



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 08

H.S. 499

ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 695

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire students to make a commitment to take an active role in their education and to build power in the community. We will provide students with a rigorous excellent academic education which grounds them in the skills they will need to succeed in any path they choose upon graduation.

Our graduates will understand that change can be brought about in their communities and the larger society through collective action; by people coming together to identify issues, determine possible solutions, and acting to bring about the needed change.

Principal's Statement

As principal of ACHS, my goal is to create a small learning community that provides a quality, challenging education that fosters equality, respect, and responsibility among our students, staff, parents, and the many varied communities of Brooklyn and New York City. Our purpose is to enable students to receive the best academic and social education possible. Our vision is that all our graduates will demonstrate that they are prepared for a productive work life where they can integrate academic and applied knowledge and use this knowledge in practical ways.

Special Academic Programs

Science Strand science dept is a rigorous dept with a modern science lab. Technology Strand: MOS Certification, WebDesign, ECommerce. Students enrolled in Technology Strand can earn Advanced Regents Diploma. Law&Communications Strand students study social justice and law. SPARE Academy(boys only)development of young men. AVID honors program.

Extracurricular Activities

Academic: Arista, Student Government, Debate Team, Tutorial programs: English Language Arts (ELA), Social Studies, Math, Science Artistic: Ceramics Clubs: Art, Chorus, Drama, Chess, Poetry, Yearbook, Photography, Animation, Film making, Drama and Set Design,Guitar, Journalism, Adventure Club, Cross Age tutoring, Urban Word,Exploring New York.

Community Support

Bridge Street Development Corp NJ Nets
Reuters, AOL Time Warner, Pfizer, Inc.
Prospect Park Environmental Center
Brooklyn Museum New York Hall of Science
Medgar Evers College, New York University (NYU) Black American Law Students Association (BALSA)
Interfaith Medical Center

Parent/School Support

We have formed parent partnerships in the following: PTA, School Leadership Team, Long Term Planning Committee, Redesign Committee, Parent Volunteers at School Activities, Parent Friendly School Workshops, Parent/Superintendent Meeting, Adult Health, fitness and computer technology classes, Parent/Staff Monthly Theater Night.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Good Standing

This school received Title I Funding in:

2004-05: YES; 2005-06: NO; 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 695 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	3		0.4
Crimes Against Persons	0		0.1
Other Crimes	5		1.7
Non- Criminal	16		2.9

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 501-750 students.

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	5.9	5.0	3.2
Similar schools	13.4	11.1	8.5
City schools	11.6	9.8	7.6

* 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
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	0.9
JAMAICA	0.7
GUYANA	0.4

Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	43.2	52.7	50.5
Gender Female	56.8	47.3	49.5
Part-time Special Education	6.2	7.1	5.8
Full-time Special Education	10.3	7.1	5.2
ELL	2.1	13.7	12.8
Over-age for grade	35.8	38.1	29.9
Percent eligible for free lunch	35.8	38.1	29.9
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	86.9	87.8	89.8
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	18.6	17.2	32.7
Mathematics (tested only)	23.3	25.3	40.8

* 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

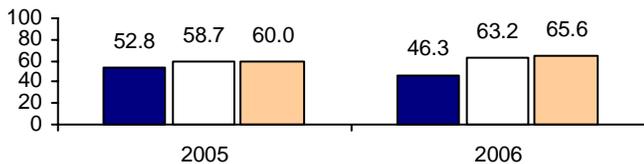
School Name	Boro	District	Leavers*	
			School Number	Percent

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

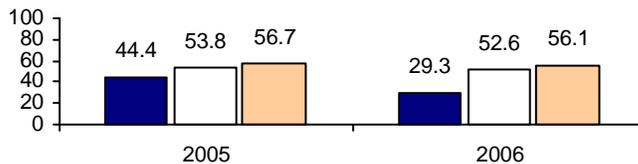
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

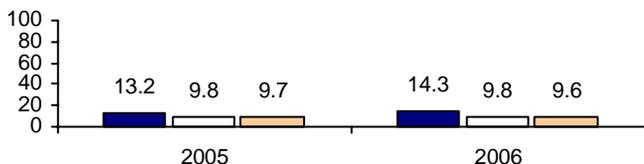
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



