

**Ocean Hill Collegiate
CHARTER SCHOOL**

**2013-14 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN
PROGRESS REPORT**

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INTRODUCTION

The mission of Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School (OHC) is to prepare each student for college. Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School opened on August 31, 2010. The school opened with 5th grade and will grow to serve students in grades 5-12 over time.

Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School's school design includes seven core components.

Focus on Literacy. Many of our students beginning in grade 5 are reading substantially below grade level. If a school does not address this dramatic and central issue immediately, students will be at a huge disadvantage in all subjects in high school and college. The ultimate academic success of OHC students, therefore, is tied to mastering this fundamental skill. In 2013-14, OHC provided explicit instruction in literacy skills and inculcated the reading habit through:

- Two hours and a half of daily literacy instruction;
- Guided reading groups for every student with fluency and comprehension practice;
- Requiring students to read reading level-appropriate books during the summer;
- Requiring graded, written work in every class, including math; and
- Requiring students to carry a silent reading book, checked out from our Library, to make better use of transition time in the hallways and other periods of downtime throughout the school day.

Target Curriculum Focused on Basic Skills. OHC does not use an off-the-shelf curriculum. Rather, OHC develops curriculum directly from the New York State Learning Standards that ensures students master a core set of basic academic skills before they can master higher-level, abstract material.

OHC teachers pay particularly close attention to the topics, sequence, and performance standards outlined in the New York State standards. This ensures that students are mastering the same material as their peers throughout New York State. At the same time, we trust teachers to adapt the subject topics and performance standards according to their professional expertise. OHC teachers create a comprehensive curriculum for their subject, saved on the school's shared drive, with a year-long scope and sequence, individual unit plans, daily lesson plans, and assessment materials. Not only does this provide the school with a record of individual course instruction but this also serves as a valuable curricular planning resource for returning and future teachers.

Assess Early and Often to Drive the Instructional Program. The most effective schools use assessment to diagnose student needs, measure instructional impact, and build a culture of continuous reflection and improvement. In addition to the New York State Social Studies, Mathematics, and English Language Arts exams, OHC administered four internally-aligned Interim Assessments and one Final Exam in Math, English Language Arts, Science and History. These tests assessed ongoing student mastery of Math, Reading/Writing, Science and History skills and standards throughout the year and provided immediate data on individual student and class growth. OHC teachers, with the support of the Principal, used this data to identify standards mastered and standards in need of re-teaching so that lesson plans could be continuously adjusted.

OHC also utilized the information to target content- and skills-driven tutoring and small-group instruction afterschool and on Saturdays.

Make More Time. In order to provide students with a comprehensive, college preparatory education, Ocean Hill Collegiate has a longer-than-usual school day and longer-than-usual school year. For most students, the regular school day began at 7:45 AM and ended at 4:30 PM. For those receiving tutoring and homework help, the day ended at 5:30 PM.

With hour-long periods four days a week and 40 minute periods on Wednesdays to allow for significant staff meeting and professional development time – all students at Ocean Hill Collegiate received weekly:

- 10 periods of Mathematics
- 10 periods of English Language Arts (Reading and Writing)
- 4 periods of guided reading
- 5 periods of Social Studies
- 5 periods of Science
- 3 periods of Enrichment

Ocean Hill Collegiate students extended their learning beyond the school day completing, on average, one-and-a-half to two hours of homework every night.

Emphasis on College. For too many at-risk students, college only exists in the abstract. For Ocean Hill Collegiate students, freshman year of college will be a natural extension of their educational experience at OHC.

Ocean Hill Collegiate students began talking about college on the first day of school as their advisories are named after the alma maters of their teachers. Through informal conversations in advisory and in classes, students learned about the college application process, financial aid, dorm-life, selecting a major, and other important aspects of college survival. Our 5th grade students visited Harvard University and Columbia University on field trips during the school year. Our 6th graders visited Princeton University and our 7th graders visited Syracuse.

During the regular school day, from 3:20 to 4:10 PM four days per week, OHC offers a variety of rotating electives, including:

- African Dance
- Journalism
- French
- Step
- Running Club
- Drama

During cycles throughout the year, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, OHC offers subject-specific tutoring.

OHC's school culture is based on its five core CREST values of "Curiosity," "Respect," "Empathy," "Scholarship," and Teamwork." Ocean Hill Collegiate students are expected to consistently

demonstrate these characteristics wherever they find themselves and are rewarded with merits when they model these characteristics well or go above and beyond. Students earning merits receive the opportunity to represent the school on merit trips and trade their merits at Merit Auctions for tangible rewards. Every other month, by participating in merit-earned trips either with a group of the top merit earners or one-on-one/two-on-one with staff members, merit winners develop the more abstract skills necessary for true college preparation (trying new activities, demonstrating leadership and professionalism, and participating in community service).

Provide Structure and Order. Students need a safe and orderly environment to be productive. In 2013-14, OHC created a calm, composed, and disciplined environment to maximize the amount of time on-task. Strategies included:

- strictly enforced school dress code;
- merit system that defined clear expectations of and immediate responses to positive behavior;
- demerit and detention system that defined clear expectations of and immediate responses to negative or inappropriate behavior;
- rubric system that provided immediate feedback to classes at the end of each class each day; and
- Common Blackboard Configuration (BBC) consisting of a Do Now, Aim, Agenda, and Homework.

