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AND
ANALYSIS OF STUDENT SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE
for**

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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 2003*, available at your district or 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: Ms. Kathleen B. Gramet		Phone: (315)452-3128	
Organization 2001-02		School District Staff (both full- and part-time)	
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals
NA	9,957	677	142

2000-01 School District Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$9,810
2000-01 NYS Public Schools Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$11,871

Student Demographics	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Limited English Proficient	31	0.3%	26	0.3%	41	0.4%
Eligible for Free Lunch	1,178	12.6%	1,250	13.4%	1,208	12.1%

2001-02 Percentage of Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers*

Number of Core Classes	Percent Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
1,595	97%

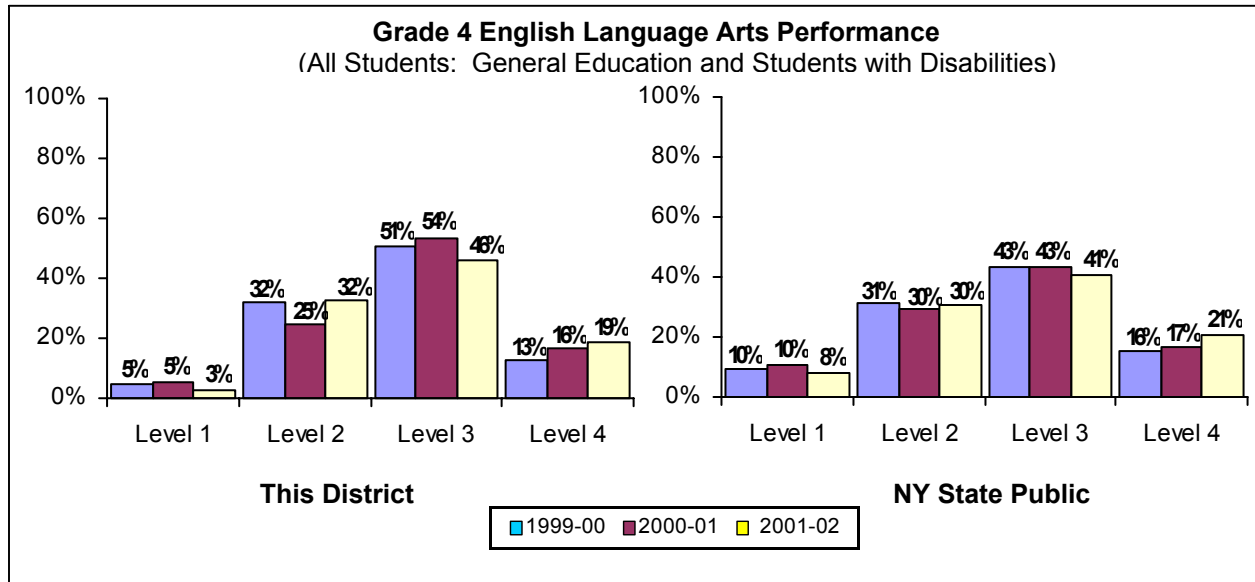
*For the 2001-02 school year only, teachers of core classes are considered to be highly qualified if they are certified to teach that subject.

2001-02 Percentage of Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate*

Number of Teachers	Percent No Valid Teaching Certificate
731	1%

*This count includes teachers with temporary licenses who do not have a valid permanent or provisional 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 2000	38	266	424	106	834	657
Jan-Feb 2001	39	191	410	126	766	662
Jan-Feb 2002	20	241	343	141	745	661

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 .

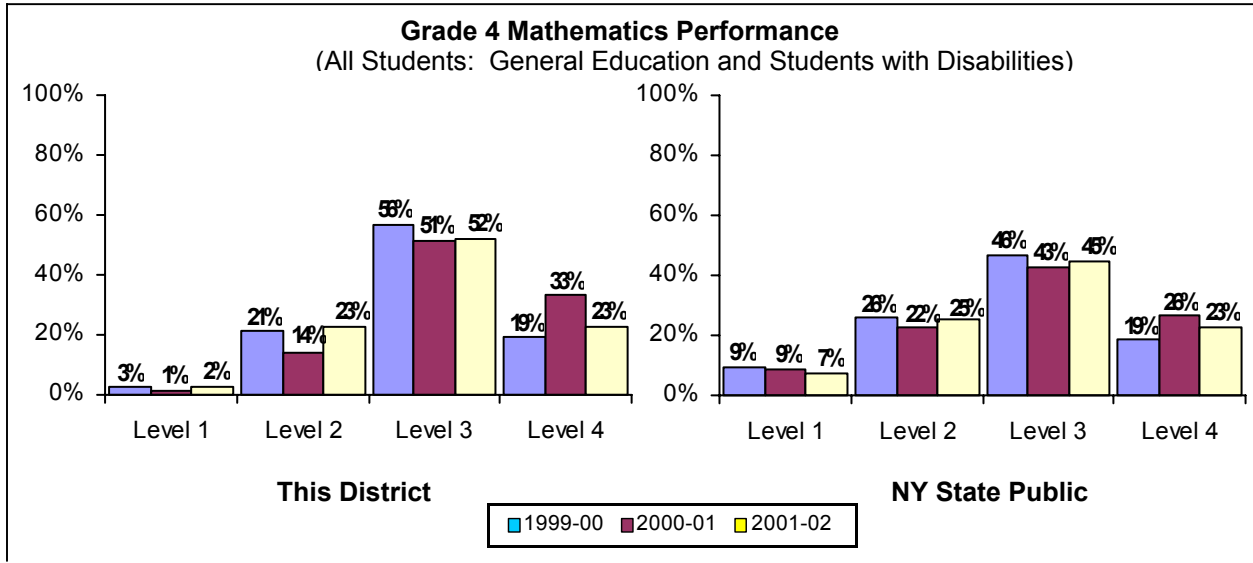
Performance of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students

