

# District 15

# 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 15 Enrollment by Grade Level and Year (District Schools Only)

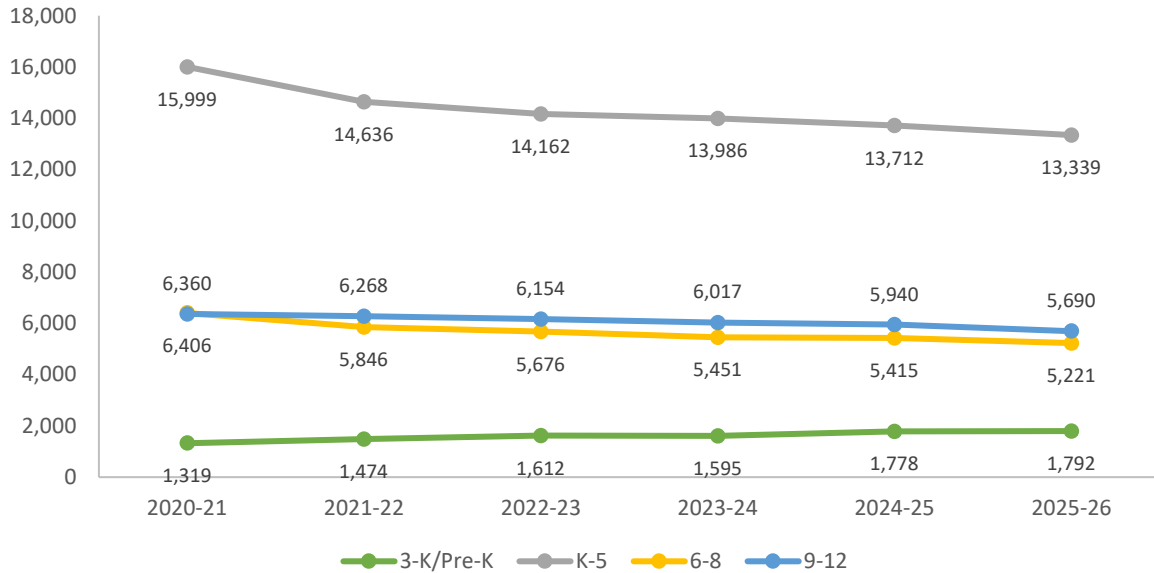


Table 1: District 15 Enrollment - 2020-21 to 2025-26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
<b>3K</b>	14	276	318	379	558	543	-3%	3779%
<b>PK</b>	1,305	1,198	1,294	1,216	1,220	1,249	2%	-4%
<b>K-5</b>	15,999	14,636	14,162	13,986	13,712	13,339	-3%	-17%
<b>6-8</b>	6,406	5,846	5,676	5,451	5,415	5,221	-4%	-18%
<b>9-12</b>	6,360	6,268	6,154	6,017	5,940	5,690	-4%	-11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,084</b>	<b>28,224</b>	<b>27,604</b>	<b>27,049</b>	<b>26,845</b>	<b>26,042</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>% Change YoY</b>		-6.2%	-2.2%	-2.0%	-0.8%	-3.0%		

Table 2: District 15 Entry Grade Enrollment - 2020-21 to 2025-26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
<b>K</b>	2,594	2,421	2,356	2,386	2,339	2,177	-6.9%	-16%
<b>6</b>	2,104	1,946	1,916	1,751	1,855	1,760	-5.1%	-16%
<b>9</b>	1,519	1,571	1,559	1,408	1,369	1,293	-5.6%	-15%

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 15 K-12 Enrollment vs. Residential Population

