

Excellence Girls Charter School

**2020-21 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN
PROGRESS REPORT**

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SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Excellence Girls is a rigorous, college prep public school whose mission is to prepare all students to enter and succeed in college through effort, achievement, and the content of their character.

Excellence Girls Charter School (Excellence Girls) is an all-girls K-8 charter public school and co-ed 9-12 High School, whose mission is to prepare its students to enter, succeed in and graduate from college. Excellence Girls was founded in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, in August 2009, and had grades K- 12 during the 2020-2021 school year.

Excellence Girls' school design includes seven core components.

Focus on Literacy. Many of our students begin their school career 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 Excellence Girls students, therefore, is tied to mastering this fundamental skill. In 2020-21, Excellence Girls provided explicit instruction in literacy skills and inculcated the reading habit respective to grade span.

Grades K-4

- Scholars have nearly three hours of daily reading instruction, which includes a systematic decoding program (Reading Mastery), a teacher-designed reading comprehension curriculum, the use of the STEP Assessment, and daily read alouds.
- All classrooms are staffed with two teachers to ensure that the student-to-teacher ratio never exceeds 15:1.
- Students are expected to read for at least 15-20 minutes at home each night in Kindergarten and 1st grade, and for at least 30 minutes each night starting in 2nd grade.
- Students write in every class and use the Writer's Workshop method to cultivate creativity and voice.

Grades 5-8

- Scholars have two hours and a half hour of daily reading instruction.
- Scholars are required to read reading level-appropriate books during the summer.
- There is required, graded, written work in every class.
- Scholars are required to carry an independent 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.

In the elementary and middle academies alike, K-8 families and scholars are expected to read together for 20 minutes each night as well.

Grades 9-12

- Scholars have two and a half hours of daily reading instruction.
- The curricula address five components of early literacy: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.
- The foundation of our reading curriculum lies in four complementary, research-based programs – Direct Instruction (Reading Mastery); Riverdeep Destination Reading Program

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(computer program); reading comprehension instruction based on the lesson plans of other Uncommon Schools teachers; guided reading instruction based on the STEP assessment, and explicit vocabulary instruction through Text Talk (designed by noted vocabulary expert Isabel Beck). We incorporate these five components of early literacy to provide a rigorous reading education.

Target Curriculum Focused on Basic Skills. Excellence Girls does not use an off-the-shelf curriculum. Rather, Excellence Girls uses curriculum developed by our Curriculum Assessment Team (CAT) and Lead Lesson Planners (LLP). Our CAT and LLP develop 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.

Our Curriculum Assessment Team (CAT) and Lead Lesson Planners (LLP) 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, both teams adapt the subject topics and performance standards according to their professional expertise and from data-driven feedback from our teachers. CAT and our LLP create a comprehensive curriculum for their subject, saved on our network's shared drive, with a year-long scope and sequence, individual unit plans, daily lesson plans, and assessment materials. Excellence Girls teachers will then save their lessons to our school's shared drive with any edits they have adapted for their classroom. 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. Prior to the scheduled New York State Social Studies, Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science exams, Excellence Girls administered two internally aligned Interim Assessments. In the 9-11 Grades, students take quarterly interim assessments in all core subjects, four SAT Diagnostics annually, and the PSAT. 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. These assessments were also administered during the COVID-19 closure, virtually. Excellence Girls 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. Excellence Girls also utilized the information to target content- and skills-driven tutoring and small-group instruction.

Our CAT team this year also began the use of weekly data collection through small assessments in both ELA and math. The data from these assessments was used by CAT and our LLPs to address gaps in content or skill that they could see trend across our schools.

Make More Time. In order to provide students with a comprehensive, college preparatory education, Excellence Girls has an extended school day and school year. For most students, the

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regular school day began at 7:15 A.M. and ended at 4:00 P.M. Excellence Girls provides its students with every possible opportunity to learn.

Excellence Girls students extend their learning beyond the school day completing, on average, one-and-a-half to two hours of homework every night. Each student, beginning in kindergarten, takes home at least 20 minutes of homework, every evening – including weekends and holidays. Parents/guardians review and sign each evening's assignment upon completion. Families and scholars are expected to read together for 20 minutes each night as well.

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

Excellence Girls 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.

Provide Structure and Order. Students need a safe and orderly environment to be productive. In 2020-21, Excellence Girls created a calm, composed, and disciplined environment to maximize the amount of time on-task.

Insist on Family Involvement. Excellence Girls Charter School's educational program is structured so that families must be involved in their child's academic pursuits. In 2020-21, Excellence Girls families:

- picked up their child's report card in person at the school twice, and had virtual report card conferences during the COVID-19 closure;
- met with teachers and staff on multiple 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 notified at home or at work each day if their child earned a detention;
- were asked to offer input on the school on mid-year and year-end surveys, grading the school;
- were invited to multiple social events with scholars, teachers and families focused on strengthening the involvement of parents in the school community

COVID-19 Closure

During the unexpected school closure due to COVID-19, Excellence Girls Charter School continued remote learning for all our students through January 2021. In grades K-8, Excellence Girls Charter School provided a digitally driven live instruction model to continue and further student learning and mastery of objectives of untaught materials.

- **Teacher Office Hours:** Teachers maintained daily office hours Monday through Thursday. During this time, students can ask questions and teachers can give feedback on work that was submitted to ensure students are understanding the content. Teachers can and should

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also schedule extra touchpoints with students who will need additional support over the course of the week.

- **Teacher/Parent Check-In (K-2) or Teacher/Student Check-In (3-8):** To maintain a personal touchpoint with individual students to ensure their well-being and to maintain community, teachers scheduled 10 - 20 minute check-ins with students at least one time per week. The goals of the check-in include: checking in on student well-being, determining if students have any personal/family needs, providing feedback or answering questions about student work. (For grades 5-8 these check-ins can be split by advisories or by content area(s) and will be school leader discretion).
 - School leaders (Principals and Directors of Operation) also provided support as needed to ensure the academic progress and wellness of students. Additionally, if a teacher is struggling to reach a student and/or the student is not completing their work, a school leader will need to follow-up with the student and/or family to reset expectations and help determine solutions to any issues.

Excellence Girls Charter School (Uncommon Charter High School) provided live remote instruction through Google Classroom. This consisted of an instruction video for their core academic classes as well as classwork handouts from Google Classroom. Students submitted their assignments through Google Classroom which counted for attendance and was graded for completion and accuracy. Teachers were available via Zoom during the 1-hour class period to provide office hours for students.

- Each day, students access a 20-minute instructional video from Google Classroom for one of their core academic classes and view during its scheduled 1-hour class period.
- During the remaining 40 minutes, students access the classwork handout from Google Classroom and complete using guidance from the video and any other resources.
 - Students may submit assignments as a Google doc through Google Classroom.
 - Students may complete work on loose-leaf and submit photos of assignments via Google Classroom.
- Students submit what they have completed by the end of the 1-hour class period. This will count as their attendance and will be graded for completion and accuracy.
- Teachers of the course are available via Zoom during the 40 minutes following the video to provide “office hours” for students. Students can Zoom in to ask questions of their teacher.
- Teachers of AP Courses can determine if they want to assign additional work outside of the hour period. Grades will be based on classwork and assessments.

Families who reported not having access to Wi-Fi enabled devices received Chromebooks delivered directly to the student’s homes by the start of the school year.

In January 2021, Excellence Girls Charter School opened for in-person hybrid instruction for grades K-12. At this point in time, we felt that we had met our reopening criteria for students and staff to return to the building. Uncommon also offered an equitable full-remote learning model for all families. Scholars who transitioned to hybrid learning had the opportunity to:

- Learn in-person two days a week (either Mon/Weds or Tues/Thurs) in student groups of 15 or less.
- Learn remotely three days a week

Scholars who remained in full remote learning continued to attend live, Zoom learning Monday-Thursday mornings to maintain consistent remote schedules for scholars and families.

