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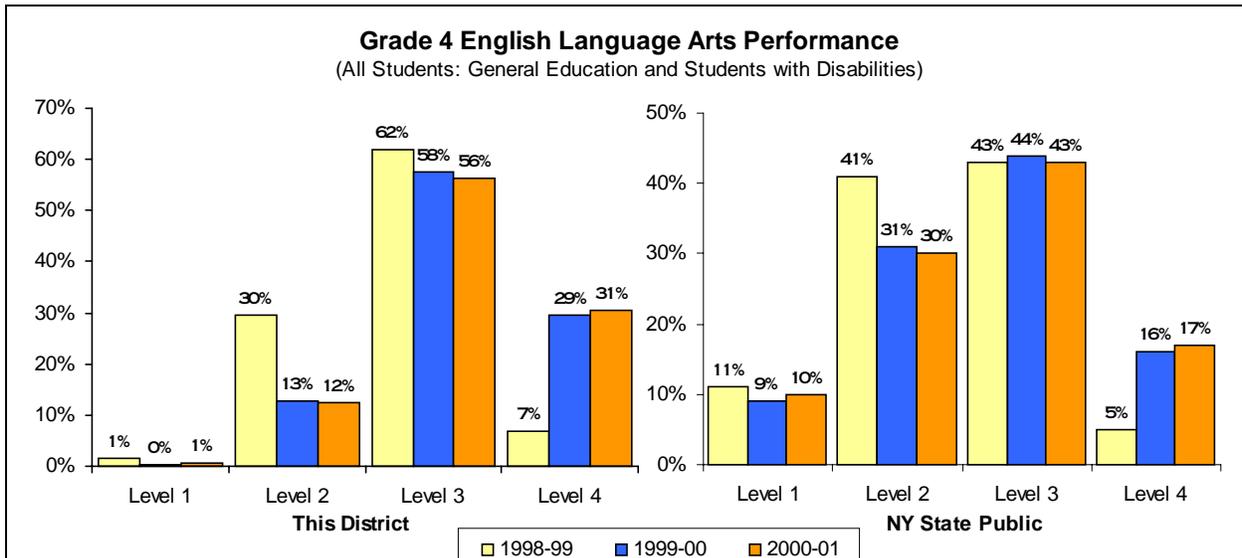
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Elementary Level English Language Arts



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		9	7	3	150	345	38	536	659
	Students with Disabilities	1	0	0	6	35	41	5	87	645
	All Students	1	9	7	9	185	386	43	623	657
Jan 2000	General Education		9	3	0	63	327	165	555	679
	Students with Disabilities	5	0	1	2	21	55	30	108	673
	All Students	5	9	4	2	84	382	195	663	678
Jan 2001	General Education		11	1	1	50	278	162	491	682
	Students with Disabilities	9	0	3	3	23	55	18	99	666
	All Students	9	11	4	4	73	333	180	590	680

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.

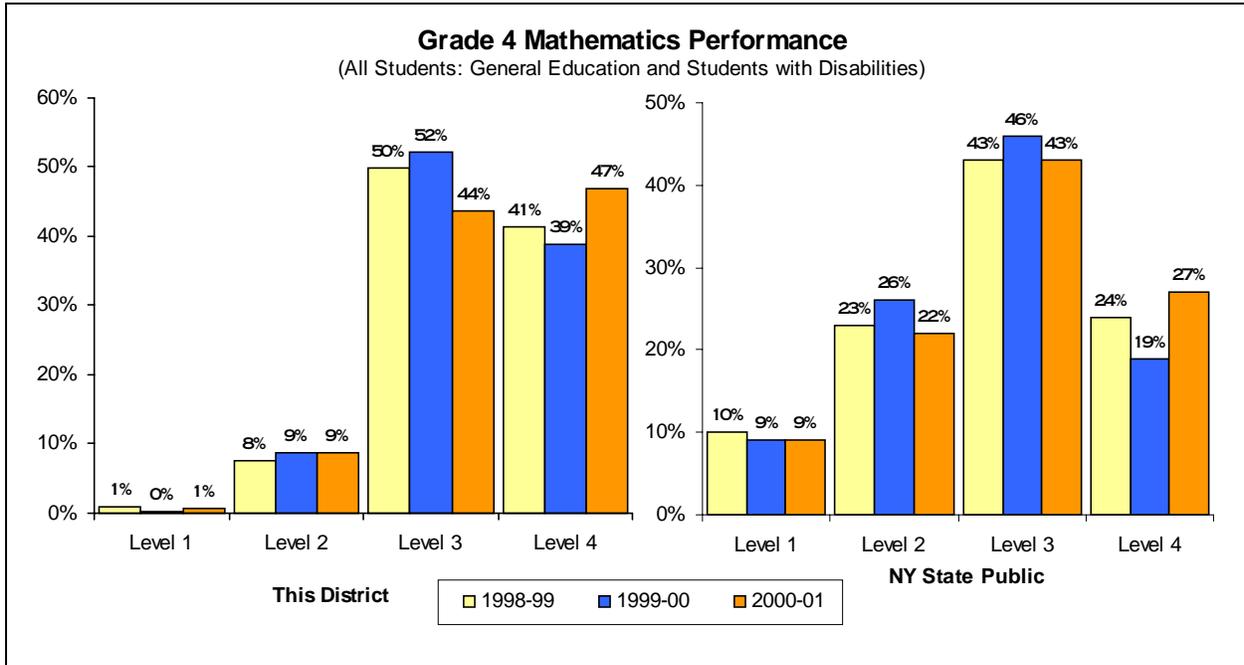
Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

