

**True North Rochester Preparatory
Charter School**

**2021-22 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN
PROGRESS REPORT**

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Danielle (Bleecker) Hinman has served as the Principal of the Elementary School since 2019.

Patrick Pastore has served as the Principal of the Middle School since 2013.

Edward Eckert has served as the Principal of the High School since 2018.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School (“Rochester Prep”) first opened as a middle school in 2006. In 2010, the elementary school opened with grade K and 1. Rochester Prep now serves over 800 students in grades kindergarten through 8. Rochester Prep’s students matriculate to Rochester Prep High School after 8th grade. The high school opened in 2014 now serves grades 9-12 and gives all RP students a continuous path from kindergarten to college. Rochester Prep operates under the Uncommon Schools Charter Management Organization, which operates two other charters in Rochester, Rochester Preparatory Charter School 3 and True North Rochester Prep Charter School – West Campus.

The mission of Rochester Prep is to prepare all students to enter and succeed in college through effort, achievement, and the content of their character. All Rochester Prep students will demonstrate excellence in reading, writing, math, science, and history, while consistently exemplifying the virtues of diligence, integrity, responsibility, compassion, perseverance, and respect.

Rochester Prep ensures that students develop the skills, knowledge, and character necessary to grant them full access to opportunity and prosperity, including enrollment and success in college. The school features a rigorous academic program that guides students to meet the highest standards and at the same time develops young men and women of character and integrity. Rochester Prep’s school design includes seven core components:

1. Focus on Literacy. Many of our students begin their school career reading substantially below grade level. We address this central issue immediately to ensure students will have all the advantages of an excellent education. The ultimate academic success of Rochester Prep students, therefore, is tied to mastering this fundamental skill. In 2021-22, Rochester Prep provided explicit instruction in literacy skills and differentiated support to promote mastery of skills and content according to the grade span.

Grades K-4

- Scholars have nearly three hours of daily reading instruction, which includes a systematic decoding program in K-2 (Reading Mastery), an Uncommon Schools designed reading comprehension curriculum which balances narrative and informational texts, daily read-alouds, and the use of the STEP Assessment to evaluate progress and adjust instruction.
- 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 1.grade, and for at least 30 minutes each night starting in 2nd grade.
- Students write in every class and use the Uncommon Schools writing curriculum to cultivate creativity and voice.

Grades 5-8

- Scholars have two hours of daily reading instruction which balances reading rigorous texts and writing in response to evidence-based prompts.
- Scholars are required to read grade level-appropriate books during the summer.

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- There is required, graded, written work in every class and daily homework in all subjects.
- 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 5th and 6th grades, student are assessed using mClass three times during the year to monitor progress and ensure that students are growing at the right pace according to their level.

2. Target Curriculum Focused on Basic Skills. Rochester Prep does not use an off-the-shelf curriculum. Rather, we use curricula developed by our Uncommon Schools 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 academic skills and concepts before they go on to 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 achievement data garnered from STEP, mClass and our internal benchmark assessments. 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 daily assessment materials. Rochester Prep teachers use these curriculum resources as a tool to lead their students to high level mastery. Teachers and leaders engage in lesson preparation by determining what exemplary of a standard looks like and how to teach and lead practice around the most productive tasks, prompts, and problems. These high-level processes built around high rigor resources ensure that every student receives aligned rigorous instruction and develops mastery and allows us to share best practices quickly across schools and grades.

3. Check for Understanding and Mastery Early and Often to Drive Master and Learning Growth.

The most effective schools use assessment to diagnose student needs, measure instructional impact, and build a culture of continuous reflection and improvement. Each year, prior to the administration of New York State exams, Rochester Prep administers two internally aligned Interim Assessments (3 in ELA, 4 in Math). In grades 5 through 8, students take four interim assessments in all core subjects. These tests assess ongoing student mastery of Math, ELA, Science and History skills and standards throughout the year and provided immediate data on individual student and class growth. These assessments were administered during the COVID-19 closure, virtually. Rochester Prep teachers, with the support of the Principal, use this data to identify standards mastered and standards in need of re-teaching so that lesson plans could be continuously adjusted. Rochester Prep also utilized the information to target content- and skills-driven tutoring and small-group instruction. To continue to support greater data responsiveness and learning growth, the schools began the use of weekly data collection through weekly quizzes in both ELA and math. The data from these assessments is used by teachers, leaders, CAT and LLPs to address gaps in mastery and share best practices from positive outliers.

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4. Every Minute Matters. To provide students with a comprehensive, college preparatory education, Rochester Prep has an extended school day and school year. The regular school day begins at 7:30 AM (ES)/8:45 AM (MS). and ends at 3 PM (ES)/4:30 PM (MS). Additionally, the Rochester Prep school year starts approximately 2 weeks earlier than other school districts in the area. In the 2021-22 school year, we began instruction on 8/23/21 and ended on 6/10/2022. Rochester Prep students extend their learning beyond the school day completing 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.

