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AND
ANALYSIS OF STUDENT SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE
for**

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The *New York State District Report Card* is an important part of the Board of Regents effort to raise learning standards for all students. It provides information to the public on student performance and other measures of district performance. Knowledge gained from the district report card on a district's strengths and weaknesses can be used to improve instruction and services to students.

The *New York State District Report Card* consists of three parts: the *Overview of District Performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Analysis of Student Subgroup Performance*, the *Comprehensive Information Report*, and the *Accountability Status Report*. The *Overview and Analysis* presents performance data on measures required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act: English, mathematics, science, and graduation rate. Performance data on other State assessments can be found in the *Comprehensive Information Report*. The *Accountability Status Report* provides information as to whether a district is making adequate progress toward enabling all students to achieve proficiency in English and mathematics.

State assessments are designed to help ensure that all students reach high learning standards. They show whether students are getting the foundation knowledge they need to succeed at the elementary, middle, and commencement levels and beyond. The State requires that students who are not making appropriate progress toward the standards receive academic intervention services.

In the *Overview*, performance on the elementary- and middle-level assessments in English language arts, mathematics, and science is reported in terms of mean scores and the percentage of students scoring at each of the four levels. These levels indicate performance on the standards from seriously deficient to advanced proficiency. Regents examination scores are reported in four score ranges. Scores of 65 to 100 are passing; scores of 55 to 64 earn credit toward a local diploma (with the approval of the local board of education). Though each elementary- and middle-level assessment is administered to students in a specific grade, secondary-level assessments are taken by students when they complete the coursework for the core curriculum. Therefore, the performance of students at the secondary level is measured for a student cohort rather than a group of students at a particular grade level. Students are grouped in cohorts according to the year in which they first entered grade 9.

The assessment data in the *Overview and Analysis* are for all tested students in the district, including general-education students and students with disabilities. In the *Overview*, each district's performance is compared with that of all public schools statewide. In the *Analysis*, performance is disaggregated by race/ethnicity, disability status, gender, limited English proficient status, income level, and migrant status.

Explanations of terms referred to or symbols used in this part of the district report card may be found in the glossary on the last page. Further information on the district report card may be found in the guide, *Understanding Your School Report Card: 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: Brenda L. Smith		Phone: (914)665-5201
Organization 2004–05	Grade Range	Student Enrollment
	NA	9926

2003–04 District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$14,334
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
1,879	88%

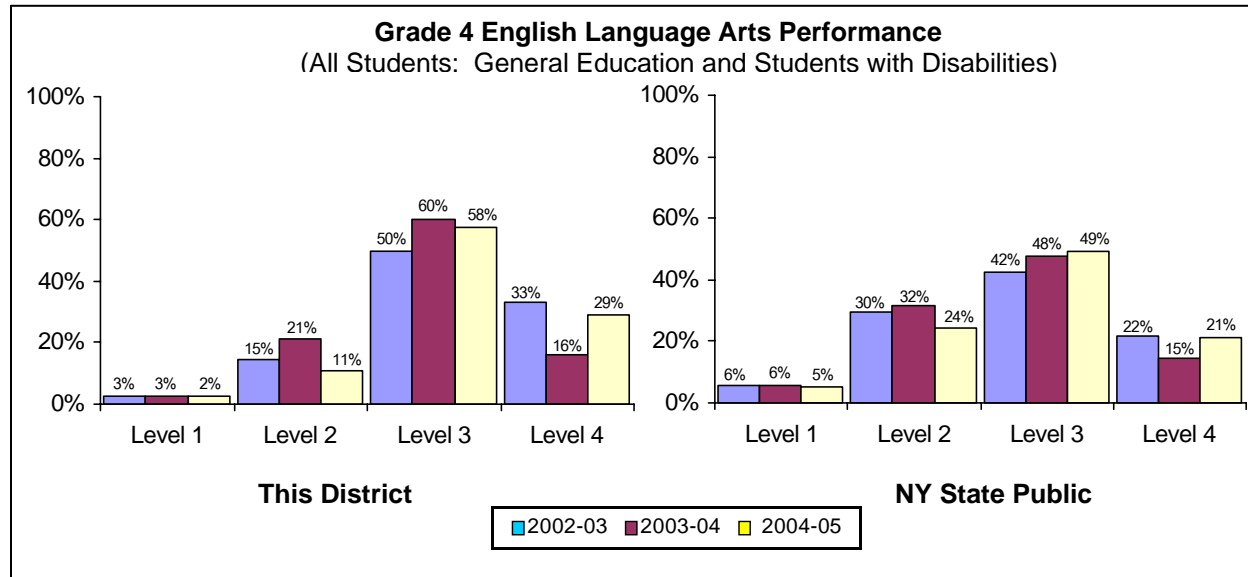
*To meet the federal definition of "highly qualified," public school teachers of core academic subjects must have at least a bachelor's degree and be State certified for and demonstrate subject matter competency in the core academic subject(s) they teach.

