

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

June 15, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Montgomery Virtual Academy (04-07-2022-02-A, C)

During the *Digital Learning and Innovation* discussion, Board members requested the following information:

Question:

- A. Ms. Harris requested information regarding the 18.4% of parents who responded that they were not satisfied with the Virtual Academy.

Response:



In reference slide 19 shown above, it is important to note that 18.4% of parents/guardians did not indicate they were not satisfied with the Montgomery Virtual Academy (MVA). When asked how satisfied they were with their child's experience in the MVA, 81.6% of responding parents/guardians reported they were very satisfied or satisfied with their student's experience in the MVA. Approximately thirteen percent of respondents (12.5%) responded 'neutral' when asked how satisfied they were with their student's experience, while only 4.3% reported they were dissatisfied/very dissatisfied. A small fraction of parents/guardians (1.6%) did not respond to the question. Demographic information was not collected for survey respondents.

Question:

- C. Ms. Silvestre requested information regarding the levels of Asian and Black/African American students signing up for the Virtual Academy. What were the enrollment numbers at the commencement of the Virtual Academy versus current enrollment numbers?

Response:

Since the beginning of the 2021–2022 school year, Asian and Black/African American students have represented just more than one-half of the total enrollment in the MVA. As the school year started in August 2021, the MVA was 24.07% Asian and 30.69% Black/African American for a combined total of 54.76%. Since that time, the percentage of Asian students has decreased 4% to 19.99% and the percentage of Black/African American students has increased to 33.33% for a combined total of 53.32%.

Looking ahead to next school year, of the students who have recommitted to the MVA, 18.85% are Asian and 33.65% are Black/African American for a combined total of 52.5%. With the new applicants to MVA for the 2022–2023 school year, there appears to be a reduced percentage of Asian students applying (10.71%), however, the percentage of Black/African American students applying (31.49%) is similar to the 2021–2022 school year. The combined total of Asian and Black/African American applicants is 42.2% at this time.

A summary overview of the racial demographics of the MVA enrollment, recommitment, and new applications is included in the attached file.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cassandra Heifetz, dean, Montgomery Virtual Academy elementary school, or Mr. Steven E. Orders, dean, Montgomery Virtual Academy middle and high schools, via email.

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Attachment

Copy to:

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Ms. Heifetz

Mr. Orders

Mrs. Webb

Montgomery Virtual Academy Racial Demographics

<i>Race</i>	Enrollment on August 29, 2021	Enrollment on December 19, 2021	Enrollment on May 31, 2022	FY22 Students Recommitted for FY23 as of May 24, 2022	FY23 New Applications as of May 31, 2022
American Indian	0.27%	0.30%	0.19%	0.27%	0.32%
Asian	24.07%	23.99%	19.99%	18.85%	10.71%
Black	30.69%	31.66%	33.33%	33.65%	31.49%
Hispanic	24.41%	24.78%	26.64%	27.57%	30.19%
Multiple Race	5.91%	5.69%	5.89%	5.88%	6.17%
Pacific Islander	0.14%	0.19%	0.19%	0.14%	0.32%
White	14.51%	13.40%	13.76%	13.65%	20.78%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Student Count	2942	2672	2616	1480	308