Portrait of a MHS Graduate

Presented by Cory Delgado
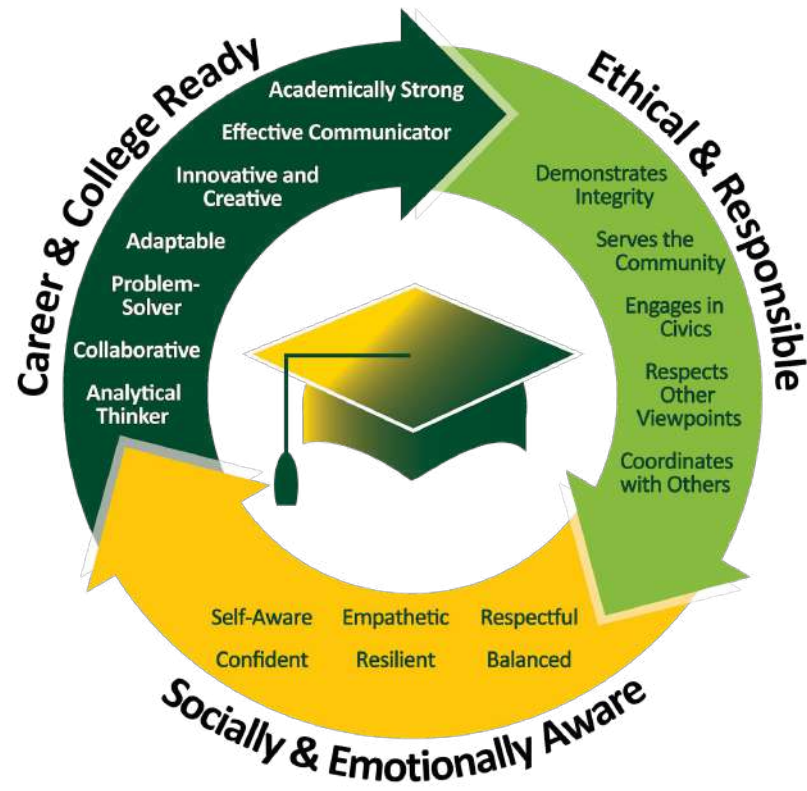Director of School Counseling & Student Wellness
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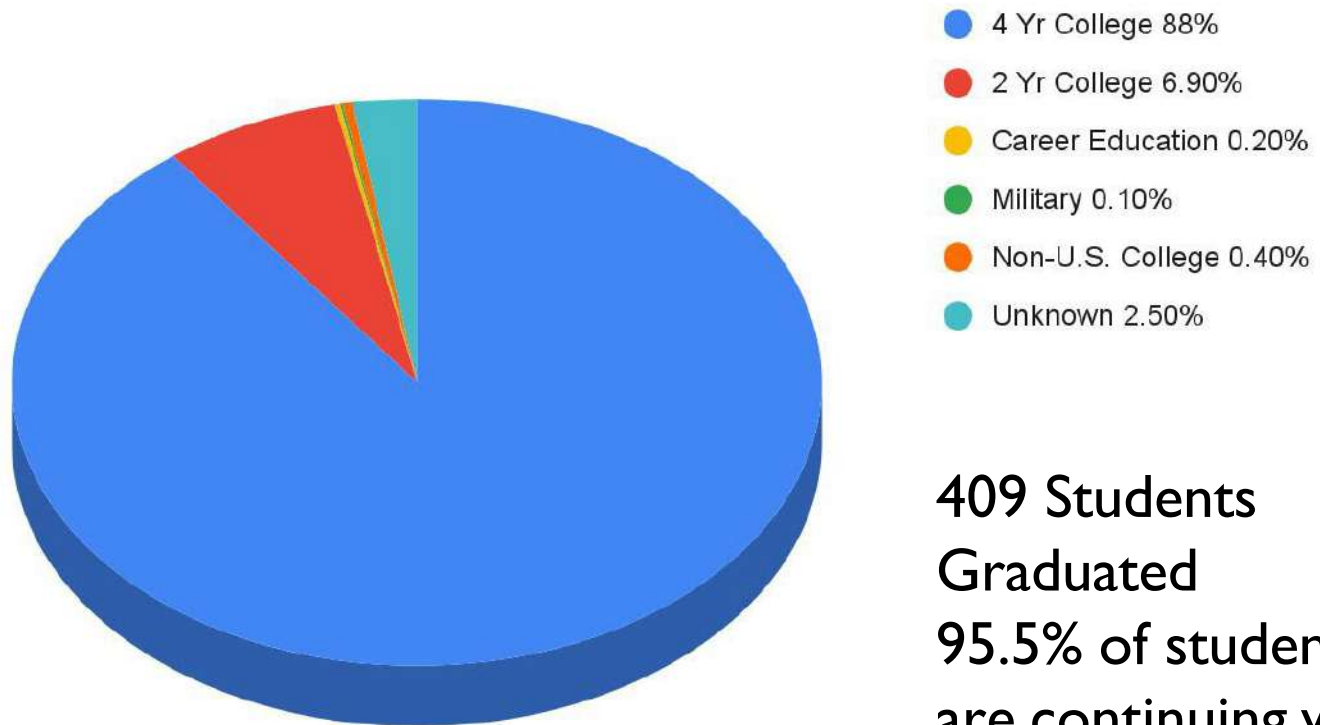
Portrait of a Graduate