5. Emphasis on College. For too many students residing in low income communities, college only exists in the abstract. For Rochester Prep students, freshman year of college is a natural extension of their educational experience at Rochester Prep. Rochester Prep students begin talking about college on the first day of kindergarten as their homerooms are named after the alma maters of their teachers and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Through informal conversations and field trips starting in elementary school, college becomes a normal and tangible reality as demonstrated by the majority of our graduates who are enrolled or matriculating at four year institutions.

6. Structure and Order. Students need a safe and orderly environment to be productive. In 2021-22, Rochester Prep creates a calm, composed, and disciplined environment to maximize the amount of time on-task. Strategies included:

- Implement school dress code that helps all students to be ready for school and to feel safe, no matter their circumstances.
- Social emotional approach to teaching students the behaviors and cognitive skills to be successful and demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges.
- Behavior management system that provides quick and immediate reinforcement of positive and prosocial behaviors.
- Rubric system that builds the culture of collective success providing immediate feedback to classes at the end of each class.

7. Family Partnership and Engagement. Rochester Prep’s educational program is structured to partner with families and work together at a high level to support their child’s academic success. In 2021-2022, our families:

- Picked up their child’s report card in person;
- 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 emails;
- Were notified at home or at work each day of daily successes or struggles;
- Were asked to offer input on the school on a year-end surveys, grading the school;
- Were offered the opportunity to participate in a potluck and watch their children perform during school performances and ceremonies during the course of the year;

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- Were invited to multiple social events with scholars, teachers and families focused on strengthening the involvement of parents in the school community.

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
2017-18	89	91	88	90	86	92	92	90	76	123	84	68	30	1099
2018-19	91	78	89	94	91	93	90	86	78	132	109	71	62	1164
2019-20	93	93	88	95	92	93	93	90	87	138	122	85	65	1234
2020-21	98	92	95	94	97	102	93	31	102	149	121	107	78	1319
2021-22	97	97	93	91	91	81	88	85	74	153	124	106	100	1280

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 2018 state Accountability Cohort consists of students who entered the 9th grade anywhere sometime during the 2018-19 school year, were enrolled in the school on the state’s annual enrollment-determination day (BEDS day) in the 2021-22 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 30th
2019-20	2016-17	2016	73	3	70
2020-21	2017-18	2017	90	2	88
2021-22	2018-19	2018	108	1	107

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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 Graduation Cohort if the school has discharged those students for an acceptable reason listed in the SIRS manual, including but not limited to 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 Still Enrolled on June 30 th of the Cohort's Fourth Year (a)	Number of Students Who Left the School but Were Not Discharged for an Acceptable Reason (b)	Total Graduation Cohort (a) + (b)
2019-20	2016-17	2016	72	0	72
2020-21	2017-18	2017	88	0	88
2021-22	2018-19	2018	107	1	108

Fifth Year Total Cohort for Graduation

Fifth Year Cohort	Year Entered 9 th Grade Anywhere	Cohort Designation	Number of Students Graduated or Still Enrolled on June 30 th of the Cohort's Fifth Year (a)	Number of Students Who Left the School but Were Not Discharged for an Acceptable Reason (b)	Total Graduation Cohort (a) + (b)
2019-20	2015-16	2015	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020-21	2016-17	2016	72	0	72
2021-22	2017-18	2017	88	0	88

PROMOTION POLICY

Rochester Prep has promotion requirements which are consistent with the State Commissioner's Part 100.5 Diploma Requirements. The promotion policy is broken down by school.

Elementary School:

A student must earn promotion by demonstrating mastery of the essential knowledge and skills. Students may not be promoted if they are performing significantly below grade-level standards. Promotion decisions will be based on a student's grades, standardized test scores, attendance, homework completion record and other measures. Rochester Prep looks thoughtfully

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at student test scores, examples of student work, teacher observations, and other measures to make these decisions.

A student may be retained if he or she misses more than 10 days in a school year, has significant behavior problems that result in a lot of missed instruction time, or if the student has persistent trouble completing homework assignments.

Rochester Prep Elementary School's retention policy for the 21-22 school year was not affected and they were able to maintain the current structures in making promotion decisions.

Middle School:

- Students will be promoted if they pass all core academic classes (English, Science, History and Math) with a 70% or higher and have less than 10 absences
- Students will automatically be considered for retention if they fail one of more classes
- Students will automatically be considered for retention if they are absent 10 or more times throughout the school year
- Final decisions for promotion or retention are made by the principal

Rochester Prep Middle School's promotion policy for the 21-22 school year was not affected and they were able to maintain the current structures in making promotion decisions.

