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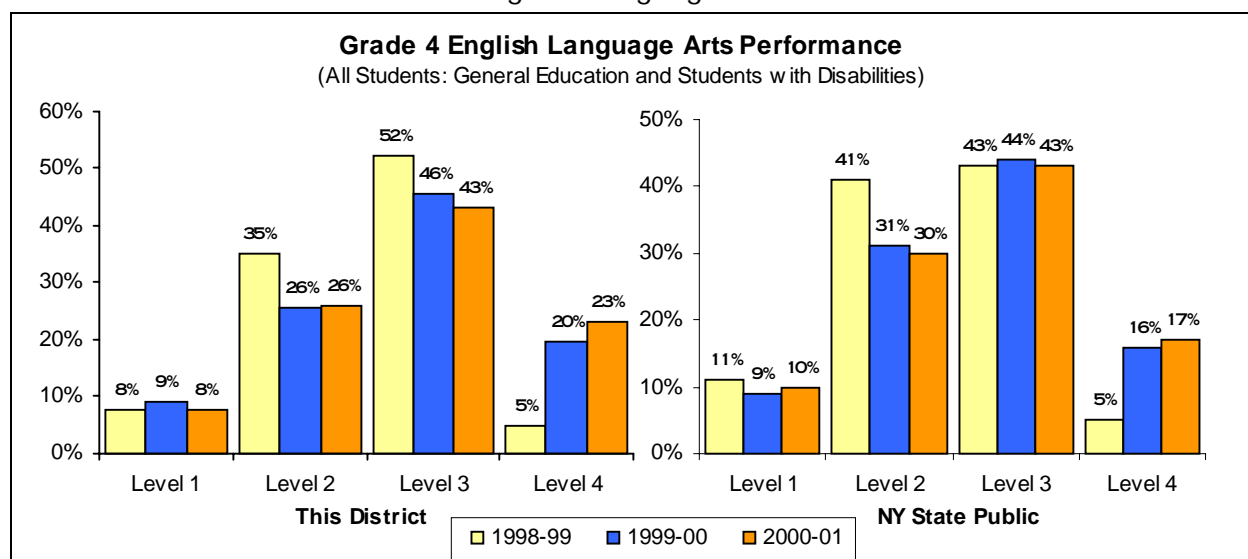
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Elementary Level

English Language Arts



Performance at This District		Counts of Students								Mean Score
		Not Tested			Tested					
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
Jan 1999	General Education		0	4	9	103	167	16	295	652
	Students with Disabilities	0	0	0	16	10	1	0	27	594
	All Students	0	0	4	25	113	168	16	322	647
Jan 2000	General Education		0	9	17	78	159	70	324	663
	Students with Disabilities	1	0	1	15	14	4	0	33	607
	All Students	1	0	10	32	92	163	70	357	657
Jan 2001	General Education		1	2	19	78	136	75	308	664
	Students with Disabilities	0	0	5	7	8	7	2	24	631
	All Students	0	1	7	26	86	143	77	332	662

Grade 4 English Language Arts Levels - Listening, Reading, and Writing Standards

Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. All students scoring from 692 to 800 are in this level.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 645 to 691 are in this level.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 603 to 644 are in this level.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies . All students scoring from 455 to 602 are in this level.

Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

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Grade 4	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
January 2001	1	#

