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**OVERVIEW OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE IN
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE
AND
ANALYSIS OF STUDENT SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE
for
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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 *Accountability Status 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 *Accountability Status 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, mathematics, and science 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. 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, limited English proficient 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: February 2005*, available 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: Terry N. Fralick		Phone: (315)785-3700
Organization 2003–04	Grade Range	Student Enrollment
	NA	4257

2002–03 District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$10,719
2002–03 NYS Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$13,085

2003–04 Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers*

Total Number of Core Classes	Percent Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
677	96%

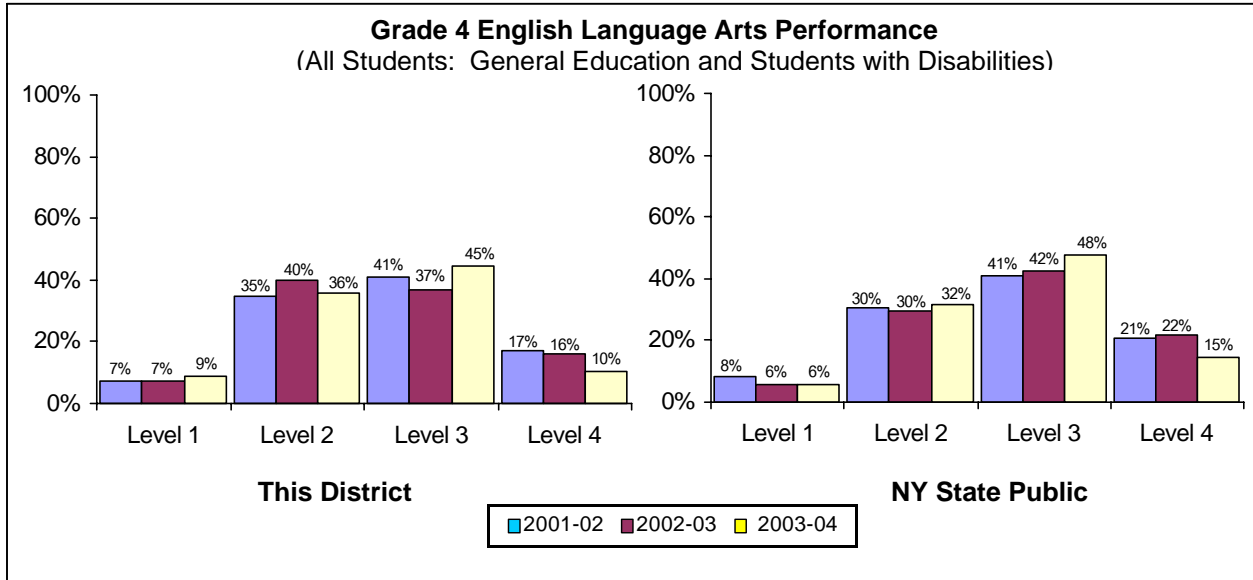
*To meet the federal definition of "highly qualified," public school teachers of core academic subjects must have at least a bachelor's degree and be State certified for and demonstrate subject matter competency in the core academic subject(s) they teach.

2003–04 Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate*

Total Number of Teachers	Percent with No Valid Teaching Certificate
307	1%

*Includes teachers with a modified temporary license.

Elementary Level English Language Arts



Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Total Tested	Mean Score
	Level 1 455–602	Level 2 603–644	Level 3 645–691	Level 4 692–800			
Jan–Feb 2002	25	118	138	58		339	654
Feb 2003	24	129	118	51		322	652
Feb 2004	31	123	154	36		344	649

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 .

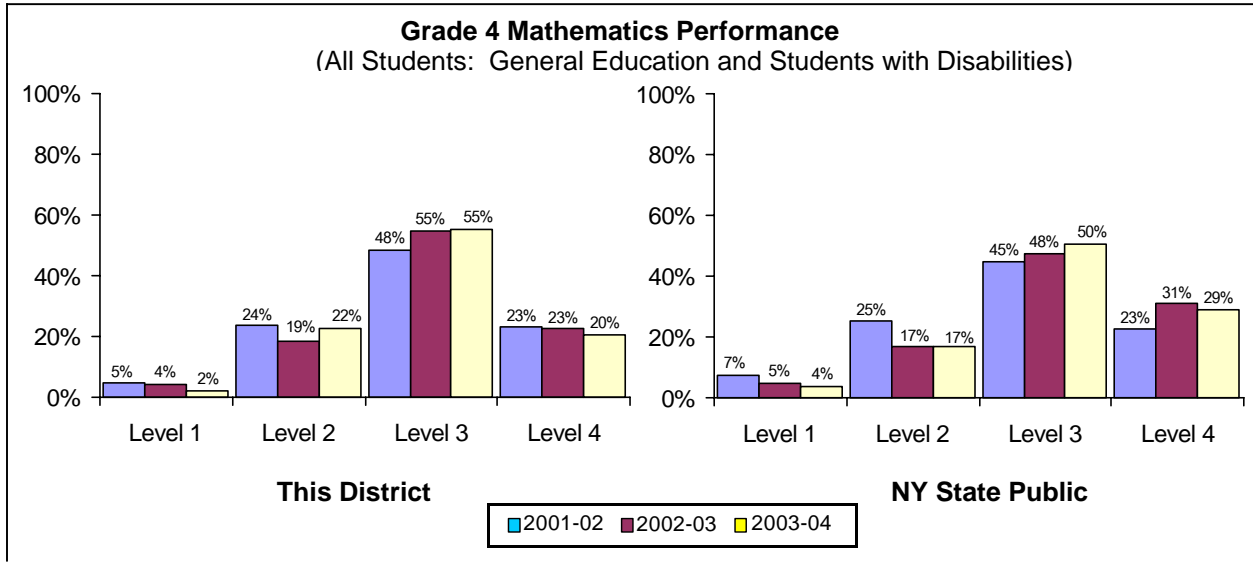
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 4	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total Tested
2004	0	0	0	0	0

