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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: Carmen A. Granto		Phone: (716)286-4205
Organization 2003–04	Grade Range	Student Enrollment
	NA	8457

2002–03 District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$12,796
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
1,279	95%

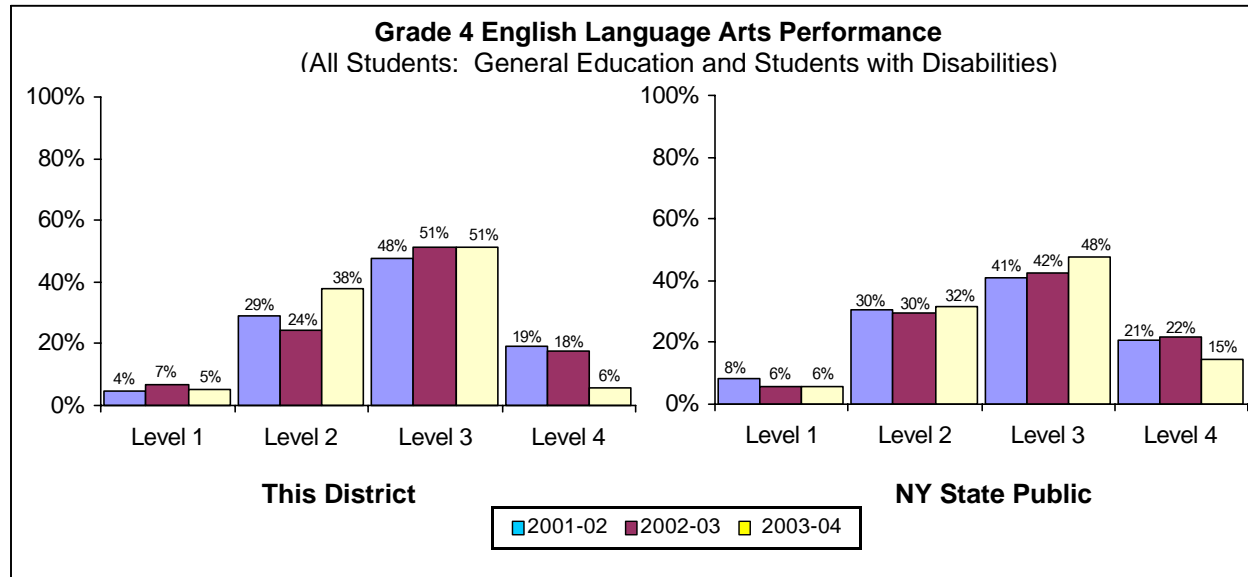
*To meet the federal definition of "highly qualified," public school teachers of core academic subjects must have at least a bachelor's degree and be State certified for and demonstrate subject matter competency in the core academic subject(s) they teach.

2003–04 Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate*

Total Number of Teachers	Percent with No Valid Teaching Certificate
589	3%

*Includes teachers with a modified temporary license.

Elementary Level English Language Arts



Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 455–602	Level 2 603–644	Level 3 645–691	Level 4 692–800	Total Tested	
Jan–Feb 2002	32	210	346	138	726	662
Feb 2003	43	160	338	117	658	659
Feb 2004	32	226	307	34	599	648

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 .