High School

- Students who receive a final failing grade (below a 70) for a class, do not receive credit for that class. The final grade is based on individual quarter grades and a comprehensive final exam.
- When a student fails one or two core courses (English, Math, Science, History, Spanish), they may be required to make up the course through a summer program or an alternative method approved by the school.
- When a student fails more than two core courses, they will be required to repeat the grade. In subjects that require less than four years of credit (electives, digital art, college prep, physical education), students must make up the class in a subsequent school year.

Rochester Prep High School's promotion policy for the 21-22 school year was not affected and they were able to maintain the current structures in making promotion decisions.

Each school within Rochester Prep identifies any student with extenuating challenges and proposes end of year options on a case by case basis.

GOAL 1: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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All Rochester Prep students will graduate from high school.

Goal 1: Leading Indicator

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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

The cohorts of 2020 and 2021 met this goal.

Percent of Students in First and Second Year Cohorts
Earning the Required Number of Credits in 2021-22

Cohort Designation	Number in Cohort during 2021-22	Percent promoted
2020	124	81.4%
2021	142	90.8%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep continue to monitor student course grades and provide supports during the school year, quarterly, and then as we head into summer to ensure credits are recovered in a timely manner.

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, 2020-21, and 2021-22 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 2022, the 2019 cohort will have completed its second year.

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RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Rochester Prep's cohorts 2018 through 2020 met this goal. Our approach to Regents in 8th grade has helped us to meet this goal in addition to the cancellation of the Regents examinations.

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)
2018	2019-20	111	85.6%
2019	2020-21	123	93.4%
2020	2021-22	124	93.5%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep continues to prepare students for Regents throughout the curriculum and provide benchmark practice assessments to predict performance and provide targeted reteach lessons.

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 2018 cohort and graduated four years later and those who entered as members of the 2017 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

Rochester Prep has met these goals for both the four year and five-year timeline. Our goal is for 100% of students to graduate in four years, however, it is good to see the progress over time.

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

Cohort Designation	School Year	Number in Cohort	Number who Graduated	Percent Graduating
2016	2019-20	66	65	98.5%
2017	2020-21	89	77	86.5%
2018	2021-22	108	93	86.1%

¹ The state's guidance for the multiple graduation pathways can be found here:

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

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

Cohort Designation	School Year	Number in Cohort	Number who Graduated	Percent Graduating
2015	2019-20	59	59	100%
2016	2020-21	66	66	100%
2017	2021-22	89	83	93.2%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep has seen our systems regarding tracking graduation requirements evolve and thus we anticipate continued strength even as the cohort size increases.

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.

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 2020-21 results as a temporary placeholder for the district's 2021-22 results.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Rochester Prep met this goal.

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	Number who Graduated	Percent Graduating	Number in Cohort	Percent Graduating
2016	2019-20	72	64	89%	1984	68%
2017	2020-21	89	75	84%	1804	71%
2018	2021-22	103	93	90.2%	Data unavailable	Data unavailable

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep continues to enroll the students who have yet to graduate and continue to see these students succeed in future graduating classes.

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.

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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, 2020-21, and 2021-22 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.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Rochester Prep High School does not offer alternative pathways to graduation.

SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION GOAL

Rochester Prep has met these goals. Our mission is college and high school graduation is an important milestone on this path.

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.	Met
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.	Met
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of students in the fourth year high school Total Graduation Cohort will graduate.	Met
Absolute	Each year, 95 percent of students in the fifth year high school Total Graduation Cohort will graduate.	Met
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.	N/A
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

Rochester Prep is constantly working to elevate curriculum, assessment, and instruction which includes response to formative assessment data. Uncommon Schools high school curriculum team helps support with expert guidance and resources.

GOAL 2: COLLEGE PREPARATION

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Rochester Prep's mission is for all students to enter, succeed in and graduate from a four year college or university.

Rochester Prep has a best-in-class college counseling team that leverages data driven strategy to help ensure each of our scholars has the best college match and financial package. This is a four year approach where students meet with school leaders and college counselors to ensure they are determining their interests, passions, and goals related to college and finding the best fit. Students and families receive significant support putting together their college list, FAFSA, and application materials. All this has led to Rochester Prep's students having 100% college acceptance with students being offered the prestigious Questbridge scholarship each year.

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

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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

Though Rochester Prep's graduates have not met the CPI at the goal, students are entering and succeeding in college. The school continues to support students to increase the percentage attaining this goal.

