

The New York State Accountability Report 2011-12

SCHOOL:	PS 55 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
SCHOOL ID:	320900010055
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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

X 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	×	335	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	_
Black or African American	×	161	100%
Hispanic or Latino	 Image: A second s	173	100%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	_
White	—	0	_
Multiracial	—	0	_
Students With Disabilities	×	72	100%
Limited English Proficient	×	89	100%
Economically Disadvantaged	×	327	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

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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

	PI >= EAMO or	Tested Students		Objectives	
Student Group	Safe Harbor Target	Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	×	308	97	144	114
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	-	—	—
Black or African American	×	150	100	122	122
Hispanic or Latino	×	157	93	124	104
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	-	—	—
White	—	0	-	—	—
Multiracial	—	0		—	—
Students With Disabilities	×	67†	55†	89	89
Limited English Proficient	✓	86‡	94‡	99	93
Economically Disadvantaged	×	301	96	128	114

✓ 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.

‡ 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) \times 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	334	100%
Not Black or African American	174	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	162	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	335	100%
Not White	335	100%
Not Multiracial	335	100%
General Education	263	100%
English Proficient	246	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	8	_
Male	199	100%
Female	136	100%
Migrant	0	_
Not Migrant	335	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	307	96
Not Black or African American	158	94
Not Hispanic or Latino	151	101
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	308	97
Not White	308	97
Not Multiracial	308	97
General Education	242	108
English Proficient	231	99
Not Economically Disadvantaged	7	_
Male	181	86
Female	127	112
Migrant	0	_
Not Migrant	308	97

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

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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): 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

X 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	×	335	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—
Black or African American	×	160	100%
Hispanic or Latino	×	174	100%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—
White	—	0	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	×	72	100%
Limited English Proficient	×	89	100%
Economically Disadvantaged	 Image: A second s	327	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

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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) Math Performance Results

	PI >= EAMO or	Tested Students		Objectives	
Student Group	Safe Harbor Target	Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	ΕΑΜΟ	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	×	308	119	158	139
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	_	-	—
Black or African American	×	149	123	133	133
Hispanic or Latino	×	158	113	142	134
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	-	—	—
White	—	0	-	_	—
Multiracial	—	0	_	_	—
Students With Disabilities	×	66†	95 †	110	110
Limited English Proficient	×	86‡	110‡	129	129
Economically Disadvantaged	×	301	118	145	140

✓ 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.

‡ 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) \times 0.10.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: 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	334	100%
Not Black or African American	175	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	161	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	335	100%
Not White	335	100%
Not Multiracial	335	100%
General Education	263	100%
English Proficient	246	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	8	_
Male	199	100%
Female	136	100%
Migrant	0	_
Not Migrant	335	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	307	118
Not Black or African American	159	114
Not Hispanic or Latino	150	124
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	308	119
Not White	308	119
Not Multiracial	308	119
General Education	243	125
English Proficient	231	123
Not Economically Disadvantaged	7	_
Male	181	112
Female	127	128
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	308	119

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

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: AYP

SCHOOL: PS 55 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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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	 Image: A second s
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	 Image: A second s
Hispanic or Latino	 Image: A second s
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	—
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	—
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	 Image: A start of the start of

Made AYP

X Did not make AYP

There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: Participation

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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	×	90	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0	—
Black or African American	×	48	100%
Hispanic or Latino	 Image: A second s	42	100%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—
White	—	0	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	13	—
Limited English Proficient	—	26	—
Economically Disadvantaged	 	87	100%

✓ 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 55 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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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	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS	PI	Objectives	
Student Group	Progress Target	Day		EAMO	Progress Target
All Students	1	84	162	168	119
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0		—	—
Black or African American	1	45	169	147	145
Hispanic or Latino	1	39	154	149	99
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—	—	—
White	—	0	—	_	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	12	_	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	23	—	_	—
Economically Disadvantaged	1	82	162	157	120

✓ 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 55 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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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	90	100%	
Not Black or African American	42	100%	
Not Hispanic or Latino	48	100%	
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	90	100%	
Not White	90	100%	
Not Multiracial	90	100%	
General Education	77	100%	
English Proficient	64	100%	
Not Economically Disadvantaged	3	_	
Male	57	100%	
Female	33	_	
Migrant	0	_	
Not Migrant	90	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	84	162
Not Black or African American	39	154
Not Hispanic or Latino	45	169
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	84	162
Not White	84	162
Not Multiracial	84	162
General Education	72	171
English Proficient	61	169
Not Economically Disadvantaged	2	—
Male	52	156
Female	32	172
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	84	162

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

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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 Pl	Elementary/ Middle-Level Math Pl	Secondary-Level ELA Pl	Secondary-Level Math Pl	Unweighted Combined Pl
All Students	97	119	—	—	108
American Indian or Alaska Native	_	_	_	_	—
Black or African American	100	123	—	_	112
Hispanic or Latino	93	113	—	_	103
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	_	_	_	_	_
White	—	—	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	_	—	_	—
Students With Disabilities	55	95	—	_	75
Limited English Proficient	94	110	—	_	102
Economically Disadvantaged	96	118	—	—	107

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