

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #183 (2003-2004)

January 12, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2003-2004 ETHNICITY REPORT

PERTINENT FACTS:

Attached are a series of tables and graphs, focusing on the ethnic composition of the Anchorage School District. Data in this report represent membership numbers as of October 22, 2003.

In 1976, 13 percent of Anchorage School District students classified themselves as belonging to an ethnic minority group. Today 43 percent of the students in the District are ethnically diverse school children. Of the ethnic minority population, the Alaska Native/American Indian (13%) category is the largest, followed by the Asian/Pacific Islander (11%), African American/Black (8%), and Hispanic (6%) groups. Since the 1994-95 school year, the fastest growing ethnic population, percentage-wise, has been Asian/Pacific Islander, followed by Hispanic. The Asian/Pacific Islander ethnic group grew by 70 percent and the Hispanic ethnic group grew by 61 percent.

Since last school year, the ethnic minority student population has increased by 2.2% and the White student population has decreased by 2.4%. These changes are shown in the Historical Student Membership Composition graph (chart 2). Looking at student numbers, the White student group decreased by 689 students this year, while the ethnic minority group increased by 474 students.

The largest numerical gain in an ethnic minority category this year, over last year, was "Other," which increased by 422 students. It should be noted that student ethnicity is self-identified. Students are given a list of ethnic categories, and they (or their parents/guardians) choose the category they feel is most appropriate. The "Other" category was established for those students identifying with more than one ethnic category, or for those students who are not comfortable choosing any of the given categories.

Chart 3 shows student ethnicity or race by Program Type. At 52%, Special Services has the largest population of ethnic minorities, followed by Elementary Education at 45%. Ethnic minorities make up 42% of students in the Middle School program. The High School program has the smallest ethnic minority population at 38%, followed by Other Secondary at 40%. The ethnic minority populations at the secondary levels are expected to increase as elementary students move into these levels.

The steady increase in ethnic minority membership appears to be a long-term trend. While White populations rise and fall with the economic climate, the ethnic minority populations continue to grow steadily. The ethnic minority population has increased by 6,863 students since 1994-95. Since the 1999-2000 school year, the gain in ethnic minority students has averaged nearly two percent per year. If this trend continues, the ethnic minority student population is expected to exceed fifty percent of the total student population by the start of the 2006-2007 school year.

Attachments

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 Ethnicity Report  
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 Summary 1994 - 2003

<b>School Year</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>African American Or Black</b>	<b>Alaska Native Or American Indian</b>	<b>Asian Or Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total Ethnic Minority</b>	<b>School Totals</b>
1994-1995	33,355 70%	4,215 9%	4,974 10%	3,141 7%	1,897 4%		14,227 30%	47,582
1995-1996	33,002 69%	4,089 9%	5,180 11%	3,331 7%	2,112 4%		14,712 31%	47,714
1996-1997	32,546 68%	4,182 9%	5,392 11%	3,558 7%	2,233 5%		15,365 32%	47,911
1997-1998	32,557 67%	4,234 9%	5,644 12%	3,819 8%	2,381 5%		16,078 33%	48,635
1998-1999	32,530 66%	4,336 9%	5,890 12%	4,299 9%	2,522 5%		17,047 34%	49,577
1999 - 2000	31,759 64%	4,263 9%	5,950 12%	4,460 9%	2,665 5%	197 0%	17,535 35%	49,294
2000 - 2001	30,886 62%	4,227 9%	6,177 12%	4,760 10%	2,754 6%	695 1%	18,613 37%	49,499
2001 - 2002	29,978 60%	4,234 9%	6,267 13%	5,038 10%	2,897 6%	1,241 2%	19,677 40%	49,655
2002 - 2003	29,157 59%	4,196 8%	6,366 13%	5,311 11%	3,041 6%	1,702 3%	20,616 41%	49,773
2003 - 2004	28,468 57%	4,057 8%	6,524 13%	5,335 11%	3,050 6%	2,124 4%	21,090 43%	49,558

