



Children's
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Fund 
Philadelphia

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA 2020

DATA COLLECTION

As Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, a recent analysis of student achievement conducted by School Frontiers in 2020 revealed CSFP's long-term impact on students.

CSFP 4th and 7th grade achievement data is based on 2019 PSSA test scores. This study analyzed National Student Clearinghouse high school enrollment and graduation data of CSFP alumni who belonged to the classes of 2019 and 2020.

This study focused on post-high school student status for the first time, and **the results are very promising.**

FIVE AREAS OF LONG-TERM IMPACT

1. School Attendance

2. Academic Achievement

3. High School Choice

4. High School Graduation

5. College Enrollment



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



CSFP recipients in 4th and 7th grade have higher attendance than their Philadelphia public school counterparts. Combined student attendance **remains high at 96%** across CSFP recipients compared to 93% for public school students.



CSFP students had **lower rates of chronic absences** (defined as missing 10% of school days or more) than their public school peers.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

MATH & READING PERFORMANCE

CSFP students perform **well** compared to national averages and to Philadelphia peers.

CSFP students achieve at or near the national average in **both** reading and math.

CSFP 4th and 7th grade students outperform their Philadelphia peers by a **large margin** in both reading and math.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

COMPARING PROFICIENT/ON GRADE LEVEL TEST SCORES OF CSFP STUDENTS WITH PHILADELPHIA PEERS

MATH PSSA TEST SCORES

CSFP 4th and 7th graders **performed better** than their Philadelphia peers by these **large margins**:

- ✓ 4th grade: 41% vs. 18%
- ✓ 7th grade: 49% vs. 23%

READING PSSA TEST SCORES

CSFP 4th and 7th graders **performed better** than their Philadelphia peers by these **large margins**:

- ✓ 4th grade: 61% vs. 36%
- ✓ 7th grade: 78% vs. 41%

2019 Pennsylvania state-wide Math proficiency was 27% for 4th grade and 24% for 7th grade. Reading proficiency was 36% for 4th grade and 45% for 7th grade.

(Source: <https://www.education.pa.gov/DataAndReporting/Assessments/Pages/PSSA-Results.aspx>)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

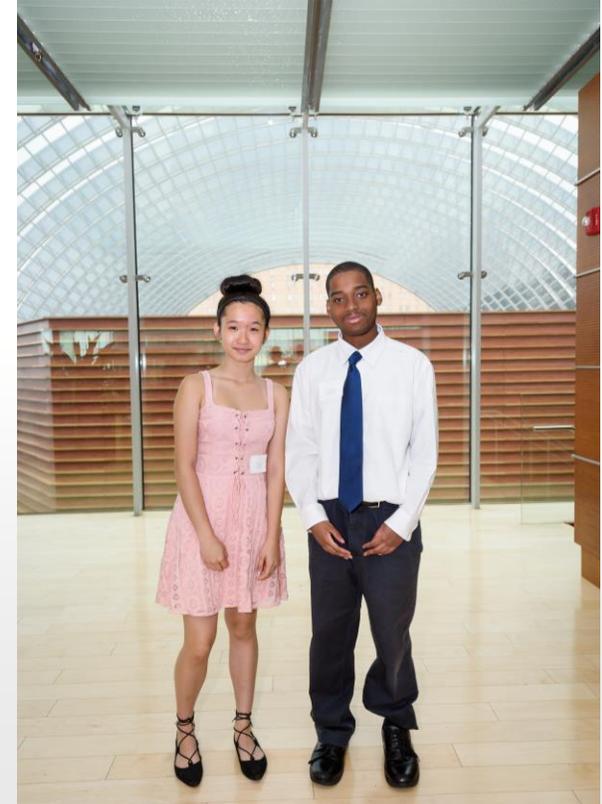
NEW 2020 PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

CSFP 7th grade students performed **at or above** the national average in both math and reading.

These are the **best results we've seen** in our program evaluations and compare students in all regions and income levels.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE

93% of CSFP 8th grade alumni attend high schools of their choice, not their default high school, including competitive admissions-based top Catholic and Magnet high schools in the region.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



STRONG, RELIABLE PROGRAM RESULTS

98% of CSFP alumni in the class of 2020 graduated high school on-time, **an increase from last year**. This is the strongest data we've received because it's the largest sample size collected from a class to date.

Compared to Philadelphia School District's on-time graduation rate of 69%, **more CSFP students graduate on-time**.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

93% of CSFP alumni in the class of 2020 reported plans to attend college after high school.

CSFP alumni members of the high school classes of 2020 to 2023 reported **taking admissions tests at higher rates** than their peers. **94%** of these CSFP alumni reported that they took either the SAT or ACT test.

The overall national average for high schoolers taking admissions tests is estimated at **45%**.



COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

BASED ON A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE SEARCH

70% of CSFP alumni in the high school class of 2019 enrolled in college.

By comparison, **54%** of Philadelphia School District high school graduates in the class of 2019 enrolled in college.

Last year, national data showed that only **28%** of students in the lowest 20% of family income, which is a comparative range for CSFP students, enrolled in college.