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An Overview of Academic Performance



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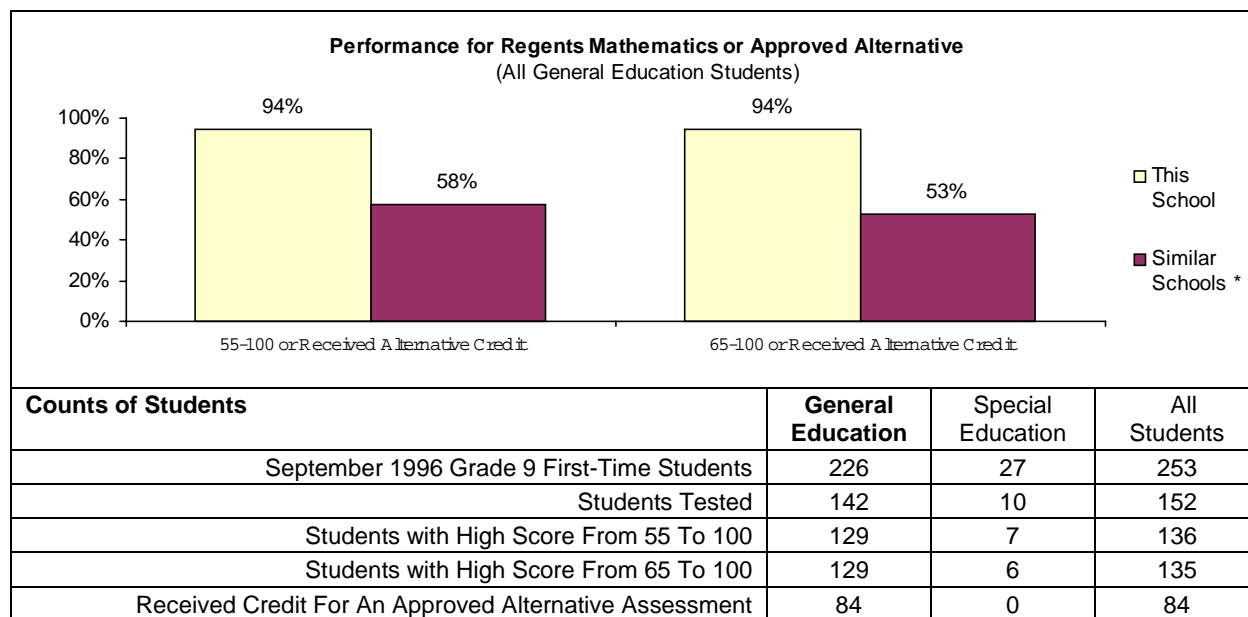
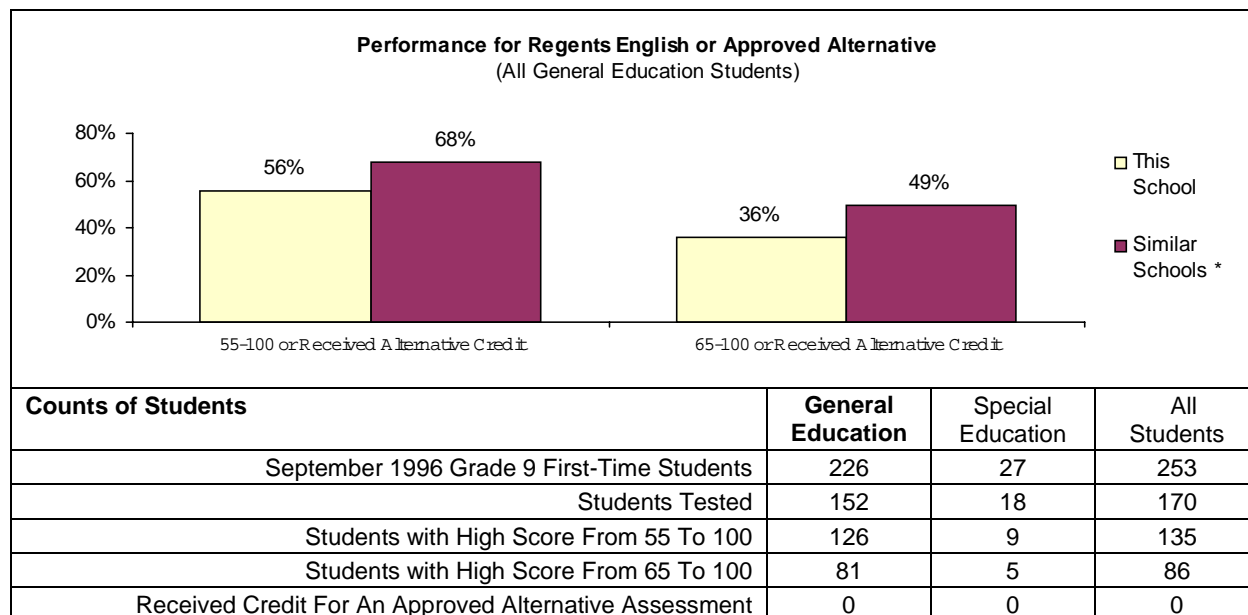
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Cohort Performance

This cohort includes all students enrolled in this school in June 1999 who first entered grade 9 in September 1996. General education students in this cohort must pass the Regents English examination to earn a high school diploma.¹ Special education students who do not pass the Regents English examination may meet this graduation requirement by passing the Regents Competency Tests in both reading and writing. Students in this cohort are not required to pass a Regents mathematics examination to earn a local diploma.



* Similar Schools are schools grouped by district and student demographic characteristics. More information is on the School Profile page of this report. Further explanation is available at <http://www.emsc.nySED.gov/reprcd2000/similar.html>.

