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ANALYSIS OF STUDENT SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE

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School Report Card Coordinator Information and Reporting Services Team New York State Education Department Room 863 EBA 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234 E-mail: RPTCARD@mail.nysed.gov 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: April 2006*, available on the Information and Reporting Services Web site at www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts.

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

District Profile

Superintendent: Terry N. Fralick		Phone: (315)785-3700
Organization	Grade Range	Student Enrollment
2004–05	NA	4379

2003–04 District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$10,354
2003–04 NYS Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$13,826

2004–05 Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers*

Total Number of Core Classes	Percent Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
690	97%
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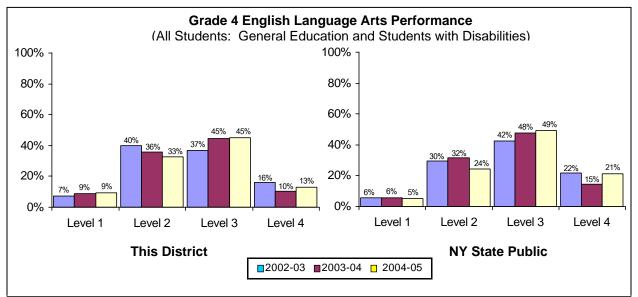
*To meet the federal definition of "highly qualified," public school teachers of core academic subjects must have at least a bachelor's degree and be State certified for and demonstrate subject matter competency in the core academic subject(s) they teach.

2004–05 Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate*

Total Number of Teachers	Percent with No Valid Teaching Certificate
304	1%

*Includes teachers with a modified temporary license.

English Language Arts



Percentages less than 0.51 will appear as zero because of rounding.

Derfermenes et	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
Feb 2003	24	129	118	51	322	652
Feb 2004	31	123	154	36	344	649
Feb 2005	31	109	150	43	333	651

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.			

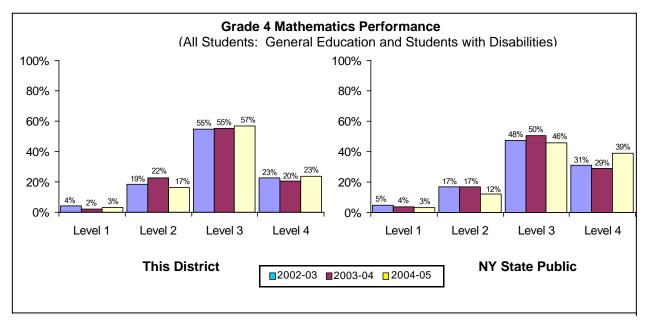
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 4	Level 1	Level 2	Levels 3 & 4	Total Tested
2005	#	#	#	3

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
2004–05	0	0	0	0	0

Mathematics



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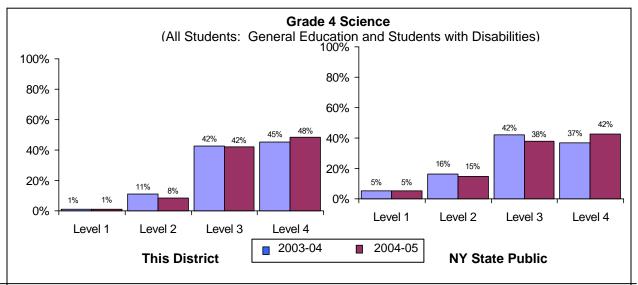
Dorformonoo ot	Counts of Students					
Performance at This District	Level 1 448–601	Level 2 602–636	Level 3 637–677	Level 4 678–810	Total Tested	Mean Score
May 2003	13	60	177	74	324	657
May 2004	7	77	189	70	343	656
May 2005	10	55	189	78	332	660

	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
2004–05	0	0	0	0	0

Science*



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Derfermence et						
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	4	36	138	147	325	80
May 2005	4	27	135	156	322	82

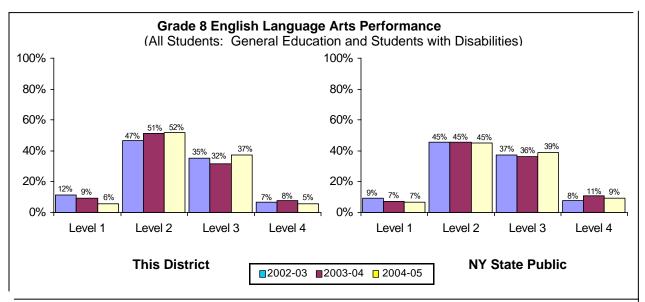
Elementary-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards				
Level 4 These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.				
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents 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
2004–05	0	0	0	0	0

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

English Language Arts



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Derfermence et						
Performance at This District	Level 1 527–657	Level 2 658–696	Level 3 697–736	Level 4 737–830	Total Tested	Mean Score
January 2003	34	137	103	20	294	691
January 2004	31	172	107	27	337	694
January 2005	20	180	130	19	349	694

Middle-L	evel 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.		

