

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #141 (2008-2009)

December 1, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2008-2009 ETHNICITY REPORT

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Today 51% of the students in the Anchorage School District are ethnically diverse, compared to 13% in 1976. Of today's ethnic minority population, the multi-ethnic and Asian/Pacific Islander categories (13% each) are the largest, followed by the Hispanic (10%), Alaska Native/American Indian (9%), and African American/Black (6%) groups—see Chart 1 in the attached Ethnicity Report. Last year, the multi-ethnic category was the largest followed by Asian/Pacific Islander. The following table compares 2007-08 and 2008-09:

Race/Ethnicity Comparison: 2007-08 and 2008-09

Race/Ethnicity	2007-08	2008-09
White	50%	49%
African American or Black	6%	6%
Alaska Native or American Indian	9%	9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	12%	13%
Hispanic	10%	10%
Multi-Ethnic	13%	13%
Total Ethnic Minority	50%	51%

Last year all students and staff were asked to re-identify themselves, racially, using the new categories developed, and required, by the federal government. Students were asked to do two things: 1) identify whether or not they were Hispanic, and 2) to select the categories which described their race/ethnicity (more than one could be selected). This is very different from what was allowed in the past. Prior to last year, students were given a list of racial/ethnic

categories and allowed to choose the one which best described their race/ethnicity.

Guidance from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development was used to interpret responses to the two questions. Students who indicated they were Hispanic were given that as their racial/ethnic category. Students who made more than one selection were placed in the multi-ethnic category. Students who selected one category were placed in that particular racial/ethnic category.

While the new method of identification is welcomed as a means of accurately describing ethnicity, the way it is reported can have some negative impacts. For instance, numbers in the new categories can show under-representation of some groups. Decisions based on numbers in the new categories can be flawed. In addition, numbers can be misinterpreted if compared with prior years.

Comparing 2006 to 2007 showed decreases in the Alaska Native/American Indian (2,312), White (2,109), and African American/Black (681) student categories. There were increases in the multi-ethnic (2,268), Hispanic (1,884), and Asian/Pacific Islander (384) categories. To verify the changes, each student's 2007 ethnicity was compared with what they reported in 2006. Nearly 8,000 students (7,918 - 16%) changed their ethnicity from what they reported in 2006. Those that changed were: Alaska Native/American Indian (2,096), multi-ethnic (1,757), Asian/Pacific Islander (1,672), White (1,655), African American/Black (649), and Hispanic (89). Most changes were made moving into, and out of, the multi-ethnic category (3,509 and 1,757, respectively).

Comparing 2007 and 2008, two years of data using the modified reporting, the ethnic minority student population has increased by 1% and the White student population has decreased by 1%. These changes are shown in the Historical Student Membership Composition graph (Chart 2). Looking at student numbers, the White student group decreased by 321 students this year when compared to last year, while the ethnic minority group increased by 317 students. The largest numerical gain in an ethnic minority category this year, over last year, was in Asian/Pacific Islander, which increased by 421 students.

Chart 3 shows student ethnicity or race by program type. At 59%, Special Services program has the largest population of ethnic minorities, followed by Elementary Education at 53%. Ethnic minorities make up 51% of students in the Middle School program. The High School and Other Secondary programs have the smallest ethnic minority populations at 47% and 41%, respectively. The ethnic minority populations at the secondary levels continue to increase as the more diverse elementary students move into these levels.

The attached Ethnicity Report lists student information in summary, by program type, and by school. The series of tables and graphs represent membership numbers as of October 31, 2008.

