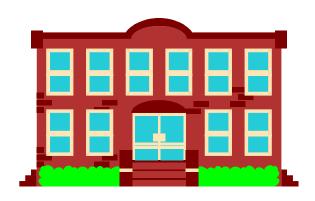
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An Overview of Academic Performance



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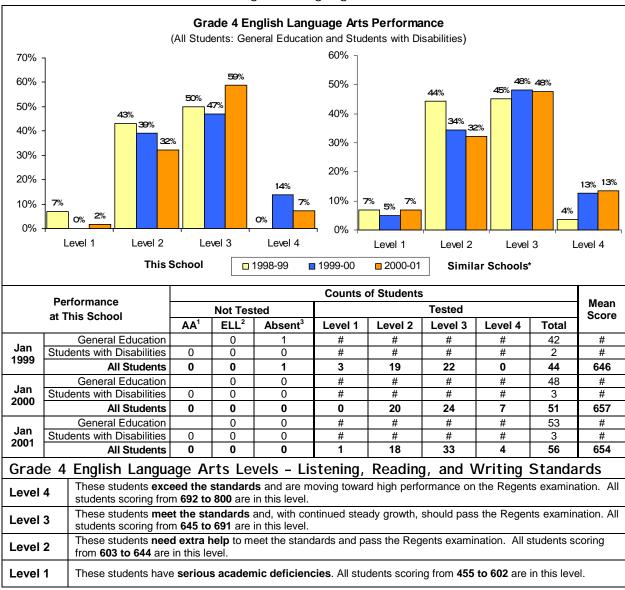
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Elementary Level

English Language Arts



Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

ELL are students for whom English is a second language. Schools teach these students English so they can participate effectively in the academic program. ELL students without sufficient proficiency in English are not required to take the grade 4 ELA test. Their progress in learning English is measured, using standardized tests, and reported.

Grade 4	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress	
February 2000	0	0	

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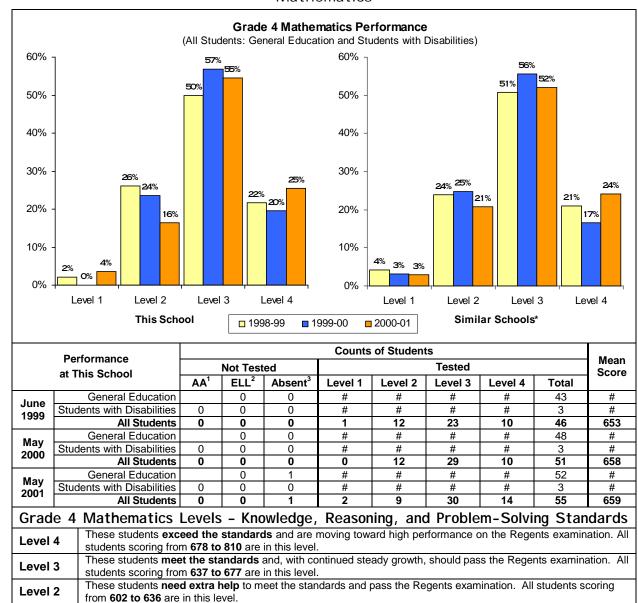
² These students were not required to take the grade 4 ELA test because they were English Language Learners (ELL) who performed below the 30th percentile on another appropriate English reading assessment.

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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Elementary Level

Mathematics



These students have serious academic deficiencies. All students scoring from 448 to 601 are in this level.

Level 1

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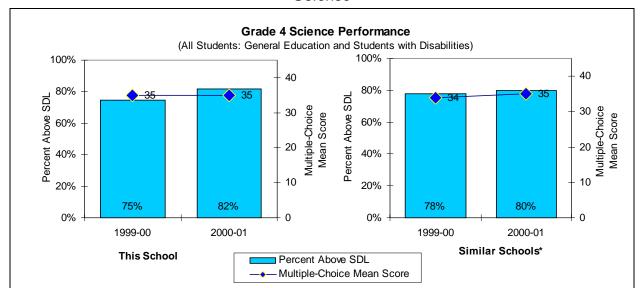
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³ These students were enrolled at the time of testing but were not present to complete some part of this mathematics assessment.

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Elementary Level

Science



Counts of Students				School Mean					
Performance		Not Tested		Multiple-Choice Test		Performance	Scores		
	at This School	AA^1	ELL ²	Absent ³	Component		Component	Mult Choice	Perfor- mance
			ELL	Absent	Tested	Above SDL	Tested		
May	General Education		0	0	48	#	48	#	#
2000	Students with Disabilities	0	0	0	3	#	3	#	#
2000	All Students	0	0	0	51	38	51	35	35
May	General Education		0	1	52	#	51	#	#
2001	Students with Disabilities	0	0	0	3	#	3	#	#
2001	All Students	0	0	1	55	45	54	35	35