Insist on Family Involvement. OHC’s educational program is structured so that families must be involved in their child’s academic pursuits. In 2013-14, OHC families:

- picked up their child’s report card in person at the school three times;
- met with teachers and staff on dozens of occasions to formally and informally discuss their child’s academic and behavioral performance;
- maintained an open line of communication with their child’s teachers through in-person meetings, weekly dashboards, semi-monthly progress reports, advisory calls and e-mails;
- were called at home or at work each day if their child earned a detention;
- attended Family Involvement Committee meetings throughout the year to better understand the curricular program, learn about summer camp opportunities, and talk about how to communicate with their pre-teen;
- were asked to offer input on the school on mid-year and year-end surveys, grading the school on how it was doing;
- were offered the opportunity to participate in a potluck and watch their children perform in their chosen Enrichment activity at two public performances during the course of the year

School Enrollment by Grade Level and School Year

School Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2009-10														
2010-11						79								79

2011-12						72	63							135
2012-13						82	62	56						200
2013-2014						79	74	50	53					256

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Goal 1: English Language Arts
 Students will be proficient readers and writers of the English language.

Background

Reading instruction at Ocean Hill Collegiate continues to be based around shared, whole-class novels. The curriculum develops reading comprehension skills and strategies and vocabulary. Whole-class novels are selected for each grade that are appropriately leveled for the majority of students in that grade. The whole-class novels should be accessible for students with the appropriate scaffolding.

Another major component of our Reading instruction is our Guided Reading program. In an effort to improve the rate at which our students grow in their literacy skills, in 2013-14, Ocean Hill Collegiate continued to use our discrete Guided Reading block in our daily schedule. Using this model, students who were above or below grade level would have an opportunity 4 days a week to practice fluency and comprehension using a text at their level. In this model of Guided Reading students have an opportunity for reading at their level and still have a full 60 minutes for their Reading class.

In Writing classes at Ocean Hill Collegiate, students learn the essential skills of grammar and writing. Writing class explicitly supports the work that students are doing in Reading class, as students learn to write strong responses to literature in short answer and essay formats and use weekly vocabulary words from Reading class in their daily writing assignments.

Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School uses data from the following assessments to ensure student proficiency in English Language Arts:

- Criterion-referenced New York State exams in English Language Arts
- Internally developed Interim Assessments in English Language Arts
- Internally developed Final Examination in English Language Arts.

Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School administered four internally developed and aligned Interim Assessments in English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) during the 2013-14 school year, including one Final Exam. These assessments were created to reflect the school’s scope and sequence in Reading and Writing, and to mirror the style and scope of the New York State English Language Arts exams. They were also revised to include our understanding of the Common Core Curriculum and to reflect the increased rigor.

After the tests were administered, OHC teachers graded each exam and OHC administrative staff entered individual performance data into a shared template for detailed test analysis. With the individual student, whole class, and whole grade data, OHC teachers analyzed the data and developed strategic plans to re-teach specific standards to individuals, small groups, and classes. OHC also utilized the information to target content- and skills-driven tutoring and re-teaching after school and on Saturdays.

Goal 1: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State English language arts examination for grades 3-8.¹

Method

The school administered the New York State Testing Program English language arts assessment to students in 5 through 8 grades in April 2014. Each student’s raw score has been converted to a grade-specific scaled score and a performance level.

The table below summarizes participation information for this year’s test administration. The table indicates total enrollment and total number of students tested. It also provides a detailed breakdown of those students excluded from the exam. Note that this table includes all students according to grade level, even if they have not enrolled in at least their second year.

**2013-14 State English Language Arts Exam
Number of Students Tested and Not Tested**

Grade	Total Tested	Not Tested ²			Total Enrolled
		IEP	ELL	Absent	
3					
4					
5	79				79
6	74				74
7	50				50
8	53				53
All	256				256

Results

On the 2013-14 NYS ELA exam, 33% of students in their second year at Ocean Hill Collegiate scored proficient or advanced. When looking at all students, including those that have been at Ocean Hill Collegiate for less than 2 years, 29% of students scored advanced or proficient. The overall

¹ Because of the state’s new 3-8 testing program, aligned to its high school college and career readiness standards, the Institute is no longer using Time Adjusted Level 3 cut scores. Please report results for previous years using the state’s published results for scoring at proficiency.

² Students exempted from this exam according to their Individualized Education Program (IEP), because of English Language Learners (ELL) status, or absence for at least some part of the exam.

trajectory is that the percent of students scoring proficient on the NYS ELA exam increased with the number of years that students have been enrolled at Ocean Hill Collegiate, moving from 0% in grade 5 to 56% of 8th graders scoring proficient or advanced.

**Performance on 2013-14 State English Language Arts Exam
By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year**

Grades	All Students		Enrolled in at least their Second Year	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
3				
4				
5	19%	79	0	8
6	27%	74	25%	67
7	22%	50	22%	50
8	57%	53	57%	53
All	29%	256	26%	178

Evaluation

In the second year of the administration of the NYS Common Core exam in English Language Arts, the school did not meet this measure. We did however gain 4 percentage points over the past year, moving from 25% to 29% proficient or advanced overall. It is still the school’s goal to see that at least 75% of students reach proficiency on the Common Core exam, and we are looking forward to implementing a higher level of rigor in our English Language Arts classes going forward to better prepare our students to meet this bar.

Additional Evidence

Though we have seen scores drop with the advent of the Common Core English Language Arts exam, we continue to feel energized by the rigor that the new exams present for our students as we work to prepare them for college. We have seen that students who are enrolled longer at Ocean Hill Collegiate are more likely to score proficient on the NYS ELA exams. We look forward to seeing these numbers continue to increase in the coming years as we continue revising curriculum and work to ensure all students are prepared for the rigor of the new exams, but we feel positive about the momentum we have seen over the past few years in terms of student growth in English language arts. Ocean Hill Collegiate saw significant growth from 2010-11 to 2011-12, to the extent that the school’s progress helped place it in the top 5 middle schools in NYC based on results of the NYCDOE Progress Report.