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ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

School Enrollment by Grade Level and School Year														
School Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2016-17	90	90	88	90	89	88	88	89	92	161	126	124	88	1179
2017-18	89	90	86	90	87	90	91	90	92	229	149	104	118	1404
2018-19	76	83	93	90	92	51	88	82	83	247	209	128	89	1411
2019-20	72	71	90	84	91	61	68	79	74	183	198	175	123	1369
2020-21	56	76	76	91	88	60	82	71	85	171	171	175	164	1366

HIGH SCHOOL COHORTS

ACCOUNTABILITY COHORT

The state's Accountability Cohort consists specifically of students who are in their fourth year of high school after entering the 9th grade. For example, the 2017 state Accountability Cohort consists of students who entered the 9th grade anywhere sometime during the 2017-18 school year, were enrolled in the school on the state's annual enrollment-determination day (i.e., BEDS day) in the 2020-21 school year, and either remained in the school for the rest of the year or left for an acceptable reason. (See New York State Education Department's SIRS Manual for more details about cohort eligibility and acceptable exit reasons: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/ht>)

The following table indicates the number of students in the Accountability Cohorts who are in their fourth year of high school and were enrolled at the school on BEDS Day in October and remained in the school until June 30th of that year.

Fourth-Year High School Accountability Cohorts					
Fourth Year Cohort	Year Entered 9 th Grade Anywhere	Cohort Designation	Number of Students Enrolled on BEDS Day in October of the Cohort's Fourth Year	Number Leaving During the School Year	Number in Accountability Cohort as of June 30 th
2018-19	2015-16	2015	93	2	93
2019-20	2016-17	2016	115	0	115
2020-21	2017-18	2017	164	4	160

TOTAL COHORT FOR GRADUATION

Students are also included in the Total Cohort for Graduation (referred to as the Graduation Cohort, Total Graduation Cohort, or Total Cohort interchangeably throughout this report) based on the year they first enter the 9th grade. Students enrolled for at least one day in the school after entering the 9th grade are part of the school's Graduation Cohort. The school may remove students from the

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Graduation Cohort if the school has discharged those students for an acceptable reason listed in the SIRS manual, including the following: if they transfer to another public or private diploma-granting program with documentation, transfer to home schooling by a parent or guardian, transfer to another district or school, transfer by court order, leave the U.S., or are deceased.

Fourth Year Total Cohort for Graduation

Fourth Year Cohort	Year Entered 9 th Grade Anywhere	Cohort Designation	Number of Students Graduated or Enrolled on June 30 th of the Cohort's Fourth Year (a)	Number of Students No Longer at the School Who Had Been Enrolled for at Least One Day Prior to Leaving the School and Who Were <u>Not</u> Discharged for an Acceptable Reason (b)	Total Graduation Cohort (a) + (b)
2018-19	2015-16	2015	91	0	91
2019-20	2016-17	2016	115	0	115
2020-21	2017-18	2017	160	0	160

Fifth Year Total Cohort for Graduation

Fifth Year Cohort	Year Entered 9 th Grade Anywhere	Cohort Designation	Number of Students Graduated or Enrolled on June 30 th of the Cohort's Fifth Year (a)	Number of Students No Longer at the School Who Had Been Enrolled for at Least One Day Prior to Leaving the School and Who Were <u>Not</u> Discharged for an Acceptable Reason (b)	Total Graduation Cohort (a) + (b)
2018-19	2014-15	2014	112	0	112
2019-20	2015-16	2015	115	0	115
2020-21	2016-17	2016	123	0	123

PROMOTION POLICY

Students who receive a final failing grade (below a 70) for a class do not receive credit for the class. The final grade is based on individual quarter grades and a comprehensive subject-area test.

In subjects that earn 2.0 credits per year (English, Math, Science and History), a student who fails will be required to take an additional class to recover the lost credits. There are two ways this occurs, depending on how many classes a student is failing that academic year. If students fail one class, the student can recover credit by taking an intensive summer school class in this subject at his/her expense and/or at the school if offered. To recover credit, the class must be approved by the school. If a student fails two or more classes, that student is required to repeat the grade.

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In subjects that require less than four years of credits (Foreign Language, Physical Education, Health and Electives), a student must make up the class in a subsequent school year after the school day, during the summer or another time the school deems appropriate (at his/her expense).

Seniors who fail a class but need the credit to graduate must take an intensive summer school class.

Given that Excellence Girls Charter School has provided tiers of student support throughout the school year – among which are Weekly Progress Reports, Office Hours, and Weekly Check-in Meetings with their Advisor – summer coursework for all subjects is the responsibility of the family, both financially and logistically.

HS students who do not pass end of year exams, will attend remote summer school to remediate content in those courses.

GOAL 1: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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Uncommon New York City high school students will be on track to graduate from high school.

Goal 1: Leading Indicator

Each year, 75 percent of students in first and second year high school Total Graduation Cohorts will earn at least ten credits (if 44 needed for graduation) or five credits (if 22 needed for graduation) each year.

METHOD

This measure serves as a leading indicator of the performance of the high school cohort and examines students' progress toward graduation based on annual credit accumulation. The measure requires that, based on the school's promotion requirements, 75 percent of the first and second year high school Total Graduation Cohorts will earn the required number of credits.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

91% of Excellence Girls students were promoted in the 2019 cohort. 90% of Excellence Girls students were promoted in the 2020 cohort.

Percent of Students in First and Second Year Cohorts
Earning the Required Number of Credits in 2020-21

Cohort Designation	Number in Cohort during 2020-21	Percent promoted
2019	175	91%
2020	176	90%

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Our school continues to meet and exceed this measure year over year. For the past three years we had over 75% promotion in our first- and second-year cohorts.

Goal 1: Leading Indicator

Each year, 75 percent of students in the second year high school Total Graduation Cohort will score at or above proficient on at least three different New York State Regents exams required for graduation.

METHOD

This measure serves as a leading indicator of the performance of high school cohorts and examines their progress towards graduation based on Regents exam passage. The measure requires that 75 percent of students in each Graduation Cohort have passed at least three Regents exams by their second year in the cohort.

As a result of the Board of Regents' guidance regarding the cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, for the most recent second year cohort schools should report the percentage of students who either passed or were exempted from at least three exams. In August of 2021, the 2019 cohort will have completed its second year.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

As of the 2020-21 school year, our 2019 cohort is meeting the measure of at least 75% of students are passing at least three different New York State Regents Exams required for graduation. At the end of their second year, 89% of the 2019 cohort had received a regents passing exemption for 3 or more Regents exams.

Percent of Students in their Second Year Passing Three Regents Exams by Cohort

Cohort Designation	School Year	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing at Least Three Regents (including exemptions)
2017	2018-19	208	79%
2018	2019-20	247	76%
2019	2020-21	175	89%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Looking towards future data, we expect to continue meeting this goal. Most of our students take and pass two Regents exams in the 8th grade (Living Environment and Algebra I). Those who do not pass those exams, will be required to re-take the exam a second time in their 9th grade year. When students are enrolled in 9th grade, all students take the ELA Regents Exam, and about 50% take the Geometry Regents Exam. By prioritizing Regents exams in the 8th and 9th grades, we are able to ensure that at least 75% of students meet and exceed our goal of 3 passing Regents exams by the end of the 10th grade. While there are still unknowns given COVID-19 as we enter School Year 2021-

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22, we are confident that whether or not students take Regents or submit for exemptions, we will continue to see the same growth over the course of the next year.

Goal 1: Absolute Measures

Each year, 75 percent of students in the fourth year high school Total Graduation Cohort and 95 percent of students in the fifth year high school Total Graduation Cohort will graduate.