Percentage of the 2018 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
Passing an Advanced Placement Exam with a score of 3 or higher	92	39	42.4%
SAT CCR Benchmark achieved in Evidence Based Reading & Writing	90	47	52.2%
SAT CCR Benchmark achieved in Math	90	36	40.0%
Overall	93	59	63.4%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep students also take advantage of our partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology and Monroe County Community College. With RIT, students may complete a capstone research project advised directly by RIT faculty, working with faculty and students on campus at RIT. With MCC, students are able to enroll in an entry level credit bearing optics course as part of their HS schedule.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

Goal 2: Absolute Measure

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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 2021-22 and provide preliminary matriculation data for 2018 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

These numbers are based on reports from the National Student Clearinghouse. We work individually with all of our students to ensure that they apply to multiple colleges and respond to their college acceptance letters. We hold an annual Signing Day when students are able to publicly announce which university they have committed to or are planning to commit to. College attendance and completion is part and parcel of our culture. We assist students in making matriculation decisions based on a variety of factors, and provide alumni support, including in-person support for students who attend college in an area where Uncommon Schools operates (Rochester, Troy, Boston, NYC, Northern New Jersey, and Southern New Jersey).

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
2016	2019-20	65	53	81.5%
2017	2020-21	83	59	71.1%
2018	2021-22	93	72	77.4%

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep alumni continue to thrive in college, however, we continue to see challenges with some of our graduates. Our alumni support coaches provide support and help to ensure success. Rochester Prep with the help of Uncommon Schools has increased the alumni support staff.

SUMMARY OF THE COLLEGE PREPARATION GOAL

Rochester Prep did not meet the college preparedness nor matriculation rate measure this year.

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.	Not Met

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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.	Met

ACTION PLAN

Rochester Prep continues to support students and teachers to ensure stronger performance on the college readiness metric.

GOAL 3: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Goal 3: English Language Arts

To achieve proficiency levels at or beyond pre-pandemic levels.

BACKGROUND

The 21-22 school year allowed Rochester Prep ELA teachers to once again implement the high leverage instruction practices that have brought scholars success for the past 16 years. As part of Uncommon Schools, all ELA teachers engage in pre-service and ongoing content-specific professional development where they plan and practice delivery of instruction. Teachers develop and hone skills for data-driven instruction, analyze the ways in which students will demonstrate mastery and align their instruction to promote flexible high-level mastery across a broad range of texts. Teachers analyze student work daily, weekly and after each interim assessment, create response to data plans that outline the key strengths, areas of growth, and reteach lessons or mini-lessons to ensure growth. In response to the larger number of lower readers, we launched Guided Reading and mClass literacy assessment in grades 5 and 6 which provide a helpful augmentation for our lower readers. Instructional leaders and principals observed teachers and supported by giving feedback on instruction and response to data implementation.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Goal 3: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at or above proficiency on the New York State English language arts examination for grades 3-8.

METHOD

The school administered the New York State Testing Program English language arts ("ELA") assessment to students in 3rd through 8th grades in spring 2022. Each student's raw score has been converted to a grade-specific scaled score and a performance level.

The table below summarizes participation information for this year's test administration. The table indicates total enrollment and total number of students tested. It also provides a detailed

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breakdown of those students excluded from the exam. Note that this table includes all students according to grade level, even if they have not enrolled in at least their second year (defined as enrolled by BEDS day of the previous school year).

2021-22 State English Language Arts Exam
Number of Students Tested and Not Tested

Grade	Total Tested	Not Tested ²				Total Enrolled
		IEP	ELL	Absent	Other reason	
3	81	0	0	0	3	84
4	82	0	0	0	4	86
5	78	0	0	2	0	80
6	86	0	0	1	0	87
7	79	0	0	3	2	84
8	79	0	0	8	0	87
All	485	0	0	0	0	508

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

While the Rochester Prep team implemented a best-in-class approach to literacy instruction, we experienced multiple challenges that impacted the overall level of proficiency as outlined in the table below. Students overall started the year at lower levels than ever encountered. Families and students attended school at the lowest level in Rochester Prep history largely due to COVID related absences. Additionally, staffing attendance was a challenge with open positions and many staff absences due to COVID related leaves. Disaggregating the results below, there are 35%+ of students who scored at least a level two which tells us that students made growth and that with continued support, we can grow our proficiency significantly in the coming months and years.

Performance on 2021-22 State English Language Arts Exam
By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year

Grades	All Students		Enrolled in at least their Second Year	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	30.86%	81	31.08%	74
4	28.05%	82	30.14%	73
5	30.77%	78	33.33%	72
6	41.86%	86	43.90%	82
7	58.23%	79	58.90%	73
8	48.10%	79	50.00%	60
All	39.59%	485	41.01%	434

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

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

We look forward to the opportunity to understand our performance compared to local districts and the state.

Goal 3: Absolute Measure

Each year, the school’s aggregate Performance Index (“PI”) on the State English language arts exam will meet that year’s state Measure of Interim Progress (“MIP”) set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.

The Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

Goal 3: Comparative Measure

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

METHOD

A school compares tested students enrolled in at least their second year to all tested students in the public school district of comparison. Comparisons are between the results for each grade in which the school had tested students in at least their second year at the school and the total result for all students at the corresponding grades in the school district.³

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Comparative results are not available at this time. National data indicate that all students experienced similar decreases in student mastery with low income students experiencing the largest drop.