English Language Arts Performance by Grade Level and School Year

Grade	Percent of Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year Achieving Proficiency							
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-2014	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
3								
4								
5			70%	10	9%	11	0%	8
6			93%	61	7%	59	25%	67
7					51%	55	22%	50
8							57%	53
All			90%	71	21%	125	32%	178

Goal 1: Absolute Measure

Each year, the school's aggregate Performance Level Index (PLI) on the State English language arts exam will meet the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) set forth in the state's NCLB accountability system.

Method

The federal No Child Left Behind law holds schools accountable for making annual yearly progress towards enabling all students to be proficient. As a result, the state sets an AMO each year to determine if schools are making satisfactory progress toward the goal of proficiency in the state's learning standards in English language arts. To achieve this measure, all tested students must have a Performance Level Index (PLI) value that equals or exceeds the 2013-14 English language arts AMO of 89. The PLI is calculated by adding the sum of the percent of all tested students at Levels 2 through 4 with the sum of the percent of all tested students at Levels 3 and 4. Thus, the highest possible PLI is 200.³

Results

Ocean Hill Collegiate scored a Performance Level Index of 108 for the 2013-14 school year.

English Language Arts 2013-14 Performance Level Index (PLI)

Number in Cohort	Percent of Students at Each Performance Level			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
258	21	50	23	6

$$\begin{array}{rclclclclcl}
 \text{PI} & = & 50 & + & 23 & + & 6 & = & 79 \\
 & & & & 23 & + & 6 & = & \underline{29} \\
 & & & & & & \text{PLI} & = & 108
 \end{array}$$

³ In contrast to SED's Performance Index, the PLI does not account for year-to-year growth toward proficiency.

Evaluation

Ocean Hill Collegiate's Performance Level Index of 108 exceeds the 2013-14 English Language Arts AMO of 89. We plan on continuing working to improve our curriculum and instruction so that our PLI can continue to exceed the AMO by more and more points.

Goal 1: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state English language arts exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the local school district.

Method

A school compares tested students enrolled in at least their second year to all tested students in the surrounding public school district. Comparisons are between the results for each grade in which the school had tested students in at least their second year at the school and the total result for all students at the corresponding grades in the school district.⁴

Results

Overall, Ocean Collegiate outperformed Community School District 23 on the second administration of the Common Core English Language Arts exam by 20 percentage points. The school outperformed the district in 8th grade by 41 percentage points. However, our 5th grade scored below the district by 9 percentage points. These 5th grade students were retained students in their second year of 5th grade who continue to struggle academically. Each made progress individually in their second year at the school. On an absolute level, our 5th grade class exceeded the district average. Our 8th grade demonstrates to us that the longer students are enrolled at Ocean Hill Collegiate, the more prepared they are for rigorous curriculum and to succeed in college.

**2013-14 State English Language Arts Exam
Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level**

Grade	Percent of Students at Proficiency			
	Charter School Students In At Least 2 nd Year		All District Students	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
3				
4				
5	0%	8	9%	737
6	25%	67	11%	1003
7	22%	50	16%	994
8	57%	53	16%	115
All	33%	178	13%	2849

⁴ Schools can acquire these data when the State Education Department releases its Access database containing grade level ELA and math test results for all schools and districts statewide. The SED announces the release of the data on its [News Release webpage](#).

Evaluation

Overall, and most notably, in the 8th grade Ocean Hill Collegiate met this measure. In the 8th grade, Ocean Hill Collegiate met the measure by 41 percentage points. Ocean Hill Collegiate underperformed in grade 5, where its students underperformed the district by 9 percentage points. Again, this is partially due to the small sample size of the 5th grade class, as it only accounts for students who were retained and completed a second year of 5th grade at OHC. These students continue to struggle academically but made significant gains in their second year. Overall, the school outperformed the same grades in Community School District 23 by 20 percentage points, which is a 12 point increase from last year's comparison.

Additional Evidence

The 2011 -2012 school year was the first time that this measure was applicable to Ocean Hill Collegiate. In the 2010-2011 school year, although Ocean Hill Collegiate did not have any students yet in their second year, 73% of the 5th grade students performed at Level 3 and 4 in their first year at the school, outperforming District 23 by 31 percentage points. During that school year, District 23 had 42.2% of 5th graders perform at a Level 3 or 4.

In the 2011-2012 school year, Ocean Hill Collegiate was eligible for and met this measure. That year, overall, 94% of students in their second year at OHC performed at a Level 3 or 4 on the ELA exam, surpassing the 41% of District 23 students in grades 5-6 who performed at a Level 3 or 4 on the ELA exam by 53 percentage points.

This demonstrates that the school is moving in a positive direction with ELA instruction. It also shows that as students spend more time at the school, their performance improves and moves further away from predicted performance based on income.