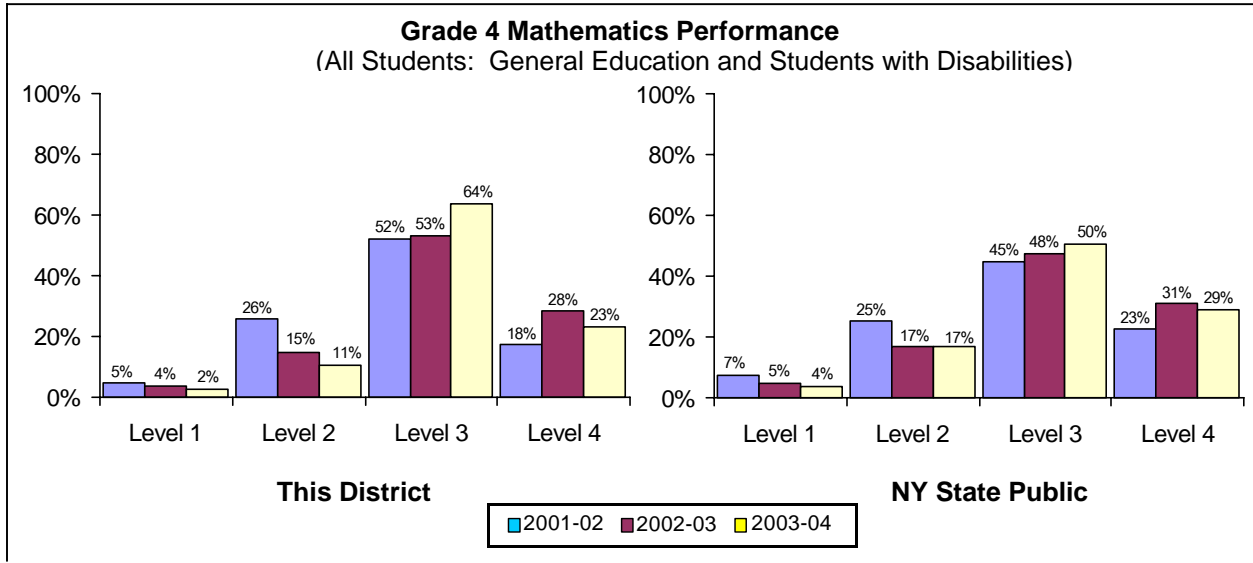
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

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

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	#	#	#	#	3

Elementary Level Mathematics



Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Total Tested	Mean Score
	Level 1 448–601	Level 2 602–636	Level 3 637–677	Level 4 678–810			
May 2002	34	189	379	128		730	651
May 2003	24	97	347	186		654	660
May 2004	15	64	385	141		605	662

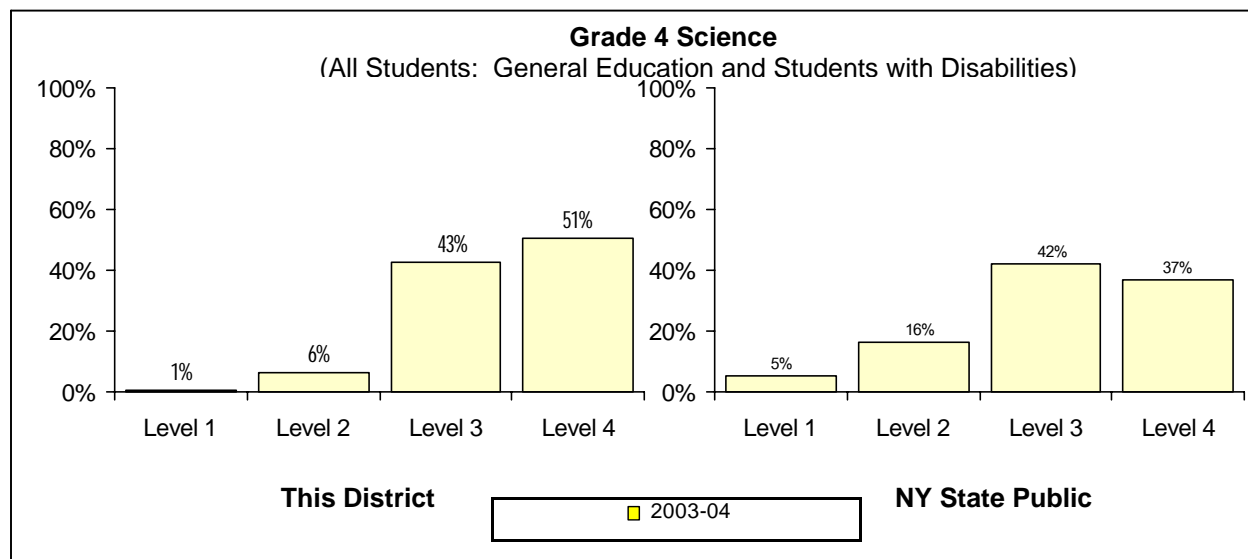
Elementary-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents 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	#	#	#	#	3

