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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE  
AND  
ANALYSIS OF STUDENT SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE  
for**

**Valley Stream Central High School District**

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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: April 2006*, available on the Information and Reporting Services Web site at [www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts).

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

## District Profile

Superintendent: Marc F. Bernstein		Phone: (516)872-5601
<b>Organization</b> <b>2004–05</b>	Grade Range	Student Enrollment
	NA	4622

<b>2003–04 District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil</b>	\$15,050
<b>2003–04 NYS Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil</b>	\$13,826

### 2004–05 Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers\*

Total Number of Core Classes	Percent Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
1,478	99%

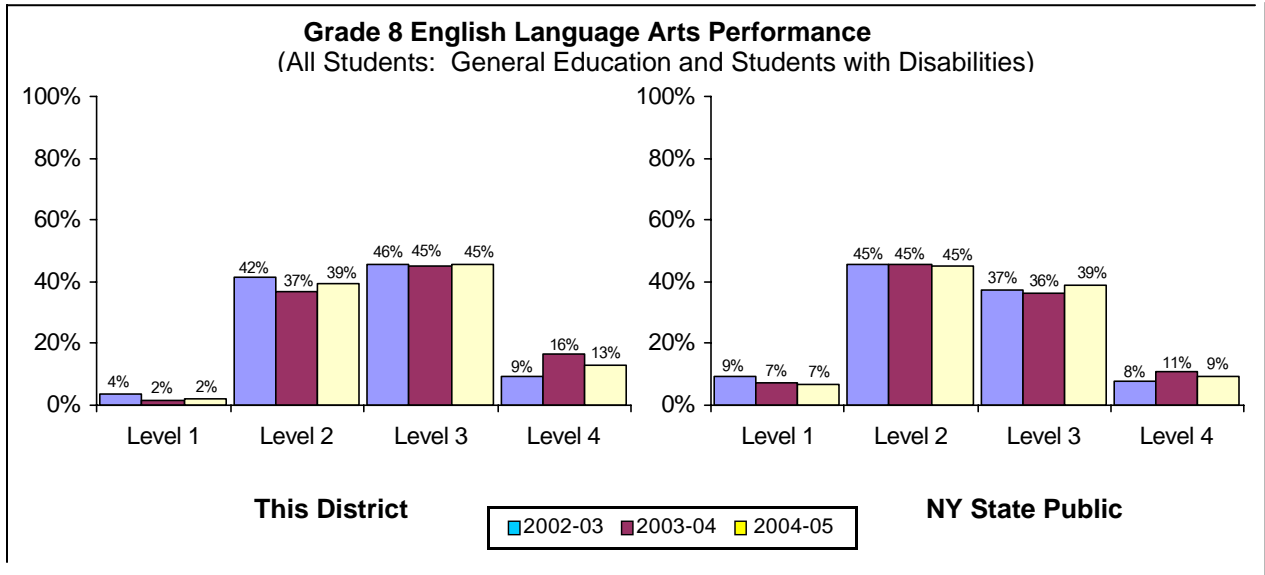
\*To meet the federal definition of "highly qualified," public school teachers of core academic subjects must have at least a bachelor's degree and be State certified for and demonstrate subject matter competency in the core academic subject(s) they teach.

### 2004–05 Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate\*

Total Number of Teachers	Percent with No Valid Teaching Certificate
347	0%

\*Includes teachers with a modified temporary license.

## Middle Level English Language Arts



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

Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 527-657	Level 2 658-696	Level 3 697-736	Level 4 737-830	Total Tested	
January 2003	27	299	328	66	720	702
January 2004	14	289	352	128	783	710
January 2005	15	283	327	95	720	707

