

The New York State Accountability Report 2011-12

SCHOOL:	NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL ID:	400800010034
DISTRICT:	NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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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/.

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Adequate Yearly Progress: In secondary-level 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	 Image: A second s
Hispanic or Latino	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	 Image: A second s
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	 Image: A second s
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

Secondary-Level ELA: Participation

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All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of 12th graders: YES

Secondary-Level English Language Arts (ELA) Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 95%	12th Graders	Percent of 12th Graders with Valid Test Scores
All Students	1	430	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	11	—
Black or African American	 Image: A set of the set of the	140	99%
Hispanic or Latino	—	11	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	17	_
White	 Image: A set of the set of the	249	100%
Multiracial	—	2	—
Students With Disabilities	 ✓ 	52	100%
Limited English Proficient	—	8	_
Economically Disadvantaged	 Image: A set of the set of the	235	99%

✓ At least 95% of 12th graders were tested.

X Less than 95% of 12th graders were tested.

- There were fewer than 40 12th graders in the group.

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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

Secondary-Level English Language Arts (ELA) Performance Results

	PI >= EAMO or	2008 Accountability		Objectives	
Student Group	Safe Harbor Target	Cohort Members	· DI		Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✓	413	167	154	154
American Indian or Alaska Native	-	10	—	_	—
Black or African American	 Image: A set of the set of the	136	149	125	125
Hispanic or Latino	—	6	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	-	16	—	—	—
White	✓	244	178	167	167
Multiracial	—	1	_	_	_
Students With Disabilities	1	57	98	84	84
Limited English Proficient	—	4	_	_	_
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	224	158	134	134

✓ 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 in the 2008 accountability cohort.

2008 Accountability Cohort: The 2008 Accountability Cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 anywhere between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 or, in the case of ungraded students with disabilities, reached their seventeenth birthday during the 2008-09 school year. Results for these students are captured as of June 30, 2012. A more detailed definition of this cohort is available in "Secondary-Level Cohort Definitions" at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/.

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 Cohort Members]) × 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

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

Participation

Student Group	12th Graders	Percent of 12th Graders with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	419	100%
Not Black or African American	290	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	419	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	413	100%
Not White	181	99%
Not Multiracial	428	100%
General Education	378	99%
English Proficient	422	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	195	100%
Male	219	99%
Female	211	100%
Migrant	0	_
Not Migrant	430	100%

- There were fewer than 40 12th graders in the group.

Performance

Student Group	2008 Accountability Cohort Members	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	403	167
Not Black or African American	277	175
Not Hispanic or Latino	407	167
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	397	166
Not White	169	150
Not Multiracial	412	167
General Education	356	178
English Proficient	409	167
Not Economically Disadvantaged	189	177
Male	208	157
Female	205	176
Migrant	0	—
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Secondary-Level Math: AYP

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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	 Image: A second s
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Black or African American	 Image: A second s
Hispanic or Latino	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	_
White	1
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	×
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	1

Made AYP

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All Students	1	430	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	11	—
Black or African American	1	140	99%
Hispanic or Latino	—	11	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	17	—
White	1	249	100%
Multiracial	—	2	—
Students With Disabilities	1	52	100%
Limited English Proficient	_	8	_
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Secondary-Level Math Performance Results

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Student Group	Safe Harbor Target	Cohort Members	PI	EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✓	413	120	131	118
American Indian or Alaska Native	_	10	—	—	—
Black or African American	✓	136	101	94	94
Hispanic or Latino	—	6	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	16	—	—	—
White	1	244	132	147	129
Multiracial	_	1	_	_	—
Students With Disabilities	×	57	44	69	69
Limited English Proficient	—	4	_	—	_
Economically Disadvantaged	1	224	113	108	108

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Not Economically Disadvantaged	195	100%
Male	219	100%
Female	211	100%
Migrant	0	_
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Performance

Student Group	2008 Accountability Cohort Members	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	403	121
Not Black or African American	277	129
Not Hispanic or Latino	407	121
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	397	118
Not White	169	103
Not Multiracial	412	120
General Education	356	132
English Proficient	409	120
Not Economically Disadvantaged	189	128
Male	208	117
Female	205	122
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	413	120

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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 Pl	Secondary-Level ELA PI	Secondary-Level Math Pl	Unweighted Combined Pl
All Students	—	—	167	120	144
American Indian or Alaska Native	_	_	_	_	_
Black or African American	_	—	149	101	125
Hispanic or Latino	_	—	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	_	_	_	_	_
White	—	—	178	132	155
Multiracial	_	—	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	—	98	44	71
Limited English Proficient	—	—	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	_	—	158	113	136

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

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Adequate Yearly Progress: 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 <u>**OR**</u> the 5-year graduation-rate total cohort must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard of 80% or the group's Progress Target.

