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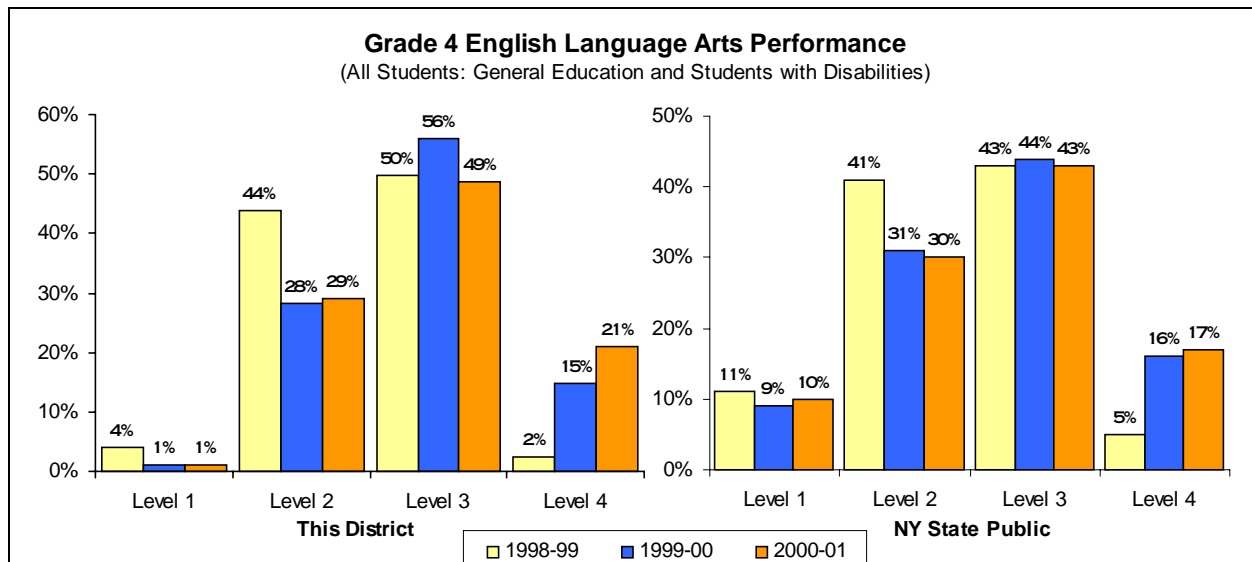
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Elementary Level English Language Arts



Performance at This District		Counts of Students								Mean Score
		Not Tested			Tested					
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
Jan 1999	General Education		1	0	7	77	92	5	181	647
	Students with Disabilities	23	0	1	1	13	10	0	24	639
	All Students	23	1	1	8	90	102	5	205	646
Jan 2000	General Education		0	1	1	45	88	28	162	663
	Students with Disabilities	26	0	0	1	8	17	0	26	653
	All Students	26	0	1	2	53	105	28	188	662
Jan 2001	General Education		1	0	2	43	80	40	165	668
	Students with Disabilities	18	0	0	0	15	17	2	34	650
	All Students	18	1	0	2	58	97	42	199	665

Grade 4 English Language Arts Levels - Listening, Reading, and Writing Standards

Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. All students scoring from 692 to 800 are in this level.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 645 to 691 are in this level.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 603 to 644 are in this level.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies . All students scoring from 455 to 602 are in this level.

Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

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
January 2001	1	#

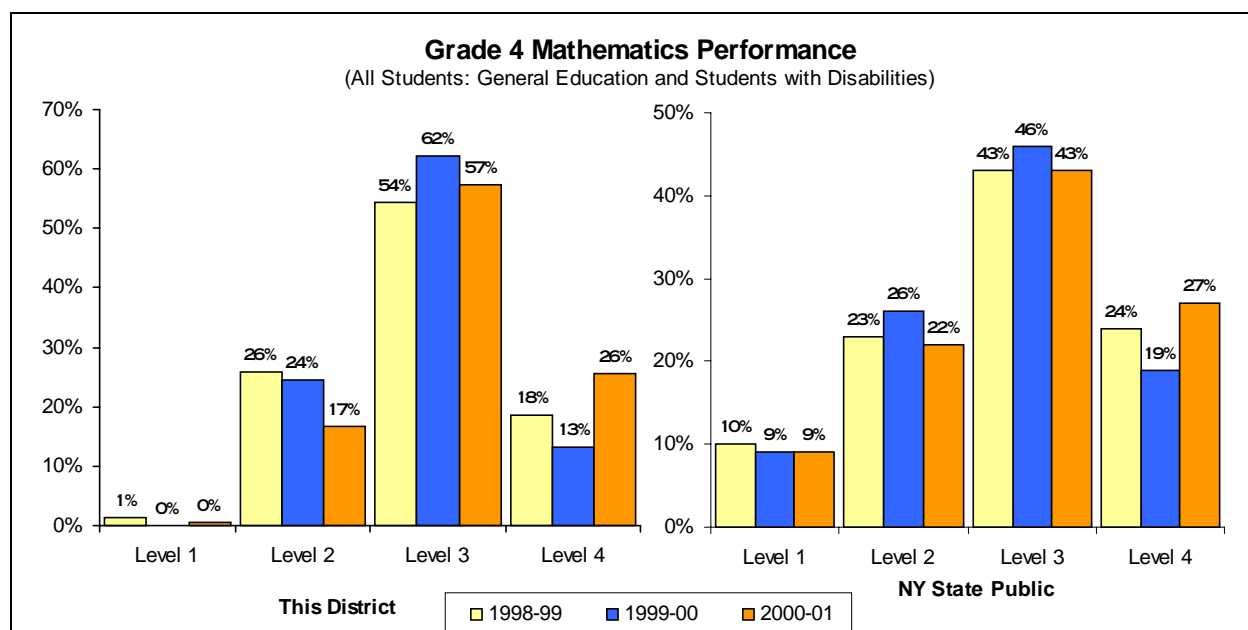
1 For 2001, these students were eligible for the Alternate Assessment (AA). For 2000 and 1999, these students were exempt from this test because of disability as stated in their Individualized Educational Program.

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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Elementary Level Mathematics



Performance at This District		Counts of Students								Mean Score
		Not Tested			Tested					
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
June 1999	General Education		0	1	1	40	97	35	173	655
	Students with Disabilities	19	0	0	2	13	15	3	33	644
	All Students	19	0	1	3	53	112	38	206	653
May 2000	General Education		2	0	0	35	102	26	163	656
	Students with Disabilities	18	0	0	0	13	20	0	33	642
	All Students	18	2	0	0	48	122	26	196	654
May 2001	General Education		1	0	0	19	94	53	166	668
	Students with Disabilities	8	0	1	1	16	27	1	45	642
	All Students	8	1	1	1	35	121	54	211	662

Grade 4 Mathematics Levels - Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. All students scoring from 678 to 810 are in this level.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 637 to 677 are in this level.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 602 to 636 are in this level.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies . All students scoring from 448 to 601 are in this level.