2004–05 Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate*

Total Number of Teachers	Percent with No Valid Teaching Certificate
709	2%

*Includes teachers with a modified temporary license.

Elementary 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 1 455–602	Level 2 603–644	Level 3 645–691	Level 4 692–800	Total Tested	
Feb 2003	20	106	364	241	731	675
Feb 2004	21	167	470	124	782	664
Feb 2005	18	81	424	212	735	678

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 .

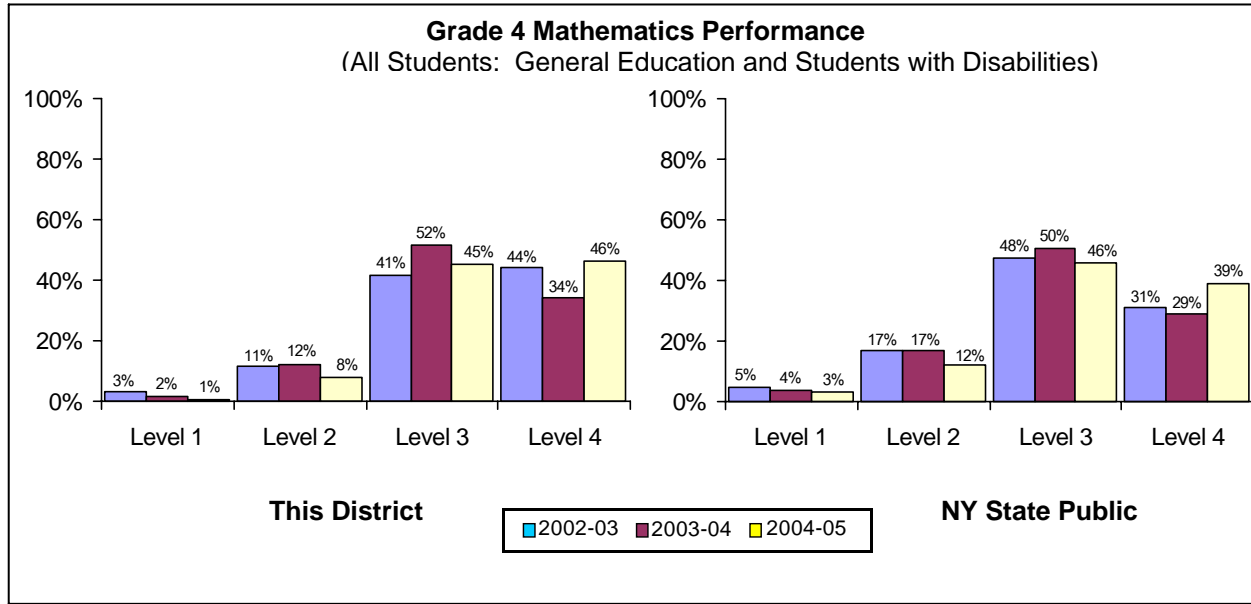
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 4	Level 1	Level 2	Levels 3 & 4	Total Tested
2005	4	4	19	27

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	7	7

Elementary Level Mathematics



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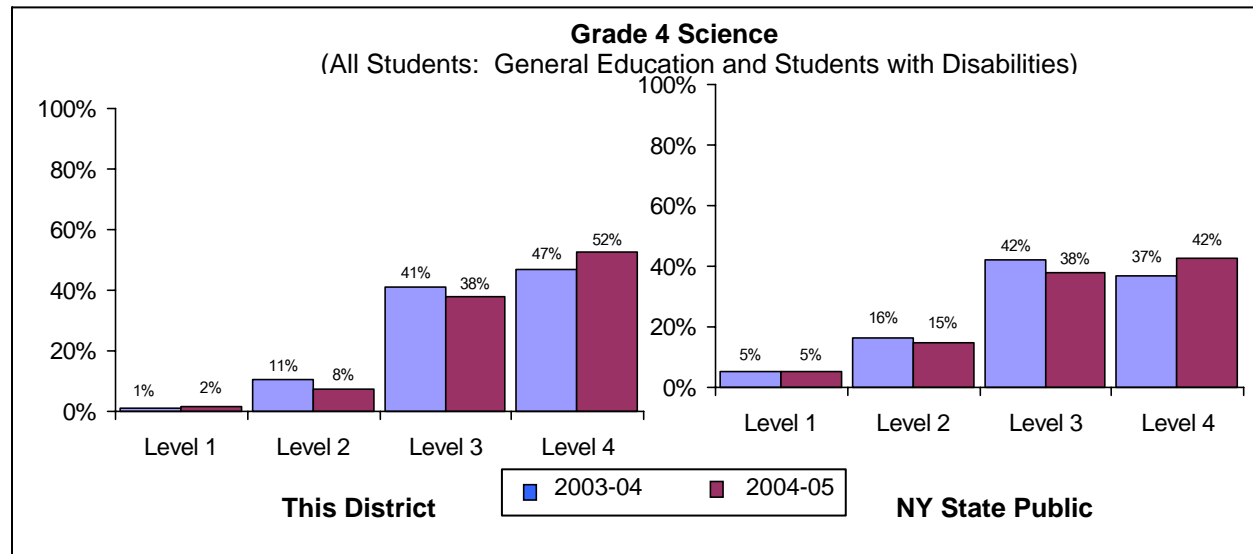
Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 448-601	Level 2 602-636	Level 3 637-677	Level 4 678-810	Total Tested	
May 2003	23	88	322	344	777	672
May 2004	14	99	416	276	805	667
May 2005	6	61	345	354	766	679