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<b>Change 2002 =&gt; 2003</b>	-689	-139	158	24	9	422	474	-215
<b>Change 1994 =&gt; 2003</b>	-4,887	-158	1,550	2,194	1,153		6,863	1,976
<b>Percent Growth Last Ten Years</b>	-15%	-4%	31%	70%	61%		48%	4%

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 District Summary by Type of Program

Type of Program	White	African American Or Black	Alaska Native Or American Indian	Asian Or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	14,574 55%	2,154 8%	3,695 14%	2,813 11%	1,737 7%	1,519 6%	11,918 45%	26,492
MIDDLE LEVEL TOTAL	4,486 58%	643 8%	995 13%	874 11%	468 6%	229 3%	3,209 42%	7,695
HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL	7,910 63%	1,047 8%	1,316 10%	1,505 12%	722 6%	283 2%	4,873 38%	12,783
OTHER SECONDARY TOTAL	1,258 60%	181 9%	360 17%	132 6%	104 5%	55 3%	832 40%	2,090
SPECIAL SERVICES TOTAL	240 48%	32 6%	158 32%	11 2%	19 4%	38 8%	258 52%	498
DISTRICT TOTALS	28,468 57%	4,057 8%	6,524 13%	5,335 11%	3,050 6%	2,124 4%	21,090 43%	49,558

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100 ABBOTT LOOP	231 52%	42 9%	67 15%	41 9%	20 4%	45 10%	215 48%	446
110 AIRPORT HEIGHTS	103 42%	29 12%	65 26%	24 10%	14 6%	13 5%	145 58%	248
112 ALPENGLOW	349 79%	23 5%	21 5%	9 2%	13 3%	24 5%	90 21%	439
510 AQUARIAN CHARTER	160 63%	26 10%	25 10%	9 4%	17 7%	15 6%	92 37%	252
114 AURORA	291 69%	56 13%	0 0%	16 4%	25 6%	32 8%	129 31%	420
115 BAXTER	226 55%	46 11%	76 19%	30 7%	19 5%	12 3%	183 45%	409
116 BAYSHORE	416 71%	16 3%	29 5%	69 12%	28 5%	28 5%	170 29%	586
118 BEAR VALLEY	442 86%	6 1%	32 6%	8 2%	15 3%	9 2%	70 14%	512
120 BIRCHWOOD ABC	278 83%	4 1%	34 10%	9 3%	2 1%	7 2%	56 17%	334
125 BOWMAN WILLARD L	334 65%	29 6%	59 12%	47 9%	23 4%	20 4%	178 35%	512
130 CAMPBELL	259 51%	17 3%	98 19%	58 11%	36 7%	38 8%	247 49%	506

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140 CHESTER VALLEY	137 43%	32 10%	64 20%	30 9%	10 3%	43 14%	179 57%	316
150 CHINOOK	264 48%	32 6%	103 19%	97 18%	37 7%	17 3%	286 52%	550
160 CHUGACH OPTIONAL	188 80%	4 2%	21 9%	16 7%	3 1%	2 1%	46 20%	234
170 CHUGIAK	377 76%	6 1%	48 10%	13 3%	26 5%	23 5%	116 24%	493
174 COLLEGE GATE	191 52%	44 12%	55 15%	29 8%	21 6%	27 7%	176 48%	367
180 CREEKSIDE PARK	160 37%	55 13%	93 21%	51 12%	36 8%	43 10%	278 63%	438
190 DENALI	246 56%	54 12%	68 15%	25 6%	19 4%	28 6%	194 44%	440
200 EAGLE RIVER	259 69%	24 6%	46 12%	13 3%	25 7%	9 2%	117 31%	376
540 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	191 78%	6 2%	14 6%	9 4%	8 3%	16 7%	53 22%	244
210 FAIRVIEW	44 10%	110 25%	92 21%	88 20%	54 12%	55 12%	399 90%	443
215 FIRE LAKE	211 76%	3 1%	24 9%	14 5%	10 4%	14 5%	65 24%	276