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

Elementary Level	AA–Level 1	AA–Level 2	AA–Level 3	AA–Level 4	Total Tested
2003–04	#	#	#	#	1

Elementary Level Mathematics



Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 448-601	Level 2 602-636	Level 3 637-677	Level 4 678-810	Total Tested	
May 2002	16	78	158	75	327	654
May 2003	13	60	177	74	324	657
May 2004	7	77	189	70	343	656

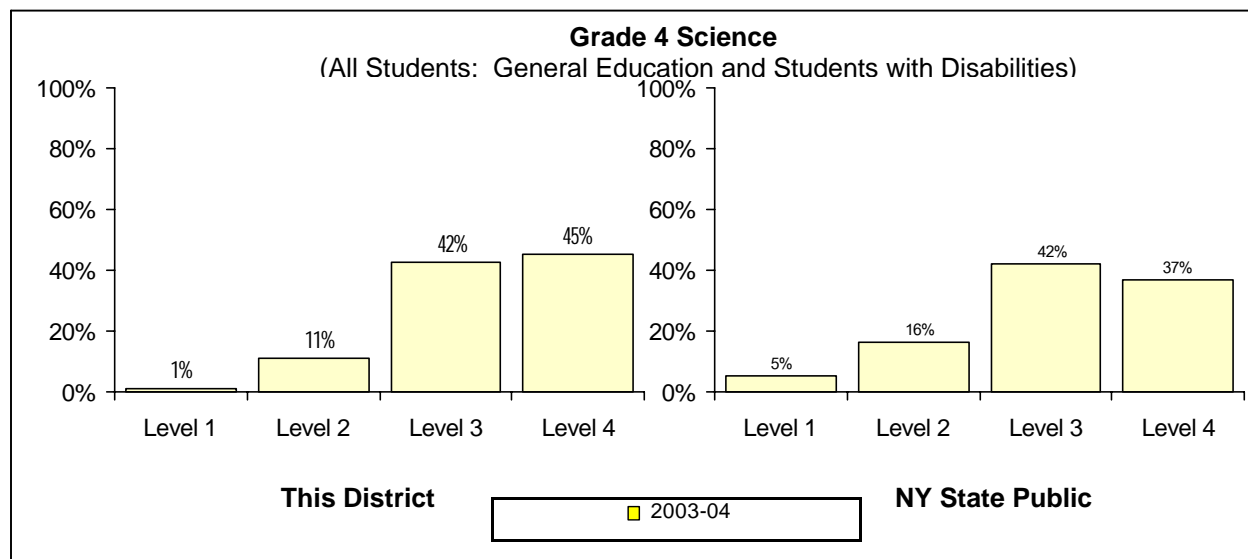
Elementary-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents 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 Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Mathematics

Elementary Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
2003-04	#	#	#	#	1

Elementary Level

Science*



Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 0-44	Level 2 45-64	Level 3 65-84	Level 4 85-100	Total Tested	
May 2004	4	36	138	147	325	80

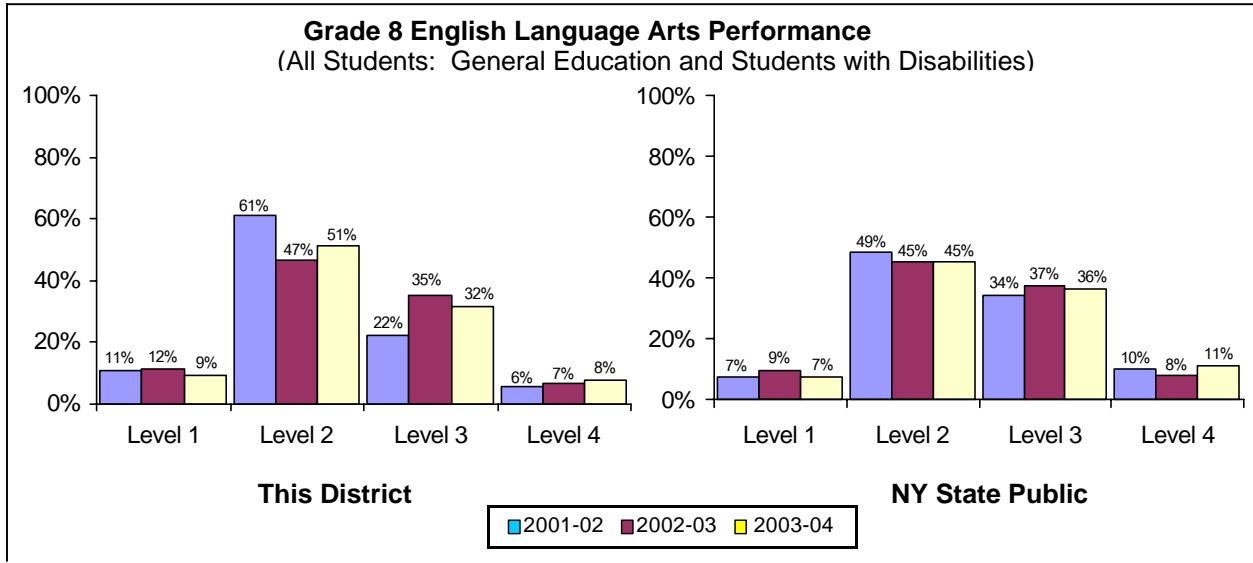
Elementary-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
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 Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Science

