

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #143 (2006-2007)

December 11, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2006-2007 ETHNICITY REPORT

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Today 46 percent of the students in the Anchorage School District are ethnically diverse, compared to 13 percent in 1976, 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 (7 percent), and Hispanic (6 percent) groups. Since 1997-98, the fastest growing ethnic population, percentage-wise, has been Asian/Pacific Islander, followed by Hispanic. The Asian/Pacific Islander ethnic group grew by 44 percent and the Hispanic ethnic group grew by 29 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 918 students this year, while the ethnic minority group increased by 358 students.

The largest numerical gain in an ethnic minority category this year, over last year, was in "Multi-Ethnic," which increased by 542 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 the 2005-06 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. Last school year, the “Other” category was 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 63 percent, Special Services program has the largest population of ethnic minorities, followed by Elementary Education at 49 percent. Ethnic minorities make up 46 percent of students in the Middle School program. The High School and Other Secondary programs have the smallest ethnic minority population at 42 percent and 40 percent, respectively. The ethnic minority populations at the secondary levels are increasing as elementary students move into these levels.

The steady increase in ethnic minority membership is a long-term trend. While White populations tend to rise and fall with the economic climate, the ethnic minority populations continue to grow steadily. The ethnic minority population has increased by 6,614 students since 1997-98.

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. It was then estimated that the ethnic minority population would represent 50% of the total student population by 2006-07. 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 estimate the ethnic minority student population would meet, or exceed, fifty percent of the total student population by 2010.

The attached series of tables and graphs on District student ethnic composition represents membership numbers as of October 31, 2006.

Attachments

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 Ethnicity Report
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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
1997 - 98	32,557 67%	4,234 9%	5,644 12%	3,819 8%	2,381 5%		16,078 33%	48,635
1998 - 99	32,530 66%	4,336 9%	5,890 12%	4,299 9%	2,522 5%		17,047 34%	49,577
1999 - 00	31,759 64%	4,263 9%	5,950 12%	4,460 9%	2,665 5%	197 0%	17,535 35%	49,294
2000 - 01	30,886 62%	4,227 9%	6,177 12%	4,760 10%	2,754 6%	695 1%	18,613 38%	49,499
2001 - 02	29,978 61%	4,234 9%	6,267 13%	5,038 10%	2,897 6%	1,241 3%	19,677 40%	49,655
2002 - 03	29,157 59%	4,196 8%	6,366 13%	5,311 11%	3,041 6%	1,702 3%	20,616 42%	49,773
2003 - 04	28,468 57%	4,057 8%	6,524 13%	5,335 11%	3,050 6%	2,124 4%	21,090 43%	49,558
2004 - 05	27,764 56%	3,930 8%	6,520 13%	5,385 11%	3,107 6%	2,773 6%	21,715 44%	49,479
2005 - 06	27,212 55%	3,836 8%	6,537 13%	5,458 11%	3,169 6%	3,334 7%	22,334 45%	49,546
2006 - 07	26,294 54%	3,655 7%	6,600 13%	5,484 11%	3,077 6%	3,876 8%	22,692 46%	48,986

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Change 2005 => 2006	-918	-181	63	26	-92	542	358	-560
Change 1997 => 2006	-6,263	-579	956	1,665	696		6,614	351
Percent Growth Last Ten Years	-19%	-14%	17%	44%	29%		41%	1%

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

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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	13,228 51%	1,833 7%	3,588 14%	2,778 11%	1,683 6%	2,822 11%	12,704 49%	25,932
MIDDLE LEVEL TOTAL	3,838 54%	574 8%	946 13%	858 12%	467 7%	414 6%	3,259 46%	7,097
HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL	7,796 63%	1,040 8%	1,548 12%	1,668 12%	817 6%	536 4%	5,609 42%	13,405
OTHER SECONDARY TOTAL	1,272 60%	154 7%	357 17%	158 7%	98 5%	78 4%	845 40%	2,117
SPECIAL SERVICES TOTAL	160 37%	54 12%	161 37%	22 5%	12 3%	26 6%	275 63%	435
DISTRICT TOTALS	26,294 54%	3,655 7%	6,600 13%	5,484 11%	3,077 6%	3,876 8%	22,692 46%	48,986

