Uncommon Schools

Highlights of 2015 New York State Exam Results

Uncommon Schools starts and manages high-performing urban charter public schools that close the achievement gap and prepare low-income students to enter, succeed in, and graduate from college. Uncommon Schools serves over 14,000 scholars across 44 schools in Boston, Camden, New York City, Newark, Rochester, and Troy.

Uncommon New York City

Uncommon New York City outperformed both New York City and New York State on both Math and English Language Arts.

- 58% of Uncommon NYC students scored Proficient or Advanced in Math, closing the economic achievement gap (57%).
- 34% of Uncommon NYC students scored Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts, outperforming both the city (30%) and state (31%).

#1 in the state

- Leadership Prep Ocean Hill Elementary Academy tied for #1 in the state on the Math exam, and was the only non-selective school to have 100% of students pass the 3rd and 4th grade Math exams, with 85% scoring at the Advanced level.
- With 88% of students scoring Proficient or Advanced, Uncommon NYC was #4 in the state among all districts or CMOs on the 3rd and 4th grade Math exams.

Uncommon Rochester

Uncommon Rochester dramatically outperformed the Rochester City School District in Math and English Language Arts.

- Uncommon Rochester students passed the Math exam at almost six times the percentage of Rochester City School District students (42% vs. 7%).
- Uncommon Rochester students passed the ELA exam at almost six times the percentage of Rochester City School District students (23% vs. 4%).

6 times the district

- 67% of Uncommon Rochester 3rd and 4th graders scored Proficient or Advanced on the state Math exam, reversing the economic achievement gap (60%).
- Uncommon Rochester accounted for less than 10% of 7th graders tested in the city of Rochester, but almost 40% of all students who scored Proficient or Advanced on the 7th grade Math exam.

Uncommon Troy

Uncommon Troy dramatically outperformed the Troy City School District in Math and English Language Arts.

- Uncommon Troy students passed the Math exam at over three times the percentage of Troy City School District students (55% vs 17%).
- 29% of Uncommon Troy students scored Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts – more than double the Troy City School District (14%).

Top 2% in the state

- Uncommon Troy 3rd graders ranked in the top 2% of all schools statewide in Math and top 5% in ELA, reversing the economic achievement gap on both the Math (84% vs. 59%) and ELA exams (64% vs 46%).
- Uncommon Troy 7th graders reversed the economic achievement gap in Math by 11 percentage points (61% vs. 50%).

Notes: Uncommon 8th graders did not take the State Math exam in 2014-15, opting to take the Common Core Algebra Regents instead. In light of this, all Math comparisons are based on grades 3-7, unless otherwise noted. The economic achievement gap is measured by the performance of Non-Economically Disadvantaged students across New York State.