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# OVERVIEW OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE 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 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: Robert B. Macnaughton			(845)357-7783
Organization Grade Range			Student Enrollment
2003–04	NA		4596

2002-03 District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$16,481
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
961	85%

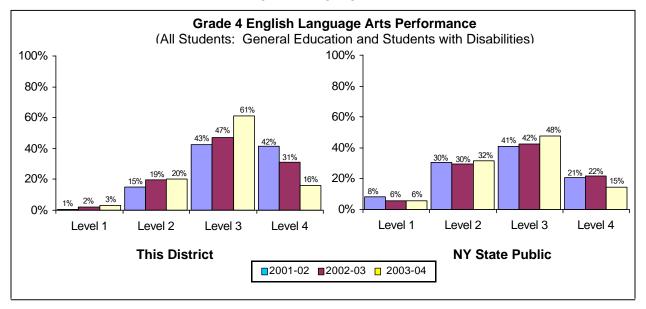
<sup>\*</sup>To meet the federal definition of "highly qualified," public school teachers of core academic subjects must have at least a bachelor's degree and be State certified for and demonstrate subject matter competency in the core academic subject(s) they teach.

#### 2003-04 Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate\*

Total Number of Teachers	Percent with No Valid Teaching Certificate
384	5%

<sup>\*</sup>Includes teachers with a modified temporary license.

English Language Arts



Counts of Students							
Performance at This District	Level 1 455–602	Level 2 603–644	Level 3 645–691	Level 4 692–800	Total Tested	Mean Score	
Jan-Feb 2002	2	50	141	137	330	685	
Feb 2003	8	73	177	117	375	672	
Feb 2004	10	68	207	55	340	665	

Elementa	Elementary-Level English Language Arts Levels — Listening, Reading, and Writing Standards					
Level 4	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.					
Level 3	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.					
Level 2	These students <b>need extra help</b> to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.					
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies.					

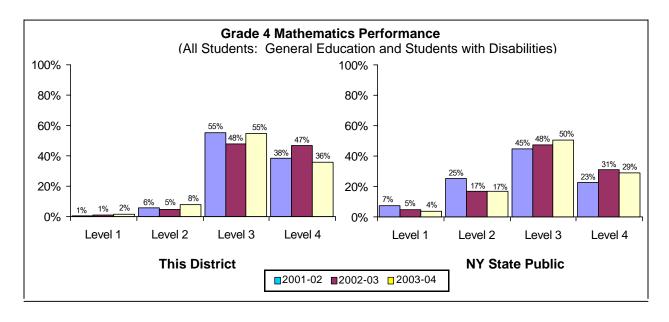
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

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

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

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

Mathematics



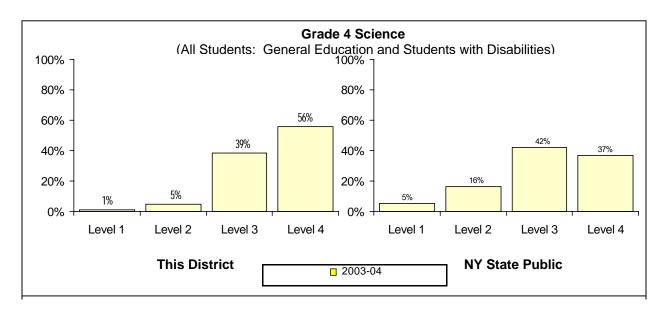
Counts of Students						
Performance at This District	Level 1 448–601	Total Tested		Mean Score		
May 2002	2	20	184	128	334	672
May 2003	3	18	178	174	373	677
May 2004	6	27	189	123	345	670

Elementa	Elementary-Level Mathematics Levels —					
Knowledge	Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards					
Level 4	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.					
Level 3	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.					
Level 2	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

Science\*



		Counts of Students					
Performance at This District	Level 1 0–44	Level 2 45-64	Level 3 65–84	Level 4 85–100	Total Tested	Mean Score	
May 2004	3	16	133	192	344	83	