2021-22 State English Language Arts Exam
Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent of Students at or Above Proficiency			
	Charter School Students In At Least 2 nd Year		All District Students	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	31.08%	74	No data available for SY21-22	
4	30.14%	73		
5	33.33%	72		
6	43.90%	82		
7	58.90%	73		
8	50.00%	60		
All	41.01%	434		

³ Schools can acquire these data when the New York State Education Department releases its database containing grade level ELA and math test results for all schools and districts statewide. The NYSED announces the release of the data on its [News Release webpage](#).

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

We look forward to the opportunity to understand our performance compared to local districts and the state upon the release of state-wide results.

Goal 3: Comparative Measure

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

The Institute conducts a comparative performance analysis which compares the school's performance to that of demographically similar public schools statewide. Given the timing of the state's release of data necessary to produce this analysis, the 2021-22 results are not yet available.

As such, The Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

Goal 3: Growth Measure

Each year, under the state's Growth Model, the school's mean unadjusted growth percentile in English language arts for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the target of 50.

The Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

INTERNAL EXAM RESULTS

We continued to see strong growth for the students we serve. Our internal assessments allow us to benchmark growth and to provide intervention based on current student performance.

During 2021-22, in addition to the New York State 3rd- 8th grade exams, the school(s) primarily used the following assessment to measure student growth and achievement in ELA: **Internally developed.**

2021-22 Uncommon Schools Interval Assessments: ELA Performance by Grade Level						
	3	4	5	6	7	8
ELA IA #1 Average Score	37%	33%	54%	53%	57%	60%
ELA IA #2 Average Score	42%	42%	59%	51%	69%	58%
Δ from IA #1 to #2	+5%	+9%	+5%	-2%	+12%	-2%

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

As stated above, COVID related challenges impacted the 21-22 school year. This led to challenges implementing our data-driven approach with 100% of our students 100% of the time. We continue to see attendance (both student and teacher) increase and are optimistic that we will be able to fully support the growth necessary to meet our ELA goals. To ensure growth and mastery, we continue to increase the differentiation of texts during ELA instruction. The goal is students are reading at their zone of proximal development. We continue to lead frontline meetings sharing

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expert analysis of daily and weekly assessment data with teachers and leaders so they can continue to focus on teaching and supporting scholar growth with rigorous materials.

SUMMARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GOAL

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State English language arts exam for grades 3-8.	Not Met
Absolute	Each year, the school's aggregate PI on the state's English language arts exam will meet that year's state MIP as set forth in the state's ESSA accountability system.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state English language arts exam will be greater than that of students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.	No Data Available
Comparative	Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state English language arts exam by an effect size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State.	N/A
Growth	Each year, under the state's Growth Model the school's mean unadjusted growth percentile in English language arts for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the target of 50.	N/A

ACTION PLAN

We continue to hone our approach to data responsive literacy instruction. Using the data from our best-in-class assessments (STEP, mClass, Uncommon benchmark assessments) combined with strong curriculum and highly effective teaching practices, students will continue to grow to realize mastery. This year we have introduced increase content specific teacher professional development and also trained our instructional leaders regarding phonics and fluency and guided reading.

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, 2020-21, and 2021-22 some students in the 2018 Cohort who had not previously sat for the exam but

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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

Despite the growth we continue to see in our students and our rigorous, Uncommon Schools developed aligned curriculum, we have not met our goals with respect to achieving a level 4 on the ELA regents. We continue to develop repeatable actions that will drive greater mastery including, leveraging daily homework which requires evidence-based reading and writing, aligned quarterly assessment passages and prompts, daily in person teacher feedback on student written work, high leverage ELA instructional techniques, support to ensure successful data cycles regarding ELA mastery.

Percent Scoring at Least Level 4 on Regents English Common Core Exam
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort⁴

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)
2016	2019-20	64	0	26	40.6%
2017	2020-21	90	1	19	21.3%
2018	2021-22	108	1	20	20.4%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

We continue to approach the gaps in our student achievement with an acceleration mindset so we strategically reteach and teach pre-requisites without slowing down the grade level instruction.

Percent Achieving at Least Level 4 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4
2018	124	17.7%	135	15.5%	109	18.3%
2019	134	N/A	123	N/A	111	N/A
2020			130	N/A	124	N/A
2021					142	9.1%

**where N/A is listed, all students in the cohort received an exemption from the examination

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.

⁴ Based on the highest score for each student on the English Regents exam

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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, 2020-21, and 2021-22 some students in the 2018 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

The table below illustrates the need to accelerate the cohorts who failed to develop during COVID. We continue to design teacher professional development to elevate teaching skills that will impact the ~30-40% of students who are not yet achieving at a 4 level.

