



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 08

P.S. 261

PS 261 PHILIP LIVINGSTON

New York City Public Schools
Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 774

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

PS 261 Magnet School for Integrating the Arts expects all students, staff and parents to continuously grow as learners and has high expectations of conduct for the entire school community. We have a magnet theme of infusing the arts and our curriculum is enriched with a variety of art forms, including visual arts, movement, drama, photography and music. Our school community focuses on students' cognitive, social, emotional, artistic and physical development. We believe that all members of our school community learn best in an environment that accepts and celebrates diversity, is humane, and collaborative. We use standards driven instruction to develop students who are concerned citizens, critical thinkers and lifelong learners.

Principal's Statement

PS 261 has an innovative educational program that places each child at the center of the learning process. We provide instruction that is designed to enable all of our students to attain National, State and City standards in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, technology and the arts. Through the implementation of smaller classes, the workshop model and interdisciplinary approaches, our faculty develops unique opportunities for our students to learn and grow.

Special Academic Programs

Workshop Model, Student Council, student leadership, Reading and Writing Buddies, Math in the City, City College Poetry; Collaborative Team Teaching, Inclusion, Student teachers, TC Reading and Writing Project, Music, Art, wireless computer lab, Science lab, , Enrichment Clusters, Intervention

Extracurricular Activities

Recreational and Academic after-school program, Intergenerational programs, artists-in-residence, Family Math, Literacy and Art, Invention Convention, Chorus, Band, Legal Lives, Power Lunch, Metropolitan Opera Program, Lunch Clubs, Chess Program, Music Synthesizer program, Lincoln Center, High School Interns, RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteers)

Community Support

Carrol Gardens Neighborhood Women parent workshops, Learning to Succeed, STAR clinic, Power Lunch, Boerum Hill Assoc., Teacher's Network, Student Teacher Interns from Bank Street, NYU, CUNY, Kingsborough, LIU, Columbia Univ., Shadow Box, PENCIL, Harvard's Project Zero, student Community Service Projects.

Parent/School Support

Parents participate in many committees, PTA Newsletter, Family Handbook, Family Art/Math Day, Saturday Test prep, Grade level meetings with the principal, Parents as Learning Partners, School web site, Lunch Clubs, Book Talk, Schoolwide Enrichment, Learning Leaders, Parents as Art Partners, Grandparents' Day, Parent workshops.



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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 774 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	0.5
Crimes Against Persons	0	0.2
Other Crimes	0	3.0
Non- Criminal	0	5.0

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 751-1000 students.

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	3.9	3.3	2.3
Similar schools	7.2	6.4	5.0
City schools	9.2	8.4	6.5

* 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
YEMEN	0.4
BELGIUM	0.3
JAMAICA	0.3

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

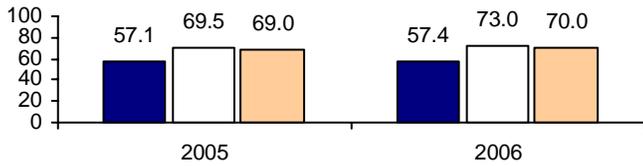
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
THE UPPER CARROLL SCHOO	K	15	447	14	13.9
JHS 051 WILLIAM ALEXANDER	K	15	051	12	11.9
BROOKLYN SCHOOL FOR GLO	K	15	429	9	8.9

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

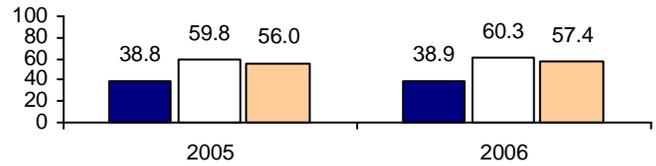
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

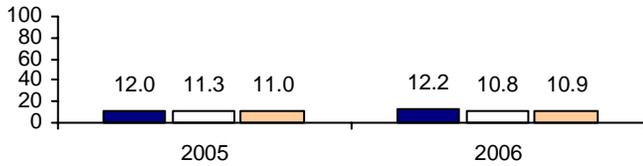
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



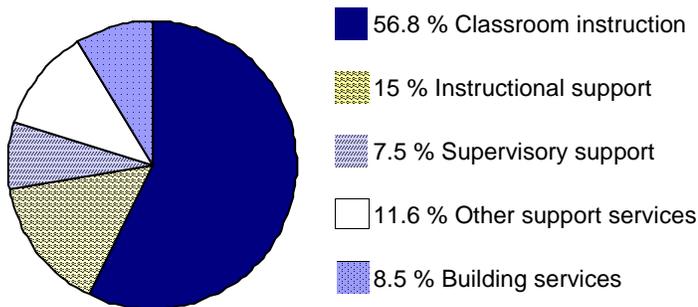
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$10,322	\$10,747	N/A
Similar schools	\$11,034	\$11,836	N/A
City schools	\$11,608	\$12,511	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)



0.7% is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	88.2	88.0	86.8
Similar schools	91.5	89.9	87.2
City schools	87.1	84.8	82.8

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