Elementary Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
2003-04	#	#	#	#	1

*Only one year of data is shown because a new assessment in elementary-level science was administered for the first time in 2003-04.

Middle Level English Language Arts



Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 527-659	Level 2 660-698	Level 3 699-737	Level 4 738-830	Total Tested	
March 2002	37	205	75	19	336	687
	Level 1 527-657	Level 2 658-696	Level 3 697-736	Level 4 737-830	Total Tested	
January 2003	34	137	103	20	294	691
January 2004	31	172	107	27	337	694

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 .

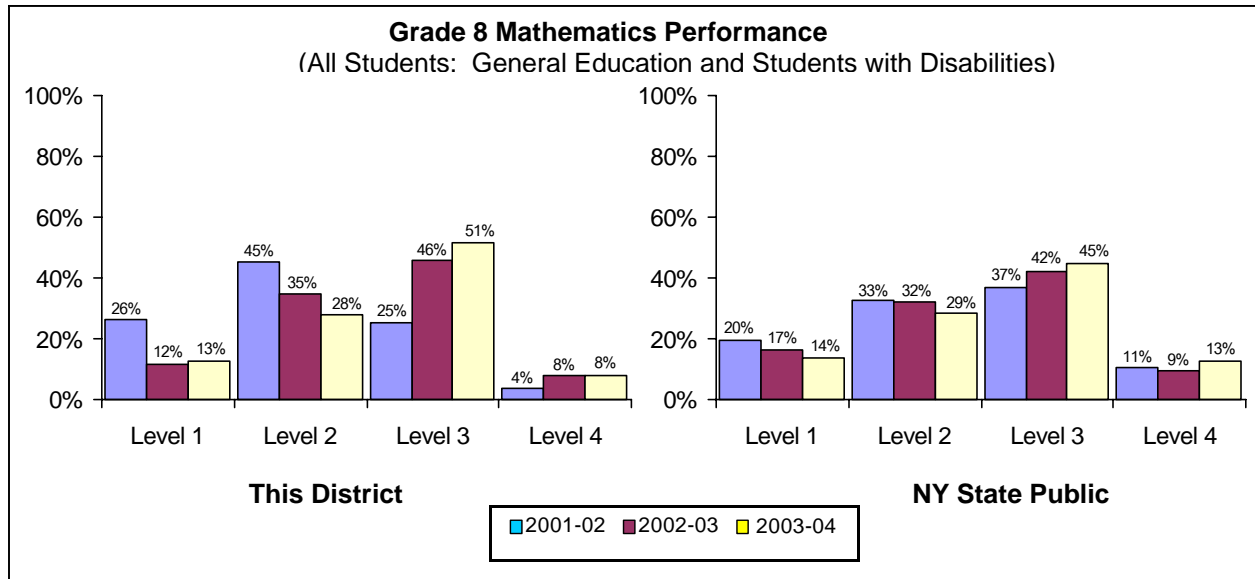
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 8	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total Tested
2004	0	0	0	0	0

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

Middle Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
2003-04	#	#	#	#	3

Middle Level Mathematics



Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 517-680	Level 2 681-715	Level 3 716-759	Level 4 760-882	Total Tested	
May 2002	90	154	86	12	342	698
May 2003	36	106	141	24	307	715
May 2004	42	93	172	27	334	715