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)
2016	2019-20	68	0	55	80.8%
2017	2020-21	90	1	61	68.5%
2018	2021-22	108	1	56	52.3%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep continues to invest in the work happening to support this growth, therefore, we expect to see these cohorts and those in the future perform at a higher level moving forward.

Percent Achieving at Least Level 3 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing
2018	111	76.6%	110	97.2%	108	93.5%
2019	125	73.6%	123	89.4%	111	93.6%
2020			130	81.5%	125	92.0%
2021					142	35.2%

Goal 3: Absolute Measure

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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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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

The Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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.

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.

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RESULTS AND EVALUATION

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)
2016	2019-20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017	2020-21	30	1	15	51.7%
2018	2021-22	49	1	12	25.0%

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep continues to provide additional tutoring and one on one support to the students who have not yet passed the Regents with a 3.

SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GOAL

We continue to align our instruction and assessment to these outcomes and will provide data-driven support to students who have not yet reached this level of attainment.

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.	Not Met
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.	Not Met
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	N/A

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	English Language Arts (Common Core)) by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	
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.	Not Met

ACTION PLAN

The school continues to professional develop its leaders and teachers to be ELA instructional experts to support all learners. Post-COVID, this means teachers must address a wider range of learners in the same classroom.

GOAL 4: MATHEMATICS

Goal 4: Mathematics

To achieve at or above pre-pandemic levels.

BACKGROUND

Rochester Prep leverages best practices to create rigorous standards aligned math curriculum and instructional practices. Each lesson is a combination of fluency development, building of conceptual mastery, and applying these skills and understandings to real world problems. Students practice both showing their work and writing about math using content specific vocabulary. Students also engage in discourse regarding math concepts. All these activities promote growth and flexible mastery at a high level so our students are able to succeed in calculus before heading to college.

To ensure all math teachers are proficient in facilitating learning, math teachers engage in pre-service and ongoing content-specific professional development where they plan and practice delivery of instruction. Teachers develop and hone skills for data-driven instruction, analyze the ways in which students will demonstrate mastery and align their instruction to promote flexible high-level mastery across content strands. Teachers analyze student work daily, weekly and after each interim assessment, create response to data plans that outline the key strengths, areas of growth, and reteach lessons or mini-lessons to ensure growth. In response to the larger number of gaps in foundational concepts and fact fluency, Uncommon simplified and narrowed the focus of the math curriculum. Instructional leaders and principals observe teachers and support by giving feedback on instruction and response to data implementation.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE MATHEMATICS

Goal 4: Absolute Measure

Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at or above proficiency on the New York State Mathematics examination for grades 3-8.

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METHOD

The school administered the New York State Testing Program Mathematics assessment to students in 3rd through 7th grades in spring 2022. Each student's raw score has been converted to a grade-specific scaled score and a performance level.

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

2021-22 State Mathematics Exam
Number of Students Tested and Not Tested

Grade	Total Tested	Not Tested ⁵				Total Enrolled
		IEP	ELL	Absent	Other reason	
3	79	0	0	1	4	84
4	83	0	0		3	86
5	78	0	0	2	1	81
6	85	0	0	2	1	88
7	78	0	0	3	1	82
All	403	0	0	8	10	421

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

While we have not yet the 75% threshold with student proficiency, we are seeing significant growth from the post-pandemic starting point. We need to continue to rebuild fluency and automaticity with scholars' math skills.

Performance on 2021-22 State Mathematics Exam
By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year

Grades	All Students		Enrolled in at least their Second Year	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	45.57%	79	45.83%	72
4	51.81%	83	55.41%	74
5	25.64%	78	27.40%	73
6	29.41%	85	29.63%	81
7	43.59%	78	43.06%	72
All	39.21%	403	40.05%	372

⁵ Students exempted from this exam according to their Individualized Education Program (IEP), because of English Language Learners (ELL) status, or absence for at least some part of the exam.

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep invested in acceleration around a significant number of pre-requisite standards not mastered during the pandemic. This slowed down grade level instruction, however, it is the right long-term investment to ensure future mastery. We expect to see mastery increase.

Goal 4: Absolute Measure

Each year, the school's aggregate Performance Index ("PI") on the state mathematics exam will meet that year's state Measure of Interim Progress ("MIP") set forth in the state's ESSA accountability system.

The Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

Goal 4: Comparative Measure

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

METHOD

A school compares tested students enrolled in at least their second year to all tested students in the public school district of comparison. Comparisons are between the results for each grade in which the school had tested students in at least their second year at the school and the total result for all students at the corresponding grades in the school district.⁶

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

2021-22 State Mathematics Exam
Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent of Students at or Above Proficiency			
	Charter School Students In At Least 2 nd Year		All District Students	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	45.83%	72	No data available for SY21-22	
4	55.41%	74		
5	27.40%	73		
6	29.63%	81		
7	43.06%	72		
All	40.05%	372		

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

We look forward to being able to compare our progress when the data are available.