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

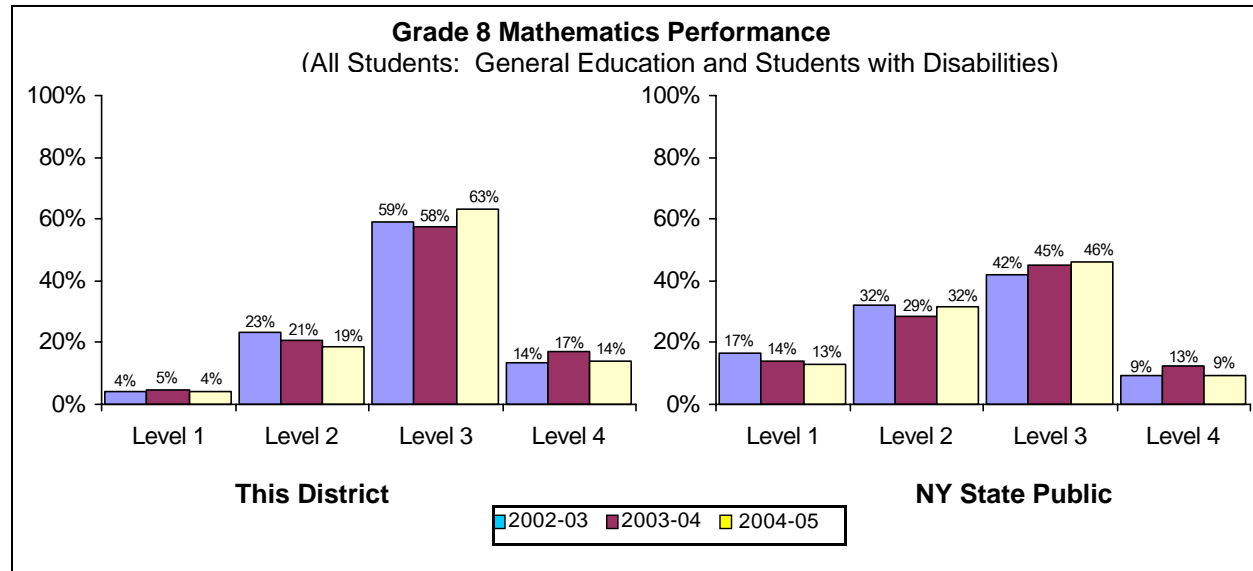
### Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 8	Level 1	Level 2	Levels 3 & 4	Total Tested
2005	1	2	6	9

### 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

## Middle Level Mathematics



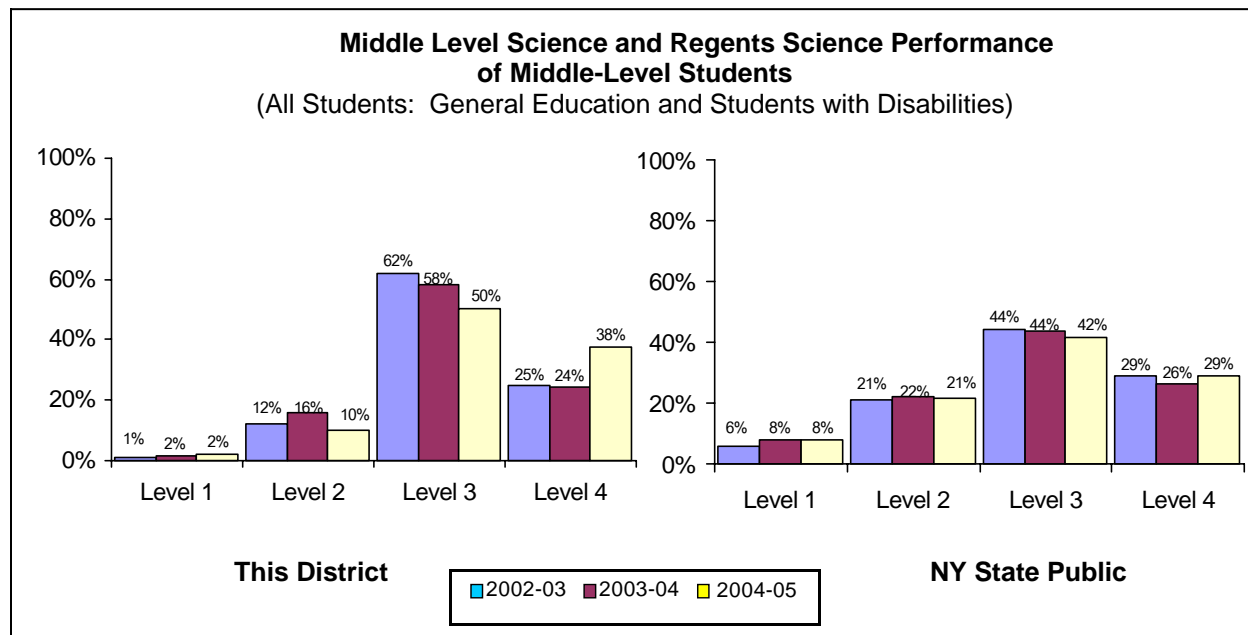
Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 517-680	Level 2 681-715	Level 3 716-759	Level 4 760-882	Total Tested	
May 2003	30	171	432	100	733	731
May 2004	38	164	458	136	796	733
May 2005	31	136	465	101	733	733

