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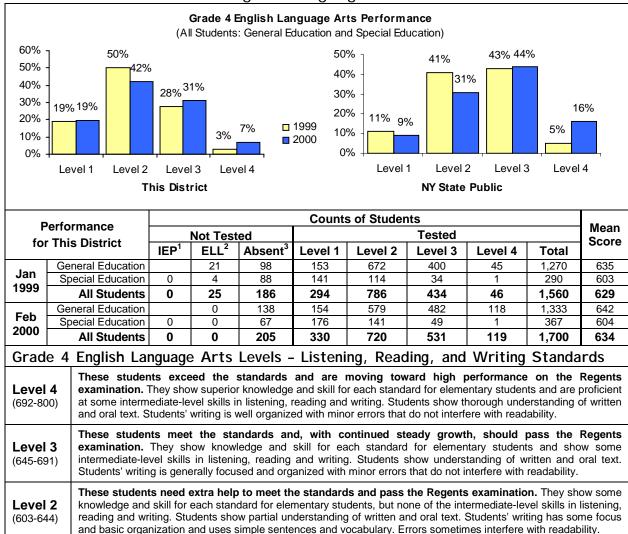
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English Language Arts



Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

difficulty in organizing thoughts. Errors interfere with readability.

Level 1

(455-602)

These students have serious academic deficiencies. They show no evidence of any proficiency in one or more of the elementary standards and incomplete proficiency in all three of the standards. Students show minimal

understanding of written and oral text. Students' writing is brief, general, or uses repetitive statements, and reveals

ELL are students for whom English is a second language. Schools teach these students English so they can participate effectively in the academic program. ELL students without sufficient proficiency in English are not required to take the grade 4 ELA test. Their progress in learning English is measured, using standardized tests, and reported.

Grade 4	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
February 2000	0	0

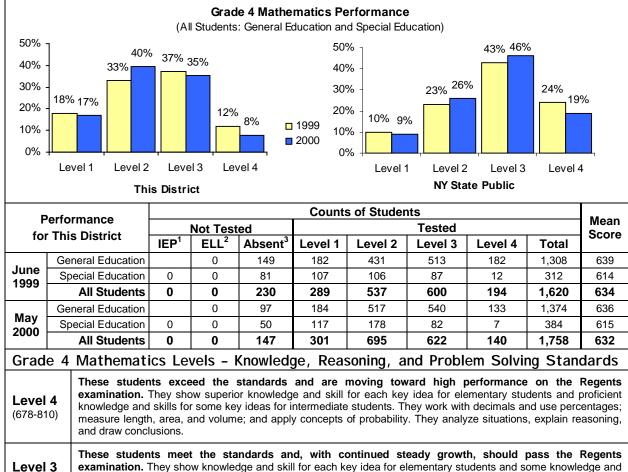
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² These students were not required to take the grade 4 ELA test because they were English Language Learners (ELL) who performed below the 30th percentile on another appropriate English reading assessment.

³ These students were enrolled at the time of testing, but were not present to complete some part of the ELA assessment.

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Mathematics



	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents
Level 3	examination. They show knowledge and skill for each key idea for elementary students and some knowledge and
(637-677)	skills for each key idea for intermediate students. They have a basic understanding of real world data, use
,	appropriate units of measure and understand fundamentals of geometry. They can justify a reasonable solution.

These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. They show some knowledge and skill for each key idea for elementary students but no knowledge and skills for the key ideas for intermediate students. They use basic mathematics facts, work with whole numbers and identify units of measurement. They can use manipulatives to solve for an unknown.

Level 1 (448-601)

Level 2

(602-636)

These students have serious academic deficiencies. They show no evidence of proficiency in one or more of the elementary key ideas and incomplete proficiency in all seven key ideas. They know some basic addition and subtraction, how to count to find answers and understand that some events are more likely than others.