Grade 4	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
2002	0	0

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

	Number Tested	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4
2001-02	8	0	3	5	0

Elementary Level Mathematics



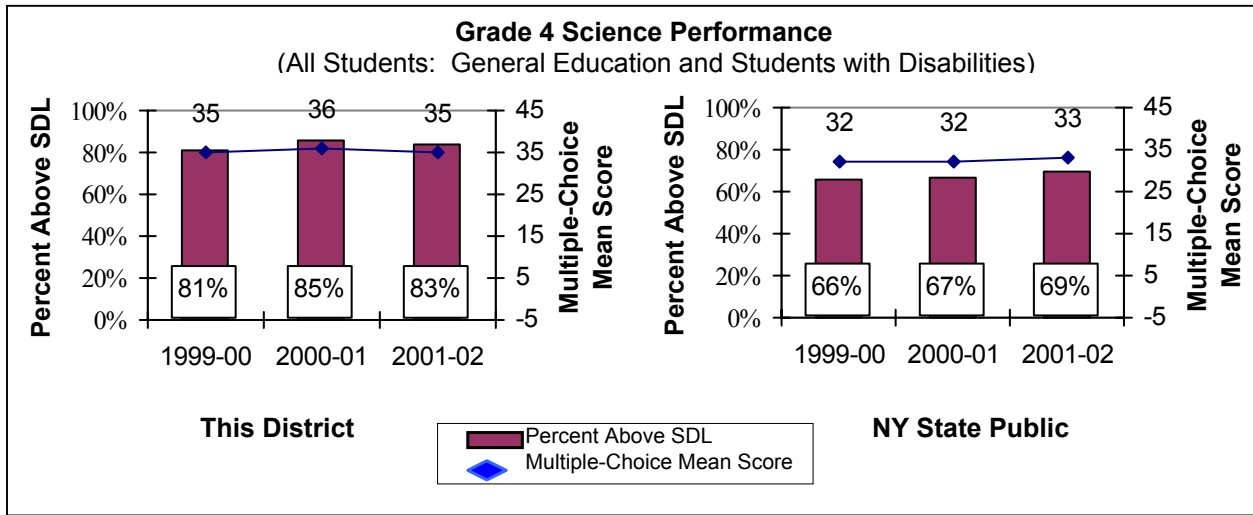
Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 448-601	Level 2 602-636	Level 3 637-677	Level 4 678-810	Total	
May 2000	25	176	472	163	836	655
May 2001	10	110	395	259	774	667
May 2002	18	172	387	172	749	656

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 Elementary-Level Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Mathematics, Science, and Technology

	Number Tested	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4
2001-02	8	0	4	4	0

Elementary Level Science Multiple-Choice



All Students

	Number Tested	Number Above SDL	Mean Score
May 2000	839	683	35
May 2001	774	660	36
May 2002	751	627	35

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 <i>Elementary Science Syllabus</i> and referenced to the New York State <i>Learning Standards for Mathematics, Science and Technology</i> (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.
School 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.