METHOD

This measure examines students in two high school Graduation Cohorts: those who entered the 9th grade as members of the 2017 cohort and graduated four years later and those who entered as members of the 2016 cohort and graduated five years later. These data reflect August graduation rates. At a minimum, these students have passed or been exempted from five Regents exams required for high school graduation in ELA, mathematics, science, U.S. History, and Global History or met the requirements for the 4+1 pathway to graduation.¹

The school's graduation requirements appear in this document above the graduation goal.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Excellence Girls Charter School met this measure. 93% of students in the 2015, 95% of students in the 2016, and 100% of students in 2017 Cohorts graduated after four or five years.

Percent of Students in the Total Graduation Cohort who have Graduated After Four Years

Cohort Designation	School Year	Number in Cohort	Percent Graduating
2015	2018-19	93	93%
2016	2019-20	115	95%
2017	2020-21	160	100%

Percent of Students in Total Graduation Cohort Who Have Graduated After Five Years

Cohort Designation	School Year	Number in Cohort	Percent Graduating
2014	2018-19	112	98%
2015	2019-20	88	100%
2016	2020-21	123	100%

Goal 1: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Graduation Cohort graduating after the completion of their fourth year will exceed that of the Total Graduation Cohort from the school district of comparison.

¹ The state's guidance for the 4+1 graduation pathway can be found here:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>.

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METHOD

The school compares the graduation rate of students completing their fourth year in the charter school's Total Graduation Cohort to that of the respective cohort of students in the school district of comparison. Given that district results for the current year are generally not available at this time, for purposes of this report schools should include the district's 2019-20 results as a temporary placeholder for the district's 2020-21 results.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

2017 cohort data has not been provided by the district for evaluation purposes. However, for the 2015 or 2016 cohorts the percentage of graduating students is meeting or exceeding the district average.

Percent of Students in the Total Graduation Cohort who Graduate in Four Years Compared to the District

Cohort Designation	School Year	Charter School		School District	
		Number in Cohort	Percent Graduating	Number in Cohort	Percent Graduating
2015	2018-19	93	93%	N/A	77%
2016	2019-20	115	95%	N/A	74%
2017	2020-21	160	100%	N/A	N/A

Goal 1: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Total Cohort pursuing an alternative graduation pathway (commonly referred to as the 4+1 pathway) will achieve a Regents equivalency score and pass an approved pathway assessment required for graduation by the end of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

The New York State Board of Regents approved regulations establishing alternative pathways to graduation for all students. Students may replace one of the required Social Studies Regents exams with an approved alternative assessment. For more information about requirements and approved assessments refer to the NYSED resource online: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>. The school will document the names of the alternative assessments administered and success rate for students in the templates bellow.

As a result of the Board of Regents' guidance regarding the cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, students planning to take a pathway examination during those cancelled dates would be exempted from the requirement. For purposes of this measure, only report results for students with valid scores for any pathway exam.

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RESULTS AND EVALUATION

At this time, Excellence Girls Charter School did not have 2017 cohort students in an alternative graduation pathway program.

Percentage of the 2017 Graduation Cohort Pathway Students Demonstrating Success by Exam Type

At this time, Excellence Girls Charter School did not have 2017 cohort students in an alternative graduation pathway program.

Pathway Exam Passing Rate by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

At this time, Excellence Girls Charter School did not have 2017 cohort students in an alternative graduation pathway program.

SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION GOAL

In our ninth year with a graduating cohort, Excellence Girls achieved its High School graduation goals.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Leading Indicator	Each year, 75 percent of students in first and second year high school Total Graduation Cohorts will earn at least ten credits (if 44 needed for graduation) or five credits (if 22 needed for graduation) each year.	Achieved
Leading Indicator	Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Total Graduation Cohort will score at least 65 on at least three different New York State Regents exams required for graduation by the completion of their second year in the cohort.	Achieved
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of students in the fourth year high school Total Graduation Cohort will graduate.	Achieved
Absolute	Each year, 95 percent of students in the fifth year high school Total Graduation Cohort will graduate.	Achieved
Comparative	Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Graduation Cohort graduating after the completion of their fourth year will exceed that of the Total Graduation Cohort from the school district of comparison.	Achieved
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Total Cohort pursuing an alternative graduation pathway will achieve a Regents equivalency score and pass an approved pathway assessment required for graduation by the end of their fourth year.	N/A

ACTION PLAN

Excellence Girls Charter School will continue to use an academic model that is largely similar to that of grades K-8, utilizing practices and approaches that have proven effective in producing significant academic gains at the highest-performing urban public schools in the country. Specifically, the high school will continue to focus around:

- A College Preparatory Mission
- High Standards for Academics and Character
- A Highly Structured Remote and Hybrid Learning Environment
- A Focus on Accountability and Data-Driven Instruction
- A Faculty of Committed and Talented Leaders and Teachers

The school has developed a rigorous high school curriculum based on the New York State Learning Standards with a special emphasis on preparing students for admission into and success in college. This curriculum has been updated and modified to work with remote and hybrid instruction during school year 20-21. The school is structured so that students will meet the criteria for a Regents or Advanced Regents degree and will be accepted to at least one 4-year college.

- Quarterly Exams will continue to serve as a critical driver of classroom instruction and lesson planning for grades 9-12. The results will provide teachers with ongoing feedback on students' progress in meeting state standards so they know, at any moment, which students have mastered which skills and which students have not. Armed with this information, teachers will be better prepared to target instruction and make significant content adjustments throughout the year, without waiting for an end-of-year assessment that shows a student in need.
- The school will continue to administer Interim Assessments/Quarterly Exams on a quarterly basis in all five major subjects.
- The high school instructional leadership team will continue to review teacher lesson plans, observe classroom (remote and in person) instruction and provide feedback on instruction. The school's leadership team will be responsible for identifying areas for growth and providing an extensive professional development program that meets the needs of both the school and individual teachers.
- The school's leadership team will continue to review the effectiveness of the school's curriculum and making necessary revisions to increase student achievement.
- School leaders will continue to work with master teachers at the school to research and develop curriculum modifications that will ensure increased levels of student achievement and will continuously monitor the effectiveness of those modifications.

GOAL 2: COLLEGE PREPARATION

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Students will be prepared to succeed in college.

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Goal 2: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of graduating students will demonstrate their preparation for college by at least one or some combination of the following indicators:

- Passing an Advanced Placement (“AP”) exam with a score of 3 or higher;
- Earning a score of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (“IB”) exam;
- Passing a College Level Examination Program (“CLEP”) exam;
- Passing a college level course offered at a college or university or through a school partnership with a college or university;
- Achieving the college and career readiness benchmark on the SAT;
- Earning a Regents diploma with advanced designation; or,
- A different school-created indicator approved by the Institute.

METHOD

Schools use any method listed here, or any combination thereof, to demonstrate that at least 75 percent of graduates are prepared to engage in rigorous college level coursework. The school should select only those methods listed here that it uses to demonstrate the college readiness of its students and eliminate those that it will not. For instance, high schools that do not deliver an IB Program as part of their high school design do not report on the IB option. The school reports on the number of students who attempted to achieve each indicator, the number who succeeded, and the corresponding percentage. Additionally, the school should report on the overall number of students who graduated after four years, the number of those graduates who achieved any of the relevant indicators, and the overall percentage achieving any indicator.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

80% of students in the 2017 Cohort, passed an Advanced Placement exam with a score of 3 or higher. We did achieve this measure.

Excellence Girls Charter School does not offer courses in partnership with a college or university, nor does the school offer the required foreign language instruction required to pass a foreign language Regents exam. Rather than adhere to the Advanced Regents program, students take AP-aligned classes outside the scope of the Regents curriculum.