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100 ABBOTT LOOP	187 38%	41 8%	86 18%	65 13%	34 7%	73 15%	299 62%	486
110 AIRPORT HEIGHTS	75 24%	35 11%	87 28%	61 19%	30 9%	28 9%	241 76%	316
112 ALPENGLOW	353 75%	10 2%	15 3%	10 2%	22 5%	59 13%	116 25%	469
510 AQUARIAN CHARTER	214 61%	28 8%	39 11%	15 4%	25 7%	29 8%	136 39%	350
114 AURORA	262 68%	40 10%	2 1%	14 4%	15 4%	54 14%	125 32%	387
115 BAXTER	193 48%	44 11%	72 18%	27 7%	16 4%	54 13%	213 52%	406
116 BAYSHORE	337 60%	20 4%	34 6%	78 14%	30 5%	59 11%	221 40%	558
118 BEAR VALLEY	387 85%	7 2%	15 3%	25 5%	14 3%	7 2%	68 15%	455
120 BIRCHWOOD ABC	246 81%	5 2%	31 10%	3 1%	7 2%	12 4%	58 19%	304
125 BOWMAN WILLARD L	306 61%	12 2%	63 13%	45 9%	26 5%	50 10%	196 39%	502
130 CAMPBELL	180	17	74	54	30	54	229	409

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	44%	4%	18%	13%	7%	13%	56%	
140 CHESTER VALLEY	109 38%	35 12%	48 17%	40 14%	10 3%	46 16%	179 62%	288
150 CHINOOK	190 39%	25 5%	90 18%	92 19%	35 7%	57 12%	299 61%	489
160 CHUGACH OPTIONAL	203 80%	4 2%	17 7%	18 7%	1 0%	12 5%	52 20%	255
170 CHUGIAK	379 74%	11 2%	52 10%	10 2%	24 5%	35 7%	132 26%	511
174 COLLEGE GATE	137 39%	52 15%	60 17%	33 9%	19 5%	48 14%	212 61%	349
180 CREEKSIDE PARK	132 33%	57 14%	86 21%	31 8%	25 6%	70 17%	269 67%	401
190 DENALI	198 55%	48 13%	49 14%	26 7%	11 3%	26 7%	160 45%	358
530 EAGLE ACADEMY	133 82%	8 5%	9 6%	1 1%	1 1%	10 6%	29 18%	162
200 EAGLE RIVER	233 63%	15 4%	65 18%	13 4%	19 5%	25 7%	137 37%	370
540 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	128 72%	9 5%	18 10%	1 1%	8 5%	13 7%	49 28%	177

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210 FAIRVIEW	29 7%	106 26%	79 20%	63 16%	44 11%	84 21%	376 93%	405
215 FIRE LAKE	213 70%	9 3%	25 8%	7 2%	24 8%	25 8%	90 30%	303
545 FRONTIER ELE	121 79%	3 2%	7 5%	3 2%	6 4%	14 9%	33 21%	154
220 GIRDWOOD	125 86%	1 1%	4 3%	1 1%	5 3%	9 6%	20 14%	145
230 GOVERNMENT HILL	126 27%	26 6%	27 6%	17 4%	170 37%	93 20%	333 73%	459
235 HOMESTEAD	295 81%	5 1%	24 7%	12 3%	4 1%	24 7%	69 19%	364
237 HUFFMAN	299 78%	8 2%	20 5%	25 7%	10 3%	21 5%	84 22%	383
240 INLET VIEW	126 63%	4 2%	23 12%	15 8%	14 7%	18 9%	74 37%	200
242 KASUUN	267 54%	20 4%	67 14%	53 11%	36 7%	52 11%	228 46%	495
245 KLATT	144 39%	4 1%	75 20%	67 18%	50 13%	33 9%	229 61%	373

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246 KINCAID	361 70%	7 1%	56 11%	34 7%	13 3%	46 9%	156 30%	517
248 LAKE HOOD	185 42%	20 5%	57 13%	96 22%	28 6%	52 12%	253 58%	438
250 LAKE OTIS	141 37%	32 8%	81 21%	43 11%	30 8%	52 14%	238 63%	379
257 MT SPURR	218 72%	23 8%	1 0%	9 3%	29 10%	21 7%	83 28%	301
260 MOUNTAIN VIEW	48 13%	51 13%	76 20%	108 29%	49 13%	46 12%	330 87%	378
270 MULDOON	108 26%	60 15%	96 23%	90 22%	16 4%	40 10%	302 74%	410
280 NORTH STAR	88 20%	52 12%	116 27%	58 13%	61 14%	58 13%	345 80%	433
290 NORTHERN LIGHTS	364 57%	30 5%	46 7%	132 21%	20 3%	48 8%	276 43%	640
300 NORTHWOOD	121 41%	24 8%	45 15%	55 19%	8 3%	43 15%	175 59%	296
310 NUNAKA VALLEY	105 35%	23 8%	83 28%	17 6%	21 7%	48 16%	192 65%	297
315 OCEAN VIEW	334	30	63	18	21	46	178	512

