

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #147 (2005-2006)

December 12, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2005-2006 ETHNICITY REPORT

*ASD Goal: Ensure public accountability through effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

Today 45 percent of the students in the Anchorage School District are ethnically diverse, compared to 13 percent in 1976, nearly thirty years ago. Of today's ethnic minority population, the Alaska Native/American Indian (13 percent) category is the largest, followed by the Asian/Pacific Islander (11 percent), African American/Black (8 percent), and Hispanic (6 percent) groups. Since 1996-97, the fastest growing ethnic population, percentage-wise, has been Asian/Pacific Islander, followed by Hispanic. The Asian/Pacific Islander ethnic group grew by 53 percent and the Hispanic ethnic group grew by 42 percent.

Since last school year, the ethnic minority student population has increased by one percent and the White student population has decreased by one percent. These changes are shown in the Historical Student Membership Composition graph (Chart 2). Looking at student numbers, the White student group decreased by 552 students this year, while the ethnic minority group increased by 619 students.

The largest numerical gain in an ethnic minority category this year, over last year, was in "Multi-Ethnic," which increased by 561 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. Prior to this school year, "Other" was the ethnic category established for students identifying with more than one ethnic category, or for those students who were not comfortable choosing any of the given categories. This school year, the "Other" category has been changed to "Multi-Ethnic" to better identify those students with more than one ethnic category.

Chart 3 shows student ethnicity or race by program type. At 54 percent, Special Services program has the largest population of ethnic minorities, followed by Elementary Education at 48 percent. Ethnic minorities make up 44 percent of students in the Middle School program. The High School and Other Secondary programs have the smallest ethnic minority population at 41 percent each. 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 is 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 6,969 students since 1996-97.

From 1999-00 to 2002-03 the proportion of ethnic minority students, to the overall student body, increased by an average of nearly two percent per year. However, since 2003-04 the increase in proportion has averaged only one percent per year, signaling a slowing of the growth in proportion for the ethnic minority population.

If this trend continues, we would expect a change in the estimate of when the ethnic minority student population would meet, or exceed, fifty percent of the total student population. Instead of this occurring by 2006-07 it could be 4 - 5 years later.

The attached series of tables and graphs on District student ethnic composition represents membership numbers as of November 10, 2005.

Attachments

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Anchorage School District  
 Ethnicity Report  
 November 2005  
 Summary 1996 - 2005

School Year	White	African American Or Black	Alaska Native Or American Indian	Asian Or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Multi-Ethnic/Other	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
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 38%	49,499
2001 - 2002	29,978 61%	4,234 9%	6,267 13%	5,038 10%	2,897 6%	1,241 3%	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 42%	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
2004 - 2005	27,764 56%	3,930 8%	6,520 13%	5,385 11%	3,107 6%	2,773 6%	21,715 44%	49,479
2005 - 2006	27,212 55%	3,836 8%	6,537 13%	5,458 11%	3,169 6%	3,334 7%	22,334 45%	49,546

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<b>Change 2004 =&gt; 2005</b>	-552	-94	17	73	62	561	619	67
<b>Change 1996 =&gt; 2005</b>	-5,334	-346	1,145	1,900	936		6,969	1,635
<b>Percent Growth Last Ten Years</b>	-16%	-8%	21%	53%	42%		45%	3%

Note: 1) Report does not include non-special education preschool students.  
 2) For the 2005-06 school year, the ethnic/race designation "Other" was changed to "Multi-Ethnic."

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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	Multi-Ethnic	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	13,656 52%	1,931 7%	3,565 14%	2,792 11%	1,765 7%	2,443 9%	12,496 48%	26,152
MIDDLE LEVEL TOTAL	4,135 56%	577 8%	974 13%	886 12%	465 6%	326 4%	3,228 44%	7,363
HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL	8,000 63%	1,106 8%	1,502 11%	1,644 12%	814 6%	470 3%	5,536 41%	13,536
OTHER SECONDARY TOTAL	1,243 59%	180 9%	364 17%	123 6%	116 6%	82 4%	865 41%	2,108
SPECIAL SERVICES TOTAL	178 46%	42 11%	132 34%	13 3%	9 2%	13 3%	209 54%	387
<b>DISTRICT TOTALS</b>	<b>27,212 55%</b>	<b>3,836 8%</b>	<b>6,537 13%</b>	<b>5,458 11%</b>	<b>3,169 6%</b>	<b>3,334 7%</b>	<b>22,334 45%</b>	<b>49,546</b>