Percentage of the 2017 Total Cohort Graduates Demonstrating College Preparation by Indicator

Indicator	Number of Graduates who Attempted the Indicator	Number who Achieved Indicator	Percentage of Graduates who Achieved Indicator
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Passing an Advanced Placement exam with a score of 3 or higher	150	120	80%
Passing a college level course offered at a college or university or through a school partnership with a college or university	N/A	N/A	NA
Earning a Regents diploma with advanced designation	0	0	0%
Overall	150	120	80%

Goal 2: Absolute Measure

Each year, the College, Career, and Civic Readiness Index (“CCCRI”) for the school’s Total Cohort will exceed the Measure of Interim Progress (“MIP”) set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 2: Comparative Measure

Each year, the school’s CCCRI for the Total Cohort will exceed that of the district of comparison’s Total Cohort.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 2: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of graduating students will matriculate into a college or university in the year after graduation.

METHOD

The ultimate measure of whether a college prep high school has lived up to its mission is whether students actually enroll and succeed in college. Schools track and report the percentage of fourth-year Total Cohort graduates who matriculate into a two or four-year college program in the school year following graduation. Schools should update and confirm data for Cohorts prior to 2020-21 and provide preliminary matriculation data for 2017 Cohort. It may be necessary for schools to provide updated data to the Institute when National Student Clearinghouse or other data sources become available later in the school year.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Excellence Girls has a matriculation rate of 100%, exceeding the goal of 75%. This is due to our robust college counseling team and extremely low counselor to student ratio (approximately 20:1 compared to most high schools in New York City with a ratio of closer to 150:1). Beyond this, we

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also have a dedicated Alumni Coordinator whose sole responsibility is to stay in contact with all our alumni and visit them on college campuses regularly throughout their time in college.

Matriculation Rate of Graduates by Year

Cohort	Graduation Year	Number of Graduates (a)	Number Enrolled in 2 or 4-year Program in Following Year (b)	Matriculation Rate =[(b)/(a)]*100
2015	2018-19	89	89	100%
2016	2019-20	115	115	100%
2017	2020-21	160	160	100%

SUMMARY OF THE COLLEGE PREPARATION GOAL

Excellence Girls Charter School achieved 2 of 2 High School Graduation goals. Furthermore, the school exceeded the New York State benchmark of 75% matriculating in a two- or four-year college.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of graduating students will demonstrate their preparation for college by one or more possible indicators of college readiness.	Achieved
Absolute	Each year, the CCCRI for the school's Total Cohort will exceed that year's state MIP set forth in the state's ESSA accountability system.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the school's CCCRI for the Total Cohort will exceed that of the district's Total Cohort.	N/A
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of graduating students will matriculate into a college or university in the year after graduation.	Achieved

ACTION PLAN

Excellence Girls Charter School will continue to use an academic model that is largely similar to that of grades K-8, utilizing practices and approaches that have proven effective in producing significant academic gains at the highest-performing urban public schools in the country. Specifically, the high school will continue to focus around:

- A College Preparatory Mission
- High Standards for Academics and Character
- A Highly Structured Remote and Hybrid Learning Environment
- A Focus on Accountability and Data-Driven Instruction
- A Faculty of Committed and Talented Leaders and Teachers

The school has developed a rigorous high school curriculum based on the New York State Learning Standards with a special emphasis on preparing students for admission into and success in college. This curriculum has been updated and modified to work with remote and hybrid instruction during school year 20-21. The school is structured so that students will meet the criteria for a Regents or

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Advanced Regents degree and will be accepted to at least one 4-year college.

- Quarterly Exams will continue to serve as a critical driver of classroom instruction and lesson planning for grades 9-12. The results will provide teachers with ongoing feedback on students' progress in meeting state standards so they know, at any moment, which students have mastered which skills and which students have not. Armed with this information, teachers will be better prepared to target instruction and make significant content adjustments throughout the year, without waiting for an end-of-year assessment that shows a student in need.
- The school will continue to administer Interim Assessments/Quarterly Exams on a quarterly basis in all five major subjects.
- The high school instructional leadership team will continue to review teacher lesson plans, observe classroom (remote and in person) instruction and provide feedback on instruction. The school's leadership team will be responsible for identifying areas for growth and providing an extensive professional development program that meets the needs of both the school and individual teachers.
- The school's leadership team will continue to review the effectiveness of the school's curriculum and making necessary revisions to increase student achievement.
- School leaders will continue to work with master teachers at the school to research and develop curriculum modifications that will ensure increased levels of student achievement and will continuously monitor the effectiveness of those modifications.

GOAL 3: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Goal 3: English Language Arts

All students will become proficient in reading and writing of the English language.

BACKGROUND

Excellence Girls' curriculum is developed with the goal of maximizing student academic achievement through intentional standards-driven teaching and the systematic use of objective performance data to continually inform decision making. To this end, Excellence Girls Charter School created a scope and sequence for reading and writing and divided the year into units, each culminating in a formal assessment. The school continues to refine its scopes, sequences, and assessments in alignment with Common Core Learning Standards each school year based on student assessment data.

Excellence Girls' ELA program emphasizes both strong reading and strong writing. In reading, the program emphasizes four key aspects of literacy: decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. In the elementary school grades (K-4) there are three 50-minute long literacy blocks each day and students are broken up into groups based on STEP (Strategic Teaching and Evaluation of Progress) levels. In the literacy blocks, students focus on reading mastery, guided

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reading, and reading comprehension. Students spend 45 minutes writing daily, in addition to the three literacy blocks.

In the middle grades (5-8) rather than separating reading and writing, students have a 2-hour English class. This aligns more closely to the Common Core Learning Standards, whereby students' written work must be based on a text they have read.

Every year the school provides teachers with an intensive training program whereby we instruct teaching, student behavior management techniques, and strategies to employ in the classrooms and throughout the school. We achieve and maintain complete consistency in messaging, expectations, and responses to student behavior and academic standards throughout the school. Additionally, all staff meet one day each week to review the past week's progress and to finalize preparations for the coming week. Teachers are regularly observed teaching by the school leadership and receive constant feedback for improvement.

METHOD

Excellence Girls Charter School typically uses internally developed Interim Assessments and Final Examinations in addition to the criterion-referenced New York State exams in ELA. Given updates to state testing in the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19 and the transition to hybrid learning, Excellence Girls Charter School administered fewer internally-developed interim assessments for ELA in both Elementary and Middle school than in a typical school year.

The interim assessments in ELA are aligned to state standards and to the school's scope and sequence. Starting in August, teachers and administrators develop curricular strategy, unit plans, and daily lessons based upon the scope and sequence. At the close of each unit, an assessment is administered, graded, and data shared so that teachers and administrators can develop action plans based on objective, standards-driven data. The principal and leadership team work closely with teachers at every step of this process, giving feedback on daily lesson plans, curriculum, action plans, and the implementation of these plans.

While remote learning continued for all students through January, Excellence Girls Charter School continued to have consistent ELA instruction where scholars in Grades K-8 completed asynchronous learning by watching a video pre-recorded by one of our veteran ELA teachers and completing a written task generating a work product at least 2 days per week. Teachers provided weekly feedback on submitted written assignments as well as passage practice tasks. Scholars also were able to attend live remote instruction. Live remote instruction was data driven based on trends from the previous week's lesson. Teachers determined the objective and tailored the lesson based on trends from the written assignments submitted. Students were also encouraged to engage in independent reading for 1 hour a week.

Excellence Girls Charter School transitioned to hybrid learning in early January, where students had the option to attend in person hybrid learning at least twice a week or complete remote learning. During remote learning days, all students continued to attend live classes through Zoom just as if they were in the classroom.

During 2020-21, the school(s) primarily used the following exam to assess student growth and achievement in ELA: Internally developed

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RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Based on data from the Interim Assessments administered in 2020-2021, we are making progress towards our goals. We will continue to work towards a higher percentage of students meeting this metric for School Year 2021-2022. Students in Grades 5-8 took 2 interim assessments during the 2020-2021 school year. All students, regardless if they were attending in-person hybrid or remote learning took these assessments. Those students who were remote only learning for the 2020-2021 school year, were administered these assessments remotely. The chart below represents the percentage of students who are advanced or proficient on their interim assessments. These numbers are consistent with those assessments that were completed during the 19-20 school year, where they attended more in-person learning. We are pleased with the results and we are particularly impressed with our 6th and 8th grade cohorts.

