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# ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS REPORT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND GRADUATION RATE for

NYC GEOG DIST #31 - RIC #7

2005-06 Accountability Status:

District In Need of Improvement - Year 3
for English Language Arts
and for Mathematics

Title I Funding
Title I Part A funding received in:

2003-04: Yes 2004-05: Yes 2005-06: Yes

# **District Accountability Status Categories**

The list below defines the district status categories of New York State's district accountability system, which is divided into a Federal Title I component and a State component. A district that does not receive Title I funding in a school year does not have a federal status in that year. Consequences for districts not in good standing can be found at: <a href="http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/nyc/DINI/DINI2004-05.shtml">http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/nyc/DINI/DINI2004-05.shtml</a>. To be removed from any improvement status, a district must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) at an applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified for two consecutive years.

**District in Good Standing:** A district is considered to be in good standing if it has not been identified as a District in Need of Improvement, Requiring Corrective Action, Planning for Restructuring, or Requiring Academic Progress.

**District Requiring Academic Progress:** Under the State component of New York's accountability system, a district that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in a subject area for two consecutive years is considered a District Requiring Academic Progress (Year 1) for the following year. In each succeeding year that the school fails to make AYP, the year designation is incremented by one.

**District in Need of Improvement (Year 1):** A district that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in the same subject area for two consecutive years while receiving Title I funds is considered a District in Need of Improvement (Year 1) for the following year.

District in Need of Improvement (Year 2): A District in Need of Improvement (Year 1) that misses making AYP at every

applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a District in Need of Improvement (Year 2) for the following year.

**District Requiring Corrective Action:** A District in Need of Improvement (Year 2) that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a District Requiring Corrective Action for the following year.

**District Planning for Restructuring:** A District Requiring Corrective Action that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a District Planning for Restructuring for the following year.

**District Restructuring:** A District Planning for Restructuring that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a District Restructuring for the following year.

# **Elementary-Level English Language Arts**

Definitions of terms, such as Performance Index and Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

To make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2004–05, every accountability group must make AYP.

For an accountability group to make AYP in 2004–05, it must

- 1. meet the 95 percent participation requirement (2004–05 Participation), and
- either meet its Effective AMO or make safe harbor (2004–05 Performance and Standards).

To meet the participation requirement, 95 percent of the grade 4 enrollment in each accountability group with 40 or more students must be tested. To meet the

Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more continuously enrolled students must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its ELA safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the elementary-level science qualification for safe harbor. (See the elementary-level science page of this report for further information on meeting the science qualification for safe harbor.)

**ELA Safe Harbor Targets:** The elementary-level 2004–05 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pa	articipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	2	004-05 Stan	dards	Made	2005–06
Accountability Group	Grade 4 Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Tested	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	Effective AMO	ELA Safe Harbor Target	Met the Science Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in ELA in 2004–05	ELA Safe Harbor Target
All Students	4,486	99%	4,332	161	129			YES	
Students with Disabilities****	853	97%	805	101	127	104	YES	YES	111
American Indian/Alaskan Native	23		23						
Black	705	98%	673	137	127			YES	
Hispanic	828	98%	779	144	127			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	317	99%	293	176	125			YES	
White	2,613	99%	2,564	171	129			YES	
Limited English Proficient	435	92%	206	102	123	123	YES	NO	112
Economically Disadvantaged	2,498	99%	2,385	147	129			YES	
Final AYP Determination								NO	

<sup>\*</sup>If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the enrollment shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 enrollments and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates for those two years.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled tested students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and PIs.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Groups with a "\*\*\*" are not required to meet the science qualification for safe harbor to make safe harbor in English and mathematics because fewer than 30 students in the group were administered the science test.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>In cases of failure to make AYP solely because of the performance of students with disabilities, meeting the 95% participation requirement for this group and subject and meeting or exceeding the AMO if 34 points were added to the PI for this group and subject is an approved way of making AYP for students with disabilities.

# **Elementary-Level Mathematics**

Definitions of terms, such as Performance Index and Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

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- 1. meet the 95 percent participation requirement (2004–05 Participation), and
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To meet the participation requirement, 95 percent of the grade 4 enrollment in each accountability group with 40 or more students must be tested. To meet the

Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more continuously enrolled students must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its math safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the elementary-level science qualification for safe harbor. (See the elementary-level science page of this report for further information on meeting the science qualification for safe harbor.)

