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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 *District Accountability 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 *District Accountability 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 and mathematics and on the middle-level science test 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. Performance on the elementary-level science test is reported in terms of mean scores and the percentage of students making appropriate progress. 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, LEP 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: February 2004*, available on the Information and Reporting Services Web site at www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts.

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

District Profile

Superintendent: Charles S. Dedrick		Phone: (518)237-0100
Organization 2002–03	Grade Range	Student Enrollment
	NA	2117

2001–02 District-wide Total Expenditure per Pupil	$13,813
2001–02 NYS Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil	$12,265

2002–03 Percentage of Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers*

Number of Core Classes	Percent Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
361	97%

*For the 2002-03 school year, SED is reporting that teachers of core classes are highly qualified if they are certified to teach those classes. However, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) imposes requirements beyond certification for some teachers to be considered highly qualified. In future years, when New York State uses the NCLB criteria for reporting, certified teachers must fulfill all NCLB requirements to be counted as highly qualified.

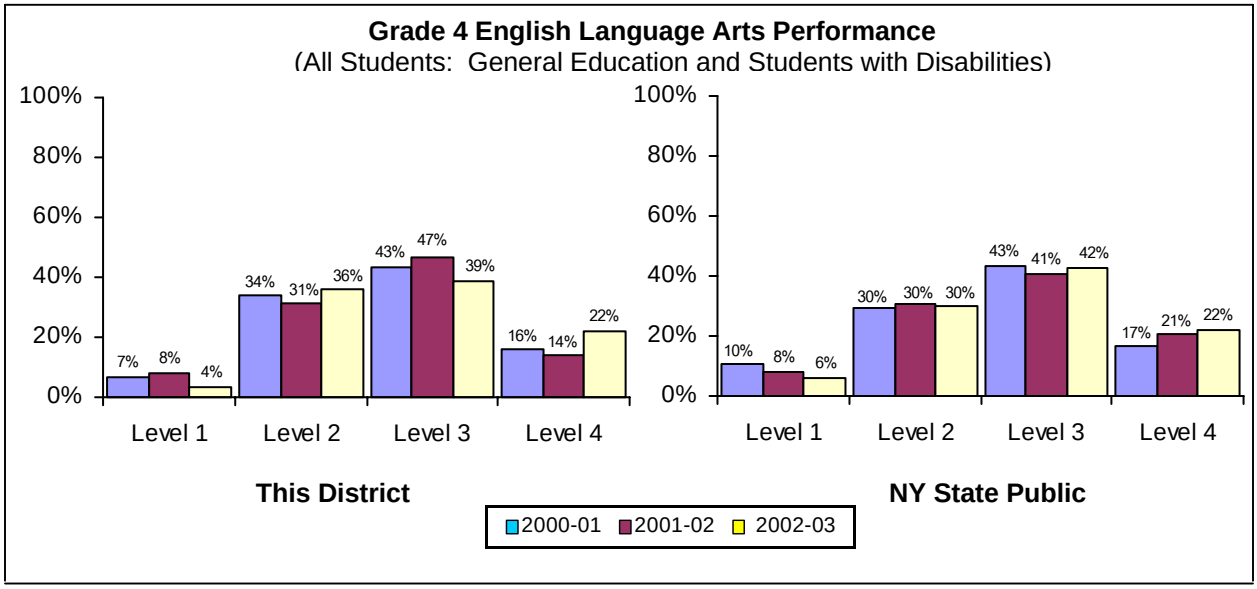
2002–03 Percentage of Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate*

Number of Teachers	Percent with No Valid Teaching Certificate
187	1%

*This count includes teachers with temporary licenses who do not have a valid permanent, provisional, or transitional teaching certificate.

Elementary Level

English Language Arts



Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 455–602	Level 2 603–644	Level 3 645–691	Level 4 692–800	Total	
Jan–Feb 2001	12	61	77	28	178	655
Jan–Feb 2002	12	47	70	21	150	654
Feb 2003	6	60	65	37	168	658

Elementary-Level 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.
Level 3	These students **meet the standards** and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
Level 2	These students **need extra help** to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
Level 1	These students have **serious academic deficiencies**.

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

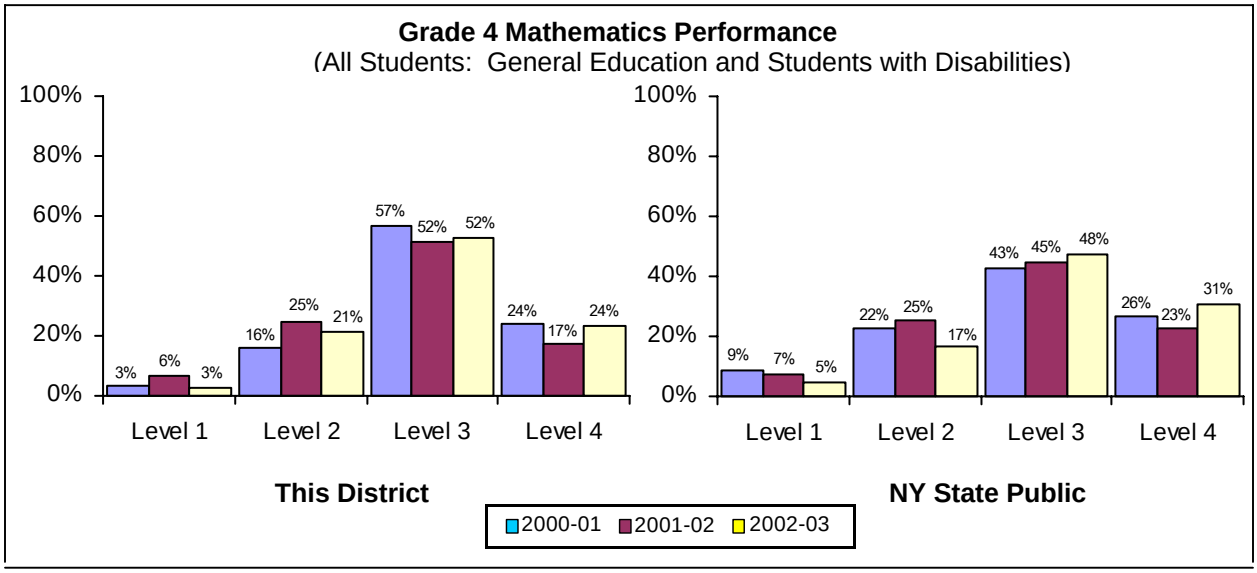
Grade 4	Number Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2003	2	#	#	#	#

