Students with Disabilities

ENROLLMENT
In the fall of 2014, students with disabilities\(^1\) made up 11 percent of New Orleans\(^2\) enrollment, the same as the state average. Within New Orleans, students with disabilities made up 13 percent of RSD’s enrollment, 11 percent of OPSB’s direct-run school enrollment, and 6 percent of OPSB’s charter school enrollment (See figure A).

PROFICIENCY ON STATE TESTS
Since 2004–05, the percentage of New Orleans students with disabilities achieving proficiency—Basic or above—on state tests (all grades, all subjects) has increased by 28 percentage points. The percentage of proficient special education students across the state has increased by 18 percentage points (See figure B).

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATES
In 2014, New Orleans outperformed the state with a four-year cohort graduation rate for students with disabilities of 60 percent, compared to 43 percent statewide (See figure C).

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1 Students with Disabilities includes any student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
2 Data labeled “New Orleans” include all RSD and OPSB schools, both direct-run and charter. This distinction applies throughout the report.