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	11	11

- 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.
- # To protect student confidentiality, the pound character (#) appears when fewer than five students in a group were tested. If fewer than five were tested in one subgroup, then counts appear only in the "All Students" category.

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	0	1	32	269	242	544	679
	Students with Disabilities	0	0	0	5	17	50	23	95	659
	All Students	0	0	0	6	49	319	265	639	676
May 2000	General Education		6	3	1	37	285	233	556	674
	Students with Disabilities	4	0	0	1	21	62	26	110	660
	All Students	4	6	3	2	58	347	259	666	671
May 2001	General Education		6	1	0	32	216	253	501	681
	Students with Disabilities	9	0	1	4	20	47	30	101	660
	All Students	9	6	2	4	52	263	283	602	678

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.

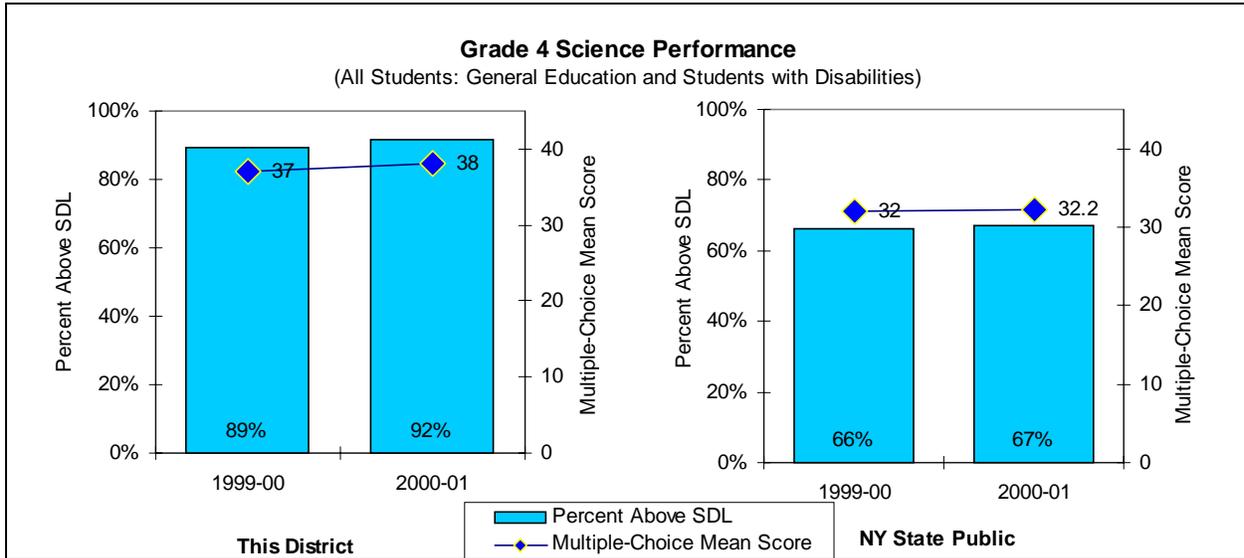
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2 These students were not required to take this test because they were English language learners (ELL) who perform below the 30th percentile on an appropriate English reading assessment and there was no test form available in their native language.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



