



**Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter  
School**

**2023-24 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN  
PROGRESS REPORT**

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Vincent Baggett has served as Director of Operations of the High School since 2022.

## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School 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. In pursuit of its mission, the school successfully completed its 15th year of operation in June 2024. Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School is organized into two academies: the Elementary Academy, serving students in grades K-4 and the Middle Academy, which serves students in grades 5-8. Uncommon Charter High School opened in 2009 and served 9th grade, adding a grade each year. At Uncommon Charter High School, we prepare our students to enter, succeed in, and graduate from college by equipping them with extraordinary academic skills, a life-long passion for learning, and the values that define strong character.

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter 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 Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School students, therefore, is tied to mastering this fundamental skill. In 2023-24, Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and for at least 30 minutes each night starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Students write in every class and use the Writer's Workshop method to cultivate creativity and voice.

### Grades 5-8

- Scholars have two and a half hours 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.

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- STAR tested every student 3 times during the year to monitor progress and ensure that students were being challenged by independent reading books on their reading level

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 (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.** Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School does not use an off-the-shelf curriculum. Rather, Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School 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. Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School 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

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and improvement. Prior to the scheduled New York State Social Studies, Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science exams, Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School administered two internally aligned Interim Assessments (3 in ELA, 4 in Math). 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. Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School 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. Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School also utilized the information to target content and skills-driven tutoring and small-group instruction.

Our CAT team 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, Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School has an extended school day and school year. For most students, the regular school day began at 7:15 A.M. and ended at 4:00 P.M. Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School provides its students with every possible opportunity to learn.

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School 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 Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School students, freshman year of college will be a natural extension of their educational experience at Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School.

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School 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.

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**Provide Structure and Order.** Students need a safe and orderly environment to be productive. In 2023-24, Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School created a calm, composed, and disciplined environment to maximize the amount of time on-task.

**Insist on Family Involvement.** Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School’s educational program is structured so that families must be involved in their child’s academic pursuits. In 2023-24, Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School families:

- 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 asked to offer input on the school on mid-year and year-end surveys, grading the school;
- were invited to multiple virtual 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
2021-22	50	50	68	65	82	50	55	70	78	163	146	164	161	1202
2022-23	34	41	47	58	58	33	46	47	69	150	126	119	158	986
2023-24	28	33	44	36	55	41	45	39	52	146	105	100	108	832

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade. For example, the 2020 state Accountability Cohort consists of students who first entered the 9<sup>th</sup> grade anywhere in the 2020-21 school year, were enrolled in the school on the state’s annual enrollment-determination day (BEDS day) in the 2023-24 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>)

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### Fourth-Year High School Accountability Cohorts

Fourth Year Cohort	Year Entered 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>
2021-22	2018-19	2018	173	19	154
2022-23	2019-20	2019	145	5	140
2023-24	2020-21	2020	107	4	103

### 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 school year they first enter the 9<sup>th</sup> grade anywhere. The 2020 Total Cohort consists of all students, based on last enrollment record as of June 30, 2024, with a First Date of Entry into Grade 9 during the 2020-21 school year, regardless of their current grade level. 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Anywhere	Cohort Designation	Number of Students Graduated or Still Enrolled on June 30 <sup>th</sup> of the Cohort's Fourth Year (a)	Number of Students Who Left the School but Were <b>Not</b> Discharged for an Acceptable Reason (b)	Total Graduation Cohort (a) + (b)
2021-22	2018-19	2018	154	0	154
2022-23	2019-20	2019	140	0	140
2023-24	2020-21	2020	103	0	103

### Fifth Year Total Cohort for Graduation

Fifth Year Cohort	Year Entered 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Anywhere	Cohort Designation	Number of Students Graduated or Still Enrolled on June 30 <sup>th</sup> of the Cohort's Fifth Year (a)	Number of Students Who Left the School but Were <b>Not</b> Discharged for an Acceptable Reason (b)	Total Graduation Cohort (a) + (b)
2021-22	2017-18	2017	165	0	165
2022-23	2018-19	2018	163	0	163
2023-24	2019-20	2019	145	0	145

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## 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.

