

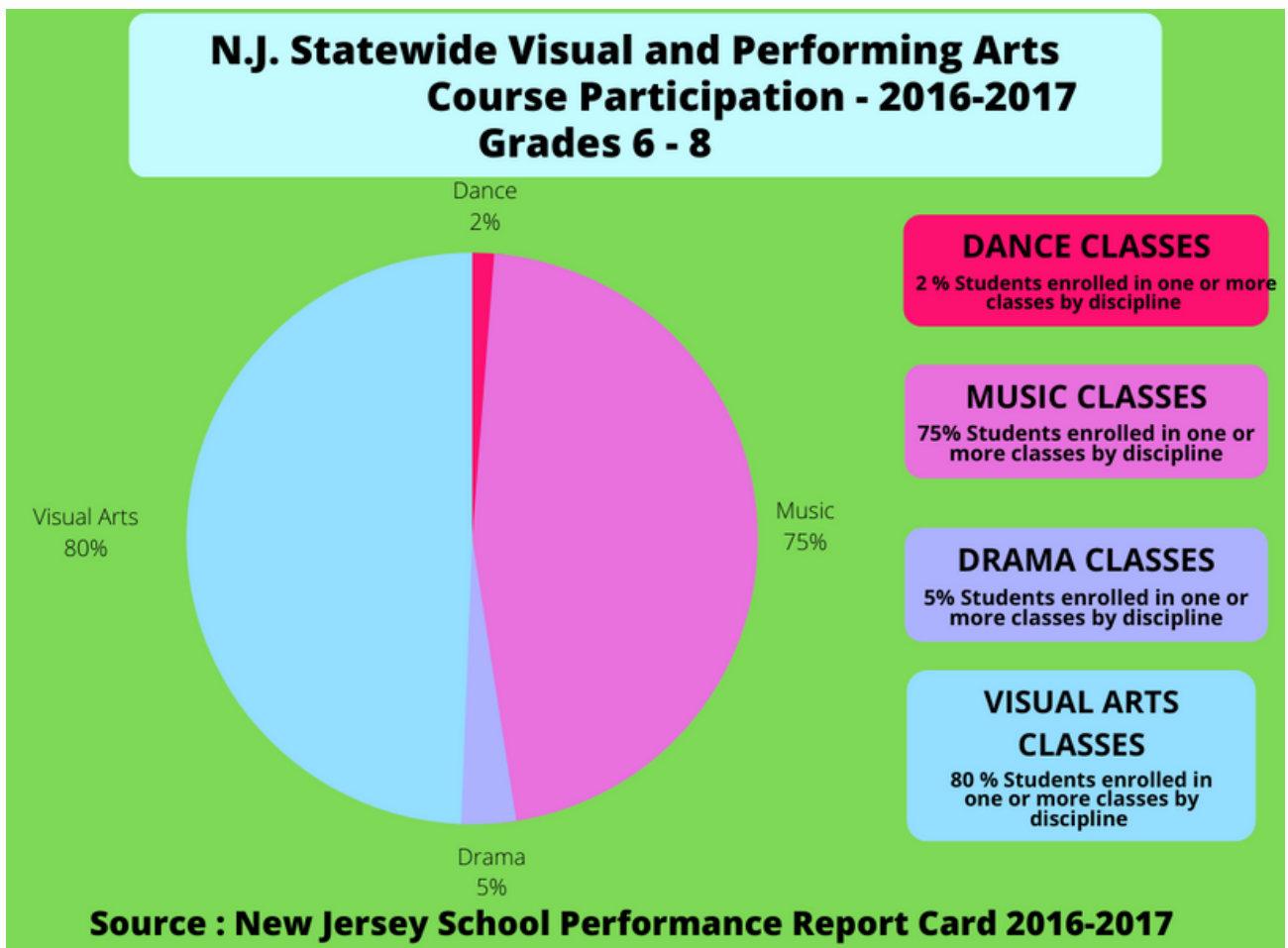


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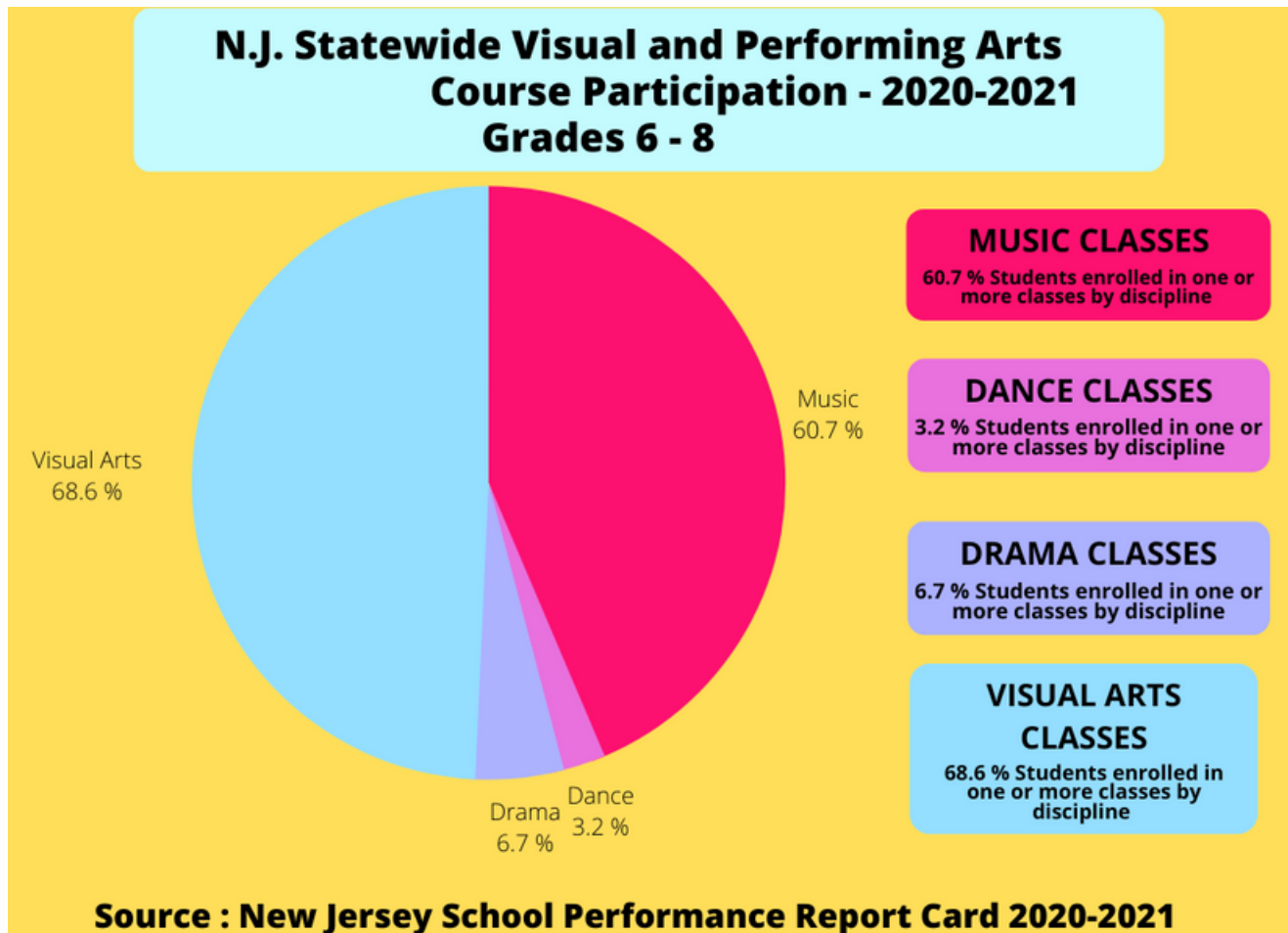


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 Subject: Analysis and Visual of NJ Schools Visual and Performing Arts Enrollment 2016-2017 and 2020-2021

The estimated New Jersey Visual and Performing Arts Course Participations have a fairly good enrollment rate in the 2016 -2017 year based on the New Jersey School Performance Report Card. The majority of students in grades 6-8 are enrolled in a music or art class. Many schools in New Jersey have enrolled K-8 students in the same school building. Therefore, every student will have a general music and art class. In middle school buildings, students have the possibility of choosing an arts elective such as dance and drama.



In the 2020-2021 New Jersey Visual and Performing Arts Course Participation, there seems to be a decrease in music and arts classes. However, there is a slight enrollment increase in the dance and drama department classes.