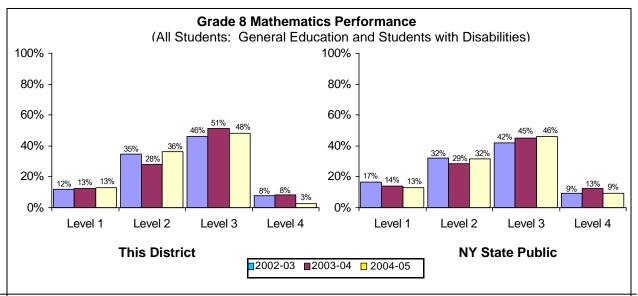
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 8	Level 1	Level 2	Levels 3 & 4	Total Tested
2005	#	#	#	1

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
2004–05	0	0	0	0	0

Mathematics



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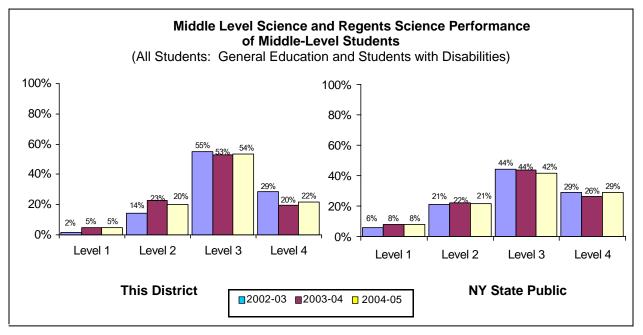
Derfermence et						
Performance at This District	Level 1 517–680	Level 2 681–715	Level 3 716–759	Level 4 760–882	Total Tested	Mean Score
May 2003	36	106	141	24	307	715
May 2004	42	93	172	27	334	715
May 2005	44	126	167	9	346	711

Middle-L	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
2004–05	0	0	0	0	0

Science



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Porform	Performance at This District		Counts of Students Tested					
Ferrormance at This District		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total Tested	Mean Score	
January/	Middle-Level Science	5	40	140	50	235	74	
June 2003	Regents Science	0	0	13	30	43	86	
January/	Middle-Level Science	15	69	151	34	269	70	
June 2004	Regents Science	0	0	11	26	37	87	
January/	Middle-Level Science	15	66	158	39	278	70	
June 2005	Regents Science	0	0	16	31	47	86	

Middle-L	evel 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.

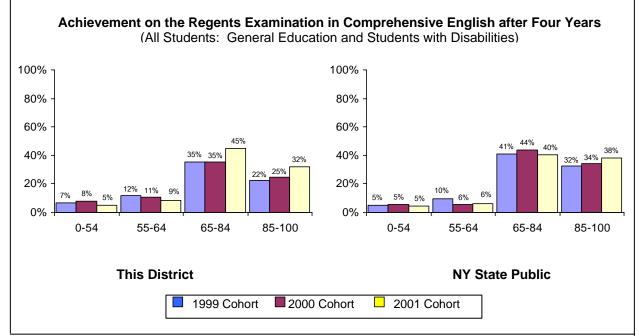
*Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at Level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

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
2004–05	0	0	0	0	0

High School English Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graphs and tables below present performance of the 1999, 2000, and 2001 district accountability 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.



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	English Gr	aduation Require	ement Achieveme	nt after Four Yea	rs 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
1999 Cohort		21	36	108	68	0
2000 Cohort	265	21	28	94	66	0
2001 Cohort	265	14	23	119	85	0

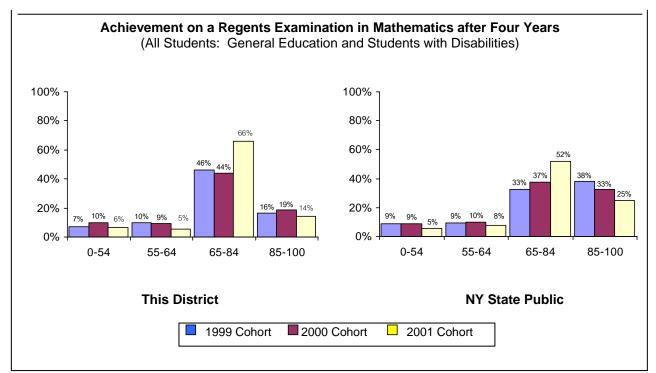
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include the Regents examination in comprehensive English, the component retest in English, and approved alternatives.

