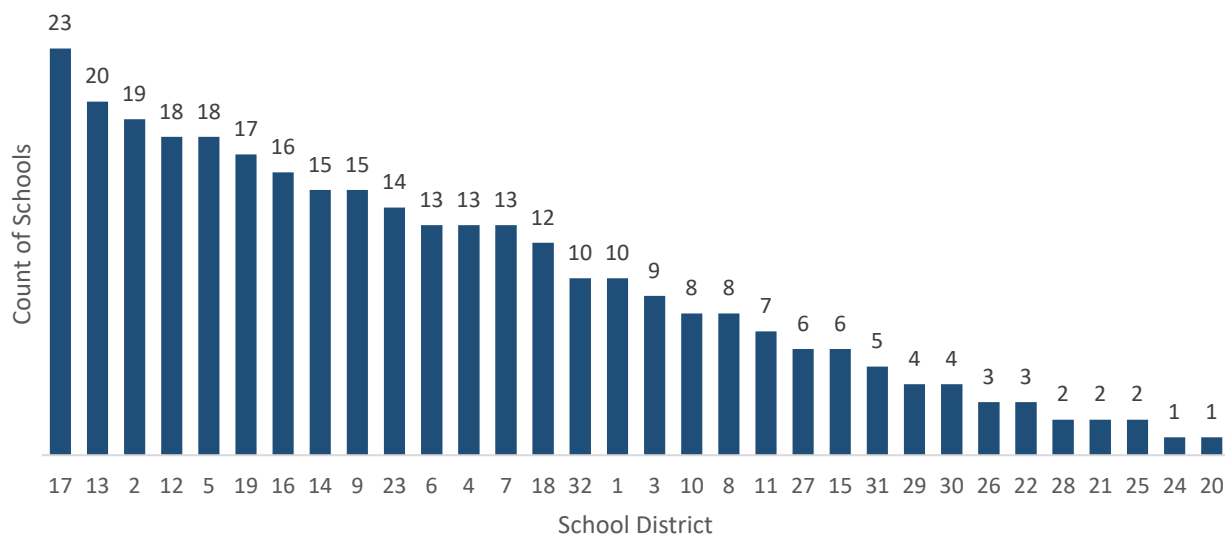
- Citywide, the average percent of graduating 5th graders who remain at a district school in the same district for 6th grade is 73%; for graduating 8th graders, the average percent of students who remain in the same district for 9th grade is 38%.

SCHOOL COUNTS BY ENROLLMENT RANGE

Table 11: District 3 School Counts by Enrollment Range (Grades K-12, Excludes 3-K and Pre-K)

Enrollment Range	School Level							Total
	ECC	ES	MS	HS	K-8	6-12	K-12	
Less than 150	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
150-249	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	6
250-349	0	3	0	1	1	2	1	8
350-449	0	3	1	5	1	2	0	12
450-549	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
550+	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>41</i>

Number of Schools with Enrollment in Bottom 25% by School District - 2025-26



Source: Audited Register; includes district schools only; excludes pre-K centers, transfer schools, and schools phasing in.

ENROLLMENT VS. CAPACITY

Table 12: District 3 Enrollment vs. Capacity - Grades K-5

	Neighborhood	Enrollment	Capacity	Seat Excess / Deficit
District 3	N/A	6,653	7,824	1,171
Sub-District 1	Upper West Side	5,802	6,674	872
Sub-District 2	West Harlem	851	1,150	299

Table 13: District 3 Enrollment vs. Capacity - Grades 6-8

	Neighborhood	Enrollment	Capacity	Seat Excess / Deficit
District 3	N/A	3,365	3,900	535
Sub-District 1	Upper West Side	2,843	3,714	871
Sub-District 2	West Harlem	522	186	-336

Source: Enrollment from 2025-26 Audited Register and grade-level capacity estimated for 2025-26.

BUILDING UTILIZATION

Each year, the SCA publishes the Blue Book, a report analyzing the capacity and enrollment for every NYCPS building across the city. "Under-Utilized Buildings" reflects the projected count of buildings that have at least 150 excess seats.

Table 14: Count of NYCPS Buildings by Utilization Status

	District 3	Manhattan
Count of Buildings	32	227
Under-Utilized (UU) Buildings	16	116
150-299 Excess Seats	7	62
300+ Excess Seats	9	54
Over-Utilized Buildings	4	33

Source: 2025-26 enrollment and 2024-25 capacity; UU status is based on a preliminary 2025-26 Under-Utilized space analysis, and accounts for building enrollment in 2025-26 and changes planned for 2026-27.

DISTRICT 75

NYCPS’s District 75 provides specialized instructional support for students with significant challenges, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), significant cognitive delays, emotional disability, sensory impairment, and multiple disabilities. District 75 serves students through a number of different program models.