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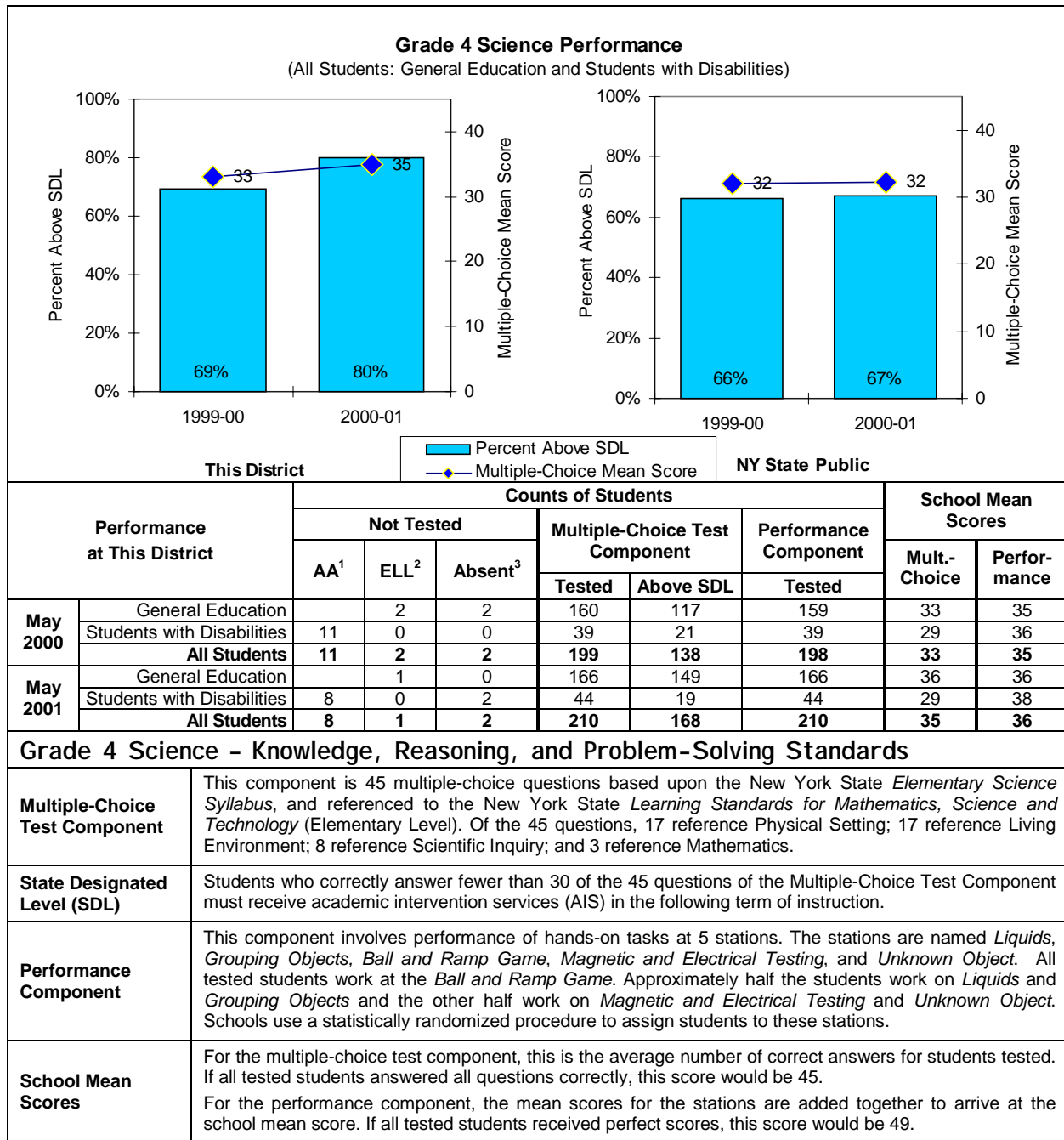
2 These students were not required to take this test because they were English language learners (ELL) who perform below the 30th percentile on an appropriate English reading assessment and there was no test form available in their native language. Other ELL students must take this test, but may take an alternative language form if such is available.

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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Elementary Level