**Math Safe Harbor Targets:** The elementary-level 2004–05 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pa	articipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	20	004-05 Stand	dards	Made	2005–06
Accountability Group	Grade 4 Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Tested	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	Effective AMO	Math Safe Harbor Target	Met the Science Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in Math in 2004–05	Math Safe Harbor Target
All Students	4,475	99%	4,301	178	140			YES	
Students with Disabilities****	849	97%	799	130	138	122	YES	YES	137
American Indian/Alaskan Native	23		23						
Black	701	99%	662	153	138			YES	
Hispanic	825	99%	772	169	138			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	317	99%	292	193	136			YES	
White	2,609	99%	2,552	186	140			YES	
Limited English Proficient	231	98%	207	139	134			YES	
Economically Disadvantaged	2,502	99%	2,373	168	140			YES	
Final AYP Determination								YES	

<sup>\*</sup>If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the enrollment shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 enrollments and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates over those two years.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled tested students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and Pls.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Groups with a "\*\*\*" are not required to meet the science qualification for safe harbor to make safe harbor in English and mathematics because fewer than 30 students in the group were administered the science test.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> In cases of failure to make AYP solely because of the performance of students with disabilities, meeting the 95% participation requirement for this group and subject and meeting or exceeding the AMO if 34 points were added to the PI for this group and subject is an approved way of making AYP for students with disabilities.

# **Elementary-Level Science**

Definitions of terms, such as Progress Target and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

Made AYP in Science in 2004–05: To make AYP in science, the Performance Index (PI) for the "All Students" group must equal or exceed the State Science Standard or the Science Progress Target.

**Qualification for Safe Harbor in Elementary-Level ELA and Math:**For an accountability group to be considered Qualified for Safe Harbor

in Elementary-Level ELA and Math, the PI must equal or exceed the State Science Standard or the Science Progress Target in elementary-level science for that group. Groups with fewer than 30 students tested in elementary-level science are not subject to this qualification criterion.

Science Progress Targets: The elementary-level 2004–05 Science Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the 2003–04 Pl. The 2005–06 Science Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the 2004–05 Pl. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose Pl was below the State Science Standard in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pe	erformance*	2004–05 \$	Standards		2004–05	2005–06
Accountability Group	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	State Science Standard	Science Progress Target	Made AYP in Science in 2004–05	Qualified for Safe Harbor in Elementary- Level ELA and Math	Science Progress Target
All Students	4,276	166	100		YES	YES	
Students with Disabilities	786	116	100			YES	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	23						
Black	655	136	100			YES	
Hispanic	771	150	100			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	292	185	100			YES	
White	2,535	177	100			YES	
Limited English Proficient	202	98	100	88		YES	99
Economically Disadvantaged	2,359	152	100			YES	
Final AYP Determination					YES		

<sup>\*</sup>If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and Performance Indices.

# Middle-Level English Language Arts

Definitions of terms, such as Performance Index and Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

To make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2004–05, every accountability group must make AYP.

For an accountability group to make AYP in 2004-05, it must

- 1. meet the 95 percent participation requirement (**2004–05 Participation**), and
- 2. *either* meet its Effective AMO *or* make safe harbor (**2004–05 Performance** and **Standards**).

To meet the participation requirement, 95 percent of the grade 8 enrollment in each accountability group with 40 or more students must exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the Performance Index

be tested. To meet the Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more continuously enrolled students must equal or of each of these groups must equal or exceed its ELA safe harbor target and the group must meet the middle-level science qualification for safe harbor. (See the middle-level science page of this report for further information on meeting the science qualification for safe harbor.)

**ELA Safe Harbor Targets:** The middle-level 2004–05 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pa	articipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	20	004-05 Stan	dards	Mode	2005–06
Accountability Group	Grade 8 Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Tested	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	Effective AMO	ELA Safe Harbor Target	Met the Science Qualification for Safe Harbor	Made AYP in ELA in 2004–05	ELA Safe Harbor Target
All Students	4,809	98%	4,618	139	114			YES	
Students with Disabilities****	1,575	91%	689	83	112	91	YES	NO	95
American Indian/Alaskan Native	11		11						
Black	751	95%	701	108	112	112	YES	NO	117
Hispanic	905	97%	861	116	112			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	344	98%	331	159	110			YES	
White	2,798	98%	2,714	151	114			YES	
Limited English Proficient	477	90%	197	96	108	108	YES	NO	106
Economically Disadvantaged	2,485	97%	2,375	122	114			YES	
Final AYP Determination		(	41 0004 0	- 1			0.4	NO	