Montgomery Township School District
Portrait of a Graduate

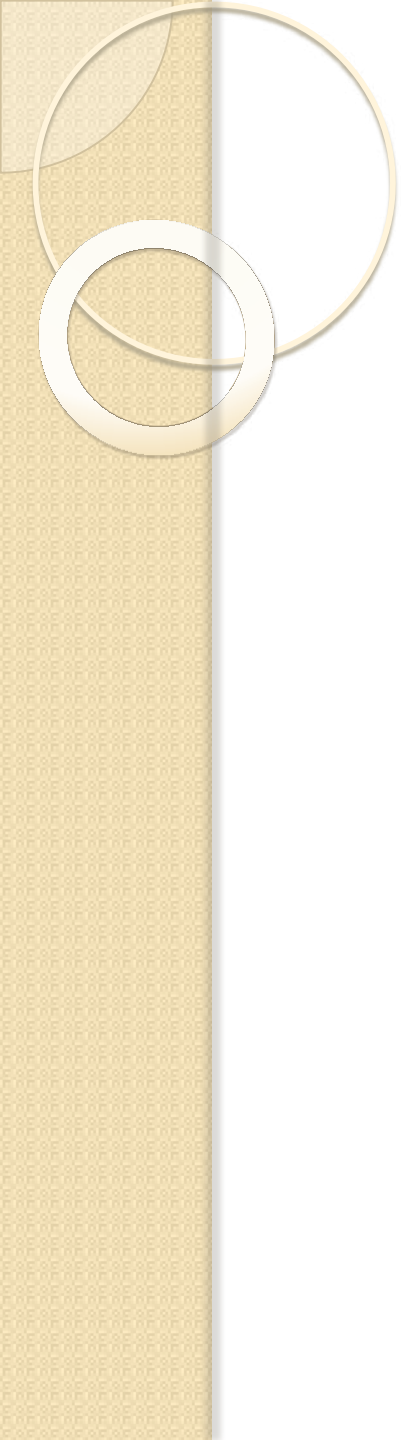# MHS Class of 2023 Snapshot

- 🔵 4 Yr College 88%
- 🔴 2 Yr College 6.90%
- 🟡 Career Education 0.20%
- 🟢 Military 0.10%
- 🟠 Non-U.S. College 0.40%
- 🔵 Unknown 2.50%

409 Students
Graduated
95.5% of students
are continuing with
education

2022-2023

Advanced Placement Courses Offered
2022-2023

Art History

Biology

Calculus AB

Calculus BC

Calculus C

Chemistry

Computer Science A

English Lang. & Composition

English Lit & Composition

Environmental Science

French Language

German Language

AP Economics (Macro/Micro)

Physic 1

Physics C (Elec & Mag/Mechanics)