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	6	6

Elementary Level Science*



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Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 0-44	Level 2 45-64	Level 3 65-84	Level 4 85-100	Total Tested	
May 2004	10	85	327	374	796	80
May 2005	14	58	290	400	762	82

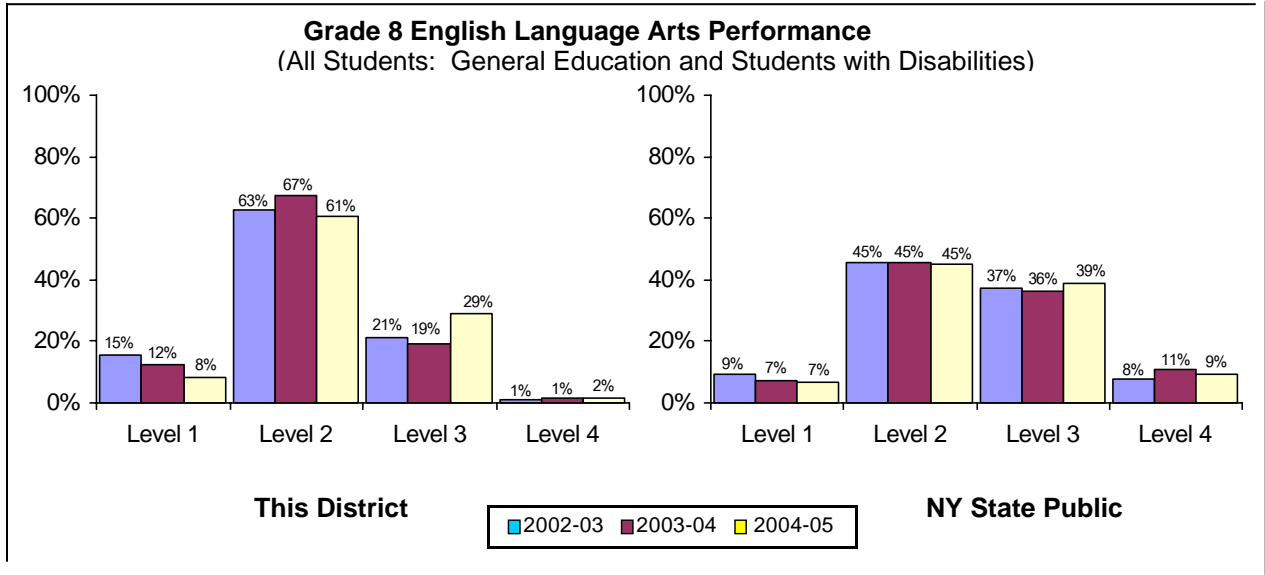
Elementary-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
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	8	8

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

Middle Level English Language Arts



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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	94	384	131	5	614	678
January 2004	84	462	132	10	688	682
January 2005	53	380	181	11	625	687

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

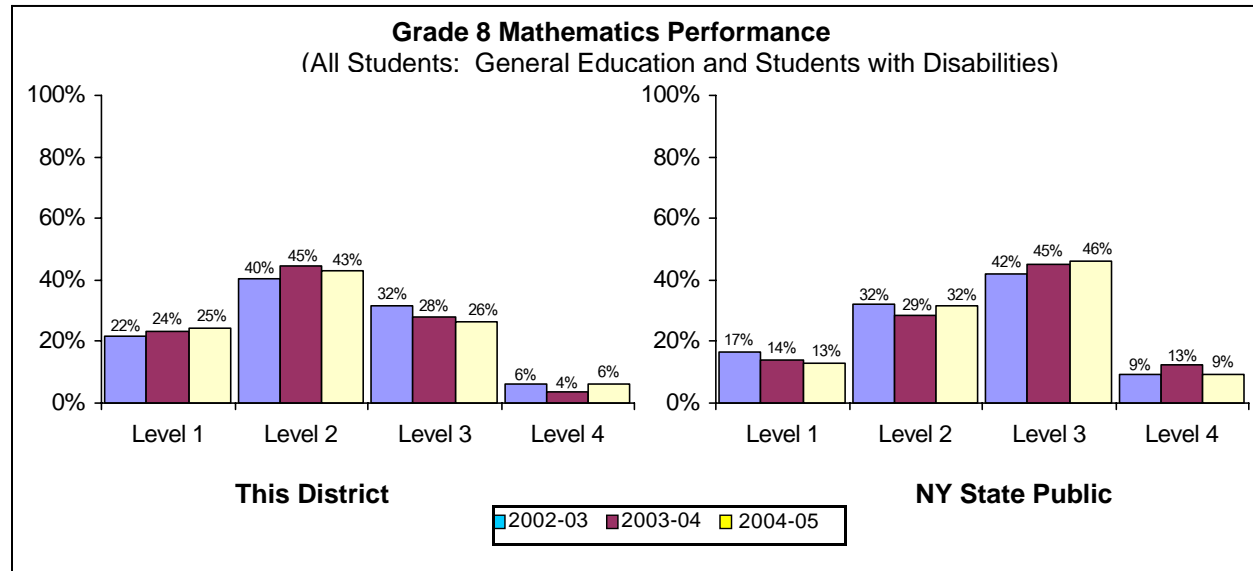
Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 8	Level 1	Level 2	Levels 3 & 4	Total Tested
2005	2	2	25	29