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							
1999 Cohort	4	4							
2000 Cohort	2	1							
2001 Cohort	7	1							

*Includes only students eligible for the safety net who did not score 55 or higher on the Regents examination or an approved alternative.

High School Mathematics Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graphs and tables below present performance of the 1999, 2000, and 2001 district accountability 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.



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	Mathematics Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*										
	Cohort Members	Highest Score	Highest Score Highest Score		Highest Score	Approved					
	All Students	Between 0 and 54	Between 55 and 64	Between 65 and 84	Between 85 and 100	Alternative Credit					
1999 Cohort	305	21	30	140	50	0					
2000 Cohort	265	26	25	116	50	0					
2001 Cohort	265	17	14	174	38	0					

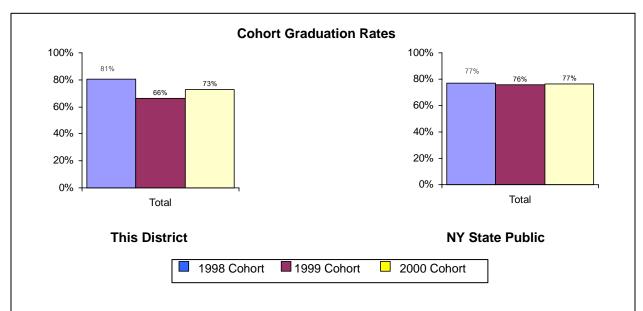
^{*}Assessments used to determine counts in this table include a Regents examination in mathematics, the component retest in mathematics and approved alternatives.

Performance of Students Who Took the Regents Competency Test in Mathematics to Meet the Graduation Requirement*							
	Passed the RCT	Failed at Least One RCT					
1999 Cohort	10	0					
2000 Cohort	9	0					
2001 Cohort	11	0					

*Includes only students eligible for the safety net who did not score 55 or higher on the Regents examination or an approved alternative.

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, 1999, and 2000 district accountability cohorts for English and mathematics.



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	Cohort Graduation Rates										
	Cohort Members* (a)	Transfers to GED (b)	Graduation Rate Cohort Members (a+b)	Number Graduated							
1998 Cohort	245	9	254	205							
1999 Cohort	293	10	303	200							
2000 Cohort	249	8	257	187							

*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 district tend to fall into particular groups, such as minority students, limited English proficient students, or economically disadvantaged students. If these analyses provide evidence that students in one of the groups achieve at a lower level than other students, the district 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 2004–05 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

		<u> </u>	3–04	5		2004	4–05	
Student Subgroup	Total		ntages of 1 s Scoring a		Total		ntages of T s Scoring a	
	Tested	2–4	3–4	4	Tested	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	s	S	s	3	S	S	s
Black	41	95%	51%	5%	49	92%	45%	8%
Hispanic	16	81%	50%	19%	20	100%	65%	15%
Asian or Pacific Islander	11	s	S	S	6	S	S	s
White	273	91%	56%	11%	255	89%	59%	13%
Total	344	91%	55%	10%	333	91%	58%	13%
Small Group Totals (s)	14	93%	50%	7%	9	100%	78%	22%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	287	98%	64%	13%	277	97%	68%	15%
Students with disabilities	57	56%	11%	0%	56	59%	7%	2%
Total	344	91%	55%	10%	333	91%	58%	13%
Results by Gender				•			•	
Female	167	93%	60%	14%	162	93%	62%	17%
Male	177	89%	50%	7%	171	88%	54%	9%
Total	344	91%	55%	10%	333	91%	58%	13%
Results by English Proficiency	Status		•	•			•	
English proficient	336	91%	56%	10%	329	S	S	S
Limited English proficient	8	88%	25%	13%	4	S	S	S
Total	344	91%	55%	10%	333	91%	58%	13%
Results by Income Level				•			•	
Economically disadvantaged	187	86%	42%	2%	169	85%	48%	10%
Not disadvantaged	157	97%	71%	21%	164	96%	68%	16%
Total	344	91%	55%	10%	333	91%	58%	13%
Results by Migrant Status			•					•
Migrant family	1	S	S	S	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	343	S	S	S	333	91%	58%	13%
Total	344	91%	55%	10%	333	91%	58%	13%

