



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 09

H.S. 449M

VANGUARD HIGH SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 366

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

Vanguard High School is a community of learners committed to cultivating the resources necessary to become literate, articulate, analytical, reflective and empathetic citizens. Working with an intellectual focus, and helping students and staff to "use their minds well," our curriculum is developed stating the concepts, skills knowledge and goals of year-long thematic courses. The Habits of Minds are concerned with: How well does the student use evidence to support his/her opinions? Does the student see other points of view? Can the students make connections between different areas, courses, see the relevance of our studies, and what if we changed a factor in the discussion? Our curriculum relies on a series of end of unit written oral, and visual exhibitions to display mastery. These exhibitions lead to preparation for a set of graduation portfolio students must complete before their exit from Vanguard.

Principal's Statement

Vanguard High School is a small High School in New York City. Our commitment to the Coalition of Essential Schools' Twelve Principles drive our educational philosophy and enables us to create a school that has high expectations and shared accountability, is student centered, and uses performance-based assessment and exhibitions to measure what students learn. Vanguard High School students fulfill Graduation Requirements and graduate by, completing academic portfolios and by demonstrating their knowledge in a series of Performance Based Assessment Presentations, to Graduation Committees.

Special Academic Programs

Performance tasks required for graduation: analytical literary essay; original science experiment; research paper and oral defense of research findings; autobiography presentation; formal discussion with external evaluators; application of higher level mathematics. Classrooms based on critical analysis, discussions and debates.

Extracurricular Activities

Math Club; Chess Club; Step Club; College Prep Club; Music Club; Talent Show Performance Club; Big Brothers and Big Sisters Mentoring Program; "Diversity" Literary Magazine Club; Student Gov't; Boys and Girls Varsity & Junior Varsity Basketball and Volleyball; Soccer; Intramural Sports; "Gen Tec" Computer Club

Community Support

Vanguard maintains partnerships with: American Folk Art Museum, New York Presbyterian Hospital Big Brothers/Big Sisters; New School University; John Jay College; Advancing Student Achievement Program; Fashion Institute of Technology; New York School Volunteers Program; Educational Video Center.

Parent/School Support

With the excitement generated from our student leadership team, our new Parent Leadership Team (PLT) conducts school wide events and self-improvement events and workshops for parents and students that ultimately serve to support the Vanguard High School community. It serves as the final link for our school leadership team.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Corrective Action

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 366 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	1.1
Crimes Against Persons		0	1.2
Other Crimes		5	8.9
Non- Criminal		1	25.3

No separate data is available for this school. Multiple schools are found at a single address, and the incident data have been consolidated so that the same data are reported for all those schools. These schools are included in this consolidated location: URBAN ACADEMY LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL|TALENT UNLIMITED HIGH SCHOOL|VANGUARD HIGH SCHOOL|ELLA BAKER SCHOOL|MANHATTAN INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Similar-Sized Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 1501-1750 students

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	2.3	0.5	0.5
Similar schools	7.8	6.7	4.9
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
GHANA	0.3
LIBYA	0.3

Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender			
Male	47.6	46.6	50.5
Female	52.4	53.4	49.5
Part-time Special Education	4.8	8	5.8
Full-time Special Education	2.9	4.8	5.2
ELL	3.8	13.8	12.8
Over-age for grade	31.4	31.9	29.9
Percent eligible for free lunch	31.4	31.9	29.9
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	91.8	90.5	89.8
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	22.4	27.2	32.7
Mathematics (tested only)	23.5	34.1	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

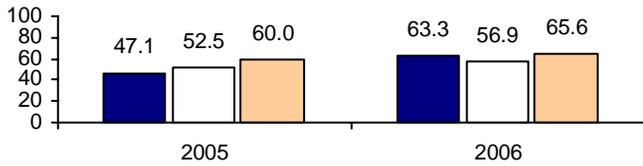
School Name	Boro	District	School	Leavers*	
			Number	Number	Percent