Grades	All Students		Enrolled in at least their Second Year	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
5	59%	53	57%	32
6	63%	67	63%	47
7	54%	66	55%	51
8	65%	81	66%	48
All	60%	267	60%	178

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

While we were not able to see our results on a NYS ELA exam, our student's results on the 2020-21 interim assessments are in line with those of the results from interim assessments in 2019-2020, which consisted of more in-person learning for all students.

SUMMARY OF THE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GOAL

Given the internal assessments provided to students, Excellence Girls did meet the ELA goal for the 2020-2021 school year based on the interim assessments that were administered. While there is continued work to do to close the remote learning gap, we are confident in being able to execute our action plan below now that we have returned to full in-person learning for SY2021-22.

ACTION PLAN

Excellence Girls Charter School is continuing to improve ELA performance for its students. Our action steps relate to Remediation, Observation & Feedback, and Expansion.

Remediation: We will continue to have a tutoring block in the students' schedule. Daily, teachers will pull out a small group of their students for tutoring, using data from previous year's NYS ELA exam (as available), internal interim assessments, and daily classroom assessments (called "Exit Tickets").

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Observation & Feedback: ELA teachers will continue to receive increased feedback around their action plans and student performance throughout the year. The leadership team has intentionally planned out observations and feedback sessions so master teachers can effectively and consistently give more feedback on new teachers' teaching methods and strategies.

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Goal 3: Absolute Measure

Each year, 65 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will exceed Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 4 on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

The school administered the Regents English exam that students must pass to graduate. The State Education Department currently defines the college and career readiness standard as scoring at or above Performance Level 4 (meeting Common Core expectations) on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core). This measure examines the percent of the Accountability Cohort that achieved at least Performance Level 4 by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

Due to the state's cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, some students in the 2017 Cohort who had not previously sat for the exam but were scheduled to sit for this exam during a cancellation would be exempted from the graduation requirement. As such, the school should report both the number of students who were exempted from the exam as well as the percentage of students achieving at least Level 4 among the students who sat for the exam.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The goal was met for the 2017 accountability cohort where over 65% of students received a score of at least a level 4 or higher on the English Language Arts Common Core Regents Exam. We expect to continue to see a similar level of performance with future cohorts.

Percent Scoring at Least Level 4 on Regents English Common Core Exam
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort²

Cohort	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort (a)	Number exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Scoring at Least Level 4 (c)	Percent Scoring at Least Level 4 Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	93	0	67	72%
2016	2019-20	115	0	80	70%
2017	2020-21	160	23	94	69%

² Based on the highest score for each student on the English Regents exam

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Percent Achieving at Least Level 4 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4
2017	89	37%	76	43%	160	69%
2018	223	20%	247	19%	182	86%
2019			170	0%	165	90%
2020					156	90%

Goal 3: Absolute Measure

Each year, 80 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will at least partially meet Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 3 on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

The school administered the Regents English exam that students must pass to graduate. The school scores Regents on a scale from 0 to 100. The State Education Department currently defines the cut off for passing and meeting the requirement for graduation as scoring at or above Performance Level 3 (partially meeting Common Core expectations) on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core). This measure examines the percent of the Accountability Cohort that achieved at least Performance Level 3 by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

Due to the state’s cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, some students in the 2017 Cohort who had not previously sat for the exam but were scheduled to sit for this exam during a cancellation would be exempted from the graduation requirement. As such, the school should report both the number of students who were exempted from the exam as well as the percentage of students achieving at least Level 3 among the students who sat for the exam.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

98% of the 2015 cohort, 98% of the 2016 cohort, and 100% of the 2017 scored at least a level 3 on the Regents English Exam. This far exceeds the goal of 80% of students in the cohort will score at or above a level 3. We are excited to continue to monitor our progress with future cohorts of students.

Percent Scoring at Least Level 3 on Regents English Common Core Exam
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Scoring at Least Level 3 (c)	Percent Scoring at Least Level 3 Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	93	0	91	98%
2016	2019-20	115	0	113	98%
2017	2020-21	160	23	137	100%

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Percent Achieving at Least Level 3 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing
2017	89	57%	76	72%	137	100%
2018	223	56%	247	53%	182	98%
2019			170	0%	165	90%
2020					156	93%

Goal 3: Absolute Measure

Each year, the Performance Index (“PI”) on the Regents English exam of students completing their fourth year in the Accountability Cohort will meet the state’s Measure of Interim Progress (“MIP”) set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 3: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort meeting or exceeding Common Core expectations on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core) will exceed the percentage of comparable students in the district meeting or exceeding Common Core expectations.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 3: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort at least partially meeting Common Core expectations on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core) will exceed the percentage of comparable students in the district at least partially meeting Common Core expectations.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 3: Comparative Measure

Each year, the Performance Index (“PI”) in Regents English of students in the fourth year of their high school Accountability Cohort will exceed that of comparable students from the school district of comparison.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 3: Growth Measure

Each year, 50 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8th grade English language arts exam will meet the college and career readiness standard (currently scoring at Performance Level 4 and fully meeting Common

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Core expectations on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

The school demonstrates the effectiveness of its English language arts program by enabling students who were not meeting proficiency standards in the eighth grade to meet the English requirement for the college and career readiness standard.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Of the 51 students in the 2015 cohort who were not proficient in the 8th grade for English language arts exams, 83% met the college and career readiness standard of scoring at Performance Level 4 and fully meeting the Common Core expectations on the Regents Exams in English Language Arts.

Of the 103 students in the 2016 cohort who were not proficient in the 8th grade for English language arts exams, 70% met the college and career readiness standard of scoring at Performance Level 4 and fully meeting the Common Core expectations on the Regents Exams in English Language Arts.

Of the 67 students in the 2017 cohort who were not proficient in the 8th grade for English language arts exams, 62% met the college and career readiness standard of scoring at Performance Level 4 and fully meeting the Common Core expectations on the Regents Exams in English Language Arts.

This does meet the measure.

Percent Achieving at Least Performance Level 4 on Common Core exam among Students Who Were Not Proficient in the 8th Grade by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort not Proficient in 8 th Grade (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Scoring at Least Level 4 (c)	Percent Scoring at Least Level 4 Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	51	0	42	83%
2016	2019-20	103	0	72	70%
2017	2020-21	67	0	42	62%

Goal 3: Growth Measure

Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8th grade English language arts exam will at least partially meet Common Core expectations (currently scoring at Performance Level 3 on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

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METHOD

The school demonstrates the effectiveness of its English language arts program by enabling students who were not meeting proficiency standards in the eighth grade to meet the English requirement for graduation.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Of the 51 students in the 2015 cohort who were not proficient in the 8th grade for English language arts exams, 98% met the college and career readiness standard of scoring at Performance Level 3 and fully meeting the Common Core expectations on the Regents Exams in English Language Arts.

Of the 103 students in the 2016 cohort who were not proficient in the 8th grade for English language arts exams, 99% met the college and career readiness standard of scoring at Performance Level 3 and fully meeting the Common Core expectations on the Regents Exams in English Language Arts.

Of the 67 students in the 2017 cohort who were not proficient in the 8th grade for English language arts exams, 100% met the college and career readiness standard of scoring at Performance Level 3 and fully meeting the Common Core expectations on the Regents Exams in English Language Arts.

This does meet the measure.