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	38	255	303	600	82

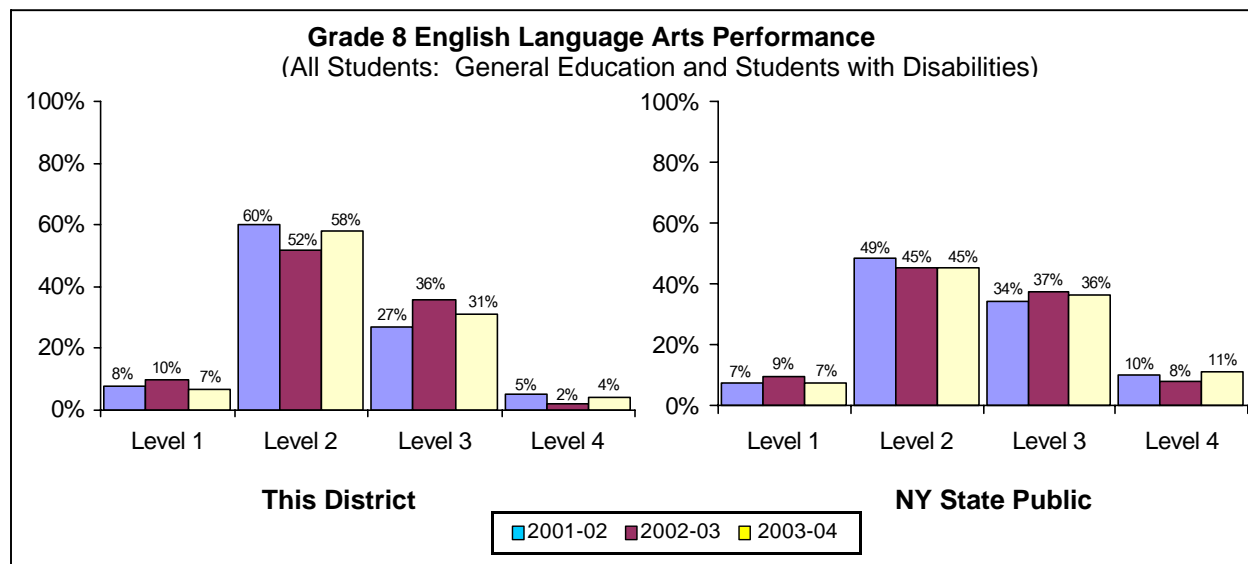
Elementary-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
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	#	#	#	#	3

*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	55	422	189	35	701	690
	Level 1 527-657	Level 2 658-696	Level 3 697-736	Level 4 737-830	Total Tested	
January 2003	59	302	210	13	584	689
January 2004	42	372	199	27	640	693

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 .

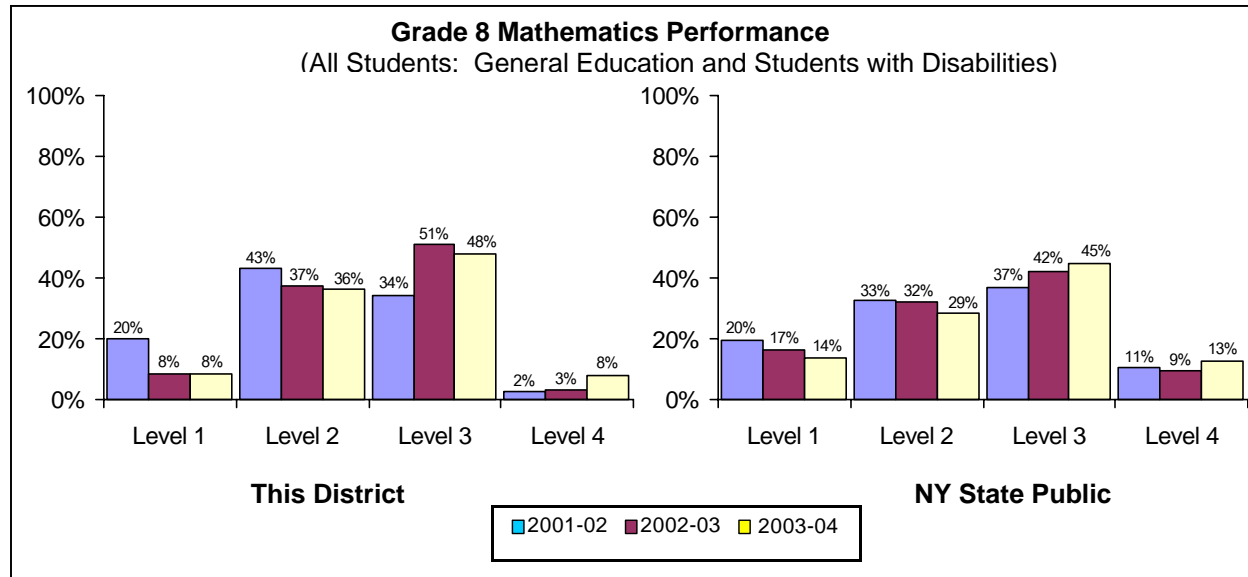
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

