

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY IN

Memphis, TN

Are students of color and low-income students benefiting from the best that Memphis has to offer?

Enrolled in a top-scoring* school in **MATH**

20%

Black students

26%

Hispanic students

62%

White students

21%

Free and reduced-price lunch (FRL)-eligible students

52%

Non-FRL students

* Schools in the top 20% citywide.

Enrolled in a top-scoring* school in **READING**

22%

Black students

28%

Hispanic students

78%

White students

22%

FRL-eligible students

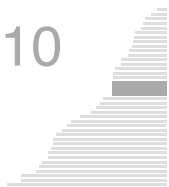
66%

Non-FRL students

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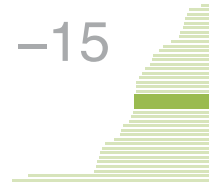
How do Memphis' low-income students perform compared with their more advantaged peers?

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MATH proficiency gap between FRL and non-FRL-eligible students

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READING proficiency gap between FRL and non-FRL-eligible students

Gaps presented as percentage point differences. Light-colored bars show proficiency gaps for the 36 cities where we had data.

Are Memphis schools offering a path toward college?

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
 ADVANCED MATH*

10%

50-city average is 10%

STUDENTS TAKING THE
 ACT/SAT*

30%

50-city average is 14%

FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL
 GRADUATION RATE

72%

50-city average is 75%

* Rates calculated by dividing number of course/test takers in each high school by total enrollment in that school. Since most students take these courses/tests in 11th and 12th grade, we might expect that somewhere between 25 and 50 percent of all high school students take these courses/tests in a given year.