

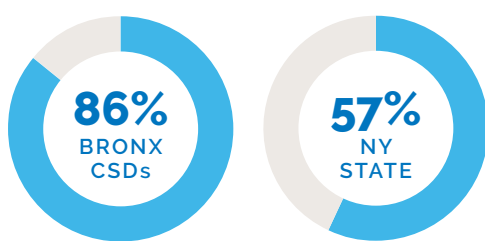
# The State of Public Education IN THE BRONX

## About Public Schools in the Bronx

The Bronx is home to over 200,000 public school students, attending 354 district schools and 90 charter schools.



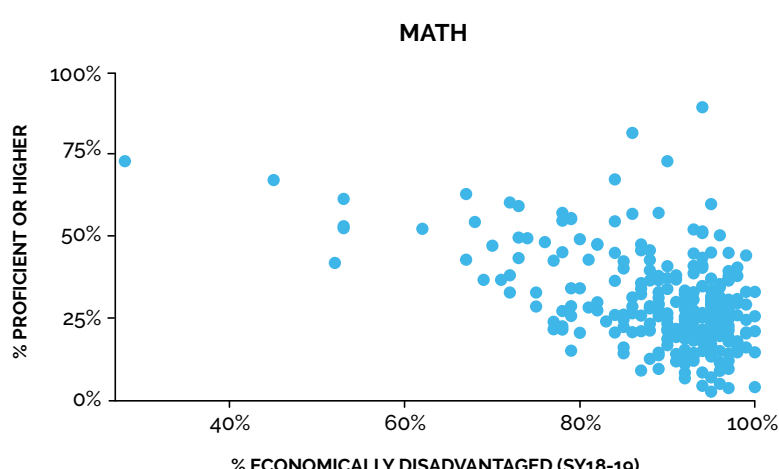
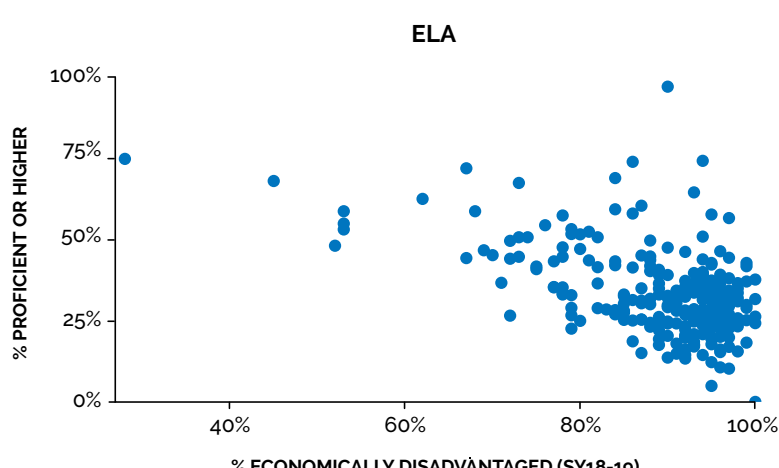
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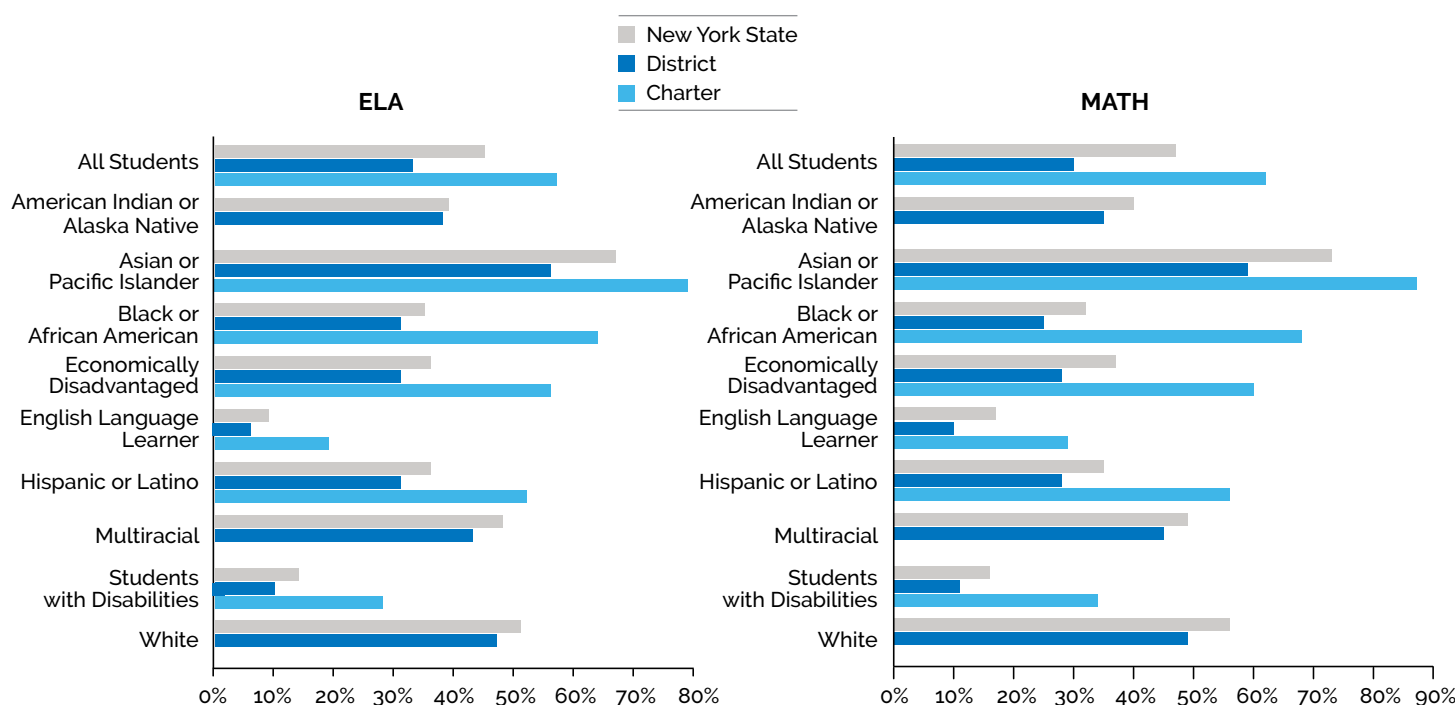
**The Bronx has a large Economically Disadvantaged population, spread unevenly among district schools.**