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 Uncommon 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

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

### Graduation Goal Measure 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.

### Percent of Students in First and Second Year Cohorts Earning the Required Number of Credits in 2023-24

Cohort Designation	Number in Cohort during 2023-24	Percent promoted
2022	87	89%
2023	95	88%

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### Graduation Goal Measure 2 - 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.

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, some second year cohorts would have had student waivers for examinations. Report the percentage of students who either passed or were exempted from at least three exams. In August of 2024, the 2022 Cohort will have completed its second year.

#### 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)
2020	2021-22	139	97%
2021	2022-23	125	34%
2022	2023-24	88	65%

### Graduation Goal Measures 3 & 4 - Absolute

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.

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

#### Percent of Students in the Total Graduation Cohort who have Graduated After Four Years<sup>1</sup>

Cohort Designation	School Year	Number in Cohort	Number who Graduated	Percent Graduating
2018	2021-22	173	154	89%
2019	2022-23	154	140	91%
2020	2023-24	103	94	91%

#### 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
2017	2021-22	173	173	100%
2018	2022-23	167	163	98%
2019	2023-24	145	144	99%

<sup>1</sup> These data reflect August graduation rates.

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## Graduation Goal Measure 5 - 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.

### Percent of Students in the Total Graduation Cohort who Graduate in Four Years Compared to the District<sup>2</sup>

**NOTE:** Graduation data for the 2020 cohort has not been released by the district yet.

Cohort Designation	School Year	Charter School			School District	
		Number in Cohort	Number who Graduated	Percent Graduating	Number in Cohort	Percent Graduating
2018	2021-22	173	154	89%	70,912	81%
2019	2022-23	154	140	91%	69,893	84%
2020	2023-24	103	94	91%		

## Graduation Goal Measure 6 - 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.

### Percentage of the 2020 Graduation Cohort Pathway Students Demonstrating Success by Exam Type<sup>3</sup>

At this time, Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School did not have 2020 cohort students in an alternative graduation pathway program.

### Pathway Exam Passing Rate by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

At this time, Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School did not have 2020 cohort students in an alternative graduation pathway program.

<sup>2</sup> 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 2022-23 results as a temporary placeholder for the district's 2023-24 results.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

**SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION GOAL**

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved 3 of 4 High School graduation goals. Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School is actively working with staff and students to attain all goals in this Accountability Plan.

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.	Yes
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.	No
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of students in the fourth year high school Total Graduation Cohort will graduate.	Yes
Absolute	Each year, 95 percent of students in the fifth year high school Total Graduation Cohort will graduate.	Yes
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

**EVALUATION OF THE GRADUATION GOAL**

As of the 2023-24 school year, our 2022 and 2023 cohorts are meeting the measure of at least 75% of students earning enough credits to receive a grade level promotion. In Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School, over 90% of students in these cohorts were promoted.

Our 2022 cohort is not meeting the measure of at least 75% of students passing or being exempted from at least three different New York State Regents Exams required for graduation. We are working with students and staff to increase this measure for the 2024-25 school year.

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.

In terms of students graduating in their fourth year of high school, we continue to see success at Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School. The vast majority of students are able to achieve this measure, and virtually all of our students graduate in their fifth year of high school. These strong data points, combined with our continued focus on student support and achievement, continue to exceed the graduation percentage of the district of comparison (NYCDOE).

### ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

#### ACTION PLAN

Uncommon 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. 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.

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- The school’s leadership team will continue to review the effectiveness of the school’s curriculum and making necessary revisions to increase student achievement.

### GOAL 2: COLLEGE PREPARATION

Students will be prepared to succeed in college.

#### **College Preparation Goal Measure 1 - Absolute**

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.

#### Percentage of the 2020 Total Cohort Graduates Demonstrating College Preparation by Indicator<sup>4</sup>

Indicator	Number of Graduates who Attempted the Indicator	Number who Achieved Indicator	Percentage of Graduates who Achieved Indicator
Passing an Advanced Placement (“AP”) exam with a score of 3 or higher	97	30	31%
Achieving the college and career readiness benchmark on the SAT	103	46	45%

<sup>4</sup> Schools use any method listed above, 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.