Spanish Language

Statistics

Studio Art: 2D Design/Drawing

Studio Art: Photography

US Government & Politics

US History

From Program of Studies

2023 Advance Placement Mean Scores

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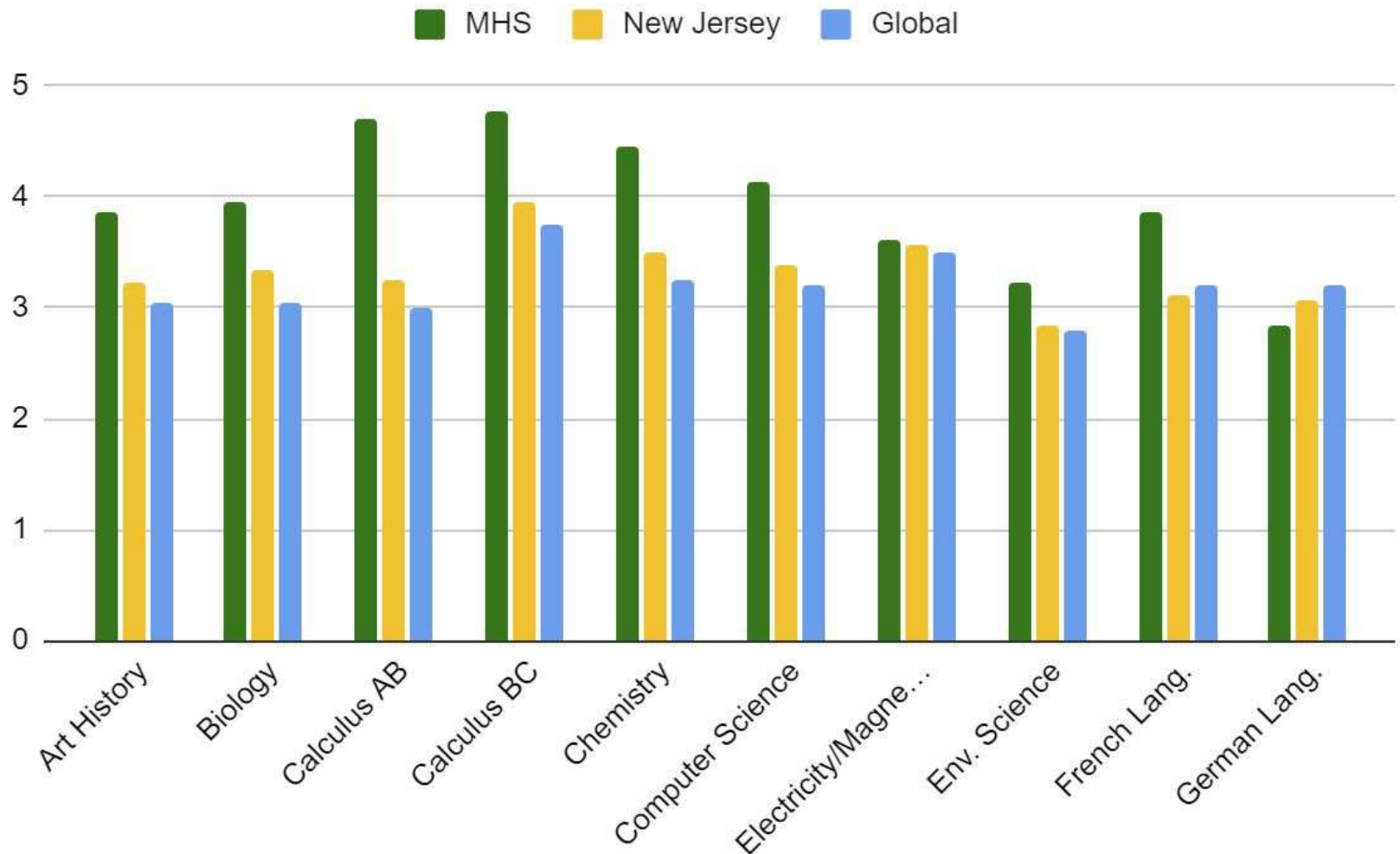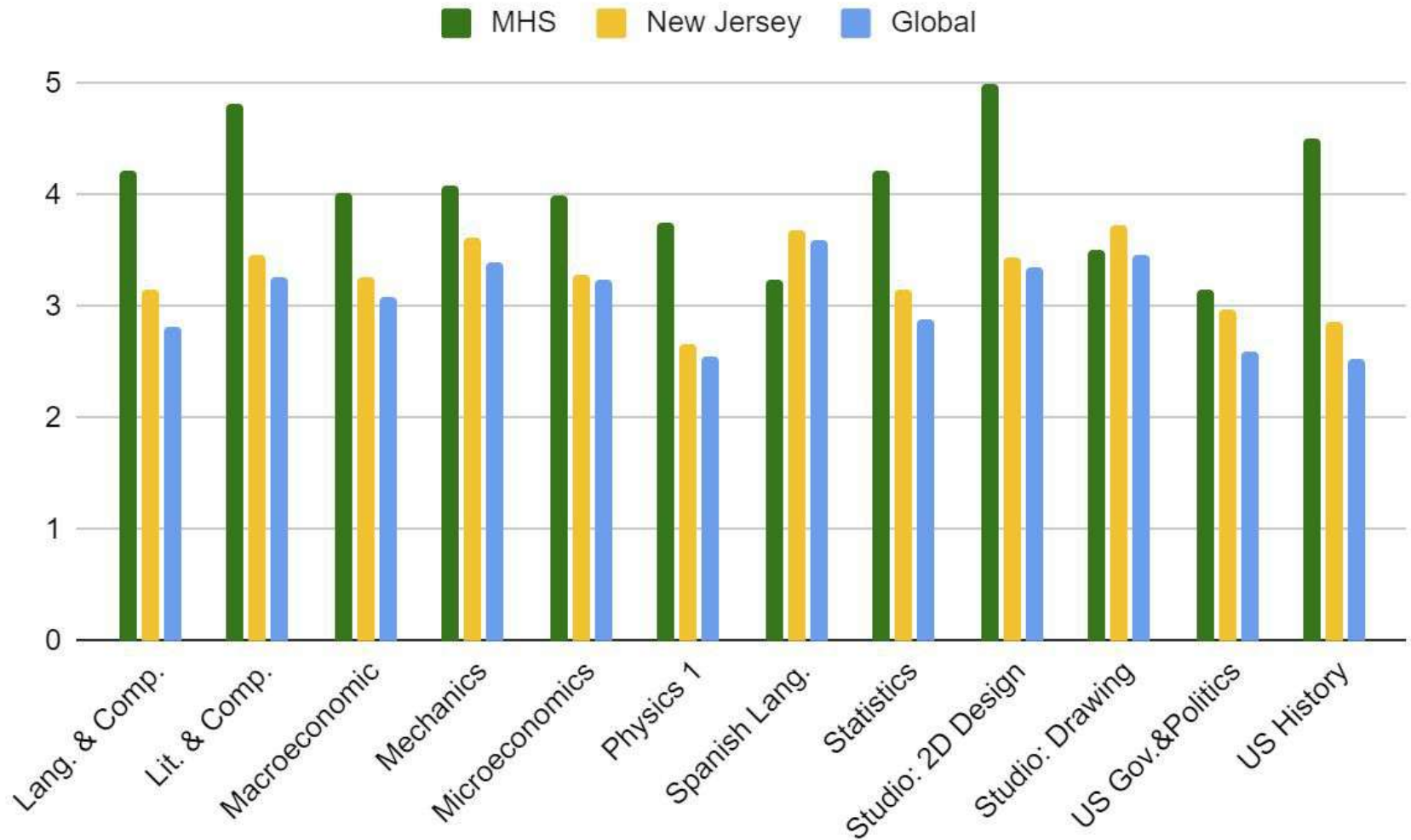
2022-2023

