

The University of the State of New York  
**The State Education Department**



**OVERVIEW OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE IN  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE  
AND  
ANALYSIS OF STUDENT SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE  
for**

**West Seneca Central School District**

**April 2006**

# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

## Regents of The University

ROBERT M. BENNETT, <i>Chancellor</i> , B.A., M.S. ....	Tonawanda
ADELAIDE L. SANFORD, <i>Vice Chancellor</i> , B.A., M.A., P.D. ....	Hollis
SAUL B. COHEN, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. ....	New Rochelle
JAMES C. DAWSON, A.A., B.A., M.S., Ph.D. ....	Peru
ANTHONY S. BOTTAR, B.A., J.D. ....	North Syracuse
MERRYL H. TISCH, B.A., M.A., Ed. D. ....	New York
GERALDINE D. CHAPEY, B.A., M.A., Ed.D. ....	Belle Harbor
ARNOLD B. GARDNER, B.A., LL.B. ....	Buffalo
HARRY PHILLIPS, 3rd, B.A., M.S.F.S. ....	Hartsdale
JOSEPH E. BOWMAN, JR., B.A., M.L.S., M.A., M.Ed., Ed.D. ....	Albany
LORRAINE A. CORTÉS-VÁZQUEZ, B.A., M.P.A. ....	Bronx
JAMES R. TALLON, JR., B.A., M.A. ....	Binghamton
MILTON L. COFIELD, B.S., M.B.A., Ph.D. ....	Rochester
JOHN BRADEMAS, B.A., Ph.D. ....	New York
CAROL BELLAMY, A.B., J.D. ....	Brooklyn
ROGER B. TILLES, B.A., J.D. ....	Great Neck

### President of The University and Commissioner of Education

RICHARD P. MILLS

### Interim Deputy Commissioner for Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education

JEAN STEVENS

### Assistant Commissioner for Standards, Assessment and Reporting

DAVID M. ABRAMS

### Coordinator, Information and Reporting Services

MARTHA P. MUSSER

---

The State Education Department does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, race, gender, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or sexual orientation in its educational programs, services and activities. Portions of this publication can be made available in a variety of formats, including braille, large print or audio tape, upon request. Inquiries concerning this policy of nondiscrimination should be directed to the Department's Office for Diversity, Ethics, and Access, Room 530, Education Building, Albany, NY 12234. **Requests for additional copies of this publication may be made by contacting the Publications Sales Desk, Room 309, Education Building, Albany, NY 12234.**

Please address all correspondence about this report that is not related to data corrections to:

**School Report Card Coordinator  
Information and Reporting Services Team  
New York State Education Department  
Room 863 EBA  
89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12234  
E-mail: [RPTCARD@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:RPTCARD@mail.nysed.gov)**

The *New York State District Report Card* is an important part of the Board of Regents effort to raise learning standards for all students. It provides information to the public on student performance and other measures of district performance. Knowledge gained from the district report card on a district's strengths and weaknesses can be used to improve instruction and services to students.

The *New York State District Report Card* consists of three parts: the *Overview of District Performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Analysis of Student Subgroup Performance*, the *Comprehensive Information Report*, and the *Accountability Status Report*. The *Overview and Analysis* presents performance data on measures required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act: English, mathematics, science, and graduation rate. Performance data on other State assessments can be found in the *Comprehensive Information Report*. The *Accountability Status Report* provides information as to whether a district is making adequate progress toward enabling all students to achieve proficiency in English and mathematics.

State assessments are designed to help ensure that all students reach high learning standards. They show whether students are getting the foundation knowledge they need to succeed at the elementary, middle, and commencement levels and beyond. The State requires that students who are not making appropriate progress toward the standards receive academic intervention services.

In the *Overview*, performance on the elementary- and middle-level assessments in English language arts, mathematics, and science is reported in terms of mean scores and the percentage of students scoring at each of the four levels. These levels indicate performance on the standards from seriously deficient to advanced proficiency. Regents examination scores are reported in four score ranges. Scores of 65 to 100 are passing; scores of 55 to 64 earn credit toward a local diploma (with the approval of the local board of education). Though each elementary- and middle-level assessment is administered to students in a specific grade, secondary-level assessments are taken by students when they complete the coursework for the core curriculum. Therefore, the performance of students at the secondary level is measured for a student cohort rather than a group of students at a particular grade level. Students are grouped in cohorts according to the year in which they first entered grade 9.

The assessment data in the *Overview and Analysis* are for all tested students in the district, including general-education students and students with disabilities. In the *Overview*, each district's performance is compared with that of all public schools statewide. In the *Analysis*, performance is disaggregated by race/ethnicity, disability status, gender, limited English proficient status, income level, and migrant status.

Explanations of terms referred to or symbols used in this part of the district report card may be found in the glossary on the last page. Further information on the district report card may be found in the guide, *Understanding Your School Report Card: April 2006*, available on the Information and Reporting Services Web site at [www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts).

# Overview of District Performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science

## District Profile

Superintendent: James K. Brotz	Phone: (716)677-3101	
<b>Organization</b> <b>2004–05</b>	Grade Range	Student Enrollment
	NA	7615

<b>2003–04 District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil</b>	\$10,592
<b>2003–04 NYS Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil</b>	\$13,826

### 2004–05 Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers\*

Total Number of Core Classes	Percent Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
1,434	100%