Attachments

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Anchorage School District
 Ethnicity Report
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 Summary 1998 - 2008

School Year	Alaska					Hispanic	Multi-Ethnic	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
	White	African American or Black	Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander					
1998 - 99	32,530 66%	4,336 9%	5,890 12%	4,299 9%	2,522 5%	0%	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 63%	4,227 9%	6,177 13%	4,760 10%	2,754 6%	695 1%	18,613 38%	49,499	
2001 - 02	29,978 62%	4,234 9%	6,267 13%	5,038 10%	2,897 6%	1,241 3%	19,677 41%	49,655	
2002 - 03	29,157 60%	4,196 9%	6,366 13%	5,311 11%	3,041 6%	1,702 4%	20,616 43%	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	
2007 - 08	24,185 50%	2,974 6%	4,288 9%	5,868 12%	4,961 10%	6,144 13%	24,235 50%	48,420	
2008 - 09	23,864 49%	2,914 6%	4,168 9%	6,289 13%	4,927 10%	6,254 13%	24,552 51%	48,416	

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Change 2007 => 2008	-321	-60	-120	421	-34	110	317	-4
Change 1998 => 2008	-8,666	-1,422	-1,722	1,990	2,405	6,254	7,505	-1,161
Percent Change Last Ten Years	-27%	-33%	-29%	46%	95%		44%	-2%

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	Alaska						Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
	White	African American or Black	Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Multi- Ethnic		
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	12,086 47%	1,503 6%	2,325 9%	3,312 13%	2,835 11%	3,630 14%	13,605 53%	25,691
MIDDLE SCHOOL TOTAL	3,469 49%	451 6%	591 8%	945 13%	698 10%	918 13%	3,603 51%	7,072
HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL	6,854 63%	826 6%	944 7%	1,862 14%	1,202 9%	1,355 10%	6,189 47%	13,043
OTHER SECONDARY TOTAL	1,262 59%	92 4%	200 9%	149 7%	158 7%	277 13%	876 41%	2,138
SPECIAL SERVICES TOTAL	193 41%	42 9%	108 23%	21 4%	34 7%	74 16%	279 59%	472
DISTRICT TOTALS	23,864 49%	2,914 6%	4,168 9%	6,289 13%	4,927 10%	6,254 13%	24,552 51%	48,416

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School	White	African American or Black	Alaska Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Multi-Ethnic	Total Ethnic Minority	School Totals
100 ABBOTT LOOP	125 27%	24 5%	65 14%	97 21%	62 13%	91 20%	339 73%	464
110 AIRPORT HEIGHTS	51 16%	22 7%	56 17%	72 22%	50 15%	77 23%	277 84%	328
506 AK NATIVE CULTURAL	6 4%	3 2%	93 57%	3 2%	10 6%	47 29%	156 96%	162
112 ALPENGLOW	388 71%	22 4%	6 1%	9 2%	72 13%	53 10%	162 29%	550
510 AQUARIAN CHARTER	236 65%	17 5%	17 5%	15 4%	36 10%	41 11%	126 35%	362
114 AURORA	277 65%	50 12%	3 1%	9 2%	47 11%	39 9%	148 35%	425
115 BAXTER	168 48%	21 6%	30 9%	26 7%	35 10%	72 20%	184 52%	352
116 BAYSHORE	288 53%	15 3%	22 4%	93 17%	63 12%	61 11%	254 47%	542
118 BEAR VALLEY	349 76%	7 2%	22 5%	24 5%	23 5%	35 8%	111 24%	460
120 BIRCHWOOD ABC	225 78%	8 3%	14 5%	5 2%	20 7%	18 6%	65 22%	290
125 BOWMAN WILLARD L	264 55%	9 2%	42 9%	32 7%	49 10%	83 17%	215 45%	479
130 CAMPBELL	172 43%	12 3%	42 10%	54 13%	56 14%	66 16%	230 57%	402
140 CHESTER VALLEY	89 32%	18 7%	35 13%	33 12%	27 10%	74 27%	187 68%	276
150 CHINOOK	177 35%	27 5%	55 11%	100 20%	51 10%	94 19%	327 65%	504

