



The New York State Accountability Report 2011-12

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SCHOOL ID:	331300011499
DISTRICT:	NYC GEOG DIST #13 - BROOKLYN
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Data in this report are those reported by districts in the Student Information Repository System as of August 24, 2012.

On May 29, 2012, the United States Department of Education (USDE) approved New York's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver. This waiver provides New York with increased flexibility to help close the achievement gap and assist students in becoming college and career ready. New York's waiver introduced a system of identifying districts and/or schools as **Reward, Focus, or Priority**, based on performance in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science at the elementary/middle level and in ELA, mathematics, and graduation rate at the secondary level. More information on the waiver is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/esea-waiver/>.

Data in The New York State Accountability Report are those used to determine **Performance Indices (PIs)** and make **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** determinations which, in turn, are used to assist in identifying districts and schools as Reward, Focus, and Priority. Explanations of how the data are used to make the determinations are available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/ESEAMaterials.html>.

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Adequate Yearly Progress and Performance Indices

Performance Indices (PIs) and Unweighted Combined PIs are used to determine if a district or school is Priority or Focus. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for accountability groups (all students, racial/ethnic groups, students with disabilities, limited English proficient students, and economically disadvantaged students) and PIs for accountability groups and non-AYP groups (non-racial/ethnic groups, general-education students, English proficient students, not economically disadvantaged students, male and female students, and migrant and non-migrant students) are used to determine if a district or school is Reward or a school requires a Local Assistance Plan. For more information, see http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/documents/NYSESEAFlexibilityWaiver_REVISED.pdf

Adequate Yearly Progress

In accordance with federal and State laws, the New York State Education Department must determine and report on the performance of students in the following areas:

- 1) Elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) English Language Arts (ELA)
- 2) Elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) Mathematics
- 3) Elementary/middle-level (grades 4 and 8) Science
- 4) Secondary-level (grades 9-12) ELA
- 5) Secondary-level (grades 9-12) Mathematics
- 6) Graduation Rate

This performance is determined by identifying whether or not a district or school made "**Adequate Yearly Progress**" (AYP). AYP indicates satisfactory progress by a district or a school toward the goal of proficiency for all students. In ELA, mathematics, and science, AYP is determined by comparing the percentage of students tested and the performance of tested students against defined standards. In graduation rate, AYP is determined by comparing the percentage of students graduating against defined standards.

Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science

Participation: In ELA and mathematics, 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested to meet the participation criterion. In science, 80% must be tested.

Performance: In ELA and mathematics, a calculated measure of performance called the "**Performance Index**" (PI) for each accountability group with 30 or more members must equal or exceed a preset objective called an "**Effective Annual Measurable Objective**" (EAMO) or a safety net objective called a "**Safe Harbor Target.**" In science, the criterion for performance is the same but the safety net is referred to as a "**Progress Target.**"

Districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria for all groups with sufficient numbers to make AYP.

Standards for Graduation Rate

Districts and schools with secondary-level grades are also held to certain standards for the percentage of students who graduated. To make AYP in graduation rate, every accountability group with 30 or more members must make AYP. For a group to make AYP, the graduation rate of the 4-year graduation-rate total cohort or the 5-year graduation-rate total cohort must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard of 80% or the group's Progress Target. A cohort is a group of students who entered grade 9 anywhere in a particular school year. Graduation rates for these cohorts are then determined 4 and 5 years after the students first enter grade 9.

For more information on how AYP and PIs are determined, see "Determining AYP in 2011-12" under Understanding Accountability in New York State at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/>.

Secondary-Level ELA: AYP

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DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST #13 - BROOKLYN

Adequate Yearly Progress: In secondary-level English language arts (ELA), districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Participation: To meet the participation criterion, at least 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested on an appropriate ELA assessment.

Performance: To meet the performance criterion, the Performance Index (PI) of students in each accountability group with 30 or more members must be equal to or greater than the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO) or the Safe Harbor Target.