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

Elementary Level	Number Tested	AA–Level 1	AA–Level 2	AA–Level 3	AA–Level 4
2002–03	0	0	0	0	0

Elementary Level

Mathematics



Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 448–601	Level 2 602–636	Level 3 637–677	Level 4 678–810	Total	
May 2001	6	30	107	45	188	658
May 2002	10	38	80	27	155	649
May 2003	5	36	89	40	170	656

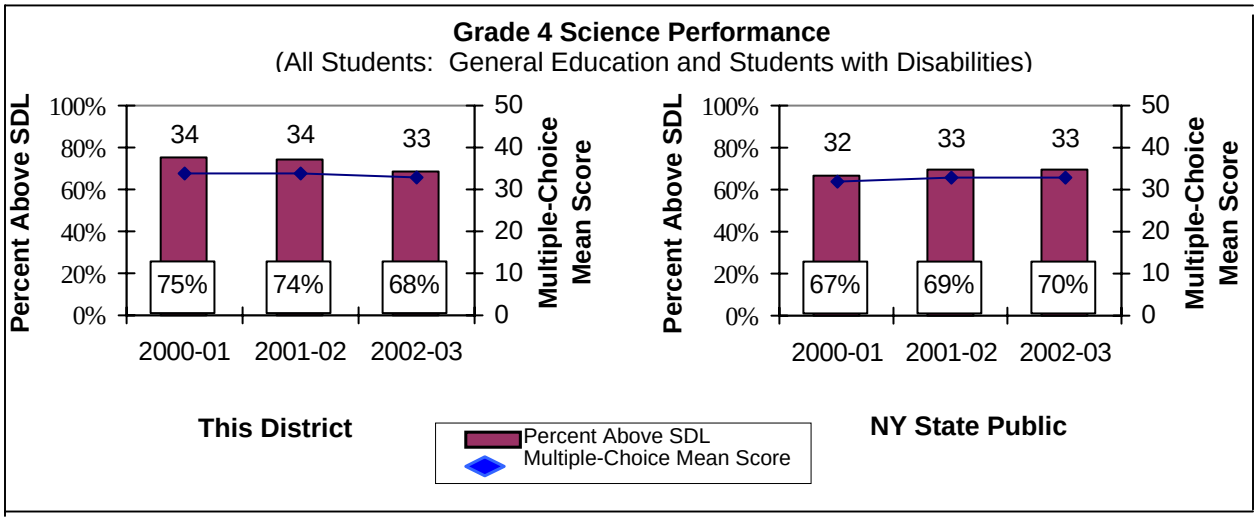
Elementary-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students **exceed the standards** and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students **meet the standards** and, with continued steady growth, should pass the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

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

Elementary Level	Number Tested	AA–Level 1	AA–Level 2	AA–Level 3	AA–Level 4
2002–03	0	0	0	0	0

Elementary Level

Science Multiple-Choice



All Students

	Number Tested	Number Above SDL	Mean Score
May 2001	183	137	34
May 2002	157	116	34
May 2003	168	115	33

Grade 4 Science — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Multiple-Choice Test Component	This component contains 45 multiple-choice questions based upon the New York State *Elementary Science Syllabus* and referenced to the New York State *Learning Standards for Mathematics, Science and Technology* (Elementary Level).
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 in the following term of instruction.
Mean Scores	For the multiple-choice test component, the mean score is the average number of correct answers for students tested. If all tested students answered all questions correctly, this score would be 45.

Elementary Level

Science Performance Test

The elementary-level science test is composed of two sections, the multiple-choice section (described above) and the performance test. The performance test is not used to determine the need for academic intervention services or for accountability purposes because not all students are administered the same three tasks.