- Most District 75 students attend Special Class programs, which operate as distinct schools and may be located in standalone sites or co-located with district schools.
- A smaller number of students attend Inclusion Programs, in which students receive District 75 services within general education classes at a district school partner.

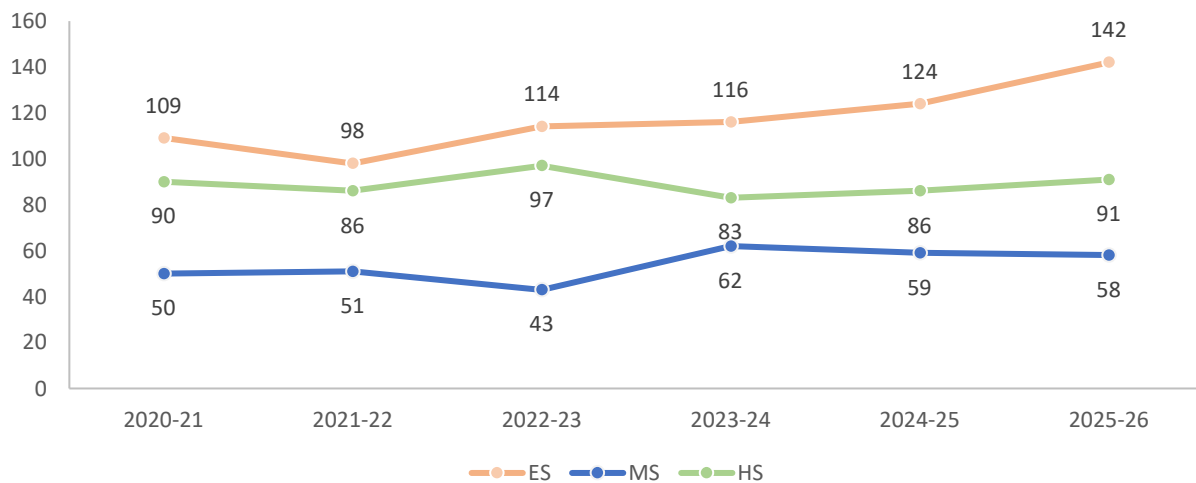
Table 15: District 75 Seat Need

	ES			MS			HS		
	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City
Capacity	330	1,566	15,098	94	616	5,370	0	1,320	9,948
Residents	142	1,354	13,934	58	458	4,678	91	913	8,874
Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	-91	No Deficit	No Deficit

Table 16: District 75 Residential Change in District 3

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
ES	109	98	114	116	124	142	15%	30%
MS	50	51	43	62	59	58	-2%	16%
HS	90	86	97	83	86	91	6%	1%
All Grades	249	235	254	261	269	291	8%	17%

District 3 Residents in District 75 Special Classes



Source: Audited Register

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Table 17: Ethnicity

	K-5			6-8			9-12		
	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City
% Asian and Pacific Islander	8%	11%	17%	7%	10%	17%	11%	13%	17%
% Hispanic	31%	44%	42%	35%	47%	43%	40%	48%	44%
% Black	21%	19%	22%	26%	21%	23%	21%	22%	24%
% White	33%	20%	15%	26%	17%	13%	23%	13%	12%
% Multi-Racial	6%	5%	2%	6%	4%	2%	4%	3%	1%
% Native American	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
% Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%

Table 18: Special Populations

	K-5			6-8			9-12		
	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City
Students with Disabilities	23%	24%	23%	26%	26%	22%	21%	20%	19%
English Language Learners	10%	15%	20%	8%	11%	13%	5%	11%	13%
Economically Disadvantaged	44%	60%	73%	53%	65%	74%	58%	69%	75%
Students in Temporary Housing	10%	12%	11%	11%	13%	12%	7%	13%	11%

Source: 2025-26 Audited Register; includes charter schools located in the district and may differ slightly from the NYCPS Demographic Snapshot.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Table 19: District 3 Special Program Summary

	District 3	Manhattan
Schools with ASD Programs	3	25
<i>Horizon</i>	1	10
<i>Nest</i>	3	16
Schools with G&T Programs	5	25
Schools with Bilingual Ed Programs	10	71
<i>Dual Language (DL)</i>	9	38
<i>Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)</i>	0	0
<i>DL/TBE</i>	1	33

Note: Schools with both Horizon and Nest programs are counted once in the top row but separately in the Horizon and Nest rows beneath.

NEW YORK STATE CLASS SIZE LAW

Class Size Compliance by District (2025-26)



Source: November 15, 2025 Annual Report on Implementation of New York State’s Class Size Caps, available at <https://infohub.nyced.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/summary-report-11-15-25-final.pdf>