Percent Achieving at Least Performance Level 3 on Common Core exam among Students Who Were Not Proficient in the 8th Grade by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort not Proficient in 8 th Grade (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Scoring at Least Level 3 (c)	Percent Scoring at Least Level 3 Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	51	0	50	98%
2016	2019-20	103	0	102	99%
2017	2020-21	67	0	67	100%

SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GOAL

The 2017 Graduating Cohort achieved and surpassed 4 of the 4 English Language Arts goals.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 65 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will meet or exceed Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 4 on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	Achieved
Absolute	Each year, 80 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will at least partially meet Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 3 on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	Achieved

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Absolute	Each year, the Performance Index (PI) on the Regents English exam of students completing their fourth year in the Accountability Cohort will meet the state Measure of Interim Progress (MIP) set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the percentage of students in the Total Cohort meeting or exceeding Common Core expectations on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core) will exceed the percentage of comparable students from the district meeting or exceeding Common Core expectations.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the percentage of students in the Total Cohort partially meeting Common Core expectations on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core) will exceed the percentage of comparable students in the district at least partially meeting Common Core expectations.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the Performance Index (PI) in Regents English of students in the fourth year of their high school Accountability Cohort will exceed that of comparable students from the school district of comparison.	N/A
Growth	Each year, 50 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8 th grade English language arts exam will meet or exceed Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 4 on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	Achieved
Growth	Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8 th grade English language arts exam will at least partially meet Common Core expectations (currently scoring at least Performance Level 3 on the Regents Exam in English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	Achieved

ACTION PLAN

- The high school instructional leadership team will continue to review teacher lesson plans, observe classroom remote and in-person instruction and provide feedback on instruction.
- The school’s leadership team will be responsible for identifying areas for growth and providing an extensive professional development program that meets the needs of both the school and individual teachers. A special emphasis will be placed on PDs to close the learning gap the COVID-19 pandemic has created.
- The school’s leadership team will continue to review the effectiveness of the school’s curriculum and make necessary revisions to increase student achievement.
- School leaders will continue to work with master teachers at the school to research and develop curriculum modifications that will ensure increased levels of student achievement and will continuously monitor the effectiveness of those modifications.
- The school will continue to offer Regents/AP/SAT preparation beginning in the 9th grade and continuing through all four grades and will make pivots throughout the year based on COVID-19 updates.
- The school will continue to provide professional development before the school year, during the school year, and following the school year, during which teachers can review and

discuss results. A special emphasis will be placed on PDs to close the learning gap the COVID-19 pandemic has created.

- High school students will attend school in person 5 days per week.

GOAL 4: MATHEMATICS

ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS

Goal 4: Mathematics

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 at least 90 minutes 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.

METHOD

Excellence Girls Charter School typically 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

During the 20-21 academic year Excellence Girls Charter School was only able to use Internally developed Interim Assessments in Mathematics due to the COVID pandemic and shift to remote learning in mid-March of 2020, and shifted to optional hybrid learning in 20-21. Excellence Girls Charter School administered 2 internally developed and aligned Interim Assessments to both Elementary School students and Middle School students. 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, 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, teachers analyzed the data and developed strategic plans to re-teach specific standards to individuals, small groups, and classes whether the students were in-person during hybrid learning or entirely remote.

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During remote learning that continued through the beginning of January 2021, Excellence Girls Charter School continued to have consistent Math instruction where scholars in Grades K-8 completed asynchronous learning by watching a video pre-recorded by one of our veteran Math teachers and completing a written task generating a work product at least 2 days per week. Teachers provided weekly feedback on submitted written assignments. Scholars also were able to attend optional live remote instruction. Live remote instruction was data driven based on trends from the previous week's lesson. Teachers determined the objective and tailored the lesson based on trends from the written assignments submitted.

Excellence Girls Charter School shifted to Hybrid learning in the beginning of January 2021 where limited class sizes attended in-person learning through a hybrid schedule. This consisted of students attending in-person learning at least twice a week, but as much as four times a week. Approximately 50% of our Middle and Elementary School students continued remote learning through the entire 2020-2021 school year. These students continued to receive the same instruction as those who were attending in-person learning through Zoom. Students received instruction through their classroom teacher through Zoom with deliverables for all students due in Google Classroom.

During 2020-21, the school(s) primarily used the following exam to assess student growth and achievement in mathematics: **Internally developed**

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The below is data from the most recent Interim Assessments administered in 2020-2021, we are making progress towards our goals. We will continue to work towards a higher percentage of students meeting this metric for School Year 2020-2021. Both our Elementary and Middle School students took 2 interim assessments during the 2020-21 school year. The chart below represents the percentage of students who are advanced or proficient on their interim assessments.

Grades	All Students		Enrolled in at least their Second Year	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	48%	82	50%	64
4	62%	73	60%	54
5	48%	49	47%	28
6	52%	67	55%	45
7	50%	68	51%	53
8	48%	80	46%	46
All	51%	419	52%	290

SUMMARY OF THE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE MATHEMATICS GOAL

Based on our data, we are making progress toward our mathematics goal.

ACTION PLAN

Over the course of the past school year, Uncommon Schools has made continuous changes to its program in order to ensure that the curriculum, schedule, and instruction best support student learning in math, while accommodating and shifting to Remote Learning. Changes include: revising math lessons so that student activities more closely align to the objective; revising scope and sequences to ensure that math meetings in grades K-3 and fact practices in grades 5-7 are focused solely on reviewing difficult-to-master material throughout the school year; revising quarterly Interim Assessments to ensure that each NYS Learning Standard is taught, assessed and ultimately mastered; and, finally, prioritizing differentiated teacher development.

As mentioned before, we continue to strive for our students to get individualized feedback in both Math and ELA. We know with real-time feedback and continued independent practice, students will be able to refine their skills in both Math and ELA. During Remote and Hybrid learning, we strive to continue to provide both real-time feedback and consistent feedback on written work submissions via teacher- led sessions on Zoom and comprehensive feedback on graded assignments. As a network, we plan to continue to implement a small group instruction into the day for four months starting in January and ending in May, resuming in the 2021-22 school year. In small group instruction, students and staff emphasize the importance of preparation and practice with alternating blocks of ELA & Math Monday – Thursday, giving real-time feedback to students on their work throughout the block. Our Curriculum Assessment Team collect this data and work with our principals and Assistant Superintendents to implement data-driven worksheets based on where our students needed the most practice.

We will continue to make these changes, revising scope and sequences as well as provide real-time feedback in-person as we shift back during the 2021-2022 school year. We feel that our students will benefit from returning to in-person learning and resuming the small group instruction for our students.

HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS

Goal 4: Absolute Measure

Each year, 65 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will exceed Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 4 on a Regents mathematics exam) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

The school administered the Regents mathematics exam(s) that students must pass to graduate. The State Education Department currently defines the college and career readiness standard as scoring at or above Performance Level 4 (meeting Common Core expectations) on any Regents Common Core mathematics exams. This measure examines the percent of the Accountability Cohort that achieved at least Performance Level 4 by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

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Due to the state’s cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, some students in the 2017 Cohort who had not previously sat for any mathematics exam but were scheduled to sit for one during a cancellation would be exempted from the graduation requirement. As such, the school should report both the number of students who were exempted from the exam requirement as well as the percentage of students achieving at least Level 4 among the students who sat for any exam.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Of the 2015 cohort, 11% of students have passed at Mathematics Regents with Performance Level of 4 by their fourth year. Of the 2016 cohort, 70% of students have passed at Mathematics Regents with Performance Level of 4 by their fourth year. Of the 2017 cohort, **97% of students have passed at Mathematics Regents with Performance Level of 4 or have been exempt from the exam by their fourth year.**

This measure was met for the 2020-2021 school year.

