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# **Better Outcomes Research Study – High Schools: *2017-2019***

# **A three-year study of high-poverty non-selective New York State public high schools where students in poverty (ED) do well**

* 28 schools were identified according to Criteria A and B below
* Principals of 21 out of the 28 identified schools were interviewed to learn what they attribute their success to (75% response rate)
* Results will have implications for
  + interventions for schools where students in poverty struggle
  + development of principals for high-poverty schools

**High-School Study Criteria**

**Criteria A:** *Demographic* – To be eligible, high schools must

·       have **40%+** **Economically Disadvantaged** (ED) students

·       be **non-selective** - not be magnet, charter, or school-choice schools

·       have **30+ ED students**

(average of 217 schools identified each year)

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| **Criteria B.** *Performance* – Eligible schools (above) must also  meet or exceed these performance criteria | **Identified schools\*** | *Non-identified schools*  *(for comparison)* |
| **ED** **graduation rate** (August) | **85%+** | *77%* |
| **ED** **graduation rate with Regents Advanced Designation** (August) | **23%+** | *17%* |
| **Dropout rate** | **<9%** | *11%* |

**Schools must have met Criteria B for at least 2 years of the 3-year study**