

# District 26

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

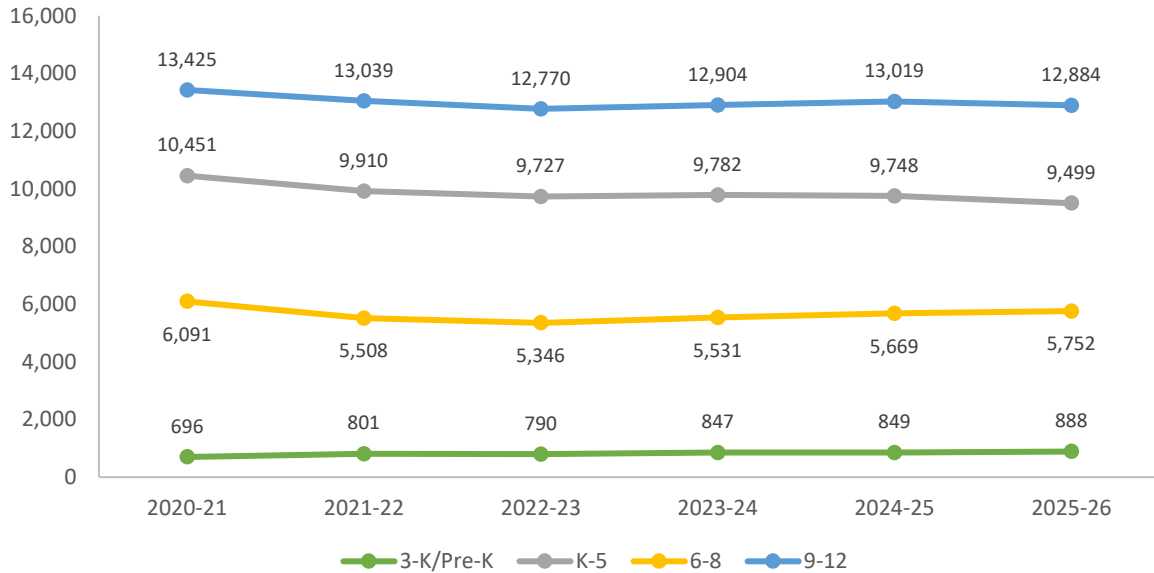


Table 1: District 26 Enrollment - 2020-21 to 2025-26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
<b>3K</b>	-	87	101	130	184	196	7%	-
<b>PK</b>	696	714	689	717	665	692	4%	-1%
<b>K-5</b>	10,451	9,910	9,727	9,782	9,748	9,499	-3%	-9%
<b>6-8</b>	6,091	5,508	5,346	5,531	5,669	5,752	1%	-6%
<b>9-12</b>	13,425	13,039	12,770	12,904	13,019	12,884	-1%	-4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,663</b>	<b>29,258</b>	<b>28,633</b>	<b>29,064</b>	<b>29,285</b>	<b>29,023</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>% Change YoY</b>		-4.6%	-2.1%	1.5%	0.8%	-0.9%		

Table 2: District 26 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>	1,670	1,624	1,519	1,549	1,600	1,449	-9.4%	-13%
<b>6</b>	1,927	1,760	1,790	1,882	1,876	1,961	4.5%	2%
<b>9</b>	3,898	3,684	3,414	3,652	3,735	3,633	-2.7%	-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 26 K-12 Enrollment vs. Residential Population