<sup>\*</sup>If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the enrollment shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 enrollments and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates for those two years.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled tested students in 2004-05, data for 2003-04 and 2004-05 were combined to determine counts and PIs.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Groups with a "\*\*\*" are not required to meet the science qualification for safe harbor to make safe harbor in English and mathematics because fewer than 30 students in the group were administered the science test.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> In cases of failure to make AYP solely because of the performance of students with disabilities, meeting the 95% participation requirement for this group and subject and meeting or exceeding the AMO if 34 points were added to the PI for this group and subject is an approved way of making AYP for students with disabilities.

#### Middle-Level Mathematics

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- 1. meet the 95 percent participation requirement (**2004–05** *Participation*), *and*
- 2. *either* meet its Effective AMO *or* make safe harbor (**2004–05 Performance** and **Standards**).

To meet the participation requirement, 95 percent of the grade 8 enrollment in each accountability group with 40 or more students must

be tested. To meet the Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more continuously enrolled students must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its math safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the middle-level science qualification for safe harbor. (See the middle-level science page of this report for further information on meeting the science qualification for safe harbor.)

*Math Safe Harbor Targets:* The middle-level 2004–05 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI +  $(200 - \text{the } 2003-04 \text{ PI}) \times 0.10$ . The 2005–06 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation:  $2004-05 \text{ PI} + (200 - \text{the } 2004-05 \text{ PI}) \times 0.10$ . The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pa	articipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	20	004-05 Stan	dards	Made	2005–06
Accountability Group	Grade 8 Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Tested	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	Effective AMO	Math Safe Harbor Target	Met the Science Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in Math in 2004–05	Math Safe Harbor Target
All Students	4,773	98%	4,539	129	91			YES	
Students with Disabilities	1,552	90%	670	58	89	68	YES	NO	72
American Indian/Alaskan Native	11		11						
Black	742	95%	675	82	89	89	YES	NO	94
Hispanic	897	97%	842	100	89			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	343	99%	332	164	87			YES	
White	2,780	98%	2,679	146	91			YES	
Limited English Proficient	467	92%	197	65	85	76	YES	NO	79
Economically Disadvantaged	2,481	97%	2,343	109	91			YES	
Final AYP Determination			1: 0004				04 10004 0	NO	

<sup>\*</sup>If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the enrollment shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 enrollments and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates over those two years.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled tested students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and PIs.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Groups with a "\*\*\*" are not required to meet the science qualification for safe harbor to make safe harbor in English and mathematics because fewer than 30 students in the group were administered the science test.

#### Middle-Level Science

Definitions of terms, such as Progress Target and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

Made AYP in Science in 2004–05: To make AYP in science, the Performance Index (PI) for the "All Students" group must equal or exceed the State Science Standard or the Science Progress Target.

**Qualification for Safe Harbor in Middle-Level ELA and Math:** For an accountability group to be considered Qualified for Safe Harbor in Middle-Level ELA and Math, the PI must equal or exceed the State

Science Standard or the Science Progress Target in middle-level science for that group. Groups with fewer than 30 students tested in middle-level science are not subject to this qualification criterion.

Science Progress Targets: The middle-level 2004–05 Science Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the 2003–04 Pl. The 2005–06 Science Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the 2004–05 Pl. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose Pl was below the State Science Standard in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pe	erformance*	2004–05 \$	Standards		2004–05	2005–06
Accountability Group	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	State Science Standard	Science Progress Target	Made AYP in Science in 2004–05	Qualified for Safe Harbor in Middle- Level ELA and Math	Science Progress Target
All Students	4,356	153	100		YES	YES	
Students with Disabilities	596	92	100	83		YES	93
American Indian/Alaskan Native	10						
Black	632	111	100			YES	
Hispanic	794	133	100			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	328	173	100			YES	
White	2,592	167	100			YES	
Limited English Proficient	179	79	100	68		YES	80
Economically Disadvantaged	2,235	137	100			YES	
Final AYP Determination		tudanta in 0004 (		200 04 1 0	YES		

<sup>\*</sup>If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and PIs.