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	0	0	0	0	0

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	141	304	241	17	703	704
May 2003	50	224	305	19	598	716
May 2004	53	232	308	49	642	718

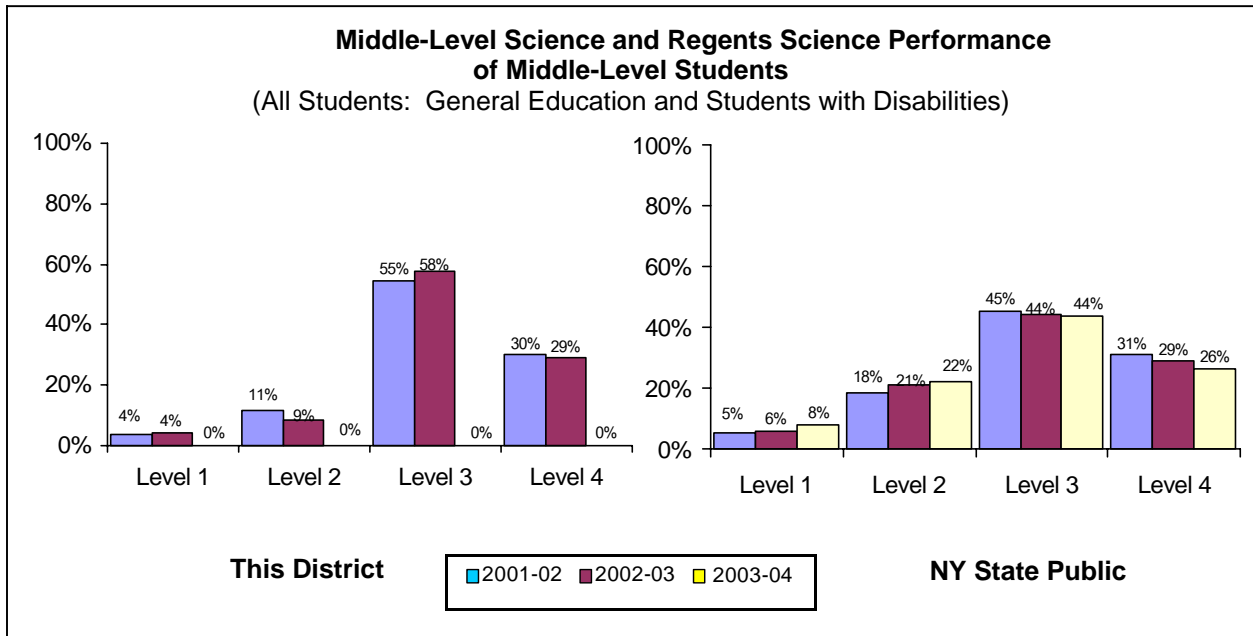
Middle-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
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	0	0	0	0	0

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	27	84	382	198	691	75
	Regents Science	0	0	18	23	41	84
January/ June 2003	Middle-Level Science	26	50	340	172	588	76
	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0
January/ June 2004	Middle-Level Science	14	76	341	169	600	76
	Regents Science	#	#	#	#	1	#

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.