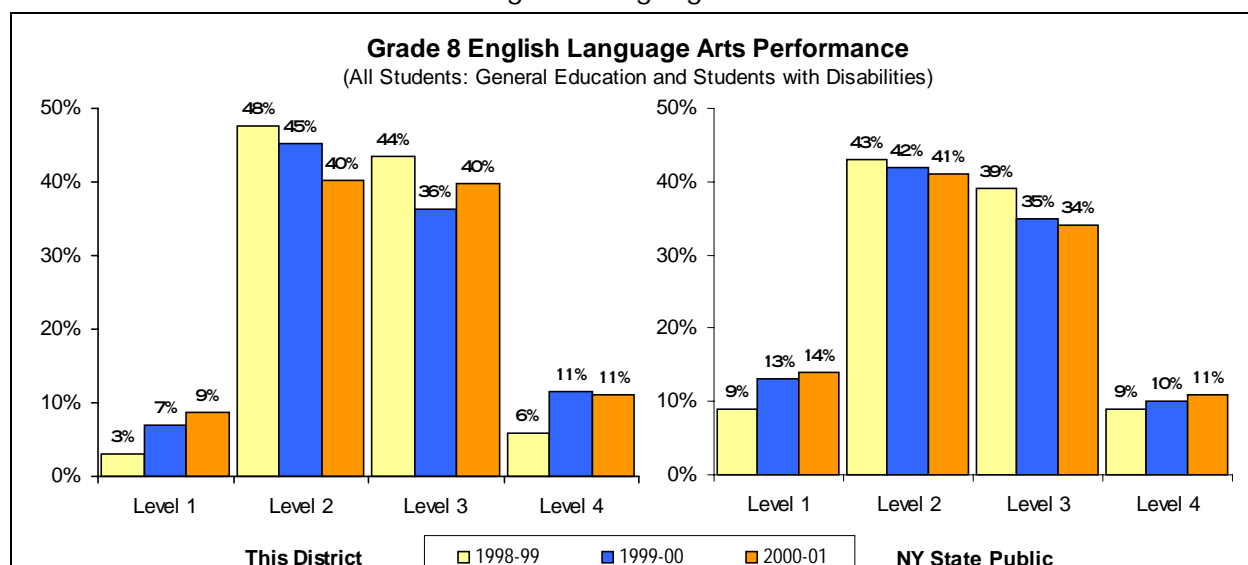
Science



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- 3 These students were enrolled at the time of testing but did not complete any part of this science assessment.
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Middle Level

English Language Arts



Performance at This District		Counts of Students								Mean Score
		Not Tested			Tested					
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
June 1999	General Education		0	2	3	83	94	13	193	706
	Students with Disabilities	2	0	1	4	24	4	0	32	678
	All Students	2	0	3	7	107	98	13	225	702
May 2000	General Education		2	1	8	74	72	23	177	706
	Students with Disabilities	6	0	0	6	17	1	0	24	672
	All Students	6	2	1	14	91	73	23	201	702
May 2001	General Education		4	1	8	67	75	23	173	707
	Students with Disabilities	28	0	0	10	16	7	0	33	676
	All Students	28	4	1	18	83	82	23	206	702

Grade 8 English Language Arts Levels - Listening, Reading, and Writing Standards

Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. All students scoring from 739 to 830 are in this level.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 701 to 738 are in this level.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 662 to 700 are in this level.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies . All students scoring from 527 to 661 are in this level.

Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

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Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
June 2001	4	#

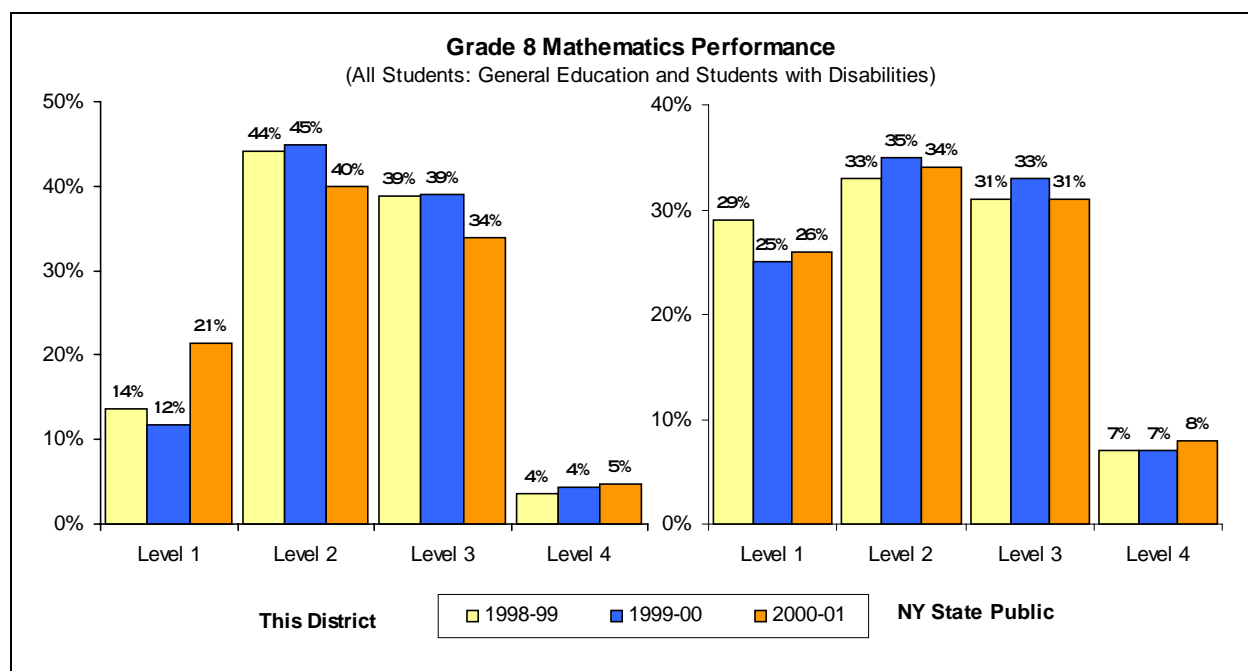
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3 These students were enrolled at the time of testing but were not present to complete some part of the ELA assessment.

