

# BIG DATA & K-12 EDUCATION



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# Overview

- Big vs. precision data
- Non-academic data
- Academic data
- Publically available data
- Materials from tonight:
  - <https://github.com/AdamBethke/bigdatak12education>



# BIG VS. PRECISION DATA



# Big vs. Precision Data

- Hadley Wickham's Big Data Framework
  - Most of the current work in K-12 education fall's into Hadley's first two categories:
    - "Big data problems that are actually small data problems, once you have the right subset/sample/summary."
    - "Big data problems that are actually lots and lots of small data problems."
- Differences between commercial big data and education data and performance monitoring
- Data definitions are important!



# NON-ACADEMIC DATA



# Non-Academic Data

- **Inputs:**

- Attendance
- Discipline
- Enrollment

- **Outputs:**

- [LearnDC Equity Reports](#)
- Monthly data dives; outlier analysis



# Sample Equity Report

## BASIS DC PCS 2014-15 Equity Report

**What is an Equity Report?** Equity in education refers to all students receiving the same caliber of education regardless of their race, ethnicity, economic status, special education status or other factors.

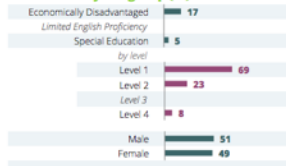
Equity Reports give our schools, families and communities transparent and comparable information related to equity across all DC schools. Equity Reports are available online so that information is easy to access, understand and use.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), DC Public Schools (DCPS), the DC Public Charter School Board (PCSB) in consultation with charter schools, the Deputy Mayor for Education and Newschools Venture Fund partnered to create these Equity Reports. Equity Reports are a complement to OSSE's LearnDC School Profiles, DCPS School Scorecards and PCSB's Performance Management Framework.

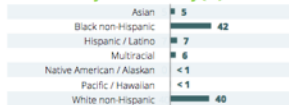
### STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

**Total Enrollment (#)**  
551 Students

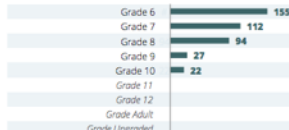
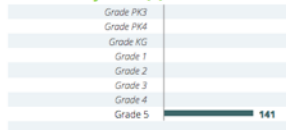
#### Enrollment by Subgroup (%)



#### Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity (%)



#### Enrollment by Grade (#)

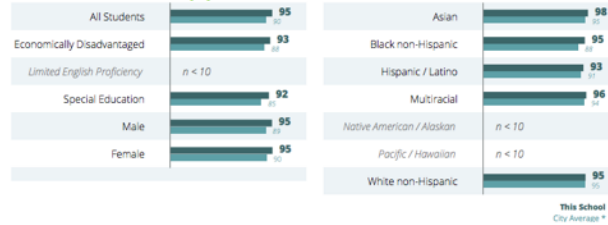


This Equity Report represents the joint effort of OSSE, DCPS, PCSB, and DME to improve equity across all entities. Support provided by Newschools Venture Fund.

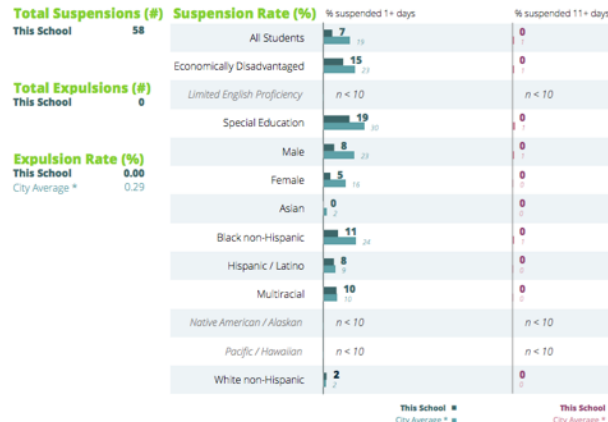
## BASIS DC PCS 2014-15 Equity Report

### ATTENDANCE

#### In-Seat Attendance Rate (%)



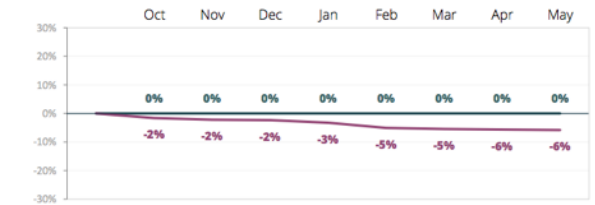
### DISCIPLINE



This School City Average \* This School City Average \*

### STUDENT MOVEMENT

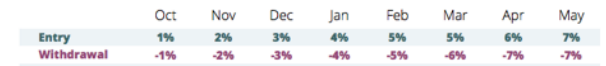
#### Mid-Year Entry and Withdrawals (%) This School



#### Net Cumulative Change (%)

This School -6% City Average \* -1%

#### Mid-Year Entry and Withdrawals (%) City Average \*



\* The City Averages displayed on this page only include the average of those grades served by this school in school year 2015-16.