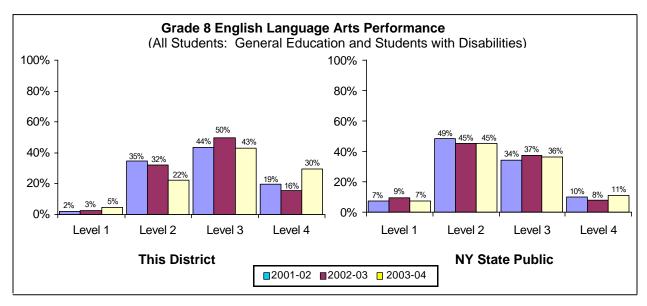
Elementa	Elementary-Level Science Levels —			
Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards				
Level 4 These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.				
Level 3	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.			
Level 2	These students <b>need extra help</b> 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

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

#### English Language Arts



Performance at This District	Level 1 527–659	Level 2 660–698	Level 3 699-737	Level 4 738-830	Total Tested	Mean Score
March 2002	8	123	155	69	355	713
	Level 1 527–657	Level 2 658–696	Level 3 697–736	Level 4 737–830	Total Tested	
January 2003	10	118	184	58	370	709
January 2004	17	78	150	103	348	719

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

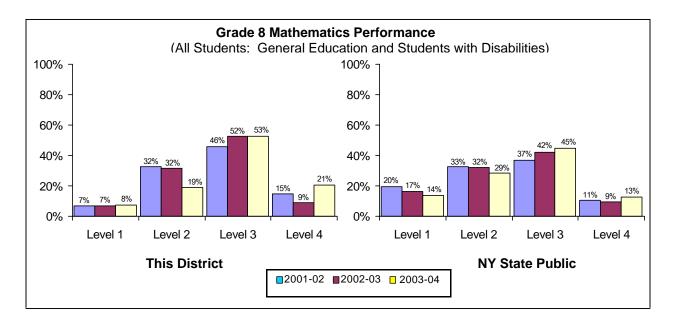
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 8	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total Tested
2004	0	0	1	5	6

# 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	1	4	5

#### Mathematics



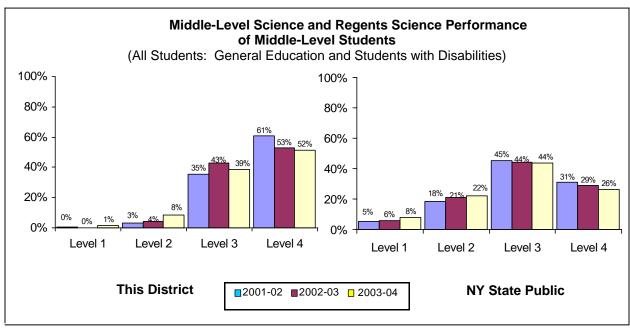
Performance at This District	Level 1 517–680	Level 2 681–715	Level 3 716–759	Level 4 760–882	Total Tested	Mean Score
May 2002	25	116	164	53	358	725
May 2003	26	118	196	34	374	723
May 2004	27	68	187	73	355	732

Middle-L	Middle-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards			
Level 4	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> 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 <b>need extra help</b> 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	1	0	0	4	5

Science



Perform	Performance at This District		Counts of Students					
i enom			Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	<b>Total Tested</b>	Mean Score	
June 2002	Middle-Level Science	1	11	122	210	344	85	
June 2002	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January/	Middle-Level Science	0	15	156	194	365	83	
June 2003	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January/	Middle-Level Science	5	29	135	180	349	81	
June 2004	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Middle-L	Middle-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards*				
Level 4	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> 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 <b>meet the standards</b> 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 <b>need extra help</b> 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 <b>serious academic deficiencies</b> as evidenced in the middle-level science test <u>or</u> score 0–54 on a Regents science examination.				

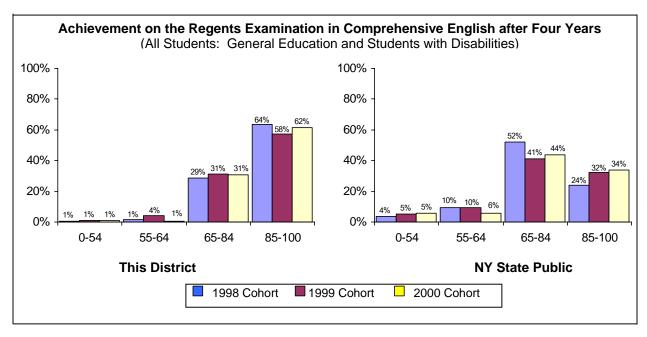
<sup>\*</sup>Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at Level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