⁶ Schools can acquire these data when the New York State Education Department releases its database containing grade level ELA and math test results for all schools and districts statewide. The NYSED announces the release of the data on its [News Release webpage](#).

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Goal 4: Comparative Measure

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

The Institute conducts a comparative performance analysis which compares the school's performance to that of demographically similar public schools statewide. Given the timing of the state's release of data necessary to produce this analysis, the 2021-22 results are not yet available.

As such, The Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

Goal 4: Growth Measure

Each year, under the state's Growth Model, the school's mean unadjusted growth percentile in mathematics for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the target of 50.

The Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

INTERNAL EXAM RESULTS

As outlined above, Rochester Prep implements daily exit tickets, weekly quizzes, and interim assessments every 6-8 weeks to ensure mastery is achieved. With each of these assessments, there is an aligned response-to-data process to ensure gaps in achievement are remedied swiftly.

During 2021-22, in addition to the New York State 3rd- 8th grade exams, the school(s) primarily used the following assessment to measure student growth and achievement in mathematics:

Internally developed

2021-22 Uncommon Schools Interval Assessments: Math Performance by Grade Level						
	3	4	5	6	7	8
Math IA #1 Average Score	66%	62%	62%	57%	46%	44%
Math IA #2 Average Score	83%	72%	60%	54%	51%	57%
Δ from IA #1 to #2	+17%	+10%	-2%	-3%	+5%	+13%

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

As shown in the table above, most grades demonstrated growth in absolute performance. In the case of 5th and 6th grade, the rigor and breadth of the assessment increases significantly by IA3. We are working to adjust our instruction during the third assessment cycle to improve performance to average of 75-80%.

SUMMARY OF THE ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE MATHEMATICS GOAL

Rochester Prep did not meet the goal below.

Type	Measure	Outcome
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Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State Mathematics exam for grades 3-8.	Not Met
Absolute	Each year, the school's aggregate PI on the state's mathematics exam will meet that year's state MIP as set forth in the state's ESSA accountability system.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state mathematics exam will be greater than that of students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.	N/A
Comparative	Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state mathematics exam by an effect size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State.	N/A
Growth	Each year, under the state's Growth Model the school's mean unadjusted growth percentile in mathematics for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the target of 50.	N/A

ACTION PLAN

The school continues to implement the high-leverage best-in-class approaches outlined above. In addition, schools are engaging in "Frontline" meetings ensure that leaders and teachers are working with Uncommon Schools curriculum experts to identify gaps and prepare to close them. Additional analyses support this work by projecting students' proficiency and planning intervention (small group or individual) depending on the need and learning style. Combined with frequent (re)assessment, teachers and leaders are constantly making adjustments to support better learning.

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.

Due to the state's cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22, some students in the 2018 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

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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

We are pleased to see the growth in our results, despite the impact of the pandemic. We attribute this to a narrowed focus on each day's objective and the most productive struggle. We fully expect to meet this goal with future cohorts.

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)
2016	2019-20	68	0	31	45.5%
2017	2020-21	94	0	50	53.2%
2018	2021-22	108	0	69	63.8%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

We anticipate the class of 2019 will demonstrate similar strength.

Percent Achieving at Least Level 4 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4	Number in Cohort	Percent Level 4
2018	111	63.1%	110	63.6%	108	63.8%
2019	125	48.8%	123	48.7%	111	50.5%
2020			131	N/A	124	N/A
2021					142	0.0%

**where N/A is listed, all students in the cohort received an exemption from the examination

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.

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, 2020-21, and 2021-22, some students in the 2018 Cohort who had not previously sat for any mathematics

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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

We are pleased to see that our students met this goal. We attribute this to high leverage teaching practices, effective response to data cycles and aligned assessments and reteach plans.

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)
2016	2019-20	68	0	64	94.1%
2017	2020-21	91	1	74	82.2%
2018	2021-22	108	0	98	90.7%

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep will continue to work toward 100% of student reaching this bar.

Percent Achieving at Least Level 3 by Cohort and Year

Cohort Designation	2019-20		2020-21		2021-2022	
	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing	Number in Cohort	Percent Passing
2018	111	90.9%	110	90.9%	108	90.7%
2019	125	88.8%	123	88.6%	111	89.1%
2020			131	N/A	124	N/A
2021					142	7.0%

**where N/A is listed, all students in the cohort received an exemption from the examination

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

Goal 4: Comparative Measure

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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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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 mathematics requirement for graduation.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

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 ⁷

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)
2016	2019-20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017	2020-21	2	0	N/A	N/A
2018	2021-22	5	0	N/A	N/A

⁷ Based on the highest score for each student on the mathematics Regents exam

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*note: we did not have students re-take the Algebra I exam based on their score in 8th grade.