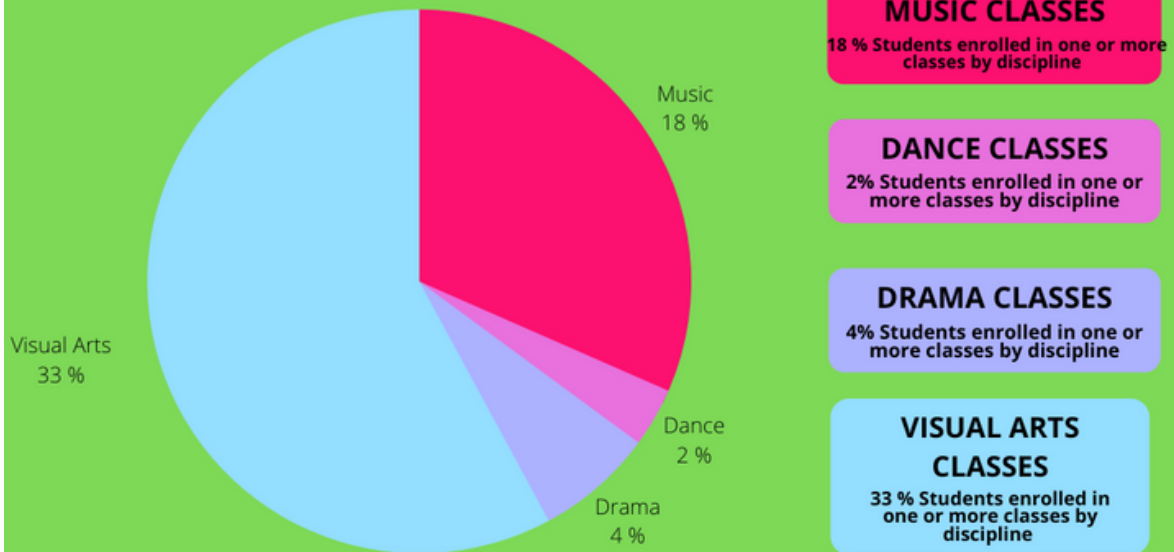


When we look at the 2016-2017 New Jersey Visual and Performing Arts Course participants in Grades 9-12, we see a low number of students who are enrolled in a visual or performing arts class. At the high school level, these classes are all elective classes. Students have the option to choose a visual or performing arts class in their class schedule.

*(Please see chart on page 3).*



## N.J. Statewide Visual and Performing Arts Course Participation - 2016-2017 Grades 9 - 12

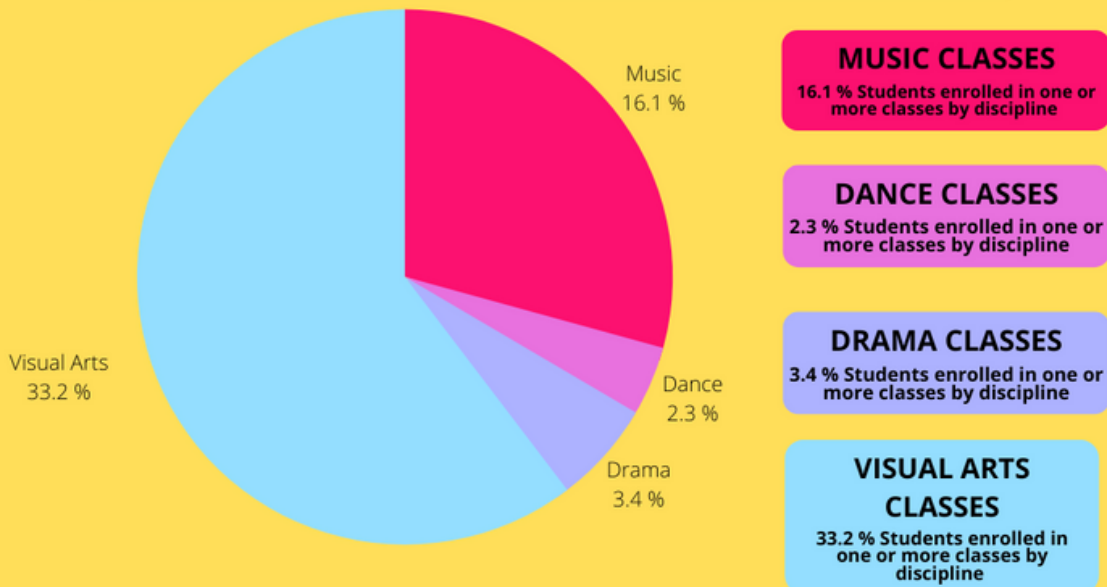


**Source : New Jersey School Performance Report Card 2016-2017**



In the 2020-2021 NJ Statewide report, we see there was a slight decrease in music and drama classes and a slight increase in dance and art classes.

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**Source : New Jersey School Performance Report Card 2020-2021**

Further analysis of the 2016-2017 and 2020-2021 years show minimal changes in enrollment of classes. From this study, we can hypothesize that both grade groups of NJ schools in grades 6-8 and 9-12 do not decrease in the Visual and Performing Arts Courses. If one class does decrease in size, another class increases. Although these numbers stay within the same range, I would have liked to see the numbers increase each year.