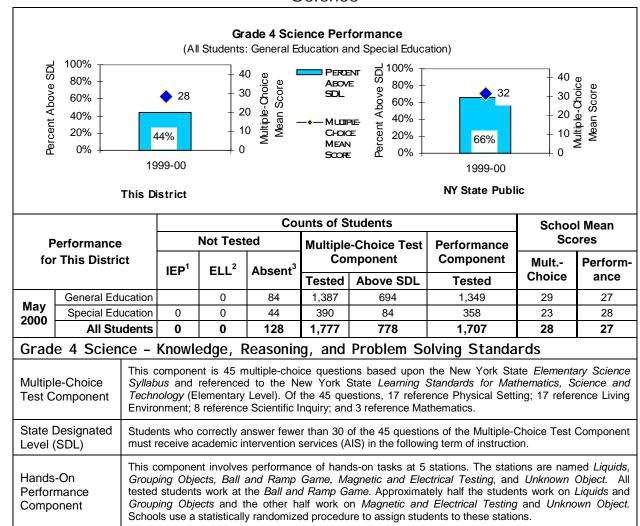
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³ These students were enrolled at the time of testing, but were not present to complete some part of this mathematics assessment.

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Science



If all tested students answered all questions correctly, this score would be 45.

school mean score. If all tested students received perfect scores, this score would be 49.

For the multiple-choice test component, this is the average number of correct answers for students tested.

For the performance component, the mean scores for the stations are added together to arrive at the

School Mean Scores

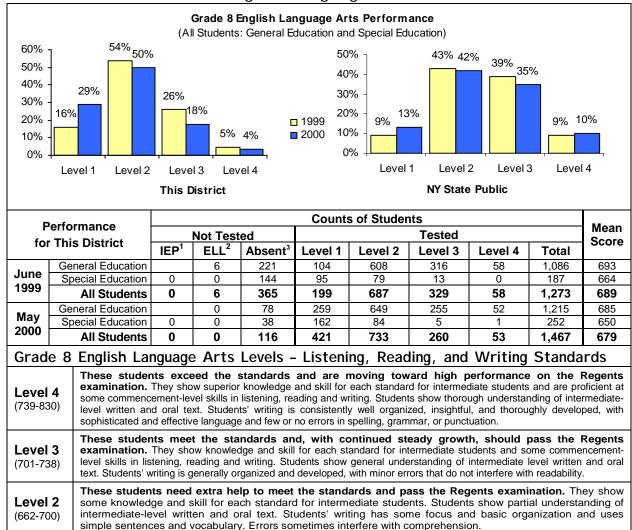
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English Language Arts



Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

These students have serious academic deficiencies. They show no evidence of proficiency in one or more of the standards for intermediate students and incomplete proficiency in all three of the standards. Students

show minimal understanding of intermediate-level written and oral text. Students' writing is brief, general, or

uses repetitive statements, and reveals difficulty in organizing thoughts. Errors interfere with both readability

ELL are students for whom English is a second language. Schools teach these students English so they can participate effectively in the academic program. ELL students without sufficient proficiency in English are not required to take the grade 8 ELA test. Their progress in learning English is measured, using standardized tests, and reported.

Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
June 2000	0	0

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and comprehension.

Level 1

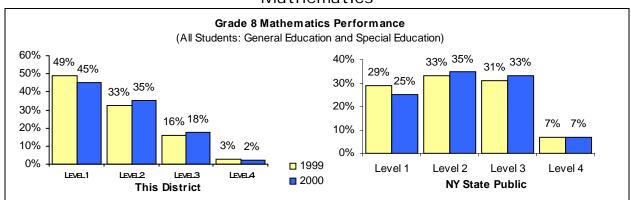
(527-661)

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Mathematics



	Performance	Counts of Students					Mean Score			
for This District		Not Tested		Tested						
101	This District	IEP ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	30016
	General Education		0	171	497	415	217	35	1,164	688
June 1999	Special Education	0	0	108	181	39	6	0	226	652
1999	All Students	0	0	279	678	454	223	35	1,390	682
	General Education		0	31	503	470	258	31	1,262	690
May 2000	Special Education	0	0	18	186	72	12	2	272	661
2000	All Students	0	0	49	689	542	270	33	1,534	685

Grade 8 Mathematics Levels - Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem Solving Standards

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Level 4 (760-882)	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. They show superior knowledge and skill for each key idea for intermediate students and are proficient at some commencement-level skills. They consistently demonstrate proficiency and accuracy in processes and solutions. They clearly communicate mathematical insights, use a wide range of mathematical problem solving strategies, and identify the most efficient means to a solution.
Level 3 (716-759)	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. They show knowledge and skill for each key idea for intermediate students and some commencement-level skills. They use prime numbers, factors, rational numbers; apply formulas; visualize three dimensional shapes; understand and use the Pythagorean theorem and trigonometric functions.
Level 2 (681-715)	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. They show some knowledge and skill for each key idea for intermediate students. They use basic reasoning, understand percentages, visualize two-dimensional shapes, understand properties of polygons and use patterns.
Level 1 (517-680)	These students have serious academic deficiencies. They show no evidence of proficiency in one or more of the key ideas for intermediate students and incomplete proficiency in all seven key ideas. They can use variables and make and use simple measurements. They may use simple operations and understand simple graphical displays. They can identify some patterns and functions.