English Language Arts Performance of Charter School and Local District by Grade Level and School Year

Grade	Percent of Students Enrolled in at Least their Second Year Who Are at Proficiency Compared to Local District Students							
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-2014	
	Charter School	Local District	Charter School	Local District	Charter School	Local District	Charter School	Local District
3								
4								
5	N/A	35%	20%	33%	9%	10%	0%	9%
6			80%	32%	7%	13%	25%	11%
7					51%	15%	22%	16%
8							57%	16%
All	N/A	35%	50%	33%	22%	13%	26%	13%

Goal 1: Comparative Measure

Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state English language arts exam by an Effect Size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a small degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for students eligible for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State.⁵

Method

The Charter Schools Institute conducts a Comparative Performance Analysis, which compares the school's performance to demographically similar public schools state-wide. The Institute uses a regression analysis to control for the percentage of economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State. The Institute compares the school's actual performance to the predicted performance of public schools with a similar economically disadvantaged percentage. The difference between the schools' actual and predicted performance, relative to other schools with similar economically disadvantaged statistics, produces an Effect Size. An Effect Size of 0.3 or performing higher than expected to a small degree is the requirement for achieving this measure.

Given the timing of the state's release of economically disadvantaged data and the demands of the data analysis, the 2013-14 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2012-13 results (using free-lunch eligible percentage), the most recent Comparative Performance Analysis available.

Results

The table below shows that the school's overall comparative performance is higher than expected to a small degree. Students at Ocean Hill Collegiate in grade 7 performed better than predicted based on their free lunch status on the 2012-13 ELA exam, with a significant effect size, while students in grades 5 and 6 had a negative effect size. Overall, the table below shows that, in general, students enrolled at Ocean Hill Collegiate perform higher than expected on the NYS ELA exam the longer they are enrolled at the school.

⁵ The Institute will begin using *economically disadvantaged* instead of *eligibility for free lunch* as the demographic variable in 2012-13. Schools should report previous year's results using reported free-lunch statistics.

2012-13 English Language Arts Comparative Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Students	Number of Students Tested	Percent of Students at Proficiency		Difference between Actual and Predicted	Effect Size
			Actual	Predicted		
3						
4						
5	82.5	82	17.1	20.2	- 3.1	-0.25
6	81.8	62	8.1	16.3	- 8.2	-0.81
7	82.5	56	51.8	18.1	33.7	2.71
8						
All	82.3	200	24.0	18.4	5.6	0.41

School's Overall Comparative Performance:
Higher than expected to a small degree

Evaluation

Ocean Hill Collegiate met this measure with a .41 effect size as a school overall. The school did not meet the measure in grades 5 and 6, but it did meet the measure by a large degree in grade 7.

Additional Evidence

Ocean Hill Collegiate has continued to outperform our expected overall proficiency since the school's opening. In particular our founding cohorts effect size of 2.71 demonstrates that the school is moving in a positive direction with ELA instruction. It also shows that as students spend more time at the school, their performance improves and moves further away from predicted performance based on income.

English Language Arts Comparative Performance by School Year

School Year	Grades	Percent Eligible for Free Lunch	Number Tested	Actual	Predicted	Effect Size
2009-10						
2010-11	5	80	79	73.4	51.6	1.11
2011-12	5-6	67.6	138	59.4	44.5	0.97
2012-13	5-7	82.3	200	24	18.4	0.41

Goal 1: Growth Measure⁶

Each year, under the state's Growth Model, the school's mean unadjusted growth percentile in English language arts for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the state's unadjusted median growth percentile.

⁶ See Guidelines for [Creating a SUNY Accountability Plan](#) for an explanation.

Method

This measure examines the change in performance of the same group of students from one year to the next and the progress they are making in comparison to other students with the same score in the previous year. The analysis only includes students who took the state exam in 2013-14 and also have a state exam score from 2012-13 including students who were retained in the same grade. Students with the same 2012-13 scores are ranked by their 2013-14 score and assigned a percentile based on their relative growth in performance (mean growth percentile). Students' growth percentiles are aggregated school-wide to yield a school's mean growth percentile. In order for a school to perform above the statewide median, it must have a mean growth percentile greater than 50.

This report contains 2013-14 results, the most recent Growth Model data available.⁷

Results

In 2013-14 the Mean Growth Percentile for Ocean Hill Collegiate overall was 58. This is in comparison to the Statewide Median of 50.

2013-14 English Language Arts Mean Growth Percentile by Grade Level

Grade	Mean Growth Percentile	
	School	Statewide Median
5	54	50.0
6	64	50.0
7	62	50.0
8	53	50.0
All	<u>58</u>	50.0

⁷ Schools can acquire these data from the NYSED's Business Portal: portal.nysed.gov.

Summary of the English Language Arts Goal

Ocean Hill Collegiate achieved two of the three relevant English Language Arts goals based on results of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 state exams. We are proud that overall our students continue to outperform the district in ELA and that our students are exceeding predicted performance based on free lunch status. However we know that we still have a long way to go and much work to do in terms of absolute performance and that the new rigorous common core standards will provide us with an opportunity to work harder to improve student performance in ELA

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State English language arts exam for grades 3-8.	Did Not Achieve
Absolute	Each year, the school’s aggregate Performance Level Index (PLI) on the state English language arts exam will meet that year’s Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) set forth in the state’s NCLB accountability system.	Achieved
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state English language arts exam will be greater than that of students in the same tested grades in the local school district.	Achieved
Comparative	Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state English language arts exam by an Effect Size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a small degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State. (Using 2011-12 school district results.)	Achieved
Growth	Each year, under the state’s Growth Model the school’s mean unadjusted growth percentile in English language arts for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the state’s unadjusted median growth percentile.	Achieved

Action Plan

The school is energized by the challenge that the more rigorous Common Core standards present. Uncommon Brooklyn Middle School ELA Department Coordinators worked with principals, the Associate Managing Director, and the Director of Staff Development to modify the Uncommon Brooklyn Middle School scope and sequence documents for ELA and Math (and the accompanying Interim Assessments), incorporating many of the Common Core Learning Standards. The Department Coordinators completed the modifications to the Uncommon Brooklyn Middle School ELA and Math scope and sequence documents and Interim Assessments, ensuring that each Common Core Learning Standard is taught and assessed and now have outsourced the creation of the Interim Assessments to an external company that will ensure the tests have no teacher bias, are appropriately rigorous, and well aligned to the Common Core. Having these assessments at the start of the school year gives us confidence that our teachers will be able to backwards plan effectively for ELA instruction this year.