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545 FRONTIER ELE	67 80%	2 2%	8 10%	1 1%	3 4%	3 4%	17 20%	84
220 GIRDWOOD	142 83%	4 2%	6 4%	5 3%	10 6%	4 2%	29 17%	171
230 GOVERNMENT HILL	149 31%	37 8%	36 7%	31 6%	193 40%	35 7%	332 69%	481
235 HOMESTEAD	370 85%	7 2%	38 9%	10 2%	5 1%	3 1%	63 15%	433
237 HUFFMAN	384 81%	7 1%	24 5%	36 8%	15 3%	9 2%	91 19%	475
240 INLET VIEW	152 59%	11 4%	29 11%	33 13%	18 7%	16 6%	107 41%	259
242 KASUUN	273 57%	26 5%	70 14%	51 11%	33 7%	30 6%	210 43%	483
245 KLATT	173 43%	8 2%	65 16%	80 20%	56 14%	23 6%	232 57%	405
246 KINCAID	404 76%	9 2%	49 9%	31 6%	14 3%	27 5%	130 24%	534
248 LAKE HOOD	205 45%	36 8%	49 11%	98 22%	33 7%	31 7%	247 55%	452
250 LAKE OTIS	173 39%	42 9%	97 22%	46 10%	54 12%	31 7%	270 61%	443

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257 MT SPURR	232 76%	32 10%	7 2%	11 4%	15 5%	10 3%	75 24%	307
260 MOUNTAIN VIEW	47 11%	50 12%	108 26%	113 27%	56 14%	40 10%	367 89%	414
270 MULDOON	126 27%	86 19%	121 26%	79 17%	14 3%	35 8%	335 73%	461
280 NORTH STAR	117 26%	31 7%	122 27%	83 18%	75 17%	26 6%	337 74%	454
290 NORTHERN LIGHTS	370 60%	46 7%	41 7%	121 20%	19 3%	17 3%	244 40%	614
300 NORTHWOOD	153 49%	17 5%	55 17%	53 17%	15 5%	22 7%	162 51%	315
310 NUNAKA VALLEY	112 39%	37 13%	95 33%	11 4%	18 6%	14 5%	175 61%	287
315 OCEAN VIEW	392 69%	22 4%	71 13%	30 5%	31 5%	21 4%	175 31%	567
320 OMALLEY	276 83%	1 0%	18 5%	3 1%	11 3%	23 7%	56 17%	332
324 ORION	255 67%	54 14%	2 1%	6 2%	31 8%	34 9%	127 33%	382
450 POLARIS K-6	174 76%	10 4%	17 7%	14 6%	8 4%	5 2%	54 24%	228

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328 PTARMIGAN	123 35%	60 17%	94 27%	16 5%	34 10%	24 7%	228 65%	351
330 RABBIT CREEK	271 74%	10 3%	52 14%	6 2%	13 4%	14 4%	95 26%	366
335 RAVENWOOD	376 87%	2 0%	26 6%	8 2%	8 2%	12 3%	56 13%	432
340 ROGERS PARK	346 66%	27 5%	38 7%	72 14%	15 3%	26 5%	178 34%	524
345 RUSSIAN JACK	135 34%	68 17%	77 20%	65 17%	26 7%	21 5%	257 66%	392
350 SAND LAKE	398 63%	26 4%	60 9%	114 18%	20 3%	16 3%	236 37%	634
360 SCENIC PARK	284 54%	69 13%	74 14%	25 5%	32 6%	38 7%	238 46%	522
362 SPRING HILL	191 45%	20 5%	100 24%	62 15%	31 7%	16 4%	229 55%	420
364 SUSITNA	287 50%	66 11%	142 25%	34 6%	23 4%	27 5%	292 50%	579
365 TAKU	203 52%	42 11%	56 14%	34 9%	37 9%	20 5%	189 48%	392
363 TRAILSIDE	344 66%	18 3%	48 9%	47 9%	10 2%	54 10%	177 34%	521

