



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 06

M.S. 246

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New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 1,153

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

We believe that learning is essential to the human experience. It is our responsibility to stimulate and facilitate learning. We are committed to and accountable for providing an excellent education for all students. Accountability is defined by clear and measurable goals, high expectations for performance and continuous improvement for students and staff.

To prepare our students to be competent, ethical, and responsible citizens in a technology, and information rich society, we will provide a rigorous curriculum with high expectations for all students. We must cultivate the desire and love for lifelong learning, enabling students to successfully contribute to society. We acknowledge and celebrate diversity within all elements of our community. We will create and maintain effective partnerships and promote active involvement with the community at large. Communication will be the bridge to share values, visions and events with those we serve.

Principal's Statement

We remain committed to each student's academic, psychological and emotional well-being. Every facet of our educational program is designed to enable students to reach and exceed performance standards in all content areas. Our pupils benefit from the Magnet program, extra-curricular activities, specialized curricula and the continued support of our dedicated stakeholders. Whitman's state of the art television studio, and photography dark room, computer labs and library are among the resources that aid us in keeping our community of learners on par with the rigors of modern education.

Special Academic Programs

AIS services, extended day/after school math and literacy, Saturday enrichment programs, Magnet program, peer tutoring, TV production, specialized computer training for students, staff development/UFT Teacher Center, Project Arts, storytelling, spelling bee, poetry and essay contests, VH1 music program and school orchestra.

Extracurricular Activities

Project STOP (peer mediation), Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service After-School Program, VACAMUS, girls and boys basketball teams, soccer, cheerleading squad, annual art exhibition, dance squad, annual talent show, school band, holiday concerts, yearbook club and school newspaper.

Community Support

SES, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service, TASC, Generation Yes, Flatbush Haitian Center, Career and Health programs, Computers for Youth.

Parent/School Support

PTA, School Leadership Team, Magnet program open house, "feeder school" for PTA articulation activities, school-based parent workshops, parent center and full-time parent coordinator.



2006-07 School Accountability Status:

Restructuring - Year 3

This school received Title I Funding in:

2004-05: YES; 2005-06: YES; 2006-07: YES

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 1153 students. Please keep this number in mind as you review the numbers of incidents.

This school	Consolidated Locations	Similar Size schools
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Major Crimes

Property Crimes	0	0.7
Crimes Against Persons	2	0.5
Other Crimes	14	4.9
Non- Criminal	18	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	21.5	19.7	15.2
Similar schools	9.5	8.8	7.1
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
HAITI	3.5
JAMAICA	1.9
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	1.9

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

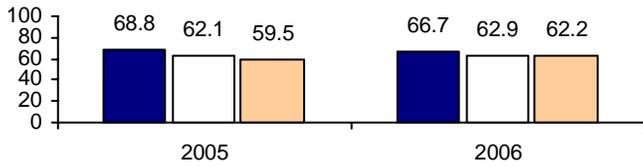
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
SHEEPSHEAD BAY HIGH SCH	K	22	495	34	7.8
SAMUEL J. TILDEN HIGH SCHO	K	18	415	25	5.8
CLARA BARTON HIGH SCHOOL	K	17	600	21	4.8

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

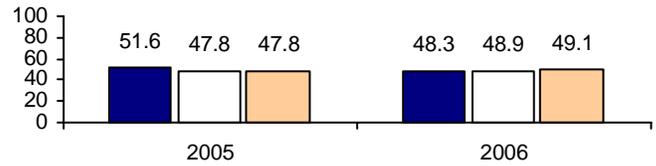
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

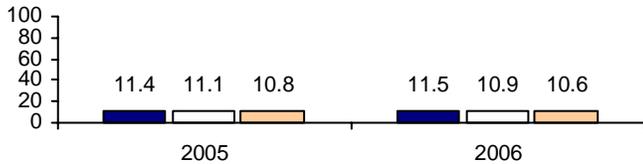
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



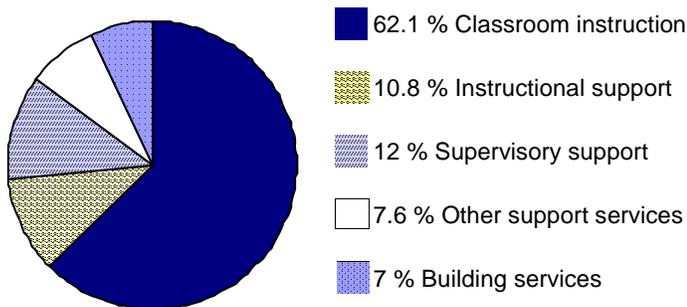
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$11,976	\$12,524	N/A
Similar schools	\$10,945	\$11,966	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)



0.5% is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	79.1	84.3	77.1
Similar schools	85.1	82.7	80.2
City schools	85.8	82.4	79.9

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