## 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	2	3	5

#### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Highest Score Between 0 and 54 Highest Score Between 55 and 64 Highest Score Between 65 and 84 Highest Score Between 85 and 100 Alternative Cred										
1998 Cohort	301	2	4	87	192	0					
1999 Cohort	332	4	14	103	191	0					
2000 Cohort	294	3	2	90	181	0					

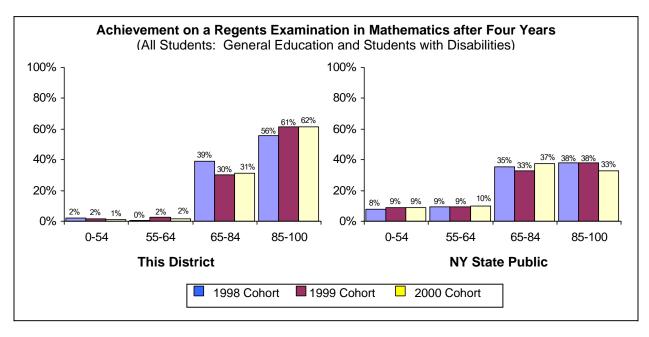
<sup>\*</sup>Assessments used to determine counts in this table include the Regents examination in comprehensive English, the component retest in English, and approved alternatives.

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	0	0							
2000 Cohort	1	2							

<sup>\*</sup>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 30<sup>th</sup> 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									
1998 Cohort	301	6	1	117	168	0				
1999 Cohort	332	5	8	100	204	0				
2000 Cohort	294	3	5	92	181	0				

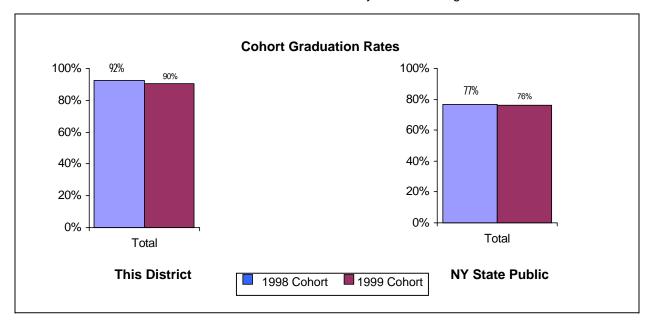
<sup>\*</sup>Assessments used to determine counts in this table include a Regents examination in mathematics, the component retest in mathematics, and approved alternatives.

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	0	0								
1999 Cohort	1	0								
2000 Cohort	2	0								

<sup>\*</sup>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 31<sup>st</sup> 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	301	1	302	279					
1999 Cohort	327	4	331	299					

<sup>\*</sup>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*.

English Language Arts

			2–03	<i></i>		2003	3–04	
Student Subgroup	Total Tested	Perce Student	ntages of 1 s Scoring a	Tested at Levels	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
	resteu	2–4	3–4	4	resteu	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	S	s	s	1	S	s	S
Black	13	S	s	s	17	94%	59%	6%
Hispanic	22	95%	59%	9%	27	85%	44%	4%
Asian or Pacific Islander	17	100%	88%	47%	13	S	s	s
White	321	98%	81%	33%	282	98%	80%	17%
Total	375	98%	78%	31%	340	97%	77%	16%
Small Group Totals (s)	15	87%	40%	7%	14	100%	93%	29%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	334	100%	85%	33%	289	99%	84%	18%
Students with disabilities	41	83%	27%	15%	51	88%	35%	4%
Total	375	98%	78%	31%	340	97%	77%	16%
Results by Gender								
Female	184	98%	78%	33%	148	99%	83%	19%
Male	191	98%	79%	30%	192	95%	72%	14%
Total	375	98%	78%	31%	340	97%	77%	16%
Results by English Proficiency	Status							
English proficient	375	98%	78%	31%	339	S	S	S
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	1	S	S	S
Total	375	98%	78%	31%	340	97%	77%	16%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	27	89%	48%	11%	28	93%	50%	4%
Not disadvantaged	348	99%	81%	33%	312	97%	79%	17%
Total	375	98%	78%	31%	340	97%	77%	16%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	375	98%	78%	31%	340	97%	77%	16%
Total	375	98%	78%	31%	340	97%	77%	16%

