

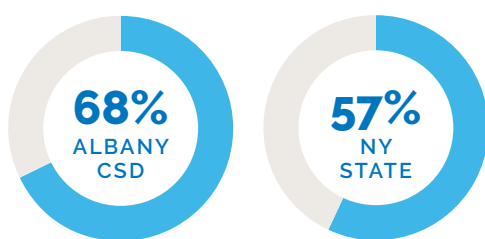
The State of Public Education IN ALBANY

About the Albany City School District

The Albany City School District is designated as a High Need/Resource Capacity school district in the capital of New York State. It enrolls over 8,500 students in 16 district schools.



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STUDENTS
IN **16**
DISTRICT
SCHOOLS

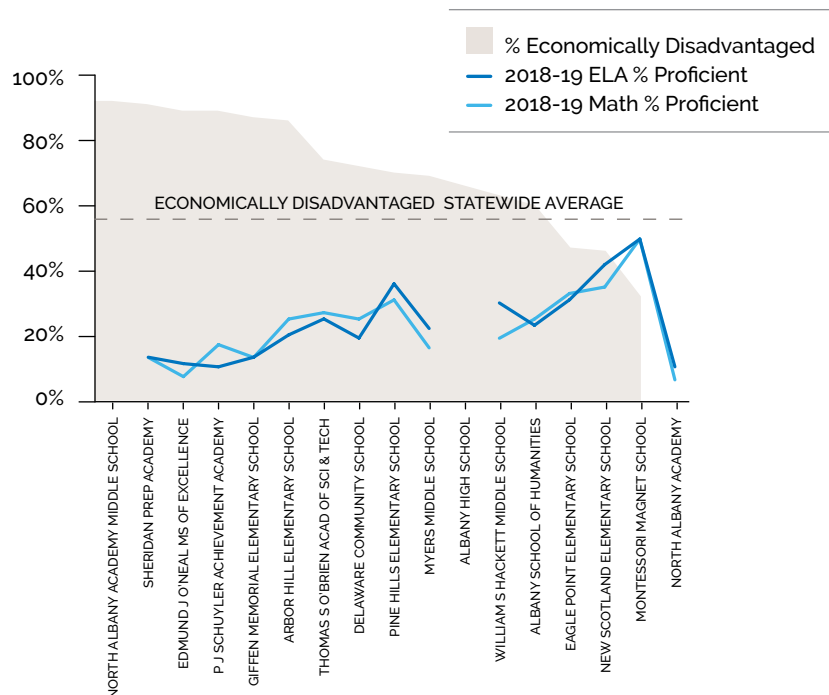


% ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED (SY20-21)

Albany has a large Economically Disadvantaged population, spread unevenly among district schools.

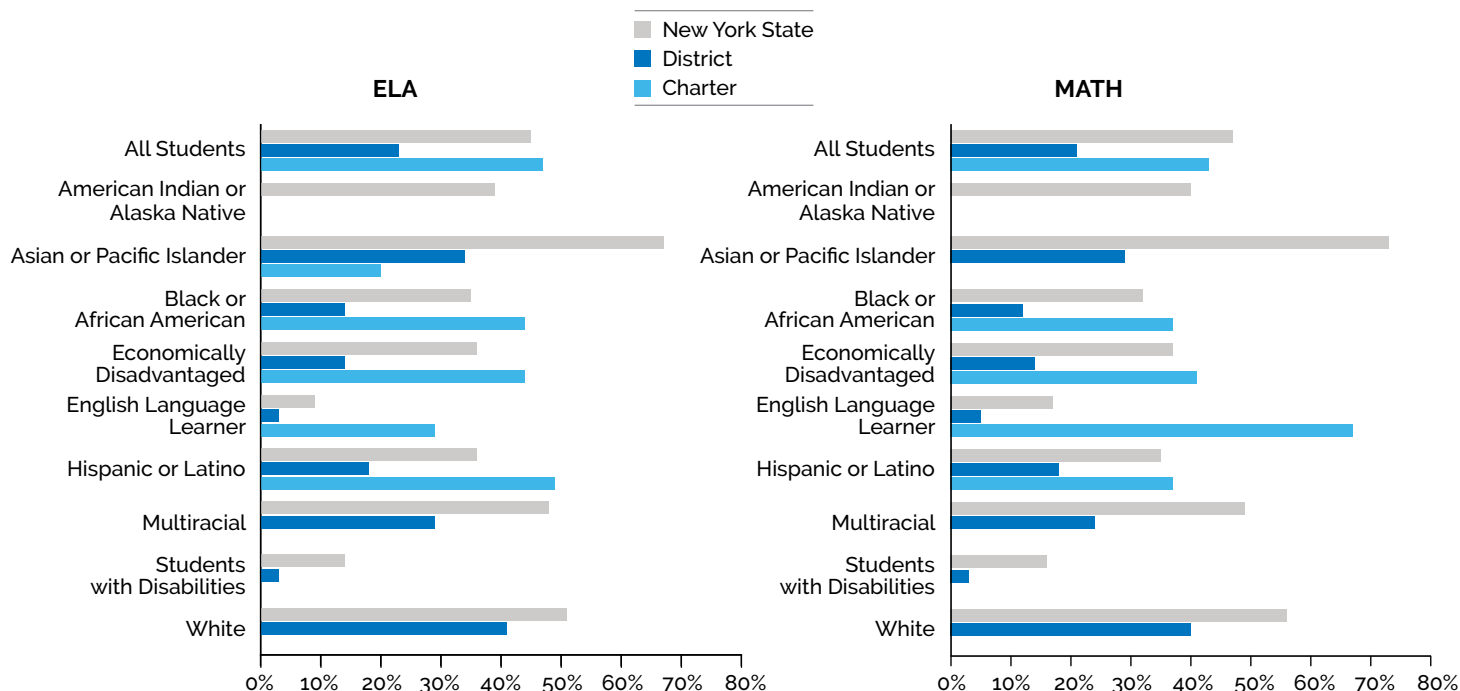
Albany City School District serves a high portion of economically disadvantaged students, who are not equally represented across the districts' schools. Test scores are negatively correlated with economically disadvantaged status, meaning that an Albany family's address, or their ability to be admitted to a selective district program, largely determines their access to a high-performing district school.