# ACADEMIC DATA





# Academic Data

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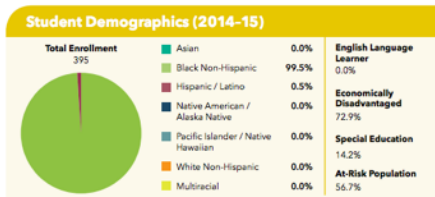
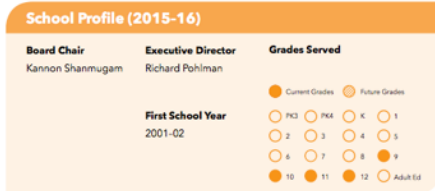
- State Assessment (PARCC)
- Early Childhood Assessments
- High School Outcomes (PSAT, ACT/SAT, College Acceptance)
- Reenrollment
- ... mountains of data.

- **Outputs:**

- [Performance Management Framework \(PMF\)](#)
  - Common framework, schools are tiered each year
- Reviews and Renewals
- Subject, Content, and Subgroup Analysis

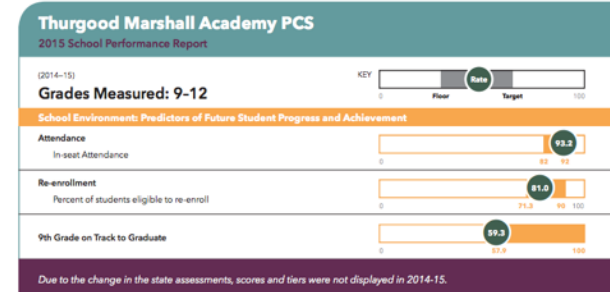
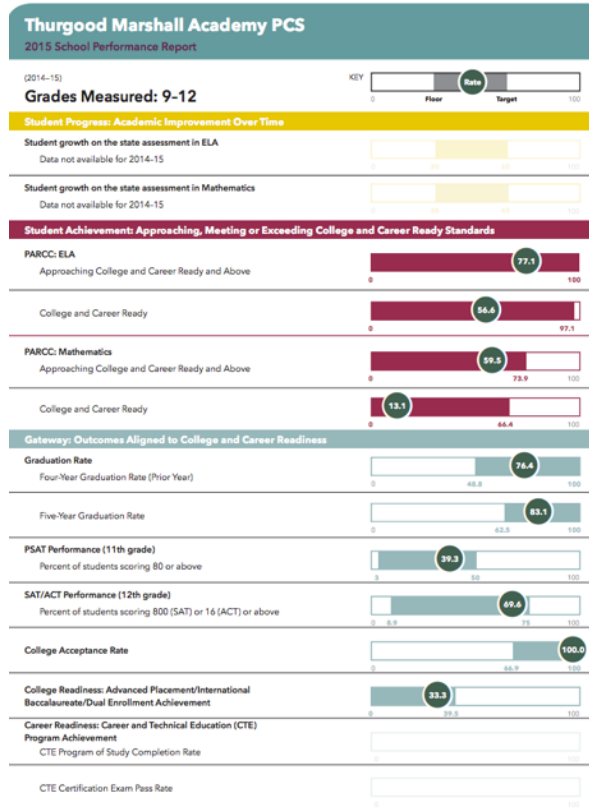


# Sample PMF Scorecard



**A Note from the School**

The mission of Thurgood Marshall Academy PCS is to prepare students to succeed in college and to actively engage in our democratic society. The school's college prep curriculum provides students with Advanced Placement and dual enrollment/dual credit early college access. In addition to rigorous academics, the school boasts extensive after school opportunities in athletics, arts, and academics to support holistic development of students. Students are supported with wrap around services including homework help, tutoring, and a Summer Prep program. A robust college and alumni program has ensured that since its first graduating class, 100 percent of graduates have been accepted to college. Today, over 90 percent of graduates enroll in college, a testament to the school's mission.



# PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE DATA



# Publically available data

- [PMF Scorecards](#)
- [Equity Reports](#)
- [Attendance, Discipline and Truancy Reports](#)
- [PARCC Scores](#)
- Shout out to Ben Robinson at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), who maintains the R package [LearnDC](#)



# Publically available data definitions

- [Equity Report Technical Guide](#)
- [PMF Policy and Technical Guide](#)



WHAT'S NEXT?



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