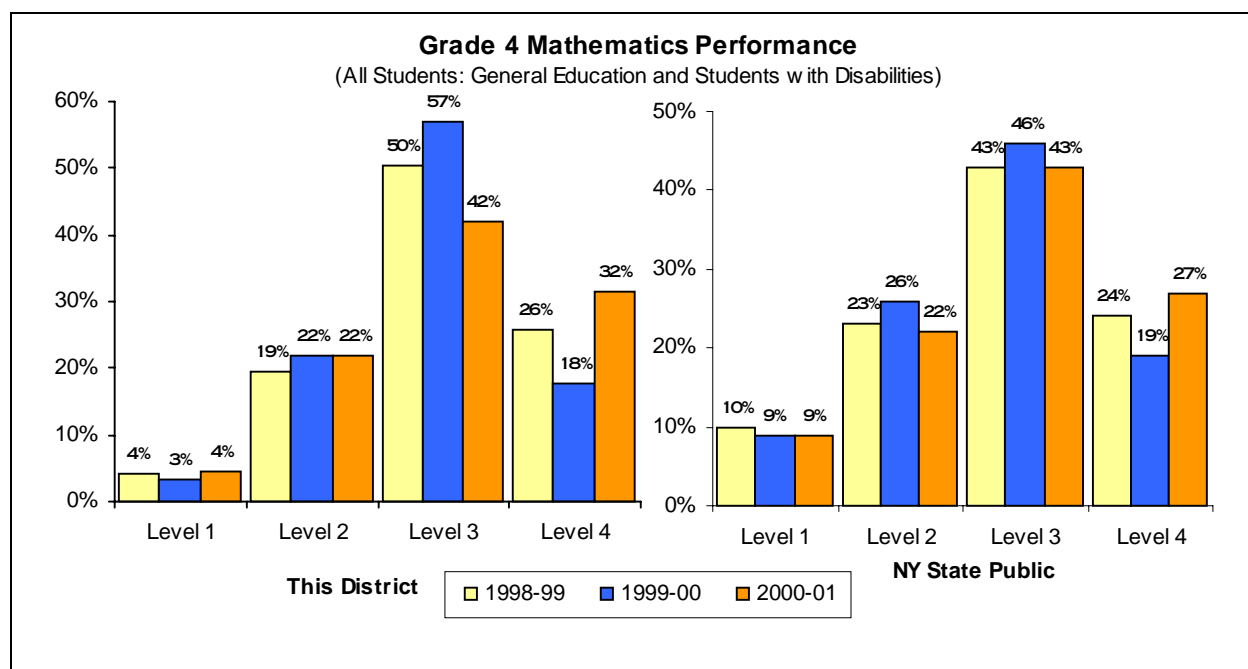
1 For 2001, these students were eligible for the Alternate Assessment (AA). For 2000 and 1999, these students were exempt from this test because of disability as stated in their Individualized Educational Program.

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



Performance at This District		Counts of Students								Mean Score
		Not Tested			Tested					
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
June 1999	General Education		0	1	6	50	157	84	297	661
	Students with Disabilities	2	0	1	8	13	7	0	28	619
	All Students	2	0	2	14	63	164	84	325	657
May 2000	General Education		0	2	8	61	197	65	331	658
	Students with Disabilities	1	0	0	4	19	11	0	34	623
	All Students	1	0	2	12	80	208	65	365	655
May 2001	General Education		0	0	12	63	133	103	311	660
	Students with Disabilities	3	0	0	3	10	8	3	24	636
	All Students	3	0	0	15	73	141	106	335	659

Grade 4 Mathematics Levels - Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. All students scoring from 678 to 810 are in this level.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 637 to 677 are in this level.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 602 to 636 are in this level.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies . All students scoring from 448 to 601 are in this level.

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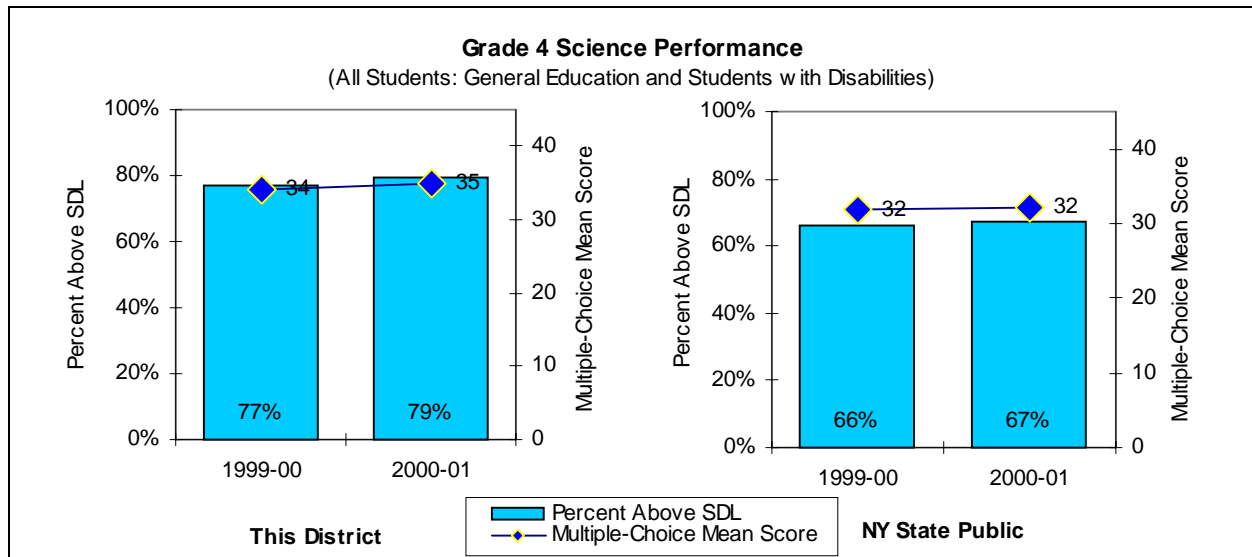
2 These students were not required to take this test because they were English language learners (ELL) who perform below the 30th percentile on an appropriate English reading assessment and there was no test form available in their native language. Other ELL students must take this test, but may take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

