Median SGP District Summary Reports FAQs

1. ***Question: Why were these reports developed?***

Answer: 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 and administrators. The first official teacher mSGP scores were distributed for the 2013-2014 school year through this NJ SMART report. Starting with the 2016-17 school year, administrator mSGPs are available through the NJ SMART Report. The information is being shared primarily to help LEAs and the Department to support one to one discussions between a teacher and her/his supervisor about SGPs, examine the quality of the data, and consider related professional development opportunities.

Access to 2018-19 median Student Growth Percentile (mSGP) data for all qualifying teachers and administrators is now available. This data describes student growth from last school year (2018-19), which comprised 30% of qualifying teachers' 2018-19 evaluations. ***The contents of the Teacher and Administrator 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. ***Question: How do I access the Median SGP District Summary Reports?***

Answer: A click-by-click user guide provides NJ SMART users with directions on how to access the report. This resource is available through the NJ SMART Help and Support Tab. All NJ SMART users are highly encouraged to review this resource.

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

3. ***Question: Why am I not able to see my district in the Staff Report Parameters page when trying to run either of the Median SGP District Summary Reports?***

Answer: Districts will not have a 2018-19 Teacher and Administrator 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 2018-19 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 2018-2019 Course Roster Submission on the Refresh/Release page by following the below breadcrumb trail:
HOME > Submissions > Course Roster Submission > Roster Refresh / Release > Refresh / Release

4. *Question: Where do I go for more information on TEACHNJ?*

   Answer: 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: edueval@doe.nj.gov. For more information, please visit the [AchieveNJ SGP](#) page.

5. *Question: What is a Multi-Year Score?*

   Answer: 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 2018-19 school year, a teacher or administrator 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.

6. *Question: What is the Reported mSGP?*

   Answer: 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 staff member.

7. *Question: How are Teacher Median SGPs calculated?*

   Answer: 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 2018-2019 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 2018-19 or in 2016-15 and 2017-18 and 2018-19 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 mSGP 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.

8. Question: How are Administrator Median SGPs calculated?

Answer: The NJDOE established business rules that determine the calculations of administrator mSGPs. These rules are aligned with the TEACHNJ legislation and AchieveNJ regulations. Median SGP data are available only for those who are assigned to schools that offer Language Arts in grades 4-8 or Mathematics in grades 4-7 by their respective LEAs. Administrator median SGP scores will be calculated at the school level.

To be assigned a median SGP, the school must:
- Have students assigned to a course with a Subject Area of 51, 52, or 73 in the 2018-19 Course Roster Submission.
- Have valid SGP scores for at least 20 separate students for the 2018-19 SY.

To be assigned to the school median SGP the administrator must:
- Be assigned to the school in the 2018-19 Staff Submission.
- Be assigned to a Job Code from 0201 through 0262 in the 2018-19 Staff Submission.