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AND
ANALYSIS OF STUDENT SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE
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The *New York State District Report Card* is an important part of the Board of Regents effort to raise learning standards for all students. It provides information to the public on student performance and other measures of district performance. Knowledge gained from the district report card on a district's strengths and weaknesses can be used to improve instruction and services to students.

The *New York State District Report Card* consists of three parts: the *Overview of District Performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Analysis of Student Subgroup Performance*, the *Comprehensive Information Report*, and the *District Accountability Report*. The *Overview and Analysis* presents performance data on measures required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act: English, mathematics, science, and graduation rate. Performance data on other State assessments can be found in the *Comprehensive Information Report*. The *District Accountability Report* provides information as to whether a district is making adequate progress toward enabling all students to achieve proficiency in English and mathematics.

State assessments are designed to help ensure that all students reach high learning standards. They show whether students are getting the foundation knowledge they need to succeed at the elementary, middle, and commencement levels and beyond. The State requires that students who are not making appropriate progress toward the standards receive academic intervention services.

In the *Overview*, performance on the elementary- and middle-level assessments in English language arts and mathematics and on the middle-level science test is reported in terms of mean scores and the percentage of students scoring at each of the four levels. These levels indicate performance on the standards from seriously deficient to advanced proficiency. Performance on the elementary-level science test is reported in terms of mean scores and the percentage of students making appropriate progress. Regents examination scores are reported in four score ranges. Scores of 65 to 100 are passing; scores of 55 to 64 earn credit toward a local diploma (with the approval of the local board of education). Though each elementary- and middle-level assessment is administered to students in a specific grade, secondary-level assessments are taken by students when they complete the coursework for the core curriculum. Therefore, the performance of students at the secondary level is measured for a student cohort rather than a group of students at a particular grade level. Students are grouped in cohorts according to the year in which they first entered grade 9.

The assessment data in the *Overview and Analysis* are for all tested students in the district, including general-education students and students with disabilities. In the *Overview*, each district's performance is compared with that of all public schools statewide. In the *Analysis*, performance is disaggregated by race/ethnicity, disability status, gender, LEP status, income level, and migrant status.

Explanations of terms referred to or symbols used in this part of the district report card may be found in the glossary on the last page. Further information on the district report card may be found in the guide, *Understanding Your School Report Card 2003*, available at your district or on the Information and Reporting Services Web site at www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts.

Overview of District Performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science

District Profile

Superintendent: Marion Canedo		Phone: (716)851-3575	
Organization 2001-02		School District Staff (both full- and part-time)	
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals
NA	42,941	3698	693

2000-01 School District Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$12,485
2000-01 NYS Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$11,871

Student Demographics	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Limited English Proficient	2,709	5.8%	2,790	6.1%	2,573	5.7%
Eligible for Free Lunch	29,697	66.5%	28,068	64.0%	27,011	62.9%

2001-02 Percentage of Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers*

Number of Core Classes	Percent Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
NA	NA

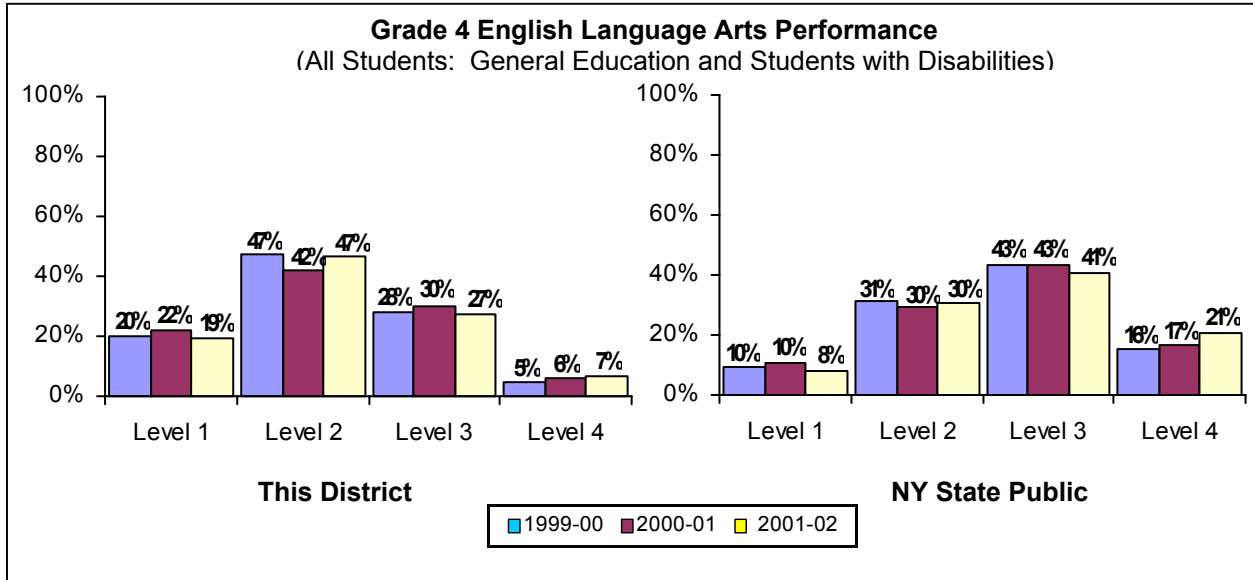
*For the 2001-02 school year only, teachers of core classes are considered to be highly qualified if they are certified to teach that subject.

2001-02 Percentage of Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate*

Number of Teachers	Percent No Valid Teaching Certificate
NA	NA

*This count includes teachers with temporary licenses who do not have a valid permanent or provisional teaching certificate.

Elementary Level English Language Arts



Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 455–602	Level 2 603–644	Level 3 645–691	Level 4 692–800	Total	
Jan–Feb 2000	732	1723	1011	180	3646	631
Jan–Feb 2001	749	1416	1014	192	3371	631
Jan–Feb 2002	608	1466	858	208	3140	633

Elementary-Level 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.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies .

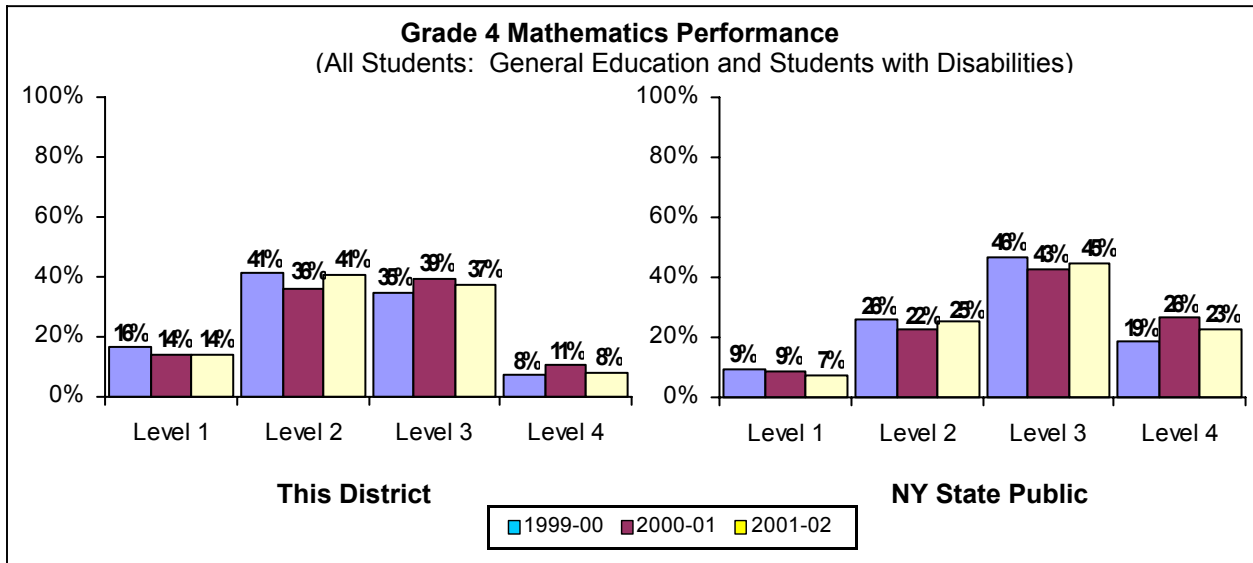
Performance of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students

Grade 4	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
2002	99	58

Performance of Elementary-Level Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in English

	Number Tested	AA–Level 1	AA–Level 2	AA–Level 3	AA–Level 4
2001–02	62	13	27	22	0

Elementary Level Mathematics



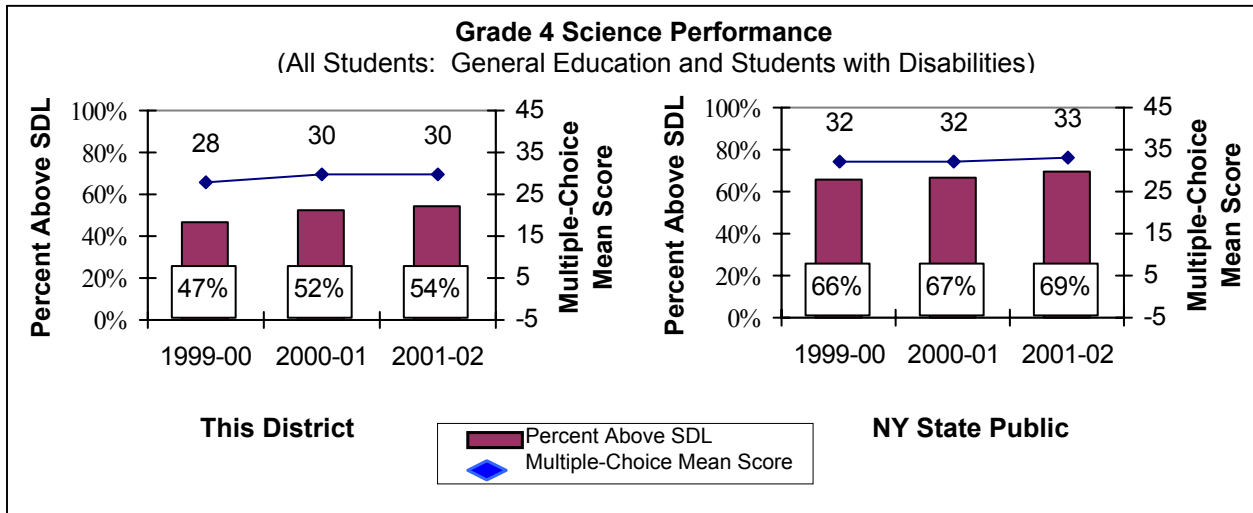
Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 448–601	Level 2 602–636	Level 3 637–677	Level 4 678–810	Total	
May 2000	613	1526	1300	282	3721	631
May 2001	479	1257	1365	383	3484	637
May 2002	450	1341	1220	266	3277	633

Elementary-Level 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.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies .

Performance of Elementary-Level Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Mathematics, Science, and Technology

	Number Tested	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4
2001–02	62	13	28	21	0

Elementary Level Science Multiple-Choice



All Students

	Number Tested	Number Above SDL	Mean Score
May 2000	3715	1749	28
May 2001	3485	1829	30
May 2002	3261	1772	30

Grade 4 Science – Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Multiple-Choice Test Component	This component contains 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).
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 in the following term of instruction.
School Mean Scores	For the multiple-choice test component, the mean score is the average number of correct answers for students tested. If all tested students answered all questions correctly, this score would be 45.