All Students

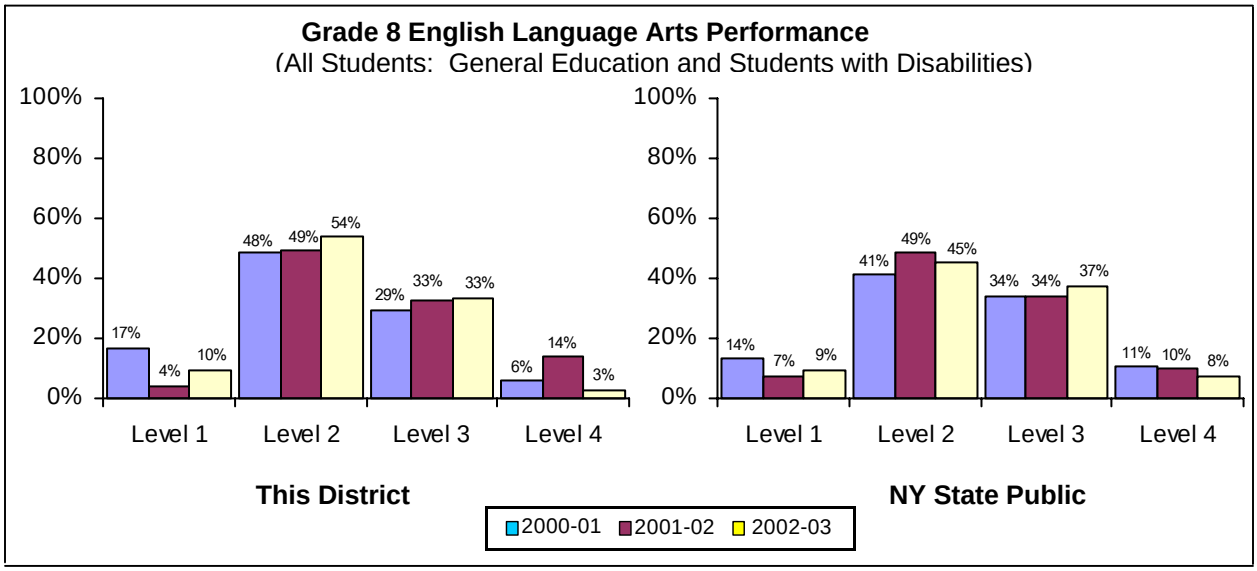
	Number Tested	Mean Score
May 2001	183	35
May 2002	156	36
May 2003	168	37

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

Elementary Level	Number Tested	AA–Level 1	AA–Level 2	AA–Level 3	AA–Level 4
2002–03	0	0	0	0	0

Middle Level

English Language Arts



Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 527–661	Level 2 662–700	Level 3 701–738	Level 4 739–830	Total	
May 2001	26	76	46	9	157	690
	Level 1 527–659	**Level 2 660–698**	**Level 3 699-737**	**Level 3 738-830**	**Total**	
March 2002	6	71	47	20	144	701
	Level 1 527–657	**Level 2 658–696**	**Level 3 697–736**	**Level 4 737–830**	**Total**	
January 2003	16	91	56	5	168	688

Middle-Level 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.
Level 3	These students **meet the standards** and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination.
Level 2	These students **need extra help** to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination.
Level 1	These students have **serious academic deficiencies**.

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

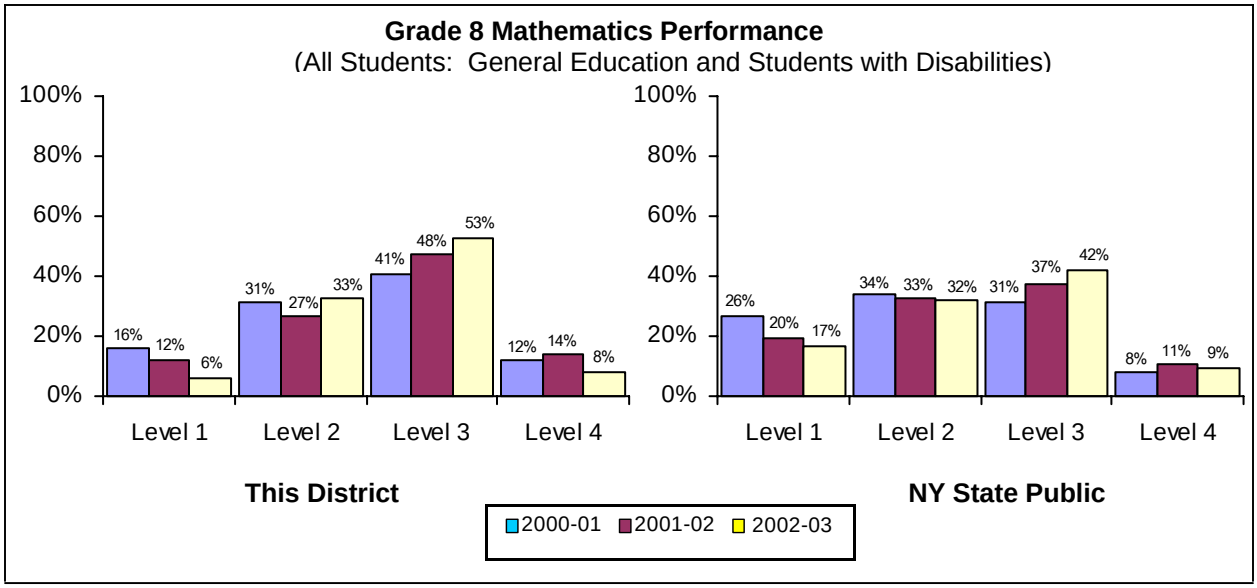
Grade 8	Number Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2003	4	#	#	#	#

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

Grade 8	Number Tested	AA–Level 1	AA–Level 2	AA–Level 3	AA–Level 4
2002–03	0	0	0	0	0