¹ Students who score 55 to 64 may earn a local diploma with the approval of the local school board. Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times or in which years the student may have taken the examination.

To protect student confidentiality, the pound character (#) appears when there are fewer than five students in a group. If fewer than five special-education students were reported, then counts appear only in the "General Education" category.

School Profile

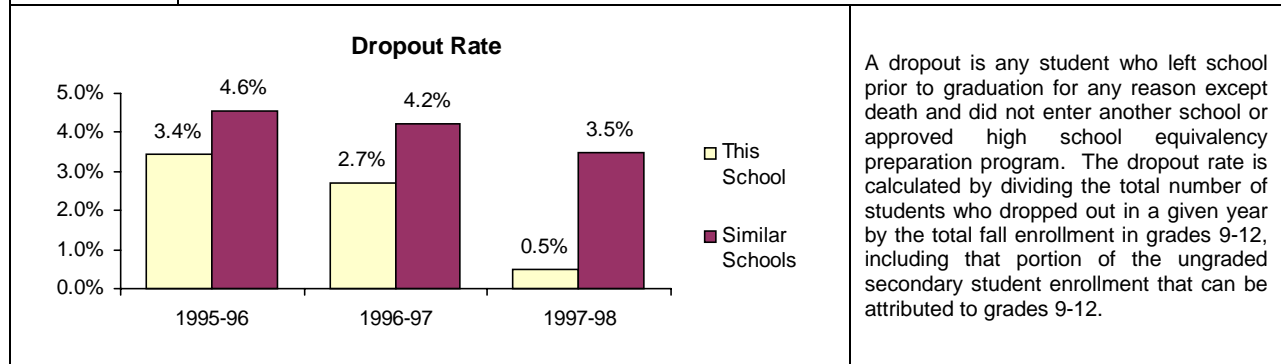
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| Principal: Ms. Marilyn Wittman | | | Phone: (716)838-7500 | |
| Organization 1998-99 | | School Staff ¹ (both full- and part-time) | | |
| Grade Range | Student Enrollment | Count of Teachers | Count of Other Professionals | Count of Paraprofessionals |
| 9-12 | 1,013 | 68 | 7 | 8 |

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| 1997-98 School District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil | \$9,451 |
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| Student Enrollment | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Grade Level | October 1998 | Grade Level | October 1998 |
| Pre-Kindergarten | 0 | Grade 7 | 0 |
| Kindergarten | 0 | Grade 8 | 0 |
| Grade 1 | 0 | Grade 9 | 435 |
| Grade 2 | 0 | Grade 10 | 189 |
| Grade 3 | 0 | Grade 11 | 210 |
| Grade 4 | 0 | Grade 12 | 145 |
| Grade 5 | 0 | Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities | 0 |
| Grade 6 | 0 | Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities | 34 |

| Student Demographics Used To Determine Similar School Groups | 1996-97 | | 1997-98 | | 1998-99 | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| English Language Learners | 10 | 0.9% | 8 | 0.8% | 11 | 1.1% |
| Eligible For Free Lunch | 514 | 47.6% | 462 | 47.0% | 388 | 38.3% |

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| Similar Schools Group | This school is in Similar Schools Group 41. All schools in this group are secondary level schools in large cities other than New York City. The schools in this group are in the middle range of student needs for secondary level schools in these districts. |
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¹ Some district-employed staff serve in more than one school. These shared people are not reported here.

School Accountability Measures

The Regents expect schools to meet or exceed 90 percent on each benchmark shown here. Regulations require school districts to develop and implement local assistance plans (LAP) to bring every public school up to these levels. These plans must include activities to improve the performance of all students, including students with disabilities. LAP for district public schools are available for public review at the district office.

All students continuously enrolled from October until the date of State testing at this school are included in these measures. Students with disabilities are included¹. Also, schools with fewer than 20 students in a grade may combine results for three consecutive years to reduce the impact of small-population variability. Local school officials have this information.

English Language Arts Performance of Students in Grades 4 and 8 for 1998-99

| | Continuously Enrolled Students Required To Take State ELA Tests | | English Language Learners Reported Using Alternative Measure | | Benchmark Percentage (b+d)/(a+c) |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Tested (a) | At Or Above Level 2 In English Language Arts (b) | English Language Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level (c) | Making Satisfactory Progress (d) | |
| Grade 4 | | | | | NA |
| Grade 8 | | | | | NA |

Mathematics Performance of Students in Grades 4 and 8 for 1998-99

| | Continuously Enrolled Students | | Benchmark Percentage (b/a) |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | Tested (a) | At Or Above Level 2 In Math (b) | |
| Grade 4 | | | NA |
| Grade 8 | | | NA |

Demonstrated Competency of Students in Grade 11 for 1998-99

| Competency Area | Grade 11 Enrollment June 1999 (a) | Regents Level (higher) (b) | RCT Level (lower) (c) | Benchmark Percentage ² (b+c)/a |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Reading | 170 | 89 | 56 | 85% |
| Writing | 170 | 89 | 55 | 85% |
| Mathematics | 170 | 77 | 81 | 93% |

¹ All students with disabilities who are enrolled in this school are included in these measures along with general education students, regardless of classroom environment and level of special education services. These calculations match those used to identify the schools farthest from State standards [potential schools under registration review (SURR)] and Title I schools that are making adequate yearly progress.

² The State data system does not separate these Grade 11 results based on duration of enrollment. Some schools with high mobility grade 11 populations may not have their LAP status correctly identified in this report. These numbers are, however, indicative of performance in all schools.

To protect student confidentiality, the pound character (#) appears when there are fewer than five students in a grade tested or enrolled. If fewer than five English language learners were reported (English Language Arts Performance table), the counts are replaced by the pound character (#).