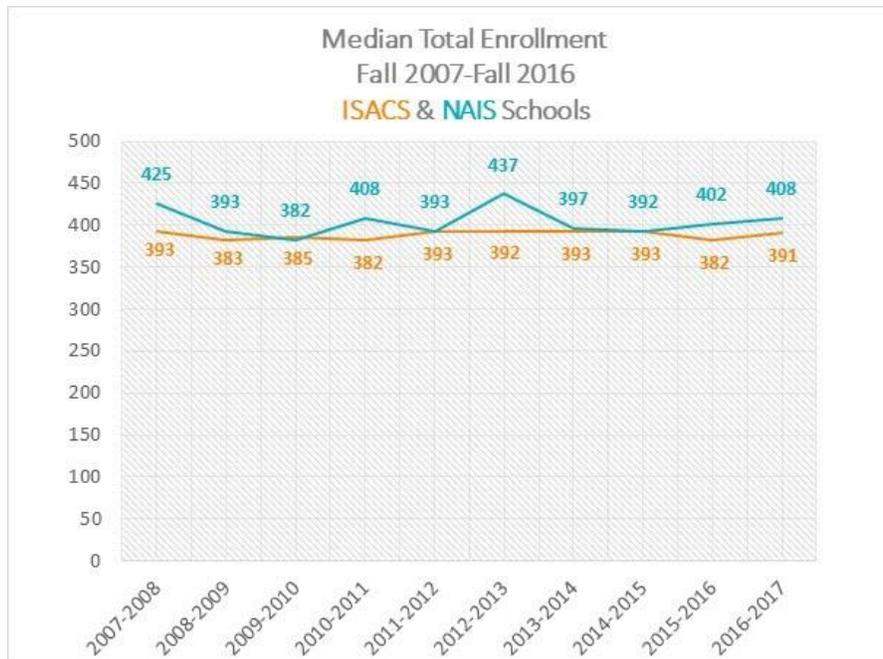




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**This month’s stats. Enrollment, acceptance, and attrition.** In January, once again, we look at several statistics relevant to enrollment management.

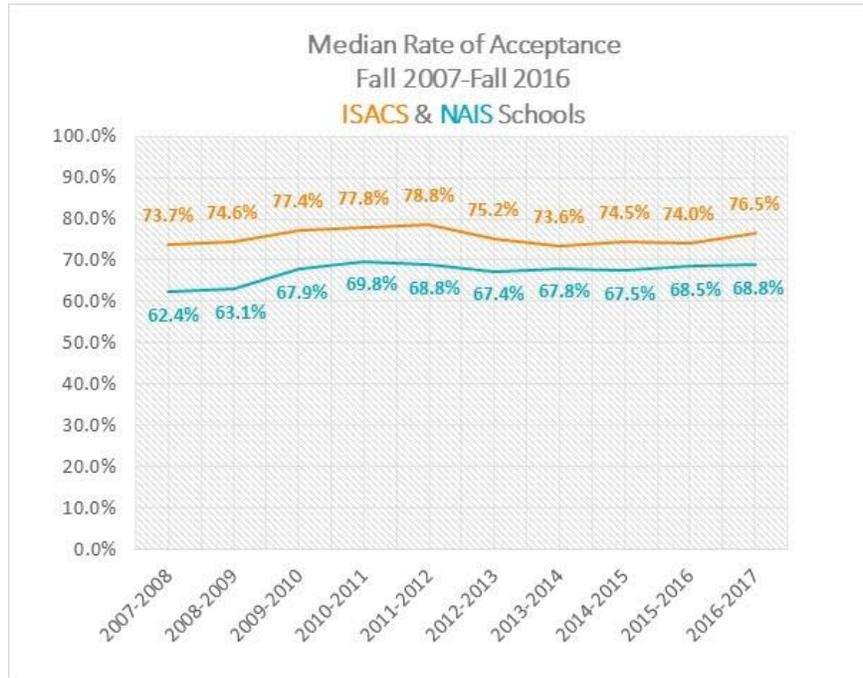
Over a ten-year period, we see little change in median enrollment in ISACS or NAIS schools – ranging from 382-393 in the ISACS cohort (125 schools reporting) and from 392-437 in the NAIS cohort (1,186 schools reporting).