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	65%	6%	12%	4%	4%	9%	35%	
320 OMALLEY	243 77%	2 1%	29 9%	5 2%	10 3%	25 8%	71 23%	314
324 ORION	268 68%	48 12%	3 1%	5 1%	21 5%	49 12%	126 32%	394
450 POLARIS K-6	175 73%	5 2%	24 10%	15 6%	8 3%	12 5%	64 27%	239
498 PREK (SPECIAL ED)	31 45%	2 3%	22 32%	4 6%	2 3%	8 12%	38 55%	69
328 PTARMIGAN	123 29%	55 13%	102 24%	40 10%	42 10%	57 14%	296 71%	419
330 RABBIT CREEK	258 70%	13 4%	50 13%	18 5%	14 4%	18 5%	113 30%	371
335 RAVENWOOD	383 85%	2 0%	23 5%	18 4%	8 2%	17 4%	68 15%	451
340 ROGERS PARK	342 59%	29 5%	46 8%	82 14%	29 5%	53 9%	239 41%	581
345 RUSSIAN JACK	116 30%	52 13%	87 22%	56 14%	29 7%	51 13%	275 70%	391
350 SAND LAKE	366 57%	17 3%	76 12%	113 17%	21 3%	53 8%	280 43%	646

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360 SCENIC PARK	193 45%	46 11%	49 11%	29 7%	23 5%	91 21%	238 55%	431
362 SPRING HILL	165 44%	16 4%	73 20%	48 13%	33 9%	36 10%	206 56%	371
364 SUSITNA	244 43%	61 11%	129 23%	43 8%	26 5%	64 11%	323 57%	567
365 TAKU	186 42%	40 9%	70 16%	48 11%	44 10%	57 13%	259 58%	445
363 TRAILSIDE	291 60%	24 5%	47 10%	47 10%	18 4%	55 11%	191 40%	482
370 TUDOR	187 33%	45 8%	106 18%	84 15%	71 12%	82 14%	388 67%	575
380 TURNAGAIN	210 55%	18 5%	61 16%	25 7%	22 6%	44 12%	170 45%	380
384 TYSON WILLIAM	26 6%	32 8%	100 24%	209 49%	19 4%	37 9%	397 94%	423
386 URSA MAJOR	207 54%	63 16%	10 3%	10 3%	41 11%	53 14%	177 46%	384
388 URSA MINOR	161 58%	45 16%	0 0%	4 1%	30 11%	38 14%	117 42%	278