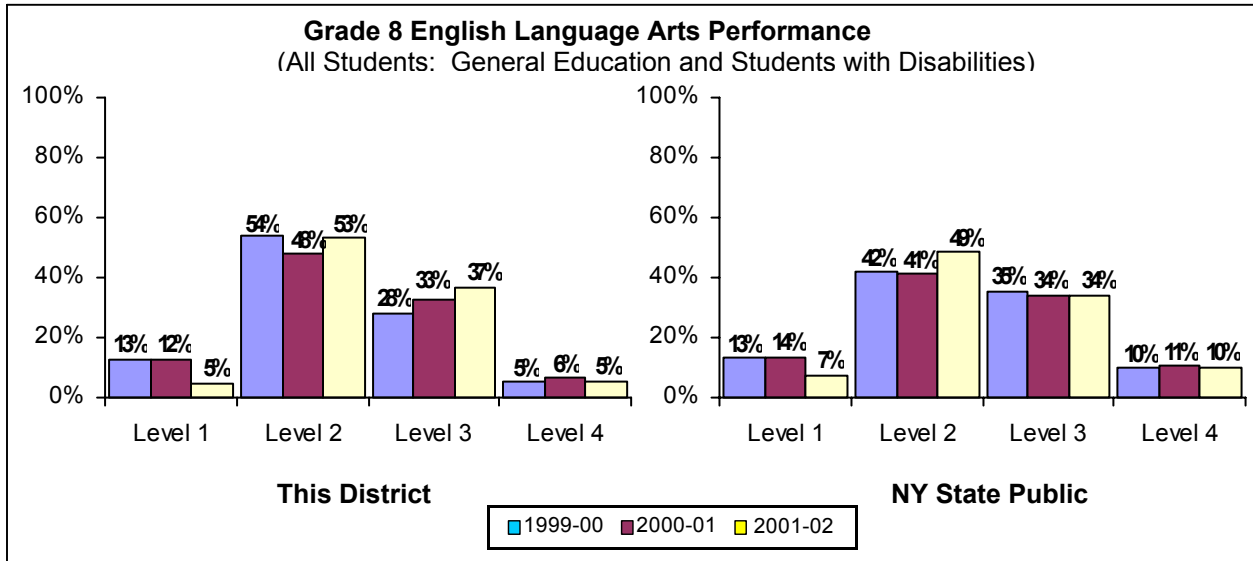
Elementary Level Science Performance Test

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 2000	832	32
May 2001	768	35
May 2002	744	35

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 2000	95	407	211	40	753	692
May 2001	100	388	265	51	804	694
	Level 1 527-659	Level 2 660-698	Level 3 699-737	Level 4 738-830	Total	
March 2002	37	410	281	39	767	695

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 .

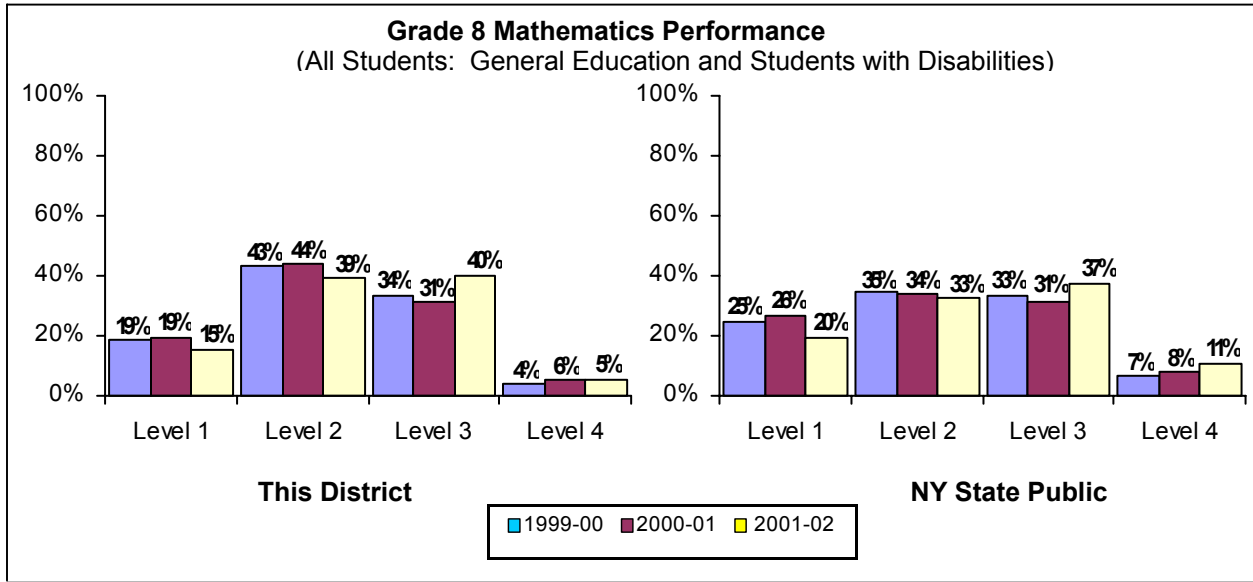
Performance of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students

Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
2002	#	#

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

	Number Tested	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4
2001-02	16	1	3	11	1