Middle Level

Mathematics



Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 517–680	Level 2 681–715	Level 3 716–759	Level 4 760–882	Total	
May 2001	25	50	65	19	159	714
May 2002	17	39	69	20	145	723
May 2003	11	57	92	14	174	718

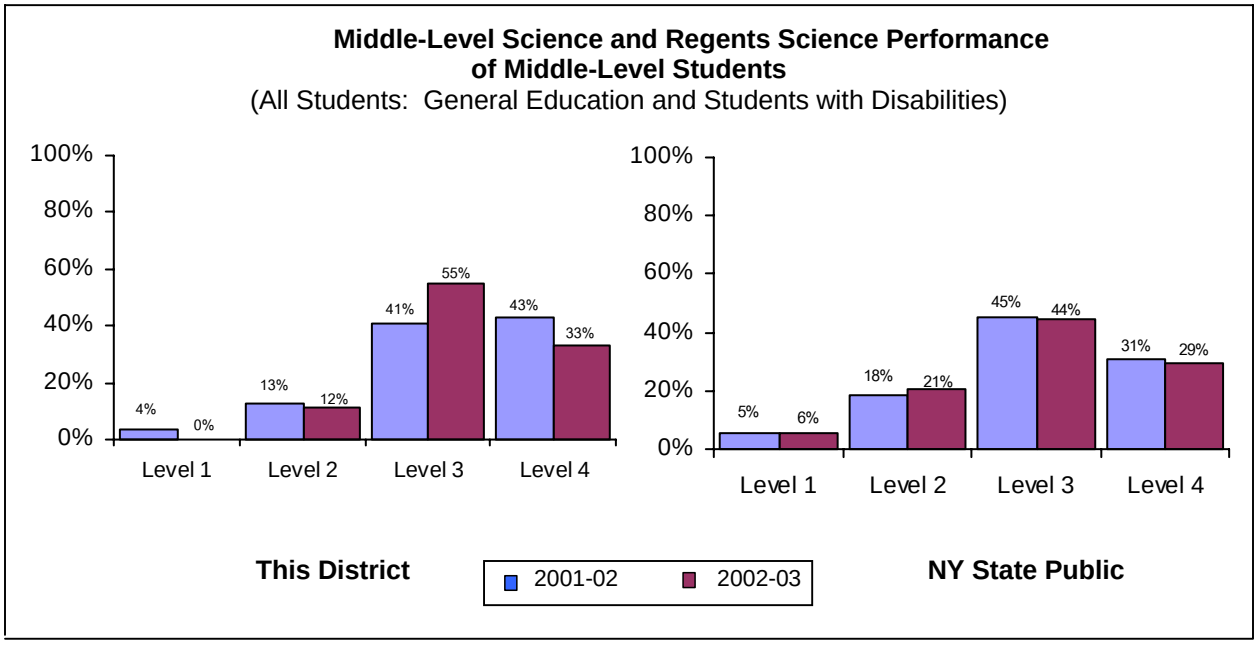
Middle-Level Mathematics Levels — Knowledge, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Standards	
Level 4	These students **exceed the standards** and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination.
Level 3	These students **meet the standards** and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents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

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

Middle Level	Number Tested	AA–Level 1	AA–Level 2	AA–Level 3	AA–Level 4
2002–03	0	0	0	0	0

Middle Level

Science



Performance at This District		Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
June 2002	Middle-Level Science	5	17	56	58	136	78
	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0
January/ June 2003	Middle-Level Science	0	18	86	52	156	77
	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

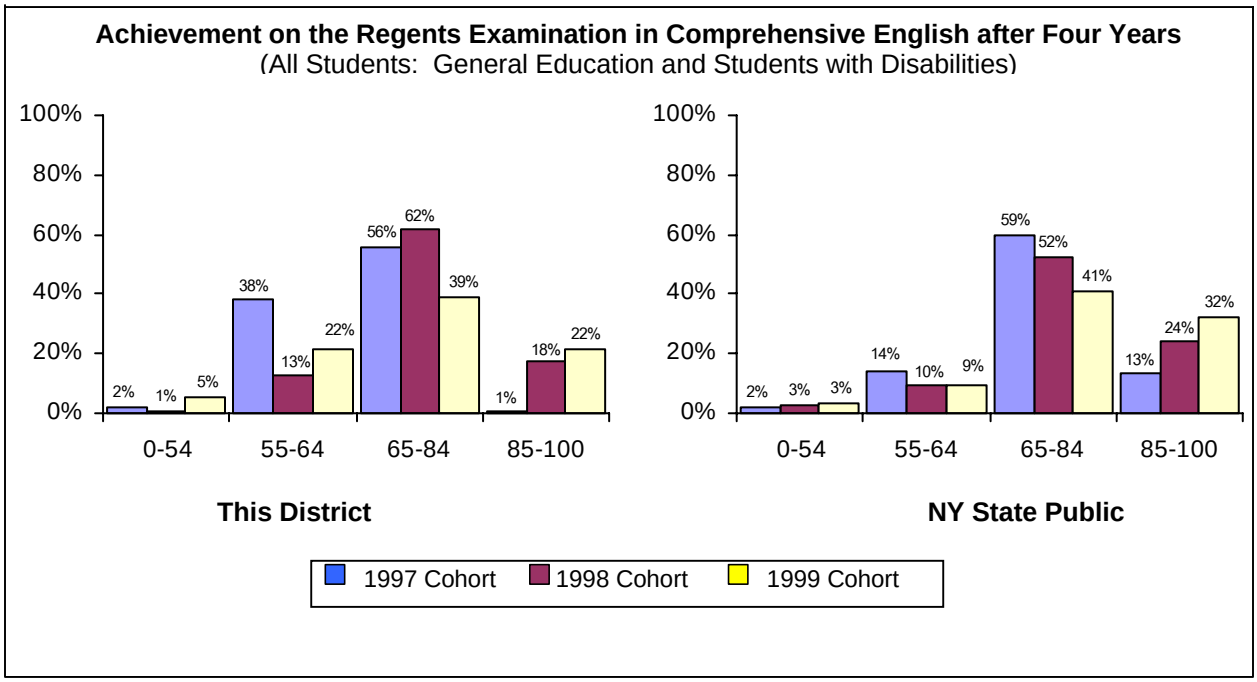
*Students may demonstrate proficiency in middle-level science by scoring at Level 3 or above on the middle-level science test or by scoring 65 or above on a Regents examination in science.