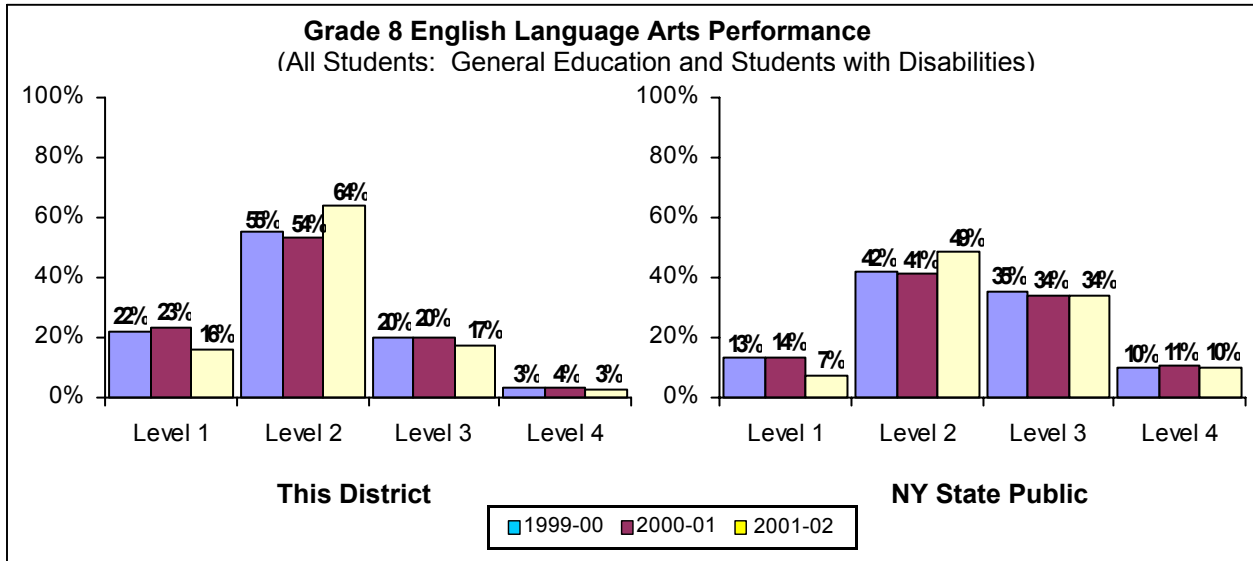
Elementary Level Science Performance Test

The elementary-level science test is composed of two sections, the multiple-choice section (described above) and the performance test. The performance test is not used to determine the need for academic intervention services or for accountability purposes because not all students are administered the same three tasks.

All Students

	Number Tested	Mean Score
May 2000	2373	28
May 2001	3361	30
May 2002	3163	30

Middle Level English Language Arts



Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 527-661	Level 2 662-700	Level 3 701-738	Level 4 739-830	Total	
May 2000	658	1660	591	91	3000	682
May 2001	679	1568	579	104	2930	682
	Level 1 527-659	Level 2 660-698	Level 3 699-737	Level 4 738-830	Total	
March 2002	471	1889	509	75	2944	681

Middle-Level 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.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies .

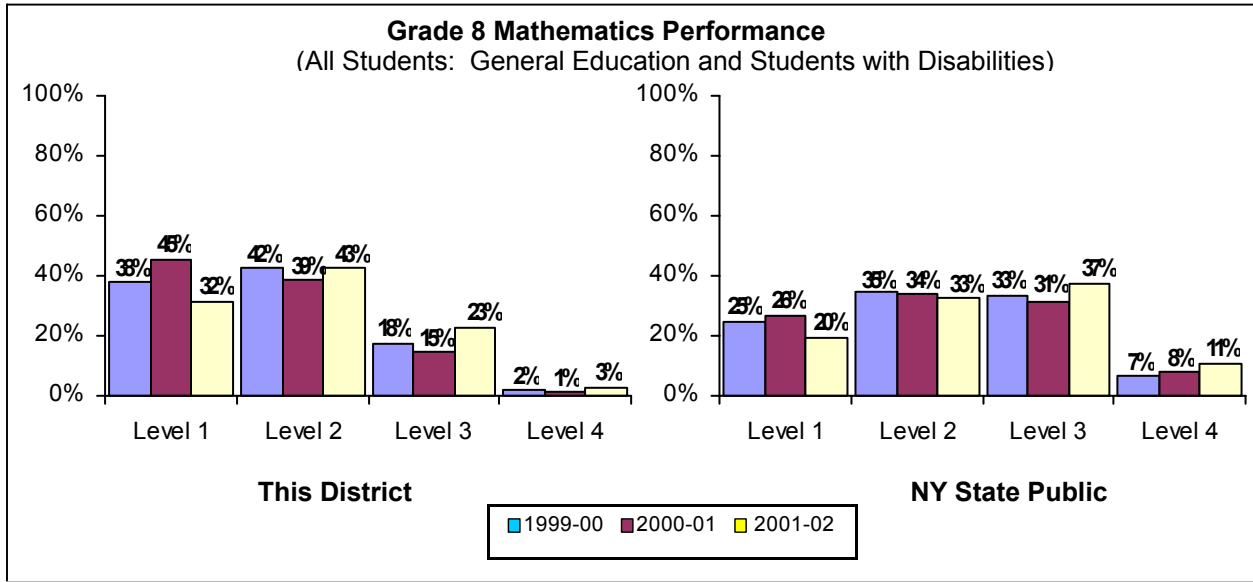
Performance of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students

Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
2002	84	12

Performance of Middle-Level Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in English

	Number Tested	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4
2001-02	47	2	24	21	0