Middle-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
<b>Level 4</b>	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
<b>Level 3</b>	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 2</b>	These students <b>need extra help</b> to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 1</b>	These students have <b>serious academic deficiencies</b> .

### 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

## Middle Level Science



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

Performance at This District		Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total Tested	
January/	Middle-Level Science	6	86	355	104	551	75
June 2003	Regents Science	0	0	85	72	157	83
January/	Middle-Level Science	14	122	376	77	589	72
June 2004	Regents Science	0	0	76	111	187	86
January/	Middle-Level Science	15	70	315	137	537	76
June 2005	Regents Science	0	0	40	127	167	87

Middle-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards*	
<b>Level 4</b>	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.
<b>Level 3</b>	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.
<b>Level 2</b>	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.
<b>Level 1</b>	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.

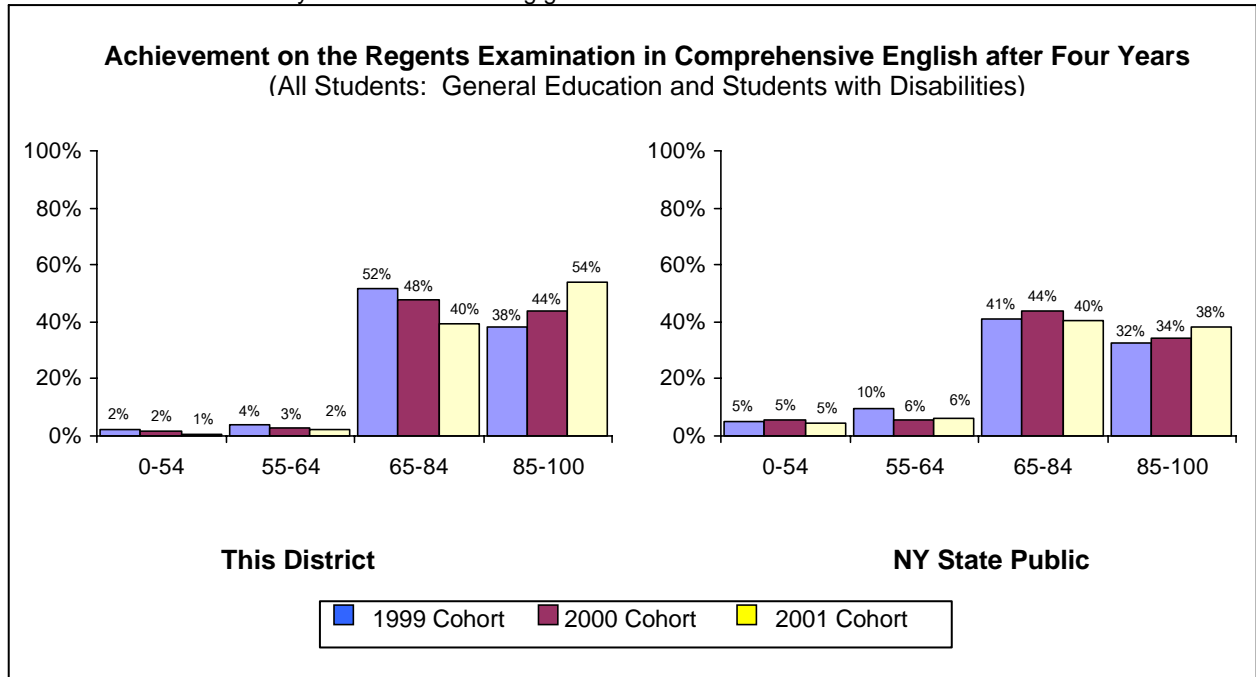
\*Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at Level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

### 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
<b>2004–05</b>	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 30<sup>th</sup> of the fourth year after first entering grade 9.



