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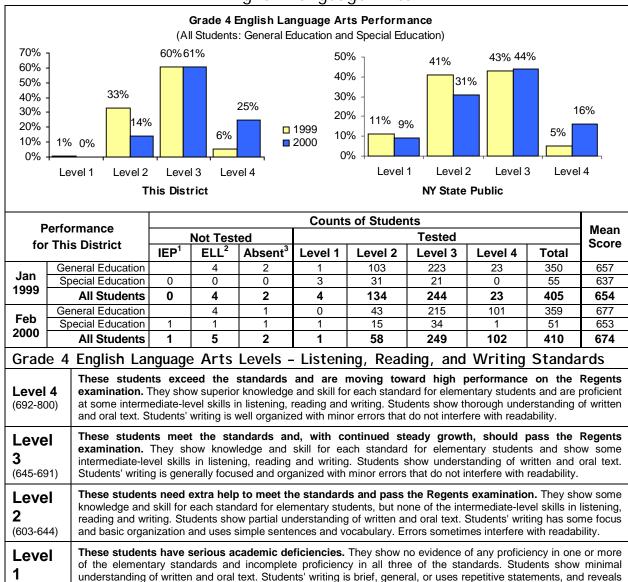
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English Language Arts



Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

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Grade 4	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
February 2000	5	3

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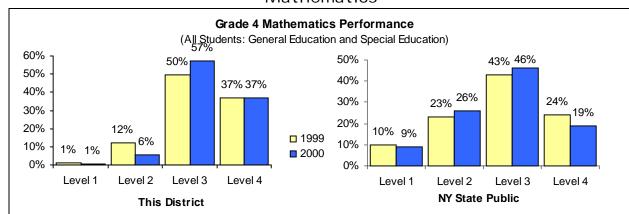
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Mathematics



	Dorformanco		Counts of Students						Mean Score	
Performance for This District		Not Tested		Tested						
101	T THIS DISTRICT	IEP ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	Score
	General Education		0	3	1	29	176	147	353	674
June 1999	Special Education	3	0	0	3	22	29	6	60	647
1999	All Students	3	0	3	4	51	205	153	413	670
	General Education		2	3	1	16	198	147	362	675
May 2000	Special Education	1	0	1	2	7	38	5	52	655
2000	All Students	1	2	4	3	23	236	152	414	673

Grade 4 Mathematics Levels - Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem Solving Standards

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Level 4 (678-810)	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 elementary students and proficient knowledge and skills for some key ideas for intermediate students. They work with decimals and use percentages; measure length, area, and volume; and apply concepts of probability. They analyze situations, explain reasoning, and draw conclusions.
Level 3 (637-677)	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 elementary students and some knowledge and 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.
Level 2 (602-636)	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)	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.

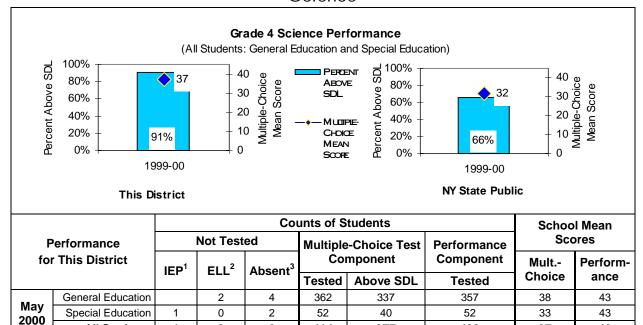
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Science



Grade 4 Science -	Knowledge,	Reasoning,	and Problem	Solving Standards

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Multiple-Choice Test Component	This component is 45 multiple-choice questions based upon the New York State <i>Elementary Science Syllabus</i> and referenced to the New York State <i>Learning Standards for Mathematics, Science and Technology</i> (Elementary Level). Of the 45 questions, 17 reference Physical Setting; 17 reference Living Environment; 8 reference Scientific Inquiry; and 3 reference Mathematics.
State Designated Level (SDL)	Students who correctly answer fewer than 30 of the 45 questions of the Multiple-Choice Test Component must receive academic intervention services (AIS) in the following term of instruction.
Hands-On Performance Component	This component involves performance of hands-on tasks at 5 stations. The stations are named Liquids, Grouping Objects, Ball and Ramp Game, Magnetic and Electrical Testing, and Unknown Object. All tested students work at the Ball and Ramp Game. Approximately half the students work on Liquids and Grouping Objects and the other half work on Magnetic and Electrical Testing and Unknown Object. Schools use a statistically randomized procedure to assign students to these stations.
School Mean Scores	For the multiple-choice test component, this is the average number of correct answers for students tested. If all tested students answered all questions correctly, this score would be 45. For the performance component, the mean scores for the stations are added together to arrive at the school mean score. If all tested students received perfect scores, this score would be 49.