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100 ABBOTT LOOP	203 41%	45 9%	78 16%	59 12%	38 8%	73 15%	293 59%	496
110 AIRPORT HEIGHTS	85 33%	38 15%	57 22%	30 12%	11 4%	33 13%	169 67%	254
112 ALPENGLOW	354 77%	14 3%	13 3%	13 3%	23 5%	41 9%	104 23%	458
510 AQUARIAN CHARTER	187 61%	28 9%	31 10%	13 4%	22 7%	25 8%	119 39%	306
114 AURORA	258 71%	28 8%	4 1%	16 4%	23 6%	36 10%	107 29%	365
115 BAXTER	212 48%	47 11%	89 20%	31 7%	18 4%	43 10%	228 52%	440
116 BAYSHORE	357 62%	23 4%	30 5%	78 14%	29 5%	58 10%	218 38%	575
118 BEAR VALLEY	459 84%	7 1%	37 7%	16 3%	18 3%	10 2%	88 16%	547
120 BIRCHWOOD ABC	242 78%	5 2%	36 12%	7 2%	8 3%	11 4%	67 22%	309
125 BOWMAN WILLARD L	287 61%	21 4%	58 12%	46 10%	21 4%	40 8%	186 39%	473
130 CAMPBELL	189 44%	19 4%	82 19%	43 10%	40 9%	60 14%	244 56%	433

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140 CHESTER VALLEY	107 35%	39 13%	72 23%	36 12%	11 4%	42 14%	200 65%	307
150 CHINOOK	227 42%	31 6%	104 19%	92 17%	34 6%	54 10%	315 58%	542
160 CHUGACH OPTIONAL	198 79%	7 3%	20 8%	19 8%	2 1%	5 2%	53 21%	251
170 CHUGIAK	388 77%	5 1%	43 8%	10 2%	27 5%	33 7%	118 23%	506
174 COLLEGE GATE	150 45%	40 12%	43 13%	34 10%	17 5%	47 14%	181 55%	331
180 CREEKSIDE PARK	151 35%	74 17%	84 19%	36 8%	27 6%	61 14%	282 65%	433
190 DENALI	212 53%	54 13%	58 14%	31 8%	13 3%	34 8%	190 47%	402
530 EAGLE ACADEMY	129 82%	5 3%	9 6%	3 2%	4 3%	7 4%	28 18%	157
200 EAGLE RIVER	240 67%	13 4%	54 15%	10 3%	18 5%	22 6%	117 33%	357
540 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	137 75%	5 3%	17 9%	3 2%	8 4%	13 7%	46 25%	183
210 FAIRVIEW	30 8%	107 27%	61 16%	64 16%	64 16%	64 16%	360 92%	390

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215 FIRE LAKE	212 72%	13 4%	29 10%	7 2%	12 4%	23 8%	84 28%	296
545 FRONTIER ELE	124 81%	4 3%	11 7%	1 1%	2 1%	11 7%	29 19%	153
220 GIRDWOOD	139 85%	3 2%	6 4%	2 1%	4 2%	9 6%	24 15%	163
230 GOVERNMENT HILL	138 29%	38 8%	33 7%	14 3%	180 38%	65 14%	330 71%	468
235 HOMESTEAD	282 82%	4 1%	26 8%	11 3%	4 1%	15 4%	60 18%	342
237 HUFFMAN	326 80%	9 2%	21 5%	28 7%	7 2%	14 3%	79 20%	405
240 INLET VIEW	138 61%	12 5%	24 11%	25 11%	12 5%	14 6%	87 39%	225
242 KASUUN	256 52%	23 5%	69 14%	55 11%	36 7%	49 10%	232 48%	488
245 KLATT	157 41%	8 2%	62 16%	68 18%	61 16%	27 7%	226 59%	383
246 KINCAID	374 71%	7 1%	55 10%	33 6%	19 4%	40 8%	154 29%	528
248 LAKE HOOD	179 42%	27 6%	59 14%	93 22%	32 7%	40 9%	251 58%	430