Mathematics

		200	3–04			200	4–05	
Student Subgroup	Total	Perce Student	ntages of 1 s Scoring a	Fested at Levels	Total		ntages of 1 s Scoring a	
	Tested	2–4	3–4	4	Tested	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	s	s	S	2	s	S	s
Black	42	100%	60%	14%	50	96%	72%	12%
Hispanic	16	88%	56%	19%	20	95%	80%	15%
Asian or Pacific Islander	9	s	s	S	6	s	S	s
White	273	98%	79%	21%	254	97%	82%	26%
Total	343	98%	76%	20%	332	97%	80%	23%
Small Group Totals (s)	12	100%	83%	33%	8	100%	88%	50%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	286	99%	82%	24%	274	99%	86%	26%
Students with disabilities	57	91%	42%	2%	58	90%	52%	12%
Total	343	98%	76%	20%	332	97%	80%	23%
Results by Gender								
Female	167	98%	75%	20%	159	97%	83%	23%
Male	176	98%	76%	21%	173	97%	78%	24%
Total	343	98%	76%	20%	332	97%	80%	23%
Results by English Proficiency	Status							
English proficient	335	98%	76%	21%	326	97%	81%	24%
Limited English proficient	8	88%	38%	0%	6	83%	50%	0%
Total	343	98%	76%	20%	332	97%	80%	23%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	182	96%	66%	13%	168	96%	73%	16%
Not disadvantaged	161	100%	86%	29%	164	98%	88%	31%
Total	343	98%	76%	20%	332	97%	80%	23%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	1	S	S	S	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	342	S	S	S	332	97%	80%	23%
Total	343	98%	76%	20%	332	97%	80%	23%

Science

		2003	3–04			200	4–05	
Student Subgroup	Total Tested		ntages of s Scoring		Total Tested		ntages of T s Scoring a	
	Testeu	2–4	3–4	4	Testeu	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	S	S	S	2	S	S	S
Black	38	100%	87%	24%	48	100%	96%	23%
Hispanic	14	93%	79%	43%	20	100%	85%	50%
Asian or Pacific Islander	9	S	S	S	6	S	S	S
White	262	99%	88%	48%	246	98%	90%	53%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%	322	99%	90%	48%
Small Group Totals (s)	11	100%	91%	55%	8	100%	75%	50%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	276	99%	92%	50%	268	100%	94%	52%
Students with disabilities	49	96%	65%	18%	54	93%	70%	30%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%	322	99%	90%	48%
Results by Gender	•					•	•	
Female	159	99%	84%	39%	158	99%	91%	47%
Male	166	99%	91%	51%	164	98%	90%	49%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%	322	99%	90%	48%
Results by English Proficiency	Status							
English proficient	317	99%	88%	46%	316	99%	91%	49%
Limited English proficient	8	100%	88%	25%	6	100%	67%	0%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%	322	99%	90%	48%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	169	98%	79%	32%	160	98%	86%	38%
Not disadvantaged	156	100%	97%	60%	162	99%	95%	59%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%	322	99%	90%	48%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	1	S	S	S	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	324	S	s	S	322	99%	90%	48%
Total	325	99%	88%	45%	322	99%	90%	48%

English Language Arts

		<u> </u>	3–04	<u> </u>		2004	4–05	
Student Subgroup	Total Testad		ntages of 1 s Scoring a		Total		ntages of T s Scoring a	
	Tested	2–4	3–4	4	Tested	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	S	S	S	3	s	S	S
Black	28	93%	39%	11%	41	98%	37%	2%
Hispanic	14	93%	29%	7%	17	88%	35%	0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	S	S	S	5	s	S	S
White	289	90%	40%	8%	283	94%	44%	6%
Total	337	91%	40%	8%	349	94%	43%	5%
Small Group Totals (s)	6	100%	33%	0%	8	100%	38%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	258	98%	51%	10%	292	99%	50%	7%
Students with disabilities	79	66%	4%	0%	57	72%	4%	0%
Total	337	91%	40%	8%	349	94%	43%	5%
Results by Gender			•	•	•		•	•
Female	162	93%	47%	10%	169	94%	47%	7%
Male	175	89%	33%	6%	180	94%	39%	4%
Total	337	91%	40%	8%	349	94%	43%	5%
Results by English Proficiency	Status		•	•			•	•
English proficient	335	S	S	S	346	S	S	S
Limited English proficient	2	S	S	S	3	S	S	S
Total	337	91%	40%	8%	349	94%	43%	5%
Results by Income Level			•	•	•		•	•
Economically disadvantaged	175	84%	25%	5%	198	92%	27%	1%
Not disadvantaged	162	98%	56%	12%	151	97%	64%	11%
Total	337	91%	40%	8%	349	94%	43%	5%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	2	S	S	S
Not migrant family	337	91%	40%	8%	347	S	S	S
Total	337	91%	40%	8%	349	94%	43%	5%