The Bronx 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 a family's address, or their ability to be admitted to a selective district program, largely determines their access to a high-performing district school.



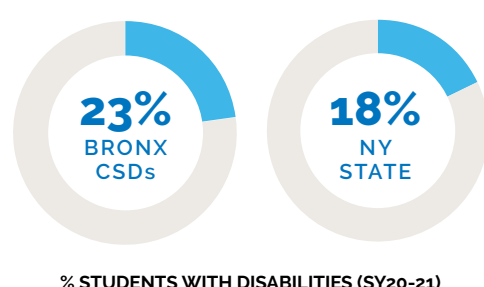
## Bronx students are performing significantly below the state average.

Students who are black or Hispanic, economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, or are English Language Learners are performing well below the state average.



## Bronx students are more likely to be classified as Students with Disabilities.

Disproportionate classification of students as Students with Disabilities is a problem in high-needs school districts throughout the state and across the country. This problem is especially severe for students - especially boys - of color.



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## About Charter Schools in the Bronx

**87** CHARTER  
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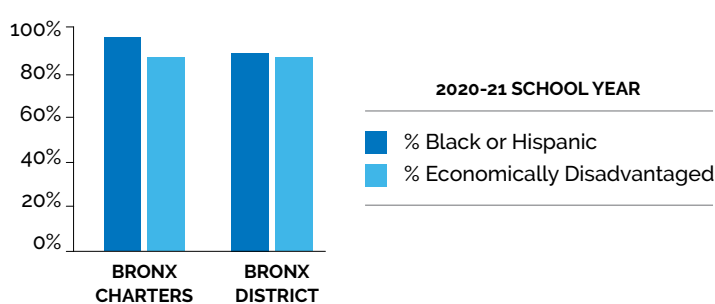
There are 87 charter schools in the Bronx serving over 36,000 students in grades K-12 this coming fall. The oldest Bronx charter schools have been open since 2000, and the newest will open in the next 2 years. However, due to the current cap on the number of charter schools that may open within New York City, there are no additional charter schools authorized to open in Brooklyn. Given this cap, parent demand will continue to exceed the number of available seats.

## Bronx charter schools cost less to operate.

Bronx charter schools receive **\$16,845** 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 New York City Department of Education spends **\$20,398** per student.

\*To make the comparison, we subtracted all Pre-Kindergarten, Special Education, and Transportation expenses from the district's budget as a portion of these expenses are used to provide services to charter schools. Charter school tuition was also subtracted. Numbers are taken directly from General Fund Expenditures in the district's 2019-20 Budget. There are regional differences in administration of in-kind services that can impact this calculation.

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



## Bronx charter schools outperform the district on state tests.

Students in Bronx charter schools are nearly 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 Bronx charter schools than in the district. In fact, students in several subgroups - including those who are Economically Disadvantaged - perform considerably above the statewide average for all students.