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Overall	103	47	46%
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### College Preparation Goal Measure 2 - Absolute

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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### College Preparation Goal Measure 3 - Comparative

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

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### College Preparation Goal Measure 4 - Absolute

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

### Matriculation Rate of Graduates by Year<sup>5</sup>

Cohort	Graduation Year	Number of Graduates (a)	Number Enrolled in 2 or 4-year Program in Following Year (b)	Matriculation Rate =[(b)/(a)]*100
2018	2021-22	154	154	100%
2019	2022-23	140	135	96%
2020	2023-24	94	94	100%

<sup>5</sup> Schools should update and confirm data for Cohorts who graduated prior to 2023-24 and provide preliminary matriculation data for 2020 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.

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## SUMMARY OF THE COLLEGE PREPARATION GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved 1 of 2 available College Preparation goals. Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School is actively working with staff and students to attain all goals in this Accountability Plan.

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.	No
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.	Yes
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## EVALUATION OF THE COLLEGE PREPARATION GOAL

As of the 2023-24 school year, our 2020 cohort is meeting the measure of at least 75% of students matriculating into a college or university in the year after graduation. In Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School, over 95% of students in this cohort went on to college.

Our 2020 cohort is not meeting the measure of at least 75% of students demonstrating their preparation for college by one or more possible indicators of college readiness. We are working with students and staff to increase this measure for the 2024-25 school year.

## ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

### ACTION PLAN

Uncommon 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

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Standards with a special emphasis on preparing students for admission into and success in college. 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 3: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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

#### BACKGROUND

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School's 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, Uncommon 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.

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School's 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 reading,

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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.

### ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE ELA

#### ELA Measure 1 - Absolute

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.

The tables below summarize the participation information for this year's test administration as well as the performance of all students and students enrolled for at least two years.

2023-24 State English Language Arts Exam  
Number of Students Tested and Not Tested

Grade	Total Tested	Not Tested						Total Enrolled
		Absent	Refusal	ELL/IEP	Admin error	Medically excused	Other reason	
3	33	0	0	0	0	0	4	36
4	52	0	0	0	0	0	1	55
5	39	0	0	0	0	0	3	41
6	43	0	1	0	0	0	8	45
7	42	0	0	0	0	0	1	39
8	50	1	0	0	0	0	2	52
All	259	1	1	0	0	0	19	268

Performance on 2023-24 State English Language Arts Exam  
By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Students are considered "enrolled in at least their second year" if they were enrolled on BEDS day of the school year prior to the most recent exam administration.

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Grade	All Students			Enrolled in at least their Second Year		
	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient
3	33	16	48%	28	16	57%
4	52	37	71%	45	31	69%
5	39	19	49%	22	11	50%
6	43	26	60%	25	14	56%
7	42	29	69%	29	21	72%
8	50	33	66%	32	21	66%
All	259	160	62%	181	114	63%

### ELA Measure 2 - Absolute

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.

In New York State, ESSA school performance goals are met by showing that an absolute proportion of a school's students who have taken the English language arts test have scored at the partially proficient, or proficient and advanced performance levels (Levels 2 or 3 & 4). The percentage of students at each of these three levels is used to calculate a PI and determine if the school has met the MIP set each year by the state's ESSA accountability system. To achieve this measure, all tested students must have a PI value that equals or exceeds the state's 2023-24 English language arts MIP for all students of **113**. The PI is the sum of the percent of students in all tested grades combined scoring at Level 2, plus two times the percent of students scoring at Level 3, plus two-and-a-half times the percent of students scoring at Level 4. Thus, the highest possible PI is 250.<sup>7</sup>

### English Language Arts 2023-24 Performance Index (PI)

Number in Cohort	Percent of Students at Each Performance Level			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
	12%	26%	39%	23%

$$\begin{array}{rclclclclcl}
 \text{PI} & = & 26 & + & 39 & + & 23 & = & 88 \\
 & & & & 39 & + & 23 & = & 62 \\
 & & & & & + & 12 & = & 12 \\
 & & & & & & \text{PI} & = & \mathbf{162}
 \end{array}$$

<sup>7</sup> You can find the statewide MIP goals for 2022-23 to 2026-27 [here](#)

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### ELA Measure 3 - 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 all students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.