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	1	1	18	20

Middle Level Mathematics



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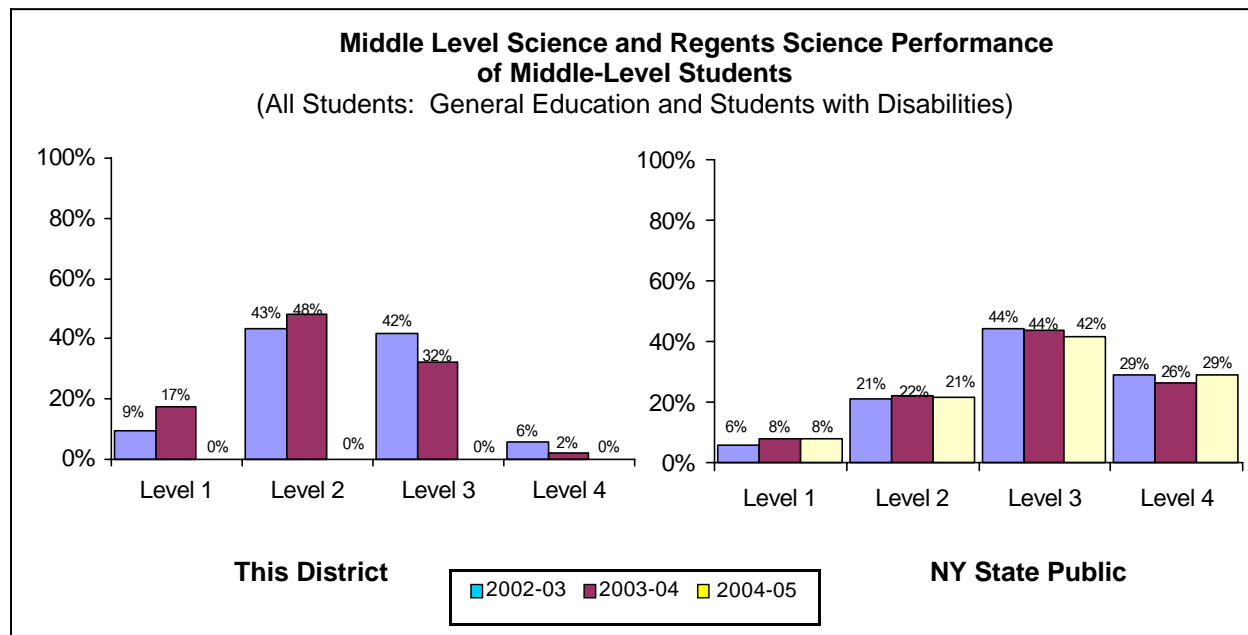
Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 517-680	Level 2 681-715	Level 3 716-759	Level 4 760-882	Total Tested	
May 2003	134	252	197	40	623	707
May 2004	166	314	199	26	705	701
May 2005	160	282	172	39	653	703

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	1	0	3	17	21

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	55	257	247	34	593	63
June 2003	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0
January/	Middle-Level Science	114	317	213	14	658	58
June 2004	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0
January/	Middle-Level Science	92	263	208	17	580	59
June 2005	Regents Science	#	#	#	#	4	#

Middle-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards*	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards on the middle-level science test and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 85–100 on a Regents science examination.
Level 3	These students meet the standards on the middle-level science test and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 65–84 on a Regents science examination.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards for middle-level science and to pass the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 55–64 on a Regents science examination.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies as evidenced in the middle-level science test <u>or</u> score 0–54 on a Regents science examination.

