

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

SCHOOL: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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): YES

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

Made AYP

X Did not make AYP

There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Participation

SCHOOL: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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	×	419	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	9	—
Black or African American	—	16	—
Hispanic or Latino	—	38	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	×	62	100%
White	×	290	100%
Multiracial	—	4	—
Students With Disabilities	×	67	100%
Limited English Proficient	—	7	
Economically Disadvantaged	1	41	100%

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

X 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.

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: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Safe Harbor Target: YES

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

	PI >= EAMO or	Tested Students		Objectives	
Student Group	Safe Harbor Target	Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	ΕΑΜΟ	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	 Image: A set of the set of the	406	181	145	145
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	9	-	—	—
Black or African American	—	15	—	_	—
Hispanic or Latino	1	37	159	116	116
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	 ✓ 	62	187	153	153
White	1	279	186	157	157
Multiracial	—	4	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	1	68 †	129†	89	89
Limited English Proficient	—	3	-	_	—
Economically Disadvantaged	 Image: A set of the set of the	36	147	118	118

✓ 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(Count at Level 1 On Track) + Count at Level 2 Not On Track + 2(Count at Level 2 On Track) + 2(Count at Level 3) + 2(Count at Level 4)] ÷ [Count of Tested Students]) × 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 PI + (200 - the 2010-11 PI) \times 0.10.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Non-AYP Groups

SCHOOL: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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	410	100%
Not Black or African American	403	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	381	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	357	100%
Not White	129	100%
Not Multiracial	415	100%
General Education	352	100%
English Proficient	412	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	378	100%
Male	226	100%
Female	193	100%
Migrant	0	_
Not Migrant	419	100%

- 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	397	182
Not Black or African American	391	183
Not Hispanic or Latino	369	183
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	344	180
Not White	127	171
Not Multiracial	402	181
General Education	341	192
English Proficient	403	182
Not Economically Disadvantaged	370	185
Male	218	177
Female	188	187
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	406	181

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

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: AYP

SCHOOL: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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): YES

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	 Image: A second s
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Black or African American	_
Hispanic or Latino	 Image: A second s
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1
White	1
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	 Image: A second s
Limited English Proficient	_
Economically Disadvantaged	 Image: A set of the set of the

Made AYP

X Did not make AYP

There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Participation

SCHOOL: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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	×	418	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	9	—
Black or African American	—	16	—
Hispanic or Latino	—	38	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	×	62	100%
White	×	289	100%
Multiracial	—	4	—
Students With Disabilities	×	67	100%
Limited English Proficient	—	7	—
Economically Disadvantaged	×	41	100%

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

X 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.

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: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Safe Harbor Target: YES

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

	PI >= EAMO or	Tested Students		Objectives	
Student Group	Safe Harbor Target	Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	 Image: A start of the start of	406	183	159	159
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	9	-	—	—
Black or African American	—	15	_	—	—
Hispanic or Latino	1	38	161	134	134
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1	62	198	173	173
White	 Image: A set of the set of the	278	187	167	167
Multiracial	—	4	_	_	—
Students With Disabilities	1	68†	140+	110	110
Limited English Proficient	_	5	_	_	_
Economically Disadvantaged	1	36	136	135	135

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

✗ 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(Count at Level 1 On Track) + Count at Level 2 Not On Track + 2(Count at Level 2 On Track) + 2(Count at Level 3) + 2(Count at Level 4)] ÷ [Count of Tested Students]) × 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 PI + (200 - the 2010-11 PI) \times 0.10.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Non-AYP Groups

SCHOOL: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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	409	100%
Not Black or African American	402	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	380	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	356	100%
Not White	129	100%
Not Multiracial	414	100%
General Education	351	100%
English Proficient	411	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	377	100%
Male	225	100%
Female	193	99%
Migrant	0	
Not Migrant	418	100%

- 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	397	184
Not Black or African American	391	186
Not Hispanic or Latino	368	186
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	344	181
Not White	128	175
Not Multiracial	402	183
General Education	341	192
English Proficient	401	184
Not Economically Disadvantaged	370	188
Male	219	181
Female	187	187
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	406	183

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

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: AYP

SCHOOL: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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): YES

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	 Image: A second s
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Black or African American	_
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: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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	×	146	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	5	—
Black or African American	—	3	—
Hispanic or Latino	—	13	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	17	—
White	×	106	100%
Multiracial	—	2	_
Students With Disabilities	—	21	_
Limited English Proficient	—	1	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	16	_

✓ At least 80% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.

X 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: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Progress Target: YES

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

Student Group	PI >= EAMO or Progress Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Progress Target
All Students	1	141	199	170	170
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	5		—	—
Black or African American	—	3		—	—
Hispanic or Latino	—	13		—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	17	-	—	—
White	 Image: A set of the set of the	101	200	181	181
Multiracial	—	2	-	_	—
Students With Disabilities	—	20	—	—	_
Limited English Proficient	—	1	—	—	_
Economically Disadvantaged	_	14	—	—	—

✓ 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: ([(Count at Level 2) + 2(Count at Level 3) + 2(Count at Level 4)] ÷ [Count of Tested Students]) × 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: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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	141	100%	
Not Black or African American	143	100%	
Not Hispanic or Latino	133	100%	
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	129	100%	
Not White	40	100%	
Not Multiracial	144	100%	
General Education	125	100%	
English Proficient	145	100%	
Not Economically Disadvantaged	130	100%	
Male	79	100%	
Female	67	100%	
Migrant	0		
Not Migrant	146	100%	

- 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	136	199
Not Black or African American	138	199
Not Hispanic or Latino	128	200
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	124	198
Not White	40	195
Not Multiracial	139	199
General Education	121	200
English Proficient	140	199
Not Economically Disadvantaged	127	199
Male	76	197
Female	65	200
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	141	199

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

SCHOOL: PS 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 310200010234 DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST # 2 - MANHATTAN

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 Pl	Elementary/ Middle-Level Math Pl	Secondary-Level ELA Pl	Secondary-Level Math Pl	Unweighted Combined Pl
All Students	181	183	—	—	182
American Indian or Alaska Native	_	_	_	_	_
Black or African American	_	—	—	—	—
Hispanic or Latino	159	161	—	—	160
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	187	198	_	_	193
White	186	187	—	—	187
Multiracial	—	—	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	129	140	—	—	135
Limited English Proficient	—	—	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	147	136	—	—	142

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