Middle Level Mathematics



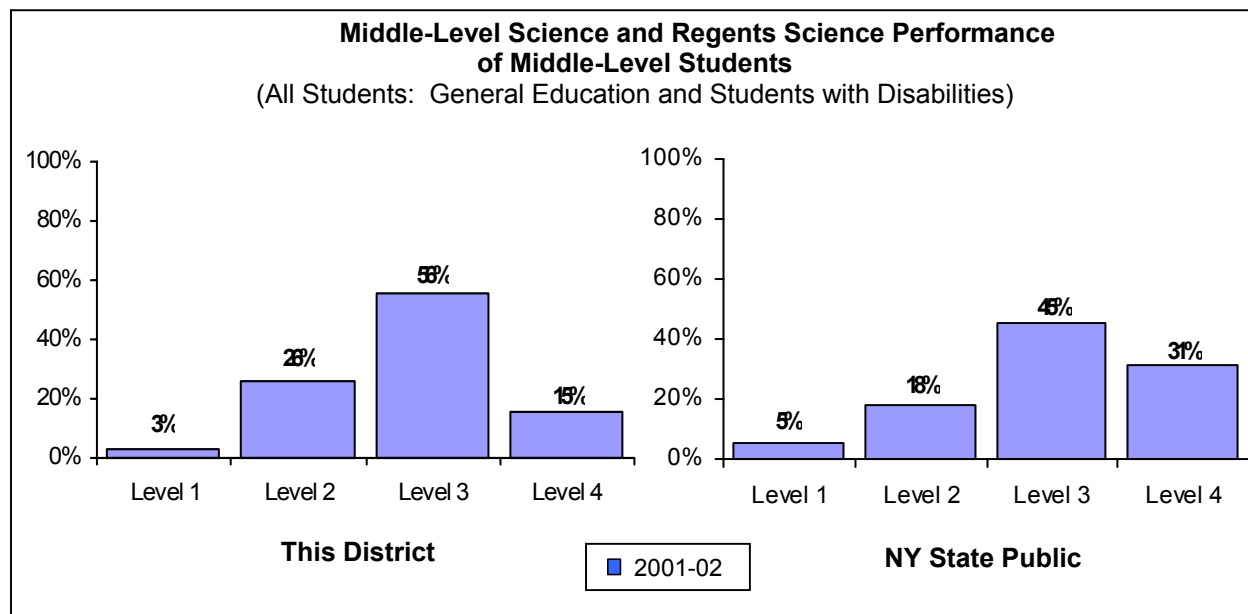
Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 517-680	Level 2 681-715	Level 3 716-759	Level 4 760-882	Total	
May 2000	1098	1222	508	55	2883	687
May 2001	1364	1178	441	42	3025	682
May 2002	957	1301	691	80	3029	694

Middle-Level 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.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies .

Performance of Middle-Level Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Mathematics, Science, and Technology

	Number Tested	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4
2001-02	70	21	28	21	0

Middle Level Science



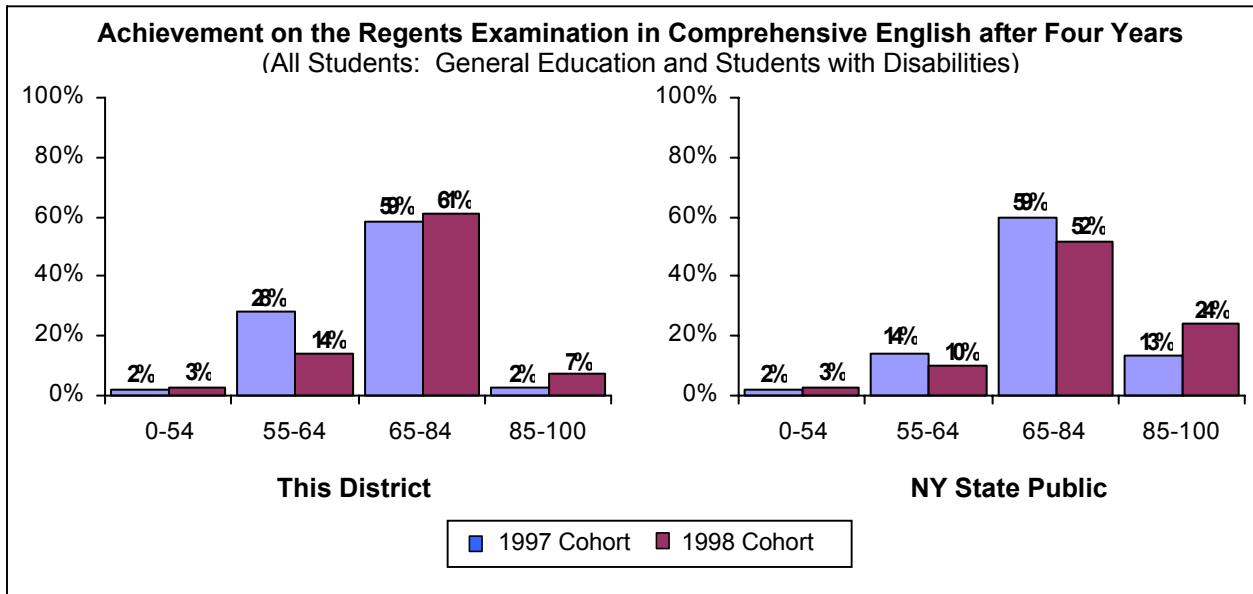
Performance at This District		Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
June 2002	Middle-Level Science	86	756	1576	399	2817	70
	Regents Science	3	2	37	44	86	83

Middle-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards*	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards on the middle-level science test and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 85–100 on a Regents science examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards on the middle-level science test and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 65–84 on a Regents science examination.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards for middle-level science and to pass the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 55–64 on a Regents science examination.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies as evidenced in the middle-level science test <u>or</u> score 0–54 on a Regents science examination.

*Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

High School English Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graph and table below present performance of the 1997 and 1998 cohort members on the Regents English examination four years after entering grade 9. A score of 65 or above on this examination is considered passing. Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times the student took the examination. In the graph, students passing approved alternatives to this examination are counted as scoring in the 65 to 84 range. In the table, the numbers of students who met the graduation requirement by passing an approved alternative or the Regents competency tests (RCTs) in reading and writing are listed separately. (RCT results are not included in the graph.) Students who score 55 to 64 on the Regents examination in comprehensive English may be given credit towards a local high school diploma if allowed by the district board of education.

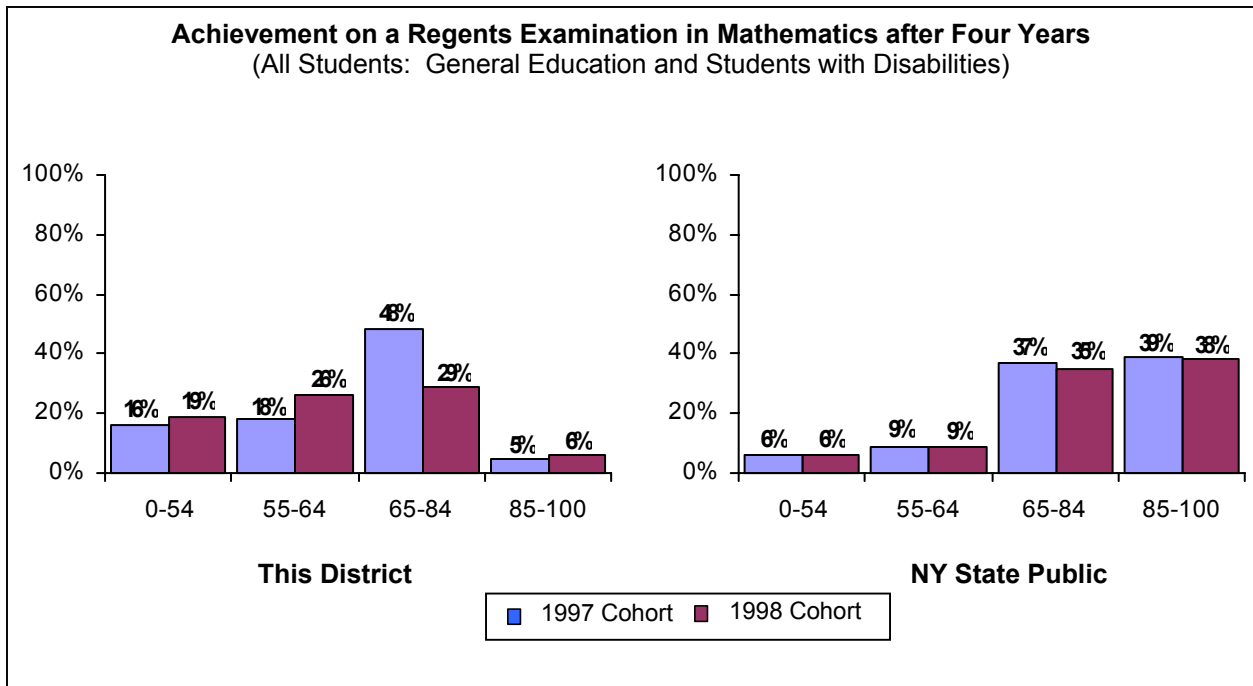


English Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*							
	Student Category	Cohort Members	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit	Passed RCT
1997 Cohort	General Education	1713	468	1022	45	36	0
	Students w/ Disabilities	145	51	33	0	0	9
	All Students	1858	519	1055	45	36	9
1998 Cohort	General Education	1976	266	1242	147	0	2
	Students w/ Disabilities	121	27	32	1	0	0
	All Students	2097	293	1274	148	0	2

*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include the Regents examination in comprehensive English, the component retest in English, the Regents competency tests in reading and writing, and approved alternatives.

High School Mathematics Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graph and table below present performance of the 1997 and 1998 cohort members, four years after entering grade 9, in meeting the graduation assessment requirement in mathematics. A score of 65 or above on a Regents examination in mathematics is considered passing. Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times the student took the examination. In the graph, students passing approved alternatives to these examinations are counted as scoring in the 65 to 84 range. In the table, the numbers of students who met the graduation requirement by passing an approved alternative or the Regents competency test (RCT) in mathematics are listed separately. (RCT results are not included in the graph.) Students who score 55 to 64 on a Regents examination in mathematics may be given credit towards a local high school diploma if allowed by the district board of education.