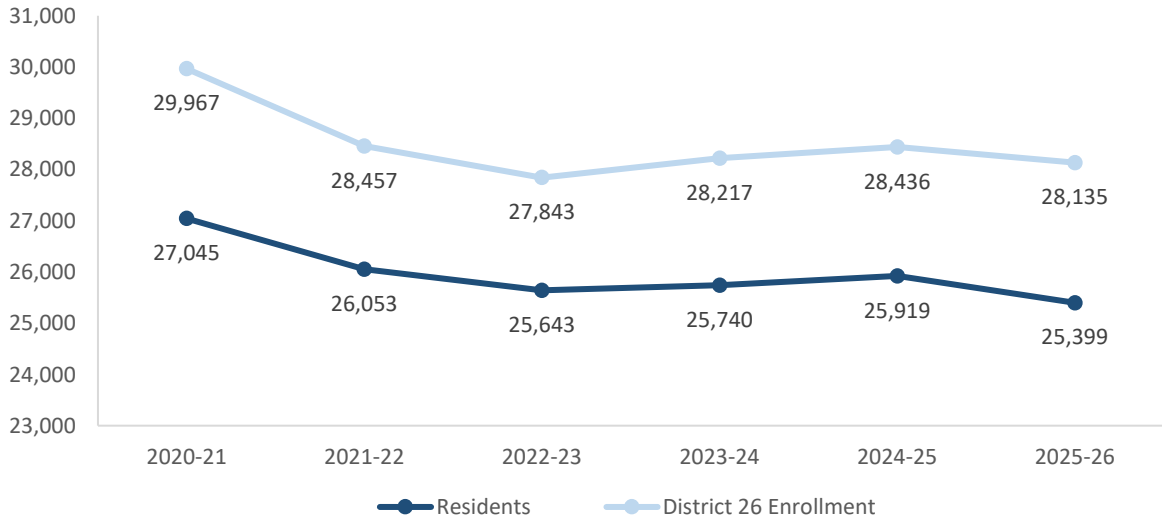


Table 3: District 26 Student Residential Population - 2020-21 to 2025-26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
<b>K-5</b>	11,654	11,181	10,975	10,973	10,851	10,646	-2%	-9%
<b>6-8</b>	6,594	6,061	5,924	6,035	6,215	6,211	0%	-6%
<b>9-12</b>	8,797	8,811	8,744	8,732	8,853	8,542	-4%	-3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,045</b>	<b>26,053</b>	<b>25,643</b>	<b>25,740</b>	<b>25,919</b>	<b>25,399</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>% Change YoY</b>		-3.7%	-1.6%	0.4%	0.7%	-2.0%		

- Between 2020-21 and 2025-26, the K-5 residential population in District 26 declined by 9%.
- During this time, the 6-8 residential population in District 26 declined by 6%.
- 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 26 Residents Enroll in School)

							% of Residents	
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 26 Schools	9,689	9,220	9,000	8,965	8,803	8,497	83%	80%
Other District Schools	429	397	437	479	495	516	4%	5%
Charter Schools	26	27	28	42	38	45	0%	0%
Non-Public Schools	1,344	1,366	1,320	1,262	1,282	1,350	12%	13%
Other	166	171	190	225	233	238	1%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,654</b>	<b>11,181</b>	<b>10,975</b>	<b>10,973</b>	<b>10,851</b>	<b>10,646</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
% Change YoY		-4.1%	-1.8%	0.0%	-1.1%	-1.9%		

Table 5: Middle School District Retention (Where District 26 Residents Enroll in School)

							% of Residents	
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 26 Schools	5,237	4,693	4,540	4,707	4,839	4,843	79%	78%
Other District Schools	533	543	516	546	578	600	8%	10%
Charter Schools	7	13	15	13	9	10	0%	0%
Non-Public Schools	762	757	793	704	717	673	12%	11%
Other	55	55	60	65	72	85	1%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>6,061</b>	<b>5,924</b>	<b>6,035</b>	<b>6,215</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
% Change YoY		-8.1%	-2.3%	1.9%	3.0%	-0.1%		

Table 6: Where District 26 Students Live - Grades K-5

	K-5		% of Students	
	2020-21	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 26	9,689	8,497	93%	89%
Other District	762	1,002	7%	11%
	10,451	9,499	100%	100%