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



Performance at This District		Counts of Students					School Mean Scores	
		Not Tested			Multiple-Choice Test Component		Performance Component	
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Tested	Above SDL	Tested	
May 2000	General Education		0	3	330	266	322	34
	Students with Disabilities	1	0	0	34	15	32	28
	All Students	1	0	3	364	281	354	34
May 2001	General Education		0	0	311	250	304	35
	Students with Disabilities	3	0	0	23	15	22	31
	All Students	3	0	0	334	265	326	35

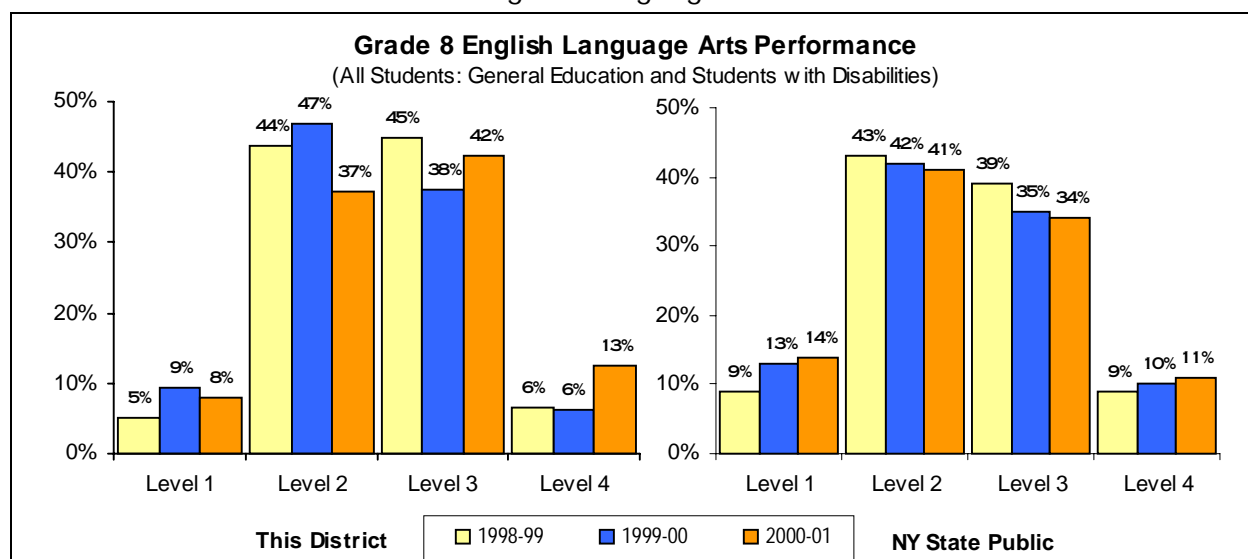
Grade 4 Science - Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards

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 <i>Liquids</i> , <i>Grouping Objects</i> , <i>Ball and Ramp Game</i> , <i>Magnetic and Electrical Testing</i> , and <i>Unknown Object</i> . All tested students work at the <i>Ball and Ramp Game</i> . Approximately half the students work on <i>Liquids</i> and <i>Grouping Objects</i> and the other half work on <i>Magnetic and Electrical Testing</i> and <i>Unknown Object</i> . 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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- 3 These students were enrolled at the time of testing but did not complete any part of this science assessment.
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Middle Level