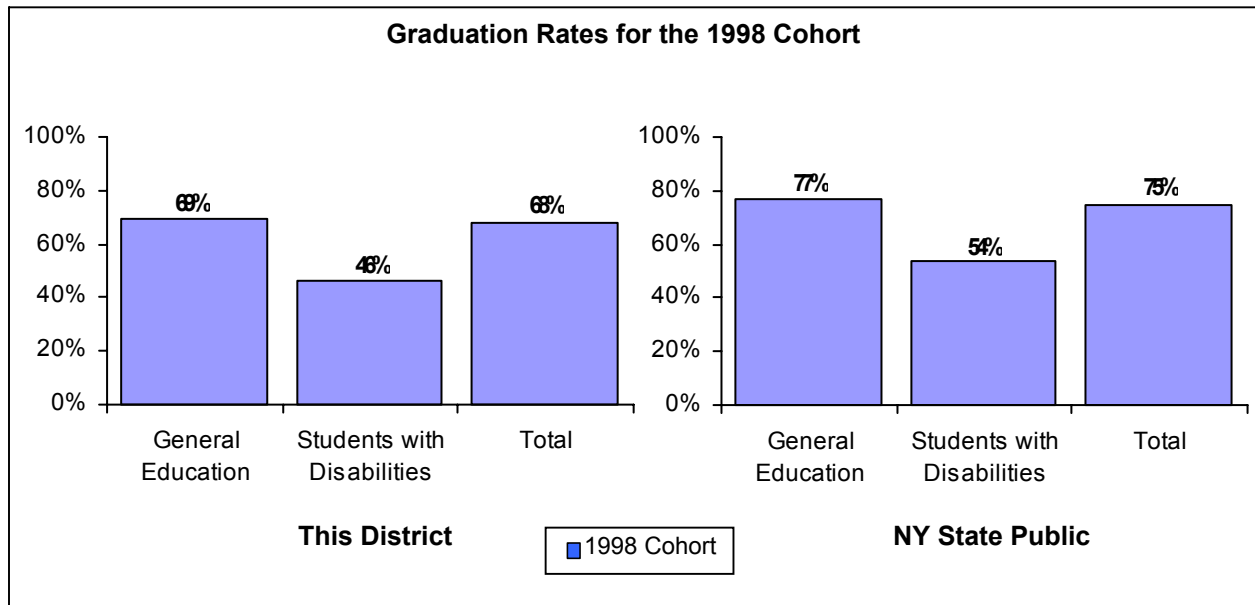


Mathematics Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*							
	Student Category	Cohort Members	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit	Passed RCT
1997 Cohort	General Education	1713	329	224	90	665	1
	Students w/ Disabilities	145	7	4	2	4	47
	All Students	1858	336	228	92	669	48
1998 Cohort	General Education	1976	543	595	133	0	27
	Students w/ Disabilities	121	8	4	0	0	31
	All Students	2097	551	599	133	0	58

*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include Regents mathematics examinations, the component retest in mathematics, the Regents competency test in mathematics, and approved alternatives.

Graduation Rates for the 1998 Cohort

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement no later than June 2002. Additional students may have earned diplomas in August 2002. For the purpose of calculating graduation rate, students who transferred to GED programs were included in the count of students in the cohort. These students were not counted as cohort members for other purposes. Therefore, the count in the table below may be higher than the count of cohort members shown on previous pages.



Graduation Rates for the 1998 Cohort		
Student Category	Graduation Rate Cohort	Number of Graduates
General-education students	2042	1419
Students with disabilities	132	61
Total	2174	1480

Analysis of Student Subgroup Performance

Historically, on State assessments the average performance of Black, Hispanic, and Native American students has been lower than that of White and Asian students. Similarly, students from low-income families have not performed as well as those from higher income families. A high priority of the Board of Regents is to eliminate these gaps in student performance. In addition, Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act includes explicit requirements “to ensure that students served by Title I are given the same opportunity to achieve to high standards and are held to the same high expectations as all students in each State.”

This section of the district report card provides performance data by racial/ethnic group, disability status, gender, English proficiency status, income level, and migrant status. The purpose of the student subgroup analyses is to determine if students who perform below the standards in any district tend to fall into particular groups, such as minority students, limited English proficient students, or economically disadvantaged students. If these analyses provide evidence that students in one of the groups achieve at a lower level than other students, the district and community should examine the reasons for this lower performance and make necessary changes in curriculum, instruction, and student support services to remedy these performance gaps.

Elementary Level English Language Arts

Student Subgroup	2000-01				2001-02			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	49	82%	41%	10%	58	90%	24%	3%
Black	2109	73%	30%	3%	1913	77%	27%	4%
Hispanic	290	83%	36%	8%	301	81%	35%	6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	43	84%	42%	14%	31	74%	48%	6%
White	880	87%	50%	10%	837	88%	49%	13%
Total	3371	78%	36%	6%	3140	81%	34%	7%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	2670	82%	41%	7%	2457	84%	38%	8%
Students with disabilities	701	61%	16%	1%	683	70%	20%	2%
Total	3371	78%	36%	6%	3140	81%	34%	7%
Results by Gender								
Female	1637	81%	38%	7%	1623	84%	37%	7%
Male	1734	75%	33%	5%	1517	77%	30%	6%
Total	3371	78%	36%	6%	3140	81%	34%	7%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	3318	78%	36%	6%	3062	81%	34%	7%
Limited English proficient	53	85%	25%	2%	78	81%	21%	0%
Total	3371	78%	36%	6%	3140	81%	34%	7%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	2727	76%	32%	4%	2222	79%	30%	5%
Not disadvantaged	644	86%	52%	13%	918	85%	43%	11%
Total	3371	78%	36%	6%	3140	81%	34%	7%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	5	40%	20%	0%	1	s	s	s
Not migrant family	3366	78%	36%	6%	3139	s	s	s
Total	3371	78%	36%	6%	3140	81%	34%	7%

Elementary Level Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2000-01				2001-02			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	48	90%	56%	15%	58	88%	43%	2%
Black	2113	84%	42%	6%	1932	83%	38%	4%
Hispanic	413	85%	47%	10%	397	90%	39%	5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	40	90%	68%	35%	33	94%	64%	24%
White	870	93%	69%	22%	857	92%	65%	18%
Total	3484	86%	50%	11%	3277	86%	45%	8%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	2747	90%	55%	13%	2552	90%	50%	10%
Students with disabilities	737	72%	33%	3%	725	74%	29%	3%
Total	3484	86%	50%	11%	3277	86%	45%	8%
Results by Gender								
Female	1688	88%	50%	11%	1679	88%	46%	7%
Male	1796	84%	50%	11%	1598	85%	45%	9%
Total	3484	86%	50%	11%	3277	86%	45%	8%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	3303	87%	51%	11%	3107	86%	46%	8%
Limited English proficient	181	78%	36%	4%	170	85%	25%	2%
Total	3484	86%	50%	11%	3277	86%	45%	8%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	2810	85%	47%	8%	2283	85%	41%	6%
Not disadvantaged	674	90%	65%	22%	994	89%	55%	14%
Total	3484	86%	50%	11%	3277	86%	45%	8%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	12	92%	42%	8%	1	s	s	s
Not migrant family	3472	86%	50%	11%	3276	s	s	s
Total	3484	86%	50%	11%	3277	86%	45%	8%