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.<sup>8</sup>

2023-24 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 <sup>nd</sup> Year		All District Students	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	57%	28	45%	49011
4	69%	45	50%	50315
5	50%	22	45%	51215
6	56%	25	46%	52303
7	72%	29	55%	52660
8	66%	32	53%	52446
All	63%	181	49%	307950

### ELA Measure 4 - 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.

### METHOD

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

<sup>8</sup> Schools can access these data when the NYSED releases its database containing grade level ELA and mathematics results for all schools and districts statewide.

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data and the demands of the data analysis, the 2023-24 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2022-23 results.<sup>9</sup>

### 2022-23 English Language Arts Comparative Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent Economically Disadvantaged	Mean Scale Score		Effect Size
		Actual	Predicted	
3	81.7	453.0	440.3	1.26
4	83.6	450.0	442.9	0.69
5	84.1	445.0	441.4	0.39
6	91.3	444.0	439.1	0.55
7	93.6	451.0	442.2	1.02
8	84.4	460.0	447.5	1.43
All	86.2	451.5	442.6	0.96

### ELA Measure 5 - 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.

### METHOD

Given the timing of the state's release of Growth Model data, the 2023-24 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2022-23 results, the most recent Growth Model data available.<sup>10</sup>

This measure examines the change in performance of the same group of students from one year to the next and the progress they are making in comparison to other students with the same score in the previous year. The analysis only includes students who took the state exam in 2022-23 and also have a state exam score from 2021-22 including students who were retained in the same grade. Students with the same 2021-22 score are ranked by their 2022-23 score and assigned a percentile based on their relative growth in performance (student growth percentile). Students' growth percentiles are aggregated school-wide to yield a school's mean growth percentile. In order for a school to perform above the target for this measure, it must have a mean growth percentile greater than 50.

<sup>9</sup> These data can be found in the school's Accountability Summary provided by the Institute in spring 2024.

<sup>10</sup> These data can be found in the school's Accountability Summary provided by the Institute in spring 2024.

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## 2022-23 English Language Arts Mean Growth Percentile by Grade Level

Grade	Mean Growth Percentile	
	School	Target
4	43.4	50.0
5	52.0	50.0
6	52.5	50.0
7	54.5	50.0
8	60.1	50.0
All	52.9	50.0

### ELA INTERNAL EXAM RESULTS

During 2023-24, in addition to the New York State 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade exams, the school primarily used the following assessment to measure student growth and achievement in ELA: **Internally developed**

Based on data from the Interim Assessments administered in 2023-2024, we are making progress towards our goals. We will continue to work towards a higher percentage of students meeting this metric for School Year 2024-2025. Students in Grades 3-4 took 2 interim assessments and students in Grades 5-8 took 3 interim assessments during the 2023-2024 school year. 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.

	GRADE	3	4	5	6	7	8
ELA	Assessment #1	42%	50%	57%	52%	60%	63%
ELA	Assessment #2	48%	63%	58%	55%	66%	68%
ELA	Assessment #3	N/A	N/A	58%	61%	63%	68%

### SUMMARY OF THE ELA GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved 4 of 5 available Accountability Plan goals.

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.	No
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.	Yes

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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.	Yes
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.	Yes
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.	Yes

### EVALUATION OF ELA GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School fell short of the ELA state test goal for the 2023-2024 school year. We believe this is due in large part to COVID learning loss and are focusing our efforts on training staff to improve these metrics for the 2024-2025 school year through a variety of different professional development opportunities. See the action plan below for additional information.

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved the performance proficiency when compared to the school district of comparison as well as the ELA economically disadvantaged goal. We continue to perform above the public school district level of proficiency and always push our students to increase their ELA aptitude despite their economic conditions.

### ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

#### ELA ACTION PLAN

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

*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”).

*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 ELA

### High School ELA Measure 1 - Absolute

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 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.<sup>11</sup>

Percent Scoring at Least Level 4 on Regents English Common Core Exam  
by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort<sup>12</sup>

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)
2018	2021-22	173	63	40	36%
2019	2022-23	154	148	0	0%
2020	2023-24	120	119	0	0%

### High School ELA Measure 2 - 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.

<sup>11</sup> Cohort Regents attainment in all subjects is based on students’ highest score regardless of the number of times a student sat for the exam.