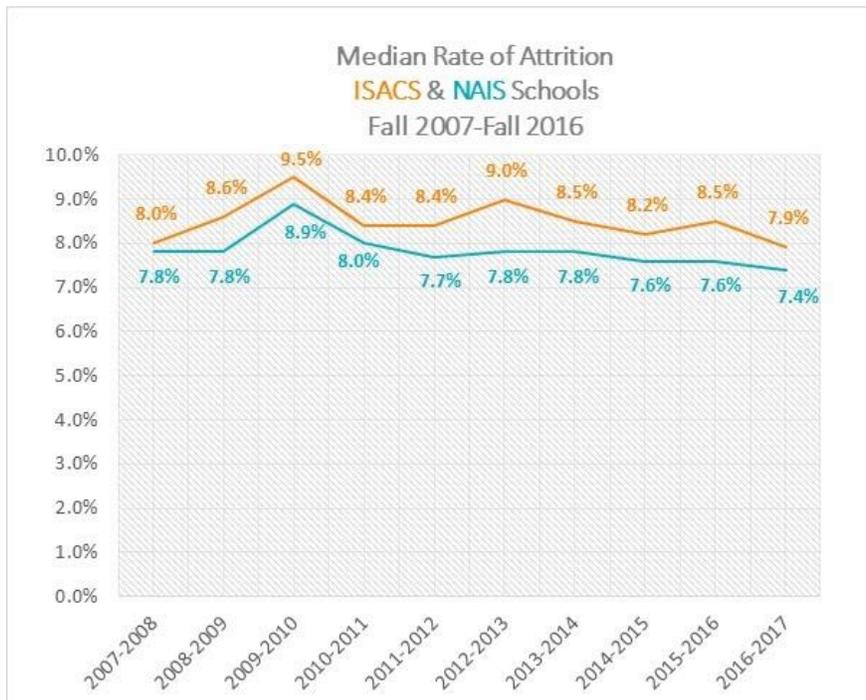
The range of enrollment across the membership is noteworthy. In fall 2016, for instance, according to the DASL survey responses, ISACS schools ranged in enrollment from 13 to 2,051 and NAIS schools, from 8 to 5,421. This, of course, has relevance as we, as associations, refine and develop services.

For the first time this year, NAIS/DASL has collected data on international enrollment, and we look forward to tracking these figures over time. Currently, international enrollment is reported in 50 ISACS schools, and data from those schools yield a median international enrollment of 3.5%. International enrollment is reported in 486 NAIS schools, with a median international enrollment of 3.3%.

Median rate of acceptance (the ratio of applications to acceptances) was 76.5% in ISACS schools in fall 2016 (113 schools reporting) and 68.8% in NAIS schools (1,101 schools reporting). These numbers show a slight increase from fall of 2015. There is no evidence here of a return to pre-2008 rates.



Median rate of attrition (the ratio of re-enrollments to those who could have re-enrolled) reported in fall 2016 was 7.9% in ISACS schools (117 schools reporting) and 7.4% in NAIS schools (1,092 schools reporting). For both cohorts, we see a steady drop since attrition peaked in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, with rates now below what they were in 2007-2008.



You may find that the most meaningful data analysis is more local or specific in other ways – by grade level, grade span, comparable mission, etc. If your school entered data in the DASL survey, then you, your CFO, and your board chair have access to the database to run reports. If you have questions about ISACS statistics drawn from [DASL](#), contact ISACS staff member Andy Gilla at [andy@isacs.org](mailto:andy@isacs.org).