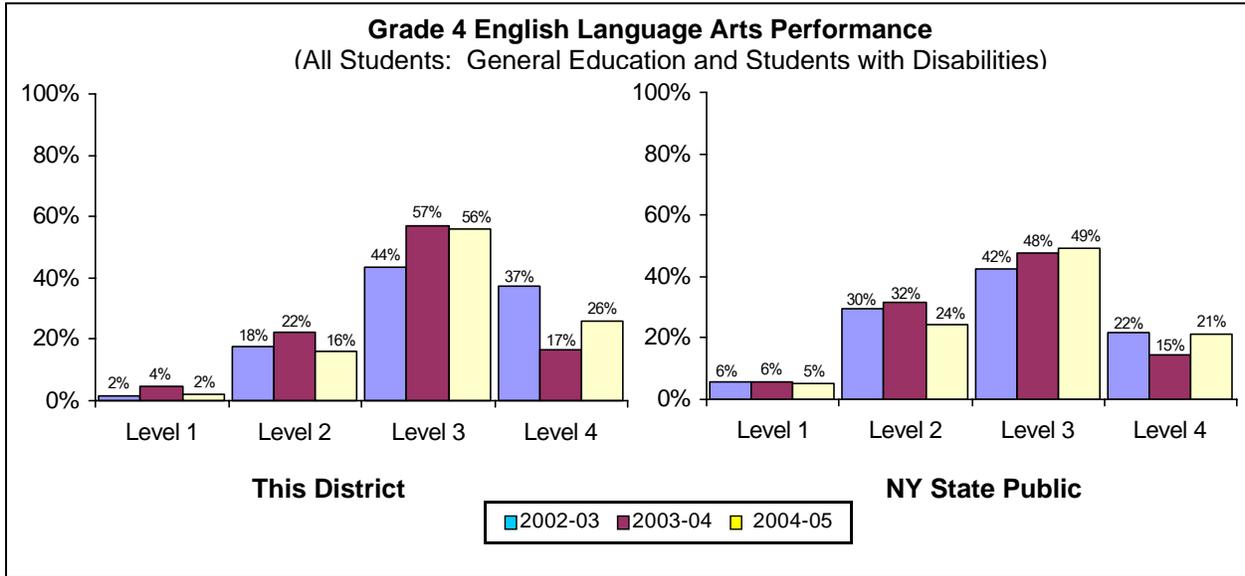
\*To meet the federal definition of "highly qualified," public school teachers of core academic subjects must have at least a bachelor's degree and be State certified for and demonstrate subject matter competency in the core academic subject(s) they teach.

### 2004–05 Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate\*

Total Number of Teachers	Percent with No Valid Teaching Certificate
572	0%

\*Includes teachers with a modified temporary license.

## Elementary Level English Language Arts



Percentages less than 0.51 will appear as zero because of rounding.

Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 455–602	Level 2 603–644	Level 3 645–691	Level 4 692–800	Total Tested	
Feb 2003	8	92	228	196	524	681
Feb 2004	24	120	309	91	544	662
Feb 2005	11	85	292	136	524	674

Elementary-Level English Language Arts Levels — Listening, Reading, and Writing Standards	
<b>Level 4</b>	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
<b>Level 3</b>	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 2</b>	These students <b>need extra help</b> to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 1</b>	These students have <b>serious academic deficiencies</b> .

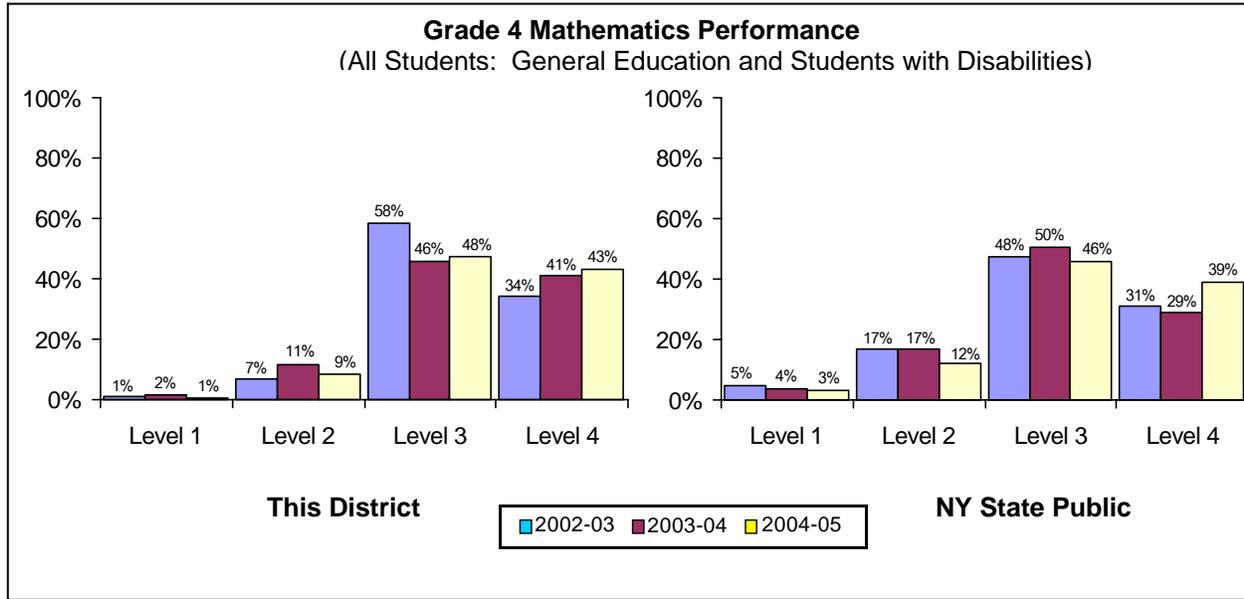
### Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 4	Level 1	Level 2	Levels 3 & 4	Total Tested
2005	#	#	#	1

### Performance of Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in English

Elementary Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
2004–05	0	0	1	5	6

## Elementary Level Mathematics



Percentages less than 0.51 will appear as zero because of rounding.

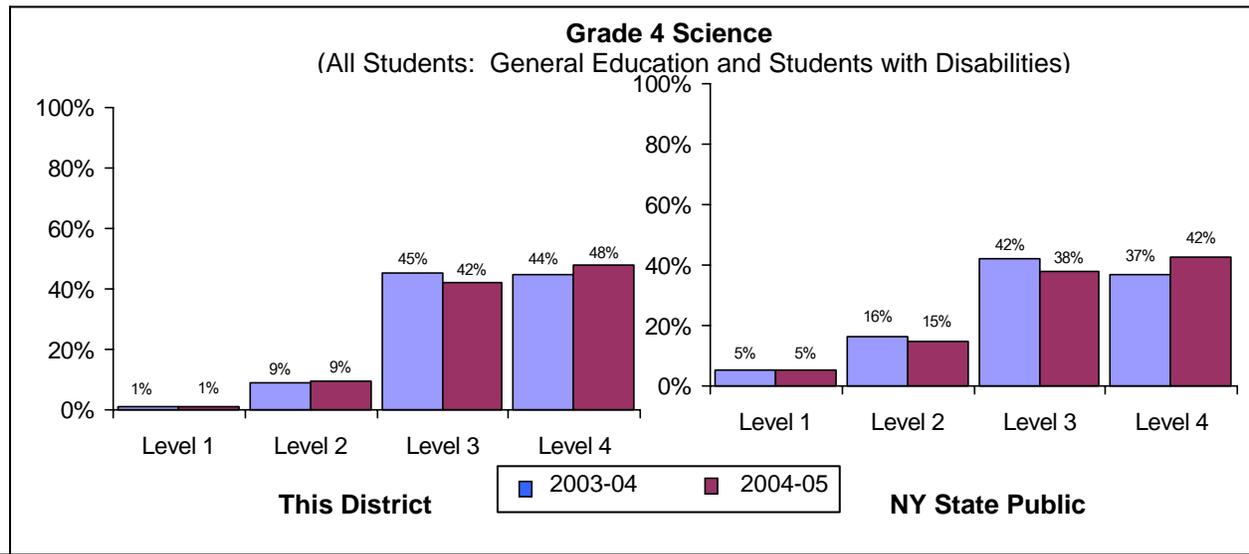
Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 448–601	Level 2 602–636	Level 3 637–677	Level 4 678–810	Total Tested	
May 2003	4	30	259	152	445	669
May 2004	10	62	249	225	546	673
May 2005	4	45	249	226	524	672

Elementary-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
<b>Level 4</b>	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
<b>Level 3</b>	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 2</b>	These students <b>need extra help</b> to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 1</b>	These students have <b>serious academic deficiencies</b> .