All accountability groups met the participation and performance criteria (made AYP): YES

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	✓
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	✓
Hispanic or Latino	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	—
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	—
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓

✓ Made AYP

✗ Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Secondary-Level ELA: Participation

SCHOOL: ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 331300011499
DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST #13 - BROOKLYN

All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of 12th graders: **YES**

Secondary-Level English Language Arts (ELA) Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 95%	12th Graders	Percent of 12th Graders with Valid Test Scores
All Students	✓	126	99%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—
Black or African American	✓	109	99%
Hispanic or Latino	—	13	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	2	—
White	—	1	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	18	—
Limited English Proficient	—	5	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	107	100%

✓ At least 95% of 12th graders were tested.

✗ Less than 95% of 12th graders were tested.

— There were fewer than 40 12th graders in the group.

Secondary-Level ELA: Performance

SCHOOL: ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Safe Harbor Target: **YES**

Secondary-Level English Language Arts (ELA) Performance Results

Student Group	PI \geq EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	2008 Accountability Cohort Members	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✓	122	128	150	124
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—	—	—
Black or African American	✓	107	127	124	124
Hispanic or Latino	—	12	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—	—	—
White	—	0	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	18	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	2	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	109	125	131	122

✓ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.

✗ Performance Index is less than Effective Annual Measurable Objective and Safe Harbor Target.

— There were fewer than 30 tested students in the 2008 accountability cohort.

2008 Accountability Cohort: The 2008 Accountability Cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 anywhere between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 or, in the case of ungraded students with disabilities, reached their seventeenth birthday during the 2008-09 school year. Results for these students are captured as of June 30, 2012. A more detailed definition of this cohort is available in "Secondary-Level Cohort Definitions" at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/>.

Performance Index (PI): A PI 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). Student scores on the tests are converted to four performance levels, from Level 1 to Level 4. A PI is calculated using the levels and the following equation: $\frac{[(\text{Count at Level 2}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4})]}{[\text{Count of Cohort Members}]} \times 100$

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO): The EAMO is the PI value that each accountability group of a given size within a district or school is expected to achieve to meet the performance criterion. The EAMO table is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/> under the header "Annual Measurable Objectives."

Safe Harbor Target: Safe Harbor provides an alternate means to meet the performance criterion for accountability groups whose PIs are less than their EAMOs. The 2011-12 Safe Harbor Target is calculated using the following formula: $2010-11 \text{ PI} + (200 - \text{the } 2010-11 \text{ PI}) \times 0.10$

Secondary-Level ELA: Non-AYP Groups

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Participation and performance for the following groups are *NOT* used to determine AYP.

Participation

Student Group	12th Graders	Percent of 12th Graders with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	125	99%
Not Black or African American	17	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	113	99%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	124	99%
Not White	125	99%
Not Multiracial	126	99%
General Education	108	99%
English Proficient	121	99%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	19	—
Male	71	100%
Female	55	98%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	126	99%

— There were fewer than 40 12th graders in the group.

Performance

Student Group	2008 Accountability Cohort Members	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	120	128
Not Black or African American	15	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	110	127
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	121	127
Not White	122	128
Not Multiracial	122	128
General Education	104	138
English Proficient	120	129
Not Economically Disadvantaged	13	—
Male	69	116
Female	53	143
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	122	128

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Secondary-Level Math: AYP

SCHOOL: ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Adequate Yearly Progress: In secondary-level mathematics, districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Participation: To meet the participation criterion, at least 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested on an appropriate math assessment.

Performance: To meet the performance criterion, the Performance Index (PI) of students in each accountability group with 30 or more members must be equal to or greater than the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO) or the Safe Harbor Target.

All accountability groups met the participation and performance criteria (made AYP): NO

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	✗
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	✓
Hispanic or Latino	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	—
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	—
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✗

✓ Made AYP

✗ Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Secondary-Level Math: Participation

SCHOOL: ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST #13 - BROOKLYN

All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of 12th graders: **YES**

Secondary-Level Math Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 95%	12th Graders	Percent of 12th Graders with Valid Test Scores
All Students	✓	126	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—
Black or African American	✓	109	100%
Hispanic or Latino	—	13	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	2	—
White	—	1	—
Multiracial	—	0	—
Students With Disabilities	—	18	—
Limited English Proficient	—	5	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	107	100%

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Secondary-Level Math: Performance

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All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Safe Harbor Target: **NO**

Secondary-Level Math Performance Results

Student Group	PI >= EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	2008 Accountability Cohort Members	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✗	122	92	127	96
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	2	—	—	—
Black or African American	✓	107	93	93	93
Hispanic or Latino	—	12	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—	—	—
White	—	0	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	18	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	2	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✗	109	92	105	96

✓ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.