Middle Level Mathematics



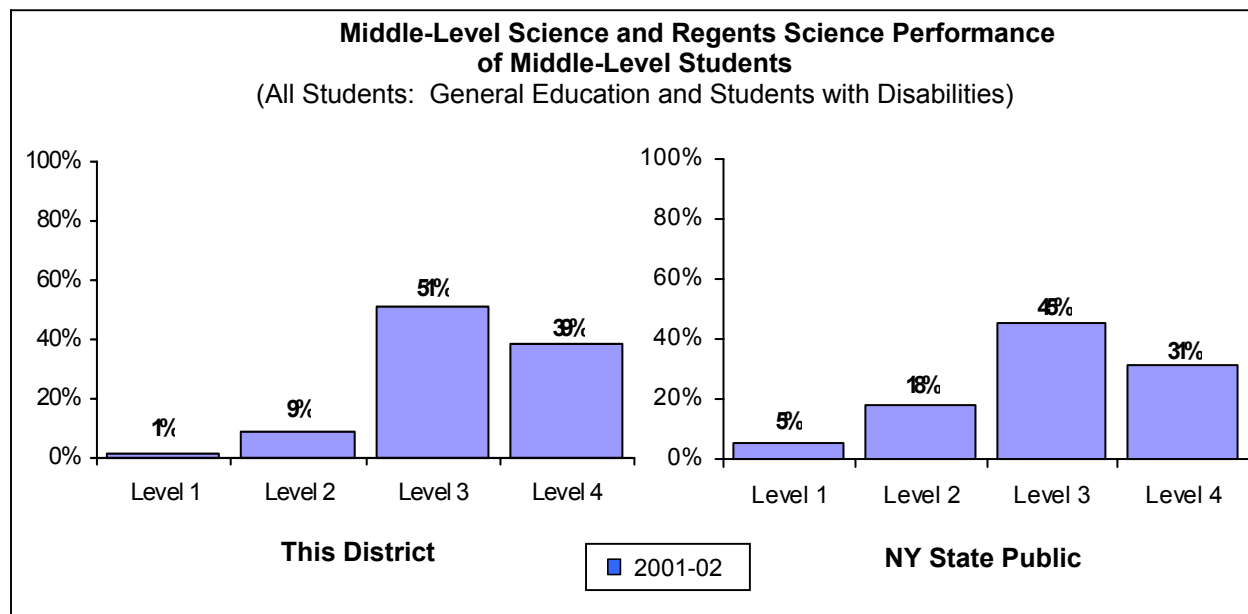
Performance at This District	Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
	Level 1 517-680	Level 2 681-715	Level 3 716-759	Level 4 760-882	Total	
May 2000	141	323	250	30	744	706
May 2001	155	349	250	44	798	706
May 2002	116	298	304	40	758	711

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 Middle-Level Students with Severe Disabilities on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) in Mathematics, Science, and Technology

	Number Tested	AA-Level 1	AA-Level 2	AA-Level 3	AA-Level 4
2001-02	16	0	4	11	1

Middle Level Science



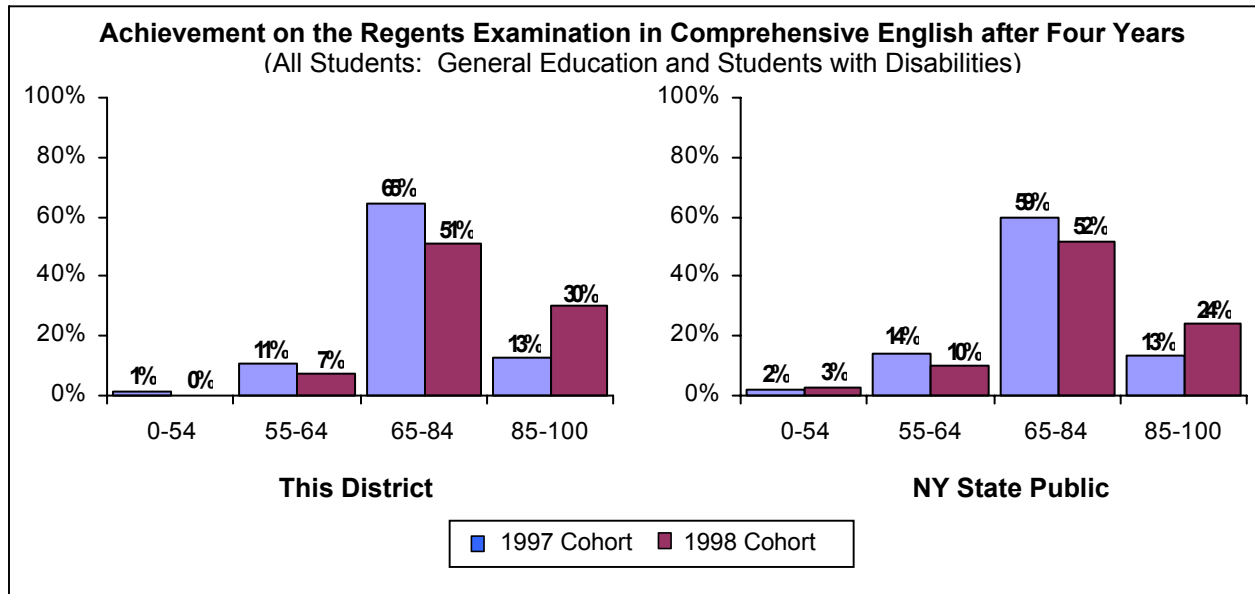
Performance at This District		Counts of Students Tested					Mean Score
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	
June 2002	Middle-Level Science	8	63	358	273	702	79
	Regents Science	0	0	0	0	0	0

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 <u>or</u> 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 <u>or</u> 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 <u>or</u> score 55–64 on a Regents science examination.
Level 1	These students have serious academic deficiencies 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.