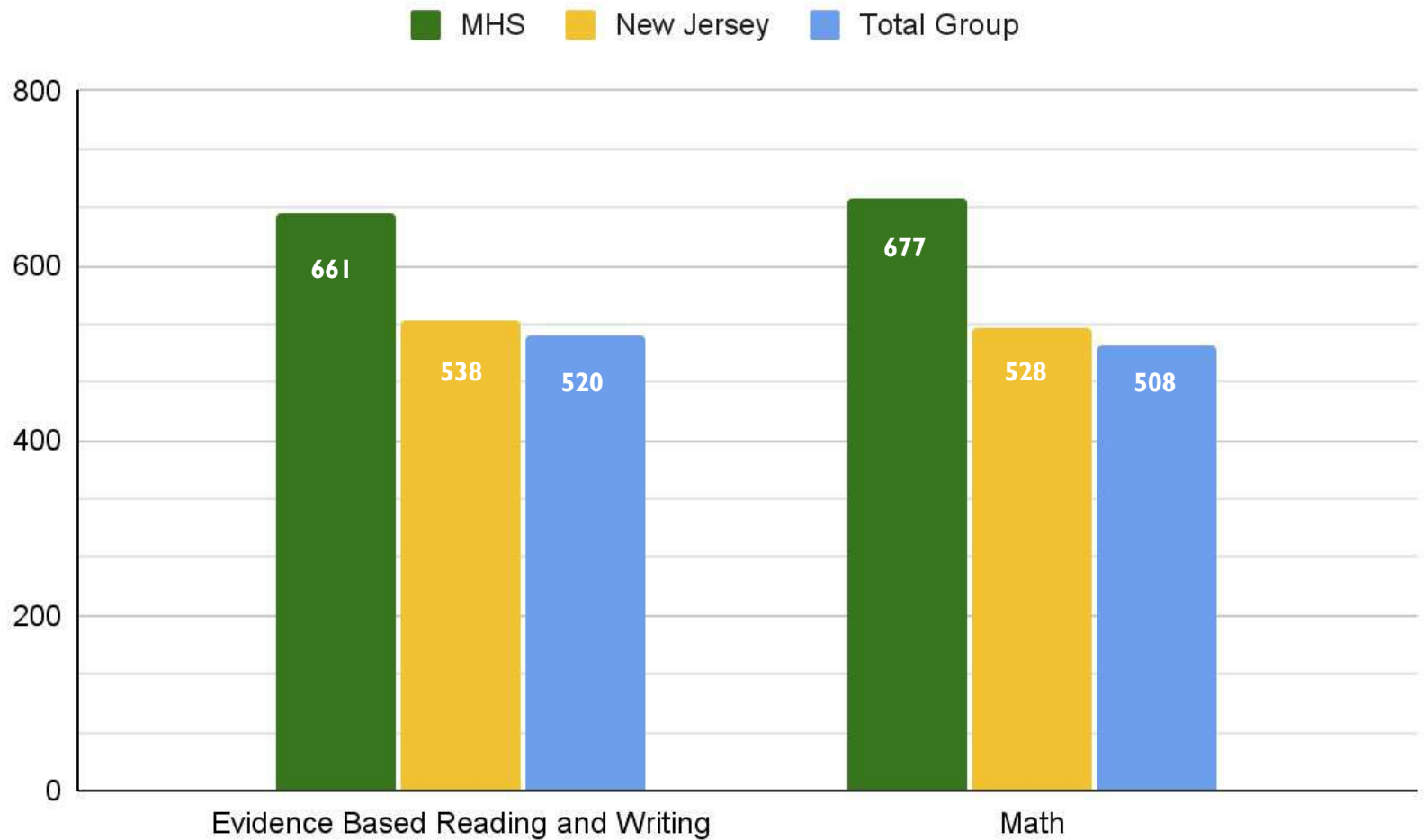The **SAT** tests reasoning and verbal abilities and is designed to assess students' academic readiness for college.