Mathematics

		200	3–04			2004–05				
Student Subgroup	Total		ntages of 1 s Scoring a		Total		ntages of T s Scoring a			
	Tested	2–4	3–4	4	Tested	2–4	3–4	4		
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	S	s	3	s	S	s		
Black	31	94%	55%	0%	39	79%	33%	3%		
Hispanic	14	71%	50%	7%	18	67%	50%	0%		
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	S	S	S	5	s	S	s		
White	283	87%	60%	8%	281	89%	54%	3%		
Total	334	87%	60%	8%	346	87%	51%	3%		
Small Group Totals (s)	6	100%	83%	33%	8	100%	38%	0%		
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	257	98%	71%	11%	285	95%	59%	3%		
Students with disabilities	77	52%	22%	0%	61	52%	13%	0%		
Total	334	87%	60%	8%	346	87%	51%	3%		
Results by Gender		•		•	•					
Female	158	87%	63%	10%	167	88%	51%	2%		
Male	176	88%	57%	6%	179	87%	51%	3%		
Total	334	87%	60%	8%	346	87%	51%	3%		
Results by English Proficiency	Status	•		•	•					
English proficient	332	S	S	S	342	S	S	S		
Limited English proficient	2	S	S	S	4	S	S	S		
Total	334	87%	60%	8%	346	87%	51%	3%		
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	175	81%	47%	3%	194	81%	36%	1%		
Not disadvantaged	159	94%	74%	13%	152	95%	70%	5%		
Total	334	87%	60%	8%	346	87%	51%	3%		
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	1	S	S	S		
Not migrant family	334	87%	60%	8%	345	s	S	s		
Total	334	87%	60%	8%	346	87%	51%	3%		

Science

		200	3–04			200	4–05	
Student Subgroup	Total Tested		ntages of ⊺ s Scoring a		Total		entages of 1 s Scoring a	
	Tested	2–4	3–4	4	Tested	2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	S	S	S	3	S	S	S
Black	27	96%	63%	11%	35	94%	63%	9%
Hispanic	12	S	S	S	12	92%	83%	8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3	S	S	S	4	S	S	s
White	226	94%	71%	12%	224	95%	71%	15%
Total	269	94%	69%	13%	278	95%	71%	14%
Small Group Totals (s)	16	94%	50%	19%	7	86%	71%	14%
Results by Disability Status		•		•	•			•
General-education students	200	99%	81%	16%	224	99%	79%	17%
Students with disabilities	69	83%	33%	4%	54	76%	37%	2%
Total	269	94%	69%	13%	278	95%	71%	14%
Results by Gender							•	
Female	126	93%	67%	12%	131	95%	69%	13%
Male	143	96%	70%	13%	147	95%	72%	15%
Total	269	94%	69%	13%	278	95%	71%	14%
Results by English Proficiency State	us							
English proficient	267	S	S	S	275	S	S	S
Limited English proficient	2	S	S	S	3	S	S	S
Total	269	94%	69%	13%	278	95%	71%	14%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	155	92%	59%	8%	171	93%	64%	9%
Not disadvantaged	114	97%	82%	19%	107	97%	81%	21%
Total	269	94%	69%	13%	278	95%	71%	14%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	1	S	S	S
Not migrant family	269	94%	69%	13%	277	S	s	S
Total	269	94%	69%	13%	278	95%	71%	14%

2000 and 2001 High School Cohorts

General-education students who first entered ninth grade in 2000 or 2001 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