Despite this disparity, only one Albany school meets or exceeds the statewide average for ELA or Math performance; Montessori Magnet School.



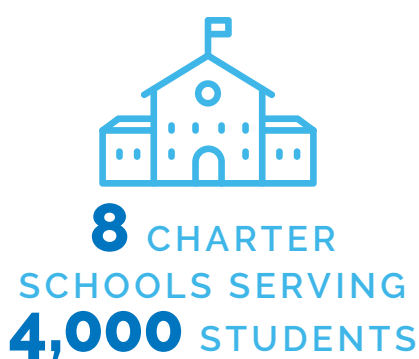
Albany students are performing significantly below the state average.

There is no subgroup in the Albany district performing on par with the state average. Students who are black or Hispanic, economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, or are English Language Learners are performing well below the state average. Students who are Economically Disadvantaged - representing over two-thirds of the district's students - have a 14% change of being proficient in ELA and Math.



NOTE: Due to the pandemic, the 2018-19 New York State ELA & Math assessments were the most recently administered.

About Charter Schools in Albany



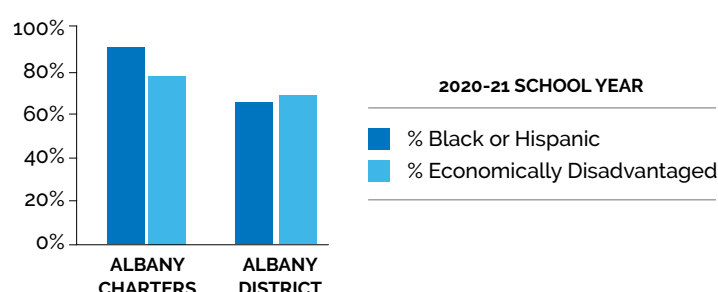
There are 8 charter schools in Albany serving over 4,000 students in grades K-12 this coming fall. The oldest charter school opened their doors in 2002, and the newest is opened in 2010. Charter schools are independent from one another and have the flexibility to design their own programs. As a result, parents are able to choose between a variety of structures and programs.

Albany charter schools cost less to operate.

Albany charter schools receive **\$16,179** per student in state funds. Charter schools do not receive any direct funding from their host district and do not receive funds that result from local school taxes. The closest approximation of a comparison* shows that the Albany City School District spends **\$19,431** per student.

*To make the comparison, we subtracted all Special Education, Transportation, and Charter School Tuition expenses from the district's budget as a portion of these expenses are used to provide services to charter schools. Numbers are taken directly from General Fund Expenditures in the district's 2018-19 Budget. There are regional differences in administration of in-kind services that can impact this calculation.

Albany charter schools serve predominantly students who are Black or Hispanic or Economically Disadvantaged.



Albany charter schools outperform the district on state tests

Students in Albany charter schools are more than twice as likely to be proficient in ELA and Math than their counterparts in the district, despite serving similar populations. Students in every subgroup perform better in Albany charter schools than in the Albany district. In fact, students in several subgroups - including those who are Economically Disadvantaged - perform close to the statewide average for all students.