### Performance of Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Mathematics

Elementary Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
<b>2004-05</b>	0	0	2	5	7

## Elementary Level Science\*



Percentages less than 0.51 will appear as zero because of rounding.

Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 0-44	Level 2 45-64	Level 3 65-84	Level 4 85-100	Total Tested	
May 2004	6	49	247	242	544	81
May 2005	5	48	217	248	518	82

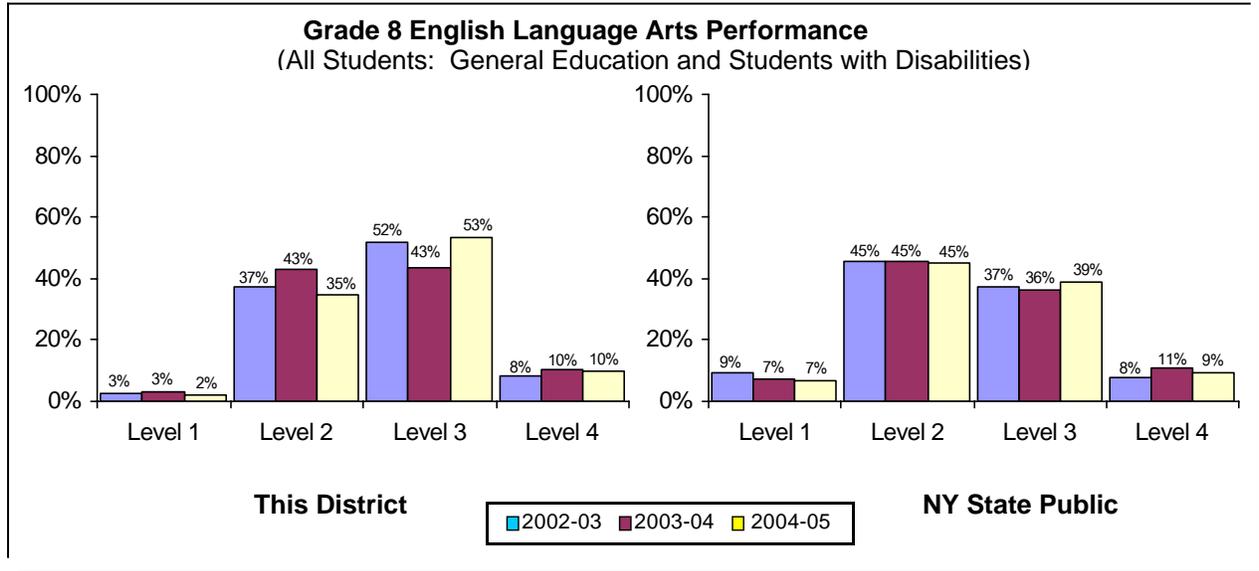
Elementary-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
<b>Level 4</b>	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
<b>Level 3</b>	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 2</b>	These students <b>need extra help</b> to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 1</b>	These students have <b>serious academic deficiencies</b> .

### Performance of Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Science

Elementary Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
<b>2004-05</b>	0	1	0	5	6

\*Only two years of data are shown because a new assessment in elementary-level science was administered for the first time in 2003-04.

## Middle Level English Language Arts



Percentages less than 0.51 will appear as zero because of rounding.

Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 527-657	Level 2 658-696	Level 3 697-736	Level 4 737-830	Total Tested	
January 2003	16	211	293	48	568	702
January 2004	22	283	287	68	660	703
January 2005	13	214	329	62	618	707

Middle-Level English Language Arts Levels — Listening, Reading, and Writing Standards	
<b>Level 4</b>	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
<b>Level 3</b>	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 2</b>	These students <b>need extra help</b> to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 1</b>	These students have <b>serious academic deficiencies</b> .

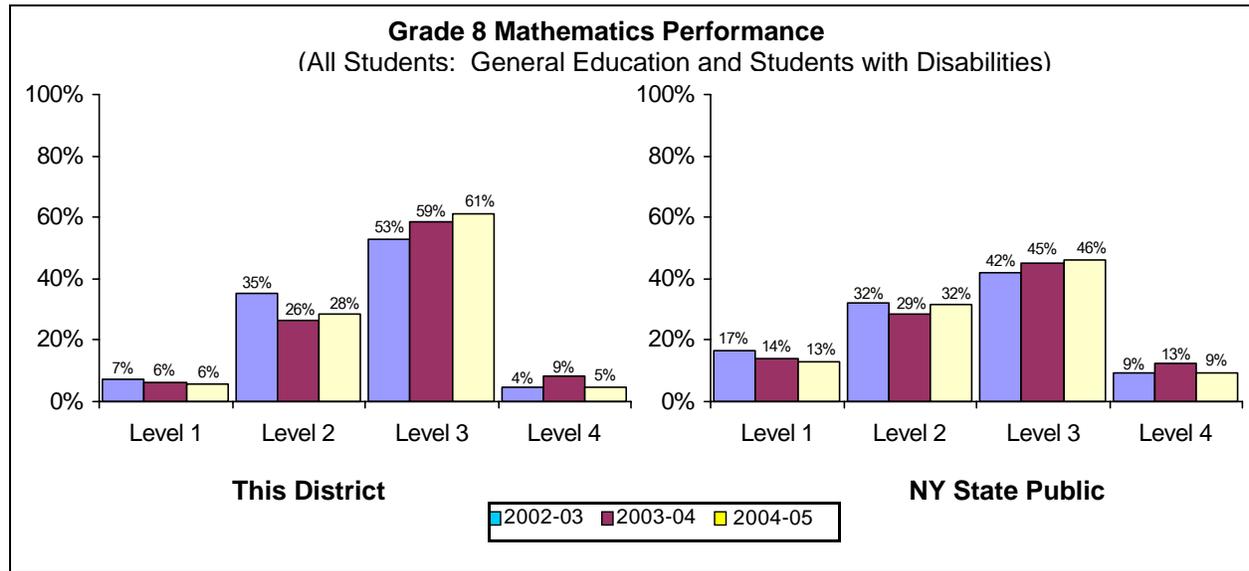
### Performance of Limited English Proficient Students Taking the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) as the Measure of English Language Arts Achievement

Grade 8	Level 1	Level 2	Levels 3 & 4	Total Tested
2005	0	0	0	0

### Performance of Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in English

Middle Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
2004-05	0	0	0	7	7

## Middle Level Mathematics



Percentages less than 0.51 will appear as zero because of rounding.