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370 TUDOR	233 46%	44 9%	80 16%	64 13%	59 12%	29 6%	276 54%	509
380 TURNAGAIN	149 47%	16 5%	66 21%	41 13%	22 7%	20 6%	165 53%	314
384 TYSON WILLIAM	60 13%	54 12%	109 24%	186 41%	30 7%	19 4%	398 87%	458
386 URSA MAJOR	184 49%	103 28%	2 1%	3 1%	31 8%	50 13%	189 51%	373
388 URSA MINOR	126 55%	61 27%	6 3%	4 2%	16 7%	15 7%	102 45%	228
585 VILLAGE CHARTER	84 52%	27 17%	13 8%	10 6%	17 10%	12 7%	79 48%	163
390 WILLIWAW	88 15%	79 14%	142 25%	183 32%	50 9%	33 6%	487 85%	575
400 WILLOW CREST	163 36%	29 6%	97 22%	98 22%	41 9%	22 5%	287 64%	450
410 WONDER PARK	125 33%	69 18%	72 19%	58 15%	24 6%	35 9%	258 67%	383
418 WOOD GLADYS	301 62%	25 5%	79 16%	32 7%	10 2%	37 8%	183 38%	484
<b>TOTAL</b>	14,574 55%	2,154 8%	3,695 14%	2,813 11%	1,737 7%	1,519 6%	11,918 45%	26,492

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 Middle Schools

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700 CENTRAL	405 52%	131 17%	77 10%	70 9%	62 8%	39 5%	379 48%	784
710 CLARK	201 21%	160 17%	208 22%	260 28%	77 8%	36 4%	741 79%	942
780 GOLDENVIEW	763 82%	23 2%	55 6%	37 4%	35 4%	14 2%	164 18%	927
730 GRUENING	497 82%	18 3%	41 7%	20 3%	9 1%	23 4%	111 18%	608
740 HANSHEW	552 56%	70 7%	149 15%	128 13%	69 7%	26 3%	442 44%	994
750 MEARS	683 62%	40 4%	137 12%	158 14%	58 5%	25 2%	418 38%	1101
755 MIRROR LAKE	548 81%	15 2%	69 10%	13 2%	25 4%	8 1%	130 19%	678
760 ROMIG	406 49%	64 8%	130 16%	138 17%	75 9%	22 3%	429 51%	835
770 WENDLER	431 52%	122 15%	129 16%	50 6%	58 7%	36 4%	395 48%	826
TOTAL	4,486 58%	643 8%	995 13%	874 11%	468 6%	229 3%	3,190 41%	7,695

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 Senior High Schools

School	White	African American Or Black	Alaska Native Or American Indian	Asian Or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
800 BARTLETT	994 50%	391 19%	252 13%	195 10%	110 5%	64 3%	1012 50%	2,006
810 CHUGIAK	1,698 84%	61 3%	110 5%	54 3%	59 3%	38 2%	322 16%	2,020
820 DIMOND	1,515 67%	96 4%	231 10%	295 13%	118 5%	23 1%	763 33%	2,278
830 EAST	945 42%	285 13%	313 14%	434 19%	202 9%	67 3%	1301 58%	2,246
840 SERVICE	1,932 79%	70 3%	162 7%	183 7%	78 3%	34 1%	527 21%	2,459
850 WEST	826 47%	144 8%	248 14%	344 19%	155 9%	57 3%	948 53%	1,774
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,910 62%</b>	<b>1,047 8%</b>	<b>1,316 10%</b>	<b>1,505 12%</b>	<b>722 6%</b>	<b>283 2%</b>	<b>4,873 38%</b>	<b>12,783</b>