Table 7: Where District 26 Students Live - Grades 6-8

	6-8		% of Students	
	2020-21	2025-26	2020-21	2025-26
District 26	5,237	4,843	86%	84%
Other District	854	909	14%	16%
	6,091	5,752	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 26</b>	<b>11,654</b>	<b>10,646</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>-6%</b>
- OUT to other districts	-429	-516	20%	-533	-600	13%
- OUT to D75/D79	-166	-238	43%	-55	-85	55%
- OUT to charters	-26	-45	73%	-7	-10	43%
- OUT to Non-Public Schools	-1,344	-1,350	0%	-762	-673	-12%
<b>Total OUT</b>	<b>-1,965</b>	<b>-2,149</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>-1,357</b>	<b>-1,368</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>+ IN from other districts</b>	<b>+762</b>	<b>+1,002</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>+854</b>	<b>+909</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>D26 Enrollment</b>	<b>10,451</b>	<b>9,499</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>6,091</b>	<b>5,752</b>	<b>-6%</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 26 enroll in non-public schools. Since 2020-21, this number has remained about the same, as compared to the overall number of elementary school-aged residents, which has decreased by 9%.
- At the middle school level, the largest number of students leaving District 26 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 6%.

### Students Coming into the District:

- At the elementary school level, a greater number of students living in other districts come into District 26 schools (1,002) than District 26 residents who leave for other district schools (516).
- At the middle school level, a greater number of students living in other districts come into District 26 schools (909) than District 26 residents who leave for other district schools (600).

## ARTICULATION TRENDS

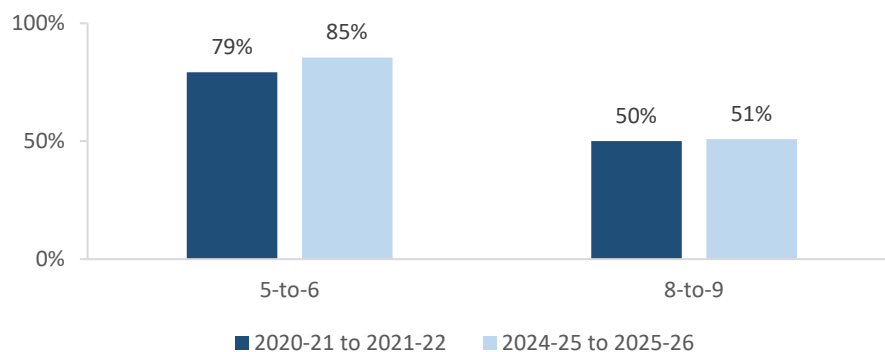
Table 9: 5-to-6 Articulation (Where District 26 5th Graders Enrolled the Following Year)

	2020-21 to 2021-22		2024-25 to 2025-26	
	#	%	#	%
District 26 Schools	1,420	79%	1,447	85%
Other District Schools	130	7%	108	6%
D75 Schools	1	0%	0	0%
D79 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
Charter Schools	1	0%	2	0%
Non-Public Schools	31	2%	20	1%
Out of NYC	183	10%	93	5%
Other	29	2%	24	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 10: 8-to-9 Articulation (Where District 26 8th Graders Enrolled the Following Year)

	2020-21 to 2021-22		2024-25 to 2025-26	
	#	%	#	%
District 26 Schools	1,084	50%	956	51%
Other District Schools	648	30%	626	33%
D75 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
D79 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
Charter Schools	3	0%	1	0%
Non-Public Schools	209	10%	178	9%
Out of NYC	207	10%	111	6%
Other	16	1%	12	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>100%</b>