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Middle Level Mathematics



Performance at This District		Counts of Students								Mean Score
		Not Tested			Tested					
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
June 1999	General Education		0	1	13	90	83	8	194	716
	Students with Disabilities	2	0	0	18	10	5	0	33	678
	All Students	2	0	1	31	100	88	8	227	710
May 2000	General Education		0	0	13	79	79	9	180	715
	Students with Disabilities	5	0	0	11	13	1	0	25	681
	All Students	5	0	0	24	92	80	9	205	710
May 2001	General Education		1	0	25	70	71	10	176	713
	Students with Disabilities	27	0	0	20	14	0	0	34	669
	All Students	27	1	0	45	84	71	10	210	706
Grade 8 Mathematics Levels – Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards										
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. All students scoring from 760 to 882 are in this level.									
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 716 to 759 are in this level.									
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 681 to 715 are in this level.									
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies . All students scoring from 517 to 680 are in this level.									

* 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/reprcrd2002/similar.html>

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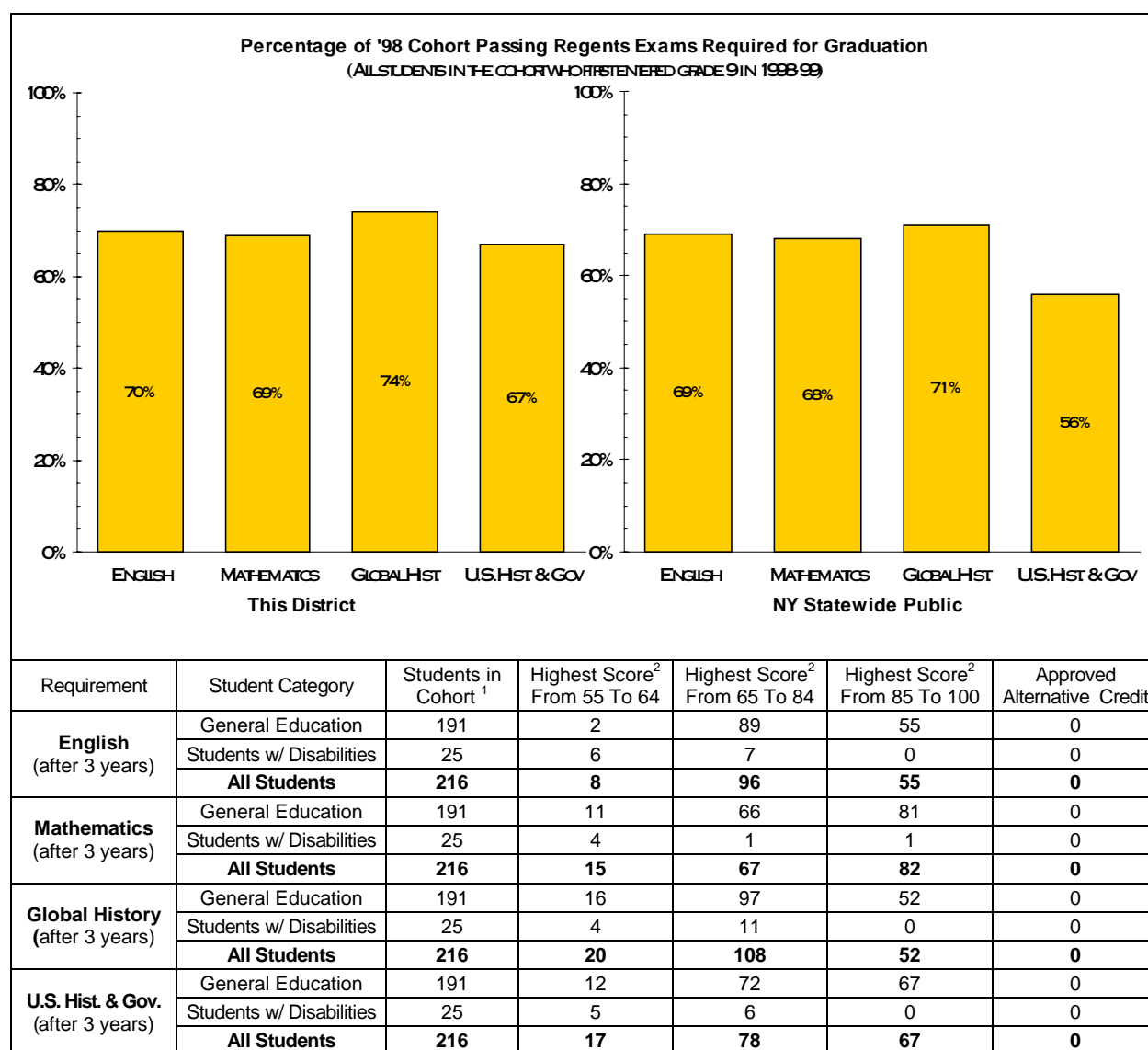
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3 These students were enrolled at the time of testing but were not present to complete some part of the mathematics assessment.