✗ Performance Index is less than Effective Annual Measurable Objective and Safe Harbor Target.

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Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO): The EAMO is the PI value that each accountability group of a given size within a district or school is expected to achieve to meet the performance criterion. The EAMO table is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/> under the header "Annual Measurable Objectives."

Safe Harbor Target: Safe Harbor provides an alternate means to meet the performance criterion for accountability groups whose PIs are less than their EAMOs. The 2011-12 Safe Harbor Target is calculated using the following formula: $2010-11 \text{ PI} + (200 - \text{the } 2010-11 \text{ PI}) \times 0.10$

Secondary-Level Math: Non-AYP Groups

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Participation

Student Group	12th Graders	Percent of 12th Graders with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	125	100%
Not Black or African American	17	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	113	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	124	100%
Not White	125	100%
Not Multiracial	126	100%
General Education	108	100%
English Proficient	121	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	19	—
Male	71	100%
Female	55	100%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	126	100%

— There were fewer than 40 12th graders in the group.

Performance

Student Group	2008 Accountability Cohort Members	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	120	93
Not Black or African American	15	—
Not Hispanic or Latino	110	93
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	121	91
Not White	122	92
Not Multiracial	122	92
General Education	104	97
English Proficient	120	93
Not Economically Disadvantaged	13	—
Male	69	86
Female	53	100
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	122	92

— There were fewer than 30 students in the cohort.

Unweighted Combined ELA and Math PIs

SCHOOL: ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Unweighted Combined ELA and Math Performance Indices (PIs)

The unweighted combined ELA and math Performance Index (PI) is the sum of the PIs for all measures for which the school/district has 30 or more students in the group divided by the number of measures for which the school/district has 30 or more students in the group. For example, EM ELA = 150, EM Math = 180, HS ELA = 140, HS Math = 160: $(150 + 180 + 140 + 160) \div 4 = 157.5 = 158$.

Student Group	Elementary/ Middle-Level ELA PI	Elementary/ Middle-Level Math PI	Secondary-Level ELA PI	Secondary-Level Math PI	Unweighted Combined PI
All Students	—	—	128	92	110
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	—	—	—	—
Black or African American	—	—	127	93	110
Hispanic or Latino	—	—	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	—	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	—	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	—	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	—	125	92	109

— There was not enough students to determine a Performance Index.

Graduation Rate: AYP

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DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST #13 - BROOKLYN

Adequate Yearly Progress: To make AYP in graduation rate, every accountability group with 30 or more members must make AYP. For a group to make AYP, the graduation rate of the 4-year graduation-rate total cohort **OR** the 5-year graduation-rate total cohort must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard of 80% or the group's Progress Target.

All accountability groups made AYP: NO

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	✓
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	✓
Hispanic or Latino	✓
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	—
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	✗
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓

✓ Made AYP

✗ Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Graduation Rate: 4-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

SCHOOL: ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST #13 - BROOKLYN

All accountability groups with 30 or more members met the graduation-rate criterion for the four-year graduation-rate total cohort: **NO**

Four-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

Student Group	Met Graduation-Rate Criterion	2007 Four-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort	Graduation Rate	State Standard	Progress Target
All Students	X	174	67%	80%	76%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—	—	—
Black or African American	X	138	69%	80%	73%
Hispanic or Latino	—	28	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	4	—	—	—
White	—	2	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	1	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	—	24	—	—	—
Limited English Proficient	—	8	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	X	149	68%	80%	79%

✓ Graduation rate is equal to or greater than the State Standard or the group's Progress Target.