District 26 Students Remaining in District the Following Year



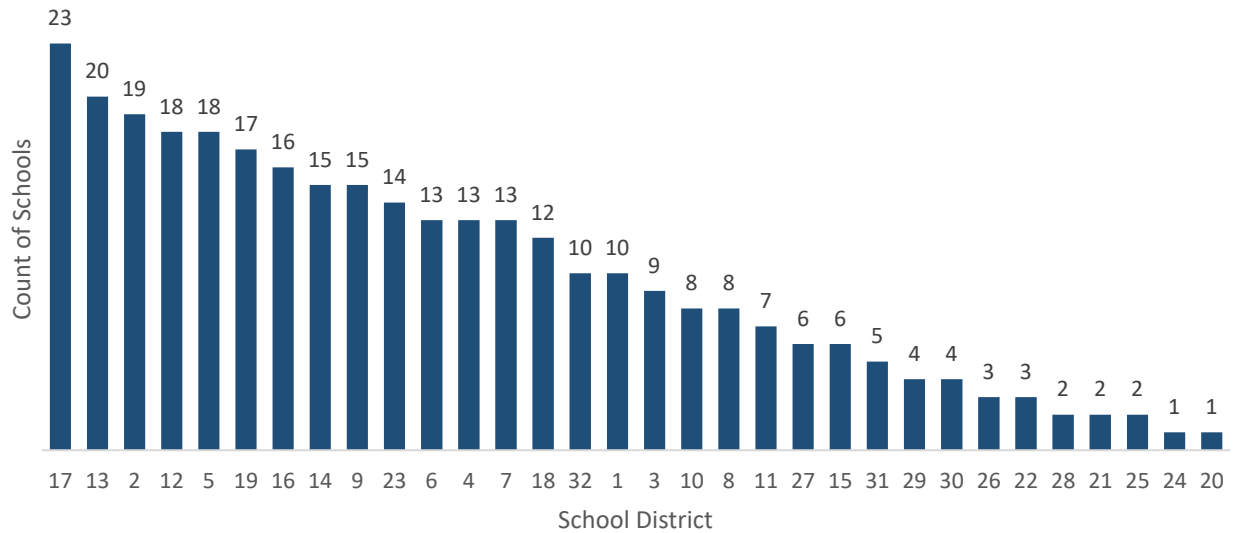
- Citywide, the average percent of graduating 5th graders who remain at a district school in the same district for 6th grade is 73%; for graduating 8th graders, the average percent of students who remain in the same district for 9th grade is 38%.

## SCHOOL COUNTS BY ENROLLMENT RANGE

Table 11: District 26 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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
150-249	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
250-349	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
350-449	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
450-549	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	8
550+	0	4	5	6	0	0	0	15
<i>Total</i>	0	21	5	6	2	0	0	34

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 26 Enrollment vs. Capacity - Grades K-5

	Neighborhood	Enrollment	Capacity	Seat Excess / Deficit
<b>District 26</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>9,499</b>	<b>9,289</b>	<b>-210</b>
Sub-District 1	Oakland Gdns, Fresh Meadows	3,562	3,440	-122
Sub-District 2	Bayside and Auburndale	3,011	3,126	115
Sub-District 3	Little Neck, Bellerose, Glen Oaks	2,926	2,723	-203

Table 13: District 26 Enrollment vs. Capacity - Grades 6-8

	Neighborhood	Enrollment	Capacity	Seat Excess / Deficit
<b>District 26</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5,752</b>	<b>6,432</b>	<b>680</b>
Sub-District 1	Oakland Gdns, Fresh Meadows	2,801	2,478	-323
Sub-District 2	Bayside and Auburndale	885	1,220	335
Sub-District 3	Little Neck, Bellerose, Glen Oaks	2,066	2,734	668

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 26	Queens
<b>Count of Buildings</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>366</b>
<b>Under-Utilized (UU) Buildings</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>99</b>
150-299 Excess Seats	6	54
300+ Excess Seats	4	45
<b>Over-Utilized Buildings</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>127</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.