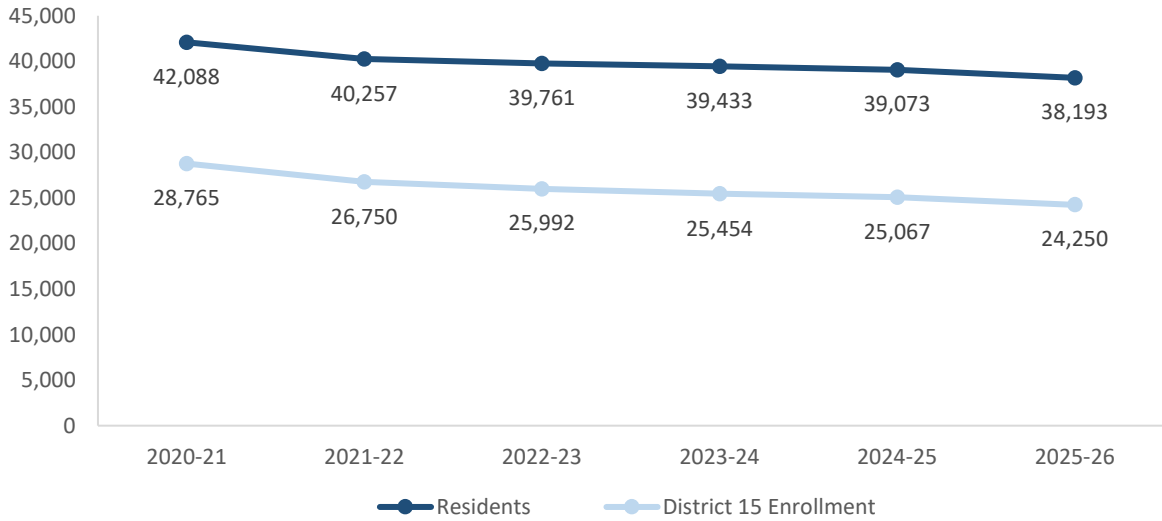


Table 3: District 15 Student Residential Population - 2020-21 to 2025-26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
<b>K-5</b>	20,398	19,218	18,664	18,395	17,934	17,335	-3%	-15%
<b>6-8</b>	10,009	9,360	9,245	8,950	8,868	8,715	-2%	-13%
<b>9-12</b>	11,681	11,679	11,852	12,088	12,271	12,143	-1%	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,088</b>	<b>40,257</b>	<b>39,761</b>	<b>39,433</b>	<b>39,073</b>	<b>38,193</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>% Change YoY</b>		-4.4%	-1.2%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-2.3%		

- Between 2020-21 and 2025-26, the K-5 residential population in District 15 declined by 15%.
- During this time, the 6-8 residential population in District 15 declined by 13%.
- 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 15 Residents Enroll in School)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	% of Residents	
							2020-21	2025-26
District 15 Schools	13,731	12,545	12,047	11,728	11,306	10,812	67%	62%
Other District Schools	1,182	1,055	1,021	1,062	1,129	1,167	6%	7%
Charter Schools	1,030	1,047	1,055	1,119	1,108	1,033	5%	6%
Non-Public Schools	4,142	4,283	4,231	4,174	4,075	3,994	20%	23%
Other	313	288	310	312	316	329	2%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,398</b>	<b>19,218</b>	<b>18,664</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>17,934</b>	<b>17,335</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>% Change YoY</b>		-5.8%	-2.9%	-1.4%	-2.5%	-3.3%		

Table 5: Middle School District Retention (Where District 15 Residents Enroll in School)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	% of Residents	
							2020-21	2025-26
District 15 Schools	4,967	4,479	4,303	4,076	4,008	3,813	50%	44%
Other District Schools	1,739	1,621	1,586	1,554	1,559	1,612	17%	18%
Charter Schools	798	770	775	781	735	764	8%	9%
Non-Public Schools	2,429	2,404	2,483	2,426	2,465	2,438	24%	28%
Other	76	86	98	113	101	88	1%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,009</b>	<b>9,360</b>	<b>9,245</b>	<b>8,950</b>	<b>8,868</b>	<b>8,715</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>% Change YoY</b>		-6.5%	-1.2%	-3.2%	-0.9%	-1.7%		

Table 6: Where District 15 Students Live - Grades K-5

	K-5		% of Students	
	2020-21	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 15	13,731	10,812	86%	81%
Other District	2,268	2,527	14%	19%
	15,999	13,339	100%	100%

