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ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS REPORT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND GRADUATION RATE for BRENTWOOD UFSD

2005-06 Accountability Status:

District In Need of Improvement - Year 2 for Mathematics

Title I Funding Title I Part A funding received in: 2003-04: Yes 2004-05: Yes 2005-06: Yes

District Accountability Status Categories

The list below defines the district status categories of New York State's district accountability system, which is divided into a Federal Title I component and a State component. A district that does not receive Title I funding in a school year does not have a federal status in that year. Consequences for districts not in good standing can be found at: http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/nyc/DINI/DINI2004-05.shtml. To be removed from any improvement status, a district must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) at an applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified for two consecutive years.

District in Good Standing: A district is considered to be in good standing if it has not been identified as a District in Need of Improvement, Requiring Corrective Action, Planning for Restructuring, or Requiring Academic Progress.

District Requiring Academic Progress: Under the State component of New York's accountability system, a district that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in a subject area for two consecutive years is considered a District Requiring Academic Progress (Year 1) for the following year. In each succeeding year that the school fails to make AYP, the year designation is incremented by one.

District in Need of Improvement (Year 1): A district that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in the same subject area for two consecutive years while receiving Title I funds is considered a District in Need of Improvement (Year 1) for the following year.

District in Need of Improvement (Year 2): A District in Need of Improvement (Year 1) that misses making AYP at every

applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a District in Need of Improvement (Year 2) for the following year.

District Requiring Corrective Action: A District in Need of Improvement (Year 2) that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a District Requiring Corrective Action for the following year.

District Planning for Restructuring: A District Requiring Corrective Action that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a District Planning for Restructuring for the following year.

District Restructuring: A District Planning for Restructuring that misses making AYP at every applicable grade level in the subject area for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a District Restructuring for the following year.

Elementary-Level English Language Arts

Definitions of terms, such as Performance Index and Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

To make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2004–05, every accountability group must make AYP.

For an accountability group to make AYP in 2004–05, it must

- 1. meet the 95 percent participation requirement (2004-05 Participation), and
- 2. *either* meet its Effective AMO *or* make safe harbor (*2004–05 Performance* and *Standards*).

To meet the participation requirement, 95 percent of the grade 4 enrollment in each accountability group with 40 or more students must be tested. To meet the

Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more continuously enrolled students must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its ELA safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the elementary-level science qualification for safe harbor. (See the elementary-level science page of this report for further information on meeting the science qualification for safe harbor.)

ELA Safe Harbor Targets: The elementary-level 2004–05 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI) \times 0.10. The 2005–06 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI) \times 0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pa	articipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	2	004–05 Stan	dards	Made	2005–06
Accountability Group	Grade 4 Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Tested	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	Effective AMO	ELA Safe Harbor Target	Met the Science Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in ELA in 2004–05	ELA Safe Harbor Target
All Students	1,279	99%	1,232	156	128			YES	
Students with Disabilities****	204	98%	191	107	123	93	YES	YES	116
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2		2						
Black	206	100%	203	157	123			YES	
Hispanic	868	99%	831	153	127			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	30		27						
White	173	99%	169	166	123			YES	
Limited English Proficient	293	99%	268	142	124			YES	
Economically Disadvantaged	812	100%	782	154	127			YES	
Final AYP Determination								YES	

*If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the enrollment shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 enrollments and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates for those two years.

**If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled tested students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and PIs.

Groups with a "" are not required to meet the science qualification for safe harbor to make safe harbor in English and mathematics because fewer than 30 students in the group were administered the science test.

****In cases of failure to make AYP solely because of the performance of students with disabilities, meeting the 95% participation requirement for this group and subject and meeting or exceeding the AMO if 34 points were added to the PI for this group and subject is an approved way of making AYP for students with disabilities.

