The New York State Accountability Report 2011-12

SCHOOL:	**PS 179**
SCHOOL ID:	**320700010179**
DISTRICT:	**NYC GEOG DIST # 7 - BRONX**
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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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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	✘
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
✘ Did not make AYP
— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Participation

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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	✔	177	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	3	—
Black or African American	—	37	—
Hispanic or Latino	✔	135	100%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—
White	—	1	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	✔	44	100%
Limited English Proficient	✔	45	100%
Economically Disadvantaged	✔	169	100%

✔ 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.

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

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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 >= EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✘	170	119	142	127
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	3	—	—	—
Black or African American	✔	34	100	113	20
Hispanic or Latino	✔	131	124	123	123
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—	—	—
White	—	1	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	✔	42	105	86	86
Limited English Proficient	✔	45‡	104‡	96	96
Economically Disadvantaged	✘	163	118	126	126

✔ 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 limited English proficient students because the number of limited English proficient students 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) × 0.10.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Non-AYP Groups

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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	174	100%
Not Black or African American	140	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	42	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	176	100%
Not White	176	100%
Not Multiracial	177	100%
General Education	133	100%
English Proficient	132	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	8	—
Male	87	100%
Female	90	100%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	177	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	167	120
Not Black or African American	136	124
Not Hispanic or Latino	39	103
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	169	120
Not White	169	119
Not Multiracial	170	119
General Education	128	124
English Proficient	128	127
Not Economically Disadvantaged	7	—
Male	84	121
Female	86	117
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	170	119

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Elementary/Middle-Level Math: AYP

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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	✔
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
✘ Did not make AYP
— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Participation

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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	✔	177	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	3	—
Black or African American	—	37	—
Hispanic or Latino	✔	135	100%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—
White	—	1	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	✔	44	100%
Limited English Proficient	✔	45	100%
Economically Disadvantaged	✔	169	100%

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Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Performance

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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

Student Group	PI >= EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✔	170	139	156	125
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	3	—	—	—
Black or African American	✔	34	126	125	20
Hispanic or Latino	✔	131	144	141	126
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—	—	—
White	—	1	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	✔	42	124	107	107
Limited English Proficient	✔	45‡	144‡	126	116
Economically Disadvantaged	✔	163	137	143	126

✔ 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.
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‡ Includes former limited English proficient students because the number of limited English proficient students 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.

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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) × 0.10.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Non-AYP Groups

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Participation

Student Group	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	174	100%
Not Black or African American	140	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	42	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	176	100%
Not White	176	100%
Not Multiracial	177	100%
General Education	133	100%
English Proficient	132	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	8	—
Male	87	100%
Female	90	100%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	177	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	167	140
Not Black or African American	136	143
Not Hispanic or Latino	39	126
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	169	140
Not White	169	139
Not Multiracial	170	139
General Education	128	145
English Proficient	128	139
Not Economically Disadvantaged	7	—
Male	84	138
Female	86	141
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	170	139

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

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: AYP

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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	✔
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
✘ Did not make AYP
— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: Participation

SCHOOL: PS 179

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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	✔	58	98%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—
Black or African American	—	8	—
Hispanic or Latino	✔	47	98%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—
White	—	1	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	18	—
Limited English Proficient	—	17	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✔	56	98%

✔ 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

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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	✔	55	167	166	156
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—	—	—
Black or African American	—	7	—	—	—
Hispanic or Latino	✔	45	164	151	151
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—	—	—
White	—	1	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	16	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	15	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✔	54	167	155	154

✔ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.
✘ 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 179

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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	57	98%
Not Black or African American	50	98%
Not Hispanic or Latino	11	—
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	57	98%
Not White	57	98%
Not Multiracial	58	98%
General Education	40	100%
English Proficient	41	98%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	2	—
Male	30	—
Female	28	—
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	58	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	54	167
Not Black or African American	48	165
Not Hispanic or Latino	10	—
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	54	169
Not White	54	167
Not Multiracial	55	167
General Education	39	177
English Proficient	40	178
Not Economically Disadvantaged	1	—
Male	28	—
Female	27	—
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	55	167

— 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) ÷ 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	119	139	—	—	129
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	—	—	—	—
Black or African American	100	126	—	—	113
Hispanic or Latino	124	144	—	—	134
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	—	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	105	124	—	—	115
Limited English Proficient	104	144	—	—	124
Economically Disadvantaged	118	137	—	—	128

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