Table 7: Where District 15 Students Live - Grades 6-8

	6-8		% of Students	
	2020-21	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 15	4,967	3,813	78%	73%
Other District	1,439	1,408	22%	27%
	6,406	5,221	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
<b>Residents of District 15</b>	<b>20,398</b>	<b>17,335</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>10,009</b>	<b>8,715</b>	<b>-13%</b>
- OUT to other districts	-1,182	-1,167	-1%	-1,739	-1,612	-7%
- OUT to D75/D79	-313	-329	5%	-76	-88	16%
- OUT to charters	-1,030	-1,033	0%	-798	-764	-4%
- OUT to Non-Public Schools	-4,142	-3,994	-4%	-2,429	-2,438	0%
<b>Total OUT</b>	<b>-6,667</b>	<b>-6,523</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-5,042</b>	<b>-4,902</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>+ IN from other districts</b>	<b>+2,268</b>	<b>+2,527</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>+1,439</b>	<b>+1,408</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>D15 Enrollment</b>	<b>15,999</b>	<b>13,339</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>6,406</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>-18%</b>

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 15 enroll in non-public schools. Since 2020-21, this number has decreased by 4%, as compared to the overall number of elementary school-aged residents, which has decreased by 15%.
- At the middle school level, the largest number of students leaving District 15 enroll in non-public schools. Since 2020-21, this number has remained about the same, as compared to the overall number of middle school-aged residents, which has decreased by 13%.

### Students Coming into the District:

- At the elementary school level, a greater number of students living in other districts come into District 15 schools (2,527) than District 15 residents who leave for other district schools (1,167).
- At the middle school level, a smaller number of students living in other districts come into District 15 schools (1,408) than District 15 residents who leave for other district schools (1,612).

## ARTICULATION TRENDS

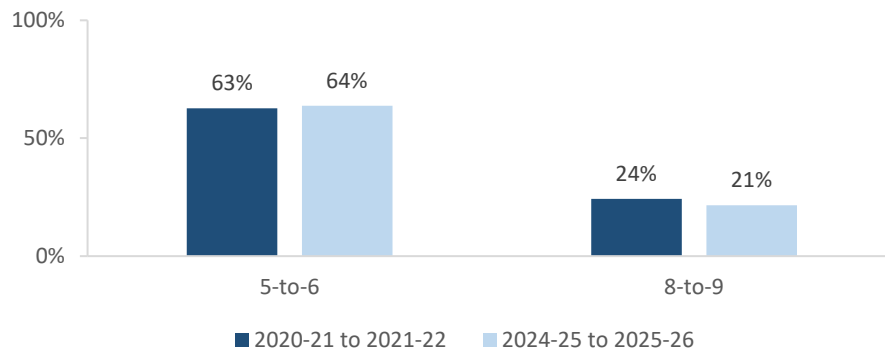
Table 9: 5-to-6 Articulation (Where District 15 5th Graders Enrolled the Following Year)

	2020-21 to 2021-22		2024-25 to 2025-26	
	#	%	#	%
District 15 Schools	1,649	63%	1,427	64%
Other District Schools	496	19%	484	22%
D75 Schools	1	0%	4	0%
D79 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
Charter Schools	140	5%	124	6%
Non-Public Schools	132	5%	112	5%
Out of NYC	172	7%	75	3%
Other	43	2%	17	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 10: 8-to-9 Articulation (Where District 15 8th Graders Enrolled the Following Year)

	2020-21 to 2021-22		2024-25 to 2025-26	
	#	%	#	%
District 15 Schools	535	24%	395	21%
Other District Schools	1,417	64%	1,265	69%
D75 Schools	1	0%	1	0%
D79 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
Charter Schools	28	1%	62	3%
Non-Public Schools	116	5%	67	4%
Out of NYC	95	4%	43	2%
Other	25	1%	9	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>100%</b>