In addition, a rigorous set of grade level common texts was chosen across grades, and Ocean Hill Collegiate reading teachers (as well as all other Uncommon middle school teachers) will be teaching these more rigorous texts. For example, several texts were moved down a grade level or two to

account for the more rigorous text expectations and texts formerly taught in 8th grade will be taught in 6th.

On a school level, Ocean Hill Collegiate will:

- Continue to keep our guided reading program as a discrete period, in addition to the hour-long Reading class, ensuring additional accountability and time preserved for Reading. Our students will continue to have 2.5 hours daily (with the exception of Wednesdays) of ELA instruction.
- Continue to have our veteran teachers with significant classroom experience serve as instructional leaders and coach other teachers to ensure that our curriculum is rigorous and is reflective of the Common Core standards.
- Include more reading and writing focused activities in subjects such as math and science.
- Incorporate more non-fiction reading in all of our classes.
- Continue to increase opportunities for students to participate in independent reading this year. We will roll-out our expanded, school-wide, leveled library. We have a staff member who will check out books to students from the library each day during Advisory and who will hold students accountable to reading each book.
- We have formalized the responsibilities and roll out of the Accelerated Reader program to ensure active participation and enjoyment.
- Continue to formalize our training of guided reading teachers, including the use of video to model effective guided reading techniques, co-observations of teachers to provide feedback on guided reading instruction, goal-setting (moving at least a level each assessment) and a shared scope and sequence of objectives and books to be taught across leveled books.
- Continue to target students who scored a 1 or 2 on State ELA Exams through pull-out instruction, lunch and after-school tutoring to help remediate students' basic skills and better prepare them for the myriad of skills they will need to demonstrate proficiency on the state exam and beyond. In preparation for next year's state exams, these students will be prioritized for additional pre-State Exam tutoring.
- Ocean Hill Collegiate also has four veteran teachers participating the Uncommon Schools Reading Taxonomy, which is a committee put together across our network to improve our Common Core-aligned ELA instruction. OHC is leading the way in implementing these rigorous changes to our ELA instruction.

MATHEMATICS

Goal 1: Mathematics

Students will demonstrate competency in the understanding and application of mathematical computation and problem solving.

Background

We believe our students should be able to compute numbers quickly and accurately, apply appropriate math procedures in single- and multi-step problems, and speak and write fluently and clearly about math problem solving and procedures, using accurate mathematical vocabulary. For this reason, our students take two hours of math per day, during which students review concepts for procedural fluency, explore conceptual understanding of old and new content through guided instruction and partner work, and engage in rigorous problem solving requiring the application of skills and the extension of learned content. Basically, we double the time dedicated to math instruction each day to ensure that students can compute and problem solve.

Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School uses data from the following assessments to ensure student proficiency in Mathematics:

- Criterion-referenced New York State exams in Mathematics
- Internally developed Interim Assessments in Mathematics
- Internally developed Final Examination in Mathematics

Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School administered 4 internally developed and aligned Interim Assessments, including a Final Exam in Math during the 2013-14 school year. These assessments were created to reflect the school's scope and sequence in Math, and to mirror the style and scope of the New York State Math exams. The assessments focused primarily on the most recently covered standards, with a smaller focus on cumulative skills and standards covered in previous units.

After the tests were administered, OHC teachers graded each exam and entered individual performance data into a shared template for detailed test analysis. With the individual student, whole class, and whole grade data, OHC teachers analyzed the data and developed strategic plans to re-teach specific standards to individuals, small groups, and classes. OHC also utilized the information to target content- and skills-driven tutoring after school and on Saturdays.

Goal 1: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State mathematics examination for grades 3-8.⁸

Method

⁸ Because of the state's new 3-8 testing program, aligned to its high school college and career readiness standards, the Institute is no longer using Time Adjusted Level 3 cut scores. Please report results for previous year's using the state's published results for scoring at proficiency.

The school administered the New York State Testing Program mathematics assessment to students in 5 through 8 grades in April 2014. Each student’s raw score has been converted to a grade-specific scaled score and a performance level.

The table below summarizes participation information for this year’s test administration. The table indicates total enrollment and total number of students tested. It also provides a detailed breakdown of those students excluded from the exam. Note that this table includes all students according to grade level, even if they have not enrolled in at least their second year.

**2013-14 State Mathematics Exam
Number of Students Tested and Not Tested**

Grade	Total Tested	Not Tested ⁹			Total Enrolled
		IEP	ELL	Absent	
3					
4					
5	79				79
6	74				75
7	51				51
8	53				53
All	256				256

Results

On the 2013-14 NYS Math exam, 50% of students in their second year at Ocean Hill Collegiate scored advanced or proficient. This is an increase of 16 percentage points from the 2012-2013 school year. When looking at all students, including those that have been at Ocean Hill Collegiate for less than 2 years, 53% of students scored advanced or proficient. The overall trajectory is that the percent of students scoring proficient on the NYS ELA exam increased with the number of years that students have been enrolled at Ocean Hill Collegiate, moving from 0% in grade 5 to 87% of 8th graders scoring advanced or proficient.

⁹ Students exempted from this exam according to their Individualized Education Program (IEP), because of English Language Learners (ELL) status, or absence for at least some part of the exam.

