

## Linden Public Schools

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District, school, and type of program

Linden Public Schools / K-12 ELL Program

Dates when others can visit your program

Contact Kevin A. LaMastra, the program's supervisor, at any time during the school year to arrange a visit.

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District and school demographics

There are approximately 6,300 students in Pre-K through 12 attending the eight elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. Approximately 1,476 out of 6,300 of the district's students speak 38 languages other than English at home. Linden is a diverse multi-ethnic community with the following racial distribution:

- African-American: 36.24%;
- Hispanic: 33.02%;
- Multiracial: 3.73%;

- White: 24.20%.

The English Language Learners population is comprised of approximately 500 students. Of the 22 languages spoken at home among our ELLs, the most common ones are Polish, Haitian Creole, and Spanish. The students in the K-12 ELL program represent the wide linguistic and cultural diversity found within the districts' borders.

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