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep will continue to support and track outcomes of these students as it is relevant to meeting these goals.

SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GOAL

Rochester Prep achieved one of the two absolute goals and will continue to improve instruction and response-to-data to ensure greater mastery.

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.	Not Met
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.	Met
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.	N/A
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.	N/A

ACTION PLAN

Rochester Prep will realize these goals when students have prerequisite mastery and then teach students and follow up in response to student work every day.

GOAL 5: SCIENCE

Goal 5: Science

All students demonstrate proficiency on the NYS science assessment.

BACKGROUND

All Rochester Prep students receive science instruction starting in kindergarten and continuing through to middle school and high school. The frequency increases from 2-4 days per week in ES (K-4) to daily in MS (5-8) and HS (9-12). The Uncommon science curriculum has been overhauled based on the new NYS science standards and to increase the amount of hands-on inquiry style lessons. Science teachers participate in pre-service and ongoing content specific PD which supports high ratio science teaching and discourse and scientific thinking skills. Each subject within science engages in vertical alignment exercises looking at AP, SAT, and Regents examinations in their subject and aligning their grade level curriculum.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCIENCE

Goal 5: Absolute Measure

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

METHOD

The school administered the New York State Testing Program science assessment to students in 4th grade in spring 2022. The school converted each student’s raw score to a performance level and a grade-specific scaled score. The criterion for success on this measure requires students enrolled in at least their second year to score at proficiency.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

As a result of COVID, our 21-22 4th graders missed a significant portion of their 3rd grade science instruction. To address this, we increase preparation and practice this assessment, however, we noted that for ~13% of students the barrier continues to be content specific literacy and content knowledge.

Charter School Performance on 2021-22 State Science Exam
By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year

Grade	Percent of Students at Proficiency of Students in At Least 2 nd Year	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
4	86.8%	76

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Performance on a Regents Science Exam

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Of 8th Grade All Students by Year

Grade	Year	Regents Exam	Percent Passing with a 65	Number Tested
8	2017-18	Living Environment	63.4%	104
8	2018-19	Living Environment	65.3%	98
8	2021-22	Living Environment	34.5%	58

Rochester Prep has reflected on the missing skills and content for SY21-22 8th graders. The school is implementing a plan in place that ensures daily, weekly and monthly student achievement analysis to ensure instruction is tailored to the student misunderstanding before its cemented.

Goal 5: Comparative Measure

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

The Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

SUMMARY OF THE ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCIENCE GOAL

ACTION PLAN

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 Living Environment. 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, 2020-21, and 2021-22, some students in the 2018 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

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exempted from the exam as well as the percentage of students passing among the students who sat for the exam.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Rochester Prep is pleased to note that this metric has been met. This is the result of a vertically aligned science department approach. The curriculum is more rigorous and connected through the grade spans and the assessments more aligned in rigor. The school will continue to push students to get to 100% passing.

Science Regents Passing Rate with a Score of 65
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort⁸

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)
2016	2019-20	68	0	60	88.2%
2017	2020-21	94	2	81	88.0%
2018	2021-22	108	2	86	81.1%

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 2021-22.

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE GOAL

ACTION PLAN

GOAL 6: SOCIAL STUDIES

Goal 6: Social Studies

For all students to demonstrate proficiency in 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.

⁸ Based on the highest score for each student on any science Regents exam

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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, 2020-21, and 2021-22, some students in the 2018 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

Rochester Prep notes that the school did not meet the goal on this metric with the 2018 cohort.

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)
2016	2019-20	68	0	52	76.5%
2017	2020-21	94	1	50	53.2%
2018	2021-22	108	108	0	N/A

EVALUATION

Rochester Prep fell short of this goal by more than 21% which is approximately 20 students.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

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.

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

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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, 2020-21, and 2021-22, some students in the 2018 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

From Rochester Prep’s early cohorts, though most students sat for the exam, the percent passing is below the goal.

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)
2016	2019-20	66	0	24	36.4%
2017	2020-21	94	8	31	36.0%
2018	2021-22	108	108	0	N/A

EVALUATION

Specifically, a little more than a third passed the Regents with a score of 65.

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 Institute does not require charters to report on this measure for 2021-22.

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES GOAL

ACTION PLAN

GOAL 7: ESSA

Due to COVID-19 and the subsequent changes to the state’s testing, accountability, and federal reporting requirements, the 2021-22 school accountability statuses are the same as those assigned for the 2020-21 school year. Assigned accountability designations and further context can be found [here](#).

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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

Rochester Prep has been deemed to be in Good Standing for school year 2021-22.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Rochester Prep has been deemed to be in Good Standing for the past 3 school years and beyond.

Accountability Status by Year

Year	Status
2019-20	Good Standing
2020-21	Good Standing
2021-22	Good Standing