<sup>12</sup> Due to the state’s cancellation of multiple administrations of the Regents exams in 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 some students 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.

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## METHOD

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.

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)
2018	2021-22	173	46	113	90%
2019	2022-23	154	148	0	0%
2020	2023-24	120	119	0	0%

### High School ELA Measure 3 - 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’s Measure of Interim Progress (“MIP”) set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### High School ELA Measure 4 - Comparative

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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### High School ELA Measure 5 - Comparative

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.

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Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### High School ELA Measure 6 - 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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### High School ELA Measure 7 - Growth

Each year, 50 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

***The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA state test was cancelled in Spring of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, there is no data on 8<sup>th</sup> grade proficiency.***

<https://www.nysed.gov/memo/state-assessment/suspension-spring-2020-grades-3-8-english-language-arts-test-shipments-and>

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

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort not Proficient in 8 <sup>th</sup> 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)
2018	2021-22	75	43	4	13%
2019	2022-23	86	82	0	0%
2020	2023-24	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### High School ELA Measure 8 - Growth

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Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

***The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA state test was cancelled in Spring of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, there is no data on 8<sup>th</sup> grade proficiency.***

<https://www.nysed.gov/memo/state-assessment/suspension-spring-2020-grades-3-8-english-language-arts-test-shipments-and>

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

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort not Proficient in 8 <sup>th</sup> 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)
2018	2021-22	75	22	31	58%
2019	2022-23	86	82	0	0%
2020	2023-24	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved 0 of 2 available Accountability Plan 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.	No
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.	No
Absolute	Each year, the Performance Index (PI) on the Regents English exam of students completing their fourth year in the Accountability Cohort will meet	N/A

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	the state Measure of Interim Progress (MIP) set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.	
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 <sup>th</sup> 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.	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 <sup>th</sup> 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.	N/A

### EVALUATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ELA GOAL

The 2020 cohort of Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School were scheduled to take their ELA Regents exams during the COVID pandemic. Due to the cancellation of the Regents exams for this year, nearly all students received an exemption and as such, were not included in the data used to measure these goals. By virtue of receiving this exemption, however, we can confirm that these students passed their corresponding ELA courses at the school, indicating success in this goal.

Additionally, these students were scheduled to take their 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA exams in Spring of 2020. This administration was cancelled so there is no data available to measure growth in ELA proficiency.

### ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

#### ACTION PLAN

- The high school instructional leadership team will continue to review teacher lesson plans, observe classroom 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

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

#### BACKGROUND

We believe our students should be able to compute numbers quickly and accurately, apply appropriate math procedures in single- and multi-step problems, and speak and write fluently and clearly about math problem solving and procedures, using accurate mathematical vocabulary. For this reason, our students take 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.

### ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE MATHEMATICS

#### **Math Measure 1 - Absolute**

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 tables below summarize the participation information for this year’s test administration as well as the performance of all students and students enrolled for at least two years.

2023-24 State Mathematics Exam Number of Students Tested and Not Tested									
Grade	Total Tested	Not Tested							Total Enrolled
		Absent	Refusal	ELL/IEP	Admin error	Medically excused	Other reason	Took Regents	
3	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	36
4	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	55
5	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	41
6	42	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	45
7	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39
8	32	1	0	0	0	0	18	2	52
All	239	2	1	0	0	0	18	20	268

Performance on 2023-24 State Mathematics Exam By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year						
Grade	All Students			Enrolled in at least their Second Year		
	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient
3	33	25	76%	28	22	79%
4	51	40	78%	44	35	80%
5	39	18	46%	22	10	45%
6	42	26	62%	24	17	71%
7	42	24	57%	29	16	55%
8	32	8	25%	19	4	21%
All	239	141	59%	166	104	63%

### Math Measure 2 - Absolute

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.