Percent Scoring at Least Level 4 on a Regents Mathematics Common Core Exam
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

Cohort	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort (a)	Number exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Scoring at Least Level 4 (c)	Percent Scoring at Least Level 4 Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	93	0	10	11%
2016	2019-20	115	0	80	70%
2017	2020-21	160	2	153	97%

Percent Achieving at Least Level 4 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4
2017	89	38%	76	37%	160	97%
2018	223	37%	247	19%	182	96%
2019			170	0	165	90%
2020					156	96%

Goal 4: Absolute Measure

Each year, 80 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will at least partially meet Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 3 on a Regents mathematics exam) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

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METHOD

The school administered the Regents mathematics exam(s) that students must pass to graduate. The State Education Department currently defines the cut off for passing and meeting the requirement for graduation as scoring at or above Performance Level 3 (partially meeting Common Core expectations) on the Regents mathematics exams. This measure examines the percent of the Accountability Cohort that achieved at least Performance Level 3 by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

Due to the state’s cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, some students in the 2017 Cohort who had not previously sat for any mathematics exam but were scheduled to sit for one during a cancellation would be exempted from the graduation requirement. As such, the school should report both the number of students who were exempted from the exam requirement as well as the percentage of students achieving at least Level 3 among the students who sat for any exam.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Of the 2015 Cohort at Excellence Girls Charter School, 99% of students have scored at or above Level 3 on a Regents Mathematics Exam. Of the 2016 Cohort, 98% of students have scored at or above Level 3 on a Regents Mathematics Exam. Of the 2017 Cohort, 100% of students have scored at or above Level 3 or received an exemption on a Regents Mathematics Exam.

This measure was met and exceeded, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Percent Scoring at Least Level 3 on a Regents Mathematics Common Core Exam
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Scoring at Least Level 3 (c)	Percent Scoring at Least Level 3 Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	93	0	92	99%
2016	2019-20	115	0	113	98%
2017	2020-21	160	2	158	100%

Percent Achieving at Least Level 3 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2018-19		2019-20		2020-201	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing
2017	76	86%	276	68%	160	100%
2018	223	84%	247	53%	182	99%
2019			170	0	165	98%
2020					156	96%

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Goal 4: Absolute Measure

Each year, the Performance Index (“PI”) on the Regents mathematics exam of students completing their fourth year in the Accountability Cohort will meet the state’s Measure of Interim Progress (“MIP”) set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 4: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort meeting or exceeding Common Core expectations on a Regents mathematics exams will exceed the percentage of comparable students in the district meeting or exceeding Common Core expectations.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 4: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort at least partially meeting Common Core expectations on a Regents mathematics exams will exceed the percentage of comparable students in the district at least partially meeting Common Core expectations.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 4: Comparative Measure

Each year, the Performance Index (“PI”) in Regents mathematics of students in the fourth year of their high school Accountability Cohort will exceed that of comparable students from the school district of comparison.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 4: Growth Measure

Each year, 50 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8th grade mathematics exam will meet the college and career readiness standard (currently scoring at Performance Level 4 and fully meeting Common Core expectations on a Regents mathematics exam) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

The school demonstrates the effectiveness of its mathematics program by enabling students who were not meeting proficiency standards in the eighth grade to grow to meeting the mathematics requirement for the college and career readiness standard.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Of the 15 students in the 2017 cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8th grade mathematics exam, 60% of students achieved a level 4 on a Regents Mathematics exam in High School.

This measure was met and exceeded, for the 2020-21 school year.

Percent Achieving at Least Performance Level 4 on a Mathematics Regents Exam among Students

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Who Were Not Proficient in the 8th Grade by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort not Proficient in 8 th Grade (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Scoring at Least Level 4 (c)	Percent Scoring at Least Level 4 Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	17	0	3	18%
2016	2019-20	16	0	8	55%
2017	2020-21	15	0	9	60%

Goal 4: Growth Measure

Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8th grade mathematics exam will at least partially meet Common Core expectations (currently scoring at Performance Level 3 on a Regents mathematics exam) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

The school demonstrates the effectiveness of its mathematics program by enabling students who were not meeting proficiency standards in the eighth grade to move to meeting the English requirement for graduation.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Of the 15 students in the 2017 cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8th grade mathematics exam, 100% of students achieved a level 3 on a Regents Mathematics exam in High School.

This measure was met and exceeded, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Percent Achieving at Least Performance Level 3 on a Mathematics Regents Exam among Students Who Were Not Proficient in the 8th Grade by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort ³

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort not Proficient in 8 th Grade (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Scoring at Least Level 3 (c)	Percent Scoring at Least Level 3 Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	17	0	17	99%
2016	2019-20	16	0	16	99%
2017	2020-21	15	0	15	100%

³ Based on the highest score for each student on the mathematics Regents exam

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SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GOAL

The 2017 Accountability Cohort of Excellence Girls Charter School met and exceeded 4 of 4 of the eligible mathematics goals for school year 2020-2021.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 65 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will meet or exceed Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 4 on a Regents mathematics exam) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	Achieved
Absolute	Each year, 80 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will at least partially meet Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 3 on a Regents mathematics exam) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	Achieved
Absolute	Each year, the Performance Index (PI) in mathematics of students completing their fourth year in the Accountability Cohort will meet the state Measure of Interim Progress (MIP) set forth in the state's ESSA accountability system.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the percentage of students in the Total Cohort meeting or exceeding Common Core expectations on a Regents mathematics exam will exceed the percentage of comparable students from the district meeting or exceeding Common Core expectations.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the percentage of students in the Total Cohort partially meeting Common Core expectations on a Regents mathematics exam will exceed the percentage of comparable students in the district at least partially meeting Common Core expectations.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the Performance Index (PI) in Regents mathematics of students in the fourth year of their high school Accountability Cohort will exceed that of comparable students from the school district of comparison.	N/A
Growth	Each year, 50 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8 th grade mathematics exam will meet or exceed Common Core expectations (currently scoring at or above Performance Level 4 on a Regents mathematics exam) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	Achieved
Growth	Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8 th grade mathematics exam will at least partially meet Common Core expectations (currently scoring at least Performance Level 3 on a Regents mathematics exam) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	Achieved

ACTION PLAN

- The high school instructional leadership team will continue to review teacher lesson plans, observe classroom remote and in-person instruction and provide feedback on instruction.
- The school's leadership team will be responsible for identifying areas for growth and providing an extensive professional development program that meets the needs of both the school and individual teachers. A special emphasis will be placed on closing the learning gap from over the past year.

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- The school's leadership team will continue to review the effectiveness of the school's curriculum and make necessary revisions to increase student achievement.
- School leaders will continue to work with master teachers at the school to research and develop curriculum modifications that will ensure increased levels of student achievement and will continuously monitor the effectiveness of those modifications.
- The school will continue to offer Regents/AP/SAT preparation beginning in the 9th grade and continuing through all four grades and will make pivots throughout the year based on COVID-19 updates.
- The school will continue to provide professional development before the school year, during the school year, and following the school year, during which teachers can review and discuss results. A special emphasis will be placed on closing the learning gap from over the past year.
- High school students will attend school in person at least 5 days per week.

GOAL 5: SCIENCE

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCIENCE

Goal 5: Science

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

BACKGROUND

The science curriculum at Excellence Girls Charter School has been designed to provide a solid foundation for students in the essential understandings of elementary and middle science as outlined in the New York State standards.

Excellence Girls Charter School continues to partner with Uncommon Schools to procure externally-developed, Common Core-aligned curriculum and assessments, which are based on the successful outcomes of the highest performing schools in the network.

Science instruction consistently reinforced both math and reading 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 math skills.

In terms of supporting literacy, professional development time is 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.

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During the shift to fully remote learning in March 2020 and into early January 2021, Excellence Girls Charter School Elementary students continued to incorporate Science instruction into Reading and Math instruction which consists of students watching a video and completing a task 2 days a week and completing passage practice or problem-solving tasks 3 days a week. Teachers assigned Science based books through the EPIC! website that aligned to the Science materials that were presented in the videos and packets.

Excellence Girls Charter School transitioned to option in-person hybrid learning in early January 2021. During that time, students who opted into in-person hybrid learning attended school at least twice a week, up to four times a week. During this time, they resumed their in-person science instruction. For remote students, and during remote days, students attended Zoom Science instruction with their Science teacher. Students had assignments that were completed through Google Classroom.