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

Middle-Level	Number Tested	AA–Level 1	AA–Level 2	AA–Level 3	AA–Level 4
2002–03	0	0	0	0	0

High School English Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graph and table below present performance of the 1997, 1998, and 1999 cohort members, four years after entering grade 9, in meeting the graduation assessment requirement in English. A score of 65 or above on the Regents comprehensive examination in English is considered passing. Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times the student took the examination. 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. In the first table, the numbers of students who met the graduation requirement by passing an approved alternative are listed separately. The second table shows the competency test performance of students with disabilities eligible for the safety net who did not score 55 or above on a Regents examination or approved alternative. Students who score 55 to 64 on the Regents examination in comprehensive English may be given credit towards a local high school diploma if allowed by the district board of education. The data in these tables and chart show the performance of the cohorts as of June 30th of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. Data for the 1999 cohort include all students in cohorts in the district's schools, students continuously enrolled in the district who transferred between schools within the district, and students placed outside the district but who are the reporting responsibility of the district. Data for the 1998 cohort include all students in cohorts in the district's schools.



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
1997 Cohort	134	3	51	75	1	0
1998 Cohort	108	1	14	67	19	0
1999 Cohort	138	7	30	54	30	0

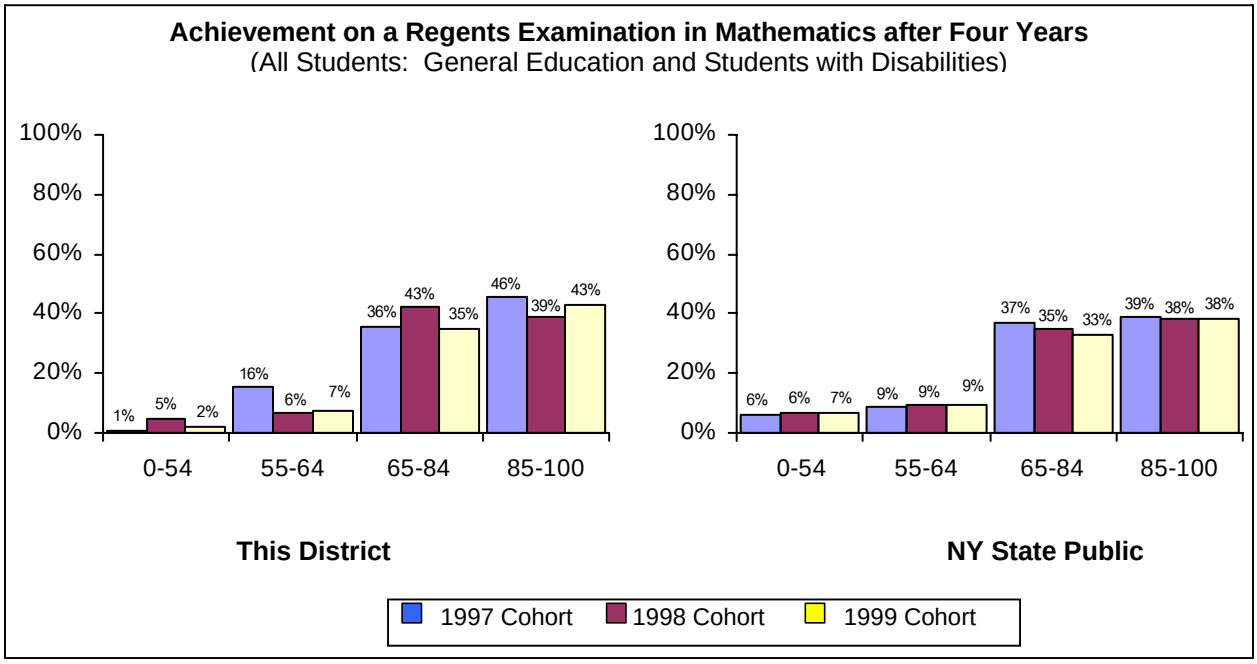
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include the Regents examination in comprehensive English, the component retest in English, and approved alternatives.