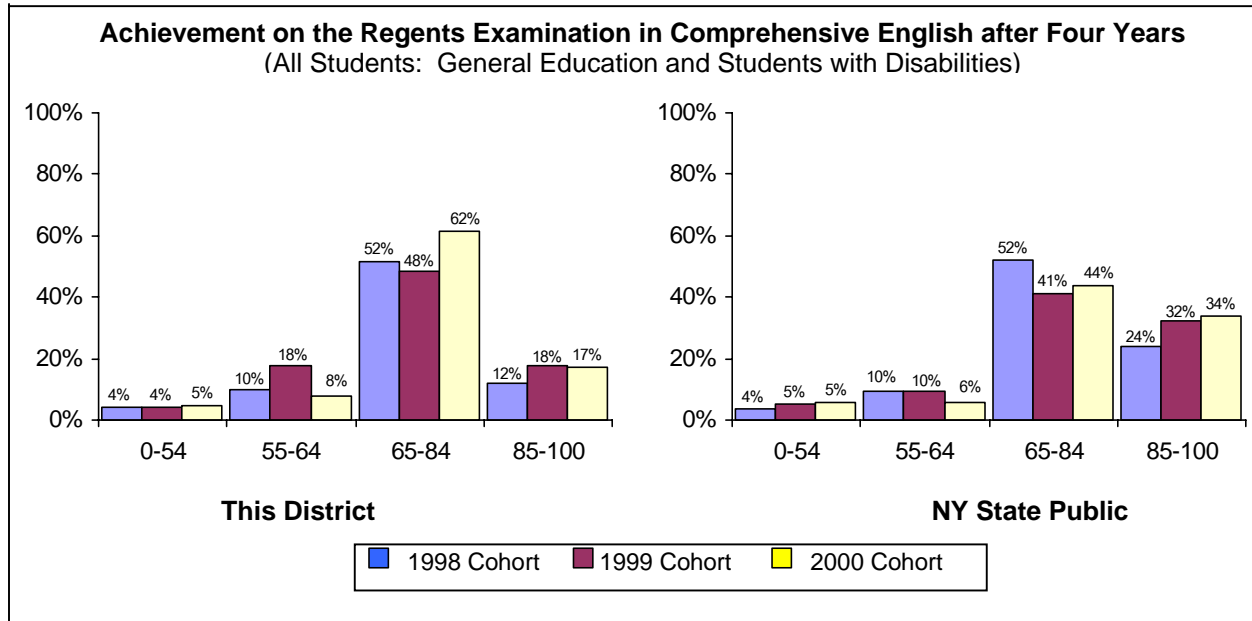
*Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at Level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

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	0	0	0	0	0

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	532	22	52	274	63	0
1999 Cohort	494	20	87	238	87	0
2000 Cohort	472	23	37	291	81	0

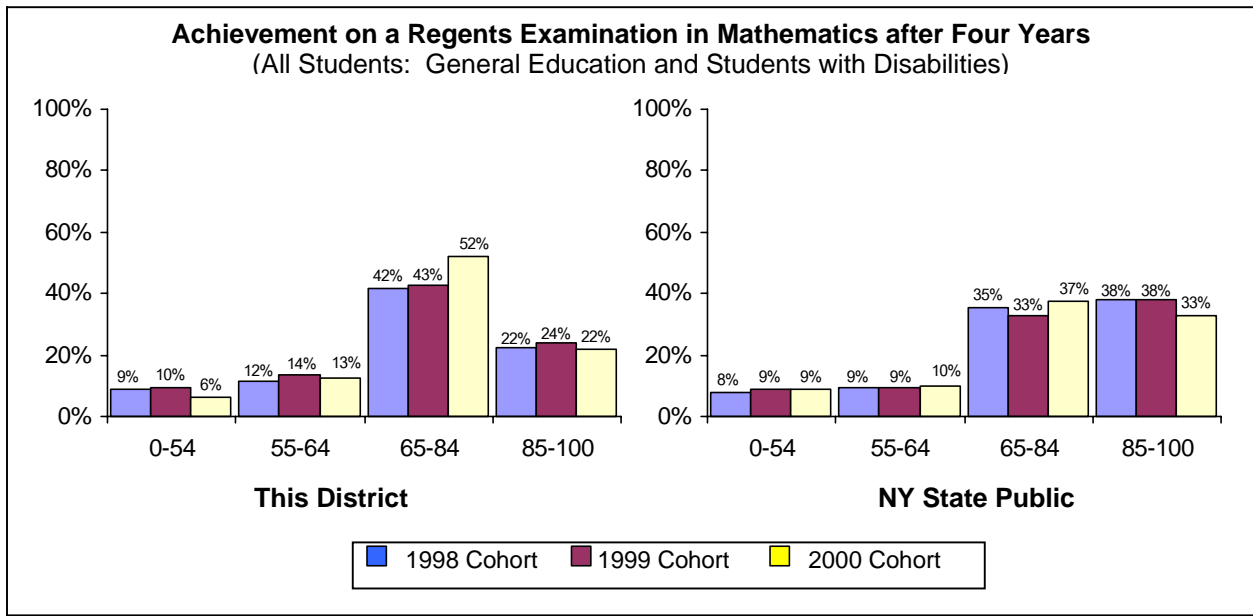
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include the Regents examination in comprehensive English, the component retest in English, and approved alternatives.

