# **QSAC Results 2020-2021**

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# What is **QSAC**?

The New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) is:

- The NJ Department of Education monitoring system
- Self-evaluation tool
- Shift the monitoring/evaluation focus from compliance to assistance and capacity-building
- Includes state laws and federally funded requirements
- The focus is monitoring districts in 5 key areas known as District Performance Review (DPR) areas: Fiscal, Governance, Instruction and Program, Operations, and Personnel.



## **Our Self-Assessment Scores**

After our internal self-assessment with a committee of stakeholders, we evaluated our DPRs as follows:

Instruction and Program: 87%

Fiscal Management: 100%

Governance: 100%

**Operations: 100%** 

Personnel: 100%



## **State Returned Scores**

After the state reviewed our self-assessment and supporting documentation, we received the following scores:

Instruction and Program: 87%

Fiscal Management: 96%

Governance: 100%

Operations: 89%

Personnel: 100%

We have satisfied the 80% minimum requirement for each DPR, thus we maintain our status as a **high performing** district.

# **Instruction and Program Score**

The Instruction and Program score is provided to us by the Department of Education. It considers 2 parts:

- Achievement scores and
- Curriculum and Policy

Our weighted achievement scores and academic progress scores in ELA, math, and science are areas where some points were lost.

We received all points for Curriculum and Policy

#### **Finance Areas of Comment and Corrective Action**

Comment: The 2018-2019 audit had one significant deficiency for the Extraordinary Aid application calculations.

Corrective Action: Corrective action was put in place in the 2019-2020 school year. Data input to the Extraordinary Aid application by the Pupil Services Department was reviewed by the Business Office to ensure accuracy. An independent third party firm, Bedard, Kurowicki & Co., CPA, audited the 2019-2020 Extraordinary Aid application certifying no recurring issues.

## **Operations Areas of Comment and Corrective Action**

Comment 1: Final data verification for the SSDS report was due on August 10, 2020. We verified the report on August 13, 2020, missing the deadline. (N.J.A.C. 6A 16-5.3) This was likely due to the deadline change due to COVID.

Corrective Action 1: This was reviewed with the administrator in charge of SSDS.

Comment 2: We did not provide training on our missing, abused or neglected children policy to our volunteers and interns (N.J.A.C. 6A: 16-11)

Corrective Action 2: We are in the process of developing a Safe Schools training module for HSA, student interns, and other volunteers for September.

#### Conclusion

There are no comments on the Personnel and Governance DPRs. This 100% score suggests that protocols and procedures in these areas are well within compliance.

Any area where we lost points and received a comment have been remedied with internal protocols.

The feedback provided allows for more capacity-building.

We maintain our status as a high performing district!



Questions?