Grade 4 Science - Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards

Multiple-Choice Test Component	This component is 45 multiple-choice questions based upon the New York State <i>Elementary Science Syllabus</i> , and referenced to the New York State <i>Learning Standards for Mathematics, Science and Technology</i> (Elementary Level). Of the 45 questions, 17 reference Physical Setting; 17 reference Living Environment; 8 reference Scientific Inquiry; and 3 reference Mathematics.
State Designated Level (SDL)	Students who correctly answer fewer than 30 of the 45 questions of the Multiple-Choice Test Component must receive academic intervention services (AIS) in the following term of instruction.
Performance Component	This component involves performance of hands-on tasks at 5 stations. The stations are named Liquids, Grouping Objects, Ball and Ramp Game, Magnetic and Electrical Testing, and Unknown Object. All tested students work at the Ball and Ramp Game. Approximately half the students work on Liquids and Grouping Objects and the other half work on Magnetic and Electrical Testing and Unknown Object. Schools use a statistically randomized procedure to assign students to these stations.
School Mean Scores	For the multiple-choice test component, this is the average number of correct answers for students tested. If all tested students answered all questions correctly, this score would be 45. For the performance component, the mean scores for the stations are added together to arrive at the school mean score. If all tested students received perfect scores, this score would be 49.

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School Profile

Principal: Mr.	Oren Cook	Phone: (315)493-2400		
Organization 2000-01		School Staff ¹ (both full- and part-time)		
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals	
K-5	312	21	2	

1999-00 School District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$9,907
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Student Enrollment			
Grade Level	October 2000	Grade Level	October 2000
Pre-Kindergarten	0	Grade 7	0
Kindergarten	50	Grade 8	0
Grade 1	60	Grade 9	0
Grade 2	41	Grade 10	0
Grade 3	55	Grade 11	0
Grade 4	57	Grade 12	0
Grade 5	49	Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities	0
Grade 6	0	Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities	0

Student Demographics Used To	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
Determine Similar School Groups	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Language Learners	3	0.9%	3	1.0%	3	1.0%
Eligible For Free Lunch	92	28.5%	72	23.2%	88	28.2%

Similar
Schools
Group

This school is in Similar Schools Group 11. All schools in this group are elementary 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 elementary level schools in these districts.

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

System of Accountability for Student Success (SASS)

This section presents this school's results relative to Commissioner's standards for school performance. To raise performance, the Commissioner has established State standards for schools for each school year through 2002-03.

Schools are expected to meet or exceed the Commissioner's standards. School districts must develop and implement local assistance plans (LAP) to bring every public school up to these levels. Schools that fall below a standard are assigned adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets. This school-specific program of attainable goals is intended to allow schools below standard to "compete against themselves" by showing adequate progress towards closing the gap between their baseline performance and the State standard.

A Performance Index is used to assess school performance relative to elementary- and middle-level State standards for English language arts and for mathematics. The Performance Index credits each school for the students demonstrating some of the Learning Standards (Level 2) and for the students demonstrating all of the assessed Learning Standards (Level 3 and Level 4). Students at the higher levels contribute more to the Performance Index than do Level 2 students. Level 1 performance earns no credit. As a guide to understanding, the Performance Index may be understood as the sum of the percentage of students performing at or above Level 2 plus the percentage of students performing at or above Level 3.

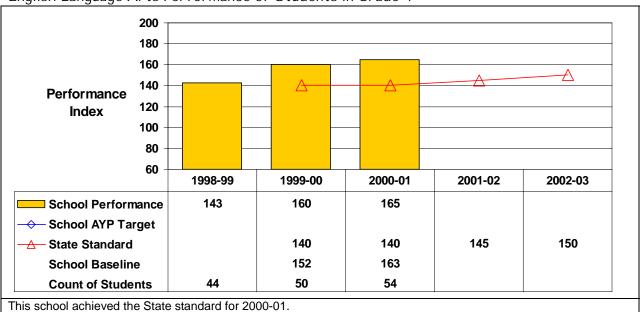
More information about this school accountability program is available from the State Education Department Web site (http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/repcrd2002). There you can find the rules for which students' results are included in the Performance Index, for how the performance of English language learners is included, for how the baseline numbers are calculated, for accountability for very small schools, and for when and how adequate yearly progress targets are assigned. Please note that Performance Index is only presented for schools that reported 20 or more continuously enrolled students' results. For this purpose continuously enrolled is defined as being enrolled in the school from October through the date of the State assessment.

The Commissioner has decided that until there is a State plan to meet the requirements of the Federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation he will not establish a State SASS standard for the 2003-04 school year for the elementary- and middle-level State assessments for English language arts and for mathematics. Therefore, no AYP targets are computed for the 2003-04 school year at this time. Schools that met a State standard in 1999-00 but performed below the State standard in 2000-01 are assigned AYP targets for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years. These AYP targets are determined using the 2002-03 State SASS standard Performance Index value of 150. Schools that performed below a State standard in 1999-00 were previously assigned AYP targets for 2001-02 and 2002-03, while schools that met State standards in 2000-01 are not assigned AYP targets.

Elementary-Level School Performance

The Performance Index used to measure elementary school performance is computed using aggregate results of the State Grade 4 assessments for continuously enrolled students.

English Language Arts Performance of Students in Grade 4



Mathematics Performance of Students in Grade 4

