

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

Adequate Yearly Progress

In accordance with federal and State laws, the New York State Education Department must determine and report on the performance of students in the following areas:

- 1) Elementary/middle-level (grades 3 8) English Language Arts (ELA)
- 2) Elementary/middle-level (grades 3 8) Mathematics
- 3) Elementary/middle-level (grades 4 and 8) Science
- 4) Secondary-level (grades 9-12) ELA
- 5) Secondary-level (grades 9-12) Mathematics
- 6) Graduation Rate

This performance is determined by identifying whether or not a district or school made **"Adequate Yearly Progress"** (AYP). AYP indicates satisfactory progress by a district or a school toward the goal of proficiency for all students. In ELA, mathematics, and science, AYP is determined by comparing the percentage of students tested and the performance of tested students against defined standards. In graduation rate, AYP is determined by comparing the percentage of students graduating against defined standards.

Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science

Participation: In ELA and mathematics, 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested to meet the participation criterion. In science, 80% must be tested.
 Performance: In ELA and mathematics, a calculated measure of performance called the "Performance Index" (PI) for each accountability group with 30 or more members must equal or exceed a preset objective called an "Effective Annual Measurable Objective" (EAMO) or a safety net objective called a "Safe Harbor Target." In science, the criterion for performance is the same but the safety net is referred to as a "Progress Target."

Districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria for all groups with sufficient numbers to make AYP.

Standards for Graduation Rate

Districts and schools with secondary-level grades are also held to certain standards for the percentage of students who graduated. To make AYP in graduation rate, every accountability group with 30 or more members must make AYP. For a group to make AYP, the graduation rate of the 4-year graduation-rate total cohort or the 5-year graduation-rate total cohort must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard of 80% or the group's Progress Target. A cohort is a group of students who entered grade 9 anywhere in a particular school year. Graduation rates for these cohorts are then determined 4 and 5 years after the students first enter grade 9.

For more information on how AYP and PIs are determined, see "Determining AYP in 2011-12" under Understanding Accountability in New York State at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: AYP

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 421800010020 DISTRICT: SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period: NO

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	×	507	97%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—
Black or African American	 Image: A set of the set of the	409	99%
Hispanic or Latino	×	92*	92%*
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	5	—
White	—	34	—
Multiracial	—	8	—
Students With Disabilities	 Image: A set of the set of the	91	97%
Limited English Proficient	×	87*	91%*
Economically Disadvantaged	×	492	98%

✓ 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.

* The percentage of students tested in the current year fell below 95 percent, so the numbers of enrolled and tested students in the current year and previous year were combined to provide the school/district with another opportunity to meet the participation rate criterion.

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: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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	Student Group Safe Harbor Enrolled on BEDS Day		PI	EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	×	443	72	145	86
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—	_	—
Black or African American	×	364	73	124	88
Hispanic or Latino	×	38	53	116	56
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	3	—	—	—
White	—	29	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	8	-	—	—
Students With Disabilities	×	87 †	32†	90	43
Limited English Proficient	×	35‡	31‡	94	34
Economically Disadvantaged	×	432	71	129	83

✓ 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 ELA: Non-AYP Groups

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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	505	97%
Not Black or African American	98	92%
Not Hispanic or Latino	415	98%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	502	98%
Not White	473	97%
Not Multiracial	499	97%
General Education	416	97%
English Proficient	466	99%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	15	_
Male	262	96%
Female	245	99%
Migrant	0	_
Not Migrant	507	97%

- 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	442	72
Not Black or African American	79	72
Not Hispanic or Latino	405	74
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	440	73
Not White	414	72
Not Multiracial	435	71
General Education	365	81
English Proficient	411	76
Not Economically Disadvantaged	11	—
Male	221	61
Female	222	84
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	443	72

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

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: AYP

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE 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): 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

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 421800010020 DISTRICT: SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period: NO

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	×	505	97%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—
Black or African American	×	407	98%
Hispanic or Latino	×	92*	92%*
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	5	—
White	—	34	—
Multiracial	—	8	—
Students With Disabilities	 ✓ 	92	96%
Limited English Proficient	×	41	98%
Economically Disadvantaged	×	491	97%

✓ 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.

