

# New York City



## Success for All® Schools in New York City's Chancellor's District Gain on the CTBS

Success for All (SFA) is the most extensively researched of all comprehensive reform models for Title I elementary schools. The program incorporates scientifically-based principles of reading, cooperative learning, professional development, tutoring, and family support.

A recent analysis of the 2001 Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS) Reading scores in New York's Chancellor's District (#85) shows that Chancellor's District schools, all of which use Success for All, have improved substantially more than other New York City schools. The Chancellor's District is composed of schools removed from their community districts because of persistently low achievement. To help their children succeed, these schools have smaller class sizes, a longer school day, and the Success for All program.

**With the Success for All program, the Chancellor's District schools have ascended to a new level of achievement.**

- Since 1999, Chancellor's District schools gained 8.7 percentage points on the CTBS for students in grades 3-5 at levels 3 and 4 (at or above grade level), the second highest gain among all city districts. New York City gained 5.6 points over the same period.
- The number of students scoring at the lowest level on the CTBS dropped 11.2%, the largest drop among all city districts. Other New York City schools dropped less than one point on this indicator.
- Of the 43 schools placed in the Chancellor's District in 1999 or earlier, 28 have been removed from New York State's list of Schools Under Registration Review (SURR).

These results show that reforms based on rigorously researched programs and practices can make a substantial difference within the most difficult of urban elementary schools.

The Success for All Foundation is a non-profit organization that develops and disseminates educational reform models originally developed at Johns Hopkins University. For additional information on Success for All programs and research reports on program effectiveness, contact the Success for All Foundation at 1-800-548-4998 or visit our website, [www.successforall.net](http://www.successforall.net).

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Changes on CTBS Reading, Grades 3-5  
Percent Scoring at Levels 3-4 (High), 1999-2001  
SFA Chancellor's District vs. New York City**