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	2	7
1999 Cohort	10	11
2000 Cohort	12	28

*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	532	46	62	223	118	0
1999 Cohort	494	47	67	212	119	0
2000 Cohort	472	29	59	245	104	0

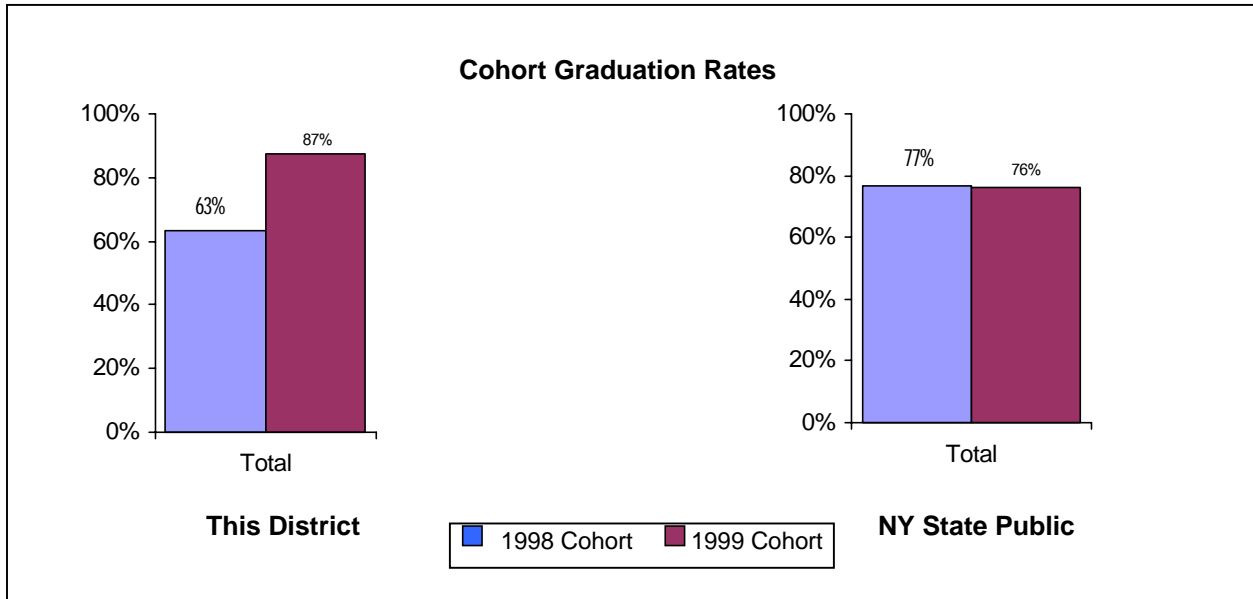
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include a Regents examination in mathematics, the component retest in mathematics, and approved alternatives.

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	13	1
1999 Cohort	25	1
2000 Cohort	29	5

*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	457	69	526	332
1999 Cohort	405	1	406	354

*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	25	88%	68%	16%	20	95%	55%	5%
Black	264	91%	55%	11%	221	92%	40%	1%
Hispanic	10	70%	50%	0%	7	100%	14%	0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	9	100%	100%	11%	5	100%	100%	60%
White	350	96%	80%	24%	346	96%	68%	8%
Total	658	93%	69%	18%	599	95%	57%	6%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	539	99%	79%	21%	498	99%	65%	7%
Students with disabilities	119	66%	23%	2%	101	74%	18%	0%
Total	658	93%	69%	18%	599	95%	57%	6%
Results by Gender								
Female	299	98%	77%	23%	299	96%	60%	7%
Male	359	90%	63%	13%	300	93%	54%	4%
Total	658	93%	69%	18%	599	95%	57%	6%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	658	93%	69%	18%	599	95%	57%	6%
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Total	658	93%	69%	18%	599	95%	57%	6%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	437	92%	62%	12%	373	93%	46%	2%
Not disadvantaged	221	96%	82%	29%	226	98%	76%	12%
Total	658	93%	69%	18%	599	95%	57%	6%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	658	93%	69%	18%	599	95%	57%	6%
Total	658	93%	69%	18%	599	95%	57%	6%