All accountability groups 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	 Image: A second s

✓ Made AYP

X Did not make AYP

There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

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Graduation Rate: 4-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

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All accountability groups with 30 or more members met the graduation-rate criterion for the four-year graduation-rate total cohort: NO

Four-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

Student Group	Met Graduation- Rate Criterion	2007 Four- Year Graduation- Rate Total Cohort	Graduation Rate	State Standard	Progress Target
All Students	×	562	75%	80%	80%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	20	—	—	—
Black or African American	×	190	73%	80%	80%
Hispanic or Latino	—	16	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	13	—	—	—
White	×	322	78%	80%	80%
Multiracial	—	1	_	—	_
Students With Disabilities	×	113	57%	80%	67%
Limited English Proficient	—	7	_	—	_
Economically Disadvantaged	1	238	80%	80%	80%

✓ Graduation rate is equal to or greater than the State Standard or the group's Progress Target.

X Graduation rate is less than the State Standard and the group's Progress Target.

- There were fewer than 30 students in the cohort.

2007 Four-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

The 2007 four-year graduation-rate total cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 anywhere between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. Four-year graduation-rate results for these students are captured as of August 31, 2011.

Graduation Rate

The graduate rate for the 2007 four-year graduation-rate total cohort is the percentage of cohort members who earned a local or Regents diploma by August 31, 2011.

Progress Target

The Progress Target for the 2007 four-year graduation-rate total cohort is a 10% gap reduction in the graduation rate of the 2006 four-year graduation-rate total cohort as of August 31, 2010. The following equation is used to determine the 2007 four-year graduation-rate total cohort progress target:

[(80 - the graduation rate of the 2006 four-year graduation-rate total cohort) x 0.1] + the graduation rate of the 2006 four-year graduation-rate total cohort

Graduation Rate: 5-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

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All accountability groups with 30 or more members met the graduation-rate criterion for the five-year graduation-rate total cohort: NO

Five-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

Student Group	Met Graduation- Rate Criterion	2006 Five- Year Graduation- Rate Total Cohort	Graduation Rate	State Standard	Progress Target
All Students	×	592	79%	80%	80%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	18	—	—	—
Black or African American	1	200	79%	80%	78%
Hispanic or Latino	—	16	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	12	_	—	—
White	×	344	79%	80%	80%
Multiracial	—	2	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	×	85†	67% †	80%	70%
Limited English Proficient	_	2	_	_	_
Economically Disadvantaged	×	240	76%	80%	80%

✓ Graduation rate is equal to or greater than the State Standard or the group's Progress Target.

X Graduation rate is less than the State Standard and the group's Progress Target.

- There were fewer than 30 students in the cohort.

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

2006 Five-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

The 2006 five-year graduation-rate total cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 anywhere between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Five-year graduation-rate results for these students are captured as of August 31, 2011.

Graduation Rate

The graduate rate for the 2006 five-year graduation-rate total cohort is the percentage of cohort members who earned a local or Regents diploma by August 31, 2011.

Progress Target

The Progress Target for the 2006 five-year graduation-rate total cohort is a 20% gap reduction in the graduation rate of the 2005 five-year graduation-rate total cohort as of June 30, 2010. The following equation is used to determine the 2006 five-year graduation-rate total cohort progress target:

[(80 - the graduation rate of the 2005 five-year graduation-rate total cohort) x 0.2] + the graduation rate of the 2005 five-year graduation-rate total cohort

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Graduation Rates for the following groups are NOT used to determine AYP.

		ation-Rate Total lort	Five-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort		
Student Group	2007 Four- Year Graduation- Rate Total Cohort	Graduation Rate	2006 Five- Year Graduation- Rate Total Cohort	Graduation Rate	
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	542	75%	574	79%	
Not Black or African American	372	76%	392	79%	
Not Hispanic or Latino	546	75%	576	79%	
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	549	74%	580	78%	
Not White	240	70%	248	78%	
Not Multiracial	561	75%	590	79%	
General Education	449	79%	512	80%	
English Proficient	555	75%	590	79%	
Not Economically Disadvantaged	324	71%	352	81%	
Male	299	69%	288	77%	
Female	263	81%	304	80%	
Migrant	0	—	0	—	
Not Migrant	562	75%	592	79%	

- There were fewer than 30 students in the cohort.

Graduation Rates for Select Diploma Types

Regents with Advanced Designation

The percentage of 2007 Graduation-Rate Total Cohort members who graduated as of August 31, 2011 with a Regents Diploma with an Advanced Designation is 16%, which did not exceed the State average of 31%.

Regents with CTE Endorsement

The percentage of 2007 Graduation-Rate Total Cohort members who graduated as of August 31, 2011 with a Regents Diploma with CTE Endorsement is 0%, which did not exceed the State average of 3%.