

Frequently Asked Questions



Teacher Median SGP District Summary Report

1. *Why was this report developed?*

Starting with the 2012-13 school year the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) provides all New Jersey LEAs access to mSGP data for qualifying teachers through this NJ SMART report. The first official mSGP scores were distributed for the 2013-2014 school year. The information is being shared primarily to help LEAs and the Department to support 1:1 discussions between a teacher and her/his supervisor about SGPs, examine the quality of the data, and consider related professional development opportunities.

Access to 2015-16 median Student Growth Percentile (mSGP) data for all qualifying teachers is now available. This data describes student growth from last school year (2015-16), which comprised 10% of qualifying teachers' 2015-16 evaluations. **The contents of the Teacher Median SGP Summary shall be maintained by the school district, shall be confidential, and shall not be accessible to the public in accordance with the TEACHNJ Act and N.J.S.A. 18A:6-120.d and 121.e.**

2. *How are Teacher Median SGPs calculated?*

The NJDOE established business rules that determine the calculations of teacher mSGPs. These rules are aligned with the TEACHNJ legislation and AchieveNJ regulations. Median SGP data are available only for those who are assigned to teach Language Arts in grades 4-8 or **Mathematics in grades 4-7** by their respective LEAs. For the mSGP to be assigned to a teacher, a teacher must:

- be assigned to a course with a Subject Area of 51, 52, or 73 in the 2015-2016 Course Roster Submission.
- be the teacher of record for at least 60% of the course prior to the **State Assessment** (the percentage of time is calculated from the beginning of the year to the first day of **State Assessment** testing), and
- have valid SGP scores for at least 20 separate students who are enrolled in the class for at least 70% of the school year before taking the **state assessment in 2015-16 or in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and 2015-16 combined.**

The data submitted by the LEA through NJSMART assigns State Assessments to students, links students to assigned teachers, informs the calculations of course enrollment time, and therefore informs the calculation. Your LEA submissions and administration of SID Management, SMID Management, NJ ASK Pre-ID, PARCC Registration, and the Course Roster Submissions each tie into the proper linking of assessments to students and the assignment of students to the appropriate teacher.

3. *How do I access the Teacher Median SGP District Summary Report?*

A click-by-click user guide provides NJ SMART users with directions on how to access the report. A user guide has been published to accompany the report from a functionality and use perspective. These resources are available through the NJ SMART Help and Support Tab. All NJ SMART users are highly encouraged to review those resources.

NJ SMART users are encouraged to contact the NJ SMART Help Desk for questions regarding the functionality of the report.

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The staff members within your district or school who are responsible for your NJ SMART data submissions are also an excellent resource for understanding what was officially submitted and certified by your district.

4. Why am I not able to see my district in the Staff Report Parameters page when trying to run the Teacher Median SGP District Summary Report?

Districts will not have a 2015-16 Teacher Median SGP Summary Report if:

- there are no students in grades 4-8.
- no courses with a Subject Area of 51, 52, and 73 (math and language arts) were reported to the Course Roster Submission.
- the district missed the 2015-16 Course Roster Submission deadline.
- all applicable records were captured in error in the Course Roster Submission.

A user can view the Release History of the 2015-2016 Course Roster Submission on the Refresh/Release page by following the below breadcrumb trail.

[HOME](#) > [Submissions](#) > [Course Roster Submission](#) > [Roster Refresh / Release](#) > Refresh / Release

5. Where do I go for more information on TEACHNJ?

Questions about TEACHNJ, AchieveNJ, and associated policy questions must be directed to the NJDOE. The NJDOE has established an email address for all inquiries that should be directed to the NJDOE Office of Evaluation. That email is as follows: educatorevaluation@doe.state.nj.us. For more information, please visit the AchieveNJ SGP Web Page: (<http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/teacher/percentile.shtml>).

6. What is a Mutli-Year Score?

State evaluation requirements now allow for the use of multiple years of mSGP data for educator evaluations within the same district. The analysis of several years of student growth provides the opportunity to demonstrate a fuller picture of educator effectiveness. For the 2015-16 school year, a teacher may qualify to receive the mSGP score based on a total of qualifying students from up to the previous **three** years in the same district that reaches or exceeds the minimum number of 20 students.

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7. **What is the Reported mSGP?**

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The Reported mSGP is the mSGP (1-99) of the most recent school year or of the previous three years combined, whichever is most advantageous to the teacher.

This FAQ document will be revised and refreshed over time as additional common inquiries are expressed by users.