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High School Achievement - After Three Years of Instruction

This section presents the success of students on Regents examinations required for graduation. Passing is defined as scoring 65 or higher, or earning approved alternative credit. Students who earn credit through component retesting are counted as if they scored in range 55 to 64 or in range 65 to 84 as determined by the results of the component retest. This page presents information about students who first entered grade 9 in 1998-99, displaying results for these students after three years. Safety-net provisions of the graduation requirements allow some students to earn credit for graduation by alternative means. The percentage of students meeting their personal graduation requirements after four years is presented elsewhere in this report as a school accountability measure.



¹ Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) (iii) of Commissioner's Regulations.

² 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

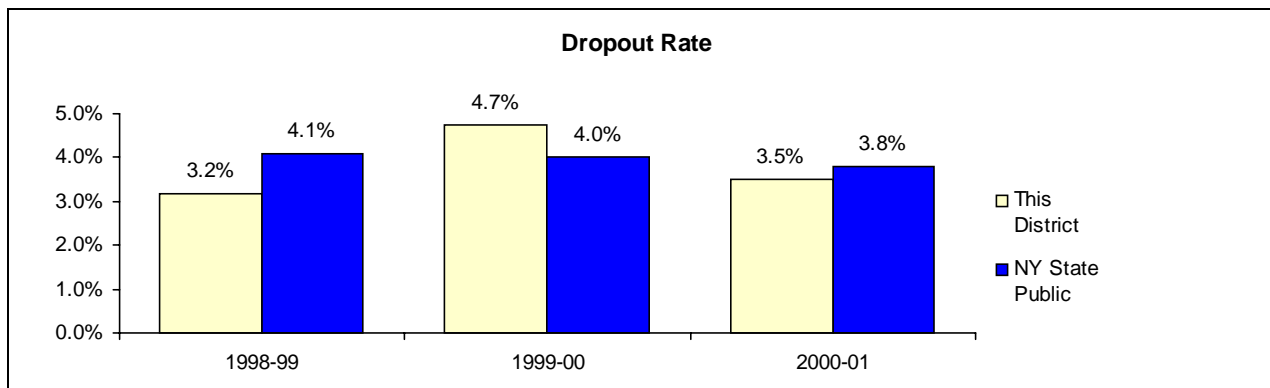
Superintendent: Dr. John Lutz			Phone: (607)758-4100	
Organization 2000-01		School District Staff ¹ (both full- and part-time)		
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals	Count of Paraprofessionals
K-12	2,858	235	36	103

1999-00 School District Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$9,842
1999-00 NY State Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$11,040

Student Enrollment			
Grade Level	October 2000	Grade Level	October 2000
Pre-Kindergarten	0	Grade 7	235
Kindergarten	236	Grade 8	237
Grade 1	234	Grade 9	227
Grade 2	225	Grade 10	233
Grade 3	212	Grade 11	190
Grade 4	199	Grade 12	174
Grade 5	210	Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities	36
Grade 6	210	Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities	0

Student Demographics	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Language Learners	33	1.1%	38	1.3%	59	2.1%
Eligible For Free Lunch	811	27.8%	775	27.3%	725	25.4%

Need to Resource Capacity (N/RC) Group	The State Education Department assigns each school district to a comparison group based on student demographics and the resource capacity of the district. This district is in N/RC Group 3. This district is an urban or suburban district with high needs relative to local resource capacity.
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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 included in counts reported here.