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

English Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*						
	Cohort Members All Students	Highest Score Between 0 and 54	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit
<b>1999 Cohort</b>	586	13	24	304	225	0
<b>2000 Cohort</b>	681	12	21	325	299	0
<b>2001 Cohort</b>	726	5	15	287	393	0

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

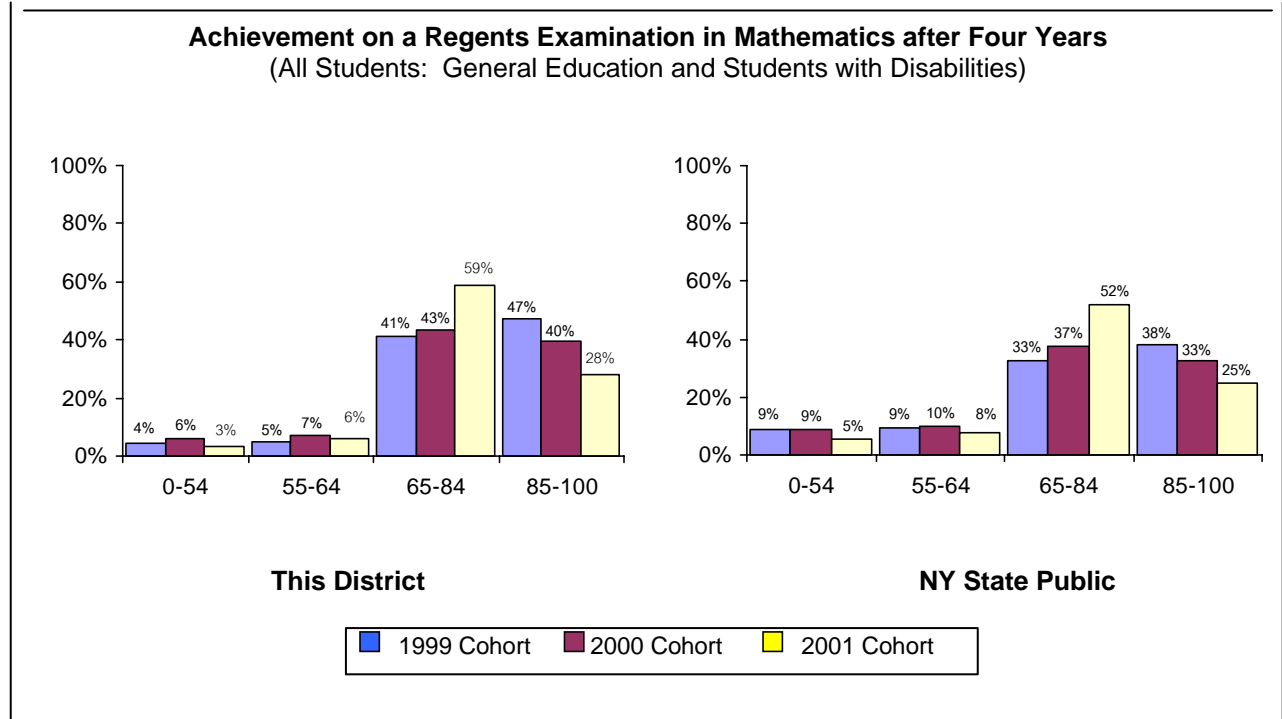
Performance of Students Who Took the Regents Competency Tests in Reading and Writing to Meet the Graduation Requirement*		
	Passed the RCTs	Failed RCT in Reading and/or Writing
<b>1999 Cohort</b>	3	2
<b>2000 Cohort</b>	0	4
<b>2001 Cohort</b>	2	0