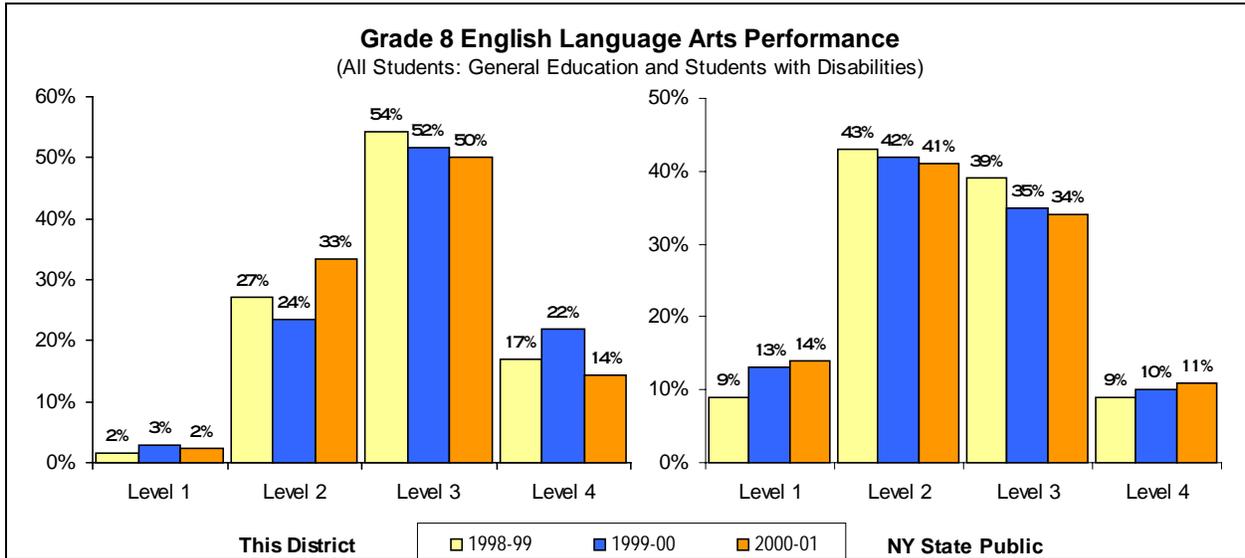
Performance at This District	Counts of Students						School Mean Scores		
	Not Tested			Multiple-Choice Test Component		Performance Component	Mult.-Choice	Performance	
	AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Tested	Above SDL	Tested			
May 2000	General Education		5	2	558	513	555	37	40
	Students with Disabilities	3	0	1	110	83	108	34	41
	All Students	3	5	3	668	596	663	37	40
May 2001	General Education		6	0	502	477	496	38	41
	Students with Disabilities	9	0	1	101	76	101	34	41
	All Students	9	6	1	603	553	597	38	41

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

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.
Performance Component	This component involves performance of hands-on tasks at 5 stations. The stations are named <i>Liquids</i> , <i>Grouping Objects</i> , <i>Ball and Ramp Game</i> , <i>Magnetic and Electrical Testing</i> , and <i>Unknown Object</i> . All tested students work at the <i>Ball and Ramp Game</i> . Approximately half the students work on <i>Liquids</i> and <i>Grouping Objects</i> and the other half work on <i>Magnetic and Electrical Testing</i> and <i>Unknown Object</i> . 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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 - 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		6	3	1	119	330	113	563	720
	Students with Disabilities	6	1	2	10	65	36	1	112	689
	All Students	6	7	5	11	184	366	114	675	715
May 2000	General Education		7	3	1	104	328	155	588	726
	Students with Disabilities	7	0	1	20	64	40	1	125	688
	All Students	7	7	4	21	168	368	156	713	719
May 2001	General Education		10	3	5	143	304	92	544	716
	Students with Disabilities	6	0	3	10	74	22	1	107	686
	All Students	6	10	6	15	217	326	93	651	711

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.