English Language Arts



Performance at This District		Counts of Students								Mean Score
		Not Tested			Tested					
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
June 1999	General Education		0	0	1	109	130	19	259	707
	Students with Disabilities	0	0	1	14	21	3	0	38	670
	All Students	0	0	1	15	130	133	19	297	702
May 2000	General Education		0	3	10	139	117	20	286	701
	Students with Disabilities	11	0	0	19	8	1	0	28	653
	All Students	11	0	3	29	147	118	20	314	697
May 2001	General Education		0	7	13	108	134	39	294	708
	Students with Disabilities	10	0	3	12	10	0	1	23	665
	All Students	10	0	10	25	118	134	40	317	705

Grade 8 English Language Arts Levels - Listening, Reading, and Writing Standards

Level 4	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. All students scoring from 739 to 830 are in this level.
Level 3	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 701 to 738 are in this level.
Level 2	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 662 to 700 are in this level.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies . All students scoring from 527 to 661 are in this level.

Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

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Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
June 2001	0	0

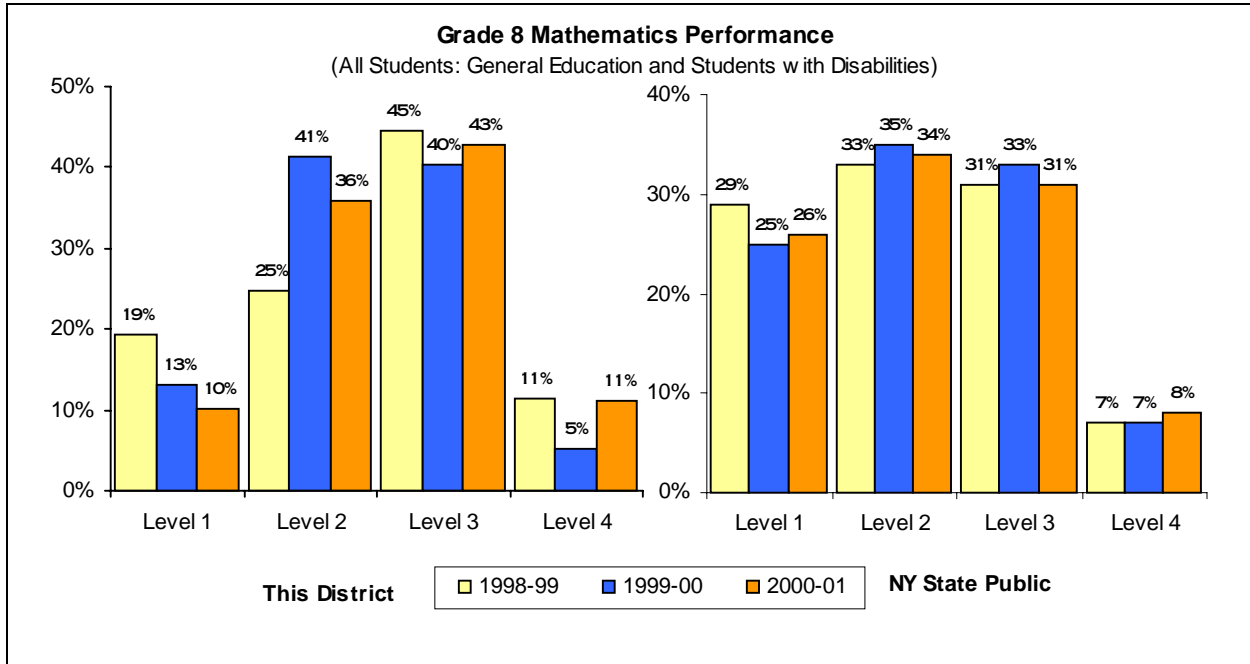
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3 These students were enrolled at the time of testing but were not present to complete some part of the ELA assessment.