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All Students

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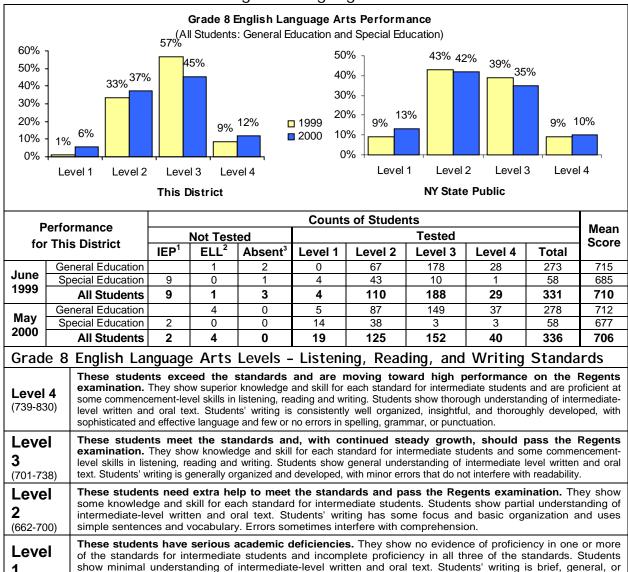
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Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
June 2000	4	#

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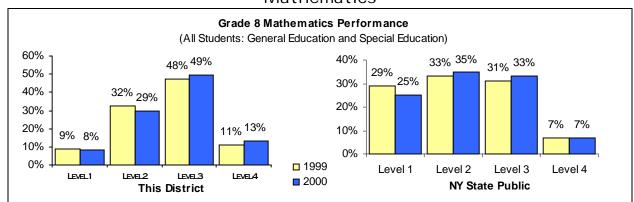
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101	or This District	IEP ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	30016
	General Education		0	3	8	76	151	37	272	731
June 1999	Special Education	9	0	1	21	31	6	0	58	683
1999	All Students	9	0	4	29	107	157	37	330	722
	General Education		3	0	4	73	158	43	278	732
May 2000	Special Education	2	0	0	23	26	8	1	58	687
2000	All Students	2	3	0	27	99	166	44	336	725

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

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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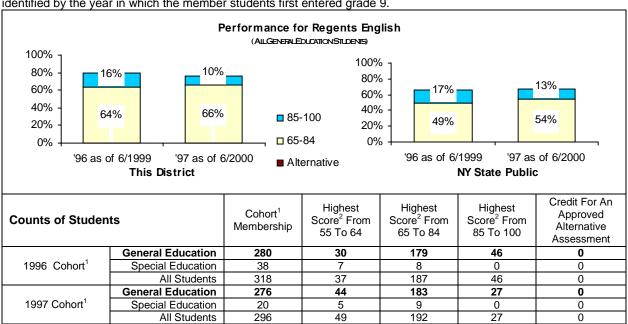
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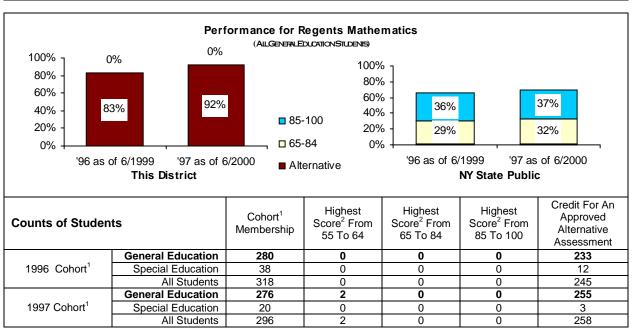
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Cohort Performance

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.





¹ 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

Superintend	ent: Mr. Me	Phone	e: (631)321-3142	
Organiza 1999-200		Sch	ool Staff ¹ (both full- and part-ti	me)
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals	Count of Paraprofessionals
K-12	4,777	306	26	62

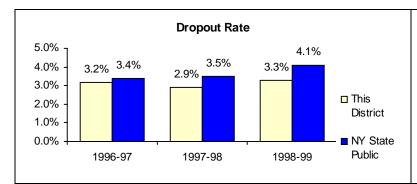
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Student Enrollment							
Grade Level	October 1999	Grade Level	October 1999				
Pre-Kindergarten	0	Grade 7	367				
Kindergarten	408	Grade 8	341				
Grade 1	355	Grade 9	332				
Grade 2	380	Grade 10	309				
Grade 3	384	Grade 11	302				
Grade 4	402	Grade 12	333				
Grade 5	401	Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities	79				
Grade 6	374	Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities	10				

Student Demographics	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Language Learners	87	1.9%	92	2.0%	88	1.8%
Eligible For Free Lunch	451	9.8%	524	11.1%	525	11.0%

Need-to-Resource-Capacity Index Group

This school district is in Need-to-Resource-Capacity Group 5. This district has average 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.

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