District 15 Students Remaining in District the Following Year



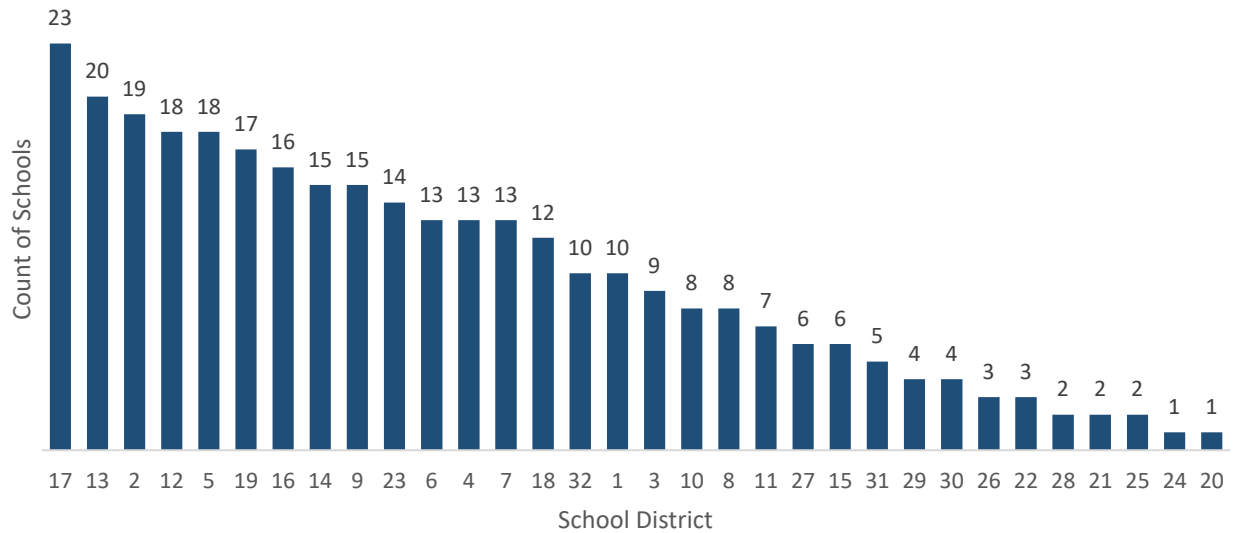
- Citywide, the average percent of graduating 5th graders who remain at a district school in the same district for 6th grade is 73%; for graduating 8th graders, the average percent of students who remain in the same district for 9th grade is 38%.

## SCHOOL COUNTS BY ENROLLMENT RANGE

Table 11: District 15 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	4	1	4	0	0	0	9
250-349	0	4	3	2	0	0	0	9
350-449	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
450-549	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	5
550+	0	10	2	3	0	2	0	17
<i>Total</i>	0	28	10	11	0	3	0	52

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 15 Enrollment vs. Capacity - Grades K-5

	Neighborhood	Enrollment	Capacity	Seat Excess / Deficit
<b>District 15</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>13,338</b>	<b>14,957</b>	<b>1,619</b>
Sub-District 1	Sunset Park	4,631	5,547	916
Sub-District 2	Park Slope	4,865	4,709	-156
Sub-District 3	Carroll Gdns, Gowanus, Red Hook	3,842	4,701	859

Table 13: District 15 Enrollment vs. Capacity - Grades 6-8

	Neighborhood	Enrollment	Capacity	Seat Excess / Deficit
<b>District 15</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>6,154</b>	<b>933</b>
Sub-District 1	Sunset Park	1,136	1,495	359
Sub-District 2	Park Slope	2,875	3,268	393
Sub-District 3	Carroll Gdns, Gowanus, Red Hook	1,210	1,391	181

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 15	Brooklyn
<b>Count of Buildings</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>427</b>
<b>Under-Utilized (UU) Buildings</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>206</b>
150-299 Excess Seats	11	77
300+ Excess Seats	9	129
<b>Over-Utilized Buildings</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>88</b>

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.