X Graduation rate is less than the State Standard and the group's Progress Target.

— There were fewer than 30 students in the cohort.

2007 Four-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

The 2007 four-year graduation-rate total cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 anywhere between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. Four-year graduation-rate results for these students are captured as of August 31, 2011.

Graduation Rate

The graduation rate for the 2007 four-year graduation-rate total cohort is the percentage of cohort members who earned a local or Regents diploma by August 31, 2011.

Progress Target

The Progress Target for the 2007 four-year graduation-rate total cohort is a 10% gap reduction in the graduation rate of the 2006 four-year graduation-rate total cohort as of August 31, 2010. The following equation is used to determine the 2007 four-year graduation-rate total cohort progress target:

$[(80 - \text{the graduation rate of the 2006 four-year graduation-rate total cohort}) \times 0.1] + \text{the graduation rate of the 2006 four-year graduation-rate total cohort}$

Graduation Rate: 5-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

SCHOOL: ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ID: 331300011499
DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST #13 - BROOKLYN

All accountability groups with 30 or more members met the graduation-rate criterion for the five-year graduation-rate total cohort: **NO**

Five-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

Student Group	Met Graduation-Rate Criterion	2006 Five-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort	Graduation Rate	State Standard	Progress Target
All Students	✓	171	77%	80%	74%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0	—	—	—
Black or African American	✓	139	76%	80%	74%
Hispanic or Latino	✓	31	84%	80%	71%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	1	—	—	—
White	—	0	—	—	—
Multiracial	—	0	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	✗	32†	50%†	80%	52%
Limited English Proficient	—	5	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	141	81%	80%	80%

✓ Graduation rate is equal to or greater than the State Standard or the group's Progress Target.

✗ Graduation rate is less than the State Standard and the group's Progress Target.

— There were fewer than 30 students in the cohort.

† Includes former students with disabilities because the number of students with disabilities in the current year is equal to or greater than 30.

2006 Five-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort

The 2006 five-year graduation-rate total cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 anywhere between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Five-year graduation-rate results for these students are captured as of August 31, 2011.

Graduation Rate

The graduate rate for the 2006 five-year graduation-rate total cohort is the percentage of cohort members who earned a local or Regents diploma by August 31, 2011.

Progress Target

The Progress Target for the 2006 five-year graduation-rate total cohort is a 20% gap reduction in the graduation rate of the 2005 five-year graduation-rate total cohort as of June 30, 2010. The following equation is used to determine the 2006 five-year graduation-rate total cohort progress target:

$[(80 - \text{the graduation rate of the 2005 five-year graduation-rate total cohort}) \times 0.2] + \text{the graduation rate of the 2005 five-year graduation-rate total cohort}$

Graduation Rate: Non-AYP

SCHOOL: ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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DISTRICT: NYC GEOG DIST #13 - BROOKLYN

Graduation Rates for the following groups are **NOT** used to determine AYP.

Student Group	Four-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort		Five-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort	
	2007 Four-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort	Graduation Rate	2006 Five-Year Graduation-Rate Total Cohort	Graduation Rate
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	173	67%	171	77%
Not Black or African American	36	61%	32	84%
Not Hispanic or Latino	146	68%	140	76%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	170	68%	170	77%
Not White	172	67%	171	77%
Not Multiracial	173	67%	171	77%
General Education	150	75%	141	84%
English Proficient	166	68%	166	77%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	25	—	30	60%
Male	91	58%	90	74%
Female	83	77%	81	80%
Migrant	0	—	0	—
Not Migrant	174	67%	171	77%

— There were fewer than 30 students in the cohort.

Graduation Rates for Select Diploma Types

Regents with Advanced Designation

The percentage of 2007 Graduation-Rate Total Cohort members who graduated as of August 31, 2011 with a Regents Diploma with an Advanced Designation is 3%, which did not exceed the State average of 31%.

Regents with CTE Endorsement

The percentage of 2007 Graduation-Rate Total Cohort members who graduated as of August 31, 2011 with a Regents Diploma with CTE Endorsement is 0%, which did not exceed the State average of 3%.