	2000 Cohort					2001 Cohort				
Student Subgroup		Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting	Students	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting
	Students in Cohort	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	S	S	S	S	2	S	S	S	S
Black	17	3	8	0	65%	19	4	12	0	84%
Hispanic	7	1	5	0	86%	5	s	S	S	S
Asian or Pacific Islander	4	S	S	S	s	6	0	5	0	83%
White	231	24	142	2	73%	233	19	182	7	89%
Total	265	28	160	2	72%	265	23	204	7	88%
Small Group Totals (s)	10	0	5	0	50%	7	0	5	0	71%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	215	22	152	0	81%	216	13	192	0	95%
Students with disabilities	50	6	8	2	32%	49	10	12	7	59%
Total	265	28	160	2	72%	265	23	204	7	88%
Results by Gender										
Female	128	12	84	0	75%	138	14	106	4	90%
Male	137	16	76	2	69%	127	9	98	3	87%
Total	265	28	160	2	72%	265	23	204	7	88%
Results by English Proficiency	/ Status			•				•	•	
English proficient	264	S	S	S	S	263	S	S	S	S
Limited English proficient	1	S	S	S	S	2	S	S	S	S
Total	265	28	160	2	72%	265	23	204	7	88%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	81	13	39	1	65%	71	10	41	4	77%
Not disadvantaged	184	15	121	1	74%	194	13	163	3	92%
Total	265	28	160	2	72%	265	23	204	7	88%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	1	s	S	S	S
Not migrant family	265	28	160	2	72%	264	S	S	S	S
Total	265	28	160	2	72%	265	23	204	7	88%

after Four Years of High School

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

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	2000 Cohort					2001 Cohort				
Student Subgroup		nt of Students		Percent Meeting Gradu-	Students in	Count of Students			Percent Meeting	
	Students in Cohort	by Score				by Score				
		Regents Pass-				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	S	S	S	S	2	S	S	S	S
Black	17	4	5	0	53%	19	3	14	0	89%
Hispanic	7	0	6	0	86%	5	s	S	S	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	4	S	S	S	S	6	0	5	0	83%
White	231	21	150	9	78%	233	11	188	11	90%
Total	265	25	166	9	75%	265	14	212	11	89%
Small Group Totals (s)	10	0	5	0	50%	7	0	5	0	71%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	215	24	158	0	85%	216	10	196	0	95%
Students with disabilities	50	1	8	9	36%	49	4	16	11	63%
Total	265	25	166	9	75%	265	14	212	11	89%
Results by Gender										
Female	128	13	82	5	78%	138	10	111	4	91%
Male	137	12	84	4	73%	127	4	101	7	88%
Total	265	25	166	9	75%	265	14	212	11	89%
Results by English Proficiency	Status									
English proficient	264	S	S	S	S	263	S	S	S	S
Limited English proficient	1	S	S	S	S	2	S	S	S	S
Total	265	25	166	9	75%	265	14	212	11	89%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	81	12	42	3	70%	71	3	49	3	77%
Not disadvantaged	184	13	124	6	78%	194	11	163	8	94%
Total	265	25	166	9	75%	265	14	212	11	89%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	1	S	S	S	S
Not migrant family	265	25	166	9	75%	264	s	S	S	S
Total	265	25	166	9	75%	265	14	212	11	89%

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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.

	1999 Col	nort as of	2000 Cohort as of				
	August	31, 2003	August 31, 2004				
Student Subgroup	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate			
Results by Race/Ethnicity							
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5	40%	5	S			
Black	18	72%	17	53%			
Hispanic	17	53%	8	75%			
Asian or Pacific Islander	6	67%	3	S			
White	257	67%	224	75%			
Total	303	66%	257	73%			
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	8	63%			
Results by Disability Status							
General-education students	251	73%	210	80%			
Students with disabilities	52	31%	47	38%			
Total	303	66%	257	73%			
Results by Gender							
Female	151	65%	128	75%			
Male	152	67%	129	71%			
Total	303	66%	257	73%			
Results by English Proficiency S	tatus						
English proficient	302	S	256	S			
Limited English proficient	1	S	1	S			
Total	303	66%	257	73%			
Results by Income Level							
Economically disadvantaged	87	61%	76	70%			
Not disadvantaged	216	68%	181	74%			
Total	303	66%	257	73%			
Results by Migrant Status							
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%			
Not migrant family	303	66%	257	73%			
Total	303	66%	257	73%			

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 2001 accountability cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in the fall of 2001 who were enrolled on October 8, 2003). Certain students are not included in the school accountability cohort. Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (16) 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. 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 cognitive 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.