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595 WINTERBERRY CHARTE	137 85%	2 1%	3 2%	0 0%	5 3%	15 9%	25 15%	162
390 WILLIWAW	46 13%	36 10%	80 22%	130 35%	26 7%	50 14%	322 88%	368
400 WILLOW CREST	131 32%	27 7%	118 29%	59 14%	39 10%	34 8%	277 68%	408
410 WONDER PARK	105 27%	64 16%	102 26%	52 13%	24 6%	45 11%	287 73%	392
418 WOOD GLADYS	234 46%	28 6%	95 19%	49 10%	17 3%	84 17%	273 54%	507
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700 CENTRAL	252 47%	84 16%	65 12%	51 10%	36 7%	45 8%	281 53%	533
710 CLARK	144 18%	114 14%	189 24%	238 30%	68 8%	48 6%	657 82%	801
780 GOLDENVIEW	685 77%	31 4%	74 8%	33 4%	37 4%	24 3%	199 23%	884
730 GRUENING	420 69%	44 7%	44 7%	25 4%	31 5%	41 7%	185 31%	605
740 HANSHEW	412 45%	70 8%	149 16%	139 15%	76 8%	62 7%	496 55%	908
750 MEARS	619 59%	49 5%	121 12%	148 14%	57 5%	56 5%	431 41%	1050
755 MIRROR LAKE	554 80%	11 2%	64 9%	16 2%	20 3%	28 4%	139 20%	693
760 ROMIG	361 46%	55 7%	114 15%	121 15%	92 12%	43 5%	425 54%	786
770 WENDLER	391 47%	116 14%	126 15%	87 10%	50 6%	67 8%	446 53%	837
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800 BARTLETT	720 42%	301 18%	282 17%	216 13%	99 6%	80 5%	978 58%	1,698
810 CHUGIAK	1,139 82%	32 2%	108 8%	34 2%	39 3%	44 3%	257 18%	1,396
820 DIMOND	1,138 62%	73 4%	197 11%	268 15%	86 5%	62 3%	686 38%	1,824
865 EAGLE RIVER	639 77%	61 7%	26 3%	25 3%	36 4%	41 5%	189 23%	828
830 EAST	760 35%	298 14%	318 15%	483 22%	210 10%	108 5%	1417 65%	2,177
840 SERVICE	1,123 59%	123 6%	259 14%	230 12%	113 6%	69 4%	794 41%	1,917
860 SOUTH	1,401 82%	29 2%	89 5%	99 6%	69 4%	32 2%	318 18%	1,719
850 WEST	876 47%	123 7%	269 15%	313 17%	165 9%	100 5%	970 53%	1,846
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885 AVAIL	15 32%	2 4%	22 47%	6 13%	2 4%	0 0%	32 68%	47
880 BENSON	75 43%	20 11%	37 21%	24 14%	12 7%	7 4%	100 57%	175
881 BENSON SEARCH	37 49%	5 7%	25 33%	4 5%	2 3%	3 4%	39 51%	76
884 CONTINUATION PROGRAM	22 56%	4 10%	7 18%	3 8%	3 8%	0 0%	17 44%	39
911 CORRECTIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
815 CROSSROADS	18 27%	14 21%	12 18%	15 23%	4 6%	3 5%	48 73%	66
833 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	210 67%	21 7%	36 12%	16 5%	16 5%	14 4%	103 33%	313
844 FRONTIER SEC	166 73%	9 4%	22 10%	10 4%	12 5%	9 4%	62 27%	228
846 HIGHLAND TECH	155 57%	28 10%	53 20%	12 4%	9 3%	13 5%	115 43%	270
875 MCLAUGHLIN SEC*	33 23%	20 14%	55 39%	19 13%	3 2%	11 8%	108 77%	141
888 POLARIS 7-12	195	3	17	11	5	2	38	233

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	84%	1%	7%	5%	2%	1%	16%	
835 SAVE I	100 47%	22 10%	44 21%	21 10%	16 8%	10 5%	113 53%	213
845 STELLER	227 77%	6 2%	24 8%	17 6%	14 5%	6 2%	67 23%	294
883 COHO	19 86%	0 0%	3 14%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	3 14%	22
TOTAL	1,272 60%	154 7%	357 17%	158 7%	98 5%	78 4%	845 40%	2,117

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667 ACE/ACT	57 53%	9 8%	21 19%	12 11%	5 5%	4 4%	51 47%	108
616 BOOTH SECONDARY	0 0%	0 0%	5 100%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	5 100%	5
618 MCKINLEY HEIGHTS	4 80%	1 20%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 20%	5
625 WHALEY ELEMENTAR	13 35%	7 19%	12 32%	2 5%	0 0%	3 8%	24 65%	37
627 WHALEY SECONDARY	30 34%	20 23%	25 29%	1 1%	4 5%	7 8%	57 66%	87
628 NORTH STAR HSP ELE	6 86%	0 0%	1 14%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 14%	7
629 NORTH STAR HSP SEC	1 17%	0 0%	5 83%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	5 83%	6
631 PROVIDENCE HTS SEC	1 0%	0 0%	2 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	2 0%	3
632 NORTH STAR RES ELE	1 10%	1 10%	8 80%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	9 90%	10
633 NORTH STAR RES SEC	3 25%	0 0%	9 75%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	9 75%	12
635 PROVIDENCE GIRLS	1	0	5	0	0	0	5	6