High School English Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graph and table below present performance of the 1997 and 1998 cohort members on the Regents English examination four years after entering grade 9. A score of 65 or above on this examination 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. In the table, the numbers of students who met the graduation requirement by passing an approved alternative or the Regents competency tests (RCTs) in reading and writing are listed separately. (RCT results are not included in the graph.) 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.

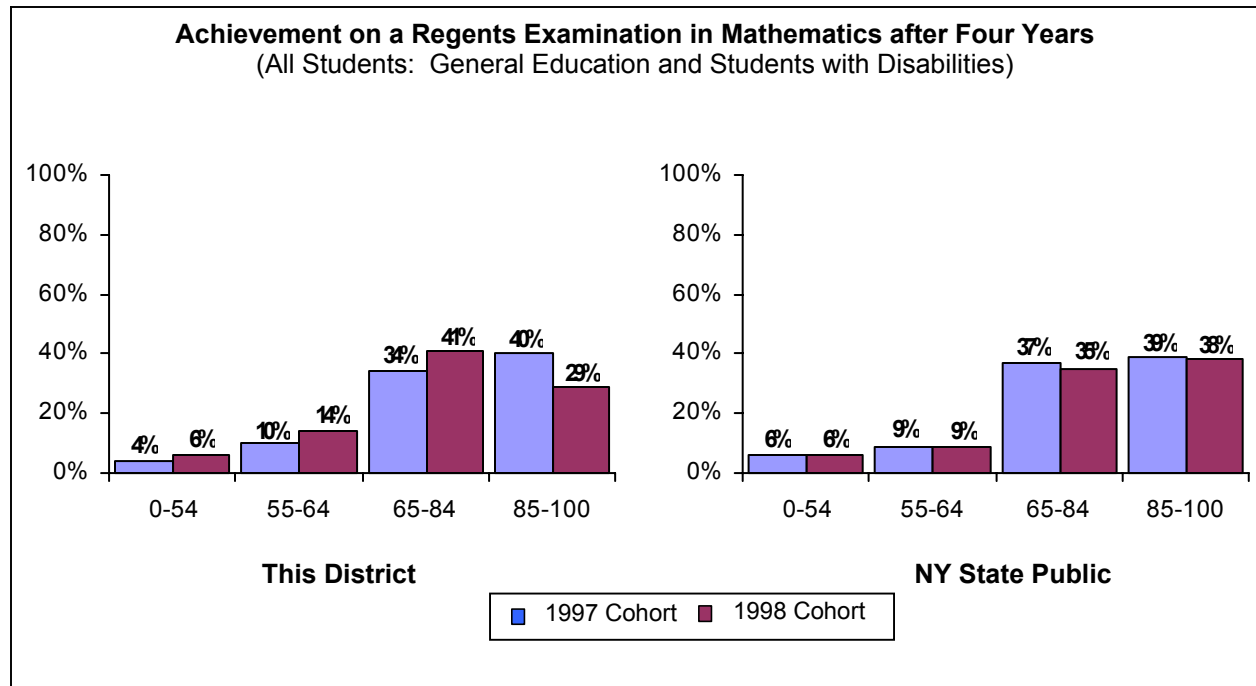


English Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*							
	Student Category	Cohort Members	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit	Passed RCT
1997 Cohort	General Education	586	55	411	84	0	2
	Students w/ Disabilities	77	16	17	0	0	19
	All Students	663	71	428	84	0	21
1998 Cohort	General Education	612	26	328	198	0	0
	Students w/ Disabilities	53	21	12	1	0	9
	All Students	665	47	340	199	0	9

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

High School Mathematics Achievement after Four Years of Instruction

The graph and table below present performance of the 1997 and 1998 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. In the table, the numbers of students who met the graduation requirement by passing an approved alternative or the Regents competency test (RCT) in mathematics are listed separately. (RCT results are not included in the graph.) 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.