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



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

Mathematics Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*						
	Cohort Members All Students	Highest Score Between 0 and 54	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit
<b>1999 Cohort</b>	586	26	29	241	276	0
<b>2000 Cohort</b>	681	40	49	296	269	0
<b>2001 Cohort</b>	726	25	42	428	205	0

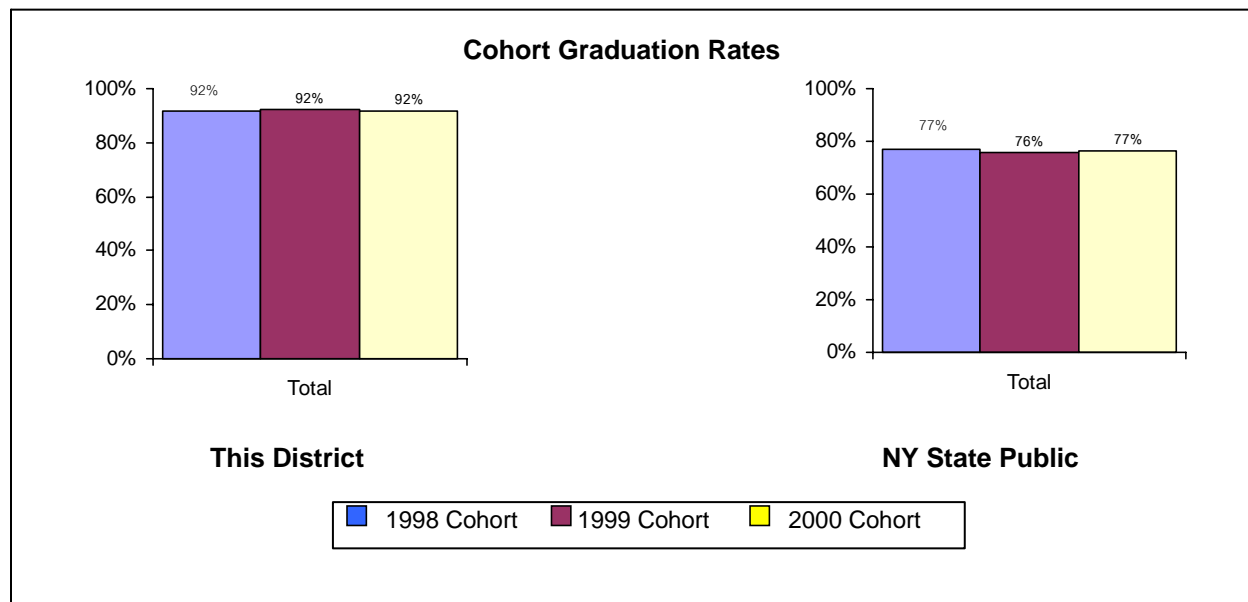
\*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include a Regents examination in mathematics, the component retest in mathematics and approved alternatives.

Performance of Students Who Took the Regents Competency Test in Mathematics to Meet the Graduation Requirement*		
	Passed the RCT	Failed at Least One RCT
<b>1999 Cohort</b>	12	0
<b>2000 Cohort</b>	14	0
<b>2001 Cohort</b>	13	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 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, 1999, and 2000 district accountability cohorts for English and mathematics.



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

Cohort Graduation Rates				
	Cohort Members* (a)	Transfers to GED (b)	Graduation Rate Cohort Members (a+b)	Number Graduated
1998 Cohort	626	9	635	583
1999 Cohort	583	10	593	548
2000 Cohort	674	11	685	628

\*Count as of August 31<sup>st</sup> 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*.