**Performance on 2013-14 State Mathematics Exam
By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year**

Grades	All Students		Enrolled in at least their Second Year	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
3				
4				
5	28%	79	0%	8
6	57%	74	57%	67
7	54%	51	57%	50
8	87%	53	87%	53
All	53%	258	50%	178

Evaluation

In the second year of the administration of the NYS Common Core exam in Mathematics, the school did not meet this measure, even though we are significantly closer than we were last school year. It is still the school’s goal to see that at least 75% of students reach proficiency on the Common Core exam, and we are looking forward to implementing a higher level of rigor in our Math classes going forward to better prepare our students to meet this bar.

Additional Evidence

Though we have not met the measure, just as is the case with ELA, we feel energized by the rigor that the new exams present for our students as we work to prepare them for college. We have seen that students who are enrolled longer at Ocean Hill Collegiate are more likely to score proficient on the NYS Math exams. We look forward to seeing these numbers increase in the coming years as we revise curriculum and work to ensure all students are prepared for the rigor of the new exams, but we feel positive about the momentum we have seen over the past few years in terms of student growth in Math.

During the 2011-2012 school year, 99% of students in at least their second year performing at or above the Time Adjusted Level 3 cut scores, Notably, 100% of students in their second year at Ocean Hill Collegiate in the 6th grade cohort performed at our above the Time Adjusted Level 3 cut scores. This is significant growth for this cohort, which during the 2010-11 school year had 91% of students (all in their first year) perform at or above the cut scores. This demonstrates that although there is much work to do prepare our students for the increased rigor of the Common Core, we are on a trajectory of growth.

Mathematics Performance by Grade Level and School Year

Grade	Percent of Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year Achieving Proficiency							
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
3								
4								
5			70%	10	0	11	0%	8
6			98%	61	41%	59	57%	67
7					62%	55	57%	50
8							87%	53
All			94%	71	34%	125	50%	178

Goal 1: Absolute Measure

Each year, the school's aggregate Performance Level Index (PLI) on the State mathematics exam will meet the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) set forth in the state's NCLB accountability system.

Method

The federal No Child Left Behind law holds schools accountable for making annual yearly progress towards enabling all students to be proficient. As a result, the state sets an AMO each year to determine if schools are making satisfactory progress toward the goal of proficiency in the state's learning standards in mathematics. To achieve this measure, all tested students must have a Performance Level Index (PLI) value that equals or exceeds the 2013-14 mathematics AMO of 86. The PLI is calculated by adding the sum of the percent of all tested students at Levels 2 through 4 with the sum of the percent of all tested students at Levels 3 and 4. Thus, the highest possible PLI is 200.¹⁰

Results

Ocean Hill Collegiate scored a PLI of 140 for the 2013-14 school year.

Mathematics 2013-14 Performance Level Index (PLI)

Number in Cohort	Percent of Students at Each Performance Level			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
200	12	34	34	19

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{PI} &= 34 + 34 + 19 = 87 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad 34 + 19 = \underline{53} \\
 \text{PLI} &= 140
 \end{aligned}$$

¹⁰ In contrast to NYSED's Performance Index, the PLI does not account for year-to-year growth toward proficiency.

Evaluation

Ocean Hill Collegiate scored at PLI of 140 which exceeds the mathematics AMO of 86 by 54 points.

Goal 1: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state mathematics exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the local school district.

Method

A school compares tested students enrolled in at least their second year to all tested students in the surrounding public school district. Comparisons are between the results for each grade in which the school had tested students in at least their second year at the school and the total result for all students at the corresponding grades in the school district.¹¹

Results

Ocean Hill Collegiate's percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced proficient on the NYS Common Core mathematics exam exceeded the percentage of students in Community School District 23 scoring proficient or advanced proficient on the exam in the same grades by 36 percentage points overall.

**2013-14 State Mathematics Exam
Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level**

Grade	Percent of Students at Proficiency			
	Charter School Students In At Least 2 nd Year		All District Students	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
3				
4				
5	0%	8	13%	750
6	57%	67	14%	1004
7	57%	50	15%	1000
8	87%	53	15%	1145
All	50%	178	14%	3899

Evaluation

Once again, Ocean Hill Collegiate met its comparative measure with its percentage of student scoring proficient exceeding the percentage of students in CSD 23 scoring proficient or advanced proficient across grades 5-8. With the exception of 5th grade, the percentage of students at Ocean

¹¹ Schools can acquire these data when the State Education Department releases its Access database containing grade level ELA and math test results for all schools and districts statewide. The SED announces the release of the data on its [News Release webpage](#).

Hill Collegiate scoring proficient in each grade was more than triple the percentage in the district. Ocean Hill Collegiate’s performance exceeded the district’s performance by 36 percentage points, an increase over last year’s 23 percentage points.. While Ocean Hill Collegiate is still not satisfied with our performance and we will continue to work to have all students reach proficiency as quickly as possible, we are proud of the growth in Math that our students have made.

Additional Evidence

Despite changes to the NYS Math exam, Ocean Hill Collegiate students continue to outperform the district average for math and has done so for the past two years. In the 2014-15 school year, the school plans to continue working tirelessly to provide a viable program that is truly preparing all students for college level mathematics.