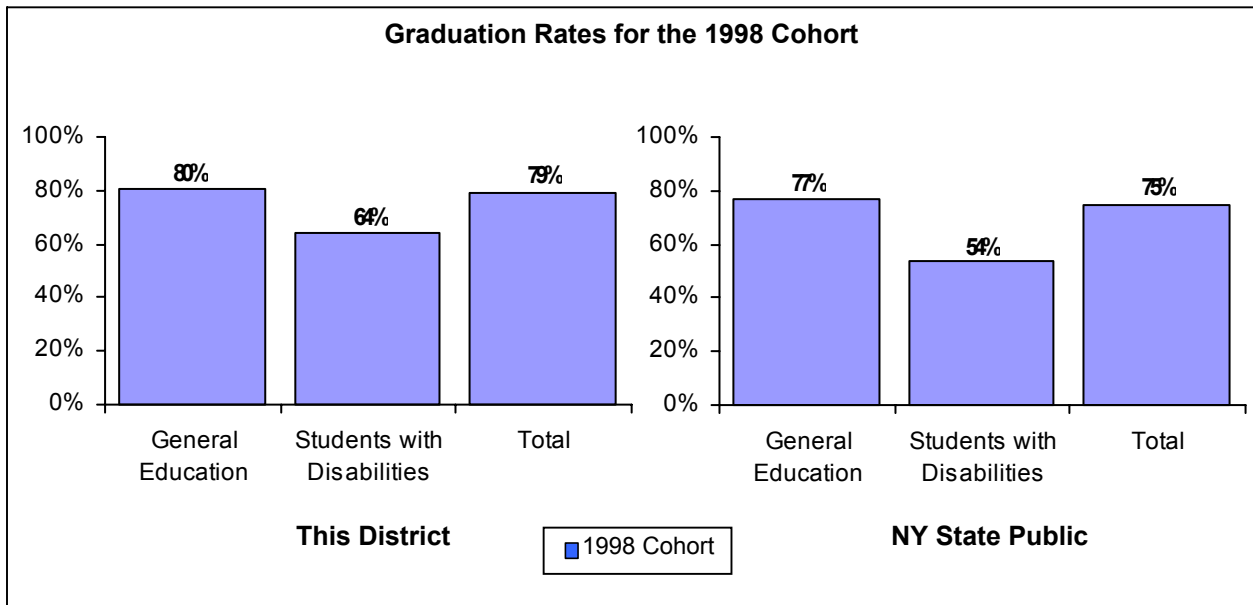


Mathematics Graduation Requirement Achievement after Four Years of High School*							
	Student Category	Cohort Members	Highest Score Between 55 and 64	Highest Score Between 65 and 84	Highest Score Between 85 and 100	Approved Alternative Credit	Passed RCT
1997 Cohort	General Education	586	59	214	266	0	2
	Students w/ Disabilities	77	7	13	2	0	34
	All Students	663	66	227	268	0	36
1998 Cohort	General Education	612	82	260	192	0	5
	Students w/ Disabilities	53	13	12	1	0	18
	All Students	665	95	272	193	0	23

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

Graduation Rates for the 1998 Cohort

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement no later than June 2002. Additional students may have earned diplomas in August 2002. For the purpose of calculating graduation rate, students who transferred to GED programs were included in the count of students in the cohort. These students were not counted as cohort members for other purposes. Therefore, the count in the table below may be higher than the count of cohort members shown on previous pages.



Graduation Rates for the 1998 Cohort		
Student Category	Graduation Rate Cohort	Number of Graduates
General-education students	612	491
Students with disabilities	53	34
Total	665	525

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 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 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.

Elementary Level English Language Arts

Student Subgroup	2000-01				2001-02			
	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	7	100%	71%	43%	9	s	s	s
Black	10	80%	40%	0%	21	90%	57%	19%
Hispanic	7	86%	57%	14%	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	11	100%	64%	9%	9	89%	44%	0%
White	731	95%	71%	17%	702	98%	66%	19%
Total	766	95%	70%	16%	745	97%	65%	19%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	13	92%	31%	8%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	663	97%	75%	19%	643	99%	68%	21%
Students with disabilities	103	80%	35%	2%	102	88%	44%	4%
Total	766	95%	70%	16%	745	97%	65%	19%
Results by Gender								
Female	408	95%	75%	20%	357	97%	66%	23%
Male	358	95%	65%	12%	388	97%	64%	15%
Total	766	95%	70%	16%	745	97%	65%	19%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	766	95%	70%	16%	745	97%	65%	19%
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Total	766	95%	70%	16%	745	97%	65%	19%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	171	88%	54%	11%	169	94%	46%	10%
Not disadvantaged	595	97%	75%	18%	576	98%	70%	22%
Total	766	95%	70%	16%	745	97%	65%	19%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	766	95%	70%	16%	745	97%	65%	19%
Total	766	95%	70%	16%	745	97%	65%	19%