# Secondary-Level English Language Arts

Definitions of terms, such as Performance Index and Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

To make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2004–05, every accountability group must make AYP.

For an accountability group to make AYP in 2004–05, 95 percent of seniors in each accountability group of 40 or more must have taken an English examination that meets the student graduation requirement. Each group must also meet its Effective AMO or make safe harbor (2004–05 Performance and Standards). To meet the Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more cohort members must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the

Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its ELA safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor. (See the graduation-rate page of this report for further information on meeting the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor.)

**ELA Safe Harbor Targets:** The secondary-level 2004–05 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

Accountability Group	2004-05 Part	icipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	20	004–05 St	andards	Made	2005-06
	Count of Seniors in 2004–05	Percent of Seniors Tested	Count of 2001 Accountability Cohort Members	Performance Index	Effective AMO	ELA Safe Harbor Target	Met the Graduation- Rate Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in ELA in 2004–05	ELA Safe Harbor Target
All Students	3,152	97%	3,073	167	146			YES	
Students with Disabilities	434	95%	249	89	141	120	NO	NO	100
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5		6						
Black	875	96%	429	137	143	142	YES	NO	143
Hispanic	442	97%	444	152	143			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	314	98%	299	177	142			YES	
White	1,955	97%	1,895	176	145			YES	
Limited English Proficient	177	93%	101	72	138	102	NO	NO	85
Economically Disadvantaged	606	95%	628	145	144			YES	
Final AYP Determination								NO	

<sup>\*</sup>If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the count of seniors shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 counts and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates for those two years.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If there were fewer than thirty 2001 accountability cohort members, 2000 and 2001 cohort data were combined to determine counts and PIs.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Groups with a "\*\*\*" are not required to meet the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor, because fewer than 30 members in the 2000 graduation-rate cohort were in those groups.

# **Secondary-Level Mathematics**

Definitions of terms, such as Performance Index and Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

To make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2004–05, every accountability group must make AYP.

For an accountability group to make AYP in 2004–05, 95 percent of seniors in each accountability group of 40 or more must have taken a mathematics examination that meets the student graduation requirement. Each group must also meet its Effective AMO or make safe harbor (2004–05 Performance and Standards). To meet the Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more cohort members must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe

harbor, the Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its math safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor. (See the graduation-rate page of this report for further information on meeting the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor.)

**Math Safe Harbor Targets:** The secondary-level 2004–05 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI)  $\times$  0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

Accountability Group	2004-05 Parti	cipation*	2004–05 Per	formance**	20	004–05 St	andards	Made	2005–06
	Count of Seniors in 2004–05	Percent of Seniors Tested	Count of 2001 Accountability Cohort Members	Performance Index	Effective AMO	Math Safe Harbor Target	Met the Graduation- Rate Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in Math in 2004–05	Math Safe Harbor Target
All Students	3,152	96%	3,073	161	137			YES	
Students with Disabilities	434	94%	249	91	132	105	NO	NO	102
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5		6						
Black	875	93%	429	127	134	109	YES	NO	134
Hispanic	442	96%	444	143	134			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	314	98%	299	182	133			YES	
White	1,955	97%	1,895	170	136			YES	
Limited English Proficient	177	92%	101	98	129	110	NO	NO	108
Economically Disadvantaged	1,167	94%	628	140	135			NO	
Final AYP Determination								NO	

<sup>\*</sup>If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the count of seniors shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 counts and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates for those two years.

<sup>\*\*</sup>It there were fewer than thirty 2001 accountability cohort members, 2000 and 2001 cohort data were combined to determine counts and PIs.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Groups with a "\*\*" are not required to meet the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor, because fewer than 30 members in the 2000 graduation-rate cohort were in those groups.

#### **Graduation Rate**

Definitions of terms, such as Progress Target and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

Made AYP in Graduation Rate in 2004–05: To make AYP in graduation rate, the Percent Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004 for the "All Students" group must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard or the Graduation-Rate Progress Target.

**Qualification for Safe Harbor in Secondary-Level ELA and Math:** For an accountability group to be considered Qualified for Safe Harbor in Secondary-Level ELA and Math, the Percent Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004 must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard or the Graduation-Rate Progress Target for that group.