Math- 800

Evidence-based Reading & Writing- 800

Class of 2023 SAT Scores (mean)

Legend: ■ MHS ■ New Jersey ■ Total Group

	Evidence Based Reading and Writing	Math
MHS	661	677
New Jersey	538	528
Total Group	520	508

2023 Profile (College Board)

SAT Scores 2019-23

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Evidence Based Reading and Writing SAT Scores					
MHS	661	647	640	647	647
NJ	538	543	562	541	544
Total Group	520	529	533	528	531
Math SAT Scores					
MHS	677	669	660	673	674
NJ	528	537	563	540	545
Total Group	508	521	528	523	528

2022-2023

The **ACT** is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school.

Composite Score- 36
     English
     Math
     Reading
     Science

Class of 2023 Mean ACT Scores
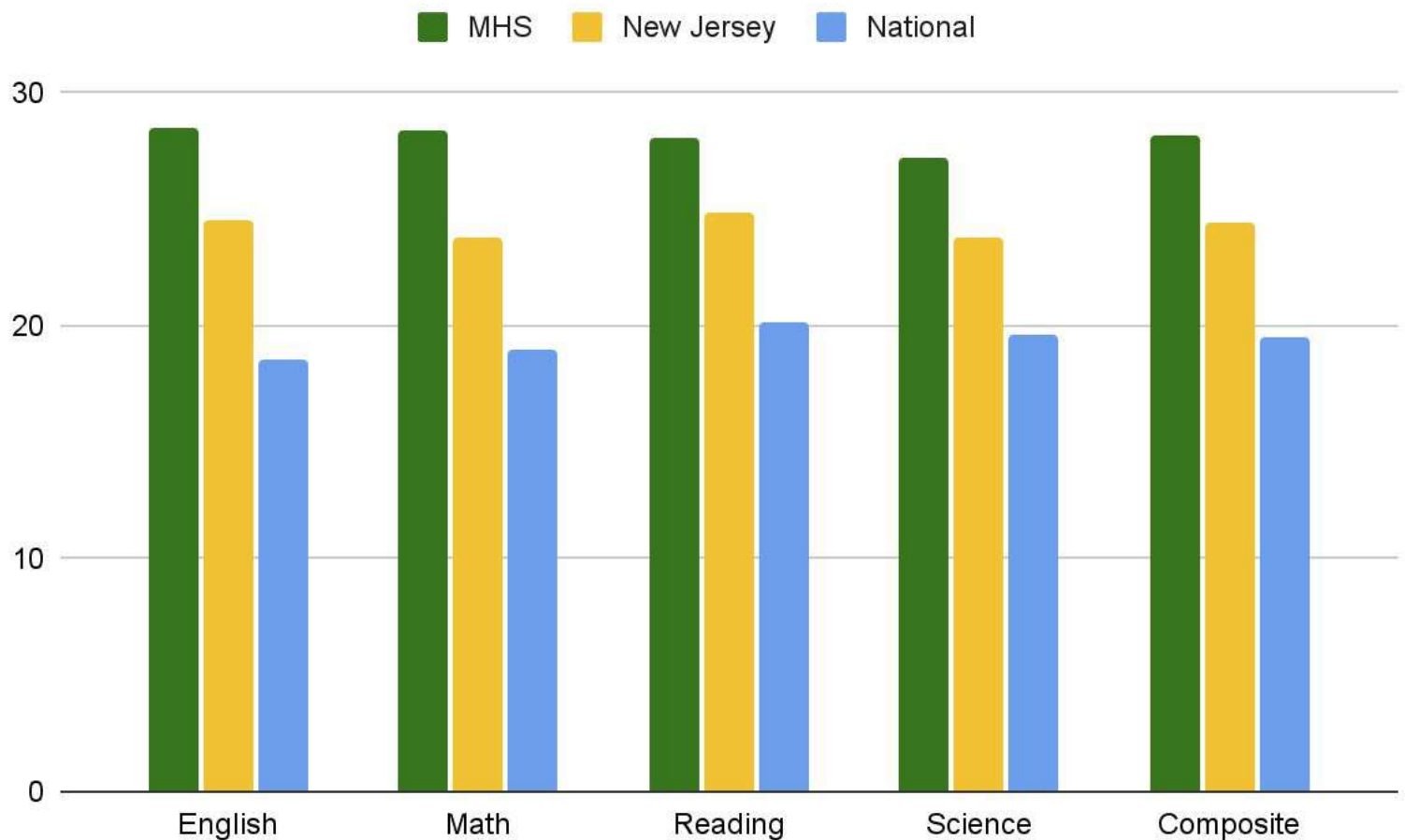
ACT Composite Scores 2019-23

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
MHS Composite	28.2	28.1	29.3	27.8	28.6
NJ Composite	24.4	24.6	25.1	24.4	24.2
National Composite	19.5	19.8	20.3	20.6	20.7

National Merit Scholars

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition among high school students for recognition and college scholarships that began in 1955.

1.3 million students from 22,000 entered the National Merit Scholarship Program

Take PSAT & NMSQT in Grade 11 as an initial screening

They must also meet elite level academic requirements through senior year proving greatest potential for success in rigorous college studies and beyond

Less than 1% become finalists

National Merit Scholars

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Finalist	14	29	20	21	12
Semifinalist	14	30	20	21	12
Commended	67	46	49	46	70

New Admissions Landscape

- **SAT/ACT Test Optional** - remains in place for now, created huge increase in applications to highly selective schools - leads to even lower acceptance rates.