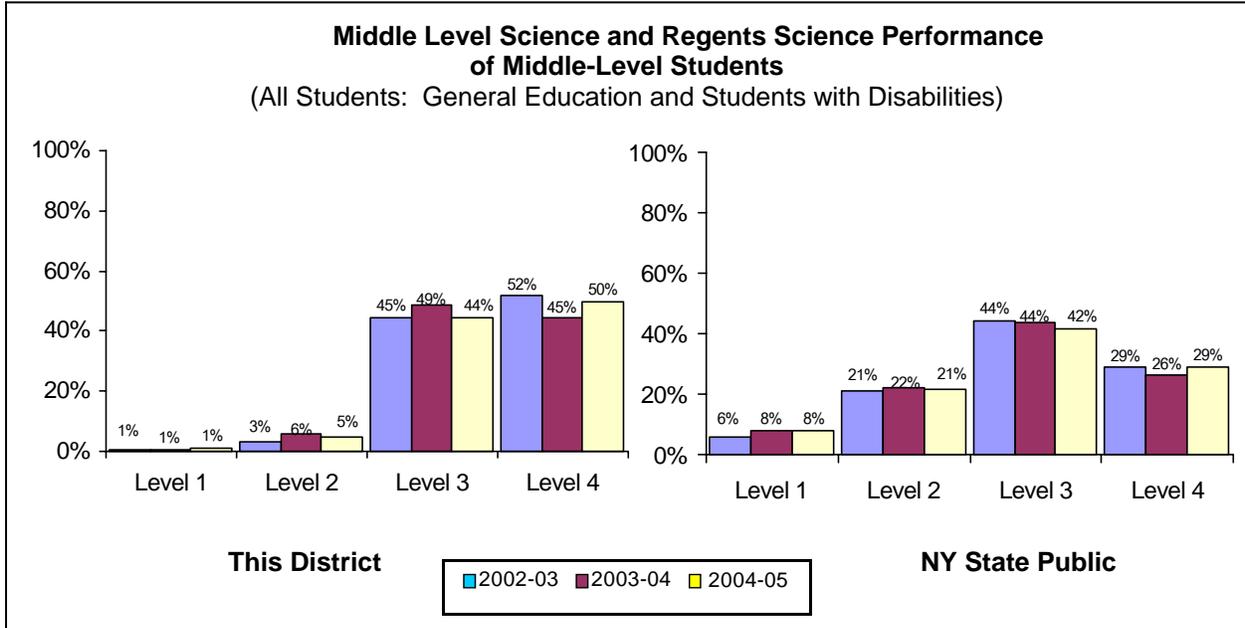
Performance at This District	Counts of Students					Mean Score
	Level 1 517-680	Level 2 681-715	Level 3 716-759	Level 4 760-882	Total Tested	
May 2003	43	213	318	27	601	718
May 2004	41	170	379	55	645	725
May 2005	35	178	386	30	629	722

Middle-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
<b>Level 4</b>	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
<b>Level 3</b>	These students <b>meet the standards</b> and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 2</b>	These students <b>need extra help</b> to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
<b>Level 1</b>	These students have <b>serious academic deficiencies</b> .

### Performance of Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Mathematics

Middle Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
<b>2004-05</b>	0	0	2	6	8

## Middle Level Science



Performance at This District		Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total Tested	
January/	Middle-Level Science	3	19	260	302	584	83
June 2003	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0
January/	Middle-Level Science	5	37	310	283	635	81
June 2004	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0
January/	Middle-Level Science	6	30	272	306	614	82
June 2005	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0

Middle-Level Science Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards*	
<b>Level 4</b>	These students <b>exceed the standards</b> on the middle-level science test and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 85–100 on a Regents science examination.
<b>Level 3</b>	These students <b>meet the standards</b> on the middle-level science test and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 65–84 on a Regents science examination.
<b>Level 2</b>	These students <b>need extra help</b> to meet the standards for middle-level science and to pass the Regents examinations <u>or</u> score 55–64 on a Regents science examination.
<b>Level 1</b>	These students have <b>serious academic deficiencies</b> as evidenced in the middle-level science test <u>or</u> score 0–54 on a Regents science examination.

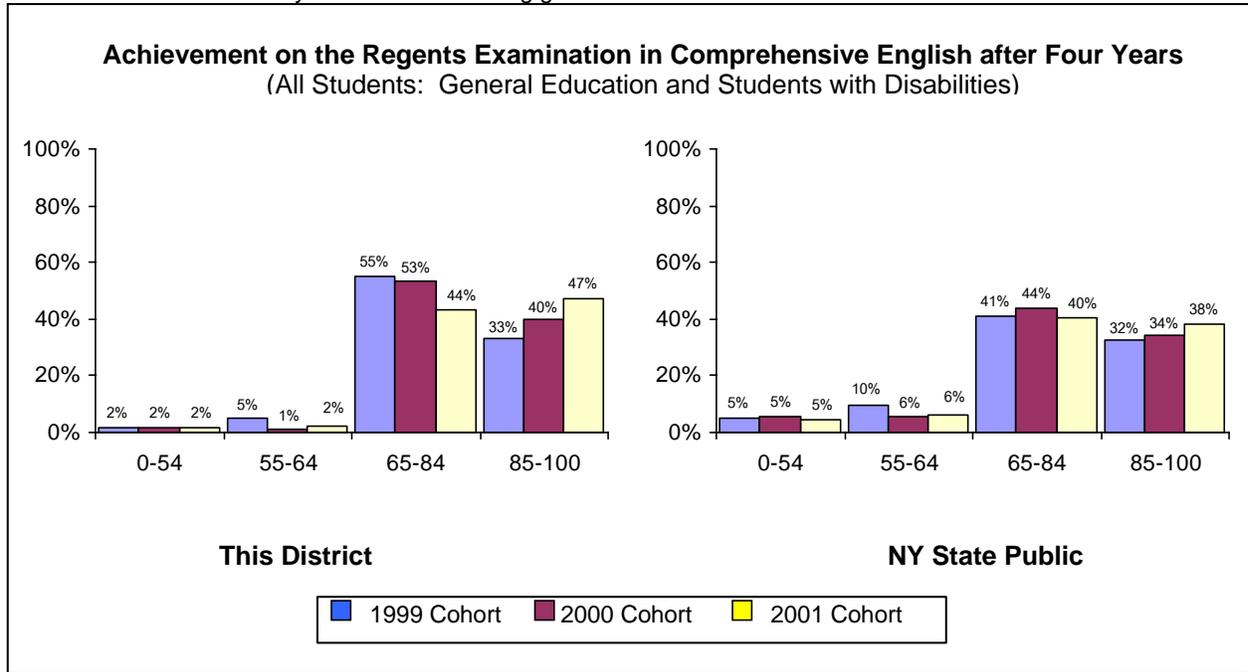
\*Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at Level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