#### Mathematics

		200	2-03			2003–04			
Student Subgroup	Total Tested		ntages of T s Scoring a		Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			
	resteu	2–4	3–4	4	resteu	2–4	3–4	4	
Results by Race/Ethnicity									
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	S	s	s	1	S	s	S	
Black	13	S	s	s	17	100%	71%	12%	
Hispanic	22	100%	91%	27%	33	91%	64%	6%	
Asian or Pacific Islander	17	100%	100%	71%	13	S	s	s	
White	319	99%	96%	49%	281	99%	94%	39%	
Total	373	99%	94%	47%	345	98%	90%	36%	
Small Group Totals (s)	15	93%	67%	7%	14	100%	100%	64%	
Results by Disability Status									
General-education students	333	99%	97%	50%	295	99%	93%	39%	
Students with disabilities	40	98%	75%	18%	50	96%	76%	16%	
Total	373	99%	94%	47%	345	98%	90%	36%	
Results by Gender									
Female	183	99%	92%	45%	149	100%	93%	38%	
Male	190	99%	97%	48%	196	97%	88%	34%	
Total	373	99%	94%	47%	345	98%	90%	36%	
Results by English Proficiency	Status								
English proficient	373	99%	94%	47%	336	99%	92%	37%	
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	9	67%	22%	0%	
Total	373	99%	94%	47%	345	98%	90%	36%	
Results by Income Level									
Economically disadvantaged	27	96%	78%	30%	28	100%	82%	25%	
Not disadvantaged	346	99%	96%	48%	317	98%	91%	37%	
Total	373	99%	94%	47%	345	98%	90%	36%	
Results by Migrant Status									
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%	
Not migrant family	373	99%	94%	47%	345	98%	90%	36%	
Total	373	99%	94%	47%	345	98%	90%	36%	

Science\*

		200	3–04	
Student Subgroup	Total Tested		ntages of T s Scoring a	
	resteu	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	S	S	S
Black	17	100%	76%	18%
Hispanic	32	91%	81%	22%
Asian or Pacific Islander	13	S	S	S
White	281	100%	97%	61%
Total	344	99%	94%	56%
Small Group Totals (s)	14	100%	100%	71%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	295	99%	95%	59%
Students with disabilities	49	100%	92%	37%
Total	344	99%	94%	56%
Results by Gender		•	•	
Female	148	99%	95%	56%
Male	196	99%	94%	56%
Total	344	99%	94%	56%
Results by English Proficiency S	Status	•		
English proficient	335	100%	96%	57%
Limited English proficient	9	67%	44%	0%
Total	344	99%	94%	56%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	28	100%	89%	25%
Not disadvantaged	316	99%	95%	59%
Total	344	99%	94%	56%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	344	99%	94%	56%
Total	344	99%	94%	56%

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

English Language Arts

			<u> 2–03</u>	90 7 11 10		200	3–04	
Student Subgroup	Total Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			
	resteu	2–4	3–4	4	resteu	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	6	83%	50%	0%	3	S	s	S
Black	18	83%	44%	6%	24	75%	25%	0%
Hispanic	18	83%	28%	0%	32	88%	47%	9%
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Results by Disability Status								
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Students with disabilities	47	85%	11%	2%	37	70%	11%	3%
Total	370	97%	65%	16%	348	95%	73%	30%
Results by Gender								•
Female	170	99%	72%	19%	177	97%	78%	33%
Male	200	96%	60%	13%	171	93%	67%	26%
Total	370	97%	65%	16%	348	95%	73%	30%
Results by English Proficiency	Status							
English proficient	370	97%	65%	16%	346	S	S	S
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	2	S	S	S
Total	370	97%	65%	16%	348	95%	73%	30%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	16	88%	25%	6%	28	86%	39%	7%
Not disadvantaged	354	98%	67%	16%	320	96%	76%	32%
Total	370	97%	65%	16%	348	95%	73%	30%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	370	97%	65%	16%	348	95%	73%	30%
Total	370	97%	65%	16%	348	95%	73%	30%