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 Other Secondary Programs

School	White	African American Or Black	Alaska Native Or American Indian	Asian Or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
885 AVAIL	26 36%	3 4%	30 42%	3 4%	6 8%	4 6%	46 64%	72
880 BENSON	104 48%	35 16%	34 16%	17 8%	19 9%	9 4%	114 52%	218
881 BENSON SEARCH	36 37%	12 12%	34 35%	10 10%	2 2%	3 3%	61 63%	97
833 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	206 71%	20 7%	39 13%	12 4%	10 3%	2 1%	83 29%	289
875 MCLAUGHLIN SEC*	57 37%	13 8%	60 39%	13 8%	7 5%	4 3%	97 63%	154
888 POLARIS 7-12	186 81%	11 5%	17 7%	6 3%	9 4%	2 1%	45 19%	231
835 SAVE I	137 57%	23 10%	43 18%	25 10%	9 4%	5 2%	105 43%	242
845 STELLER	210 72%	24 8%	26 9%	18 6%	12 4%	3 1%	83 28%	293
815 CROSSROADS	9 18%	11 22%	14 27%	12 24%	4 8%	1 2%	42 82%	51
844 FRONTIER SEC	70 64%	4 4%	17 15%	4 4%	9 8%	6 5%	40 36%	110
846 HIGHLAND TECH	209 69%	21 7%	37 12%	8 3%	14 5%	12 4%	92 31%	301

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884 CONTINUATION PROGR	8 25%	4 13%	9 28%	4 13%	3 9%	4 13%	24 75%	32
911 CORRECTIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,258 60%</b>	<b>181 9%</b>	<b>360 17%</b>	<b>132 6%</b>	<b>104 5%</b>	<b>55 3%</b>	<b>832 40%</b>	<b>2,090</b>

\*Part-time Students included in Save I.

