



## FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER WITH SCHOOLS

### Understanding New York State School Report Cards

#### School Report Cards—Accountability and Overview

#### The New York State School Report Card tells you:

- How your child's school is doing compared to other schools.
- How groups of students did on the standardized tests.
- If the school is meeting state academic achievement goals, or if it is in need of improvement.
- How many students finished high school and how many dropped out.
- How many teachers are highly qualified and certified to teach what they are teaching.

The Accountability and Overview Report gives information on the *School Profile*, *School Accountability*, and an *Overview of School Performance*.

#### The School Profile shows:

- How many students go to the school
- The average class size
- How many students qualify for free and reduced price lunch
- The race and ethnicity of the students
- The average attendance of students
- How many students were suspended
- The number of certified teachers

#### School Accountability explains:

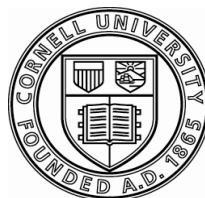
- What New York State measures to show that a school is meeting its goals
- How a school shows that it is making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)
- Useful terms for understanding accountability
- The schools AYP standings in all areas the state measures
- A breakdown of testing and graduation results by groups of students

#### The Overview of School Performance shows:

- What the performance levels mean for the state tests
- The percentage of students who scored at or above level 3 (Meeting Learning Standards)
- A comparison of how students in your school compared to students in other schools

This report can help you get information about the school, see how students are doing on state tests, and find out if the school is meeting the goals of No Child Left Behind.

**Ask the school for a copy or view your school's report card on the NYS Department of Education's website at <https://www.nystart.gov/publicweb/>.**



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## School Report Cards—Comprehensive Information Report

The Comprehensive Information Report gives information about all of the standardized tests given in a school district, graduation rates, and financial information about the district.

The **Comprehensive Information Report** lists testing results for all students, general education students, and students with disabilities for the following exams:

- All Regents Exams
- Regents competency tests
- Second language proficiency exams
- English as a second language achievement tests
- Other standardized tests students taken, such as social studies
- Alternative assessments given to students with severe disabilities

This report also gives information on the number of students who complete high school, those who do not complete high school, and the future plans of graduates.

## The New York State Report Card

The New York State Public Schools Report Card gives an overview of New York's public schools.

- The Accountability and Overview Report gives a statewide profile of enrollment, attendance, and staff.
- It also gives a statewide accountability summary of how the state as a whole is doing in terms of meeting NCLB goals as well as a breakdown of statewide performance by groups of students.
- The Comprehensive Information Report lists testing results for all students in New York State, including general education students and students with disabilities.

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