### Performance of Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Science

Middle Level	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4	Total Tested
<b>2004-05</b>	0	0	1	7	8

# High School English Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graphs and tables below present performance of the 1999, 2000, and 2001 district accountability cohort members, four years after entering grade 9, in meeting the graduation assessment requirement in English. In the graph, students passing approved alternatives to this examination are counted as scoring in the 65 to 84 range. RCT results are not included in the graph. The data in these tables and charts show the performance of the cohorts as of June 30<sup>th</sup> of the fourth year after first entering grade 9.



English Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*						
	Cohort Members All Students	Highest Score Between 0 and 54	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit
<b>1999 Cohort</b>	583	10	31	322	194	0
<b>2000 Cohort</b>	595	10	8	316	239	0
<b>2001 Cohort</b>	600	10	13	261	283	0

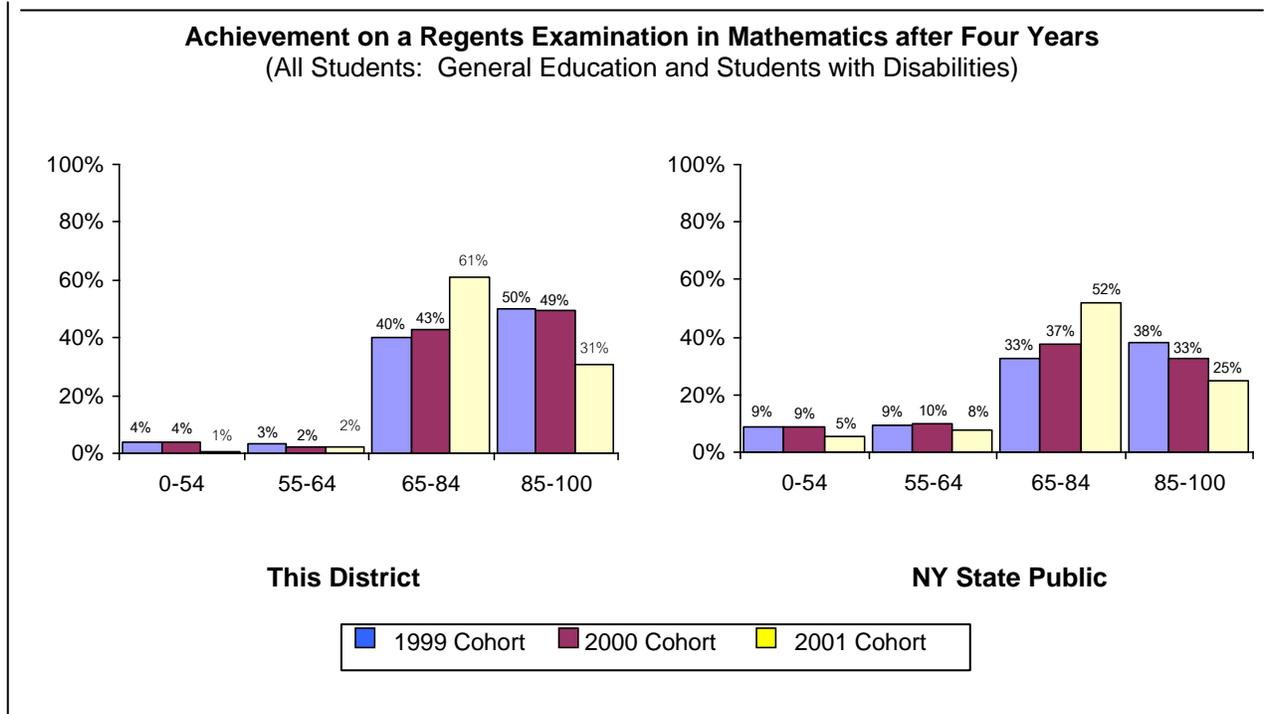
\*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include the Regents examination in comprehensive English, the component retest in English, and approved alternatives.

Performance of Students Who Took the Regents Competency Tests in Reading and Writing to Meet the Graduation Requirement*		
	Passed the RCTs	Failed RCT in Reading and/or Writing
<b>1999 Cohort</b>	4	2
<b>2000 Cohort</b>	5	2
<b>2001 Cohort</b>	4	14

\*Includes only students eligible for the safety net who did not score 55 or higher on the Regents examination or an approved alternative.

# High School Mathematics Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graphs and tables below present performance of the 1999, 2000, and 2001 district accountability cohort members, four years after entering grade 9, in meeting the graduation assessment requirement in mathematics. In the graph, students passing approved alternatives to these examinations are counted as scoring in the 65 to 84 range. RCT results are not included in the graph. The data in these tables and charts show the performance of the cohorts as of June 30<sup>th</sup> of the fourth year after first entering grade 9.



Percentages less than 0.51 will appear as zero because of rounding.