### METHOD

In New York State, ESSA school performance goals are met by showing that an absolute proportion of a school's students who have taken the mathematics test have scored at the partially proficient, or proficient and advanced performance levels (Levels 2 or 3 & 4). The percentage of students at each of

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these three levels is used to calculate a PI and determine if the school has met the MIP set each year by the state’s ESSA accountability system. To achieve this measure, all tested students must have a PI value that equals or exceeds the state’s 2023-24 mathematics MIP for all students of **115.3**. The PI is the sum of the percent of students in all tested grades combined scoring at Level 2, plus two times the percent of students scoring at Level 3, plus two-and-a-half times the percent of students scoring at Level 4. Thus, the highest possible PI is 250.

Mathematics 2023-24 Performance Index (PI)

Number in Cohort	Percent of Students at Each Performance Level			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
	14%	27%	39%	20%

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{PI} &= 27 + 39 + 20 = 86 \\
 &= 39 + 20 = 59 \\
 &= 10 \\
 \text{PI} &= \mathbf{155}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Math Measure 3 - 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 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.

2023-24 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 <sup>nd</sup> Year		All District Students	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	79%	28	55%	51746
4	80%	44	58%	52842
5	45%	22	52%	50106
6	71%	24	49%	54151
7	55%	29	57%	53720
8	21%	19	44%	30074
All	63%	166	53%	292639

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## Math Measure 4 - 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.

### METHOD

The Institute conducts a Comparative Performance Analysis, which compares the school’s performance to that of demographically similar public schools statewide. The Institute uses a regression analysis to control for the percentage of economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State. The difference between the school’s actual and predicted performance, relative to other schools with similar economically disadvantaged statistics, produces an Effect Size. An Effect Size of 0.3, or performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree, is the target for this measure. Given the timing of the state’s release of economically disadvantaged data and the demands of the data analysis, the 2023-24 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2022-23 results.

2022-23 Mathematics Comparative Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent Economically Disadvantaged	Mean Scale Score		Effect Size
		Actual	Predicted	
3	81.7	462.0	446.4	1.12
4	83.6	452.0	445.1	0.49
5	84.1	444.0	442.6	0.11
6	91.3	453.0	440.7	0.97
7	93.6	450.0	442.9	0.60
8	84.4	452.0	439.6	0.80
All	86.3	452.9	443.1	0.71

## Math Measure 5 - 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.

### METHOD

Given the timing of the state’s release of Growth Model data, the 2023-24 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2022-23 results, the most recent Growth Model data available.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> These data can be found in the school’s Accountability Summary provided by the Institute in spring 2024.

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This measure examines the change in performance of the same group of students from one year to the next and the progress they are making in comparison to other students with the same score in the previous year. The analysis only includes students who took the state exam in 2022-23 and also have a state exam score in 2021-22 including students who were retained in the same grade. Students with the same 2021-22 scores are ranked by their 2022-23 scores and assigned a percentile based on their relative growth in performance (student growth percentile). Students' growth percentiles are aggregated school-wide to yield a school's mean growth percentile. In order for a school to meet the measure, the school would have to achieve a mean growth percentile above the target of 50.

2022-23 Mathematics Mean Growth Percentile by Grade Level

Grade	Mean Growth Percentile	
	School	Target
4	37.2	50.0
5	42.3	50.0
6	75.3	50.0
7	52.4	50.0
8	62.6	50.0
All	58.5	50.0

### MATHEMATICS INTERNAL EXAM RESULTS

During 2023-24, in addition to the New York State 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade exams, the school primarily used the following assessment to measure student growth and achievement in mathematics: **Internally developed**

Based on data from the Interim Assessments administered in 2023-2024, we are making progress towards our goals. We will continue to work towards a higher percentage of students meeting this metric for School Year 2024-2025. Students in all grades, including those prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, took 3 interim assessments during the 2023-2024 school year. 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.

	GRADE	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Math</b>	<b>Assessment #1</b>	69%	69%	51%	43%	39%	33%
<b>Math</b>	<b>Assessment #2</b>	69%	73%	50%	47%	51%	39%
<b>Math</b>	<b>Assessment #3</b>	69%	74%	55%	51%	56%	42%

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## SUMMARY OF THE MATHEMATICS GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved 4 of 5 Accountability Plan goals.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State Mathematics exam for grades 3-8.	No
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.	Yes
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.	Yes
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.	Yes
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.	Yes

## EVALUATION OF THE MATHEMATICS GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School fell short of the Math state test goal for the 2023-24 school year. We believe this is due in large part to COVID learning loss and are focusing our efforts on training staff to improve these metrics for the 2024-25 school year through a variety of different professional development opportunities. See the action plan below for additional information.