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	27	96%	70%	33%	21	95%	95%	24%
Black	261	94%	71%	16%	222	97%	77%	9%
Hispanic	13	92%	46%	15%	10	100%	100%	0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	10	100%	90%	30%	9	100%	100%	56%
White	343	98%	91%	38%	343	98%	92%	33%
Total	654	96%	81%	28%	605	98%	87%	23%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	535	99%	88%	33%	504	100%	93%	26%
Students with disabilities	119	83%	54%	10%	101	85%	57%	8%
Total	654	96%	81%	28%	605	98%	87%	23%
Results by Gender								
Female	299	98%	85%	31%	306	99%	88%	23%
Male	355	95%	79%	26%	299	96%	86%	23%
Total	654	96%	81%	28%	605	98%	87%	23%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	645	96%	82%	29%	597	97%	87%	23%
Limited English proficient	9	89%	44%	11%	8	100%	100%	25%
Total	654	96%	81%	28%	605	98%	87%	23%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	438	96%	77%	20%	378	97%	82%	12%
Not disadvantaged	216	98%	90%	45%	227	99%	95%	42%
Total	654	96%	81%	28%	605	98%	87%	23%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	654	96%	81%	28%	605	98%	87%	23%
Total	654	96%	81%	28%	605	98%	87%	23%

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	21	100%	90%	71%
Black	221	98%	86%	28%
Hispanic	10	100%	100%	30%
Asian or Pacific Islander	9	100%	100%	56%
White	339	100%	97%	64%
Total	600	99%	93%	51%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	503	100%	97%	56%
Students with disabilities	97	96%	74%	24%
Total	600	99%	93%	51%
Results by Gender				
Female	303	100%	94%	47%
Male	297	99%	92%	54%
Total	600	99%	93%	51%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	592	99%	93%	51%
Limited English proficient	8	100%	100%	25%
Total	600	99%	93%	51%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	375	99%	89%	39%
Not disadvantaged	225	100%	99%	69%
Total	600	99%	93%	51%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	600	99%	93%	51%
Total	600	99%	93%	51%

*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	15	87%	7%	0%	22	100%	50%	14%
Black	201	85%	24%	0%	228	88%	19%	1%
Hispanic	14	93%	29%	0%	18	100%	11%	6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	100%	20%	0%	6	100%	33%	17%
White	349	93%	48%	4%	366	96%	46%	5%
Total	584	90%	38%	2%	640	93%	35%	4%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	465	97%	47%	3%	520	99%	42%	5%
Students with disabilities	119	63%	5%	0%	120	68%	6%	0%
Total	584	90%	38%	2%	640	93%	35%	4%
Results by Gender								
Female	291	94%	43%	3%	324	96%	43%	5%
Male	293	86%	33%	1%	316	91%	27%	3%
Total	584	90%	38%	2%	640	93%	35%	4%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	584	90%	38%	2%	636	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	4	s	s	s
Total	584	90%	38%	2%	640	93%	35%	4%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	315	85%	28%	0%	347	91%	26%	1%
Not disadvantaged	269	95%	51%	4%	293	97%	47%	8%
Total	584	90%	38%	2%	640	93%	35%	4%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	584	90%	38%	2%	640	93%	35%	4%
Total	584	90%	38%	2%	640	93%	35%	4%

**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	16	81%	38%	0%	23	100%	74%	13%
Black	205	85%	38%	1%	232	84%	37%	2%
Hispanic	15	100%	47%	0%	19	95%	47%	5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	11	100%	36%	0%	6	100%	67%	33%
White	351	95%	65%	5%	362	96%	67%	11%
Total	598	92%	54%	3%	642	92%	56%	8%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	475	96%	60%	4%	524	97%	63%	9%
Students with disabilities	123	73%	31%	0%	118	67%	24%	1%
Total	598	92%	54%	3%	642	92%	56%	8%
Results by Gender								
Female	294	94%	54%	3%	330	94%	57%	8%
Male	304	89%	54%	4%	312	90%	54%	7%
Total	598	92%	54%	3%	642	92%	56%	8%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	590	92%	55%	3%	638	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	8	100%	13%	0%	4	s	s	s
Total	598	92%	54%	3%	642	92%	56%	8%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	326	88%	43%	2%	350	89%	45%	4%
Not disadvantaged	272	96%	68%	5%	292	95%	68%	12%
Total	598	92%	54%	3%	642	92%	56%	8%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	598	92%	54%	3%	642	92%	56%	8%
Total	598	92%	54%	3%	642	92%	56%	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	19	89%	79%	21%	20	100%	90%	35%
Black	196	90%	77%	13%	205	95%	71%	12%
Hispanic	13	100%	92%	8%	18	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	7	100%	100%	29%	4	s	s	s
White	353	99%	93%	40%	353	99%	93%	38%
Total	588	96%	87%	29%	600	98%	85%	28%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	22	100%	82%	23%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	468	99%	92%	34%	499	100%	92%	32%
Students with disabilities	120	83%	68%	10%	101	88%	51%	8%
Total	588	96%	87%	29%	600	98%	85%	28%
Results by Gender								
Female	285	97%	88%	29%	310	98%	86%	28%
Male	303	94%	86%	30%	290	97%	84%	29%
Total	588	96%	87%	29%	600	98%	85%	28%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	588	96%	87%	29%	596	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	4	s	s	s
Total	588	96%	87%	29%	600	98%	85%	28%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	311	93%	83%	19%	330	96%	79%	19%
Not disadvantaged	277	99%	92%	40%	270	100%	92%	39%
Total	588	96%	87%	29%	600	98%	85%	28%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	588	96%	87%	29%	600	98%	85%	28%
Total	588	96%	87%	29%	600	98%	85%	28%