- **Popularity of the Common Application** - large increase in applications (7.5%+), easy to apply and number of applications rose, more schools joined CA (Rutgers)

- **State/Public Universities** - saw large increases overall, in-state tuition is less than private, students staying closer to home

- **Deferrals and Waitlists** - getting larger due to strong early applicants

- **International Applicants** - continues to increase, pay full tuition

- **Demonstrated Interest** - more important - ED and EA, college tours, online engagement is often tracked

- *Covid Effect* **continues**… reflected in class of 2021- 2023 applications, admissions to selective schools remains challenging and unpredictable. Students need a balanced list of schools on their application list.

source: Ivywise and College Matchpoint,
https://www.collegematchpoint.com/

Class Profiles

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Graduating Class Size	409	374	423	399	409
Average GPA	90.786	90.6	90.6	90.2	89.9
Average PSAT	1247	1225	1236	1228	1227
Average SAT	1358	1335	1344	1347	1349
Average ACT	28	28	30	29	29
Number of College Apps Submitted	5233	4653	4491	3714	3098
Average Number of Apps per Student	12.8	12.4	10.6	9.4	7.6
Percentage Accepted	32%	32%	39%	43%	51%

Data from *Naviance & Genesis*

College Applications per Student Class of 2023
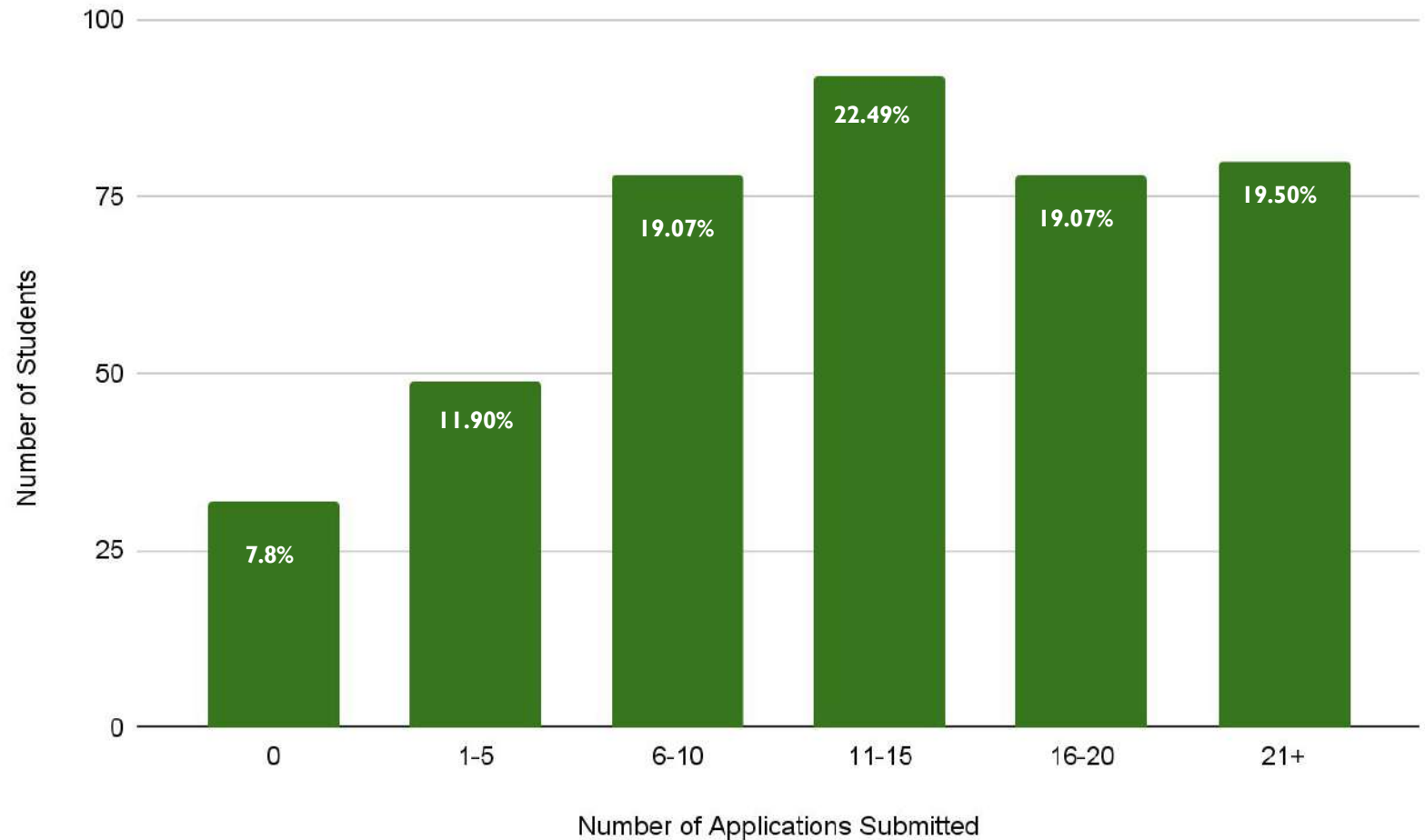
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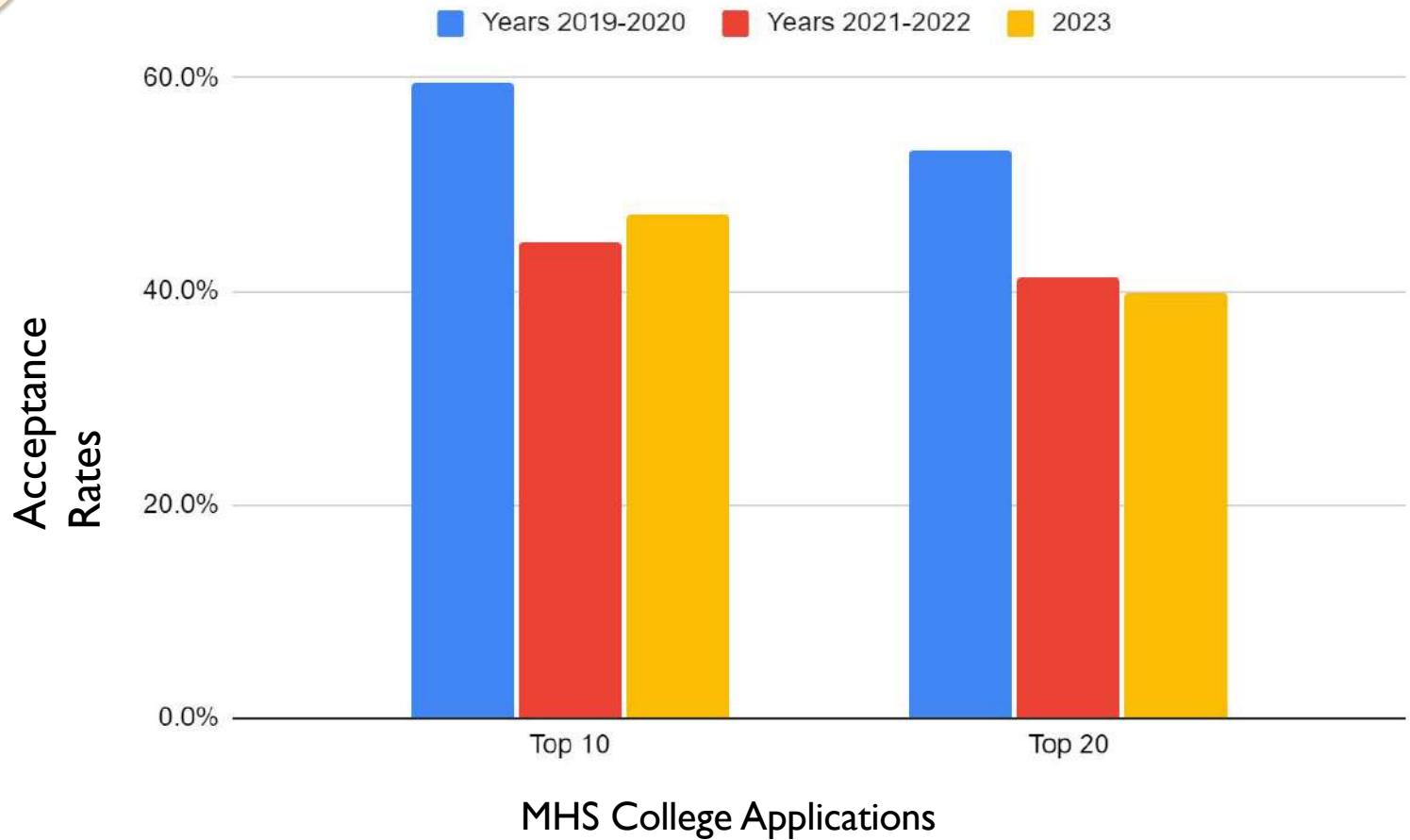
Data from *Naviance*

Class of 2023 Top 20 Applied To

Colleges	Net Apply	Total Accept	% Accept	Attend	% Yield
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	233	166	71.24%	71	42.77%
Northeastern University	142	74	52.11%	17	22.97%
Pennsylvania State University-Main	141	83	58.87%	7	8.43%
New York University	121	11	9.09%	8	72.73%
University of Maryland-College Park	121	33	27.27%	7	21.21%
Drexel University	117	86	73.50%	12	13.95%
University of Pittsburgh	99	68	68.69%	5	7.35%
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	97	6	6.19%	2	33.33%
The College of New Jersey	97	53	54.64%	11	20.75%
Boston University	96	15	15.63%	1	6.67%
University of Pennsylvania	81	6	7.41%	2	33.33%
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	78	15	19.23%	6	40.00%
Cornell University	77	3	3.90%	2	66.67%
New Jersey Institute of Technology	70	48	68.57%	6	12.50%
Carnegie Mellon University	69	7	10.14%	3	42.86%
Purdue University-Main Campus	68	28	41.18%	4	14.29%
Princeton University	68	3	4.41%	1	33.33%
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main	59	23	38.98%	1	4.35%
University of Delaware	58	27	46.55%	7	25.93%
Syracuse University	56	22	39.29%	2	9.09%