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved the performance proficiency when compared to the school district of comparison as well as the Math economically disadvantaged goal. We continue to perform above the public school district level of proficiency and always push our students to increase their Math aptitude despite their economic conditions.

## ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

### MATHEMATICS 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

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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. As a network, we plan to continue to implement a small group instruction into the day in the 2024-25 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 continue in-person learning during the 2024-2025 school year. We feel that our students will continue to benefit from in-person learning and resuming the small group instruction for our students.

### HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS

#### High School Math Measure 1 - Absolute

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 State Education Department currently defines the college and career readiness standard as scoring at or above Performance Level 4 (meeting Common Core expectations) on a Regents exam in mathematics. 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.

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)
2018	2021-22	173	94	76	96%
2019	2022-23	154	117	29	78%
2020	2023-24	120	119	0	0%

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## High School Math Measure 2 - 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.

### METHOD

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 a Regents Exam in mathematics. 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.

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)
2018	2021-22	173	18	154	99%
2019	2022-23	154	57	95	95%
2020	2023-24	120	119	1	100%

## High School Math Measure 3 - Absolute

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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

## High School Math Measure 4 - Comparative

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

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Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### High School Math Measure 5 - Comparative

Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort at least 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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### High School Math Measure 6 - 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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### High School Math Measure 7 - Growth

Each year, 50 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8<sup>th</sup> 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 meet the mathematics requirement for the college and career readiness standard.

All students take the Regents Algebra 1 assessment instead of the New York State 8th grade mathematics exam. Because of this, there is no data to report for this metric.

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### Percent Achieving at Least Performance Level 4 on a Mathematics Regents Exam among Students Who Were Not Proficient in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade by Fourth Year Accountability Cohort

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort not Proficient in 8 <sup>th</sup> 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)
2018	2021-22	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
2019	2022-23	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
2020	2023-24	N/A	0	N/A	N/A

#### High School Math Measure 8 - Growth

Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort who did not score proficient on their New York State 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

All students take the Regents Algebra 1 assessment instead of the New York State 8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics exam. Because of this, there is no data to report for this metric.

Cohort Designation	Fourth Year	Number in Cohort not Proficient in 8 <sup>th</sup> 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)
2018	2021-22	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
2019	2022-23	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
2020	2023-24	N/A	0	N/A	N/A

#### SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved 1 of 2 possible Accountability Plan goals for the 2023-24 school year.

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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.	No
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.	Yes
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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

### EVALUATION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GOAL

The 2020 cohort of Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School were scheduled to take their Math Regents exams during the COVID pandemic. Due to the cancellation of the Regents exams for this year, nearly all students received an exemption and as such, were not included in the data used to measure these goals. By virtue of receiving this exemption, however, we can confirm that these students passed their corresponding Math courses at the school, indicating success in this goal.

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School continues to provide students with rigorous math instruction, ensuring high performance on state exams. Focusing on the fundamentals of math, students build a scaffolding for mastery of future math skills as they move upward in their educational

path. We continue to expect this success in future years as we work toward ensuring that 100% of students are proficient in math.

### ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

#### ACTION PLAN

- The high school instructional leadership team will continue to review teacher lesson plans, observe classroom 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.
- 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

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

#### BACKGROUND

The science curriculum at Uncommon 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.

Uncommon 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

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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.

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School students continue 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.

### ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCIENCE

#### Science Measure 1 - Absolute

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.

The school administered the New York State Testing Program science assessment to students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in spring 2024. The table below summarizes the performance of students enrolled for at least two years.

Charter School Performance on 2023-24 State Science Exam  
By Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year

Grade	Students in At Least Their 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year		
	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient
5	22	7	32%
8			
All			

#### Science Measure 2 - Comparative

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 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

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school had tested students in at least their second year and the results for the respective grades in the school district of comparison.