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
1997 Cohort	3	0
1998 Cohort	0	1
1999 Cohort	3	0

*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 graph and table below present performance of the 1997, 1998, and 1999 cohort members, four years after entering grade 9, in meeting the graduation assessment requirement in mathematics. A score of 65 or above on a Regents examination in mathematics is considered passing. Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times the student took the examination. 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. In the first table, the numbers of students who met the graduation requirement by passing an approved alternative are listed separately. The second table shows the competency test performance of students with disabilities eligible for the safety net who did not score 55 or above on a Regents examination or approved alternative. Students who score 55 to 64 on a Regents examination in mathematics may be given credit towards a local high school diploma if allowed by the district board of education. The data in these tables and chart show the performance of the cohorts as of June 30th of the fourth year after first entering grade 9. Data for the 1999 cohort include all students in cohorts in the district's schools, students continuously enrolled in the district who transferred between schools within the district, and students placed outside the district but who are the reporting responsibility of the district. Data for the 1998 cohort include all students in cohorts in the district's schools.



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
1997 Cohort	134	1	21	48	61	0
1998 Cohort	108	5	7	46	42	0
1999 Cohort	138	3	10	48	59	0

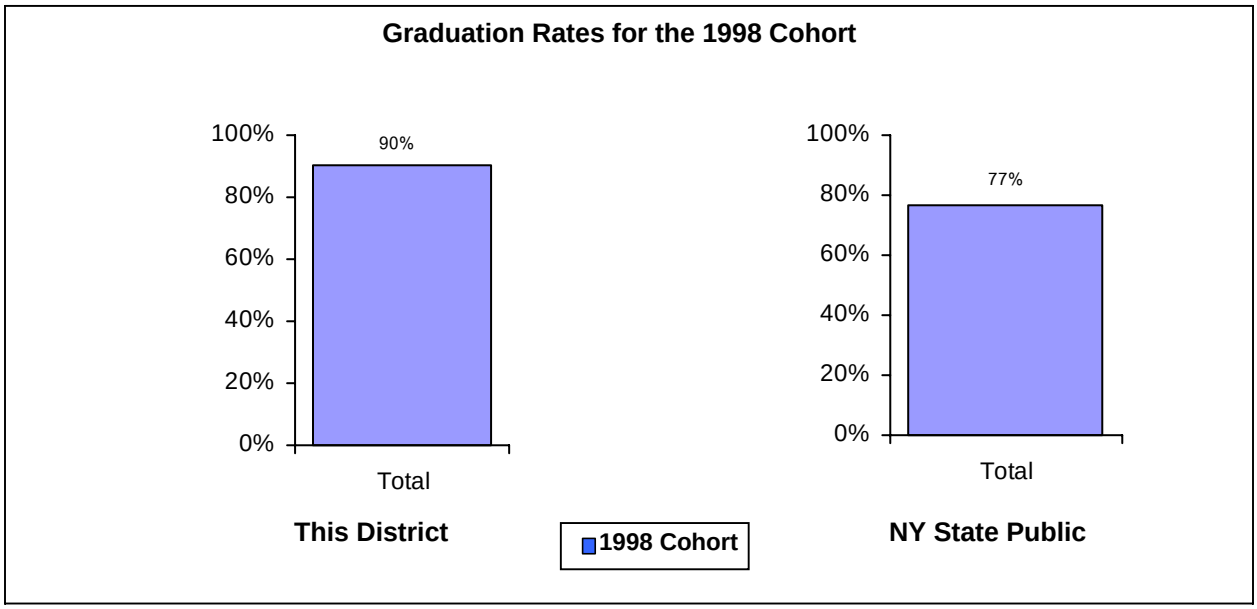
*Assessments used to determine counts in this table include a Regents examination in mathematics, the component retest in mathematics, and approved alternatives.

Performance of Students Who Took the Regents Competency Test in Mathematics to Meet the Graduation Requirement*		
	Passed the RCT	Failed at Least One RCT
1997 Cohort	1	1
1998 Cohort	0	2
1999 Cohort	3	0

*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 31st 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 school accountability cohort for English and mathematics.



Cohort Graduation Rates				
	Cohort Members* (a)	**Transfers to GED (b)**	**Graduation Rate Cohort Members (a+b)**	**Number Graduated**
1998 Cohort	111	1	112	101

*Count as of August 31st 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 school 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 2002-03 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	2001–02				2002–03			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2–4	3–4	4		2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	s	s	0	0%	0%	0%
Black	7	100%	57%	29%	10	s	s	s
Hispanic	4	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0%	0%	0%	2	s	s	s
White	138	91%	59%	12%	154	96%	63%	22%
Total	150	92%	61%	14%	168	96%	61%	22%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	5	100%	100%	60%	14	100%	36%	21%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	128	94%	67%	16%	148	99%	66%	25%
Students with disabilities	22	82%	23%	0%	20	80%	20%	0%
Total	150	92%	61%	14%	168	96%	61%	22%
Results by Gender								
Female	78	94%	63%	15%	84	99%	65%	21%
Male	72	90%	58%	13%	84	94%	56%	23%
Total	150	92%	61%	14%	168	96%	61%	22%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	150	92%	61%	14%	165	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	3	s	s	s
Total	150	92%	61%	14%	168	96%	61%	22%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	8	100%	50%	13%	71	93%	45%	11%
Not disadvantaged	142	92%	61%	14%	97	99%	72%	30%
Total	150	92%	61%	14%	168	96%	61%	22%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	150	92%	61%	14%	168	96%	61%	22%
Total	150	92%	61%	14%	168	96%	61%	22%