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160 CHUGACH OPTIONAL	208 82%	2 1%	4 2%	12 5%	9 4%	20 8%	47 18%	255	
170 CHUGIAK ELEM	360 75%	1 0%	31 6%	8 2%	38 8%	39 8%	117 25%	477	
174 COLLEGE GATE	128 33%	32 8%	52 13%	52 13%	41 10%	88 22%	265 67%	393	
180 CREEKSIDE PARK	102 27%	40 11%	54 14%	63 17%	52 14%	64 17%	273 73%	375	
190 DENALI	198 53%	29 8%	43 12%	26 7%	26 7%	50 13%	174 47%	372	
530 EAGLE ACADEMY	144 87%	3 2%	1 1%	1 1%	4 2%	12 7%	21 13%	165	
200 EAGLE RIVER ELEM	229 62%	6 2%	33 9%	9 2%	30 8%	65 17%	143 38%	372	
210 FAIRVIEW	32 8%	88 22%	35 9%	123 30%	67 17%	59 15%	372 92%	404	
540 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	145 74%	7 4%	14 7%	3 2%	17 9%	11 6%	52 26%	197	
215 FIRE LAKE	213 61%	9 3%	30 9%	16 5%	31 9%	48 14%	134 39%	347	
545 FRONTIER ELE	89 72%	6 5%	6 5%	2 2%	6 5%	15 12%	35 28%	124	
220 GIRDWOOD	142 87%		3 2%	4 2%	9 5%	6 4%	22 13%	164	
230 GOVERNMENT HILL	99 23%	27 6%	20 5%	32 7%	224 51%	33 8%	336 77%	435	
235 HOMESTEAD	253 76%	11 3%	15 5%	11 3%	12 4%	31 9%	80 24%	333	

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237 HUFFMAN	290 74%	9 2%	20 5%	27 7%	12 3%	33 8%	101 26%	391
240 INLET VIEW	116 57%	10 5%	16 8%	16 8%	22 11%	22 11%	86 43%	202
242 KASUUN	219 46%	21 4%	47 10%	51 11%	60 13%	78 16%	257 54%	476
245 KLATT	127 36%	6 2%	32 9%	65 18%	77 22%	48 14%	228 64%	355
246 KINCAID	306 63%	12 2%	50 10%	33 7%	29 6%	54 11%	178 37%	484
248 LAKE HOOD	158 36%	16 4%	35 8%	122 28%	50 11%	59 13%	282 64%	440
250 LAKE OTIS	123 29%	25 6%	70 17%	61 14%	70 17%	74 17%	300 71%	423
257 MT SPURR	199 67%	20 7%	1 0%	7 2%	38 13%	33 11%	99 33%	298
260 MOUNTAIN VIEW	45 11%	43 11%	52 13%	171 43%	58 14%	32 8%	356 89%	401
270 MULDOON	90 22%	40 10%	55 14%	126 31%	30 7%	64 16%	315 78%	405
280 NORTH STAR	67 16%	40 9%	63 15%	98 23%	73 17%	81 19%	355 84%	422
290 NORTHERN LIGHTS	312 52%	25 4%	29 5%	126 21%	45 7%	68 11%	293 48%	605
300 NORTHWOOD	111 33%	19 6%	34 10%	70 21%	44 13%	55 17%	222 67%	333
310 NUNAKA VALLEY	90 32%	28 10%	51 18%	23 8%	37 13%	50 18%	189 68%	279

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315 OCEAN VIEW	257 60%	18 4%	32 7%	21 5%	29 7%	73 17%	173 40%	430	
320 OMALLEY	255 81%	3 1%	11 3%	4 1%	19 6%	23 7%	60 19%	315	
324 ORION	289 67%	43 10%	5 1%	11 3%	52 12%	30 7%	141 33%	430	
450 POLARIS K-6	163 76%	0 0%	5 2%	11 5%	17 8%	19 9%	52 24%	215	
498 PREK (SPECIAL ED)	24 44%	4 7%	9 16%	0 0%	10 18%	8 15%	31 56%	55	
328 PTARMIGAN	131 27%	66 14%	65 14%	79 17%	70 15%	67 14%	347 73%	478	
330 RABBIT CREEK	293 71%	6 1%	42 10%	17 4%	19 5%	37 9%	121 29%	414	
335 RAVENWOOD	318 79%	5 1%	15 4%	16 4%	27 7%	24 6%	87 21%	405	
560 RILKE SCHULE	177 84%	2 1%	2 1%	6 3%	7 3%	17 8%	34 16%	211	
340 ROGERS PARK	261 50%	34 7%	38 7%	75 14%	35 7%	78 15%	260 50%	521	
345 RUSSIAN JACK	69 17%	48 12%	62 16%	72 18%	55 14%	92 23%	329 83%	398	
350 SAND LAKE	337 50%	13 2%	58 9%	105 16%	45 7%	115 17%	336 50%	673	
360 SCENIC PARK	160 44%	36 10%	22 6%	40 11%	34 9%	69 19%	201 56%	361	
362 SPRING HILL	124 37%	12 4%	47 14%	57 17%	44 13%	50 15%	210 63%	334	