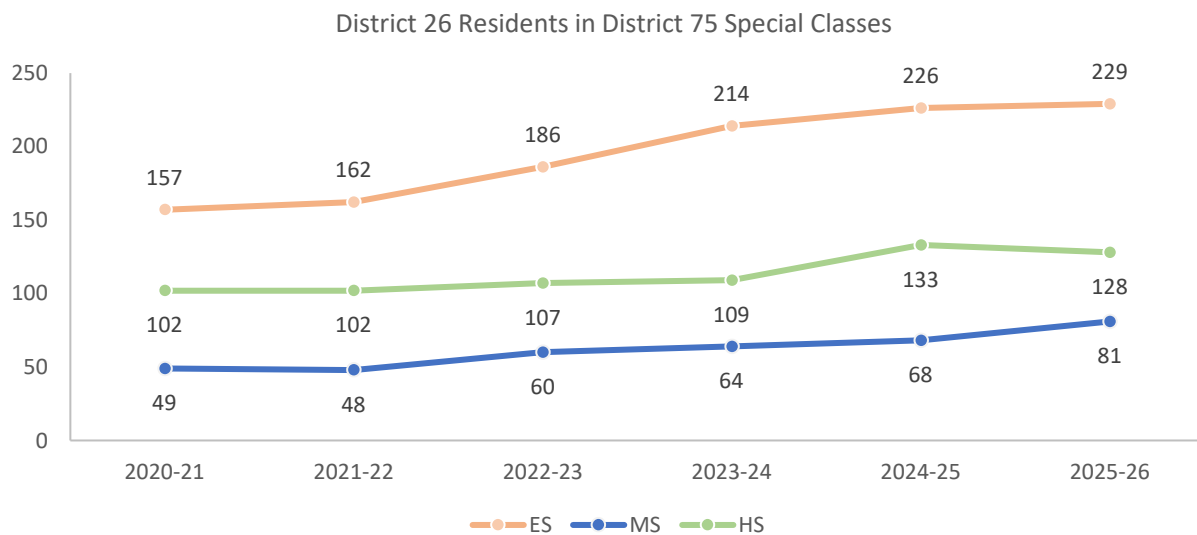
- Most District 75 students attend Special Class programs, which operate as distinct schools and may be located in standalone sites or co-located with district schools.
- A smaller number of students attend Inclusion Programs, in which students receive District 75 services within general education classes 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>	874	4,392	15,098	244	1,486	5,370	632	2,552	9,948
<b>Residents</b>	229	3,967	13,934	81	1,346	4,678	128	2,402	8,874
<b>Deficit</b>	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit

Table 16: District 75 Residential Change in District 26

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	1yr Change	5yr Change
<b>ES</b>	157	162	186	214	226	229	1%	46%
<b>MS</b>	49	48	60	64	68	81	19%	65%
<b>HS</b>	102	102	107	109	133	128	-4%	25%
<b>All Grades</b>	308	312	353	387	427	438	3%	42%



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>	60%	28%	17%	64%	29%	17%	48%	26%	17%
<b>% Hispanic</b>	18%	41%	42%	16%	42%	43%	25%	44%	44%
<b>% Black</b>	5%	15%	22%	5%	15%	23%	15%	17%	24%
<b>% White</b>	13%	11%	15%	12%	10%	13%	8%	8%	12%
<b>% Multi-Racial</b>	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
<b>% Native American</b>	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	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>	19%	20%	23%	16%	18%	22%	14%	16%	19%
<b>English Language Learners</b>	15%	24%	20%	9%	15%	13%	11%	16%	13%
<b>Economically Disadvantaged</b>	51%	71%	73%	53%	70%	74%	69%	73%	75%
<b>Students in Temporary Housing</b>	3%	11%	11%	5%	11%	12%	5%	11%	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 26 Special Program Summary

	District 26	Queens
<b>Schools with ASD Programs</b>	5	33
<i>Horizon</i>	4	18
<i>Nest</i>	2	18
<b>Schools with G&amp;T Programs</b>	5	39
<b>Schools with Bilingual Ed Programs</b>	3	87
<i>Dual Language (DL)</i>	2	36
<i>Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)</i>	0	0
<i>DL/TBE</i>	1	51

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>