**Middle Level**  
**English Language Arts**

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Black	148	97%	47%	9%	118	94%	44%	6%
Hispanic	138	99%	49%	7%	140	98%	50%	8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	91	96%	70%	21%	102	98%	71%	25%
White	406	99%	68%	21%	360	99%	63%	14%
Total	783	98%	61%	16%	720	98%	59%	13%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	710	99%	66%	18%	641	99%	64%	15%
Students with disabilities	73	86%	15%	0%	79	87%	13%	1%
Total	783	98%	61%	16%	720	98%	59%	13%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	385	98%	66%	24%	342	99%	63%	16%
Male	398	98%	57%	9%	378	97%	54%	11%
Total	783	98%	61%	16%	720	98%	59%	13%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	783	98%	61%	16%	713	98%	59%	13%
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	7	100%	29%	0%
Total	783	98%	61%	16%	720	98%	59%	13%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	33	97%	45%	12%	32	100%	38%	13%
Not disadvantaged	750	98%	62%	17%	688	98%	60%	13%
Total	783	98%	61%	16%	720	98%	59%	13%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	783	98%	61%	16%	720	98%	59%	13%
Total	783	98%	61%	16%	720	98%	59%	13%

**Middle Level  
Mathematics**

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Black	149	96%	65%	13%	121	89%	59%	6%
Hispanic	149	89%	64%	9%	143	95%	73%	9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	99	99%	87%	28%	104	99%	86%	32%
White	399	96%	79%	19%	365	97%	83%	13%
Total	796	95%	75%	17%	733	96%	77%	14%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	721	98%	79%	19%	651	98%	82%	15%
Students with disabilities	75	72%	29%	1%	82	80%	39%	1%
Total	796	95%	75%	17%	733	96%	77%	14%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	389	95%	76%	20%	350	97%	81%	13%
Male	407	95%	73%	15%	383	95%	74%	15%
Total	796	95%	75%	17%	733	96%	77%	14%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	772	96%	75%	17%	717	96%	78%	14%
Limited English proficient	24	83%	50%	4%	16	75%	56%	6%
Total	796	95%	75%	17%	733	96%	77%	14%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	34	94%	62%	12%	37	97%	51%	8%
Not disadvantaged	762	95%	75%	17%	696	96%	79%	14%
Total	796	95%	75%	17%	733	96%	77%	14%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	796	95%	75%	17%	733	96%	77%	14%
Total	796	95%	75%	17%	733	96%	77%	14%

**Middle Level  
Science**

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Black	124	98%	72%	10%	100	95%	71%	13%
Hispanic	129	94%	72%	12%	120	97%	81%	24%
Asian or Pacific Islander	73	99%	79%	14%	68	99%	85%	31%
White	263	99%	81%	14%	249	98%	91%	30%
Total	589	98%	77%	13%	537	97%	84%	26%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	523	98%	81%	14%	465	99%	89%	28%
Students with disabilities	66	91%	44%	3%	72	88%	51%	7%
Total	589	98%	77%	13%	537	97%	84%	26%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	284	96%	76%	12%	260	99%	86%	22%
Male	305	99%	78%	14%	277	96%	83%	29%
Total	589	98%	77%	13%	537	97%	84%	26%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	569	98%	78%	13%	522	98%	84%	26%
Limited English proficient	20	80%	45%	5%	15	80%	73%	20%
Total	589	98%	77%	13%	537	97%	84%	26%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	26	96%	62%	4%	29	97%	83%	7%
Not disadvantaged	563	98%	78%	13%	508	97%	84%	27%
Total	589	98%	77%	13%	537	97%	84%	26%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	589	98%	77%	13%	537	97%	84%	26%
Total	589	98%	77%	13%	537	97%	84%	26%

## 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 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

Student Subgroup	2000 Cohort					2001 Cohort				
	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement
		Regents		Pass-ed RCTs			Regents		Pass-ed RCTs	
		55–64	65–100				55–64	65–100		
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0%	2	s	s	s	s
Black	99	7	84	0	92%	124	4	112	0	94%
Hispanic	93	7	80	0	94%	110	8	90	1	90%
Asian or Pacific Islander	79	3	71	0	94%	107	s	s	s	s
White	410	4	389	0	96%	383	2	370	1	97%
Total	681	21	624	0	95%	726	15	680	2	96%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0%	109	1	108	0	100%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>										
General-education students	595	12	568	0	97%	650	10	624	0	98%
Students with disabilities	86	9	56	0	76%	76	5	56	2	83%
Total	681	21	624	0	95%	726	15	680	2	96%
<b>Results by Gender</b>										
Female	330	8	313	0	97%	372	8	353	0	97%
Male	351	13	311	0	92%	354	7	327	2	95%
Total	681	21	624	0	95%	726	15	680	2	96%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>										
English proficient	658	17	608	0	95%	693	9	658	2	97%
Limited English proficient	23	4	16	0	87%	33	6	22	0	85%
Total	681	21	624	0	95%	726	15	680	2	96%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>										
Economically disadvantaged	18	3	12	0	83%	19	2	17	0	100%
Not disadvantaged	663	18	612	0	95%	707	13	663	2	96%
Total	681	21	624	0	95%	726	15	680	2	96%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	681	21	624	0	95%	726	15	680	2	96%
Total	681	21	624	0	95%	726	15	680	2	96%