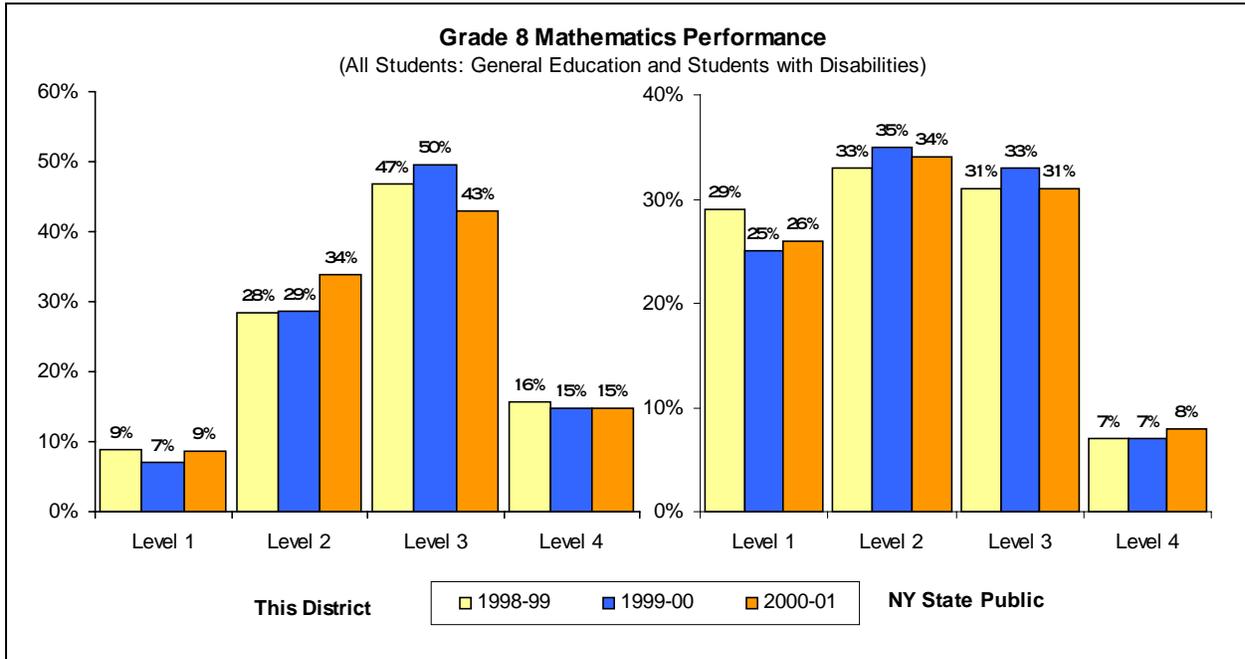
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Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
June 2001	10	10

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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	24	147	292	106	569	733
	Students with Disabilities	5	0	1	37	47	28	1	113	691
	All Students	5	0	2	61	194	320	107	682	726
May 2000	General Education		6	3	12	148	323	106	589	735
	Students with Disabilities	6	0	0	38	57	32	0	127	694
	All Students	6	6	3	50	205	355	106	716	728
May 2001	General Education		10	4	22	166	261	94	543	731
	Students with Disabilities	6	0	5	34	53	17	1	105	690
	All Students	6	10	9	56	219	278	95	648	724

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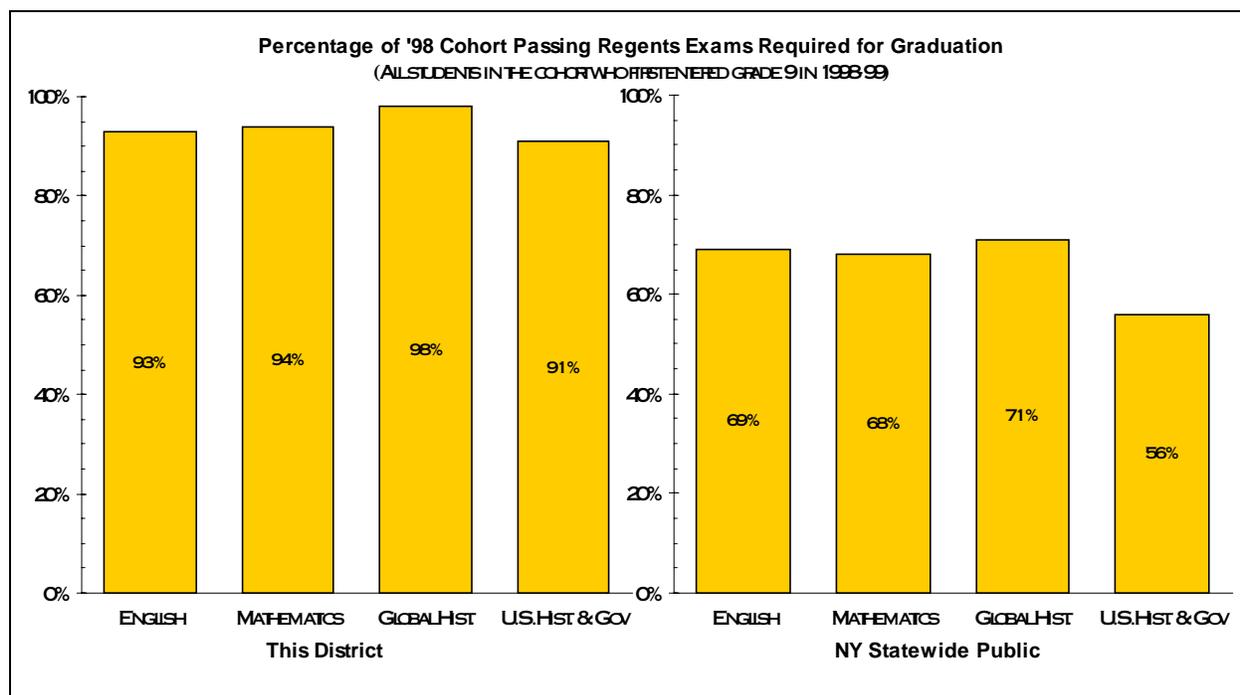
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3 These students were enrolled at the time of testing but were not present to complete some part of the mathematics assessment.