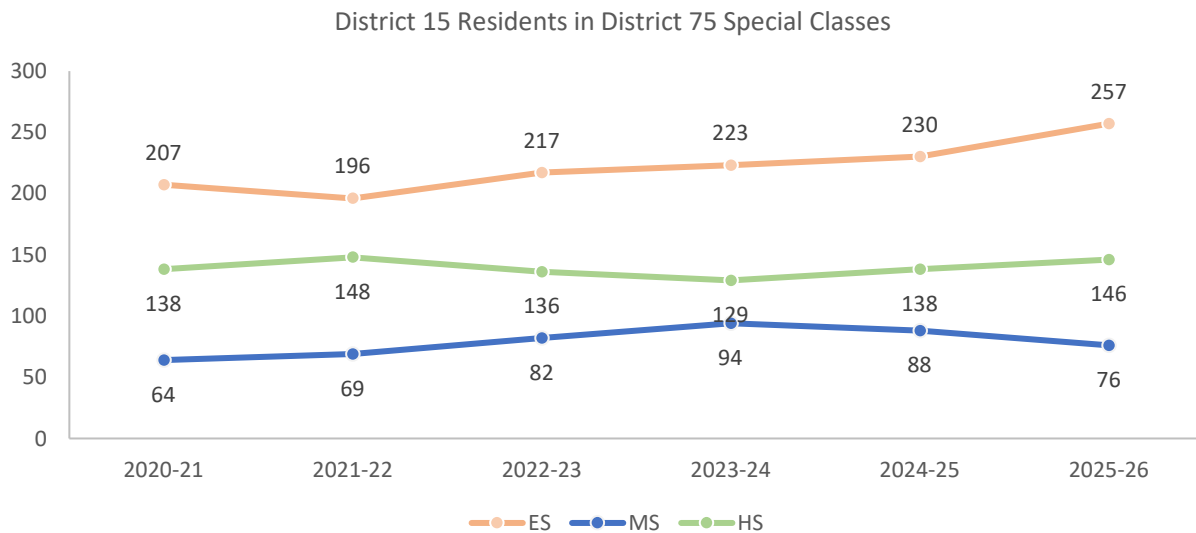
- Most District 75 students attend Special Class programs, which operate as distinct schools and may be located in standalone sites or co-located with district schools.
- A smaller number of students attend Inclusion Programs, in which students receive District 75 services within general education classes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

Table 15: District 75 Seat Need

	ES			MS			HS		
	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City
<b>Capacity</b>	166	3,792	15,098	206	1,340	5,370	346	2,572	9,948
<b>Residents</b>	257	3,542	13,934	76	1,127	4,678	146	2,300	8,874
<b>Deficit</b>	-91	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit

Table 16: District 75 Residential Change in District 15

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
<b>ES</b>	207	196	217	223	230	257	12%	24%
<b>MS</b>	64	69	82	94	88	76	-14%	19%
<b>HS</b>	138	148	136	129	138	146	6%	6%
<b>All Grades</b>	409	413	435	446	456	479	5%	17%



Source: Audited Register

## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Table 17: Ethnicity

	K-5			6-8			9-12		
	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City
<b>% Asian and Pacific Islander</b>	16%	17%	17%	11%	18%	17%	9%	17%	17%
<b>% Hispanic</b>	34%	29%	42%	42%	31%	43%	45%	32%	44%
<b>% Black</b>	8%	29%	22%	10%	31%	23%	28%	33%	24%
<b>% White</b>	35%	20%	15%	30%	17%	13%	14%	15%	12%
<b>% Multi-Racial</b>	7%	3%	2%	6%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%
<b>% Native American</b>	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>% Other</b>	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
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	23%	22%	23%	27%	21%	22%	24%	19%	19%
<b>English Language Learners</b>	18%	19%	20%	9%	13%	13%	12%	13%	13%
<b>Economically Disadvantaged</b>	48%	73%	73%	53%	76%	74%	70%	76%	75%
<b>Students in Temporary Housing</b>	9%	10%	11%	8%	11%	12%	11%	10%	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 15 Special Program Summary

	District 15	Brooklyn
<b>Schools with ASD Programs</b>	7	49
<i>Horizon</i>	3	22
<i>Nest</i>	5	28
<b>Schools with G&amp;T Programs</b>	4	43
<b>Schools with Bilingual Ed Programs</b>	17	117
<i>Dual Language (DL)</i>	14	75
<i>Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)</i>	0	0
<i>DL/TBE</i>	3	42

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>