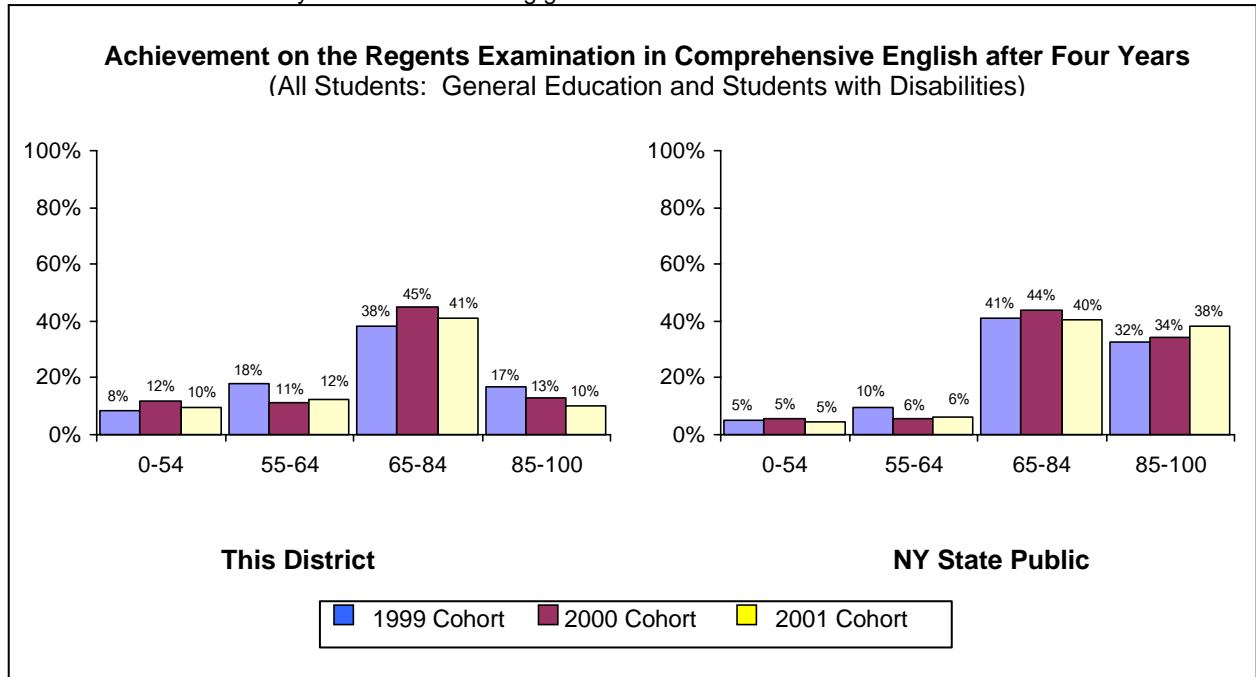
*Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at Level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

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

Middle Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
2004-05	0	1	2	18	21

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 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
1999 Cohort	502	42	89	191	85	0
2000 Cohort	506	61	56	228	66	0
2001 Cohort	580	56	71	239	60	0

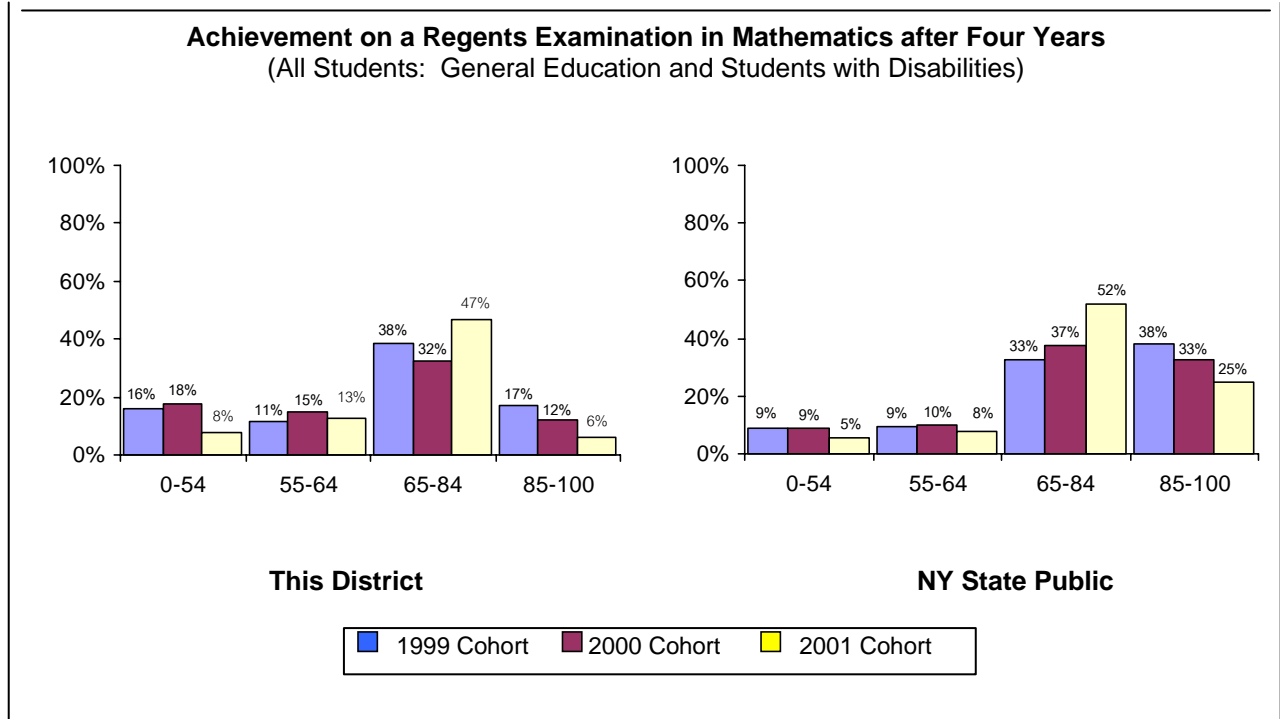
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include the Regents examination in comprehensive English, the component retest in English, and approved alternatives.