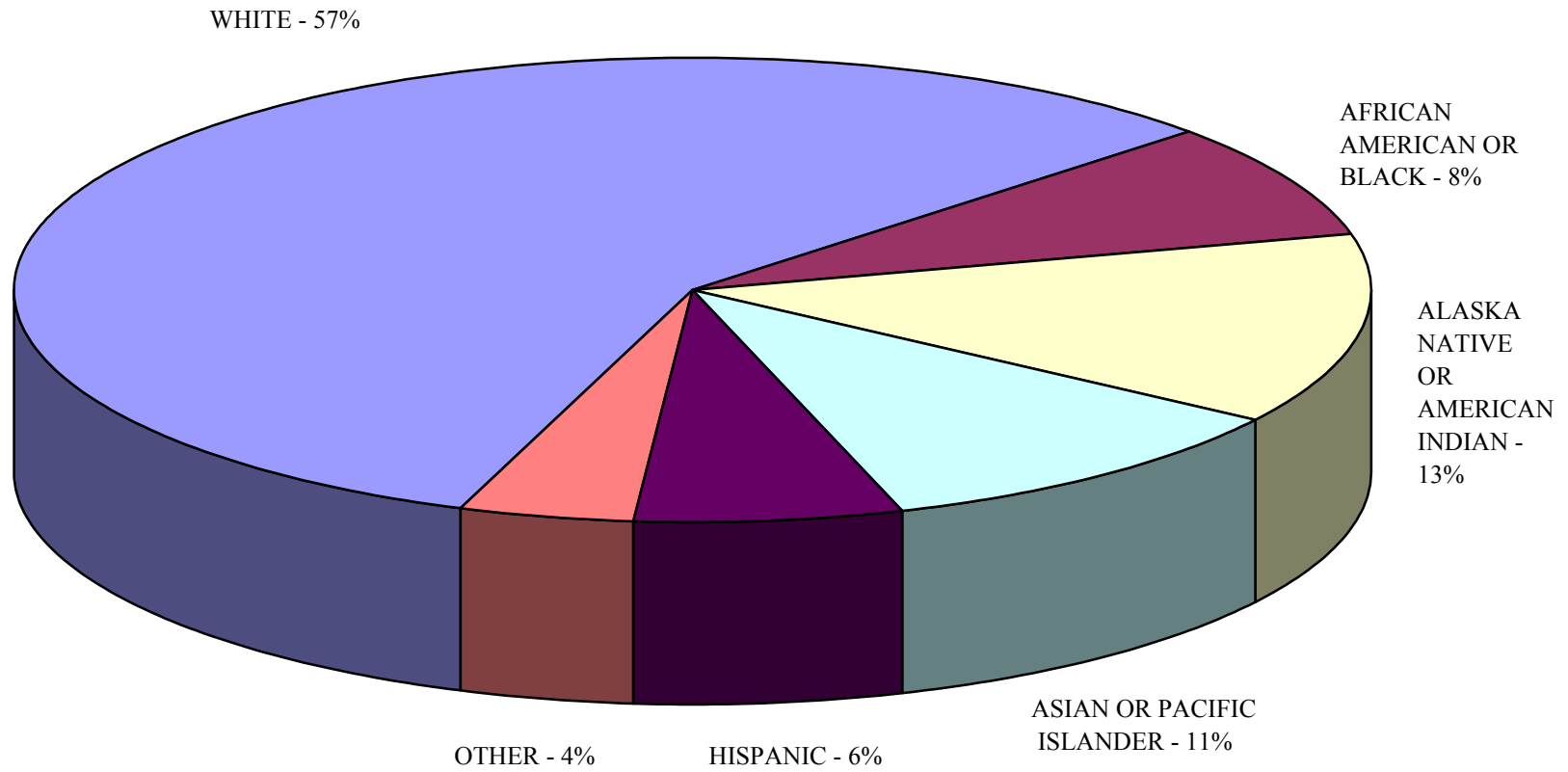
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667 ACE/ACT	62 75%	4 5%	10 12%	5 6%	1 1%	1 1%	21 25%	83
616 BOOTH SECONDARY	2 17%	0 0%	8 67%	0 0%	0 0%	2 17%	10 83%	12
618 MCKINLEY HEIGHTS	5 42%	0 0%	6 50%	0 0%	0 0%	1 8%	7 58%	12
625 WHALEY ELEMENTARY	15 31%	5 10%	22 46%	0 0%	2 4%	4 8%	33 69%	48
627 WHALEY SECONDARY	41 41%	12 12%	41 41%	2 2%	3 3%	2 2%	60 59%	101
628 CHARTER NORTH ELE	5 50%	0 0%	4 40%	0 0%	1 10%	0 0%	5 50%	10
629 CHARTER NORTH SEC	9 47%	1 5%	9 47%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	10 53%	19
631 PROVIDENCE HTS SEC	4 0%	0 0%	5 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	5 0%	9
632 NORTH STAR HSP ELE	0 0%	0 0%	1 100%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 100%	1
633 NORTH STAR HSP SEC	11 42%	0 0%	14 54%	0 0%	0 0%	1 4%	15 58%	26
635 PROVIDENCE GIRLS	3 50%	0 0%	1 17%	1 17%	1 17%	0 0%	3 50%	6