**Mathematics Performance of Charter School and Local District
by Grade Level and School Year**

Grade	Percent of Students Enrolled in at Least their Second Year Who Are at Proficiency Compared to Local District Students							
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Charter School	Local District	Charter School	Local District	Charter School	Local District	Charter School	Local District
3								
4								
5	N/A	42%	70%	44%	0%	8%	0%	13%
6			98%	40%	41%	15%	57%	14%
7					62%	11%	57%	15%
8							87%	15%
All		42%	84%	42%	34%	11%	50%	14%

Goal 1: Comparative Measure

Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state mathematics exam by an Effect Size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a small degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for students eligible for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State.¹²

Method

The Charter Schools Institute conducts a Comparative Performance Analysis, which compares the school’s performance to demographically similar public schools state-wide. The Institute uses a regression analysis to control for the percentage of economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State. The Institute compares the school’s actual performance to the predicted performance of public schools with a similar economically disadvantaged percentage.

¹² The Institute will begin using *economically disadvantaged* instead of *eligibility for free lunch* as the demographic variable in 2012-13. Schools should report previous year’s results using reported free-lunch statistics.

The difference between the schools' actual and predicted performance, relative to other schools with similar economically disadvantaged statistics, produces an Effect Size. An Effect Size of 0.3 or performing higher than expected to a small degree is the requirement for achieving this measure.

Given the timing of the state's release of economically disadvantaged data and the demands of the data analysis, the 2013-14 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2012-13 results (using free-lunch eligible percentage), the most recent Comparative Performance Analysis available.

Results

The chart below displays how Ocean Hill Collegiate students in each grade performed compared to students in public schools in New York State with the same grade and a similar population of free-lunch-eligible students. As evidenced in the chart, Ocean Hill Collegiate students performed better than predicted in all grades, and had significant positive effect sizes overall and in each grade.

2012-13 Mathematics Comparative Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Students	Number of Students Tested	Percent of Students at Proficiency		Difference between Actual and Predicted	Effect Size
			Actual	Predicted		
3						
4						
5	82.5	82	29.3	20.4	8.9	0.59
6	81.8	62	37.1	18.9	18.2	1.16
7	82.5	56	62.5	15.2	47.3	3.12
8						
All	82.3	200	41.0	18.5	22.5	1.47

School's Overall Comparative Performance:
Higher than expected to a large degree

Evaluation

Once again, Ocean Hill Collegiate met and exceeded this measure with a significant positive effect size.

Additional Evidence

Ocean Hill Collegiate continues to exceed predicted performance in mathematics across all grades. Similar to its results in ELA, Ocean Hill Collegiate students who have spent more time at the school, fare better each year in exceeding predicted performance. Our overall effect size has remained consistent with last year (1.48 and 1.47, respectively).

Mathematics Comparative Performance by School Year

School Year	Grades	Percent Eligible for Free Lunch	Number Tested	Actual	Predicted	Effect Size
2009-10						
2010-11	5	80	79	73.4	51.6	1.11
2011-12	5-6	67.6	138	85.5	56.1	1.48
2012-13	5-7	82.3	200	41	18.5	1.47

Goal 1: Growth Measure¹³

Each year, under the state's Growth Model, the school's mean unadjusted growth percentile in mathematics for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the state's unadjusted median growth percentile.

Method

This measure examines the change in performance of the same group of students from one year to the next and the progress they are making in comparison to other students with the same score in the previous year. The analysis only includes students who took the state exam in 2013-14 and also have a state exam score in 2012-13 including students who were retained in the same grade. Students with the same 2012-13 scores are ranked by their 2013-14 scores and assigned a percentile based on their relative growth in performance (mean growth percentile). Students' growth percentiles are aggregated school-wide to yield a school's mean growth percentile. In order for a school to perform above the statewide median, it must have a mean growth percentile greater than 50.

Results

In 2013-14 the Mean Growth Percentile for Ocean Hill Collegiate overall was 67. This is in comparison to the Statewide Median of 50.

2013-14 Mathematics Mean Growth Percentile by Grade Level

Grade	Mean Growth Percentile	
	School	Statewide Average
5	64	50.0
6	73	50.0
7	69	50.0
8	62	50.0
All	67	50.0

¹³ See Guidelines for [Creating a SUNY Accountability Plan](#) for an explanation.

Summary of the Mathematics Goal

Student performance in math at Ocean Hill Collegiate continues to exceed the performance of students in the local district and the performance of similar students across the state based on free lunch eligibility. The school did not meet its absolute goal this year, however, of at least 75% of students scoring proficient or advanced proficient on the Common Core math exam; 50% of students in at least their second year at OHC scored proficient or advanced.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State mathematics exam for grades 3-8.	Did Not Achieve
Absolute	Each year, the school’s aggregate Performance Level Index (PLI) on the state mathematics exam will meet that year’s Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) set forth in the state’s NCLB accountability system.	Achieved
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state mathematics exam will be greater than that of students in the same tested grades in the local school district.	Achieved
Comparative	Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state mathematics exam by an Effect Size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a small degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State. (Using 2011-12 school district results.)	Achieved
Growth	Each year, under the state’s Growth Model the school’s mean unadjusted growth percentile in mathematics for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the state’s unadjusted median growth percentile.	Achieved

Action Plan

The absolute performance across all grades in mathematics on the 2013-14 Common Core mathematics exam has demonstrated that while we have made growth in preparing our students for the rigor of Common Core, we still have more work to do before we meet our absolute goal. Ocean Hill Collegiate, along with other Uncommon Schools across Brooklyn, will continue to increase the rigor of our Interim Assessments. The school will also be working with other Uncommon Schools to streamline instructional materials across schools and make sure that teachers are not reinventing the wheel, but instead are using the best instructional materials available for each objective they teach so that their time can be spent on the highest leverage instructional activities like assessing students, tutoring, and differentiating instruction.

