Highlights of 2014 State Exam Results

Success Academy dramatically outperformed the rest of New York City

- The Success Academy network ranks in the Top 1% of all 3,560 New York State schools in math. If the network were a single school, it would rank 7th.
- Four of New York State’s top 10 schools in math—including the #1 and #2—are part of Success Academy.
- Success Academy ranks in the Top 3% of all New York State schools in English.
- In math, the network outperformed two of the city’s four gifted and talented programs that serve students from across the city—where admission depends on acing an entrance exam.
- At Success Academy Bed-Stuy 1 where 95% of scholars are African American or Latino, the math pass rate was 98%—with 80% receiving an advanced, Level 4 score. The ELA pass rate was 81%.
- At Success Academy Upper West— one of the city’s most diverse schools—100% of scholars passed the math exam. The test takers are 32% white, 20% multi-racial, 18% African American, 14% Hispanic, and 5% Asian.
- 96% of scholars at Success Academy Harlem Central—the school that lost its co-location last February—passed math and 63% passed ELA.
- At Success Academy Bronx 2, located in the nation’s poorest Congressional district, 99% of scholars are proficient in math. They rank second in the state.
- Success Academy eighth grade scholars—who were first graders when the network’s first school opened in 2006—excelled on both exams: 97% passed math and 94% passed ELA—more than triple the citywide average for eighth graders (30%).

Success Academy's Proficiency Rates Are More than Twice the City Average

Who Are the Test Takers at Success Academy

10% are current & former English Language Learners (2.5% current)
11.4% are students with a disability
82% receive free/reduced price lunch
Scholars from low-income households dramatically outperformed NYC overall, including schools in the city’s most affluent neighborhoods

- 93% of Success Academy scholars eligible for free or reduced-price lunch passed the math exam, compared to 35% of all students citywide.
- Success Academy (82% poverty rate among test takers) outperformed schools such as PS 6 on the Upper East Side (6% poverty), PS 87 on the Upper West Side (12% poverty), and PS 321 in Park Slope (11% poverty).
- 62% of Success Academy scholars eligible for free or reduced-price lunch passed the ELA exam, compared to 29% of all students citywide.
- In ELA, Success Academy outperformed schools such as PS 3 in the West Village of Manhattan (17% poverty) and PS 8 in Brooklyn Heights (22% poverty).

English Language Learners at Success Academy not only far exceeded their peers statewide, but also outperformed non-ELLS across New York

- English Language Learners at Success Academy were more than 8 times as likely to pass the math exam than ELLs statewide (91% vs. 11%).
- ELLs at Success were nearly 14 times as likely to pass the ELA exam than ELLs statewide (41% vs. 3%).
- ELLs at Success Academy outperformed the state’s students who have never been ELLs by 53.5 percentage points in math (91% vs. 38%) and 8 percentage points in ELA (41% vs. 33%).

Students with disabilities at Success Academy dramatically outperformed their peers throughout New York—as well as surpassing students without disabilities in math

- Students with disabilities at Success were nearly twice as likely to pass math as New York State’s students without disabilities (82% vs. 41%).
- Students with disabilities at Success Academy outperformed the NYC average for all students in ELA (33% vs. 29%).

In both subjects, African American and Hispanic scholars at Success Academy significantly outperformed white and Asian students citywide.