Elementary Level Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2000-01				2001-02			
	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	7	100%	100%	43%	9	s	s	s
Black	10	90%	50%	10%	20	90%	60%	15%
Hispanic	7	100%	71%	43%	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	13	100%	69%	23%	11	91%	73%	36%
White	737	99%	85%	34%	705	98%	76%	23%
Total	774	99%	84%	33%	749	98%	75%	23%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	13	92%	46%	15%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	672	100%	88%	36%	648	99%	78%	25%
Students with disabilities	102	92%	65%	19%	101	91%	55%	11%
Total	774	99%	84%	33%	749	98%	75%	23%
Results by Gender								
Female	411	98%	83%	31%	359	98%	71%	18%
Male	363	99%	87%	37%	390	97%	78%	27%
Total	774	99%	84%	33%	749	98%	75%	23%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	772	s	s	s	749	98%	75%	23%
Limited English proficient	2	s	s	s	0	0%	0%	0%
Total	774	99%	84%	33%	749	98%	75%	23%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	169	98%	73%	18%	166	94%	57%	10%
Not disadvantaged	605	99%	88%	38%	583	99%	80%	27%
Total	774	99%	84%	33%	749	98%	75%	23%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	774	99%	84%	33%	749	98%	75%	23%
Total	774	99%	84%	33%	749	98%	75%	23%

Elementary Level Science Multiple-Choice

Student Subgroup	2000-01		2001-02	
	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			9	s
Black			20	75%
Hispanic			4	s
Asian or Pacific Islander			11	82%
White			707	84%
Total			751	83%
Small Group Totals (s)			13	46%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	672	88%	650	86%
Students with disabilities	102	66%	101	64%
Total	774	85%	751	83%
Results by Gender				
Female			360	81%
Male			391	85%
Total			751	83%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient			751	83%
Limited English proficient			0	0%
Total			751	83%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged			166	71%
Not disadvantaged			585	87%
Total			751	83%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family			0	0%
Not migrant family			751	83%
Total			751	83%

Middle Level
English Language Arts

Student Subgroup	2000-01				2001-02			
	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	8	75%	25%	0%	5	s	s	s
Black	18	56%	11%	0%	18	78%	22%	0%
Hispanic	6	83%	33%	17%	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	12	100%	25%	0%	12	100%	25%	0%
White	760	88%	40%	7%	728	95%	43%	5%
Total	804	88%	39%	6%	767	95%	42%	5%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	9	100%	22%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	702	93%	45%	7%	683	98%	47%	6%
Students with disabilities	102	49%	2%	0%	84	76%	2%	0%
Total	804	88%	39%	6%	767	95%	42%	5%
Results by Gender								
Female	399	90%	48%	8%	372	97%	47%	7%
Male	405	85%	31%	5%	395	93%	37%	4%
Total	804	88%	39%	6%	767	95%	42%	5%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	804	88%	39%	6%	766	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	1	s	s	s
Total	804	88%	39%	6%	767	95%	42%	5%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	108	69%	24%	1%	133	92%	22%	2%
Not disadvantaged	696	90%	42%	7%	634	96%	46%	6%
Total	804	88%	39%	6%	767	95%	42%	5%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	804	88%	39%	6%	767	95%	42%	5%
Total	804	88%	39%	6%	767	95%	42%	5%

Middle Level Mathematics

Student Subgroup	2000-01				2001-02			
	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	8	63%	25%	0%	6	s	s	s
Black	17	59%	18%	0%	17	47%	12%	0%
Hispanic	6	67%	67%	0%	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	12	83%	42%	0%	12	75%	25%	8%
White	755	81%	37%	6%	719	86%	47%	5%
Total	798	81%	37%	6%	758	85%	45%	5%
Small Group Totals (s)	0	0%	0%	0%	10	70%	20%	0%
Results by Disability Status								
General-education students	699	87%	41%	6%	672	90%	50%	6%
Students with disabilities	99	38%	6%	0%	86	47%	10%	0%
Total	798	81%	37%	6%	758	85%	45%	5%
Results by Gender								
Female	397	77%	35%	5%	364	85%	43%	4%
Male	401	84%	39%	6%	394	84%	48%	7%
Total	798	81%	37%	6%	758	85%	45%	5%
Results by English Proficiency Status								
English proficient	798	81%	37%	6%	757	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	0	0%	0%	0%	1	s	s	s
Total	798	81%	37%	6%	758	85%	45%	5%
Results by Income Level								
Economically disadvantaged	106	62%	24%	1%	125	74%	26%	2%
Not disadvantaged	692	83%	39%	6%	633	87%	49%	6%
Total	798	81%	37%	6%	758	85%	45%	5%
Results by Migrant Status								
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	798	81%	37%	6%	758	85%	45%	5%
Total	798	81%	37%	6%	758	85%	45%	5%

**Middle Level
Science**

Student Subgroup	2001-02			
	Tested	Percentages of Tested Students Scoring at Levels		
		2-4	3-4	4
Results by Race/Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	6	s	s	s
Black	14	100%	50%	0%
Hispanic	4	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	11	100%	73%	9%
White	667	99%	91%	40%
Total	702	99%	90%	39%
Small Group Totals (s)	10	100%	100%	20%
Results by Disability Status				
General-education students	631	100%	93%	43%
Students with disabilities	71	93%	59%	6%
Total	702	99%	90%	39%
Results by Gender				
Female	347	99%	91%	37%
Male	355	99%	89%	40%
Total	702	99%	90%	39%
Results by English Proficiency Status				
English proficient	701	s	s	s
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s
Total	702	99%	90%	39%
Results by Income Level				
Economically disadvantaged	117	98%	82%	31%
Not disadvantaged	585	99%	91%	41%
Total	702	99%	90%	39%
Results by Migrant Status				
Migrant family	0	0%	0%	0%
Not migrant family	702	99%	90%	39%
Total	702	99%	90%	39%

1997 and 1998 High School Cohorts

General-education students who first entered ninth grade in 1997 or 1998 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 Department did not collect data for the 1997 cohort aggregated by race/ethnicity, gender, income level, or migrant status. It did not collect mathematics data aggregated by English proficiency status.