Elementary-Level Mathematics

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- 1. meet the 95 percent participation requirement (2004-05 Participation), and
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To meet the participation requirement, 95 percent of the grade 4 enrollment in each accountability group with 40 or more students must be tested. To meet the

Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more continuously enrolled students must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its math safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the elementary-level science qualification for safe harbor. (See the elementary-level science page of this report for further information on meeting the science qualification for safe harbor.)

Math Safe Harbor Targets: The elementary-level 2004–05 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pa	articipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	2	004–05 Stan	dards	Made	2005–06
Accountability Group	Grade 4 Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Tested	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	Effective AMO	Math Safe Harbor Target	Met the Science Qualification for Safe Harbor	2004–05	Math Safe Harbor Target
All Students	1,261	100%	1,212	181	139			YES	
Students with Disabilities****	191	98%	181	141	134			YES	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2		2						
Black	202	100%	195	177	134			YES	
Hispanic	857	100%	821	180	138			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	30		27						
White	170	99%	167	188	134			YES	
Limited English Proficient	281	100%	259	165	135			YES	
Economically Disadvantaged	798	100%	765	179	138			YES	
Final AYP Determination								YES	

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Elementary-Level Science

Definitions of terms, such as Progress Target and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

Made AYP in Science in 2004–05: To make AYP in science, the Performance Index (PI) for the "All Students" group must equal or exceed the State Science Standard or the Science Progress Target.

Qualification for Safe Harbor in Elementary-Level ELA and Math: For an accountability group to be considered Qualified for Safe Harbor in Elementary-Level ELA and Math, the PI must equal or exceed the State Science Standard or the Science Progress Target in elementarylevel science for that group. Groups with fewer than 30 students tested in elementary-level science are not subject to this qualification criterion.

Science Progress Targets: The elementary-level 2004–05 Science Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the 2003–04 PI. The 2005–06 Science Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the 2004–05 PI. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the State Science Standard in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pe	erformance*	2004–05 \$	Standards		2004–05	2005–06
Accountability Group	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	State Science Standard	Science Progress Target	Made AYP in Science in 2004–05	Qualified for Safe Harbor in Elementary- Level ELA and Math	Science Progress Target
All Students	1,158	189	100		YES	YES	
Students with Disabilities	138	172	100			YES	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2						
Black	187	189	100			YES	
Hispanic	788	187	100			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	26						
White	155	197	100			YES	
Limited English Proficient	250	171	100			YES	
Economically Disadvantaged	729	187	100			YES	
Final AYP Determination					YES		

*If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and Performance Indices.

Middle-Level English Language Arts

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- 1. meet the 95 percent participation requirement (2004–05 *Participation*), and
- 2. *either* meet its Effective AMO *or* make safe harbor (2004–05 *Performance* and *Standards*).

To meet the participation requirement, 95 percent of the grade 8 enrollment in each accountability group with 40 or more students must exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the Performance Index be tested. To meet the Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more continuously enrolled students must equal or of each of these groups must equal or exceed its ELA safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the middle-level science qualification for safe harbor. (See the middle-level science page of this report for further information on meeting the science qualification for safe harbor.)

ELA Safe Harbor Targets: The middle-level 2004–05 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pa	articipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	20	004–05 Stan	dards	Made	2005–06
Accountability Group	Grade 8 Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Tested	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	Effective AMO	ELA Safe Harbor Target	Met the Science Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in ELA in 2004–05	ELA Safe Harbor Target
All Students	1,340	99%	1,293	145	113			YES	
Students with Disabilities****	210	98%	202	86	108	96	YES	YES	97
American Indian/Alaskan Native									
Black	291	99%	285	139	110			YES	
Hispanic	827	99%	788	145	112			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	23		22						
White	199	100%	198	154	108			YES	
Limited English Proficient	167	99%	140	155	107			YES	
Economically Disadvantaged	750	99%	723	144	112			YES	
Final AYP Determination								YES	

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**If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled tested students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and PIs.