Graduation-Rate Progress Targets: The 2004–05 Graduation-Rate Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the Percent of the 1999 Cohort Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2003. The 2005–06 Graduation-Rate Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the Percent of the 2000 Cohort Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004. This target is provided for each group whose Percent Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004 is below the Graduation-Rate Standard in 2004–05 (55). Groups with fewer than 30 cohort members are not subject to this criterion.

	2004–05	S Performance	2004–05 \$	Standards	Mada AVD	2004–05	2005–06
Accountability Group	Count of 2000 Graduation- Rate Cohort Members	Percent Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004	Graduation- Rate Standard	Graduation- Rate Progress Target	Made AYP in Graduation Rate in 2004–05	Qualified for Safe Harbor in Secondary- Level ELA and Math	Graduation- Rate Progress Target
All Students	3,071	77	55		YES	YES	
Students with Disabilities	243	53	55	55		NO	54
American Indian/Alaskan Native	10						
Black	462	59	55			YES	
Hispanic	441	62	55			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	242	85	55			YES	
White	1,916	84	55			YES	
Limited English Proficient	100	47	55	55		NO	48
Economically Disadvantaged	583	59	55			YES	
Final AYP Determination					YES		

### Glossary

Accountability Cohort: The 2001 school accountability cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in the fall of 2001, and all ungraded students with disabilities who reached their seventeenth birthday in the 2001–02 school year, who were enrolled on October 8, 2003. Students who transferred to programs leading to a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma were not included in the 2001 school accountability cohort. The 2001 district accountability cohort consists of all students in each school accountability cohort plus students who transferred within the district after BEDS day *plus* students who were placed outside the district by the Committee on Special Education or district administrators and who met the other requirements for cohort membership. Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

**Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):** Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) indicates satisfactory progress by a district or a school toward the goal of proficiency for all students.

Annual Measurable Objective (AMO): The Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) is the PI value that signifies that an accountability group is making satisfactory progress toward the goal that 100 percent of students will be proficient in the State's learning standards for English language arts and mathematics by 2013–14. The AMO will be increased in regular increments beginning in 2004–05 until it reaches 200 in 2013–14. (See Effective AMO for further information.)

**Continuously Enrolled Students:** Students enrolled in the school or district on BEDS day (usually the first Wednesday in October) of the school year and until the day of testing.

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (Effective AMO): The Effective Annual Measurable Objective (Effective AMO) is the PI value that each accountability group within a school or district is expected to achieve to make AYP. The Effective AMO is the lowest PI that an accountability group of a given size can achieve in a subject for the group's PI not to be considered significantly different from the AMO for that subject. If an accountability group's PI equals or exceeds the Effective AMO, it is considered to have made AYP. A more complete definition of Effective AMO and a table showing the PI values that each group size must equal or exceed to make AYP are available at www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts.

**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.

**Graduation-Rate Standard:** The criterion value that represents a minimally satisfactory percentage of cohort members earning a local diploma. The State Graduation-Rate Standard is 55 percent. The Commissioner may raise the Graduation-Rate Standard at his discretion in future years.

**Performance Index (PI):** A Performance Index is a value from 0 to 200 that is assigned to an accountability group, indicating how that group performed on a required State test (or approved alternative) in English language arts, mathematics, or science. Student scores on the tests are converted to four achievement levels, from Level 1 (indicating no proficiency) to Level 4 (indicating advanced proficiency). At the elementary and middle levels, the PI is calculated using the following equation:  $100 \times [(Count of Continuously Enrolled Tested Students Performing at Levels 2, 3, and 4 + the Count at Levels 3 and 4) <math>\neq$  Count of All Continuously Enrolled Tested Students]. At the secondary level, the PI is calculated using the following equation:  $100 \times [(Count of Cohort Members Performing at Levels 2, 3, and 4 + the Count at Levels 3 and 4) <math>\neq$  Count of All Cohort Members]. A list of tests used to measure student performance for accountability is available at www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts.

**Progress Target:** For accountability groups below the State Standard in science or graduation rate, the Progress Target is an alternative method for making AYP or qualifying for safe harbor in English language arts and mathematics based on improvement over the previous year's performance.

**Safe Harbor:** Safe Harbor provides an alternative means to demonstrate AYP for accountability groups that do not achieve their Effective AMOs in English or mathematics.

**Science Standard:** The criterion value that represents a minimally satisfactory performance in science. In 2004–05, the State Science Standard at the elementary and middle levels was a PI of 100. The Commissioner may raise the State Science Standard at his discretion in future years.