SCIENCE

Goal 3: Science

Students will demonstrate proficiency in the understanding and application of scientific principles.

Background

The Science curriculum at OHC has been designed to provide a solid foundation for students in the essential understandings of Middle Grades Science as outlined in the New York State standards. Our fifth, sixth and seventh grade science curriculum is designed to equip students for more in-depth studies of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in high school. During the 2013-2014 school year, OHC students completed units of study on the Scientific Method and Measurement, Motion and Forces, Chemicals and Reactions, Matter and Energy, Living Things, Ecology and Genetics. Students participated in hands-on science activities or demonstrations on a weekly basis, usually adapted from FOSS Science kits that align with our science content. Instruction consistently reinforced both math and reading comprehension skills, and our science teachers frequently worked closely with both our math and English Language Arts teachers to ensure that common approaches and language were used to reinforce cross-curricular content. For example, during the Scientific Method and Measurement unit, students worked with units of measurement, tools of measurement, and conversions between units of measure, reinforcing important skills from the math curriculum. In terms of supporting literacy, planning time was dedicated to determining how to best expose students to nonfiction texts during science class each week and how to encourage them to access and use scientific texts for their own learning and study. This exposure to nonfiction provided an important opportunity for students to practice and continue to develop their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Goal 3: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State science examination.

Method

The school administered the New York State Testing Program science assessment to students in 4th and 8th grade in spring 2013. The school converted each student's raw score to a performance level and a grade-specific scaled score. The criterion for success on this measure requires students enrolled in at least their second year (defined as enrolled by BEDS day of the previous school year) to score at proficiency.

Results

For the first time, Ocean Hill Collegiate has external Science data to report on. Our students did not take the New York State Science exam, because they opted to take the New York State Living Environment Regents instead. All 53 of our 8th graders took the Science Regents exam and 85% of them passed!

**Charter School Performance on 2013-14 State Science Exam
By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year**

Grade	Percent of Students at Proficiency			
	Charter School Students In At Least 2 nd Year		All District Students	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
4				
8	85%	53		

Evaluation

Comparative Regents exam data is not available at this time.

Additional Evidence

N/A

Science Performance by Grade Level and School Year

Grade	Percent of Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year at Proficiency					
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
4						
8					85%	53
All					85%	53

Goal 3: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state science exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the local school district.

Method

The school compares tested students enrolled in at least their second year to all tested students in the surrounding public school district. Comparisons are between the results for each grade in which the school had tested students in at least their second year and the results for the respective grades in the local school district.

Results

N/A

**2013-14 State Science Exam
Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level**

Grade	Percent of Students at Proficiency			
	Charter School Students In At Least 2 nd Year		All District Students	
	Percent	Number Tested	Percent	Number Tested
4				
8	85%	53		

Evaluation

Comparative data for the district was not available for the Living Environment Regents. We will update this once we receive that data.

Additional Evidence

N/A

**Science Performance of Charter School and Local District
by Grade Level and School Year**

Grade	Percent of Charter School Students at Proficiency and Enrolled in At Least their Second Year Compared to Local District Students					
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
	Charter School	Local District	Charter School	Local District	Charter School	Local District
4						
8					85%	
All					85%	

Summary of the Science Goal

While we do not yet have comparative data to compare the performance of Ocean Hill Collegiate students to the district performance, we are very pleased the overall performance of our students. Our founding class was able to pass a high school level test with an 85% passing rate. We are continuing to use a rigorous Living Environment Science curriculum with our students in hopes of pushing that percentage even higher in the coming year.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State examination.	Achieved
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the local school district.	N/A

Action Plan

To maintain our rate of progress along this goal, we intend to do the following things:

- Continue to our science curriculum to provide students with the essential understandings and skills that will prepare them for more in-depth study of Chemistry, Biology, and Physics during eighth grade.
- Continue to encourage collaboration between science and reading teachers so that comprehension and vocabulary strategies taught in reading class are incorporated into science class. Science teachers will be responsible for teaching all textbook features through science instruction. These skills will then be reinforced by the reading teacher while reading non-fiction texts.
- Continue to schedule observation periods in which OHC science teachers are able to visit and observe science teachers within the Uncommon network.
- Encourage teachers to share best practices at quarterly Collegiate Science Department meetings on topics such as the instruction of scientific method, questioning in the science classroom and the reinforcement of college-readiness standards into science class.
- Guarantee that students continue to participate in as many hands-on science lessons and activities during science classes as is appropriate and possible.
- Ensure that our new 8th grade science teacher works in close collaboration with our returning 5th -7th grade science teachers to ensure consistency from grade to grade and class to class.

NCLB

Goal 5: NCLB

The school will make Adequate Yearly Progress

Goal 5: Absolute Measure

Under the state's NCLB accountability system, the school's Accountability Status is in good standing: the state has not identified the school as a Focus School nor determined that it has met the criteria to be identified as a local-assistance-plan school.

Method

Since *all* students are expected to meet the state's learning standards, the federal No Child Left Behind legislation stipulates that various sub-populations and demographic categories of students among all tested students must meet state proficiency standards. New York, like all states, established a system for making these determinations for its public schools. Each year the state issues School Report Cards which indicate each school's status under the state's No Child Left Behind (NCLB) accountability system.

Results

The State Education Department has determined that Ocean Hill Collegiate is In Good Standing for the 2014-15 school year.

Evaluation

The State Education Department made this determination based on our 2013-14 assessment data.

Additional Evidence**NCLB Status by Year**

Year	Status
2010-11	Good Standing
2011-12	Good Standing
2012-13	Good Standing
2013-14	Good Standing