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Middle-Level Mathematics

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To meet the participation requirement, 95 percent of the grade 8 enrollment in each accountability group with 40 or more students must be tested. To meet the Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more continuously enrolled students must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its math safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the middle-level science qualification for safe harbor. (See the middle-level science page of this report for further information on meeting the science qualification for safe harbor.)

Math Safe Harbor Targets: The middle-level 2004–05 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pa	articipation*	2004–05 Pe	rformance**	20	004–05 Stan	dards	Made	2005–06
Accountability Group	Grade 8 Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Tested	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	Effective AMO	Math Safe Harbor Target	Met the Science Qualification for Safe Harbor	Math in 2004–05	Math Safe Harbor Target
All Students	1,331	99%	1,265	131	90			YES	
Students with Disabilities	207	99%	197	75	85	75	YES	YES	88
American Indian/Alaskan Native									
Black	284	100%	277	123	86			YES	
Hispanic	829	99%	777	130	89			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	23		22						
White	195	98%	189	145	85			YES	
Limited English Proficient	166	100%	141	93	84			YES	
Economically Disadvantaged	752	100%	715	129	89			YES	
Final AYP Determination								YES	

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Middle-Level Science

Definitions of terms, such as Progress Target and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

Made AYP in Science in 2004–05: To make AYP in science, the Performance Index (PI) for the "All Students" group must equal or exceed the State Science Standard or the Science Progress Target.

Qualification for Safe Harbor in Middle-Level ELA and Math: For an accountability group to be considered Qualified for Safe Harbor in Middle-Level ELA and Math, the PI must equal or exceed the State

Science Standard or the Science Progress Target in middle-level science for that group. Groups with fewer than 30 students tested in middle-level science are not subject to this qualification criterion.

Science Progress Targets: The middle-level 2004–05 Science Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the 2003–04 PI. The 2005–06 Science Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the 2004–05 PI. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the State Science Standard in 2004–05.

	2004–05 Pe	erformance*	2004–05 \$	Standards		2004–05	2005–06
Accountability Group	Count of Continuously Enrolled Students	Performance Index	State Science Standard	Science Progress Target	Made AYP in Science in 2004–05	Qualified for Safe Harbor in Middle- Level ELA and Math	Science Progress Target
All Students	1,238	161	100		YES	YES	
Students with Disabilities	187	105	100			YES	
American Indian/Alaskan Native							
Black	267	157	100			YES	
Hispanic	762	158	100			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	22						
White	187	180	100			YES	
Limited English Proficient	138	101	100			YES	
Economically Disadvantaged	703	157	100			YES	
Final AYP Determination					YES		

*If there were fewer than 30 continuously enrolled students in 2004–05, data for 2003–04 and 2004–05 were combined to determine counts and PIs.

Secondary-Level English Language Arts

Definitions of terms, such as Performance Index and Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

To make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2004–05, every accountability group must make AYP.

For an accountability group to make AYP in 2004–05, 95 percent of seniors in each accountability group of 40 or more must have taken an English examination that meets the student graduation requirement. Each group must also meet its Effective AMO *or* make safe harbor (*2004–05 Performance* and *Standards*). To meet the Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more cohort members must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe harbor, the

Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its ELA safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor. (See the graduation-rate page of this report for further information on meeting the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor.)

ELA Safe Harbor Targets: The secondary-level 2004–05 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 ELA Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

Accountability Group	2004–05 Part	icipation*	2004–05 Per	rformance**	20	004–05 St	andards	Made	2005–06
	Count of Seniors in 2004–05	Percent of Seniors Tested	Count of 2001 Accountability Cohort Members	Performance Index	Effective AMO	ELA Safe Harbor Target	Met the Graduation- Rate Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in ELA in 2004–05	ELA Safe Harbor Target
All Students	927	97%	892	159	144			YES	
Students with Disabilities	149	81%	67	60	136	74	YES	NO	74
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1		1						
Black	232	99%	225	166	141			YES	
Hispanic	538	96%	525	151	143			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	12		13						
White	144	96%	128	174	139			YES	
Limited English Proficient	80	99%	99	93	138	86	YES	YES	104
Economically Disadvantaged	323	97%	321	162	142			YES	
Final AYP Determination								NO	

*If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the count of seniors shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 counts and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates for those two years.

