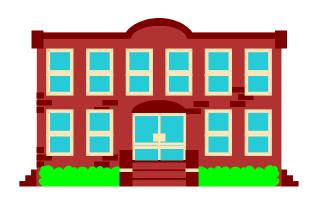
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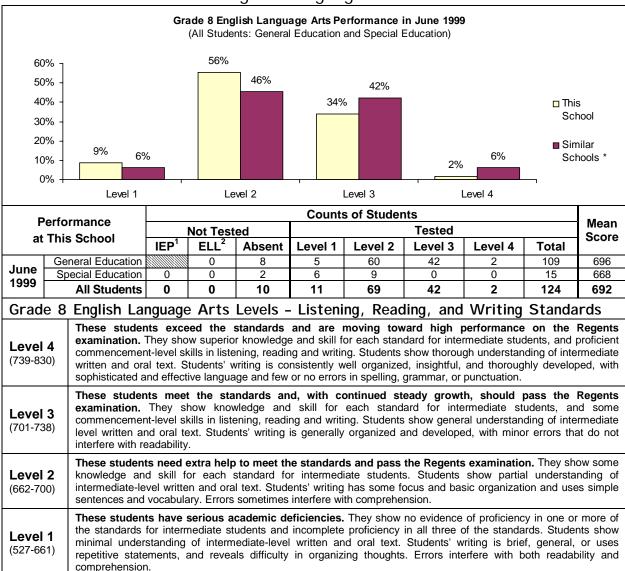
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Grade 8

English Language Arts



Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

English language learners (ELL), formerly referred to as limited English proficient (LEP), are students for whom English is a second language. Schools assist these students in learning English so they can participate effectively in the academic program. ELL students without sufficient proficiency in English are not required to take the grade 8 ELA test. Their progress in learning English is measured, using standardized tests, and reported.

Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
June 1999	0	0

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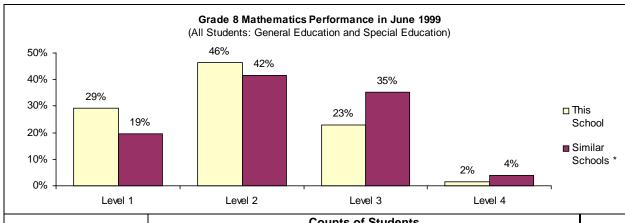
² These students were not required to take the grade 8 ELA test because they were English Language Learners (ELL) who performed below the 30th percentile on another appropriate English reading assessment. Other grade 8 ELL students must take this test.

³ These students were enrolled at the time of testing, but were not present to complete some part of the ELA assessment.

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Grade 8

Mathematics



_	Performance			Counts of Students						
_	at This School		Not Tested		Tested				Mean Score	
aı			ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	Score
	General Education		0	5	25	56	29	2	112	702
June 1999	Special Education	0	0	2	12	3	0	0	15	650
1999	All Students	0	0	7	37	59	29	2	127	696

Grade 8 Mathematics Levels - Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem Solving Standards

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Level 4 (760-882)	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. They show superior knowledge and skill for each key idea for intermediate students, and proficient commencement-level skills. They consistently demonstrate proficiency and accuracy in processes and solutions. They clearly communicate mathematical insights, use a wide range of mathematical problem-solving strategies, and identify the most efficient means to a solution.
Level 3 (716-759)	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. They show knowledge and skill for each key idea for intermediate students, and some commencement-level skills. They use prime numbers, factors, rational numbers; apply formulas; visualize three dimensional shapes; understand and use the Pythagorean theorem and trigonometric functions.
Level 2 (681-715)	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. They show some knowledge and skill for each key idea for intermediate students. They use basic reasoning, understand percentages, visualize two-dimensional shapes, understand properties of polygons and use patterns.
Level 1 (517-680)	These students have serious academic deficiencies. They show no evidence of proficiency in one or more of the key ideas for intermediate students and incomplete proficiency in all seven key ideas. They can use variables and make and use simple measurements. They may use simple operations and understand simple graphical displays. They can identify some patterns and functions.

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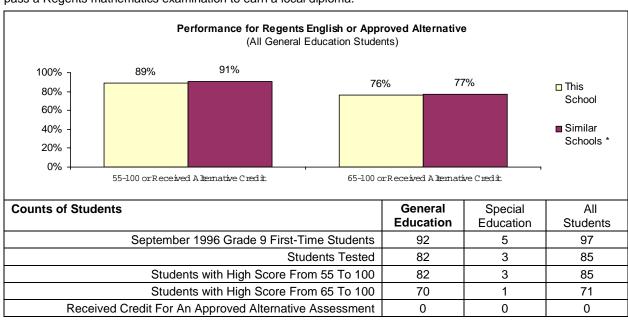
² These students are not required to take this test because they are English language learners (ELL) who perform below the 30th percentile on an appropriate English reading assessment and there is no test form available in their native language. Other ELL students must take this test, but may take an alternative language form if such is available.