Mathematics Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*						
	Cohort Members All Students	Highest Score Between 0 and 54	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit
<b>1999 Cohort</b>	583	23	19	235	291	0
<b>2000 Cohort</b>	595	22	12	254	294	0
<b>2001 Cohort</b>	600	3	14	367	184	0

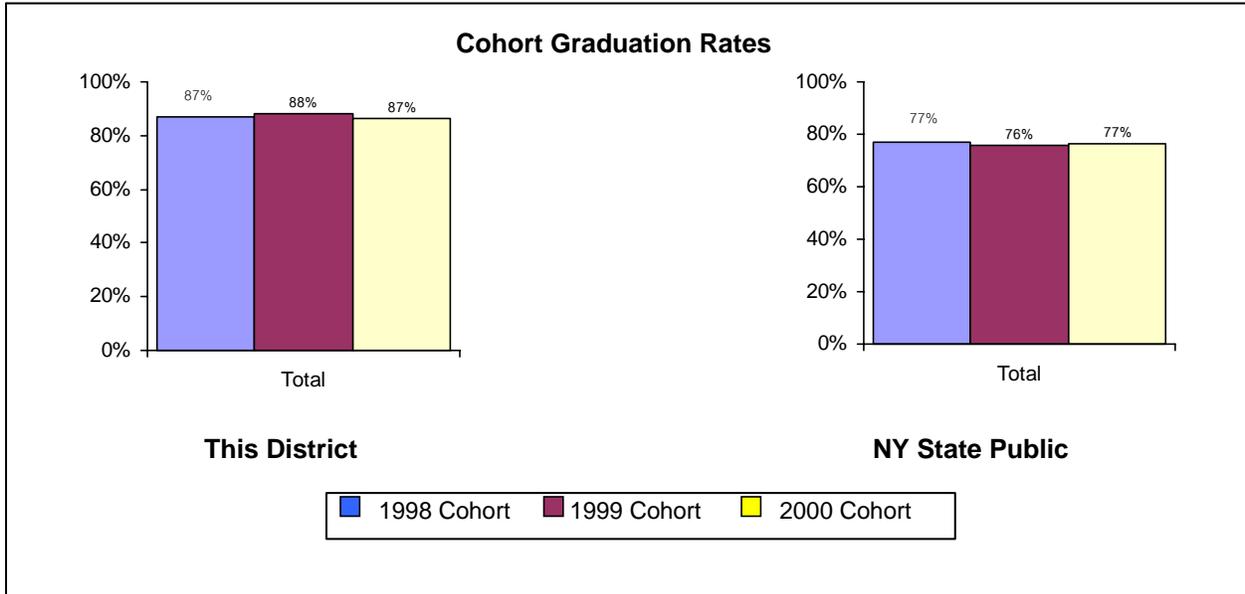
\*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include a Regents examination in mathematics, the component retest in mathematics and approved alternatives.

Performance of Students Who Took the Regents Competency Test in Mathematics to Meet the Graduation Requirement*		
	Passed the RCT	Failed at Least One RCT
<b>1999 Cohort</b>	9	0
<b>2000 Cohort</b>	16	2
<b>2001 Cohort</b>	10	11

\*Includes only students eligible for the safety net who did not score 55 or higher on the Regents examination or an approved alternative.

## Cohort Graduation Rates

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement by August 31<sup>st</sup> of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. The graduation-rate cohort includes students who transferred to general education development (GED) programs. These students were not counted in the 1998, 1999, and 2000 district accountability cohorts for English and mathematics.



Percentages less than 0.51 will appear as zero because of rounding.

Cohort Graduation Rates				
	Cohort Members* (a)	Transfers to GED (b)	Graduation Rate Cohort Members (a+b)	Number Graduated
1998 Cohort	597	18	615	536
1999 Cohort	572	21	593	524
2000 Cohort	595	31	626	542

\*Count as of August 31<sup>st</sup> of the fourth year after first entering grade 9.

## Analysis of Student Subgroup Performance

Historically, on State assessments the average performance of Black, Hispanic, and Native American students has been lower than that of White and Asian students. Similarly, students from low-income families have not performed as well as those from higher income families. A high priority of the Board of Regents is to eliminate these gaps in student performance. In addition, Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act includes explicit requirements “to ensure that students served by Title I are given the same opportunity to achieve to high standards and are held to the same high expectations as all students in each State.”

This section of the district report card provides performance data for two years by racial/ethnic group, disability status, gender, English proficiency status, income level, and migrant status. The purpose of the student subgroup analyses is to determine if students who perform below the standards in any district tend to fall into particular groups, such as minority students, limited English proficient students, or economically disadvantaged students. If these analyses provide evidence that students in one of the groups achieve at a lower level than other students, the district should examine the reasons for this lower performance and make necessary changes in curriculum, instruction, and student support services to remedy these performance gaps. If your district did not report data for the 2004–05 school year for a subject and grade, a table showing data for subgroups in that subject and grade will not be included in the *Analysis*.

## Elementary Level English Language Arts

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	2	s	s	s
Black	10	80%	60%	0%	7	100%	43%	0%
Hispanic	12	92%	83%	25%	9	100%	78%	11%
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	100%	80%	20%	3	s	s	s
White	517	96%	74%	17%	503	98%	83%	27%
Total	544	96%	74%	17%	524	98%	82%	26%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	5	100%	40%	20%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	478	99%	81%	19%	472	100%	87%	29%
Students with disabilities	66	74%	20%	3%	52	81%	35%	2%
Total	544	96%	74%	17%	524	98%	82%	26%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	279	97%	79%	23%	257	99%	83%	28%
Male	265	94%	68%	11%	267	97%	80%	24%
Total	544	96%	74%	17%	524	98%	82%	26%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	542	s	s	s	523	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	2	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Total	544	96%	74%	17%	524	98%	82%	26%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	131	95%	60%	10%	144	98%	77%	16%
Not disadvantaged	413	96%	78%	19%	380	98%	83%	30%
Total	544	96%	74%	17%	524	98%	82%	26%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	544	96%	74%	17%	524	98%	82%	26%
Total	544	96%	74%	17%	524	98%	82%	26%

## Elementary Level Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	2	s	s	s
Black	9	100%	78%	11%	6	100%	50%	17%
Hispanic	12	100%	83%	42%	9	100%	100%	22%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7	100%	71%	29%	4	s	s	s
White	518	98%	87%	42%	503	99%	91%	44%
Total	546	98%	87%	41%	524	99%	91%	43%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	6	83%	83%	17%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	479	100%	93%	46%	473	100%	94%	47%
Students with disabilities	67	87%	42%	6%	51	92%	63%	8%
Total	546	98%	87%	41%	524	99%	91%	43%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	277	99%	88%	39%	256	100%	87%	37%
Male	269	97%	86%	43%	268	99%	94%	49%
Total	546	98%	87%	41%	524	99%	91%	43%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	542	s	s	s	522	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	4	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Total	546	98%	87%	41%	524	99%	91%	43%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	132	98%	78%	33%	142	99%	88%	32%
Not disadvantaged	414	98%	90%	44%	382	99%	92%	47%
Total	546	98%	87%	41%	524	99%	91%	43%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	546	98%	87%	41%	524	99%	91%	43%
Total	546	98%	87%	41%	524	99%	91%	43%