Elementary Level

Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2001–02				2002–03			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2–4	3–4	4		2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	s	s	0	0%	0%	0%
Black	8	100%	50%	0%	9	s	s	s
Hispanic	4	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0%	0%	0%	2	s	s	s
White	142	93%	70%	18%	157	97%	76%	25%
Total	155	94%	69%	17%	170	97%	76%	24%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	5	100%	60%	40%	13	100%	69%	8%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	132	96%	75%	18%	146	99%	83%	27%
Students with disabilities	23	78%	35%	13%	24	83%	33%	4%
Total	155	94%	69%	17%	170	97%	76%	24%
Results by Gender								
Female	82	93%	68%	10%	83	96%	73%	23%
Male	73	95%	70%	26%	87	98%	78%	24%
Total	155	94%	69%	17%	170	97%	76%	24%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	155	94%	69%	17%	165	97%	76%	24%
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	5	100%	60%	0%
Total	155	94%	69%	17%	170	97%	76%	24%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	9	100%	78%	11%	72	97%	63%	10%
Not disadvantaged	146	93%	68%	18%	98	97%	86%	34%
Total	155	94%	69%	17%	170	97%	76%	24%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	155	94%	69%	17%	170	97%	76%	24%
Total	155	94%	69%	17%	170	97%	76%	24%

Elementary Level

Science Multiple-Choice

Student Subgroup	2001–02		2002–03	
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring above the SDL	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring above the SDL
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	s	0	0%
Black	9	89%	9	s
Hispanic	5	s	2	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0%	2	s
White	142	73%	155	71%
Total	157	74%	168	68%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	6	83%	13	38%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	133	79%	144	74%
Students with disabilities	24	46%	24	33%
Total	157	74%	168	68%
Results by Gender				
Female	83	71%	82	68%
Male	74	77%	86	69%
Total	157	74%	168	68%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	157	74%	163	70%
Limited English proficient	0	0%	5	20%
Total	157	74%	168	68%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	10	70%	70	50%
Not disadvantaged	147	74%	98	82%
Total	157	74%	168	68%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%
Not migrant family	157	74%	168	68%
Total	157	74%	168	68%

Middle Level

English Language Arts

Student Subgroup	2001–02				2002–03			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2–4	3–4	4		2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	1	s	s	s
Black	2	s	s	s	9	100%	33%	0%
Hispanic	2	s	s	s	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	s	s	s	2	s	s	s
White	139	97%	47%	14%	152	90%	38%	3%
Total	144	96%	47%	14%	168	90%	36%	3%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	5	60%	20%	20%	7	86%	0%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	122	99%	53%	16%	140	96%	42%	4%
Students with disabilities	22	77%	9%	0%	28	64%	7%	0%
Total	144	96%	47%	14%	168	90%	36%	3%
Results by Gender								
Female	74	99%	50%	14%	78	88%	36%	4%
Male	70	93%	43%	14%	90	92%	37%	2%
Total	144	96%	47%	14%	168	90%	36%	3%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	141	s	s	s	167	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	3	s	s	s	1	s	s	s
Total	144	96%	47%	14%	168	90%	36%	3%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	0	0%	0%	0%	87	86%	24%	1%
Not disadvantaged	144	96%	47%	14%	81	95%	49%	5%
Total	144	96%	47%	14%	168	90%	36%	3%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	144	96%	47%	14%	168	90%	36%	3%
Total	144	96%	47%	14%	168	90%	36%	3%

Middle Level

Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2001–02				2002–03			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2–4	3–4	4		2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	1	s	s	s
Black	2	s	s	s	10	100%	50%	0%
Hispanic	2	s	s	s	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	s	s	s	4	s	s	s
White	140	90%	63%	14%	155	93%	63%	9%
Total	145	88%	61%	14%	174	94%	61%	8%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	5	40%	20%	0%	9	100%	33%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	122	94%	69%	16%	149	97%	64%	9%
Students with disabilities	23	57%	22%	0%	25	76%	40%	4%
Total	145	88%	61%	14%	174	94%	61%	8%
Results by Gender								
Female	75	85%	53%	12%	81	94%	53%	6%
Male	70	91%	70%	16%	93	94%	68%	10%
Total	145	88%	61%	14%	174	94%	61%	8%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	140	88%	60%	12%	169	93%	62%	8%
Limited English proficient	5	100%	100%	60%	5	100%	20%	0%
Total	145	88%	61%	14%	174	94%	61%	8%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	0	0%	0%	0%	92	90%	50%	2%
Not disadvantaged	145	88%	61%	14%	82	98%	73%	15%
Total	145	88%	61%	14%	174	94%	61%	8%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	145	88%	61%	14%	174	94%	61%	8%
Total	145	88%	61%	14%	174	94%	61%	8%