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364 SUSITNA	178 39%	33 7%	69 15%	47 10%	41 9%	86 19%	276 61%	454
365 TAKU	127 33%	29 7%	47 12%	61 16%	54 14%	71 18%	262 67%	389
363 TRAILSIDE	261 54%	30 6%	40 8%	49 10%	29 6%	71 15%	219 46%	480
370 TUDOR	112 31%	16 4%	41 11%	63 18%	56 16%	69 19%	245 69%	357
380 TURNAGAIN	226 57%	8 2%	35 9%	38 10%	27 7%	66 17%	174 44%	400
384 TYSON WILLIAM	31 7%	32 7%	65 14%	218 46%	47 10%	77 16%	439 93%	470
386 URSA MAJOR	217 56%	87 22%	5 1%	6 2%	57 15%	18 5%	173 44%	390
388 URSA MINOR	147 58%	44 17%	4 2%	10 4%	31 12%	17 7%	106 42%	253
390 WILLIWAW	41 10%	30 8%	45 11%	178 45%	55 14%	51 13%	359 90%	400
400 WILLOW CREST	95 25%	18 5%	67 18%	70 18%	62 16%	70 18%	287 75%	382
595 WINTERBERRY CHARTER	135 73%	4 2%	6 3%	3 2%	17 9%	19 10%	49 27%	184
410 WONDER PARK	66 20%	32 10%	48 14%	67 20%	45 14%	75 23%	267 80%	333
418 WOOD GLADYS	182 42%	20 5%	42 10%	58 13%	39 9%	95 22%	254 58%	436
TOTAL	12,086 47%	1,503 6%	2,325 9%	3,312 13%	2,835 11%	3,630 14%	13,605 53%	25,691

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700 CENTRAL	294 43%	73 11%	58 9%	94 14%	84 12%	75 11%	384 57%	678
780 GOLDENVIEW	536 71%	14 2%	39 5%	50 7%	59 8%	55 7%	217 29%	753
730 GRUENING	425 69%	37 6%	17 3%	21 3%	50 8%	65 11%	190 31%	615
740 HANSHEW	383 49%	28 4%	75 10%	104 13%	75 10%	116 15%	398 51%	781
750 MEARS	468 54%	24 3%	62 7%	116 13%	81 9%	121 14%	404 46%	872
755 MIRROR LAKE	507 77%	13 2%	36 5%	11 2%	38 6%	57 9%	155 23%	662
785 NICHOLAS J BEGICH	375 32%	140 12%	144 12%	231 20%	103 9%	187 16%	805 68%	1,180
760 ROMIG	262 33%	55 7%	76 10%	185 23%	113 14%	111 14%	540 67%	802
770 WENDLER	219 30%	67 9%	84 12%	133 18%	95 13%	131 18%	510 70%	729
TOTAL	3,469 49%	451 6%	591 8%	945 13%	698 10%	918 13%	3,603 51%	7,072

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800 BARTLETT	611 37%	207 12%	135 8%	283 17%	166 10%	268 16%	1059 63%	1,670	
810 CHUGIAK HIGH	953 76%	15 1%	65 5%	32 3%	76 6%	109 9%	297 24%	1,250	
820 DIMOND	1,014 58%	67 4%	111 6%	259 15%	134 8%	179 10%	750 43%	1,764	
865 EAGLE RIVER HIGH	608 72%	55 7%	26 3%	23 3%	73 9%	59 7%	236 28%	844	
830 EAST	655 31%	228 11%	192 9%	579 27%	236 11%	255 12%	1490 70%	2,145	
840 SERVICE	995 53%	104 6%	178 9%	234 13%	174 9%	194 10%	884 47%	1,879	
860 SOUTH	1,281 75%	27 2%	97 6%	123 7%	117 7%	75 4%	439 26%	1,720	
850 WEST	737 42%	123 7%	140 8%	329 19%	226 13%	216 12%	1034 58%	1,771	
TOTAL	6,854 53%	826 6%	944 7%	1,862 14%	1,202 9%	1,355 10%	6,189 47%	13,043	

