



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 07

I.S. 239

IS 239 MARK TWAIN

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 1,210

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

Mark Twain IS 239 is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in achievement in a climate of integrity, positive human relations and respect for our society.

Principal's Statement

Unique to Mark Twain is the cluster organization that provides optimum educational benefits in a middle school setting. Every youngster is required to study the four interdisciplinary subjects & foreign language while pursuing a sixth major in a talent area. Consequently, an individualized program is created to best suit the needs of each student. Our exemplary performance on the reading & math standardized tests & high acceptance rate to the NYC Specialized High Schools has distinguished us as one of the city's premiere middle schools. Such success is the direct result of a team effort among administrators, teachers, staff, students, & their parents.

Special Academic Programs

Mark Twain offers many valuable academic programs such as a school-wide gifted & talented program; peer tutoring; accelerated courses in math, science, foreign language, & English; a Specialized High Schools exam preparatory course; Project Arts; an extended day Balanced Literacy Program; and at-risk programs for reluctant learners.

Extracurricular Activities

This school's non-academic activities include: Council for Unity, C.H.A.M.P.S, chess club, dance club, drama club, art club, tennis team, strings orchestra, band, vocal club, photography club, video squad, computer squad, debate team, yearbook staff, school newspaper, and school intramurals.

Community Support

CFU, C.I. Outreach, NY Aquarium, museum partnerships, and the FDNY. We've been the recipient of councilmanic grants and are taking part in a number of community beautification projects including the refurbishment of our Family and Consumer Skills kitchens by the parents, the Rachael Ray Show and Home Depot.

Parent/School Support

Parents comprise 50% of our SLT and are involved in all decision making. They are also an integral part of the Safety Committee, Pupil Personnel Committee, and FLISE/Child Abuse Committee. On-going activities include Fund Raising, Chaperones, Workshops, Cluster Meetings, Orientations and online contacts through our is239.schoolwires.com web site.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Good Standing

This school received Title I Funding in:

2004-05: NO; 2005-06: NO; 2006-07: NO

The Division of Assessment and Accountability (DAA) compiled this report primarily from central databases and information provided by this school's principal. Throughout the report, N/A indicates that information was not available or did not apply to this school. The 2005-2006 Annual School Report is a supplement to the New York State Education Department's School Report Card for New York City Schools. Consult the Parent Guide for an explanation of the data in this report. Other DAA reports can be obtained online at www.nyc.gov/daa.

STUDENTS

Involved In Police Department Incidents

The total enrollment in this consolidated location is 1210 students. Please keep this number in mind as you review the numbers of incidents.

	This school	Consolidated Locations	Similar Size schools
Major Crimes			
Property Crimes	1		0.7
Crimes Against Persons	0		0.5
Other Crimes	1		4.9
Non- Criminal	4		7.0

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 1001-1250 students.

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ourschools/schoolsafety.htm>

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	2.5	2.7	1.2
Similar schools	4.7	4.2	3.0
City schools	9.1	8.1	6.3

* Students enrolled as of Oct. 31, 2005 who immigrated to the U.S. within the last three years.

Recent Immigrants' Place of Birth

Percent of students	2006
RUSSIA	0.4
BELARUS	0.2
UKRAINE	0.2

Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gender Female	N/A	N/A	N/A
Part-time Special Education	N/A	N/A	N/A
Full-time Special Education	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELL	N/A	N/A	N/A
Over-age for grade	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent eligible for free lunch	N/A	N/A	N/A
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics (tested only)	N/A	N/A	N/A

* This information is for the students who were on register as new 9th and 10th graders on October 31, 2005 and came from another school.

* Not applicable to elementary and middle schools

Admission to Other Schools in September 2005

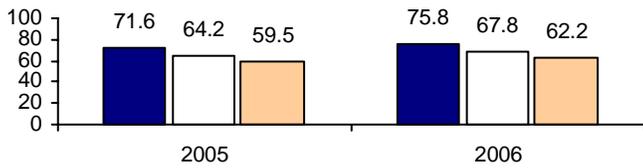
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL	M	02	475	74	21.2
BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH	K	13	430	57	16.3
FIORIELLO H. LAGUARDIA HIG	M	03	485	39	11.2

* Leavers are students who left their school for any reason.

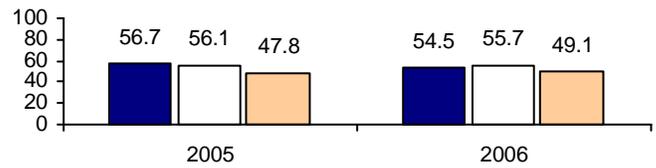
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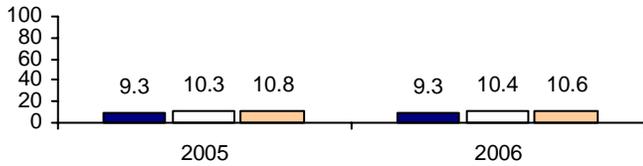
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



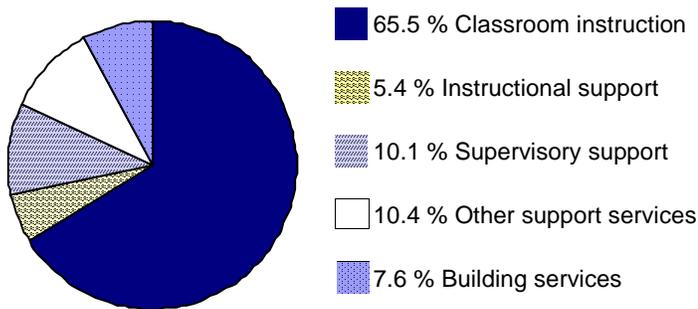
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$9,255	\$8,966	N/A
Similar schools	\$8,896	\$9,678	N/A
City schools	\$10,679	\$11,747	N/A

Note: The state calculation of school expenditures per student for direct and indirect services in 2004 was \$12,896 for all New York City schools. An average of \$13,085 was calculated for all New York State schools including those in New York City.

How money was spent in this school in 2005 (Direct Services Only)



1 % is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	93.4	88.5	68.8
Similar schools	93.0	89.7	86.9
City schools	85.8	82.4	79.9

*When over 100%, school has exceeded official capacity.