Elementary Level Science Multiple-Choice

Student Subgroup	2000-01		2001-02	
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring above the SDL	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring above the SDL
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native			54	48%
Black			1922	47%
Hispanic			396	50%
Asian or Pacific Islander			32	78%
White			857	71%
Total			3261	54%
Small Group Totals (s)			0	0%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	2748	57%	2545	59%
Students with disabilities	737	35%	716	38%
Total	3485	52%	3261	54%
Results by Gender				
Female			1673	55%
Male			1588	54%
Total			3261	54%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient			3091	56%
Limited English proficient			170	32%
Total			3261	54%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged			2277	51%
Not disadvantaged			984	62%
Total			3261	54%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family			1	s
Not migrant family			3260	s
Total			3261	54%

Middle Level
English Language Arts

Student Subgroup	2000-01				2001-02			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	53	91%	30%	2%	34	88%	26%	6%
Black	1716	72%	17%	1%	1672	80%	11%	1%
Hispanic	244	75%	20%	1%	320	82%	15%	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	27	100%	59%	19%	21	100%	57%	19%
White	890	85%	34%	8%	897	92%	36%	5%
Total	2930	77%	23%	4%	2944	84%	20%	3%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	2332	85%	28%	4%	2349	88%	24%	3%
Students with disabilities	598	45%	5%	0%	595	67%	4%	1%
Total	2930	77%	23%	4%	2944	84%	20%	3%
Results by Gender								
Female	1484	82%	27%	4%	1433	87%	22%	3%
Male	1446	72%	19%	3%	1511	81%	18%	2%
Total	2930	77%	23%	4%	2944	84%	20%	3%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	2881	77%	23%	4%	2882	84%	20%	3%
Limited English proficient	49	78%	12%	0%	62	61%	0%	0%
Total	2930	77%	23%	4%	2944	84%	20%	3%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	2246	74%	18%	1%	2220	83%	15%	1%
Not disadvantaged	684	86%	41%	11%	724	88%	35%	7%
Total	2930	77%	23%	4%	2944	84%	20%	3%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	2	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Not migrant family	2928	s	s	s	2942	s	s	s
Total	2930	77%	23%	4%	2944	84%	20%	3%

Middle Level Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2000-01				2001-02			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	54	65%	9%	0%	35	77%	26%	0%
Black	1726	48%	11%	0%	1684	63%	19%	1%
Hispanic	314	44%	7%	0%	375	59%	17%	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	27	96%	59%	19%	23	91%	65%	9%
White	904	69%	28%	4%	912	82%	40%	6%
Total	3025	55%	16%	1%	3029	68%	25%	3%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	2402	61%	19%	2%	2404	74%	29%	3%
Students with disabilities	623	33%	6%	0%	625	47%	13%	0%
Total	3025	55%	16%	1%	3029	68%	25%	3%
Results by Gender								
Female	1537	55%	15%	1%	1483	69%	24%	3%
Male	1488	55%	17%	2%	1546	68%	27%	3%
Total	3025	55%	16%	1%	3029	68%	25%	3%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	2915	56%	16%	1%	2916	70%	26%	3%
Limited English proficient	110	35%	6%	1%	113	35%	6%	0%
Total	3025	55%	16%	1%	3029	68%	25%	3%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	2299	51%	12%	1%	2283	65%	21%	1%
Not disadvantaged	726	68%	27%	4%	746	77%	39%	7%
Total	3025	55%	16%	1%	3029	68%	25%	3%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	2	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Not migrant family	3023	s	s	s	3028	s	s	s
Total	3025	55%	16%	1%	3029	68%	25%	3%

Middle Level
Science

Student Subgroup	2001-02			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	31	97%	87%	16%
Black	1588	97%	64%	8%
Hispanic	353	94%	63%	11%
Asian or Pacific Islander	22	100%	77%	36%
White	823	99%	84%	27%
Total	2817	97%	70%	14%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	2249	98%	75%	17%
Students with disabilities	568	92%	50%	4%
Total	2817	97%	70%	14%
Results by Gender				
Female	1396	97%	69%	12%
Male	1421	96%	71%	16%
Total	2817	97%	70%	14%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	2708	97%	72%	15%
Limited English proficient	109	85%	32%	1%
Total	2817	97%	70%	14%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	2177	97%	68%	11%
Not disadvantaged	640	97%	78%	24%
Total	2817	97%	70%	14%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	1	s	s	s
Not migrant family	2816	s	s	s
Total	2817	97%	70%	14%

1997 and 1998 High School Cohorts

General-education students who first entered ninth grade in 1997 or 1998 must score 55 or higher on Regents English and mathematics examinations to graduate. During the phase-in of the Regents examination graduation requirements, all students (with district board of education approval) may qualify for a local diploma by earning a score of 55–64 on the required Regents examinations; a score of 65 or higher is required for a Regents diploma. Students with disabilities and certain students with a Section 504 Accommodation Plan may qualify for a local diploma by passing Regents competency tests. The Department did not collect data for the 1997 cohort aggregated by race/ethnicity, gender, income level, or migrant status. It did not collect mathematics data aggregated by English proficiency status.

