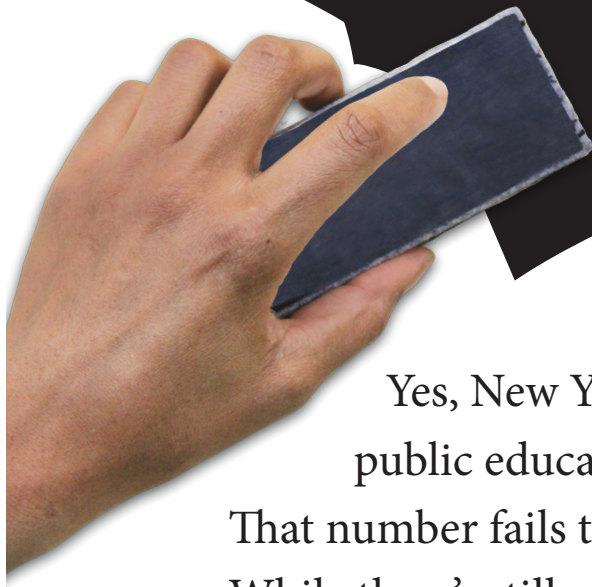


Don't erase our progress



Yes, New York is making progress in education, at all levels. Our state's public education system is among the nation's best, not 34th in results.* That number fails to recognize the progress being made by today's students. While there's still work to be done to ensure all students succeed, when it comes to current educational attainment, New York repeatedly ranks near the nation's top.

Here is where New York really ranks:

(Sources: "Annual AP Report to the Nation," The College Board, Feb. 10, 2010, and "Quality Counts," Education Week, Jan. 13, 2011)

- 1st in the nation in closing the achievement gap in fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math
- 2nd in the nation on a wide variety of multiple, rigorous measures of education quality
- 3rd in the nation in Advanced Placement test scores (2009)
- 4th in the nation in improving high school graduation rates (up 10 percent between 2000-2007)
- 4th in the nation for students enrolled in college or with a post-secondary degree

*The "34th in the nation" statement has been traced back to an obscure 2007 Census statistic that contains a category called "total educational achievement." That refers to the entire citizenry of New York state with high school diplomas. It lumps together present-day adults with their parents and even their grandparents, and does not measure performance by students in school today.



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