



# 2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

## Region 07

## I.S. 281

### IS 281 JOSEPH B CAVALLARO

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 1,357

Students on May 1, 2006:

### School Mission Statement

The Joseph B. Cavallaro Intermediate School's Mission Statement is: "We supply every child with the support to grow intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally into a contributing member of society." It is a statement that is reviewed and reinforced on a daily basis. We are committed to creating a safe, healthy, nurturing learning environment for all our students. Cavallaro prides itself on developing educational excellence for all our students. Our commitment to education in the 21st Century includes over 200 laptop computers available for student use, and our selection as an iTeach/iLearn one to one mobile computing school.

### Principal's Statement

Our Cavallaro Scholars' Academy sets the academic climate within the school and encourages all our students to strive for scholastic achievement. The Scholars' Academy program offers accelerated courses in both Mathematics and Science. As a result, students can graduate from IS 281 with as many as three Regents credits. Our students' success rate on those exams is in the 90th percentile. Our state of the art library offers fully computerized access to a collection of 8,000 volumes. We sign out an average of 1,000 books per week. Our population has grown by almost 300 students, yet we are able to maintain attendance figures that surpass 90%.

### Special Academic Programs

In addition to the Cavallaro Scholars' Academy, other programs include our award-winning school newspaper (honored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association), advanced placement in Mathematics and Science, advanced placement in Foreign Language, high school modeled Science labs, and a "Media" program featuring video journalism.

### Extracurricular Activities

A wide range of extracurricular activities are offered to our students. These include Academic Interventions, homework help and enrichment in Extended Day and Saturday programs, Student Council, and hard cover and video yearbook programs. Competitions have included Spelling Bee, Storytelling, Ezra Jack Keats Book Writing and the Eureka Project.

### Community Support

The Neighborhood Improvement Organization offers tremendous student support with an after-school program. We receive support from local area newspapers and political leaders. Our "Cavallaro Cares" program has our students performing community out-reach service with local Senior Citizens Centers, Valentines for Veterans, and a winter Coat Drive.

### Parent/School Support

Support is encouraged through monthly School Leadership Team meetings, monthly PTA meetings and through a parent article regularly included in our school newspaper. Parents support our Library, Senior Prom, Instructional Programs, performance talent recitals and a newly installed exterior sign announcing school community activities.



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### 2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Need of Improvement - Year 1

### 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](http://www.nyc.gov/daa).

# STUDENTS

## Involved In Police Department Incidents

The total enrollment in this consolidated location is 1357 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	2	0.8
Crimes Against Persons	1	0.5
Other Crimes	7	6.7
Non- Criminal	4	12.3

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 1251-1500 students.

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

## Recent Immigrants\*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	11.8	9.4	8.0
Similar schools	10.1	8.1	5.9
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
CHINA	1.8
RUSSIA	0.9
MEXICO	0.6

## 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

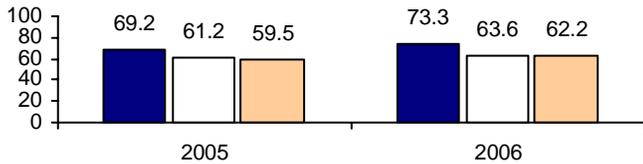
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
JOHN DEWEY HIGH SCHOOL	K	21	540	148	37.9
BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH	K	13	430	30	7.7
NEW UTRECHT HIGH SCHOOL	K	20	445	22	5.6

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

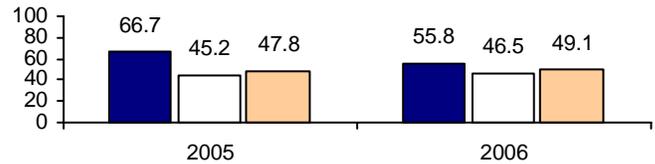
# SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

## TEACHERS

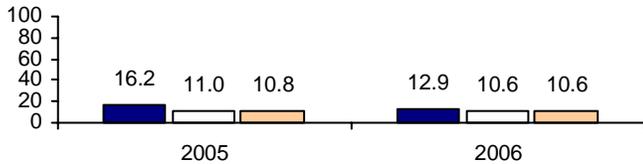
**Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School**



**Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere**



**Average Days Absent**



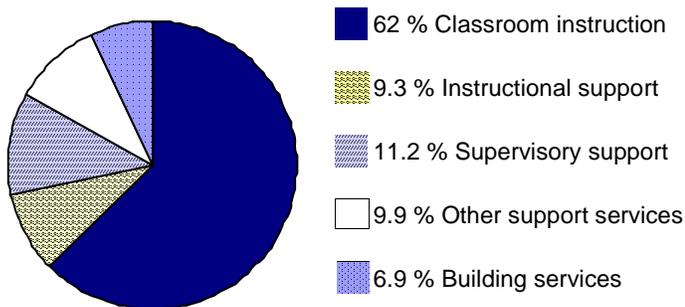
## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

**Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)**

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$9,273	\$9,527	N/A
Similar schools	\$10,159	\$11,030	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)**



0.7 % is used for District Support.

## OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

**School Capacity**

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	92.1	90.3	91.1
Similar schools	90.4	86.4	85.2
City schools	85.8	82.4	79.9

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