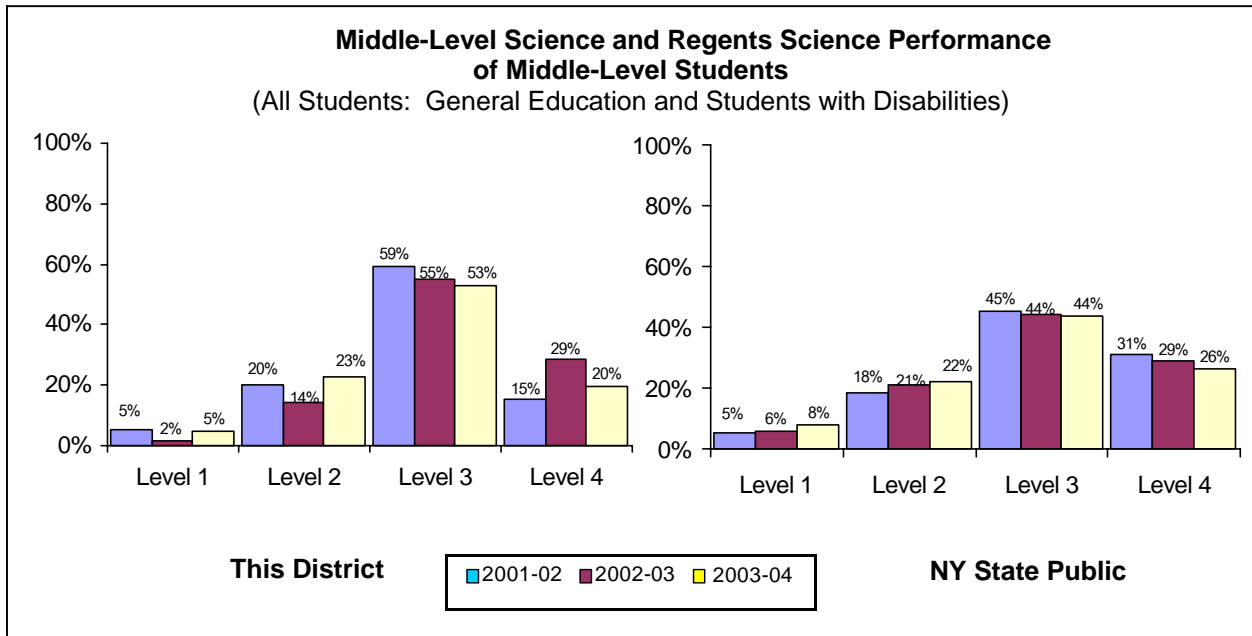
Middle-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
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 Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Mathematics

Middle Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
2003-04	#	#	#	#	3

Middle Level

Science



Performance at This District		Counts of Students					Mean Score
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total Tested	
June 2002	Middle-Level Science	16	62	178	34	290	71
	Regents Science	2	5	20	17	44	79
January/June 2003	Middle-Level Science	5	40	140	50	235	74
	Regents Science	0	0	13	30	43	86
January/June 2004	Middle-Level Science	15	69	151	34	269	70
	Regents Science	0	0	11	26	37	87

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.

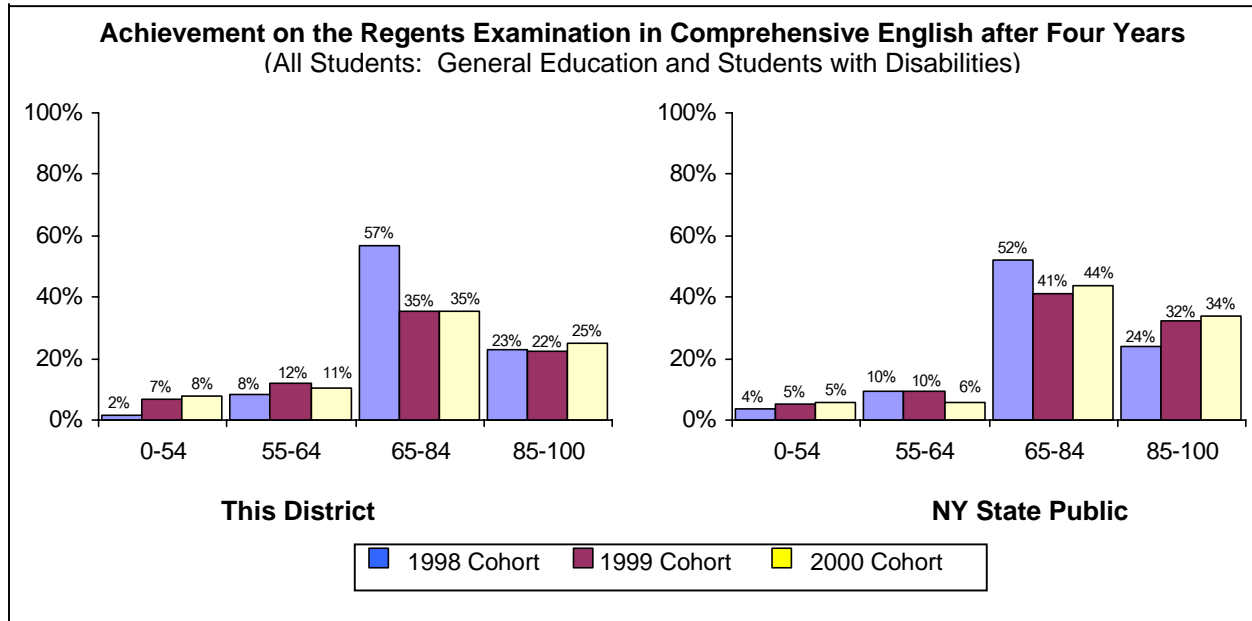
*Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at Level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

Performance of Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Science

Middle Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
2003-04	#	#	#	#	3

High School English Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graphs and tables below present performance of the 1998, 1999, and 2000 cohort members, four years after entering grade 9, in meeting the graduation assessment requirement in English. In the graph, students passing approved alternatives to this examination are counted as scoring in the 65 to 84 range. RCT results are not included in the graph. The data in these tables and charts show the performance of the cohorts as of June 30th of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. Data for the 1999 and 2000 cohorts include all students in cohorts in the district's schools, students continuously enrolled in the district who transferred between schools within the district, and students placed outside the district but who are the reporting responsibility of the district. Data for the 1998 cohort include all students in the cohort in the district's schools.



English Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*						
	Cohort Members All Students	Highest Score Between 0 and 54	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit
1998 Cohort	246	4	20	140	56	0
1999 Cohort	305	21	36	108	68	0
2000 Cohort	265	21	28	94	66	0

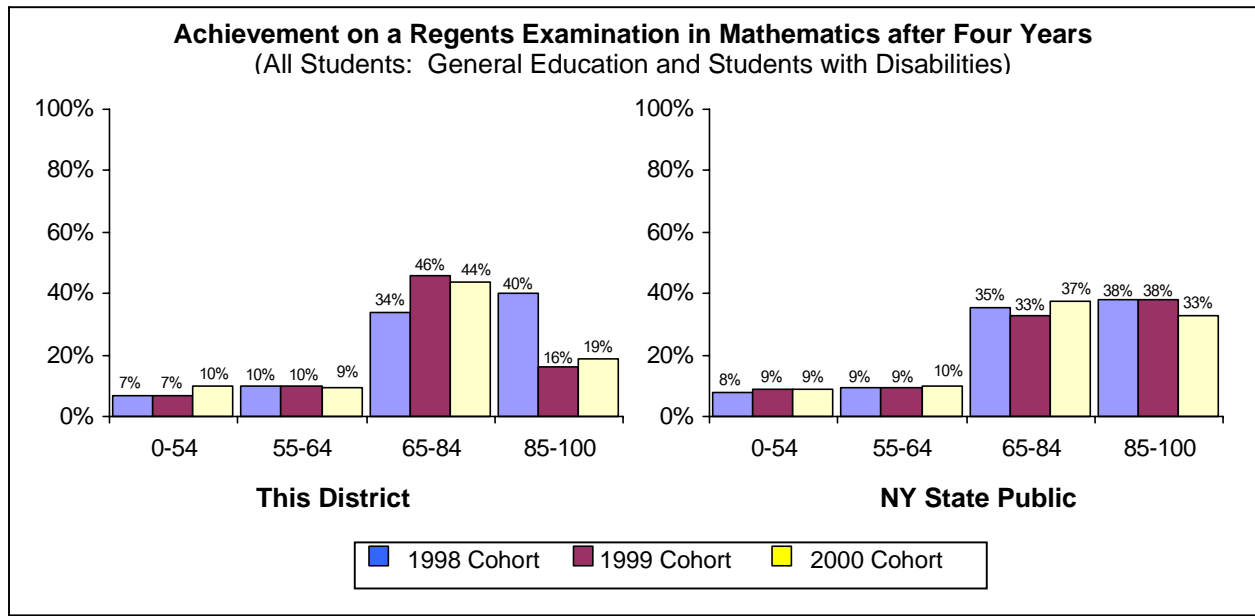
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include the Regents examination in comprehensive English, the component retest in English, and approved alternatives.

Performance of Students Who Took the Regents Competency Tests in Reading and Writing to Meet the Graduation Requirement*		
	Passed the RCTs	Failed RCT in Reading and/or Writing
1998 Cohort	0	0
1999 Cohort	4	4
2000 Cohort	2	1

*Includes only students eligible for the safety net who did not score 55 or higher on the Regents examination or an approved alternative. Some students in the "Passed the RCTs" counts are also included in the 0-54 counts in the graph above.

High School Mathematics Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graphs and tables below present performance of the 1998, 1999, and 2000 cohort members, four years after entering grade 9, in meeting the graduation assessment requirement in mathematics. In the graph, students passing approved alternatives to these examinations are counted as scoring in the 65 to 84 range. RCT results are not included in the graph. The data in these tables and charts show the performance of the cohorts as of June 30th of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. Data for the 1999 and 2000 cohorts include all students in cohorts in the district's schools, students continuously enrolled in the district who transferred between schools within the district, and students placed outside the district but who are the reporting responsibility of the district. Data for the 1998 cohort include all students in the cohort in the district's schools.



Mathematics Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*						
	Cohort Members All Students	Highest Score Between 0 and 54	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit
1998 Cohort	246	17	24	83	99	0
1999 Cohort	305	21	30	140	50	0
2000 Cohort	265	26	25	116	50	0