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Middle Level Mathematics



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		Not Tested			Tested					
		AA ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4		Total
June 1999	General Education		0	1	31	64	129	34	258	723
	Students with Disabilities	5	0	4	26	9	3	0	38	655
	All Students	5	0	5	57	73	132	34	296	714
May 2000	General Education		0	6	21	122	124	16	283	716
	Students with Disabilities	11	0	1	20	6	1	0	27	663
	All Students	11	0	7	41	128	125	16	310	712
May 2001	General Education		0	7	20	106	129	35	290	724
	Students with Disabilities	10	0	3	12	6	5	0	23	686
	All Students	10	0	10	32	112	134	35	313	721
Grade 8 Mathematics Levels – Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards										
Level 4		These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. All students scoring from 760 to 882 are in this level.								
Level 3		These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 716 to 759 are in this level.								
Level 2		These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. All students scoring from 681 to 715 are in this level.								
Level 1		These students have serious academic deficiencies . All students scoring from 517 to 680 are in this level.								

* Similar Schools are schools grouped by district and student demographic characteristics. More information is on the **School Profile** page of this report. Further explanation is available at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/reprcrd2002/similar.html>

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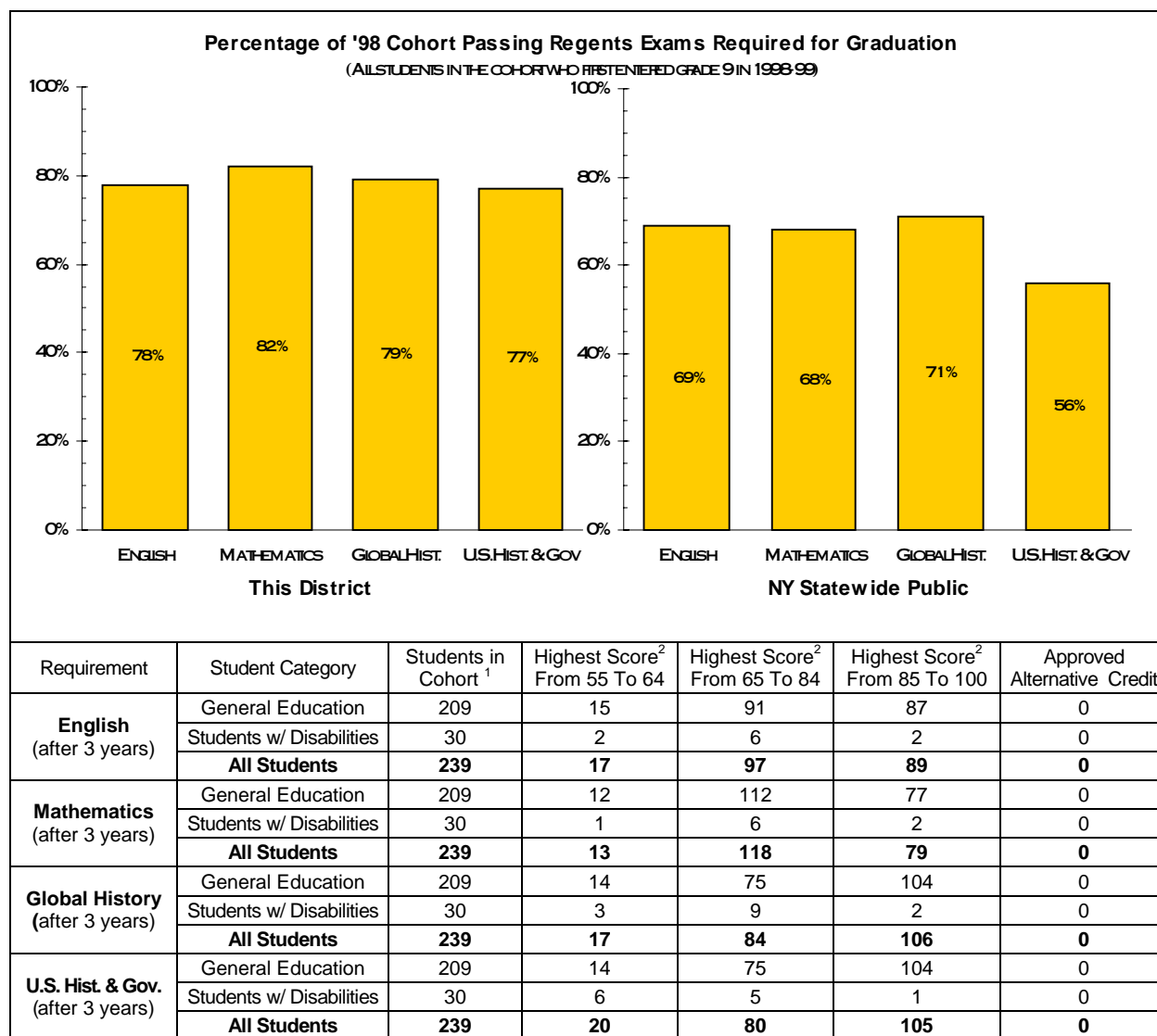
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High School Achievement - After Three Years of Instruction