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	18	21
2000 Cohort	12	33
2001 Cohort	11	26

*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 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	502	79	57	193	85	0
2000 Cohort	506	89	75	163	61	0
2001 Cohort	580	44	73	271	35	0

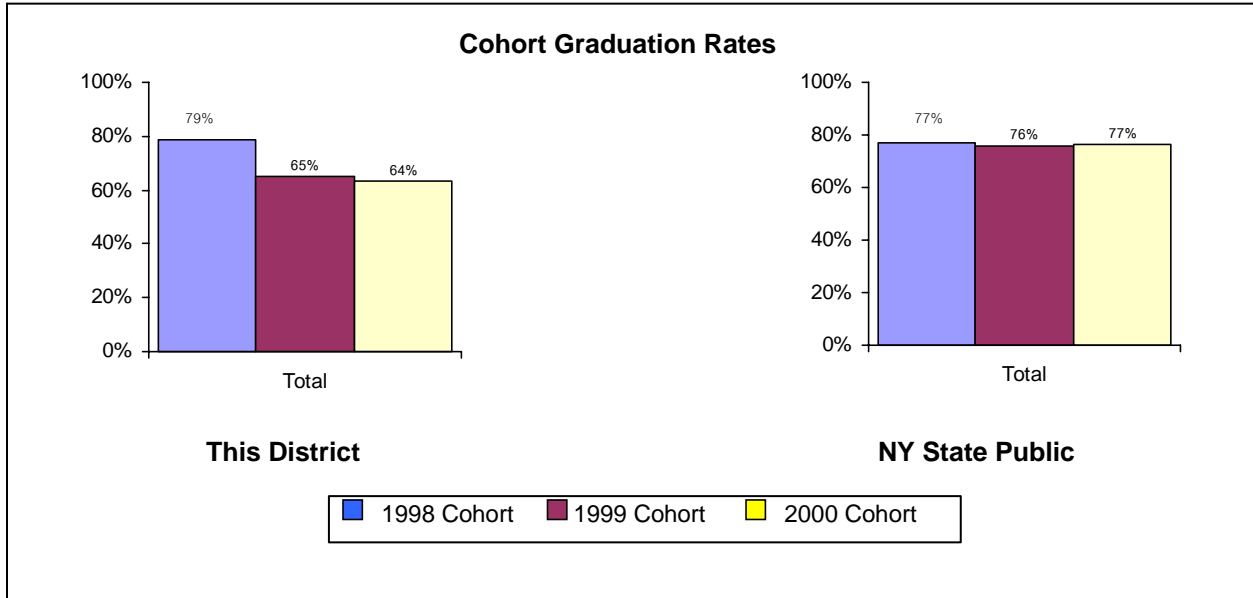
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include a Regents examination in mathematics, the component retest in mathematics and approved alternatives.

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	36	7
2000 Cohort	47	9
2001 Cohort	29	7

*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	393	12	405	319
1999 Cohort	488	40	528	345
2000 Cohort	501	28	529	336

*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*.

Elementary 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
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Black	641	97%	73%	14%	551	97%	83%	24%
Hispanic	70	97%	77%	13%	98	98%	97%	38%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7	100%	100%	43%	4	s	s	s
White	64	100%	98%	39%	82	s	s	s
Total	782	97%	76%	16%	735	98%	87%	29%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	86	100%	97%	49%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	729	99%	80%	17%	697	99%	88%	30%
Students with disabilities	53	79%	26%	4%	38	71%	61%	11%
Total	782	97%	76%	16%	735	98%	87%	29%
Results by Gender								
Female	406	98%	79%	19%	346	99%	89%	32%
Male	376	97%	72%	12%	389	97%	85%	26%
Total	782	97%	76%	16%	735	98%	87%	29%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	732	97%	76%	16%	669	97%	86%	28%
Limited English proficient	50	96%	82%	12%	66	98%	95%	38%
Total	782	97%	76%	16%	735	98%	87%	29%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	540	97%	71%	12%	540	97%	85%	24%
Not disadvantaged	242	98%	86%	25%	195	98%	90%	43%
Total	782	97%	76%	16%	735	98%	87%	29%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	782	97%	76%	16%	735	98%	87%	29%
Total	782	97%	76%	16%	735	98%	87%	29%

