

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



**ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS REPORT:
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE,
AND GRADUATION RATE
for
ACHIEVEMENT FIRST-E NY CHART SCH**

2005-06 Accountability Status:

Charter School In Good Standing

Newly Operating for the 2005-06 School Year

Title I Funding

Title I Part A funding received in:

2003-04: No

2004-05: No

2005-06: No

School Accountability Status Categories

The list below defines the school status categories under New York State's school accountability system, which is divided into a Federal Title I component and a State component. A school that does not receive Title I funding in a school year does not have a federal status in that year. Schools receiving Title I funds that are not in good standing must provide school choice for their students; those in need of improvement year 2 and beyond must also provide Supplemental Education Services to eligible students. Other consequences for schools not in good standing can be found at: www.emsc.nysed.gov/deputy/nclb/accountability/siinfo.htm. To be removed from any improvement status, a school must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the grade and subject for which it was identified for two consecutive years, or in the case of a School Under Registration Review, achieve the performance targets established for the school by the Commissioner.

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

School Requiring Academic Progress: Under the State component of New York's accountability system, a school that does not make AYP in the same grade and subject for two consecutive years is considered a School 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.

School in Need of Improvement (Year 1): A school that has not made AYP for two consecutive years in the same grade and subject while receiving Title I funds is considered a School in Need of Improvement (Year 1) for the following year.

School in Need of Improvement (Year 2): A School in Need of Improvement (Year 1) that does not make AYP in the grade and subject for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a School in Need of Improvement (Year 2) for the following year.

School Requiring Corrective Action: A School in Need of Improvement (Year 2) that does not make AYP in the grade and subject for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a School Requiring Corrective Action for the following year.

School Planning for Restructuring: A School Requiring Corrective Action that does not make AYP in the grade and subject for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a School Planning for Restructuring for the following year.

School Restructuring: A School Planning for Restructuring that does not make AYP in the grade and subject for which it was identified while receiving Title I funds is considered a School Restructuring for the following year.

School Under Registration Review (SURR): Schools that are farthest from the State standard and that have been determined by the Commissioner to be most in need of improvement are Schools Under Registration Review. These schools must achieve performance targets specified by the Commissioner of Education in their area(s) of identification within a prescribed timeframe or risk having their registration revoked by the Board of Regents.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Determination Procedures for Newly Established Schools

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) was unable to make a decision as to whether this school made adequate yearly progress (AYP) in 2004–05, because this school began operations with the 2005-06 school year.

A decision regarding AYP for this school will be made for the 2005-06 year after assessment results are received.

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: $100 \times [(Count\ of\ Continuously\ Enrolled\ Tested\ Students\ Performing\ at\ Levels\ 2,\ 3,\ and\ 4\ +\ the\ Count\ at\ Levels\ 3\ and\ 4) \div Count\ of\ All\ Continuously\ Enrolled\ Tested\ Students]$.*** ***At the secondary level, the PI is calculated using the following equation: $100 \times [(Count\ of\ Cohort\ Members\ Performing\ at\ Levels\ 2,\ 3,\ and\ 4\ +\ the\ Count\ at\ Levels\ 3\ and\ 4) \div Count\ of\ All\ Cohort\ Members]$.*** A list of tests used to measure student performance for accountability 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.