



The New York State Accountability Report 2011-12

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Data in this report are those reported by districts in the Student Information Repository System as of August 24, 2012.

On May 29, 2012, the United States Department of Education (USDE) approved New York's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver. This waiver provides New York with increased flexibility to help close the achievement gap and assist students in becoming college and career ready. New York's waiver introduced a system of identifying districts and/or schools as **Reward, Focus, or Priority**, based on performance in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science at the elementary/middle level and in ELA, mathematics, and graduation rate at the secondary level. More information on the waiver is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/esea-waiver/>.

Data in The New York State Accountability Report are those used to determine **Performance Indices (PIs)** and make **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** determinations which, in turn, are used to assist in identifying districts and schools as Reward, Focus, and Priority. Explanations of how the data are used to make the determinations are available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/ESEAMaterials.html>.

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Adequate Yearly Progress and Performance Indices

Performance Indices (PIs) and Unweighted Combined PIs are used to determine if a district or school is Priority or Focus. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for accountability groups (all students, racial/ethnic groups, students with disabilities, limited English proficient students, and economically disadvantaged students) and PIs for accountability groups and non-AYP groups (non-racial/ethnic groups, general-education students, English proficient students, not economically disadvantaged students, male and female students, and migrant and non-migrant students) are used to determine if a district or school is Reward or a school requires a Local Assistance Plan. For more information, see http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/documents/NYSESEAFlexibilityWaiver_REVISED.pdf

Adequate Yearly Progress

In accordance with federal and State laws, the New York State Education Department must determine and report on the performance of students in the following areas:

- 1) Elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) English Language Arts (ELA)
- 2) Elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) Mathematics
- 3) Elementary/middle-level (grades 4 and 8) Science
- 4) Secondary-level (grades 9-12) ELA
- 5) Secondary-level (grades 9-12) Mathematics
- 6) Graduation Rate

This performance is determined by identifying whether or not a district or school made "**Adequate Yearly Progress**" (AYP). AYP indicates satisfactory progress by a district or a school toward the goal of proficiency for all students. In ELA, mathematics, and science, AYP is determined by comparing the percentage of students tested and the performance of tested students against defined standards. In graduation rate, AYP is determined by comparing the percentage of students graduating against defined standards.

Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science

Participation: In ELA and mathematics, 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested to meet the participation criterion. In science, 80% must be tested.

Performance: In ELA and mathematics, a calculated measure of performance called the "**Performance Index**" (PI) for each accountability group with 30 or more members must equal or exceed a preset objective called an "**Effective Annual Measurable Objective**" (EAMO) or a safety net objective called a "**Safe Harbor Target.**" In science, the criterion for performance is the same but the safety net is referred to as a "**Progress Target.**"

Districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria for all groups with sufficient numbers to make AYP.

Standards for Graduation Rate

Districts and schools with secondary-level grades are also held to certain standards for the percentage of students who graduated. To make AYP in graduation rate, every accountability group with 30 or more members must make AYP. For a group to make AYP, the graduation rate of the 4-year graduation-rate total cohort or the 5-year graduation-rate total cohort must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard of 80% or the group's Progress Target. A cohort is a group of students who entered grade 9 anywhere in a particular school year. Graduation rates for these cohorts are then determined 4 and 5 years after the students first enter grade 9.

For more information on how AYP and PIs are determined, see "Determining AYP in 2011-12" under Understanding Accountability in New York State at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/>.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: AYP

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DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adequate Yearly Progress: In elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) English language arts (ELA), districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Participation: To meet the participation criterion, at least 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested on an appropriate ELA assessment.

Performance: To meet the performance criterion, the Performance Index (PI) of students in each accountability group with 30 or more members must be equal to or greater than the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO) or the Safe Harbor Target.

All accountability groups met the participation and performance criteria (made AYP): NO

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	X
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	X
Hispanic or Latino	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	—
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	X
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	X

✓ Made AYP

X Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Participation

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 3 - 8) English Language Arts (ELA) Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 95%	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
All Students	✓	383	97%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—
Black or African American	✓	356	97%
Hispanic or Latino	—	12	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—
White	—	8	—
Multiracial	—	4	—
Students With Disabilities	✓	140*	95%*
Limited English Proficient	—	1	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	372	97%

✓ At least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.

✗ Less than 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

* The percentage of students tested in the current year fell below 95 percent, so the numbers of enrolled and tested students in the current year and previous year were combined to provide the school/district with another opportunity to meet the participation rate criterion.

Medically Excused:

Students who were excused from testing for medical reasons in accordance with federal No Child Left Behind guidance are not included in these calculations.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Performance

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Safe Harbor Target: **NO**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 3 - 8) English Language Arts (ELA) Performance Results

Student Group	PI \geq EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	X	343	89	144	100
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—	—	—
Black or African American	X	320	90	124	100
Hispanic or Latino	—	11	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—	—	—
White	—	6	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	3	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	X	64†	58†	89	73
Limited English Proficient	—	1	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	X	333	88	128	100

✓ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.