Elementary 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
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Black	640	98%	84%	30%	563	99%	89%	39%
Hispanic	86	97%	91%	35%	108	99%	95%	60%
Asian or Pacific Islander	10	100%	100%	80%	7	100%	100%	86%
White	69	99%	99%	71%	88	100%	98%	73%
Total	805	98%	86%	34%	766	99%	91%	46%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	747	99%	89%	37%	726	100%	93%	48%
Students with disabilities	58	88%	47%	3%	40	85%	68%	15%
Total	805	98%	86%	34%	766	99%	91%	46%
Results by Gender								
Female	413	98%	86%	36%	357	99%	92%	45%
Male	392	99%	85%	33%	409	99%	91%	47%
Total	805	98%	86%	34%	766	99%	91%	46%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	728	99%	86%	33%	673	99%	91%	44%
Limited English proficient	77	95%	87%	43%	93	99%	95%	65%
Total	805	98%	86%	34%	766	99%	91%	46%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	563	98%	84%	28%	566	99%	91%	43%
Not disadvantaged	242	98%	91%	48%	200	100%	93%	55%
Total	805	98%	86%	34%	766	99%	91%	46%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	805	98%	86%	34%	766	99%	91%	46%
Total	805	98%	86%	34%	766	99%	91%	46%

Elementary 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
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Black	633	99%	87%	40%	559	98%	89%	46%
Hispanic	84	96%	89%	61%	108	99%	91%	61%
Asian or Pacific Islander	10	100%	100%	80%	7	100%	86%	71%
White	69	99%	99%	91%	88	99%	98%	82%
Total	796	99%	88%	47%	762	98%	91%	52%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	741	99%	89%	49%	724	99%	91%	53%
Students with disabilities	55	93%	71%	18%	38	89%	74%	39%
Total	796	99%	88%	47%	762	98%	91%	52%
Results by Gender								
Female	409	99%	86%	46%	355	99%	91%	51%
Male	387	98%	90%	48%	407	98%	90%	54%
Total	796	99%	88%	47%	762	98%	91%	52%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	719	99%	88%	46%	669	98%	91%	51%
Limited English proficient	77	95%	87%	56%	93	97%	88%	65%
Total	796	99%	88%	47%	762	98%	91%	52%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	558	99%	86%	41%	564	98%	89%	48%
Not disadvantaged	238	99%	92%	61%	198	99%	94%	66%
Total	796	99%	88%	47%	762	98%	91%	52%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	796	99%	88%	47%	762	98%	91%	52%
Total	796	99%	88%	47%	762	98%	91%	52%

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
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Black	581	87%	19%	1%	530	91%	29%	2%
Hispanic	60	90%	28%	2%	59	95%	32%	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
White	43	s	s	s	33	s	s	s
Total	688	88%	21%	1%	625	92%	31%	2%
Small Group Totals (s)	47	96%	32%	4%	36	100%	47%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	596	93%	23%	2%	551	96%	32%	2%
Students with disabilities	92	52%	7%	0%	74	58%	24%	0%
Total	688	88%	21%	1%	625	92%	31%	2%
Results by Gender								
Female	337	93%	26%	2%	315	93%	32%	3%
Male	351	82%	15%	1%	310	90%	29%	1%
Total	688	88%	21%	1%	625	92%	31%	2%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	648	88%	21%	2%	607	91%	30%	2%
Limited English proficient	40	93%	10%	0%	18	100%	56%	6%
Total	688	88%	21%	1%	625	92%	31%	2%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	373	86%	23%	2%	344	90%	28%	2%
Not disadvantaged	315	90%	18%	1%	281	94%	34%	2%
Total	688	88%	21%	1%	625	92%	31%	2%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	688	88%	21%	1%	625	92%	31%	2%
Total	688	88%	21%	1%	625	92%	31%	2%

**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
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Black	582	74%	29%	3%	544	72%	29%	5%
Hispanic	73	92%	47%	5%	68	90%	46%	9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
White	46	s	s	s	38	s	s	s
Total	705	76%	32%	4%	653	75%	32%	6%
Small Group Totals (s)	50	86%	44%	10%	41	93%	49%	17%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	622	79%	35%	4%	578	80%	35%	7%
Students with disabilities	83	59%	10%	0%	75	40%	8%	0%
Total	705	76%	32%	4%	653	75%	32%	6%
Results by Gender								
Female	351	81%	38%	4%	329	76%	35%	7%
Male	354	72%	26%	3%	324	75%	30%	5%
Total	705	76%	32%	4%	653	75%	32%	6%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	632	76%	32%	4%	607	75%	32%	6%
Limited English proficient	73	79%	29%	1%	46	80%	37%	9%
Total	705	76%	32%	4%	653	75%	32%	6%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	387	76%	33%	3%	363	75%	30%	4%
Not disadvantaged	318	77%	31%	4%	290	77%	35%	9%
Total	705	76%	32%	4%	653	75%	32%	6%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	705	76%	32%	4%	653	75%	32%	6%
Total	705	76%	32%	4%	653	75%	32%	6%