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250 LAKE OTIS	164 38%	47 11%	97 22%	46 11%	42 10%	38 9%	270 62%	434
257 MT SPURR	213 71%	30 10%	1 0%	5 2%	29 10%	21 7%	86 29%	299
260 MOUNTAIN VIEW	34 11%	42 13%	66 20%	94 29%	39 12%	48 15%	289 89%	323
270 MULDOON	105 27%	59 15%	94 24%	88 23%	9 2%	31 8%	281 73%	386
280 NORTH STAR	107 24%	39 9%	104 24%	68 15%	66 15%	58 13%	335 76%	442
290 NORTHERN LIGHTS	371 59%	28 4%	44 7%	126 20%	22 3%	41 6%	261 41%	632
300 NORTHWOOD	147 40%	34 9%	60 16%	74 20%	14 4%	35 10%	217 60%	364
310 NUNAKA VALLEY	125 39%	28 9%	86 27%	20 6%	18 6%	43 13%	195 61%	320
315 OCEAN VIEW	362 69%	27 5%	63 12%	17 3%	27 5%	28 5%	162 31%	524
320 OMALLEY	243 75%	5 2%	28 9%	3 1%	15 5%	32 10%	83 25%	326
324 ORION	272 70%	40 10%	3 1%	5 1%	26 7%	40 10%	114 30%	386

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450 POLARIS K-6	172 76%	9 4%	17 7%	14 6%	8 4%	7 3%	55 24%	227
498 PREK (SPECIAL ED)	40 45%	6 7%	23 26%	3 3%	5 6%	12 13%	49 55%	89
328 PTARMIGAN	111 27%	54 13%	99 25%	33 8%	52 13%	55 14%	293 73%	404
330 RABBIT CREEK	239 68%	16 5%	47 13%	13 4%	16 5%	19 5%	111 32%	350
335 RAVENWOOD	387 86%	0 0%	22 5%	12 3%	10 2%	17 4%	61 14%	448
340 ROGERS PARK	346 62%	26 5%	51 9%	83 15%	24 4%	31 6%	215 38%	561
345 RUSSIAN JACK	109 31%	53 15%	76 21%	51 14%	32 9%	33 9%	245 69%	354
350 SAND LAKE	376 60%	18 3%	70 11%	109 17%	22 3%	35 6%	254 40%	630
360 SCENIC PARK	230 51%	44 10%	62 14%	21 5%	24 5%	73 16%	224 49%	454
362 SPRING HILL	162 43%	14 4%	74 20%	49 13%	40 11%	34 9%	211 57%	373
364 SUSITNA	250 47%	47 9%	126 24%	41 8%	21 4%	47 9%	282 53%	532

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365 TAKU	176 44%	35 9%	65 16%	44 11%	44 11%	33 8%	221 56%	397
363 TRAILSIDE	327 62%	21 4%	49 9%	53 10%	15 3%	59 11%	197 38%	524
370 TUDOR	203 37%	60 11%	90 16%	65 12%	66 12%	68 12%	349 63%	552
380 TURNAGAIN	183 53%	10 3%	61 18%	36 10%	21 6%	37 11%	165 47%	348
384 TYSON WILLIAM	41 11%	30 8%	77 20%	199 52%	9 2%	26 7%	341 89%	382
386 URSA MAJOR	221 53%	75 18%	12 3%	8 2%	34 8%	65 16%	194 47%	415
388 URSA MINOR	154 53%	53 18%	5 2%	4 1%	38 13%	35 12%	135 47%	289
595 WINTERBERRY CHAR'	107 80%	5 4%	5 4%	1 1%	3 2%	13 10%	27 20%	134
390 WILLIWAW	70 12%	73 12%	129 21%	223 37%	62 10%	49 8%	536 88%	606
400 WILLOW CREST	122 33%	18 5%	104 28%	57 15%	33 9%	37 10%	249 67%	371
410 WONDER PARK	100 28%	55 15%	90 25%	56 16%	17 5%	42 12%	260 72%	360

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418 WOOD GLADYS	260 50%	27 5%	90 17%	44 8%	17 3%	82 16%	260 50%	520
<b>TOTAL</b>	13,656 52%	1,931 7%	3,565 14%	2,792 11%	1,765 7%	2,443 9%	12,496 48%	26,152

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 Middle Schools

School	White	African American Or Black	Alaska Native Or American Indian	Asian Or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Multi-Ethnic	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
700 CENTRAL	324 49%	108 16%	81 12%	50 8%	47 7%	55 8%	341 51%	665
710 CLARK	158 20%	110 14%	168 21%	242 31%	69 9%	37 5%	626 80%	784
780 GOLDENVIEW	696 80%	19 2%	67 8%	31 4%	33 4%	22 3%	172 20%	868
730 GRUENING	438 80%	16 3%	38 7%	20 4%	17 3%	21 4%	112 20%	550
740 HANSHEW	480 50%	77 8%	147 15%	140 15%	64 7%	48 5%	476 50%	956
750 MEARS	661 61%	48 4%	122 11%	154 14%	62 6%	37 3%	423 39%	1084
755 MIRROR LAKE	576 81%	18 3%	64 9%	14 2%	18 3%	22 3%	136 19%	712
760 ROMIG	377 45%	49 6%	140 17%	137 16%	89 11%	39 5%	454 55%	831
770 WENDLER	425 47%	132 14%	147 16%	98 11%	66 7%	45 5%	488 53%	913
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,135 56%</b>	<b>577 8%</b>	<b>974 13%</b>	<b>886 12%</b>	<b>465 6%</b>	<b>326 4%</b>	<b>3,228 44%</b>	<b>7,363</b>