Middle Level

Science

Student Subgroup	2001–02				2002–03			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels			Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2–4	3–4	4		2–4	3–4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0%	0%	1	s	s	s
Black	2	s	s	s	9	100%	89%	11%
Hispanic	1	s	s	s	3	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	s	s	s	3	s	s	s
White	132	s	s	s	140	100%	90%	36%
Total	136	96%	84%	43%	156	100%	88%	33%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	136	96%	84%	43%	7	100%	57%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	116	100%	91%	48%	131	100%	91%	37%
Students with disabilities	20	75%	40%	10%	25	100%	76%	12%
Total	136	96%	84%	43%	156	100%	88%	33%
Results by Gender								
Female	70	97%	81%	37%	75	100%	85%	25%
Male	66	95%	86%	48%	81	100%	91%	41%
Total	136	96%	84%	43%	156	100%	88%	33%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	134	s	s	s	153	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	2	s	s	s	3	s	s	s
Total	136	96%	84%	43%	156	100%	88%	33%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	0	0%	0%	0%	81	100%	80%	20%
Not disadvantaged	136	96%	84%	43%	75	100%	97%	48%
Total	136	96%	84%	43%	156	100%	88%	33%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	136	96%	84%	43%	156	100%	88%	33%
Total	136	96%	84%	43%	156	100%	88%	33%

1998 and 1999 High School Cohorts

General-education students who first entered ninth grade in 1998 or 1999 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 Accomodation 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 30th 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	1998 Cohort					1999 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		Passed RCTs			Regents		Passed RCTs	
		55–64	65–100				55–64	65–100		
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Black	0	0	0	0	0%	5	0	4	0	80%
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0%	2	s	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0%	4	s	s	s	s
White	108	14	86	0	93%	127	28	77	2	84%
Total	108	14	86	0	93%	138	30	84	3	85%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	0	0	0	0	0%	6	2	3	1	100%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	96	12	82	0	98%	126	30	82	0	89%
Students with disabilities	12	2	4	0	50%	12	0	2	3	42%
Total	108	14	86	0	93%	138	30	84	3	85%
Results by Gender										
Female	56	4	50	0	96%	62	12	40	0	84%
Male	52	10	36	0	88%	76	18	44	3	86%
Total	108	14	86	0	93%	138	30	84	3	85%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	107	s	s	s	s	132	27	82	3	85%
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	s	6	3	2	0	83%
Total	108	14	86	0	93%	138	30	84	3	85%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	30	5	22	0	90%	8	2	3	0	63%
Not disadvantaged	78	9	64	0	94%	130	28	81	3	86%
Total	108	14	86	0	93%	138	30	84	3	85%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	108	14	86	0	93%	138	30	84	3	85%
Total	108	14	86	0	93%	138	30	84	3	85%

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

Student Subgroup	1998 Cohort					1999 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		Passed RCTs			Regents		Passed RCTs	
		55–64	65–100				55–64	65–100		
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Black	0	0	0	0	0%	5	0	3	0	60%
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0%	2	s	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0%	4	s	s	s	s
White	108	7	88	0	88%	127	10	100	2	88%
Total	108	7	88	0	88%	138	10	107	3	87%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	0	0	0	0	0%	6	0	4	1	83%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	96	7	84	0	95%	126	10	105	0	91%
Students with disabilities	12	0	4	0	33%	12	0	2	3	42%
Total	108	7	88	0	88%	138	10	107	3	87%
Results by Gender										
Female	56	2	48	0	89%	62	5	49	1	89%
Male	52	5	40	0	87%	76	5	58	2	86%
Total	108	7	88	0	88%	138	10	107	3	87%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	107	s	s	s	s	132	10	101	3	86%
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	s	6	0	6	0	100%
Total	108	7	88	0	88%	138	10	107	3	87%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged	30	3	20	0	77%	8	1	4	0	63%
Not disadvantaged	78	4	68	0	92%	130	9	103	3	88%
Total	108	7	88	0	88%	138	10	107	3	87%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family	108	7	88	0	88%	138	10	107	3	87%
Total	108	7	88	0	88%	138	10	107	3	87%

Cohort Graduation Rates

Students were counted as graduates in the first two columns of this table if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement by June 30th of the fourth year after first entering grade 9 and in the second two columns if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement by August 31st 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 district accountability cohort for English and mathematics.

	1998 Cohort as of June 30, 2002		1998 Cohort as of August 31, 2002	
Student Subgroup	**Graduation Rate Cohort**	**Graduation Rate**	**Graduation Rate Cohort**	**Graduation Rate**
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%	0	0%
Black	0	0%	0	0%
Hispanic	0	0%	0	0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%
White	108	94%	112	90%
Total	108	94%	112	90%
Small Group Totals **(s)**	0	0%	0	0%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	96	99%	100	95%
Students with disabilities	12	50%	12	50%
Total	108	94%	112	90%
Results by Gender				
Female	56	96%	57	95%
Male	52	90%	55	85%
Total	108	94%	112	90%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	107	s	111	s
Limited English proficient	1	s	1	s
Total	108	94%	112	90%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	30	90%	29	93%
Not disadvantaged	78	95%	83	89%
Total	108	94%	112	90%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	0	0%	0	0%
Not migrant family	108	94%	112	90%
Total	108	94%	112	90%

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 entered grade 9, or, in the case of ungraded students with disabilities, the year in which they reached their seventeenth birthday. (For example, the 1998 accountability cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in the fall of 1998 who were enrolled on October 4, 2000). Certain students with severe disabilities, new immigrants, and students who transfer to programs leading to a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma are not included in the school accountability cohort. Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Component Retests: Component retests were offered in Regents English and Mathematics A to graduating seniors 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, as determined by the results of the component retest.

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. In 2002–03 and in previous years, students were considered LEP if, by reason of foreign birth or ancestry, they spoke a language other than English and (1) either understood and spoke little or no English or (2) scored at or below the 40th percentile on an English language assessment instrument. The United States Department of Education has approved the use of the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (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 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.