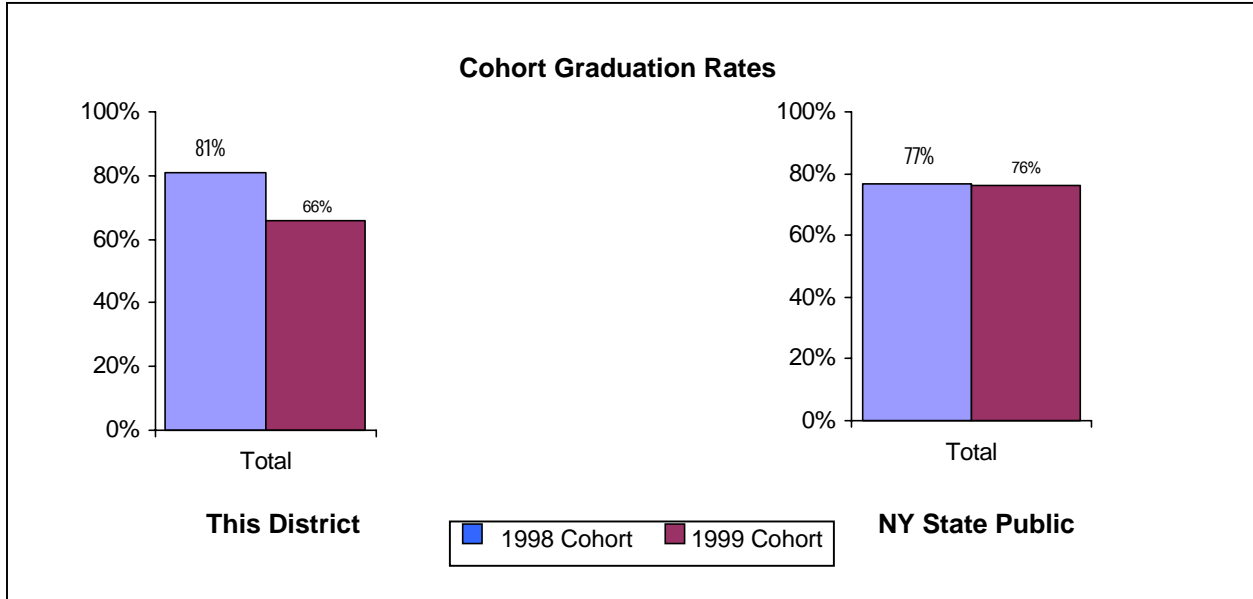
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include a Regents examination in mathematics, the component retest in mathematics, and approved alternatives.

Performance of Students Who Took the Regents Competency Test in Mathematics to Meet the Graduation Requirement*		
	Passed the RCT	Failed at Least One RCT
1998 Cohort	6	0
1999 Cohort	10	0
2000 Cohort	9	0

*Includes only students eligible for the safety net who did not score 55 or higher on the Regents examination or an approved alternative. Some students in the "Passed the RCTs" counts are also included in the 0-54 counts in the graph above.

Cohort Graduation Rates

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement by August 31st of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. The graduation-rate cohort includes students who transferred to general education development (GED) programs. These students were not counted in the 1998 and 1999 school accountability cohort for English and mathematics.



Cohort Graduation Rates				
	Cohort Members* (a)	Transfers to GED (b)	Graduation Rate Cohort Members (a+b)	Number Graduated
1998 Cohort	245	9	254	205
1999 Cohort	293	10	303	200

*Count as of August 31st of the fourth year after first entering grade 9.

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 for two years 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 school 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 should examine the reasons for this lower performance and make necessary changes in curriculum, instruction, and student support services to remedy these performance gaps. If your district did not report data for the 2003–04 school year for a subject and grade, a table showing data for subgroups in that subject and grade will not be included in the *Analysis*.

Elementary Level English Language Arts

Student Subgroup	2002-03				2003-04			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total 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	4	s	s	s	3	s	s	s
Black	45	91%	47%	7%	41	95%	51%	5%
Hispanic	14	100%	71%	7%	16	81%	50%	19%
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	s	s	s	11	s	s	s
White	254	92%	52%	18%	273	91%	56%	11%
Total	322	93%	52%	16%	344	91%	55%	10%
Small Group Totals (s)	9	100%	56%	11%	14	93%	50%	7%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	266	97%	62%	19%	287	98%	64%	13%
Students with disabilities	56	71%	9%	2%	57	56%	11%	0%
Total	322	93%	52%	16%	344	91%	55%	10%
Results by Gender								
Female	165	95%	55%	19%	167	93%	60%	14%
Male	157	90%	50%	13%	177	89%	50%	7%
Total	322	93%	52%	16%	344	91%	55%	10%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	321	s	s	s	336	91%	56%	10%
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	8	88%	25%	13%
Total	322	93%	52%	16%	344	91%	55%	10%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	170	89%	43%	6%	187	86%	42%	2%
Not disadvantaged	152	96%	63%	27%	157	97%	71%	21%
Total	322	93%	52%	16%	344	91%	55%	10%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	1	s	s	s
Not migrant family	322	93%	52%	16%	343	s	s	s
Total	322	93%	52%	16%	344	91%	55%	10%

Elementary Level Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2002-03				2003-04			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total 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	3	s	s	s	3	s	s	s
Black	45	93%	73%	4%	42	100%	60%	14%
Hispanic	15	93%	67%	20%	16	88%	56%	19%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6	s	s	s	9	s	s	s
White	255	96%	79%	26%	273	98%	79%	21%
Total	324	96%	77%	23%	343	98%	76%	20%
Small Group Totals (s)	9	100%	78%	22%	12	100%	83%	33%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	270	99%	83%	27%	286	99%	82%	24%
Students with disabilities	54	81%	50%	4%	57	91%	42%	2%
Total	324	96%	77%	23%	343	98%	76%	20%
Results by Gender								
Female	165	96%	78%	24%	167	98%	75%	20%
Male	159	96%	77%	22%	176	98%	76%	21%
Total	324	96%	77%	23%	343	98%	76%	20%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	318	96%	78%	23%	335	98%	76%	21%
Limited English proficient	6	100%	33%	0%	8	88%	38%	0%
Total	324	96%	77%	23%	343	98%	76%	20%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	174	95%	72%	11%	182	96%	66%	13%
Not disadvantaged	150	97%	84%	37%	161	100%	86%	29%
Total	324	96%	77%	23%	343	98%	76%	20%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	1	s	s	s
Not migrant family	324	96%	77%	23%	342	s	s	s
Total	324	96%	77%	23%	343	98%	76%	20%