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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.



Requirement	Student Category	Students in Cohort ¹	Highest Score ² From 55 To 64	Highest Score ² From 65 To 84	Highest Score ² From 85 To 100	Approved Alternative Credit
English (after 3 years)	General Education	563	7	287	256	0
	Students w/ Disabilities	116	13	71	15	0
	All Students	679	20	358	271	0
Mathematics (after 3 years)	General Education	563	5	149	396	0
	Students w/ Disabilities	116	3	53	40	0
	All Students	679	8	202	436	0
Global History (after 3 years)	General Education	563	2	226	332	0
	Students w/ Disabilities	116	4	75	31	0
	All Students	679	6	301	363	0
U.S. Hist. & Gov. (after 3 years)	General Education	563	16	171	359	0
	Students w/ Disabilities	116	11	61	30	0
	All Students	679	27	232	389	0

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

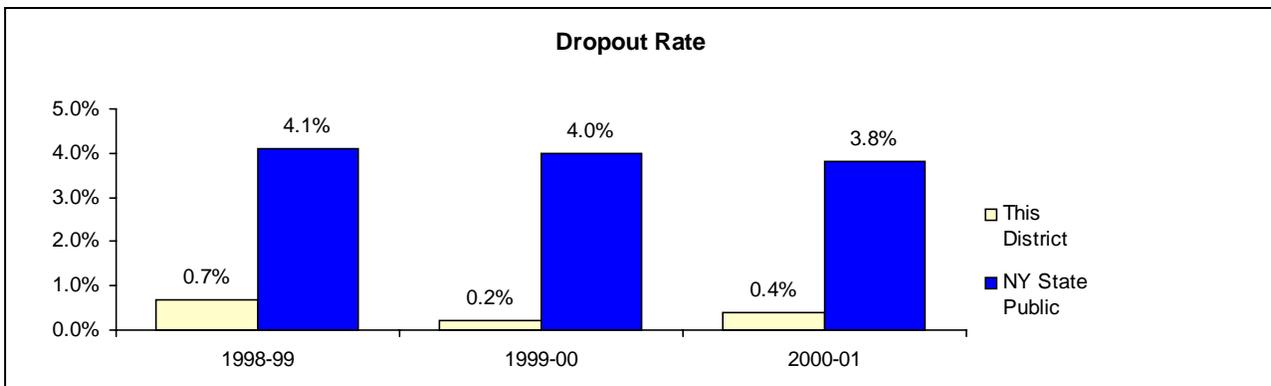
Superintendent: Dr. William B. Heebink		Phone: (845)639-6419		
Organization 2000-01		School District Staff ¹ (both full- and part-time)		
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals	Count of Paraprofessionals
K-12	8,990	706	100	290

1999-00 School District Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$11,765
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	685
Kindergarten	646	Grade 8	678
Grade 1	608	Grade 9	722
Grade 2	696	Grade 10	690
Grade 3	653	Grade 11	689
Grade 4	587	Grade 12	728
Grade 5	660	Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities	128
Grade 6	698	Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities	122

Student Demographics	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Language Learners	256	3.0%	269	3.0%	253	2.8%
Eligible For Free Lunch	251	2.9%	250	2.8%	254	2.8%

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 6. This district has low 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.