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885 AVAIL	11 18%	4 7%	12 20%	4 7%	7 12%	22 37%	49 82%	60	
880 BENSON	74 39%	14 7%	23 12%	30 16%	15 8%	34 18%	116 61%	190	
881 BENSON SEARCH	19 43%	4 9%	7 16%	0 0%	3 7%	11 25%	25 57%	44	
883 COHO	38 86%		1 2%	0 0%	2 5%	3 7%	6 14%	44	
884 CONTINUATION PROGRAM	11 33%	6 18%	2 6%	6 18%	4 12%	4 12%	22 67%	33	
815 CROSSROADS	12 22%	6 11%	8 15%	6 11%	7 13%	16 29%	43 78%	55	
833 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	249 64%	18 5%	37 10%	16 4%	29 8%	40 10%	140 36%	389	
844 FRONTIER SEC	149 76%	12 6%	15 8%	3 2%	9 5%	9 5%	48 24%	197	
846 HIGHLAND TECH	143 61%	5 2%	17 7%	16 7%	16 7%	37 16%	91 39%	234	
875 MCLAUGHLIN SEC*	32 31%	10 10%	37 36%	7 7%	5 5%	13 13%	72 69%	104	
888 POLARIS 7-12	197 75%	4 2%	13 5%	14 5%	13 5%	22 8%	66 25%	263	
835 SAVE I	98 42%	8 3%	21 9%	33 14%	31 13%	41 18%	134 58%	232	
845 STELLER	229 78%	1 0%	7 2%	14 5%	17 6%	25 9%	64 22%	293	
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667 ACE/ACT	68 52%	14 11%	15 12%	12 9%	8 6%	14 11%	63 48%	131	
616 BOOTH SECONDARY	0% 0	50% 1	50% 1	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	100% 2	2	
606 DEBARR RTC ELEM.	6 60%	0% 0	20% 2	0% 0	10% 1	10% 1	40% 4	10	
607 DEBARR RTC SEC.	22 48%	0% 0	30% 14	0% 0	9% 4	13% 6	52% 24	46	
618 MCKINLEY HEIGHTS	5 46%	0% 0	18% 2	0% 0	9% 1	27% 3	55% 6	11	
625 WHALEY ELEMENTARY	3 11%	18% 5	36% 10	11% 3	7% 2	18% 5	89% 25	28	
627 WHALEY SECONDARY	28 36%	9% 7	25% 19	4% 3	9% 7	17% 13	64% 49	77	
628 NORTH STAR HSP ELE	7 27%	15% 4	42% 11	0% 0	4% 1	12% 3	73% 19	26	
629 NORTH STAR HSP SEC	6 46%	8% 1	23% 3	0% 0	8% 1	15% 2	54% 7	13	
631 PROVIDENCE HTS SEC	2 50%	0% 0	50% 2	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	50% 2	4	
633 NORTH STAR RES SEC	1 8%	0% 0	92% 12	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	92% 12	13	
635 PROVIDENCE GIRLS	7 78%	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	11% 1	11% 1	22% 2	9	
650 JESSE LEE ELEM	5 63%	0% 0	38% 3	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	38% 3	8	
651 JESSE LEE SEC	2 33%	0% 0	67% 4	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	67% 4	6	

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662 MT ILIAMNA ELE	31 39%	9 11%	7 9%	3 4%	8 10%	21 27%	48 61%	79
910 OUTREACH/PRIVATE	0% 0	11% 1	33% 3	0% 0	0% 0	56% 5	100% 9	9
TOTAL	193 41%	42 9%	108 23%	21 4%	34 7%	74 16%	279 59%	472