* The percentage of students tested in the current year fell below 95 percent, so the numbers of enrolled and tested students in the current year and previous year were combined to provide the school/district with another opportunity to meet the participation rate criterion.

Medically Excused:

Students who were excused from testing for medical reasons in accordance with federal No Child Left Behind guidance are not included in these calculations.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Performance

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 421800010020 DISTRICT: SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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	PI	Objectives	
Student Group	Safe Harbor Target	Enrolled on BEDS Day		ΕΑΜΟ	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	×	437	69	159	95
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	-	_	—
Black or African American	×	360	70	136	98
Hispanic or Latino	×	36	47	134	62
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	3	—	—	—
White	—	29	—	—	—
Multiracial	_	8	_	—	_
Students With Disabilities	×	86†	29†	111	49
Limited English Proficient	×	36‡	47‡	124	56
Economically Disadvantaged	×	426	69	146	93

✓ 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 Math: Non-AYP Groups

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 421800010020 DISTRICT: SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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	503	97%
Not Black or African American	98	94%
Not Hispanic or Latino	413	98%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	500	97%
Not White	471	97%
Not Multiracial	497	97%
General Education	413	98%
English Proficient	464	97%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	14	_
Male	261	97%
Female	244	97%
Migrant	0	_
Not Migrant	505	97%

- 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	436	69
Not Black or African American	77	66
Not Hispanic or Latino	401	71
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	434	69
Not White	408	69
Not Multiracial	429	68
General Education	360	78
English Proficient	404	71
Not Economically Disadvantaged	11	—
Male	219	67
Female	218	72
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	437	69

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

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: AYP

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 421800010020 DISTRICT: SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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): 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 Science: Participation

SCHOOL: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 421800010020 DISTRICT: SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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	×	169	93%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0	—
Black or African American	×	138	93%
Hispanic or Latino	—	18	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	3	—
White	—	10	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	36	—
Limited English Proficient	—	18	—
Economically Disadvantaged	×	165	94%

✓ 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: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 421800010020 DISTRICT: SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Progress Target: NO

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

Student Group	PI >= EAMO or	Tested Students	PI	Objectives	
Student Group	Progress Target	Enrolled on BEDS Day		EAMO	Progress Target
All Students	×	139	88	170	92
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0	_	—	—
Black or African American	×	115	91	151	98
Hispanic or Latino	—	12			—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	3	-	—	—
White	—	9	-	-	—
Multiracial	—	0	—		—
Students With Disabilities	—	25			—
Limited English Proficient	_	14	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	×	137	87	159	92

✓ 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: DANFORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 421800010020 DISTRICT: SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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	169	93%	
Not Black or African American	31	—	
Not Hispanic or Latino	151	93%	
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	166	93%	
Not White	159	93%	
Not Multiracial	169	93%	
General Education	133	95%	
English Proficient	151	93%	
Not Economically Disadvantaged	4	_	
Male	95	92%	
Female	74	96%	
Migrant	0	_	
Not Migrant	169	93%	

- 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	139	88
Not Black or African American	24	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	127	91
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	136	89
Not White	130	86
Not Multiracial	139	88
General Education	114	97
English Proficient	125	94
Not Economically Disadvantaged	2	—
Male	77	82
Female	62	95
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	139	88

- 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	72	69	—	—	71
American Indian or Alaska Native	_	_	—	_	—
Black or African American	73	70	—	—	72
Hispanic or Latino	53	47	—	—	50
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	_	_	_	_	_
White	—	—	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	—	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	32	29	—	—	31
Limited English Proficient	31	47	—	—	39
Economically Disadvantaged	71	69	—	_	70

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