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

Student Subgroup	2000 Cohort					2001 Cohort				
	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement
		Regents		Passed RCTs			Regents		Passed RCTs	
		55-64	65-100				55-64	65-100		
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0%	2	s	s	s	s
Black	99	12	69	3	85%	124	12	98	5	93%
Hispanic	93	13	68	4	91%	110	9	85	4	89%
Asian or Pacific Islander	79	4	68	1	92%	107	s	s	s	s
White	410	20	360	6	94%	383	16	349	4	96%
Total	681	49	565	14	92%	726	42	633	13	95%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0%	109	5	101	0	97%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>										
General-education students	595	40	519	1	94%	650	30	592	1	96%
Students with disabilities	86	9	46	13	79%	76	12	41	12	86%
Total	681	49	565	14	92%	726	42	633	13	95%
<b>Results by Gender</b>										
Female	330	24	277	9	94%	372	20	326	7	95%
Male	351	25	288	5	91%	354	22	307	6	95%
Total	681	49	565	14	92%	726	42	633	13	95%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>										
English proficient	658	43	549	14	92%	693	38	608	13	95%
Limited English proficient	23	6	16	0	96%	33	4	25	0	88%
Total	681	49	565	14	92%	726	42	633	13	95%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>										
Economically disadvantaged	18	4	12	1	94%	19	1	17	1	100%
Not disadvantaged	663	45	553	13	92%	707	41	616	12	95%
Total	681	49	565	14	92%	726	42	633	13	95%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	681	49	565	14	92%	726	42	633	13	95%
Total	681	49	565	14	92%	726	42	633	13	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.

Student Subgroup	1999 Cohort as of August 31, 2003		2000 Cohort as of August 31, 2004	
	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0	0%
Black	73	82%	97	86%
Hispanic	74	89%	92	91%
Asian or Pacific Islander	66	89%	79	90%
White	380	96%	417	94%
Total	593	92%	685	92%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>				
General-education students	531	94%	598	94%
Students with disabilities	62	76%	87	78%
Total	593	92%	685	92%
<b>Results by Gender</b>				
Female	299	95%	329	96%
Male	294	90%	356	87%
Total	593	92%	685	92%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>				
English proficient	582	93%	662	92%
Limited English proficient	11	73%	23	74%
Total	593	92%	685	92%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>				
Economically disadvantaged	16	88%	15	87%
Not disadvantaged	577	93%	670	92%
Total	593	92%	685	92%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>				
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%
Not migrant family	593	92%	685	92%
Total	593	92%	685	92%

## 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 *not* publish data for groups with fewer than five students or data that would allow readers to easily determine the performance of a group with fewer than five students. In the *Overview*, the pound character (#) appears when fewer than five students in a group were tested. In the *Analysis*, when fewer than five students in a group (e.g., Hispanic) were tested, percentages of tested students scoring at various levels are suppressed for that group and the next smallest group. Suppressed data are indicated with an (s). However, the performance of tested students in these groups is aggregated and shown in the Small Group Total row.

**Validity and Reliability of Small Group Data:** It is important that programmatic decisions are based on valid and reliable data. Data for fewer than 30 students in a group may be neither valid nor reliable. If a school does not have 30 students in a grade or a subgroup in a given year, the school should evaluate results for students in this group over a period of years to make programmatic decisions.