X Performance Index is less than Effective Annual Measurable Objective and Safe Harbor Target.

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

† Includes former students with disabilities because the number of students with disabilities in the current year is equal to or greater than 30.

BEDS Day (Basic Educational Data System Day): BEDS Day is the first Wednesday in October of the school year.

Performance Index (PI): A PI is a value from 0 to 200 that is assigned to an accountability group, indicating how that group performed on a required State test (or approved alternative). Student scores on the tests are converted to six performance levels: Level 1 On Track, Level 1 Not On Track, Level 2 On Track, Level 2 Not On Track, Level 3, and Level 4. A PI is calculated using the levels and the following equation: $([2(\text{Count at Level 1 On Track}) + \text{Count at Level 2 Not On Track} + 2(\text{Count at Level 2 On Track}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4})] \div [\text{Count of Tested Students}]) \times 100$

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO): The EAMO is the PI value that each accountability group of a given size within a district or school is expected to achieve to meet the performance criterion. The EAMO table is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/> under the header "Annual Measurable Objectives."

Safe Harbor Target: Safe Harbor provides an alternate means to meet the performance criterion for accountability groups whose PIs are less than their EAMOs. The 2011-12 Safe Harbor Target is calculated using the following formula: $2010-11 \text{ PI} + (200 - \text{the } 2010-11 \text{ PI}) \times 0.10$.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Non-AYP Groups

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

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Participation and performance for the following groups are *NOT* used to determine AYP.

Participation

Student Group	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	381	97%
Not Black or African American	27	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	371	97%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	382	97%
Not White	375	97%
Not Multiracial	379	97%
General Education	314	97%
English Proficient	382	97%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	11	—
Male	188	98%
Female	195	95%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	383	97%

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Performance

Student Group	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	341	89
Not Black or African American	23	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	332	88
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	342	89
Not White	337	89
Not Multiracial	340	89
General Education	283	96
English Proficient	342	89
Not Economically Disadvantaged	10	—
Male	169	85
Female	174	93
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	343	89

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: AYP

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adequate Yearly Progress: In elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) mathematics, districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Participation: To meet the participation criterion, at least 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested on an appropriate math assessment.

Performance: To meet the performance criterion, the Performance Index (PI) of students in each accountability group with 30 or more members must be equal to or greater than the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO) or the Safe Harbor Target.

All accountability groups met the participation and performance criteria (made AYP): NO

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	X
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	X
Hispanic or Latino	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	—
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	X
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	X

✓ Made AYP

X Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Participation

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 3 - 8) Math Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 95%	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
All Students	✓	384	97%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—
Black or African American	✓	357	97%
Hispanic or Latino	—	12	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—
White	—	8	—
Multiracial	—	4	—
Students With Disabilities	✓	140*	96%*
Limited English Proficient	—	1	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	373	97%

✓ At least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.

✗ Less than 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

* The percentage of students tested in the current year fell below 95 percent, so the numbers of enrolled and tested students in the current year and previous year were combined to provide the school/district with another opportunity to meet the participation rate criterion.

Medically Excused:

Students who were excused from testing for medical reasons in accordance with federal No Child Left Behind guidance are not included in these calculations.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Performance

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Safe Harbor Target: **NO**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 3 - 8) Math Performance Results

Student Group	PI \geq EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	X	344	87	158	105
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—	—	—
Black or African American	X	321	88	136	103
Hispanic or Latino	—	11	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—	—	—
White	—	6	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	3	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	X	65†	68†	110	88
Limited English Proficient	—	1	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	X	334	88	145	105

✓ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.

X Performance Index is less than Effective Annual Measurable Objective and Safe Harbor Target.

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† Includes former students with disabilities because the number of students with disabilities in the current year is equal to or greater than 30.

BEDS Day (Basic Educational Data System Day): BEDS Day is the first Wednesday in October of the school year.

Performance Index (PI): A PI is a value from 0 to 200 that is assigned to an accountability group, indicating how that group performed on a required State test (or approved alternative). Student scores on the tests are converted to six performance levels: Level 1 On Track, Level 1 Not On Track, Level 2 On Track, Level 2 Not On Track, Level 3, and Level 4. A PI is calculated using the levels and the following equation: $([2(\text{Count at Level 1 On Track}) + \text{Count at Level 2 Not On Track} + 2(\text{Count at Level 2 On Track}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4})] \div [\text{Count of Tested Students}]) \times 100$

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO): The EAMO is the PI value that each accountability group of a given size within a district or school is expected to achieve to meet the performance criterion. The EAMO table is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/> under the header "Annual Measurable Objectives."