## Elementary Level Science

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	2	s	s	s
Black	9	100%	89%	22%	6	100%	67%	17%
Hispanic	12	100%	92%	42%	8	100%	100%	25%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7	100%	86%	43%	3	s	s	s
White	516	99%	90%	45%	499	99%	90%	49%
Total	544	99%	90%	44%	518	99%	90%	48%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	5	100%	60%	20%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	479	100%	95%	49%	469	100%	93%	51%
Students with disabilities	65	92%	51%	12%	49	92%	61%	14%
Total	544	99%	90%	44%	518	99%	90%	48%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	280	99%	89%	43%	253	99%	88%	42%
Male	264	99%	91%	46%	265	99%	91%	53%
Total	544	99%	90%	44%	518	99%	90%	48%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	540	s	s	s	517	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	4	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Total	544	99%	90%	44%	518	99%	90%	48%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	132	98%	83%	33%	138	99%	87%	36%
Not disadvantaged	412	99%	92%	48%	380	99%	91%	52%
Total	544	99%	90%	44%	518	99%	90%	48%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	544	99%	90%	44%	518	99%	90%	48%
Total	544	99%	90%	44%	518	99%	90%	48%

**Middle Level**  
**English Language Arts**

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Black	15	80%	33%	0%	10	90%	20%	20%
Hispanic	7	s	s	s	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	3	s	s	s	5	100%	60%	40%
White	634	97%	55%	11%	597	98%	64%	10%
Total	660	97%	54%	10%	618	98%	63%	10%
Small Group Totals (s)	11	100%	36%	0%	6	100%	50%	17%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	567	99%	61%	12%	541	100%	70%	11%
Students with disabilities	93	84%	10%	0%	77	84%	14%	0%
Total	660	97%	54%	10%	618	98%	63%	10%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	319	98%	57%	12%	293	98%	67%	15%
Male	341	96%	51%	9%	325	98%	60%	6%
Total	660	97%	54%	10%	618	98%	63%	10%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	659	s	s	s	617	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Total	660	97%	54%	10%	618	98%	63%	10%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	127	96%	30%	3%	111	97%	54%	8%
Not disadvantaged	533	97%	59%	12%	507	98%	65%	10%
Total	660	97%	54%	10%	618	98%	63%	10%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	660	97%	54%	10%	618	98%	63%	10%
Total	660	97%	54%	10%	618	98%	63%	10%

## Middle Level Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Black	15	80%	27%	0%	10	60%	20%	10%
Hispanic	7	s	s	s	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	s	s	s	5	100%	60%	20%
White	620	94%	68%	9%	608	95%	67%	5%
Total	645	94%	67%	9%	629	94%	66%	5%
Small Group Totals (s)	10	90%	60%	0%	6	100%	67%	0%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	558	96%	73%	10%	549	98%	72%	5%
Students with disabilities	87	76%	28%	0%	80	73%	24%	0%
Total	645	94%	67%	9%	629	94%	66%	5%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	313	95%	67%	9%	297	96%	68%	6%
Male	332	93%	68%	8%	332	93%	65%	4%
Total	645	94%	67%	9%	629	94%	66%	5%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	644	s	s	s	628	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Total	645	94%	67%	9%	629	94%	66%	5%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	124	88%	48%	3%	116	93%	53%	2%
Not disadvantaged	521	95%	72%	10%	513	95%	69%	5%
Total	645	94%	67%	9%	629	94%	66%	5%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	645	94%	67%	9%	629	94%	66%	5%
Total	645	94%	67%	9%	629	94%	66%	5%

**Middle Level  
Science**

Student Subgroup	2003-04				2004-05			
	Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Total Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4		2-4	3-4	4
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Black	13	100%	62%	15%	9	89%	67%	22%
Hispanic	7	s	s	s	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	s	s	s	5	100%	80%	60%
White	612	99%	94%	45%	595	99%	95%	50%
Total	635	99%	93%	45%	614	99%	94%	50%
Small Group Totals (s)	10	100%	90%	30%	5	100%	100%	60%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>								
General-education students	550	99%	96%	49%	538	100%	98%	55%
Students with disabilities	85	99%	75%	15%	76	93%	66%	13%
Total	635	99%	93%	45%	614	99%	94%	50%
<b>Results by Gender</b>								
Female	311	99%	92%	37%	288	99%	95%	47%
Male	324	99%	94%	52%	326	99%	94%	52%
Total	635	99%	93%	45%	614	99%	94%	50%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>								
English proficient	634	s	s	s	613	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Total	635	99%	93%	45%	614	99%	94%	50%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>								
Economically disadvantaged	121	99%	84%	25%	110	99%	90%	39%
Not disadvantaged	514	99%	96%	49%	504	99%	95%	52%
Total	635	99%	93%	45%	614	99%	94%	50%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	635	99%	93%	45%	614	99%	94%	50%
Total	635	99%	93%	45%	614	99%	94%	50%

## 2000 and 2001 High School Cohorts

General-education students who first entered ninth grade in 2000 or 2001 must score 55 or higher on Regents English and mathematics examinations to graduate. During the phase-in of the Regents examination graduation requirements, all students (with district board of education approval) may qualify for a local diploma by earning a score of 55–64 on the required Regents examinations; a score of 65 or higher is required for a Regents diploma. Students with disabilities and certain students with a Section 504 Accommodation Plan may qualify for a local diploma by passing Regents competency tests. The data in these tables show the performance of the cohorts as of June 30<sup>th</sup> of the fourth year after first entering grade 9.