#### Mathematics

		200	2-03			2003–04			
Student Subgroup	Total Tested		ntages of 3 s Scoring a		Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			
	resteu	2–4	3–4	4	resteu	2–4	3–4	4	
Results by Race/Ethnicity									
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5	80%	40%	0%	3	S	s	S	
Black	18	72%	50%	0%	24	67%	38%	0%	
Hispanic	24	88%	33%	0%	36	83%	53%	8%	
Asian or Pacific Islander	19	100%	84%	26%	12	S	S	S	
White	308	94%	63%	9%	280	96%	79%	23%	
Total	374	93%	61%	9%	355	92%	73%	21%	
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	15	93%	80%	33%	
Results by Disability Status									
General-education students	327	96%	68%	10%	321	95%	79%	23%	
Students with disabilities	47	72%	19%	0%	34	65%	21%	0%	
Total	374	93%	61%	9%	355	92%	73%	21%	
Results by Gender									
Female	170	94%	63%	8%	179	95%	78%	19%	
Male	204	93%	60%	10%	176	90%	69%	22%	
Total	374	93%	61%	9%	355	92%	73%	21%	
Results by English Proficiency	Status								
English proficient	369	93%	62%	9%	348	94%	74%	21%	
Limited English proficient	5	80%	20%	0%	7	29%	29%	0%	
Total	374	93%	61%	9%	355	92%	73%	21%	
Results by Income Level									
Economically disadvantaged	18	78%	33%	0%	28	82%	36%	11%	
Not disadvantaged	356	94%	63%	10%	327	93%	76%	21%	
Total	374	93%	61%	9%	355	92%	73%	21%	
Results by Migrant Status									
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%	
Not migrant family	374	93%	61%	9%	355	92%	73%	21%	
Total	374	93%	61%	9%	355	92%	73%	21%	

#### Science

1			2–03			200	3–04	
Student Subgroup	Total Tested		ntages of 3 s Scoring a		Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
	resteu	2–4	3–4	4	resteu	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5	100%	100%	40%	3	S	S	S
Black	17	100%	82%	35%	24	96%	58%	13%
Hispanic	21	100%	81%	14%	33	97%	82%	15%
Asian or Pacific Islander	18	100%	100%	72%	12	S	S	S
White	304	100%	97%	56%	277	99%	94%	59%
Total	365	100%	96%	53%	349	99%	90%	52%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	15	100%	87%	53%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	323	100%	98%	59%	315	99%	94%	56%
Students with disabilities	42	100%	76%	7%	34	91%	56%	9%
Total	365	100%	96%	53%	349	99%	90%	52%
Results by Gender		•						
Female	170	100%	95%	54%	177	99%	93%	54%
Male	195	100%	96%	53%	172	98%	87%	49%
Total	365	100%	96%	53%	349	99%	90%	52%
Results by English Proficiency State	us	•						
English proficient	361	s	s	s	343	99%	92%	52%
Limited English proficient	4	s	s	S	6	100%	17%	0%
Total	365	100%	96%	53%	349	99%	90%	52%
Results by Income Level		•				•		
Economically disadvantaged	17	100%	76%	18%	28	96%	71%	29%
Not disadvantaged	348	100%	97%	55%	321	99%	92%	54%
Total	365	100%	96%	53%	349	99%	90%	52%
Results by Migrant Status		•	•	•	•		•	
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	365	100%	96%	53%	349	99%	90%	52%
Total	365	100%	96%	53%	349	99%	90%	52%

#### 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 Accomodation 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 30<sup>th</sup> of the fourth year after first entering grade 9.

