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**ANALYSES BY STUDENT SUBGROUP OF SCHOOL  
PERFORMANCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS  
AND MATHEMATICS**  
for  
**Berkshire Union Free School District**

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 1 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act includes explicit requirements “to ensure that students served by Title 1 are given the same opportunity to achieve to high standards and are held to the same high expectations as all students in each State.” Beginning with this report card, New York State will report performance data by gender, disability status, racial/ethnic group, English proficiency status, migrant status, and income level. District reports do not show high school performance data by gender, racial/ethnic group, migrant status, or income level because data were available only from high schools that received Title 1 funding.

The purpose of the analyses on the following pages is to determine if students who perform below the standards in this district tend to fall into particular groups, such as minority students, English language learners, 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 and community should examine the reasons for this lower performance and make necessary changes in curriculum, instruction and student support services to remedy these performance gaps.

It is important that programmatic changes be based on valid and reliable data. If a district does not have 20 students in a group in a given year, the district should evaluate results for students in this group over a period of years to make programmatic decisions. To protect the privacy of students, the Department’s policy is never to publish data for groups with fewer than five students, nor to publish data that would allow readers to easily determine the performance of a group smaller than five. If the number of students in small group racial/ethnic groups exceeds four, the aggregate performance of students in these groups is shown in the last row (Small Group Totals) of Results by Race/Ethnicity.

# Middle-Level English Language Arts

A description of the performance levels and summary results for all general-education students and all students with disabilities can be found in the *Overview* of the New York State Report Card.

Student Subgroup	Counts of Students							Percentages of Tested Students		
	Not Tested			Tested				Level 2-4	Level 3-4	
	ALT	ELL	No Valid Score	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4			Total
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Black	0	0	2	8	4	0	0	12	33%	0%
Hispanic	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	11	45%	0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
White	0	0	4	5	11	0	0	16	69%	0%
Total	0	0	6	19	20	0	0	39	51%	0%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
<b>Results by Gender</b>										
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Male	0	0	6	19	20	0	0	39	51%	0%
Total	0	0	6	19	20	0	0	39	51%	0%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>										
English Proficient	0	0	6	19	20	0	0	39	51%	0%
Limited English Proficient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Total	0	0	6	19	20	0	0	39	51%	0%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>										
Economically Disadvantaged	0	0	4	s	s	s	s	38	s	s
Not Disadvantaged	0	0	2	s	s	s	s	1	s	s
Total	0	0	6	19	20	0	0	39	51%	0%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>										
Migrant Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Not Migrant Family	0	0	6	19	20	0	0	39	51%	0%
Total	0	0	6	19	20	0	0	39	51%	0%

**Note.** ALT designates severely disabled students eligible for the New York State Alternate Assessment; ELL designates English language learners eligible for an alternative assessment of proficiency in reading English; and No Valid Score designates students who did not receive a valid test score because of absence from all or part of the test or because the test was administered under nonstandard conditions.

## Middle-Level Mathematics

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Student Subgroup	Counts of Students								Percentages of Tested Students	
	Not Tested			Tested					Level 2-4	Level 3-4
	ALT	ELL	No Valid Score	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total		
<b>Results by Race/Ethnicity</b>										
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Black	0	0	1	13	0	0	0	13	0%	0%
Hispanic	0	0	0	9	2	0	0	11	18%	0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
White	0	0	6	12	4	1	0	17	29%	6%
Total	0	0	7	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
<b>Results by Gender</b>										
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Male	0	0	7	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%
Total	0	0	7	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%
<b>Results by English Proficiency Status</b>										
English Proficient	0	0	7	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%
Limited English Proficient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Total	0	0	7	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%
<b>Results by Income Level</b>										
Economically Disadvantaged	0	0	1	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%
Not Disadvantaged	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Total	0	0	7	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%
<b>Results by Migrant Status</b>										
Migrant Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Not Migrant Family	0	0	7	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%
Total	0	0	7	34	6	1	0	41	17%	2%

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