



Class of 2002 Subgroup Performance on Regents Examinations

New York State public school students must pass five Regents exams to graduate from high school. Though the passing grade was set to increase from 55 to 65 this year, the Board of Regents has recently reversed course, allowing districts to maintain the 55 passing score. The Board claims this change will help thousands of students graduate from high school. But does the Board REALLY know who continues to be hurt by punitive, high-stakes testing?

Judge for yourself. Looking at results by race/ethnicity, here are the percentages of subgroup students in the Class of 2002 that passed selected Regents exams with a 55 or above:

*Albany*

<i>Subgroup</i>	<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Black	51%	44%
Hispanic	44%	47%
Asian or Pacific Islander	86%	82%
White	80%	77%

*Buffalo*

<i>Subgroup</i>	<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Black	81%	58%
Hispanic	78%	55%
Asian or Pacific Islander	75%	72%
White	84%	71%

*Poughkeepsie*

<i>Subgroup</i>	<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Black	76%	77%
Hispanic	S	S
Asian or Pacific Islander	S	S
White	90%	90%

<u>Rochester</u>		
<i>Subgroup</i>	<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Black	71%	69%
Hispanic	66%	72%
Asian or Pacific Islander	82%	93%
White	80%	85%

<u>Syracuse</u>		
<i>Subgroup</i>	<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Black	64%	73%
Hispanic	52%	64%
Asian or Pacific Islander	S	S
White	85%	86%

<u>Yonkers</u>		
<i>Subgroup</i>	<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Black	75%	63%
Hispanic	73%	70%
Asian or Pacific Islander	S	S
White	87%	82%

<u>New York City</u>		
<i>Subgroup</i>	<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Black	75%	67%
Hispanic	70%	65%
Asian or Pacific Islander	84%	88%
White	89%	86%

Note: S denotes a subpopulation that is too small to ensure privacy.