This section presents the success of students on Regents examinations required for graduation. Passing is defined as scoring 65 or higher, or earning approved alternative credit. Students who earn credit through component retesting are counted as if they scored in range 55 to 64 or in range 65 to 84 as determined by the results of the component retest. This page presents information about students who first entered grade 9 in 1998-99, displaying results for these students after three years. Safety-net provisions of the graduation requirements allow some students to earn credit for graduation by alternative means. The percentage of students meeting their personal graduation requirements after four years is presented elsewhere in this report as a school accountability measure.



¹ Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) (iii) of Commissioner's Regulations.

² Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times the student may have taken the examination.

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School District Profile

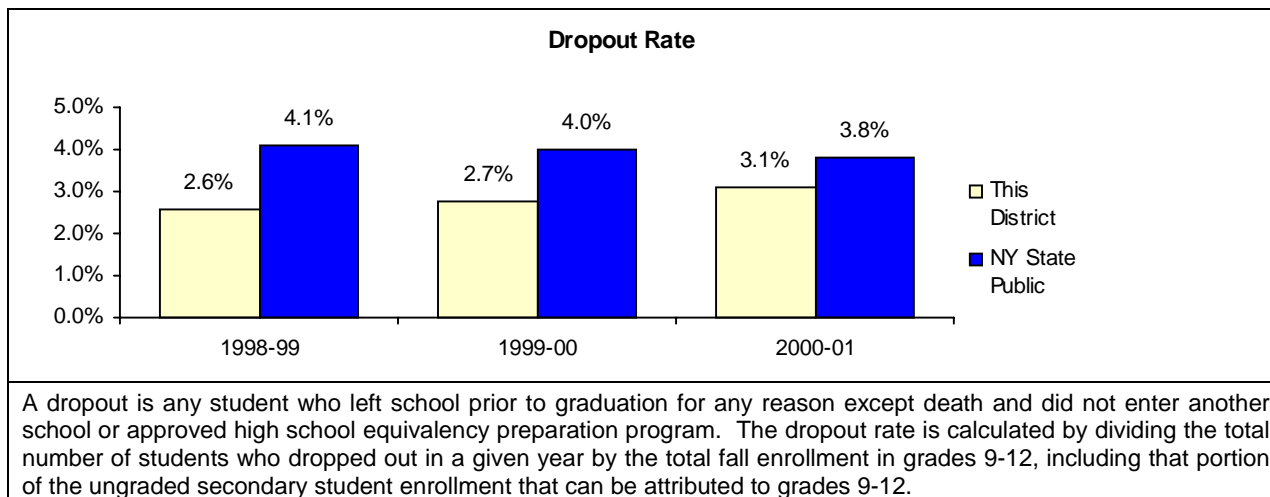
Superintendent: Dr. Roger D. Gorham			Phone: (518)884-7195	
Organization 2000-01		School District Staff ¹ (both full- and part-time)		
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals	Count of Paraprofessionals
K-12	4,372	302	41	73

1999-00 School District Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$11,376
1999-00 NY State Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$11,040

Student Enrollment			
Grade Level	October 2000	Grade Level	October 2000
Pre-Kindergarten	0	Grade 7	338
Kindergarten	343	Grade 8	322
Grade 1	355	Grade 9	378
Grade 2	364	Grade 10	313
Grade 3	386	Grade 11	241
Grade 4	334	Grade 12	272
Grade 5	373	Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities	9
Grade 6	344	Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities	0

Student Demographics	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Language Learners	2	0.0%	9	0.2%	9	0.2%
Eligible For Free Lunch	520	13.7%	556	14.4%	565	14.0%

Need to Resource Capacity (N/RC) Group	The State Education Department assigns each school district to a comparison group based on student demographics and the resource capacity of the district. This district is in N/RC Group 5. This district has average needs relative to local resource capacity.
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¹ Some district-employed staff serve in more than one school. These shared people are included in counts reported here.