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

Student Subgroup	1997 Cohort					1998 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						3	s	s	s	s
Black						17	2	10	1	76%
Hispanic						5	s	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander						8	0	8	0	100%
White						632	45	517	8	90%
Total						665	47	539	9	89%
Small Group Totals (s)						8	0	4	0	50%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	586	55	495	2	94%	612	26	526	0	90%
Students with disabilities	77	16	17	19	68%	53	21	13	9	81%
Total	663	71	512	21	91%	665	47	539	9	89%
Results by Gender										
Female						339	16	292	3	92%
Male						326	31	247	6	87%
Total						665	47	539	9	89%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient	662	s	s	s	s	665	47	539	9	89%
Limited English proficient	1	s	s	s	s	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	663	71	512	21	91%	665	47	539	9	89%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged						59	5	43	2	85%
Not disadvantaged						606	42	496	7	90%
Total						665	47	539	9	89%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family						0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family						665	47	539	9	89%
Total						665	47	539	9	89%

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

Student Subgroup	1997 Cohort					1998 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		
Results by Race/Ethnicity										
American Indian/Alaskan Native						3	s	s	s	s
Black						17	3	9	2	82%
Hispanic						5	s	s	s	s
Asian or Pacific Islander						8	0	8	0	100%
White						632	91	444	21	88%
Total						665	95	465	23	88%
Small Group Totals (s)						8	1	4	0	62%
Results by Disability Status										
General-education students	586	59	480	2	92%	612	82	452	5	88%
Students with disabilities	77	7	15	34	73%	53	13	13	18	83%
Total	663	66	495	36	90%	665	95	465	23	88%
Results by Gender										
Female						339	48	244	11	89%
Male						326	47	221	12	86%
Total						665	95	465	23	88%
Results by English Proficiency Status										
English proficient						665	95	465	23	88%
Limited English proficient						0	0	0	0	0%
Total						665	95	465	23	88%
Results by Income Level										
Economically disadvantaged						59	12	32	7	86%
Not disadvantaged						606	83	433	16	88%
Total						665	95	465	23	88%
Results by Migrant Status										
Migrant family						0	0	0	0	0%
Not migrant family						665	95	465	23	88%
Total						665	95	465	23	88%

Graduation Rates for the 1998 Cohort

Students were counted as graduates if they earned a local diploma with or without a Regents endorsement no later than June 2002. Additional students may have earned diplomas in August 2002. For the purpose of calculating graduation rate, students who transferred to GED programs were included in the count of students in the cohort. These students were not counted as cohort members for other purposes. Therefore, the count in the table below may be higher than the count of cohort members shown on previous pages.

Student Subgroup	Graduation Rate Cohort	Graduation Rate
Results by Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	s
Black	17	65%
Hispanic	5	s
Asian or Pacific Islander	8	88%
White	632	80%
Total	665	79%
Small Group Totals (s)	8	38%
Results by Disability Status		
General-education students	612	80%
Students with disabilities	53	64%
Total	665	79%
Results by Gender		
Female	339	83%
Male	326	74%
Total	665	79%
Results by English Proficiency Status		
English proficient	665	79%
Limited English proficient	0	0%
Total	665	79%
Results by Income Level		
Economically disadvantaged	59	66%
Not disadvantaged	606	80%
Total	665	79%
Results by Migrant Status		
Migrant family	0	0%
Not migrant family	665	79%
Total	665	79%

Glossary

Cohort Data: A student 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 cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in the fall of 1998 who were enrolled on October 4, 2000). Certain severely disabled students, 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 cohort. Cohort is defined in Section 100.2 (p) (8) (iii) of the Commissioner's Regulations. Data for the 1997 cohort are based on the Special Regents Examination Report for the 1997 Cohort. Data for the 1998 cohort are based on the 2002 STEP file submitted by each district.

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.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students: Schools teach English to students for whom English is a second language so they can participate effectively in the academic program. 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 at or below the 40th percentile on an English language assessment instrument. LEP students without sufficient proficiency in English were not required to take the grade 4 or grade 8 English language arts test. Their reported progress in learning English was measured using standardized tests.

New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA): The district Committee on Special Education designates severely disabled students 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 were 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 40 students in a group are neither valid nor reliable. If a school does not have 40 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.