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 Senior High Schools

School	White	African American Or Black	Alaska Native Or American Indian	Asian Or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Multi-Ethnic	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
800 BARTLETT	807 45%	317 18%	278 16%	215 12%	92 5%	80 4%	982 55%	1,789
810 CHUGIAK	1,233 83%	34 2%	105 7%	42 3%	40 3%	33 2%	254 17%	1,487
820 DIMOND	1,222 63%	85 4%	210 11%	274 14%	98 5%	47 2%	714 37%	1,936
865 EAGLE RIVER	518 72%	64 9%	29 4%	33 5%	36 5%	36 5%	198 28%	716
830 EAST	785 36%	305 14%	310 14%	475 22%	218 10%	115 5%	1423 64%	2,208
840 SERVICE	1,028 60%	118 7%	202 12%	212 12%	99 6%	42 2%	673 40%	1,701
860 SOUTH	1,491 84%	21 1%	91 5%	93 5%	61 3%	24 1%	290 16%	1,781
850 WEST	916 48%	162 8%	277 14%	300 16%	170 9%	93 5%	1002 52%	1,918
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,000 59%</b>	<b>1,106 8%</b>	<b>1,502 11%</b>	<b>1,644 12%</b>	<b>814 6%</b>	<b>470 3%</b>	<b>5,536 41%</b>	<b>13,536</b>

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 Other Secondary Programs

School	White	African American Or Black	Alaska Native Or American Indian	Asian Or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Multi-Ethnic	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
885 AVAIL	19 27%	3 4%	30 42%	5 7%	12 17%	2 3%	52 73%	71
880 BENSON	100 45%	33 15%	32 15%	24 11%	14 6%	17 8%	120 55%	220
881 BENSON SEARCH	44 42%	12 12%	35 34%	2 2%	7 7%	4 4%	60 58%	104
884 CONTINUATION PROGR	12 30%	9 23%	8 20%	3 8%	6 15%	2 5%	28 70%	40
911 CORRECTIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
815 CROSSROADS	16 26%	10 16%	20 32%	12 19%	3 5%	1 2%	46 74%	62
833 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	202 67%	17 6%	40 13%	13 4%	14 5%	17 6%	101 33%	303
844 FRONTIER SEC	128 74%	4 2%	24 14%	5 3%	9 5%	3 2%	45 26%	173
846 HIGHLAND TECH	168 62%	28 10%	42 15%	10 4%	12 4%	12 4%	104 38%	272
875 MCLAUGHLIN SEC*	31 23%	23 17%	48 36%	18 13%	1 1%	13 10%	103 77%	134
888 POLARIS 7-12	184 84%	4 2%	17 8%	7 3%	5 2%	1 0%	34 16%	218

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835 SAVE I	119 53%	27 12%	42 19%	9 4%	18 8%	8 4%	104 47%	223
845 STELLER	220 76%	10 3%	26 9%	15 5%	15 5%	2 1%	68 24%	288
TOTAL	1,243 59%	180 9%	364 17%	123 6%	116 6%	82 4%	865 41%	2,108

\*Part-time Students included in Save I.