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	17	3	10	1	82%	12	1	11	0	100%
Black	116	26	57	3	74%	102	13	62	6	79%
Hispanic	10	1	7	0	80%	7	s	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	9	2	5	0	78%	4	s	s	s	s
White	342	51	246	6	89%	347	23	293	6	93%
Total	494	83	325	10	85%	472	37	372	12	89%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0%	11	0	6	0	55%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	427	79	314	1	92%	414	34	360	3	96%
Students with disabilities	67	4	11	9	36%	58	3	12	9	41%
Total	494	83	325	10	85%	472	37	372	12	89%
Results by Gender										
Female	252	35	176	5	86%	242	22	191	6	90%
Male	242	48	149	5	83%	230	15	181	6	88%
Total	494	83	325	10	85%	472	37	372	12	89%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	492	s	s	s	s	472	37	372	12	89%
Limited English proficient	2	s	s	s	s	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	494	83	325	10	85%	472	37	372	12	89%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	151	35	83	3	80%	135	8	93	5	79%
Not disadvantaged	343	48	242	7	87%	337	29	279	7	93%
Total	494	83	325	10	85%	472	37	372	12	89%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	494	83	325	10	85%	472	37	372	12	89%
Total	494	83	325	10	85%	472	37	372	12	89%

**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	17	1	12	1	82%	12	2	9	0	92%
Black	116	17	56	9	71%	102	24	55	14	91%
Hispanic	10	0	8	1	90%	7	s	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	9	0	9	0	100%	4	s	s	s	s
White	342	49	246	14	90%	347	32	279	14	94%
Total	494	67	331	25	86%	472	59	349	29	93%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0%	11	1	6	1	73%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	427	66	322	6	92%	414	54	340	7	97%
Students with disabilities	67	1	9	19	43%	58	5	9	22	62%
Total	494	67	331	25	86%	472	59	349	29	93%
Results by Gender										
Female	252	34	173	12	87%	242	32	182	13	94%
Male	242	33	158	13	84%	230	27	167	16	91%
Total	494	67	331	25	86%	472	59	349	29	93%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	492	s	s	s	s	472	59	349	29	93%
Limited English proficient	2	s	s	s	s	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	494	67	331	25	86%	472	59	349	29	93%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	151	29	84	9	81%	135	22	83	12	87%
Not disadvantaged	343	38	247	16	88%	337	37	266	17	95%
Total	494	67	331	25	86%	472	59	349	29	93%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	494	67	331	25	86%	472	59	349	29	93%
Total	494	67	331	25	86%	472	59	349	29	93%

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	15	40%	15	80%
Black	123	45%	89	76%
Hispanic	7	43%	7	100%
Asian or Pacific Islander	12	75%	8	100%
White	369	70%	287	90%
Total	526	63%	406	87%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0	0%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	510	65%	355	95%
Students with disabilities	16	13%	51	31%
Total	526	63%	406	87%
Results by Gender				
Female	252	67%	208	88%
Male	274	59%	198	86%
Total	526	63%	406	87%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	524	s	405	s
Limited English proficient	2	s	1	s
Total	526	63%	406	87%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	103	89%	120	80%
Not disadvantaged	423	57%	286	90%
Total	526	63%	406	87%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%
Not migrant family	526	63%	406	87%
Total	526	63%	406	87%

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.