**If there were fewer than thirty 2001 accountability cohort members, 2000 and 2001 cohort data were combined to determine counts and PIs.

Groups with a "" are not required to meet the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor, because fewer than 30 members in the 2000 graduation-rate cohort were in those groups.

Secondary-Level Mathematics

Definitions of terms, such as Performance Index and Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

To make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2004–05, every accountability group must make AYP.

For an accountability group to make AYP in 2004–05, 95 percent of seniors in each accountability group of 40 or more must have taken a mathematics examination that meets the student graduation requirement. Each group must also meet its Effective AMO *or* make safe harbor (*2004–05 Performance* and *Standards*). To meet the Effective AMO, the Performance Index for each group with 30 or more cohort members must equal or exceed the Effective AMO. To make safe

harbor, the Performance Index of each of these groups must equal or exceed its math safe harbor target *and* the group must meet the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor. (See the graduation-rate page of this report for further information on meeting the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor.)

Math Safe Harbor Targets: The secondary-level 2004–05 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2003–04 PI + (200 – the 2003–04 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 Math Safe Harbor Target is calculated by using the following equation: 2004–05 PI + (200 – the 2004–05 PI) × 0.10. The 2005–06 target is provided for groups whose PI was below the Effective AMO in 2004–05.

Accountability Group	2004-05 Parti	cipation*	2004–05 Per	formance**	20	004–05 St	andards	Made	2005–06
	Count of Seniors in 2004–05	Percent of Seniors Tested	Count of 2001 Accountability Cohort Members	Performance Index	Effective AMO	Math Safe Harbor Target	Met the Graduation- Rate Qualification for Safe Harbor	AYP in Math in 2004–05	Math Safe Harbor Target
All Students	927	98%	892	173	135			YES	
Students with Disabilities	149	84%	67	70	127	102	YES	NO	83
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1		1						
Black	232	99%	225	172	132			YES	
Hispanic	538	98%	525	169	134			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	12		13						
White	144	96%	128	184	130			YES	
Limited English Proficient	80	100%	99	146	129			YES	
Economically Disadvantaged	323	98%	321	178	133			YES	
Final AYP Determination								NO	

*If the participation rate of an accountability group fell below 95 percent in 2004–05, the count of seniors shown is the sum of 2003–04 and 2004–05 counts and the percent tested is the weighted average of the participation rates for those two years.

**It there were fewer than thirty 2001 accountability cohort members, 2000 and 2001 cohort data were combined to determine counts and PIs.

***Groups with a "**" are not required to meet the graduation-rate qualification for safe harbor, because fewer than 30 members in the 2000 graduation-rate cohort were in those groups.

Graduation Rate

Definitions of terms, such as Progress Target and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), are in the glossary, which is the last page of this report.

Made AYP in Graduation Rate in 2004–05: To make AYP in graduation rate, the Percent Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004 for the "All Students" group must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard or the Graduation-Rate Progress Target.

Qualification for Safe Harbor in Secondary-Level ELA and Math: For an accountability group to be considered Qualified for Safe Harbor in Secondary-Level ELA and Math, the Percent Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004 must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard or the Graduation-Rate Progress Target for that group. **Graduation-Rate Progress Targets:** The 2004–05 Graduation-Rate Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the Percent of the 1999 Cohort Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2003. The 2005–06 Graduation-Rate Progress Target is calculated by adding one point to the Percent of the 2000 Cohort Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004. This target is provided for each group whose Percent Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004 is below the Graduation-Rate Standard in 2004–05 (55). Groups with fewer than 30 cohort members are not subject to this criterion.