**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
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Black	545	82%	32%	2%	484	82%	37%	2%
Hispanic	67	85%	42%	4%	59	97%	51%	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
White	42	s	s	s	34	s	s	s
Total	658	83%	34%	2%	580	84%	39%	3%
Small Group Totals (s)	46	89%	59%	4%	37	89%	41%	11%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	584	84%	37%	2%	525	86%	42%	3%
Students with disabilities	74	69%	14%	0%	55	62%	11%	0%
Total	658	83%	34%	2%	580	84%	39%	3%
Results by Gender								
Female	331	85%	36%	2%	295	86%	36%	3%
Male	327	81%	33%	2%	285	82%	41%	3%
Total	658	83%	34%	2%	580	84%	39%	3%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	594	85%	36%	2%	541	85%	39%	3%
Limited English proficient	64	66%	17%	0%	39	77%	38%	3%
Total	658	83%	34%	2%	580	84%	39%	3%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	361	83%	37%	1%	329	83%	36%	2%
Not disadvantaged	297	82%	32%	3%	251	85%	42%	4%
Total	658	83%	34%	2%	580	84%	39%	3%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	658	83%	34%	2%	580	84%	39%	3%
Total	658	83%	34%	2%	580	84%	39%	3%

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 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		
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0%	1	s	s	s	s
Black	415	48	238	10	71%	489	62	249	11	66%
Hispanic	55	6	33	1	73%	46	4	21	0	54%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	s	s	s	s	6	s	s	s	s
White	34	s	s	s	s	38	3	26	0	76%
Total	506	56	294	12	72%	580	71	299	11	66%
Small Group Totals (s)	36	2	23	1	72%	7	2	3	0	71%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	412	50	282	0	81%	491	63	289	0	72%
Students with disabilities	94	6	12	12	32%	89	8	10	11	33%
Total	506	56	294	12	72%	580	71	299	11	66%
Results by Gender										
Female	256	30	166	2	77%	270	38	157	2	73%
Male	250	26	128	10	66%	310	33	142	9	59%
Total	506	56	294	12	72%	580	71	299	11	66%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	482	51	280	12	71%	502	57	267	11	67%
Limited English proficient	24	5	14	0	79%	78	14	32	0	59%
Total	506	56	294	12	72%	580	71	299	11	66%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	123	13	83	2	80%	193	22	120	5	76%
Not disadvantaged	383	43	211	10	69%	387	49	179	6	60%
Total	506	56	294	12	72%	580	71	299	11	66%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	506	56	294	12	72%	580	71	299	11	66%
Total	506	56	294	12	72%	580	71	299	11	66%

**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		
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0%	1	s	s	s	s
Black	415	56	190	42	69%	489	63	256	27	71%
Hispanic	55	14	17	5	65%	46	4	22	1	59%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	s	s	s	s	6	s	s	s	s
White	34	s	s	s	s	38	6	23	1	79%
Total	506	75	224	47	68%	580	73	306	29	70%
Small Group Totals (s)	36	5	17	0	61%	7	0	5	0	71%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	412	71	216	1	70%	491	65	291	0	73%
Students with disabilities	94	4	8	46	62%	89	8	15	29	58%
Total	506	75	224	47	68%	580	73	306	29	70%
Results by Gender										
Female	256	42	125	10	69%	270	35	159	12	76%
Male	250	33	99	37	68%	310	38	147	17	65%
Total	506	75	224	47	68%	580	73	306	29	70%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	482	72	214	47	69%	502	61	272	29	72%
Limited English proficient	24	3	10	0	54%	78	12	34	0	59%
Total	506	75	224	47	68%	580	73	306	29	70%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	123	16	66	13	77%	193	21	120	13	80%
Not disadvantaged	383	59	158	34	66%	387	52	186	16	66%
Total	506	75	224	47	68%	580	73	306	29	70%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	506	75	224	47	68%	580	73	306	29	70%
Total	506	75	224	47	68%	580	73	306	29	70%

Cohort Graduation Rates

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement by August 31st of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. The graduation-rate cohort includes students who transferred to general education development (GED) programs. These students were not counted in the district accountability cohort for English and mathematics.

Student Subgroup	1999 Cohort as of August 31, 2003		2000 Cohort as of August 31, 2004	
	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0	0%
Black	442	66%	434	63%
Hispanic	54	57%	58	66%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3	s	2	s
White	29	s	35	s
Total	528	65%	529	64%
Small Group Totals (s)	32	72%	37	65%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	455	71%	430	70%
Students with disabilities	73	33%	99	37%
Total	528	65%	529	64%
Results by Gender				
Female	265	75%	268	70%
Male	263	56%	261	57%
Total	528	65%	529	64%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	504	65%	485	66%
Limited English proficient	24	67%	44	39%
Total	528	65%	529	64%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	207	81%	127	71%
Not disadvantaged	321	55%	402	61%
Total	528	65%	529	64%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%
Not migrant family	528	65%	529	64%
Total	528	65%	529	64%

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.