Elementary Level

Science*

Student Subgroup	2003–04			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	s	s	s
Black	38	100%	87%	24%
Hispanic	14	93%	79%	43%
Asian or Pacific Islander	9	s	s	s
White	262	99%	88%	48%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%
Small Group Totals (s)	11	100%	91%	55%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	276	99%	92%	50%
Students with disabilities	49	96%	65%	18%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%
Results by Gender				
Female	159	99%	84%	39%
Male	166	99%	91%	51%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	317	99%	88%	46%
Limited English proficient	8	100%	88%	25%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	169	98%	79%	32%
Not disadvantaged	156	100%	97%	60%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	1	s	s	s
Not migrant family	324	s	s	s
Total	325	99%	88%	45%

*Only one year of data is shown because a new assessment in elementary-level science was administered for the first time in 2003–04.

Middle Level
English Language Arts

Student Subgroup	2002-03				2003-04			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total 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	2	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Black	31	87%	35%	0%	28	93%	39%	11%
Hispanic	14	86%	57%	14%	14	93%	29%	7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7	s	s	s	5	s	s	s
White	240	88%	41%	7%	289	90%	40%	8%
Total	294	88%	42%	7%	337	91%	40%	8%
Small Group Totals (s)	9	100%	56%	22%	6	100%	33%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	228	96%	53%	9%	258	98%	51%	10%
Students with disabilities	66	61%	5%	0%	79	66%	4%	0%
Total	294	88%	42%	7%	337	91%	40%	8%
Results by Gender								
Female	138	91%	50%	9%	162	93%	47%	10%
Male	156	87%	35%	4%	175	89%	33%	6%
Total	294	88%	42%	7%	337	91%	40%	8%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	292	s	s	s	335	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	2	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Total	294	88%	42%	7%	337	91%	40%	8%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	160	82%	29%	3%	175	84%	25%	5%
Not disadvantaged	134	96%	57%	12%	162	98%	56%	12%
Total	294	88%	42%	7%	337	91%	40%	8%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	294	88%	42%	7%	337	91%	40%	8%
Total	294	88%	42%	7%	337	91%	40%	8%

**Middle Level
Mathematics**

Student Subgroup	2002-03				2003-04			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total 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	2	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Black	33	94%	52%	0%	31	94%	55%	0%
Hispanic	16	81%	44%	13%	14	71%	50%	7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	8	s	s	s	5	s	s	s
White	248	88%	54%	8%	283	87%	60%	8%
Total	307	88%	54%	8%	334	87%	60%	8%
Small Group Totals (s)	10	100%	80%	20%	6	100%	83%	33%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	237	95%	62%	10%	257	98%	71%	11%
Students with disabilities	70	66%	24%	1%	77	52%	22%	0%
Total	307	88%	54%	8%	334	87%	60%	8%
Results by Gender								
Female	145	90%	52%	8%	158	87%	63%	10%
Male	162	87%	55%	8%	176	88%	57%	6%
Total	307	88%	54%	8%	334	87%	60%	8%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	304	s	s	s	332	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	3	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Total	307	88%	54%	8%	334	87%	60%	8%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	170	84%	44%	3%	175	81%	47%	3%
Not disadvantaged	137	93%	66%	14%	159	94%	74%	13%
Total	307	88%	54%	8%	334	87%	60%	8%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	307	88%	54%	8%	334	87%	60%	8%
Total	307	88%	54%	8%	334	87%	60%	8%

Middle Level

Science

Student Subgroup	2002-03				2003-04			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total 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	2	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Black	25	96%	76%	16%	27	96%	63%	11%
Hispanic	11	91%	82%	9%	12	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	s	s	s	3	s	s	s
White	192	98%	81%	23%	226	94%	71%	12%
Total	235	98%	81%	21%	269	94%	69%	13%
Small Group Totals (s)	7	100%	100%	14%	16	94%	50%	19%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	174	99%	84%	22%	200	99%	81%	16%
Students with disabilities	61	95%	70%	18%	69	83%	33%	4%
Total	235	98%	81%	21%	269	94%	69%	13%
Results by Gender								
Female	108	98%	72%	16%	126	93%	67%	12%
Male	127	98%	88%	26%	143	96%	70%	13%
Total	235	98%	81%	21%	269	94%	69%	13%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	232	s	s	s	267	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	3	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Total	235	98%	81%	21%	269	94%	69%	13%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	140	96%	77%	17%	155	92%	59%	8%
Not disadvantaged	95	100%	86%	27%	114	97%	82%	19%
Total	235	98%	81%	21%	269	94%	69%	13%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	235	98%	81%	21%	269	94%	69%	13%
Total	235	98%	81%	21%	269	94%	69%	13%

1999 and 2000 High School Cohorts

General-education students who first entered ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 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 data in these tables show the performance of the cohorts as of June 30th of the fourth year after first entering grade 9.