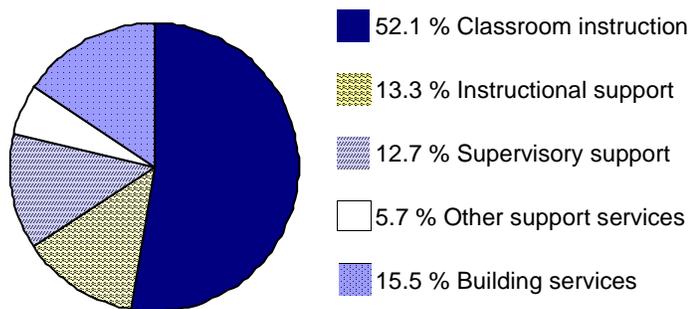
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$10,624	\$11,369	N/A
Similar schools	\$10,651	\$11,055	N/A
City schools	\$11,138	\$11,607	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	88.0	103.0	94.2
Similar schools	100.7	102.2	96.8
City schools	106.0	106.4	103.5

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

PERFORMANCE OF ALL STUDENTS ON REGENTS EXAMINATIONS

	2004-2005				2005-2006			
	Number	55 - 100	65 - 100	85 - 100	Number	55 - 100	65 - 100	85 - 100
	Tested	Percent	Percent	Percent	Tested	Percent	Percent	Percent
ENGLISH								
This School	202	59.4	38.6	2.0	197	79.7	63.5	7.6
Similar Schools	21585	71.3	50.5	8.1	24495	70.9	52.7	8.5
City Schools	63738	78.1	61.6	16.6	70344	77.6	62.9	16.6
MATH A								
This School	248	58.1	43.1	0.0	233	76.4	55.8	2.1
Similar Schools	26130	74.9	49.3	5.1	27815	77.4	50.6	4.8
City Schools	74616	81.2	61.0	13.6	76930	83.1	62.3	13.9
MATH B								
This School					25	4.0	4.0	0.0
Similar Schools	3146	55.0	41.6	8.6	4042	52.7	39.0	7.5
City Schools	18163	70.4	58.5	16.3	21205	68.9	56.4	15.5
CHEMISTRY								
This School	65	18.5	7.7	0.0	21	52.4	19.0	0.0
Similar Schools	5679	59.9	34.4	3.3	5133	60.8	35.1	3.8
City Schools	23988	77.5	55.9	10.5	24062	79.3	58.0	13.1
LIVING ENVIRONMENT								
This School	71	63.4	50.7	1.4	94	87.2	69.1	2.1
Similar Schools	20061	63.9	41.8	2.8	21169	67.3	42.9	2.6
City Schools	62307	72.7	55.2	10.6	65322	76.0	56.5	9.7
GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY								
This School	166	59.6	50.0	7.2	195	59.5	37.9	6.7
Similar Schools	24901	59.8	38.8	6.5	27371	55.6	36.1	7.0
City Schools	73666	68.8	51.1	15.3	77999	66.6	49.4	16.5
U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT								
This School	173	59.0	43.9	12.1	149	71.8	56.4	11.4
Similar Schools	18654	67.9	49.5	13.8	21232	73.2	53.3	15.1
City Schools	60352	76.4	61.9	25.6	65271	79.8	64.0	27.7
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH								
This School	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	18	83.3	77.8	11.1
Similar Schools	4973	97.0	94.0	63.0	4777	96.9	93.7	64.7
City Schools	22273	98.1	96.3	66.7	21600	98.2	96.2	67.4

These data are based on all students, including General Education and Special Education students, regardless of services received.

OTHER INDICATORS

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) IN 2005-2006

Percent of 11th and 12th graders taking SAT

	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
11th and 12th grade enrollment	184	27984	100890
Percent taking SAT	38	33.6	36.1

Average SAT Scores*

SAT Section	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
Verbal	375	391	444
Mathematics	369	396	467

* Scores on each segment of this test range from 200 to 800.

STUDENT PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

Post-high school plans of the 2006 graduates*

	This ** School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
4-Year college	54.1	36.9	44.3
2-Year college	24.5	17.6	16.2
Employment	1	4.5	3.3
Military services	2	1.4	0.9
Other	18.4	39.6	35.2

** Data are not reported if the total number of 2006 graduates are less than 20.

* These are student reports, which do not include IEP diplomas or local certificates.