### Performance on the English Assessment Requirement for Graduation after Four Years of High School

Student Subgroup	2000 Cohort					2001 Cohort				
	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement
		Regents		Pass-ed RCTs			Regents		Pass-ed RCTs	
		55–64	65–100				55–64	65–100		
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	s	s	s	3	s	s	s	s
Black	5	s	s	s	s	3	s	s	s	s
Hispanic	6	0	5	0	83%	7	0	6	0	86%
Asian or Pacific Islander	8	0	8	0	100%	6	1	5	0	100%
White	575	8	538	5	96%	581	12	530	4	94%
Total	595	8	555	5	95%	600	13	544	4	94%
Small Group Totals (s)	6	0	4	0	67%	6	0	3	0	50%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>										
General-education students	531	3	513	0	97%	516	2	500	0	97%
Students with disabilities	64	5	42	5	81%	84	11	44	4	70%
Total	595	8	555	5	95%	600	13	544	4	94%
<b>Results by Gender</b>										
Female	306	3	292	2	97%	286	6	264	3	95%
Male	289	5	263	3	94%	314	7	280	1	92%
Total	595	8	555	5	95%	600	13	544	4	94%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>										
English proficient	587	8	547	5	95%	600	13	544	4	94%
Limited English proficient	8	0	8	0	100%	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	595	8	555	5	95%	600	13	544	4	94%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>										
Economically disadvantaged	62	2	55	0	92%	67	2	56	2	90%
Not disadvantaged	533	6	500	5	96%	533	11	488	2	94%
Total	595	8	555	5	95%	600	13	544	4	94%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	595	8	555	5	95%	600	13	544	4	94%
Total	595	8	555	5	95%	600	13	544	4	94%

**Performance on the Mathematics Assessment Requirement  
for Graduation after Four Years of High School**

Student Subgroup	2000 Cohort					2001 Cohort				
	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement	Students in Cohort	Count of Students by Score			Percent Meeting Graduation Requirement
		Regents		Pass-ed RCTs			Regents		Pass-ed RCTs	
		55-64	65-100				55-64	65-100		
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	s	s	s	3	s	s	s	s
Black	5	s	s	s	s	3	s	s	s	s
Hispanic	6	0	5	0	83%	7	0	6	0	86%
Asian or Pacific Islander	8	0	8	0	100%	6	0	6	0	100%
White	575	12	532	15	97%	581	14	535	9	96%
Total	595	12	548	16	97%	600	14	551	10	96%
Small Group Totals (s)	6	0	3	1	67%	6	0	4	1	83%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>										
General-education students	531	6	519	0	99%	516	4	503	0	98%
Students with disabilities	64	6	29	16	80%	84	10	48	10	81%
Total	595	12	548	16	97%	600	14	551	10	96%
<b>Results by Gender</b>										
Female	306	9	287	5	98%	286	6	265	3	96%
Male	289	3	261	11	95%	314	8	286	7	96%
Total	595	12	548	16	97%	600	14	551	10	96%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>										
English proficient	587	12	540	16	97%	600	14	551	10	96%
Limited English proficient	8	0	8	0	100%	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	595	12	548	16	97%	600	14	551	10	96%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>										
Economically disadvantaged	62	1	55	3	95%	67	4	54	4	93%
Not disadvantaged	533	11	493	13	97%	533	10	497	6	96%
Total	595	12	548	16	97%	600	14	551	10	96%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	595	12	548	16	97%	600	14	551	10	96%
Total	595	12	548	16	97%	600	14	551	10	96%

## Cohort Graduation Rates

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement by August 31<sup>st</sup> of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. The graduation-rate cohort includes students who transferred to general education development (GED) programs. These students were not counted in the district accountability cohort for English and mathematics.

Student Subgroup	1999 Cohort as of August 31, 2003		2000 Cohort as of August 31, 2004	
	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	s	1	s
Black	3	s	8	38%
Hispanic	4	s	6	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	s	8	100%
White	583	88%	603	87%
Total	593	88%	626	87%
Small Group Totals (s)	10	90%	7	86%
<b>Results by Disability Status</b>				
General-education students	519	91%	555	89%
Students with disabilities	74	70%	71	66%
Total	593	88%	626	87%
<b>Results by Gender</b>				
Female	268	88%	317	90%
Male	325	89%	309	83%
Total	593	88%	626	87%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>				
English proficient	592	s	618	87%
Limited English proficient	1	s	8	75%
Total	593	88%	626	87%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>				
Economically disadvantaged	54	80%	60	82%
Not disadvantaged	539	89%	566	87%
Total	593	88%	626	87%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>				
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%
Not migrant family	593	88%	626	87%
Total	593	88%	626	87%

## Glossary

**Accountability Cohort:** An accountability cohort is all students, regardless of grade status, who were enrolled in school on BEDS day two years after the year in which they first entered grade 9, or, in the case of ungraded students with disabilities, the year in which they reached their seventeenth birthday. (For example, the 2001 accountability cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in the fall of 2001 who were enrolled on October 8, 2003). Certain students are not included in the school accountability cohort. Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (16) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

**Component Retests:** Component retests were offered in Regents English and Mathematics A to certain students who were at risk of not meeting the State learning standards. Component retesting is the process by which a student who has failed a Regents examination in English or Mathematics A twice is retested only on the areas of the learning standards in which the student has been proven deficient. Component retesting eliminates the need for the student to retake the full Regents examination multiple times. Students who earn credit through component retesting are counted as if they scored in the 55–64 range or in the 65–84 range on the Regents examination, as determined by the component retest results.

**Counts of Students Tested:** "Counts of Students Tested" includes only students who completed sufficient test questions to receive a score.

**Graduation-Rate Cohort:** Graduation-rate cohort for each year includes all students in the accountability cohort in the previous year plus all students excluded from that accountability cohort solely because they transferred to a general education development (GED) program.

**Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students:** Schools provide special English instruction to students for whom English is a second language so they can participate effectively in the academic program. Beginning in 2003–04, students are considered LEP if, by reason of foreign birth or ancestry, they speak a language other than English and (1) either understand and speak little or no English or (2) score below a state-designated level of proficiency on the Language Assessment Battery-Revised (LAB-R) or the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT). The United States Department of Education has approved the use of the NYSESLAT as the required measure of language arts proficiency for LEP students in grades 4 and 8 who have attended school in the United States (not including Puerto Rico) for fewer than three consecutive years and for LEP students who have attended for four or five years and have received an exemption from the general assessment requirement.

**New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA):** The district Committee on Special Education designates students with severe cognitive disabilities who meet criteria established in Commissioner's Regulations to take the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA).

**Student Confidentiality/Suppressed Data (# and s):** To ensure student confidentiality, the Department does *not* publish data for groups with fewer than five students or data that would allow readers to easily determine the performance of a group with fewer than five students. In the *Overview*, the pound character (#) appears when fewer than five students in a group were tested. In the *Analysis*, when fewer than five students in a group (e.g., Hispanic) were tested, percentages of tested students scoring at various levels are suppressed for that group and the next smallest group. Suppressed data are indicated with an (s). However, the performance of tested students in these groups is aggregated and shown in the Small Group Total row.

**Validity and Reliability of Small Group Data:** It is important that programmatic decisions are based on valid and reliable data. Data for fewer than 30 students in a group may be neither valid nor reliable. If a school does not have 30 students in a grade or a subgroup in a given year, the school should evaluate results for students in this group over a period of years to make programmatic decisions.