

# Status of Wilmington Public Education



As of 2015, there are 23 governing units that serve 11,595 Wilmington students in the public school system. On virtually every indicator (academic performance, drop-out rates, and graduation rates), Wilmington students perform at a lower level than non-Wilmington students, including low-income students.

**83%**

Of Wilmington Students are from low-income families

Nearly **75%** of Wilmington students failed to meet state standards in English Language Arts on the 2015 Smarter Balanced Assessment.

**74%**

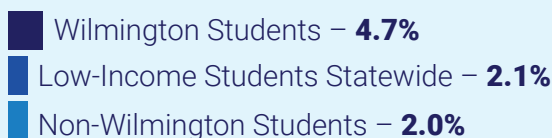
of Wilmington Students identify as African-American

Approximately **84%** of Wilmington students failed to meet state standards in Mathematics on the 2015 Smarter Balanced Assessment.

**1 out of 10**

English Language Learning (ELL) students in Delaware lives in Wilmington

High School Dropout rates 2015: Wilmington, Non-Wilmington, and Low-Income Students



**1 out of 9**

Students with special needs in Delaware lives in Wilmington

High School Graduation Rates from 2015: Wilmington, Non-Wilmington and Low-Income Students



**Wilmington Education  
Improvement Commission**  
*Solutions for Delaware Schools*

The Wilmington Education Improvement Commission is a 23-person group, mandated by law, to propose recommendations for an improved education system that benefits all students Statewide, specifically in Wilmington. The Commission is committed to **promoting a new vision of public education** and carry out the Action Agenda of the previous Wilmington Education Advisory Committee.

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