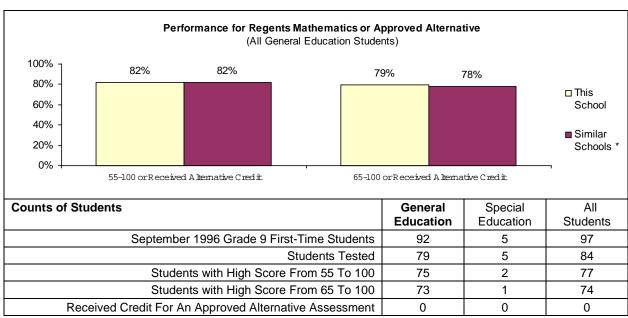
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Cohort Performance

This cohort includes all students enrolled in this school in June 1999 who first entered grade 9 in September 1996. General education students in this cohort must pass the Regents English examination to earn a high school diploma. Special education students who do not pass the Regents English examination may meet this graduation requirement by passing the Regents Competency Tests in both reading and writing. Students in this cohort are not required to pass a Regents mathematics examination to earn a local diploma.





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Students who score 55 to 64 may earn a local diploma with the approval of the local school board. Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times or in which years the student may have taken the examination.

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School Profile

Principal:	Mr. Richard Ka	Phone	e: (716)532-3325	
Organization 1998-99		School Staff ¹ (both full- and part-time)		
Grade Student Range Enrollment		Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals	Count of Paraprofessionals
7-12	704	56	6	9

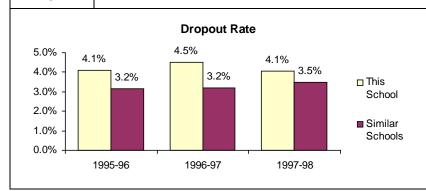
1997-98 School District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$8,660
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Student Enrollment								
Grade Level	October 1998	Grade Level	October 1998					
Pre-Kindergarten	0	Grade 7	126					
Kindergarten	0	Grade 8	132					
Grade 1	0	Grade 9	157					
Grade 2	0	Grade 10	104					
Grade 3	0	Grade 11	100					
Grade 4	0	Grade 12	85					
Grade 5	0	Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities	0					
Grade 6	0	Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities	0					

Student Demographics Used To	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99	
Determine Similar School Groups	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Language Learners	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Eligible For Free Lunch	194	27.3%	228	32.2%	210	29.8%

Similar Schools Group

This school is in Similar Schools Group 47. All schools in this group are secondary level schools in rural school districts with high student needs in relation to district resources. The schools in this group are in the middle range of student needs for secondary level schools in these districts.



A dropout is any student who left school prior to graduation for any reason except death and did not enter another school or approved high school equivalency preparation program. The dropout rate is calculated by dividing the total number of students who dropped out in a given year by the total fall enrollment in grades 9-12, including that portion of the ungraded secondary student enrollment that can be attributed to grades 9-12.

¹ Some district-employed staff serve in more than one school. These shared people are not reported here.

School Accountability Measures

The Regents expect schools to meet or exceed 90 percent on each benchmark shown here. Regulations require school districts to develop and implement local assistance plans (LAP) to bring every public school up to these levels. These plans must include activities to improve the performance of all students, including students with disabilities. LAP for district public schools are available for public review at the district office.

All students continuously enrolled from October until the date of State testing at this school are included in these measures. Students with disabilities are included¹. Also, schools with fewer than 20 students in a grade may combine results for three consecutive years to reduce the impact of small-population variability. Local school officials have this information.

English Language Arts Performance of Students in Grades 4 and 8 for 1998-99

		ously Enrolled Students To Take State ELA Tests	English Language I Reported Using Alternativ		Danahmark
	Tested At Or Above Level 2 In English Language Arts		English Language Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Satisfactory Progress	Benchmark Percentage
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(b+d)/(a+c)
Grade 4					NA
Grade 8	122	111	0	0	91%

Mathematics Performance of Students in Grades 4 and 8 for 1998-99

	Continuous	Benchmark	
	Tested	At Or Above Level 2 In Math	Percentage
	(a)	(b)	(b/a)
Grade 4			NA
Grade 8	125	89	71%

Demonstrated Competency of Students in Grade 11 for 1998-99

Competency Area	Grade 11 Enrollment June 1999	Regents Level (higher)	RCT Level (lower)	Benchmark Percentage ²
Alea	(a)	(b)	(c)	(b+c)/a
Reading	93	70	15	91%
Writing	93	70	15	91%
Mathematics	93	72	19	98%

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¹ All students with disabilities who are enrolled in this school are included in these measures along with general education students, regardless of classroom environment and level of special education services. These calculations match those used to identify the schools farthest from State standards [potential schools under registration review (SURR)] and Title I schools that are making adequate yearly progress.

² The State data system does not separate these Grade 11 results based on duration of enrollment. Some schools with high mobility grade 11 populations may not have their LAP status correctly identified in this report. These numbers are, however, indicative of performance in all schools.

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