Chart 1
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STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ETHNIC COMPOSITION

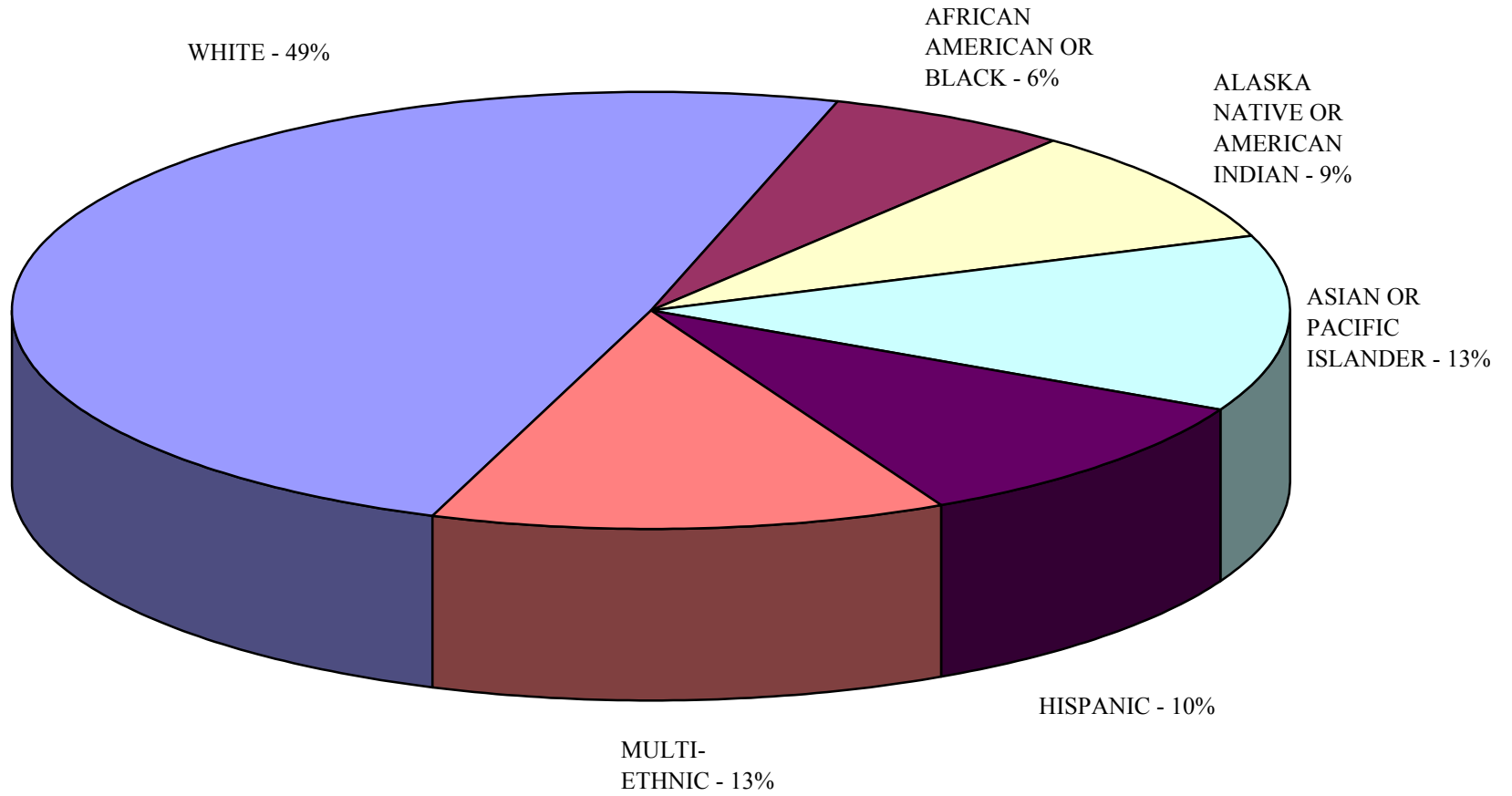
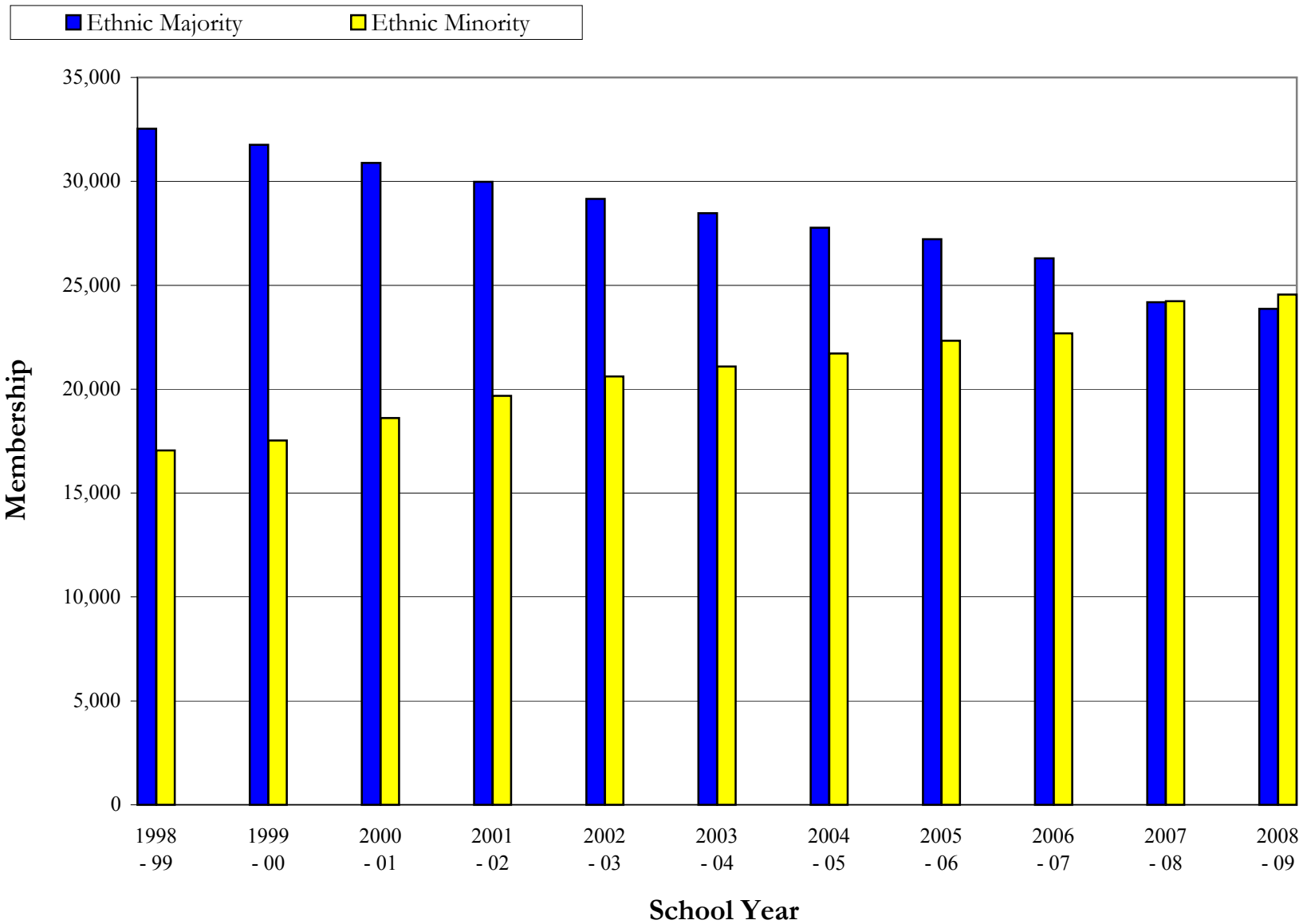


Chart 2
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HISTORICAL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION



**Chart 3
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ETHNICITY/RACE BY PROGRAM TYPE