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

	1999 Cohort					2000 Cohort				
Student Subgroup	Count of Students				Percent		Count of Students			Percent
	Students in Cohort	by Score			Meeting	Students	by Score		Meeting	
		Regents		Pass-	Gradu- ation	in	Regents		Pass-	Gradua- tion
		55– 64	65– 100	ed RCTs	Require- ment	Cohort	55– 64	65– 100	ed RCTs	Require- ment
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	6	0	4	0	67%	2	S	S	S	S
Black	20	0	15	0	75%	14	S	S	S	S
Hispanic	34	1	26	0	79%	19	0	17	0	89%
Asian or Pacific Islander	16	1	14	0	94%	16	0	15	0	94%
White	256	12	235	0	96%	243	2	226	1	94%
Total	332	14	294	0	93%	294	2	271	1	93%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0%	16	0	13	0	81%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	304	11	274	0	94%	261	1	245	1	95%
Students with disabilities	28	3	20	0	82%	33	1	26	0	82%
Total	332	14	294	0	93%	294	2	271	1	93%
Results by Gender										
Female	155	5	144	0	96%	160	1	152	0	96%
Male	177	9	150	0	90%	134	1	119	1	90%
Total	332	14	294	0	93%	294	2	271	1	93%
Results by English Proficiency	/ Status									
English proficient	327	14	289	0	93%	288	2	265	1	93%
Limited English proficient	5	0	5	0	100%	6	0	6	0	100%
Total	332	14	294	0	93%	294	2	271	1	93%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	25	2	20	0	88%	2	S	S	S	S
Not disadvantaged	307	12	274	0	93%	292	S	S	S	S
Total	332	14	294	0	93%	294	2	271	1	93%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	332	14	294	0	93%	294	2	271	1	93%
Total	332	14	294	0	93%	294	2	271	1	93%

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

	1999 Cohort					2000 Cohort				
Student Subgroup		Count of Students   Percent					Count of Students			Percent
	Students in Cohort	by Score			Meeting	Students	by Score		Meeting	
		Regents		Pass-	Pass- Gradu-	in	Regents		Pass-	Gradua-
		55– 64	65– 100	ed RCTs	ation Require- ment	Cohort	55– 64	65– 100	ed RCTs	tion Require- ment
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	6	0	5	0	83%	2	s	S	S	s
Black	20	2	14	0	80%	14	S	S	S	S
Hispanic	34	1	28	1	88%	19	0	14	0	74%
Asian or Pacific Islander	16	0	15	0	94%	16	1	15	0	100%
White	256	5	242	0	96%	243	4	230	2	97%
Total	332	8	304	1	94%	294	5	273	2	95%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0%	16	0	14	0	88%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	304	4	286	0	95%	261	1	248	0	95%
Students with disabilities	28	4	18	1	82%	33	4	25	2	94%
Total	332	8	304	1	94%	294	5	273	2	95%
Results by Gender								•		
Female	155	5	145	1	97%	160	2	154	1	98%
Male	177	3	159	0	92%	134	3	119	1	92%
Total	332	8	304	1	94%	294	5	273	2	95%
Results by English Proficiency	Status							I	I	
English proficient	327	8	299	1	94%	288	5	269	2	96%
Limited English proficient	5	0	5	0	100%	6	0	4	0	67%
Total	332	8	304	1	94%	294	5	273	2	95%
Results by Income Level			•		•			•		
Economically disadvantaged	25	1	21	0	88%	2	S	S	S	s
Not disadvantaged	307	7	283	1	95%	292	S	S	S	S
Total	332	8	304	1	94%	294	5	273	2	95%
Results by Migrant Status	•		•	•	•		-	•	•	•
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	332	8	304	1	94%	294	5	273	2	95%
Total	332	8	304	1	94%	294	5	273	2	95%

#### **Cohort Graduation Rates**

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement by August 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

		nort as of	1999 Cohort as of August 31, 2003			
	August					
Student Subgroup	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate		
Results by Race/Ethnicity						
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	S	6	67%		
Black	15	S	20	85%		
Hispanic	26	77%	34	62%		
Asian or Pacific Islander	19	95%	15	93%		
White	240	94%	256	95%		
Total	302	92%	331	90%		
Small Group Totals (s)	17	88%	0	0%		
Results by Disability Status						
General-education students	275	93%	302	91%		
Students with disabilities	27	81%	29	79%		
Total	302	92%	331	90%		
Results by Gender	•					
Female	129	95%	154	96%		
Male	173	91%	177	85%		
Total	302	92%	331	90%		
Results by English Proficiency St	atus					
English proficient	301	S	326	90%		
Limited English proficient	1	S	5	80%		
Total	302	92%	331	90%		
Results by Income Level						
Economically disadvantaged	3	S	20	85%		
Not disadvantaged	299	S	311	91%		
Total	302	92%	331	90%		
Results by Migrant Status						
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%		
Not migrant family	302	92%	331	90%		
Total	302	92%	331	90%		

#### 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>not</u> 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.