	2004–05	Performance	2004–05 \$	Standards	Mada AVD	2004–05	2005–06
Accountability Group	Count of 2000 Graduation- Rate Cohort Members	Percent Earning a Local Diploma by August 31, 2004	Graduation- Rate Standard	Graduation- Rate Progress Target	Made AYP in Graduation Rate in 2004–05	Qualified for Safe Harbor in Secondary- Level ELA and Math	Graduation- Rate Progress Target
All Students	866	73	55		YES	YES	
Students with Disabilities	98	56	55			YES	
American Indian/Alaskan Native							
Black	182	73	55			YES	
Hispanic	498	70	55			YES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	19						
White	167	81	55			YES	
Limited English Proficient	63	41	55	29		YES	42
Economically Disadvantaged	225	85	55			YES	
Final AYP Determination					YES		

Glossary

Accountability Cohort: The 2001 school accountability cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in the fall of 2001, and all ungraded students with disabilities who reached their seventeenth birthday in the 2001–02 school year, who were enrolled on October 8, 2003. Students who transferred to programs leading to a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma were not included in the 2001 school accountability cohort. The 2001 district accountability cohort consists of all students in each school accountability cohort plus students who transferred within the district after BEDS day *plus* students who were placed outside the district by the Committee on Special Education or district administrators and who met the other requirements for cohort membership. Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) indicates satisfactory progress by a district or a school toward the goal of proficiency for all students.

Annual Measurable Objective (AMO): The Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) is the PI value that signifies that an accountability group is making satisfactory progress toward the goal that 100 percent of students will be proficient in the State's learning standards for English language arts and mathematics by 2013–14. The AMO will be increased in regular increments beginning in 2004–05 until it reaches 200 in 2013–14. (See Effective AMO for further information.)

Continuously Enrolled Students: Students enrolled in the school or district on BEDS day (usually the first Wednesday in October) of the school year and until the day of testing.

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (Effective AMO): The Effective Annual Measurable Objective (Effective AMO) is the PI value that each accountability group within a school or district is expected to achieve to make AYP. The Effective AMO is the lowest PI that an accountability group of a given size can achieve in a subject for the group's PI not to be considered significantly different from the AMO for that subject. If an accountability group's PI equals or exceeds the Effective AMO, it is considered to have made AYP. A more complete definition of Effective AMO and a table showing the PI values that each group size must equal or exceed to make AYP are available at www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts.

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.

Graduation-Rate Standard: The criterion value that represents a minimally satisfactory percentage of cohort members earning a local diploma. The State Graduation-Rate Standard is 55 percent. The Commissioner may raise the Graduation-Rate Standard at his discretion in future years.

Performance Index (PI): A Performance Index 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) in English language arts, mathematics, or science. Student scores on the tests are converted to four achievement levels, from Level 1 (indicating no proficiency) to Level 4 (indicating advanced proficiency). At the elementary and middle levels, the *PI is calculated using the following equation:* $100 \times [(Count of$ *Continuously Enrolled Tested Students Performing at Levels 2, 3, and 4* + the Count at Levels 3 and 4) + Count of All Continuously Enrolled*Tested Students]. At the secondary level, the PI is calculated using the following equation:* $<math>100 \times [(Count of Cohort Members Performing at$ Levels 2, 3, and 4 + the Count at Levels 3 and 4) + Count of All CohortMembers]. A list of tests used to measure student performance foraccountability is available at www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts.

Progress Target: For accountability groups below the State Standard in science or graduation rate, the Progress Target is an alternative method for making AYP or qualifying for safe harbor in English language arts and mathematics based on improvement over the previous year's performance.

Safe Harbor: Safe Harbor provides an alternative means to demonstrate AYP for accountability groups that do not achieve their Effective AMOs in English or mathematics.

Science Standard: The criterion value that represents a minimally satisfactory performance in science. In 2004–05, the State Science Standard at the elementary and middle levels was a PI of 100. The Commissioner may raise the State Science Standard at his discretion in future years.