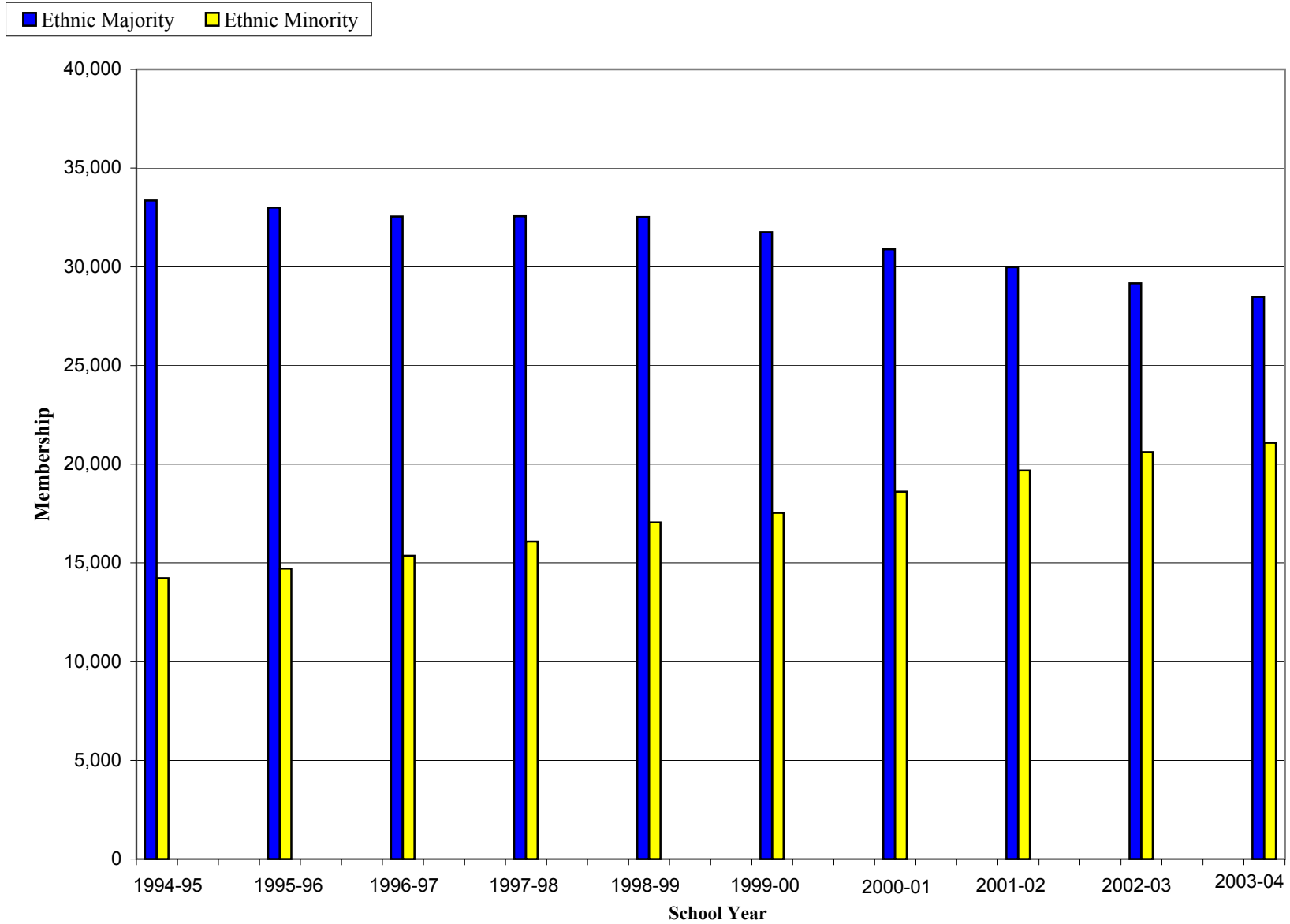
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650 JESSE LEE ELEM	4 44%	1 11%	2 22%	1 11%	0 0%	1 11%	5 56%	9
651 JESSE LEE SEC	3 38%	0 0%	5 63%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	5 63%	8
662 MT ILIAMNA ELE	64 48%	6 5%	24 18%	2 2%	11 8%	25 19%	68 52%	132
910 OUTREACH/PRIVATE	12 55%	3 14%	6 27%	0 0%	0 0%	1 5%	10 45%	22
TOTAL	240 48%	32 6%	158 32%	11 2%	19 4%	38 8%	255 51%	498

**Chart 1**  
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**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ETHNIC COMPOSITION**



**Chart 2**  
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**HISTORICAL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION**



**Chart 3**  
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**ETHNICITY/RACE BY PROGRAM TYPE**