Performance on the English Assessment Requirement for Graduation after Four Years of High School

Student Subgroup	1997 Cohort					1998 Cohort				
	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement
		Regents		Passed RCTs			Regents		Passed RCTs	
		55–64	65–100				55–64	65–100		
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native						26	2	20	0	85%
Black						1057	209	648	2	81%
Hispanic						187	16	130	0	78%
Asian or Pacific Islander						44	5	28	0	75%
White						783	61	596	0	84%
Total						2097	293	1422	2	82%
Small Group Totals (s)						0	0	0	0	0%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	1713	468	1103	0	92%	1976	266	1389	2	84%
Students with disabilities	145	51	33	9	64%	121	27	33	0	50%
Total	1858	519	1136	9	90%	2097	293	1422	2	82%
Results by Gender										
Female						1117	146	806	0	85%
Male						980	147	616	2	78%
Total						2097	293	1422	2	82%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	1808	506	1114	7	90%	2043	285	1385	2	82%
Limited English proficient	50	13	22	2	74%	54	8	37	0	83%
Total	1858	519	1136	9	90%	2097	293	1422	2	82%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged						1235	207	824	2	84%
Not disadvantaged						862	86	598	0	79%
Total						2097	293	1422	2	82%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family						0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family						2097	293	1422	2	82%
Total						2097	293	1422	2	82%

**Performance on the Mathematics Assessment Requirement
for Graduation after Four Years of High School**

Student Subgroup	1997 Cohort					1998 Cohort				
	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement
		Regents		Pass-ed RCTs			Regents		Pass-ed RCTs	
		55-64	65-100				55-64	65-100		
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native						26	4	12	0	62%
Black						1057	324	269	37	60%
Hispanic						187	53	48	3	56%
Asian or Pacific Islander						44	7	24	1	73%
White						783	163	379	17	71%
Total						2097	551	732	58	64%
Small Group Totals (s)						0	0	0	0	0%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	1713	329	979	1	76%	1976	543	728	27	66%
Students with disabilities	145	7	10	47	44%	121	8	4	31	36%
Total	1858	336	989	48	74%	2097	551	732	58	64%
Results by Gender										
Female						1117	303	409	20	66%
Male						980	248	323	38	62%
Total						2097	551	732	58	64%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient						2043	532	717	57	64%
Limited English proficient						54	19	15	1	65%
Total						2097	551	732	58	64%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged						1235	377	375	44	64%
Not disadvantaged						862	174	357	14	63%
Total						2097	551	732	58	64%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family						0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family						2097	551	732	58	64%
Total						2097	551	732	58	64%

Graduation Rates for the 1998 Cohort

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement no later than June 2002. Additional students may have earned diplomas in August 2002. For the purpose of calculating graduation rate, students who transferred to GED programs were included in the count of students in the cohort. These students were not counted as cohort members for other purposes. Therefore, the count in the table below may be higher than the count of cohort members shown on previous pages.

Student Subgroup	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate
Results by Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	26	77%
Black	1103	64%
Hispanic	197	60%
Asian or Pacific Islander	44	73%
White	804	75%
Total	2174	68%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%
Results by Disability Status		
General-education students	2042	69%
Students with disabilities	132	46%
Total	2174	68%
Results by Gender		
Female	1148	72%
Male	1026	64%
Total	2174	68%
Results by English Proficiency Status		
English proficient	2114	68%
Limited English proficient	60	68%
Total	2174	68%
Results by Income Level		
Economically disadvantaged	1270	68%
Not disadvantaged	904	68%
Total	2174	68%
Results by Migrant Status		
Migrant family	0	0%
Not migrant family	2174	68%
Total	2174	68%

Glossary

Cohort Data: A student cohort is all students, regardless of grade status, who were enrolled in school on BEDS day two years after the year in which they entered grade 9, or, in the case of ungraded students with disabilities, the year in which they reached their seventeenth birthday. (For example, the 1998 cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in the fall of 1998 who were enrolled on October 4, 2000). Certain severely disabled students, new immigrants, and students who transfer to programs leading to a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma are not included in the school cohort. Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) (iii) of the Commissioner's Regulations. Data for the 1997 cohort are based on the Special Regents Examination Report for the 1997 Cohort. Data for the 1998 cohort are based on the 2002 STEP file submitted by each district.

Component Retests: Component retests were offered in Regents English and Mathematics A to graduating seniors who were at risk of not meeting the State learning Standards. Component retesting is the process by which a student who has failed a Regents examination in English or Mathematics A twice is retested only on the areas of the learning standards in which the student has been proven deficient. Component retesting eliminates the need for the student to retake the full Regents examination multiple times. Students who earn credit through component retesting are counted as if they scored in the 55–64 range or in the 65–84 range, as determined by the results of the component retest.

Counts of Students Tested: "Counts of Students Tested" includes only students who completed sufficient test questions to receive a score.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students: Schools teach English to students for whom English is a second language so they can participate effectively in the academic program. Students are considered LEP if, by reason of foreign birth or ancestry, they speak a language other than English and (1) either understand and speak little or no English or (2) score at or below the 40th percentile on an English language assessment instrument. LEP students without sufficient proficiency in English were not required to take the grade 4 or grade 8 English language arts test. Their reported progress in learning English was measured using standardized tests.

New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA): The district Committee on Special Education designates severely disabled students who meet criteria established in Commissioner's Regulations to take the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA).

Student Confidentiality/Suppressed Data (# and s): To ensure student confidentiality, the Department does *not* publish data for groups with fewer than five students or data that would allow readers to easily determine the performance of a group with fewer than five students. In the *Overview*, the pound character (#) appears when fewer than five students in a group were tested. In the *Analysis*, when fewer than five students in a group (e.g., Hispanic) were tested, percentages of tested students scoring at various levels were suppressed for that group and the next smallest group. Suppressed data are indicated with an (s). However, the performance of tested students in these groups is aggregated and shown in the Small Group Total row.

Validity and Reliability of Small Group Data: It is important that programmatic decisions are based on valid and reliable data. Data for fewer than 40 students in a group are neither valid nor reliable. If a school does not have 40 students in a grade or a subgroup in a given year, the school should evaluate results for students in this group over a period of years to make programmatic decisions.