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

Student Subgroup	1999 Cohort					2000 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	6	1	0	0	17%	6	s	s	s	s
Black	18	2	12	0	78%	17	3	8	0	65%
Hispanic	17	2	7	0	53%	7	1	5	0	86%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6	0	3	0	50%	4	s	s	s	s
White	258	31	154	4	73%	231	24	142	2	73%
Total	305	36	176	4	71%	265	28	160	2	72%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0%	10	0	5	0	50%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	253	32	170	1	80%	215	22	152	0	81%
Students with disabilities	52	4	6	3	25%	50	6	8	2	32%
Total	305	36	176	4	71%	265	28	160	2	72%
Results by Gender										
Female	148	16	91	0	72%	128	12	84	0	75%
Male	157	20	85	4	69%	137	16	76	2	69%
Total	305	36	176	4	71%	265	28	160	2	72%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	304	s	s	s	s	264	s	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	s	1	s	s	s	s
Total	305	36	176	4	71%	265	28	160	2	72%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	88	18	40	1	67%	81	13	39	1	65%
Not disadvantaged	217	18	136	3	72%	184	15	121	1	74%
Total	305	36	176	4	71%	265	28	160	2	72%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	305	36	176	4	71%	265	28	160	2	72%
Total	305	36	176	4	71%	265	28	160	2	72%

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

Student Subgroup	1999 Cohort					2000 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	6	1	2	0	50%	6	s	s	s	s
Black	18	4	9	0	72%	17	4	5	0	53%
Hispanic	17	3	8	1	71%	7	0	6	0	86%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6	0	4	0	67%	4	s	s	s	s
White	258	22	167	9	77%	231	21	150	9	78%
Total	305	30	190	10	75%	265	25	166	9	75%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0%	10	0	5	0	50%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	253	26	184	1	83%	215	24	158	0	85%
Students with disabilities	52	4	6	9	37%	50	1	8	9	36%
Total	305	30	190	10	75%	265	25	166	9	75%
Results by Gender										
Female	148	16	97	1	77%	128	13	82	5	78%
Male	157	14	93	9	74%	137	12	84	4	73%
Total	305	30	190	10	75%	265	25	166	9	75%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	304	s	s	s	s	264	s	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	s	1	s	s	s	s
Total	305	30	190	10	75%	265	25	166	9	75%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	88	16	40	4	68%	81	12	42	3	70%
Not disadvantaged	217	14	150	6	78%	184	13	124	6	78%
Total	305	30	190	10	75%	265	25	166	9	75%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	305	30	190	10	75%	265	25	166	9	75%
Total	305	30	190	10	75%	265	25	166	9	75%

Cohort Graduation Rates

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement by August 31st of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. The graduation-rate cohort includes students who transferred to general education development (GED) programs. These students were not counted in the district accountability cohort for English and mathematics.

Student Subgroup	1998 Cohort as of August 31, 2002		1999 Cohort as of August 31, 2003	
	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	5	40%
Black	20	75%	18	72%
Hispanic	7	s	17	53%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3	s	6	67%
White	224	81%	257	67%
Total	254	81%	303	66%
Small Group Totals (s)	10	80%	0	0%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	228	85%	251	73%
Students with disabilities	26	42%	52	31%
Total	254	81%	303	66%
Results by Gender				
Female	138	81%	151	65%
Male	116	80%	152	67%
Total	254	81%	303	66%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	254	81%	302	s
Limited English proficient	0	0%	1	s
Total	254	81%	303	66%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	59	76%	87	61%
Not disadvantaged	195	82%	216	68%
Total	254	81%	303	66%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%
Not migrant family	254	81%	303	66%
Total	254	81%	303	66%

Glossary

Accountability Cohort: An accountability cohort is all students, regardless of grade status, who were enrolled in school on BEDS day two years after the year in which they first entered grade 9, or, in the case of ungraded students with disabilities, the year in which they reached their seventeenth birthday. (For example, the 1999 accountability cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in the fall of 1999 who were enrolled on October 3, 2001). Certain students are not included in the school accountability cohort. Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Component Retests: Component retests were offered in Regents English and Mathematics A to certain students 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 on the Regents examination, as determined by the component retest results.

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

Graduation-Rate Cohort: Graduation-rate cohort for each year includes all students in the accountability cohort in the previous year plus all students excluded from that accountability cohort solely because they transferred to a general education development (GED) program.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students: Schools provide special English instruction to students for whom English is a second language so they can participate effectively in the academic program. In 2002–03 and in previous years, students were considered LEP if, by reason of foreign birth or ancestry, they spoke a language other than English and (1) either understood and spoke little or no English or (2) scored at or below the 40th percentile on an English language assessment instrument. Beginning in 2003–04, 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 below a state-designated level of proficiency on the Language Assessment Battery-Revised (LAB-R) or the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT). The United States Department of Education has approved the use of the NYSESLAT as the required measure of language arts proficiency for LEP students in grades 4 and 8 who have attended school in the United States (not including Puerto Rico) for fewer than three consecutive years and for LEP students who have attended for four or five years and have received an exemption from the general assessment requirement.

New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA): The district Committee on Special Education designates students with severe disabilities 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 are 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 30 students in a group may be neither valid nor reliable. If a school does not have 30 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.