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

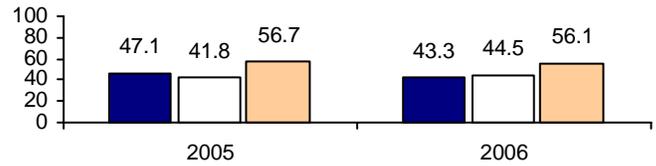
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

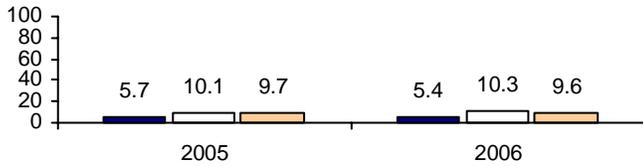
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



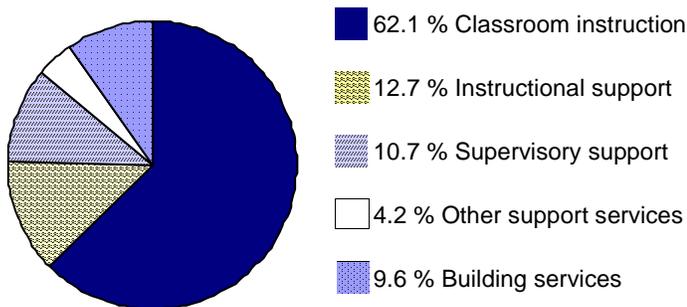
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$11,712	\$13,237	N/A
Similar schools	\$11,536	\$12,002	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	64.1	70.2	64.8
Similar schools	75.8	84.7	85.1
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	59	81.4	64.4	8.5	113	75.2	59.3	2.7
Similar Schools	2133	70.6	48.5	7.2	2390	71.3	54.6	8.2
City Schools	63738	78.1	61.6	16.6	70344	77.6	62.9	16.6
MATH A								
This School	195	69.2	36.4	2.1	182	65.4	41.2	3.3
Similar Schools	2822	69.4	43.9	6.1	2357	72.9	46.5	4.9
City Schools	74616	81.2	61.0	13.6	76930	83.1	62.3	13.9
MATH B								
This School								
Similar Schools	85	48.2	27.1	0.0	160	44.4	34.4	5.0
City Schools	18163	70.4	58.5	16.3	21205	68.9	56.4	15.5
CHEMISTRY								
This School								
Similar Schools	232	43.1	15.9	0.9	186	55.4	26.3	3.2
City Schools	23988	77.5	55.9	10.5	24062	79.3	58.0	13.1
LIVING ENVIRONMENT								
This School	22	100.0	95.5	13.6				
Similar Schools	2408	58.3	33.9	3.7	1640	60.7	33.4	2.0
City Schools	62307	72.7	55.2	10.6	65322	76.0	56.5	9.7
GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY								
This School	32	78.1	68.8	6.3				
Similar Schools	2619	56.2	33.8	8.1	2071	50.3	30.0	3.2
City Schools	73666	68.8	51.1	15.3	77999	66.6	49.4	16.5
U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT								
This School	14	100.0	100.0	28.6				
Similar Schools	1516	60.3	38.9	8.8	1471	69.4	48.3	10.7
City Schools	60352	76.4	61.9	25.6	65271	79.8	64.0	27.7
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH								
This School								
Similar Schools	304	97.4	95.7	70.1	304	96.7	96.1	79.3
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. Students in this school were granted a variance by the State Education Department and were only required to take the english Regents.

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	116	3711	100890
Percent taking SAT	33.6	32.2	36.1

Average SAT Scores*

SAT Section	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
Verbal	385	391	444
Mathematics	383	392	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	62.3	51.1	44.3
2-Year college	15.1	21.9	16.2
Employment	0	2.3	3.3
Military services	3.8	0.8	0.9
Other	18.9	24	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.