METHOD

The school administered two internal interim Science assessments in the 2020-21 school year.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Excellence Girls Charter School 5th -8th grade students took 2 rounds of internal Interim Assessments.

Below is a table summarizing student performance on the 2020-2021 interim assessments in Science. 59% of students attained proficiency or advanced status on the final interim assessment administered this year.

Performance on final administered internally developed Science interim assessment 2020-2021 School Year

	5	6	7	8
% Proficient	81%	57%	50%	59%

SUMMARY OF THE ELEMENTARY SCIENCE GOAL

While we do not have 4th grade or 8th grade state exam data to compare, we believe that we are meeting our goal of science proficiency for students at the middle school level.

ACTION PLAN

In 2021-21, Excellence Girls Charter School will continue to employ our internally created science programs and extensive hands-on experiments to move students towards competency in the understanding and application of Science.

Excellence Girls Charter School remains strongly committed to ensuring that our scholars develop the core knowledge that will allow them to become critical thinkers in all areas and will support

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their development in reading comprehension. We are equally committed to meeting our Accountability Plan goals in Science.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

Goal 5: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will score at least 65 on a New York State Regents science exam by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

New York State schools administer multiple high school science assessments; current Regent exams are Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry and Physics. The school administered **exam(s)**. It scores Regents on a scale from 0 to 100; students must score at least 65 to pass. This measure requires students in each Accountability Cohort to pass any one of the Regents science exams by their fourth year in the cohort. Students may have taken a particular Regents science exam multiple times or have taken multiple science exams. Students have until the summer of their fourth year to pass a science exam.

Due to the state's cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, some students in the 2017 Cohort who had not previously sat for the exam but were scheduled to sit for this exam during a cancellation would be exempted from the graduation requirement. As such, the school should report both the number of students who were exempted from the exam as well as the percentage of students passing among the students who sat for the exam.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Excellence Girls Charter School had 89% of students in the 2015 cohort pass the Living Environment Regents with a score of 65 or higher. 91% of students in the 2016 and 100% of students in the 2017 cohorts passed the Living Environment Regents with a score of 65 or higher or were exempt from the exam.

This measure was met and exceeded, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Science Regents Passing Rate with a Score of 65
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort⁴

⁴ Based on the highest score for each student on any science Regents exam

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Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Passing with at Least a 65 (c)	Percent Passing Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	93	0	82	89%
2016	2019-20	115	0	105	91%
2017	2020-21	160	1	159	100%

Science Regents Passing Rate with a score of 65 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing
2017	76	84%	276	85%	160	100%
2018	223	75%	247	75%	182	99%
2019			170	52%	165	97%
2020					156	96%

Goal 5: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort passing a Regents science exam with a score of 65 or above will exceed that of the high school Total Cohort from the school district of comparison.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

GOAL 6: SOCIAL STUDIES

Goal 6: Social Studies

Students will demonstrate proficiency in the understanding and application of principles related to social studies.

Goal 6: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will score at least 65 on the New York State Regents U.S. History exam by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

METHOD

New York State administers two high school social studies assessments: U.S. History and Global History. In order to graduate, students must pass both of these Regents exams with a score of 65 or higher. This measure requires students in each Accountability Cohort to pass the two exams by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort. Students may have taken the exams multiple times and have until the summer of their fourth year to pass it. Once students pass it, performance on subsequent administrations of the same exam do not affect their status as passing.

Due to the state's cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, some students in the 2017 Cohort who had not previously sat for the exam but were

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scheduled to sit for this exam during a cancellation would be exempted from the graduation requirement. As such, the school should report both the number of students who were exempted from the exam as well as the percentage of students passing among the students who sat for the exam.

RESULTS

Excellence Girls Charter School 2017 cohort students did not sit for the US History regents given the COVID-19 pandemic cancellation of exams. 159 of 160 students in the cohort did qualify for a graduation exemption for Social Studies.

**U.S. History Regents Passing Rate with a Score of 65
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort**

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Passing with at Least a 65 (c)	Percent Passing Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	93	0	86	92%
2016	2019-20	115	0	95	83%
2017	2020-21	160	159	0	99%

EVALUATION

Excellence Girls Charter School 2017 cohort students did not sit for the US History regents given the COVID-19 pandemic cancellation of exams. 159 of 160 students in the cohort did qualify for a graduation exemption for Social Studies.

U.S. History Regents Passing Rate with a score of 65 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing
2017	76	0%	276	0%	160	N/A
2018	223	0%	247	0%	182	N/A
2019			170	0%	165	N/A
2020					156	N/A

Goal 6: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent to students in the high school Total Cohort passing the Regents U.S. History exam with a score of 65 or above will exceed that of the high school Total Cohort from the school district of comparison.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21.

Goal 6: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will score at least 65 on the New York State Regents Global History exam by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

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METHOD

This measure requires students in each Accountability Cohort to pass the Global History exam by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort. Students may have taken the exam multiple times, and had until the summer of their fourth year to pass it. Once students pass it, performance on subsequent administrations of the same exam do not affect their status as passing.

Due to the state's cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21, some students in the 2017 Cohort who had not previously sat for the exam but were scheduled to sit for this exam during a cancellation would be exempted from the graduation requirement. As such, the school should report both the number of students who were exempted from the exam as well as the percentage of students passing among the students who sat for the exam.

RESULTS

Given the COVID-19 Regents cancellations, students who did not pass at their first attempt were not able to sit for the exam again. 74 students had attempted the exam previously and did not pass BUT did receive a Regents graduation exemption for social studies. 5 students did not sit for the exam previously but were able to obtain a Regents graduation exemption for social studies.

Global History Regents Passing Rate with a Score of 65
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort (a)	Number Exempted with No Valid Score (b)	Number Passing with at Least a 65 (c)	Percent Passing Among Students with Valid Score (c)/(a-b)
2015	2018-19	93	0	84	90%
2016	2019-20	115	0	111	97%
2017	2020-21	160	5	155	100%

EVALUATION

Given the COVID-19 Regents cancellations, students who did not pass at their first attempt were not able to sit for the exam again. 74 students had attempted the exam previously and did not pass BUT did receive a Regents graduation exemption for social studies. 5 students did not sit for the exam previously but were able to obtain a Regents graduation exemption for social studies.

Goal 6: Comparative Measure

Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort passing the Regents Global History exam with a score of 65 or above will exceed that of the high school Total Cohort from the school district of comparison.

The calculation of this measure is not required for 2020-21

GOAL 7: ESSA

Due to COVID-19 and the subsequent changes to the state’s testing, accountability, and federal reporting requirements, the 2020-21 school accountability statuses are the same as those assigned for the 2019-20 school year. The 2019-20 accountability statuses were based on 2018-19 exam results. Assigned accountability designations and further context can be found [here](#).

Goal 7: Absolute Measure

Under the state’s ESSA accountability system, the school is in good standing: the state has not identified the school for comprehensive or targeted improvement.

METHOD

Because *all* students are expected to meet the state's performance standards, the federal statute stipulates that various sub-populations and demographic categories of students among all tested students must meet the state standard in and of themselves aside from the overall school results. As New York State, like all states, is required to establish a specific system for making these determinations for its public schools, charter schools do not have latitude in establishing their own performance levels or criteria of success for meeting the ESSA accountability requirements. Each year, the state issues School Report Cards that indicate a school’s status under the state accountability system.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Excellence Girls Charter School received a “Good Standing” status under ESSA. The school has diligently worked to meet each ESSA requirement and comply with all stated guidelines for testing and we will maintain this going forward.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Excellence Girls Charter School received a “Good Standing” status under ESSA. The school has diligently worked to meet each ESSA requirement and comply with all stated guidelines for testing and we will maintain this going forward.

Accountability Status by Year

Year	Status
2018-19	Good Standing
2019-20	Good Standing
2020-21	Good Standing