Safe Harbor Target: Safe Harbor provides an alternate means to meet the performance criterion for accountability groups whose PIs are less than their EAMOs. The 2011-12 Safe Harbor Target is calculated using the following formula: $2010-11 \text{ PI} + (200 - \text{the } 2010-11 \text{ PI}) \times 0.10$.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Non-AYP Groups

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Participation and performance for the following groups are *NOT* used to determine AYP.

Participation

Student Group	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	382	97%
Not Black or African American	27	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	372	97%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	383	97%
Not White	376	97%
Not Multiracial	380	97%
General Education	314	98%
English Proficient	383	97%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	11	—
Male	190	97%
Female	194	97%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	384	97%

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Performance

Student Group	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	342	88
Not Black or African American	23	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	333	86
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	343	87
Not White	338	88
Not Multiracial	341	88
General Education	283	91
English Proficient	343	87
Not Economically Disadvantaged	10	—
Male	168	89
Female	176	86
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	344	87

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: AYP

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adequate Yearly Progress: In elementary/middle-level (grades 4 & 8) science, districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Participation: To meet the participation criterion, at least 80% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested on an appropriate science assessment.

Performance: To meet the performance criterion, the Performance Index (PI) of students in each accountability group with 30 or more members must be equal to or greater than the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO) or the Progress Target.

All accountability groups met the participation and performance criteria (made AYP): NO

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	X
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	X
Hispanic or Latino	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	—
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	—
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓

✓ Made AYP

X Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: Participation

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 80% of students enrolled during the test administration period: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 4 & 8) Science Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 80%	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
All Students	✓	118	98%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0	—
Black or African American	✓	112	99%
Hispanic or Latino	—	4	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—
White	—	2	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	22	—
Limited English Proficient	—	0	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	113	99%

- ✓ At least 80% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.
- ✗ Less than 80% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.
- There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Medically Excused:

Students who were excused from testing for medical reasons in accordance with federal No Child Left Behind guidance are not included in these calculations.

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: Performance

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Progress Target: **NO**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 4 & 8) Science Performance Results

Student Group	PI \geq EAMO or Progress Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Progress Target
All Students	X	113	116	169	118
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0	—	—	—
Black or African American	X	108	114	151	115
Hispanic or Latino	—	3	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—	—	—
White	—	2	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	21	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	0	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	109	117	158	117

✓ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.

X Performance Index is less than Effective Annual Measurable Objective and Progress Target.

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

BEDS Day (Basic Educational Data System Day): BEDS Day is the first Wednesday in October of the school year.

Performance Index (PI): A PI is a value from 0 to 200 that is assigned to an accountability group, indicating how that group performed on a required State test (or approved alternative). Student scores on the tests are converted to four performance levels, from Level 1 to Level 4. A PI is calculated using the levels and the following equation: $\frac{((\text{Count at Level 2}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4}))}{[\text{Count of Tested Students}]} \times 100$

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO): The EAMO is the PI value that each accountability group of a given size within a district or school is expected to achieve to meet the performance criterion. The EAMO table is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/> under the header "Annual Measurable Objectives."

Progress Target: A Progress Target provides an alternate means to meet the performance criterion for accountability groups whose PIs are less than their EAMOs. The 2011-12 Progress Target is calculated by adding 1 point to the previous year's PI.

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: Non-AYP Groups

SCHOOL: HIGHGATE HEIGHTS

SCHOOL ID: 140600010080
DISTRICT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Participation and performance for the following groups are *NOT* used to determine AYP.

Participation

Student Group	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	118	98%
Not Black or African American	6	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	114	99%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	118	98%
Not White	116	98%
Not Multiracial	118	98%
General Education	96	99%
English Proficient	118	98%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	5	—
Male	51	100%
Female	67	97%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	118	98%

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Performance

Student Group	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	113	116
Not Black or African American	5	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	110	114
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	113	116
Not White	111	116
Not Multiracial	113	116
General Education	92	124
English Proficient	113	116
Not Economically Disadvantaged	4	—
Male	51	124
Female	62	110
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	113	116

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

Unweighted Combined ELA and Math PIs

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Unweighted Combined ELA and Math Performance Indices (PIs)

The unweighted combined ELA and math Performance Index (PI) is the sum of the PIs for all measures for which the school/district has 30 or more students in the group divided by the number of measures for which the school/district has 30 or more students in the group. For example, EM ELA = 150, EM Math = 180, HS ELA = 140, HS Math = 160: $(150 + 180 + 140 + 160) \div 4 = 157.5 = 158$.

Student Group	Elementary/ Middle-Level ELA PI	Elementary/ Middle-Level Math PI	Secondary-Level ELA PI	Secondary-Level Math PI	Unweighted Combined PI
All Students	89	87	—	—	88
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	—	—	—	—
Black or African American	90	88	—	—	89
Hispanic or Latino	—	—	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	—	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	58	68	—	—	63
Limited English Proficient	—	—	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	88	88	—	—	88

— There was not enough students to determine a Performance Index.