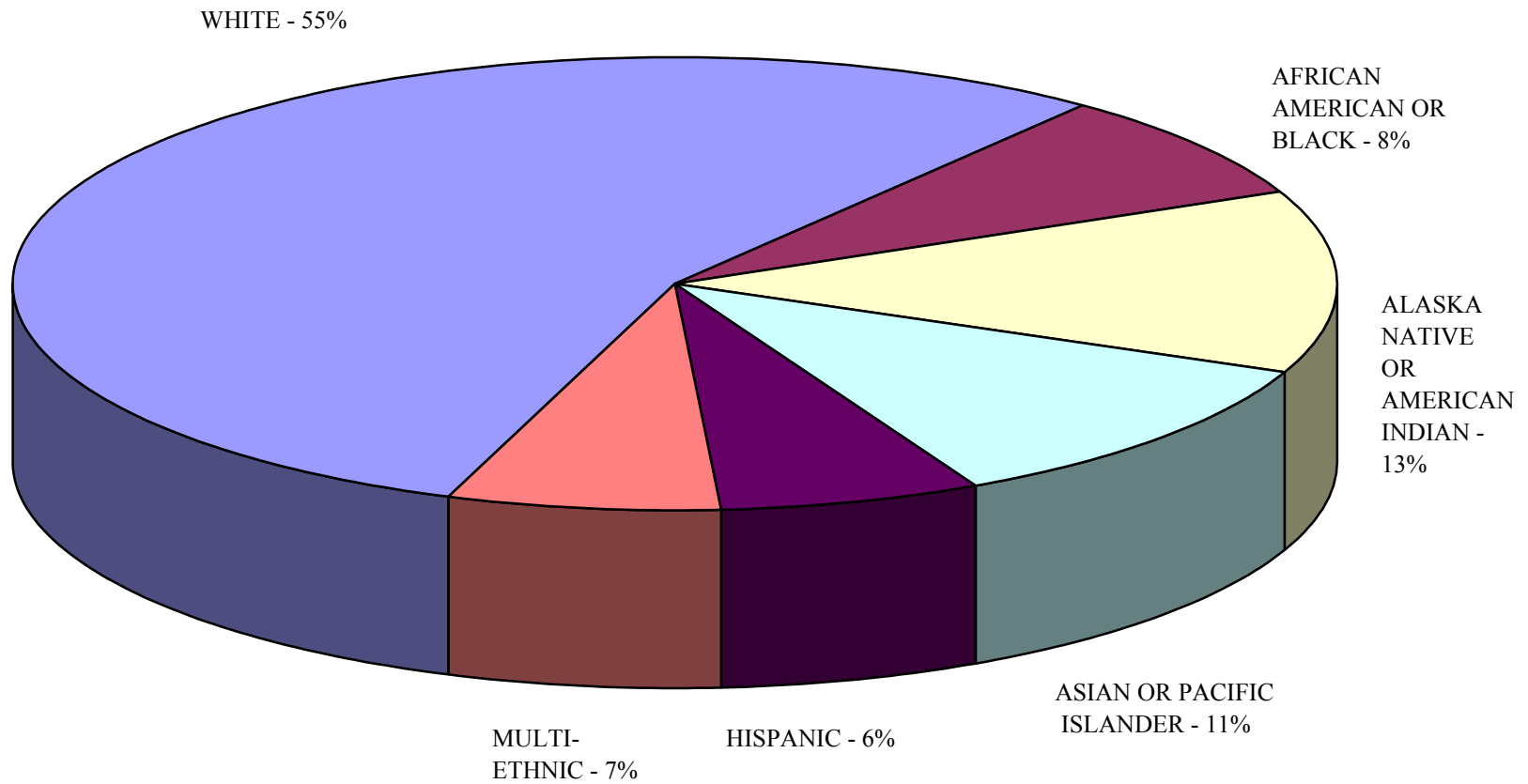
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667 ACE/ACT	59 60%	7 7%	19 19%	9 9%	4 4%	1 1%	40 40%	99
616 BOOTH SECONDARY	3 33%	0 0%	5 56%	0 0%	0 0%	1 11%	6 67%	9
618 MCKINLEY HEIGHTS	4 36%	0 0%	7 64%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	7 64%	11
625 WHALEY ELEMENTARY	18 55%	6 18%	7 21%	1 3%	0 0%	1 3%	15 45%	33
627 WHALEY SECONDARY	37 40%	19 21%	30 33%	0 0%	3 3%	3 3%	55 60%	92
628 NORTH STAR HSP ELE	2 25%	0 0%	6 75%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	6 75%	8
629 NORTH STAR HSP SEC	3 33%	0 0%	5 56%	0 0%	1 11%	0 0%	6 67%	9
631 PROVIDENCE HTS SEC	0 0%	0 0%	4 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4 0%	4
632 NORTH STAR RES ELE	3 75%	0 0%	1 25%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 25%	4
633 NORTH STAR RES SEC	13 57%	1 4%	8 35%	1 4%	0 0%	0 0%	10 43%	23
635 PROVIDENCE GIRLS	6 100%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	6