College Enrollment Top 20 – 3 yrs

College Matriculation 2021-2023	# Attending
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	192
Northeastern University	42
Raritan Valley Community College	37
The College of New Jersey	29
Drexel University	25
Indiana University-Bloomington	24
New York University	19
Penn State Main Campus	19
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus	18
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	17
Montclair State University	15
University of Maryland-College Park	14
Ohio State University-Main Campus	12
Purdue University-Main Campus	12
Rowan University	12
Seton Hall University	12
Rutgers University-Newark	11
University of Delaware	11
Carnegie Mellon University	9
New Jersey Institute of Technology	9

RUTGERS
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

68,000 applications for Fall 2024

60% increase because of Common App

New for MHS

Concurrent Enrollment
Seton Hall Project Acceleration Link

New School Counseling Website
https://sites.google.com/mtsd.us/mhscounseling/home

Parchment - an online platform for ease and convenience of receiving and sharing credentials such as transcripts and diplomas

PSAT for all Juniors

FAFSA must be completed as a NJ graduation requirement

Where Are We Applying - Top 10

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Pennsylvania State University-Main	**141**	**83**	**58.87%**	**7**	**8.43%**
New York University	**121**	**11**	**9.09%**	**8**	**72.73%**
University of Maryland-College Park	**121**	**33**	**27.27%**	**7**	**21.21%**
Drexel University	**117**	**86**	**73.50%**	**12**	**13.95%**
University of Pittsburgh	**99**	**68**	**68.69%**	**5**	**7.35%**
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	**97**	**6**	**6.19%**	**2**	**33.33%**
The College of New Jersey	**97**	**53**	**54.64%**	**11**	**20.75%**
Boston University	**96**	**15**	**15.63%**	**1**	**6.67%**

National Merit Scholars

- Requirements
  - Enrollment as a high school student on track for graduation,
  - Take the PSAT/NMSQT in grade 11; and
  - Attend high school in the U.S, District of Columbia, or U.S. commonwealths and territories; or meet the U.S. citizenship requirements for students attending high school outside the U.S.

National Merit (cont)

- Over 1.6 million students in about 22,000 high schools enter the National Merit Scholarship Program each year.
- About 50,000 entrants qualify for program recognition
- About 8,500 outstanding students receive scholarships
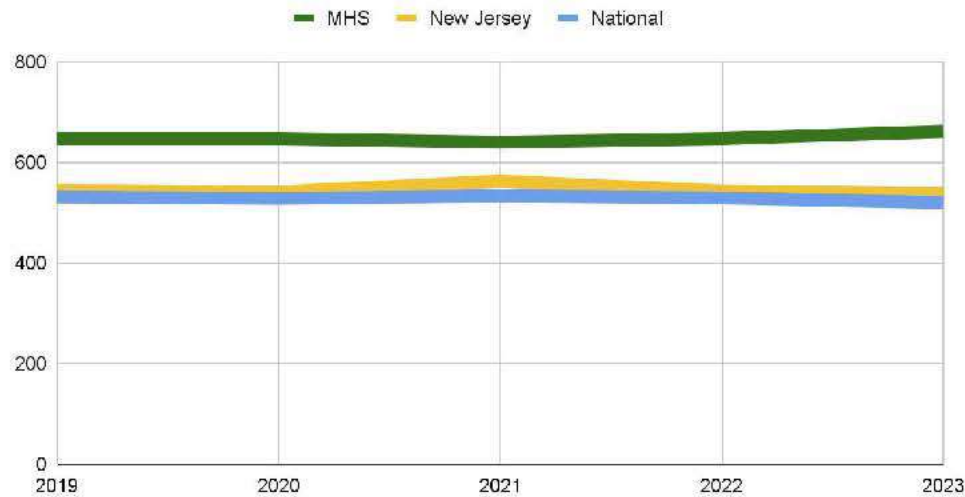
National Merit (cont)

- Less than 1 percent of the nation's high school graduating seniors qualify as Semi Finalists each year.

- The Semi Finalists have the opportunity to advance in the competition for about 7,250 Merit Scholarship awards.

National Merit (cont)

- In order for a Semifinalist to qualify as a Finalist, they must
  - Continue to meet all requirements
  - Be enrolled in their last year of high school
  - Have a record of consistently high academic performance
  - Complete the NMSC Online Scholarship Application
  - Take the SAT or ACT and earn scores consistent with PSAT/NMSQT
  - Provide additional documentation, including submission of a personal essay.
  - About 95% of Semi Finalists qualify as Finalists.

Evidence Based Reading and Writing SAT Scores

Math SAT Scores

2023 Profile (College Board)