



# 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](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

SCHOOL: NIAGARA CHARTER SCHOOL

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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	✓	200	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	5	—
Black or African American	✓	161	100%
Hispanic or Latino	—	4	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—
White	—	30	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	21	—
Limited English Proficient	—	0	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	138	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

SCHOOL: NIAGARA CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 400701860890

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	✗	188	117	142	121
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	5	—	—	—
Black or African American	✓	154	116	122	116
Hispanic or Latino	—	4	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—	—	—
White	—	25	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	21	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	0	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✗	137	115	125	124

✓ 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.

**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:  $\frac{(2(\text{Count at Level 1 On Track}) + \text{Count at Level 2 Not On Track} + 2(\text{Count at Level 2 On Track}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4}))}{[\text{Count of Tested Students}]} \times 100$

**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

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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	195	100%
Not Black or African American	39	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	196	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	200	100%
Not White	170	100%
Not Multiracial	200	100%
General Education	179	100%
English Proficient	200	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	62	100%
Male	87	100%
Female	113	100%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	200	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	183	116
Not Black or African American	34	124
Not Hispanic or Latino	184	117
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	188	117
Not White	163	117
Not Multiracial	188	117
General Education	167	120
English Proficient	188	117
Not Economically Disadvantaged	51	124
Male	81	112
Female	107	121
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	188	117

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

# Elementary/Middle-Level Math: AYP

SCHOOL: NIAGARA CHARTER SCHOOL

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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

SCHOOL: NIAGARA CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 400701860890

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	✓	201	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	5	—
Black or African American	✓	161	100%
Hispanic or Latino	—	4	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—
White	—	31	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	21	—
Limited English Proficient	—	0	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	138	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 Math: Performance

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SCHOOL ID: 400701860890

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 $\geq$ EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✓	188	146	156	142
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	5	—	—	—
Black or African American	✓	154	141	134	134
Hispanic or Latino	—	4	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—	—	—
White	—	25	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	21	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	0	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	137	145	142	142

✓ 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.

**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: 
$$\frac{[2(\text{Count at Level 1 On Track}) + \text{Count at Level 2 Not On Track} + 2(\text{Count at Level 2 On Track}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4})]}{[\text{Count of Tested Students}]} \times 100$$

**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

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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	196	100%
Not Black or African American	40	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	197	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	201	100%
Not White	170	100%
Not Multiracial	201	100%
General Education	180	100%
English Proficient	201	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	63	100%
Male	88	100%
Female	113	100%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	201	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	183	145
Not Black or African American	34	168
Not Hispanic or Latino	184	146
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	188	146
Not White	163	142
Not Multiracial	188	146
General Education	167	150
English Proficient	188	146
Not Economically Disadvantaged	51	149
Male	81	147
Female	107	145
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	188	146

— 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: NIAGARA CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 400701860890

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	✓	48	94%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—
Black or African American	—	38	—
Hispanic or Latino	—	2	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—
White	—	6	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	5	—
Limited English Proficient	—	0	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	32	—

✓ 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: NIAGARA CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 400701860890

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 $\geq$ EAMO or Progress Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Progress Target
All Students	✓	40	188	164	164
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—	—	—
Black or African American	✓	33	185	144	144
Hispanic or Latino	—	1	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0	—	—	—
White	—	4	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	5	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	0	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	30	190	151	151

✓ 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:  $\frac{((\text{Count at Level 2}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4}))}{[\text{Count of Tested Students}]} \times 100$

**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: NIAGARA CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 400701860890

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	46	93%
Not Black or African American	10	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	46	96%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	48	94%
Not White	42	93%
Not Multiracial	48	94%
General Education	43	93%
English Proficient	48	94%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	16	—
Male	18	—
Female	30	—
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	48	94%

— 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	38	187
Not Black or African American	7	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	39	187
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	40	188
Not White	36	186
Not Multiracial	40	188
General Education	35	194
English Proficient	40	188
Not Economically Disadvantaged	10	—
Male	13	—
Female	27	—
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	40	188

— 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	117	146	—	—	132
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	—	—	—	—
Black or African American	116	141	—	—	129
Hispanic or Latino	—	—	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	—	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	—	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	—	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	115	145	—	—	130

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