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	17%	0%	83%	0%	0%	0%	83%	
650 JESSE LEE ELEM	4 44%	1 11%	3 33%	1 11%	0 0%	0 0%	5 56%	9
651 JESSE LEE SEC	2 29%	1 14%	4 57%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	5 71%	7
662 MT ILIAMNA ELE	20 34%	10 17%	15 25%	2 3%	2 3%	10 17%	39 66%	59
668 FIREWEED	0 0%	0 0%	25 100%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	25 100%	25
606 DEBARR RTC ELEM.	4 36%	0 0%	5 45%	1 9%	0 0%	1 9%	7 64%	11
607 DEBARR RTC SEC.	12 38%	2 6%	16 50%	1 3%	1 3%	0 0%	20 63%	32
910 OUTREACH/PRIVATE	1 17%	2 33%	0 0%	2 33%	0 0%	1 17%	5 83%	6
TOTAL	160 37%	54 12%	161 37%	22 5%	12 3%	26 6%	275 63%	435

Chart 1
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STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ETHNIC COMPOSITION

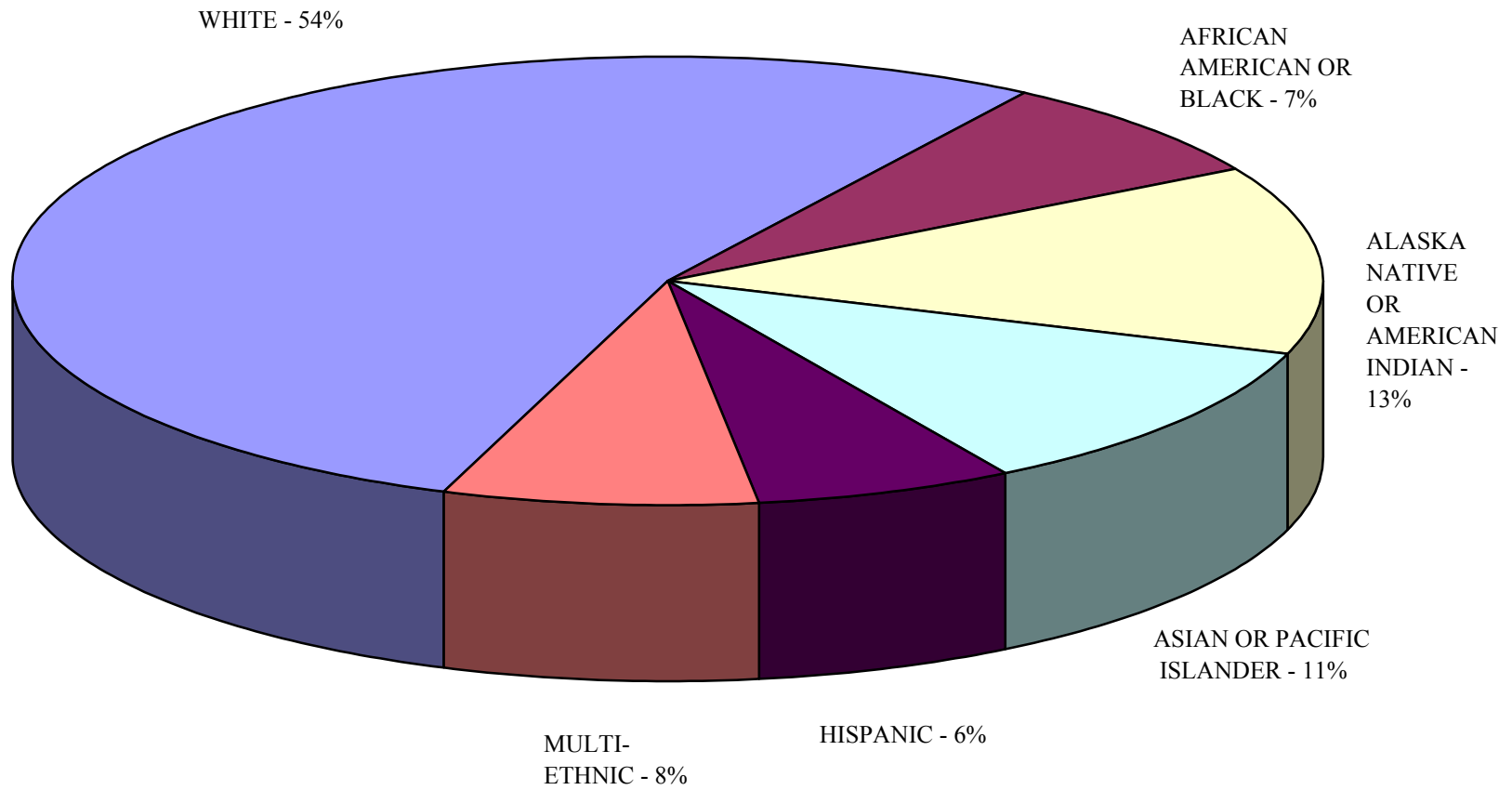
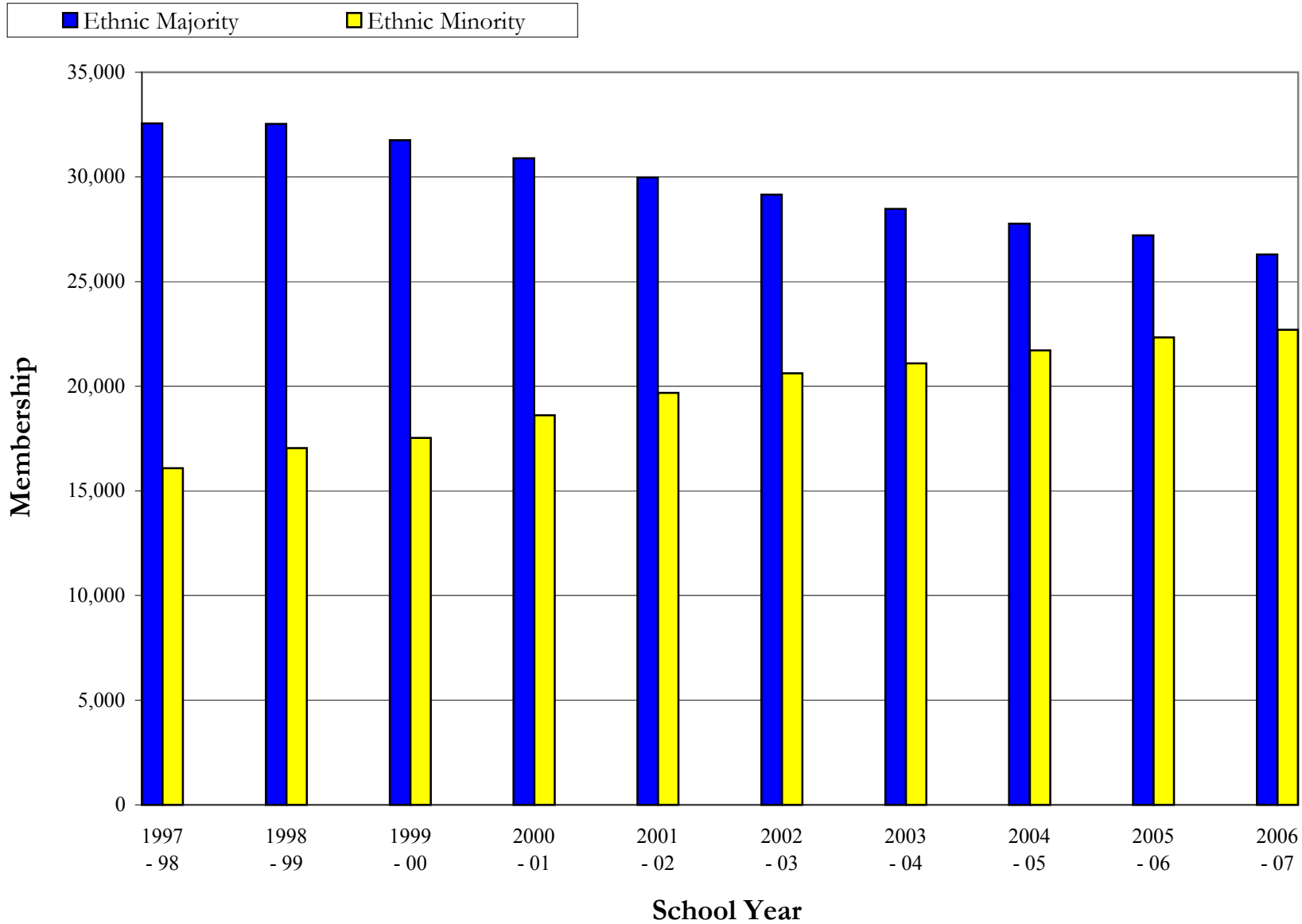


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ETHNICITY/RACE BY PROGRAM TYPE