2023-24 State Science Exam						
Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level						
	Charter School Students in at Least 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year			All District Students		
Grade	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient
5						
8						
All						

***The NYCDOE did not release state science exam results for the 2023-24 school year.***

### SUMMARY OF THE ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCIENCE GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School achieved 0 of 1 possible Accountability Plan goals for the 2023-24 school year.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State examination.	No
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.	N/A
	[Write in optional measure here]	

### EVALUATION OF THE SCIENCE GOAL

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## ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

Performance on a Regents Science Exam  
Of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade All Students by Year

Grade	Year	Regents Exam	Number Tested	Number Passing	Percent Passing
8	2021-22	Living Environment	73	25	34%
8	2022-23	Living Environment	126	44	35%
8	2023-24	Living Environment	48	21	44%

## ACTION PLAN

Uncommon 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.

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

## HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

### High School Science Measure 1 - Absolute

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.

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). This measure requires students in each Accountability Cohort to pass any one of the Regents science exams by their fourth year in the cohort.

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### Science 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)
2018	2021-22	173	28	141	97%
2019	2022-23	154	67	79	91%
2020	2023-24	120	120	0	0%

#### High School Science Measure 2 - Comparative

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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

#### SUMMARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE GOAL

The 2020 Accountability Cohort of Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School had no eligible science goals for the 2023-24 school year.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	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.	N/A
Comparative	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.	N/A
	[Write in optional measure here]	

#### ACTION PLAN

In 2023-24, similar to our K-8 schools, Uncommon Charter High 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.

Uncommon Charter High 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 their

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

### GOAL 6: SOCIAL STUDIES

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

#### BACKGROUND

##### **Social Studies Measure 1 - Absolute**

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. These measures require students in each Accountability Cohort to pass the two exams by the completion of their fourth year in the 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)
2018	2021-22	173	168	0	0%
2019	2022-23	154	146	0	0%
2020	2023-24	120	6	56	49%

##### **Social Studies Measure 2 - Comparative**

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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

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### Social Studies Measure 3 - Absolute

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

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. These measures require students in each Accountability Cohort to pass the two exams by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.

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)
2018	2021-22	173	168	0	0%
2019	2022-23	154	146	2	25%
2020	2023-24	120	6	49	43%

### Social Studies Measure 4 - Comparative

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.

Schools are not required to report attainment of this measure for 2023-24. Subsequent to the completion of this document, the Institute may calculate and report out results to schools pending further information.

### SUMMARY OF THE SOCIAL STUDIES GOAL

Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School did not achieve these goals.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will score at least 65 on the New York State U.S. History Regents exam by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	No
Comparative	Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort passing the U.S. History Regents exam with a score of 65 or above will	N/A

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	exceed that of the high school Total Cohort from the school district of comparison.	
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of students in the high school Accountability Cohort will score at least 65 on the New York State Global History Regents exam by the completion of their fourth year in the cohort.	No
Comparative	Each year, the percent of students in the high school Total Cohort passing the Global History Regents exam with a score of 65 or above will exceed that of the high school Total Cohort from the school district of comparison.	N/A
	[Write in optional measure here]	

### EVALUATION OF THE SOCIAL STUDIES GOAL

The 2020 cohort of Uncommon Excellence Girls Charter School passed either the U.S. History or Global History Regents exam in order to meet the 4+1 graduation requirement. Neither passing cohort was large enough to meet the percentages required to meet this goal due to the overall size of the 2020 cohort.

### ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

#### ACTION PLAN

In 2023-24, Uncommon Charter High School will continue to employ our internally created Social Studies programs and extensive hands-on experiments to move students towards competency in the understanding and application of Social Studies.

Uncommon Charter High 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 their development in reading comprehension. We are equally committed to meeting our Accountability Plan goals in Social Studies.

## GOAL 7: ESSA

### ESSA Measure 1

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.

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. More information on assigned accountability designations and context can be found [here](#).

Accountability Status by Year

Year	Status
2021-22	Good Standing
2022-23	Good Standing
2023-24	Good Standing

### ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

Uncommon 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.