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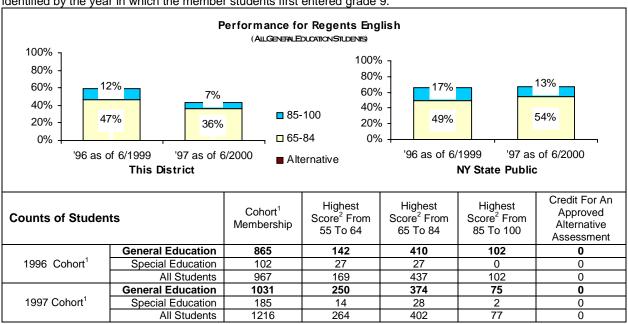
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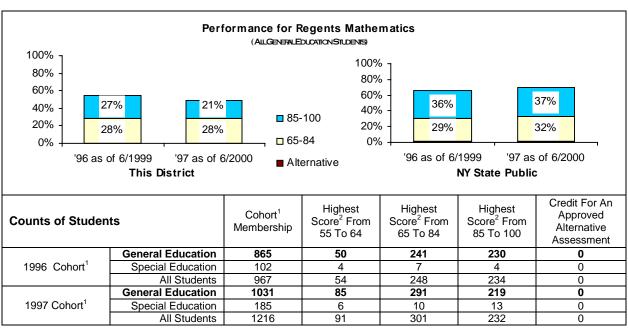
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Cohort Performance

This section presents the success of students in this school district on Regents examinations after three years of high school. The first block presents information about success on the Regents examination in comprehensive English. The second block presents information about success on any Regents examination in mathematics. A cohort is identified by the year in which the member students first entered grade 9.





The cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) (iii) of Commissioner's Regulations as of July 2000.

Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times the student may have taken the examination.

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School District Profile

Superintendent: Dr. Stephen C. Jones Phone: (315)435-4161					
Organization 1999-2000 School Staff¹ (both full- and part-time)					
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Count of Other Teachers Professionals		Count of Paraprofessionals	
K-12	22,778	1,630	346	942	

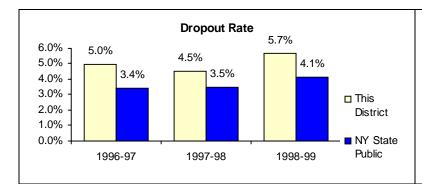
1998-99 School District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$9,767
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Student Enrollment							
Grade Level	October 1999	Grade Level	October 1999				
Pre-Kindergarten	696	Grade 7	1,551				
Kindergarten	1,827	Grade 8	1,529				
Grade 1	1,859	Grade 9	1,939				
Grade 2	1,984	Grade 10	1,250				
Grade 3	2,030	Grade 11	1,116				
Grade 4	1,742	Grade 12	874				
Grade 5	1,588	Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities	1,027				
Grade 6	1,543	Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities	919				

Student Demographics	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Count Percent		Count	Percent	Count Percent	
English Language Learners	1136	4.8%	1242	5.3%	1333	5.7%
Eligible For Free Lunch	13886	60.9%	13493	58.6%	12801	56.2%

Need-to-Resource-Capacity Index Group

This school district is in Need-to-Resource-Capacity Group 2. This district is Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, or Yonkers (High needs relative to local resource capacity)



A dropout is any student who left school prior to graduation for any reason except death and did not enter another school or approved high school equivalency preparation program. The dropout rate is calculated by dividing the total number of students who dropped out in a given year by the total fall enrollment in grades 9-12, including that portion of the ungraded secondary student enrollment that can be attributed to grades 9-12.

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¹ Some district-employed staff serve in more than one school. These shared people are not reported here.