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650 JESSE LEE ELEM	5 63%	0 0%	1 13%	1 13%	0 0%	1 13%	3 38%	8
651 JESSE LEE SEC	2 22%	1 11%	6 67%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	7 78%	9
662 MT ILIAMNA ELE	22 45%	8 16%	12 24%	1 2%	1 2%	5 10%	27 55%	49
668 FIREWEED	0 0%	0 0%	20 95%	0 0%	0 0%	1 5%	21 100%	21
910 OUTREACH/PRIVATE	1 50%	0 0%	1 50%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 50%	2
TOTAL	178 46%	42 11%	132 34%	13 3%	9 2%	13 3%	209 54%	387

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



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

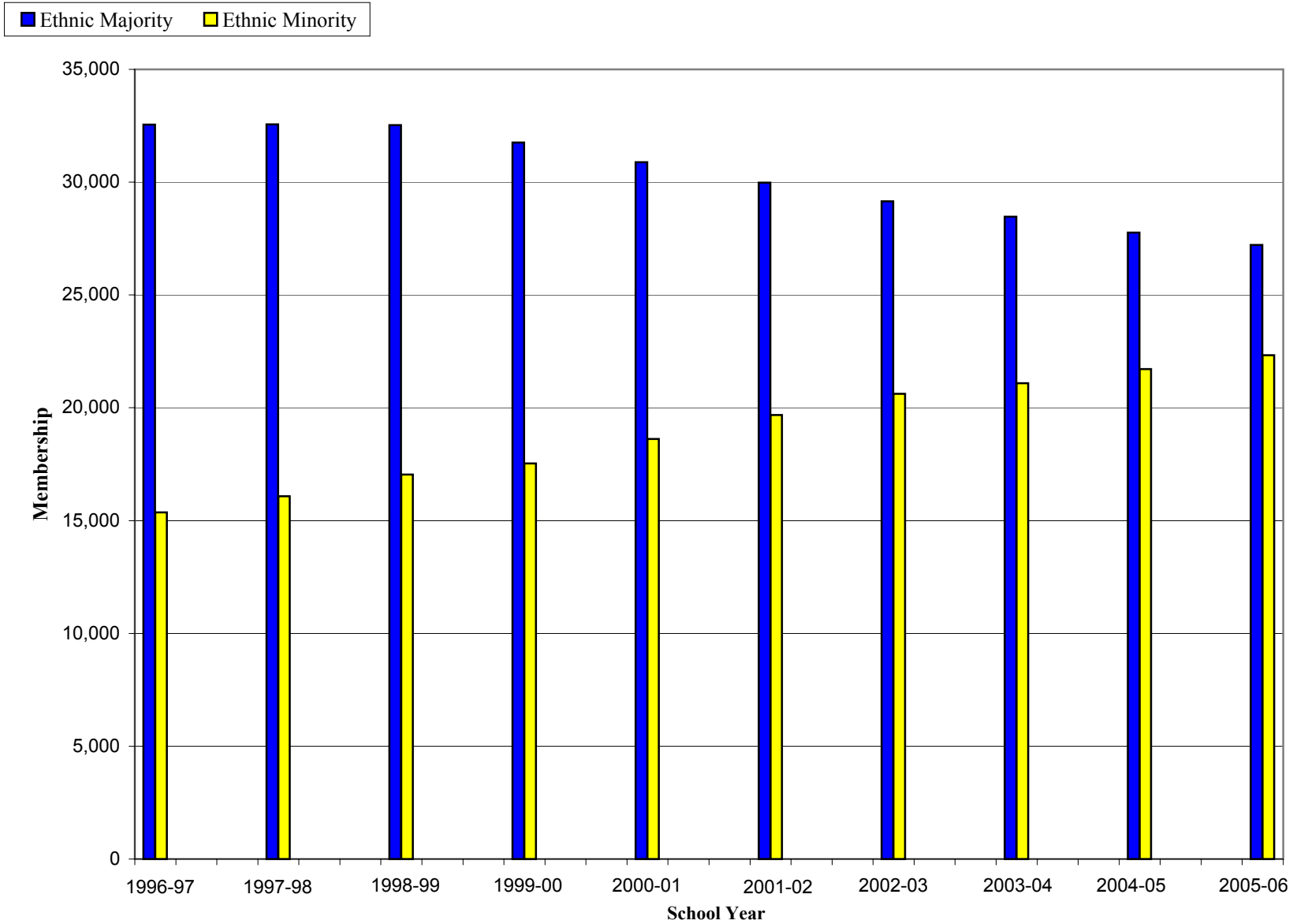


Chart 3  
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**ETHNICITY/RACE BY PROGRAM TYPE**

