



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 79

H.S. 544M

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 450

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

The mission of our school is to develop the mind, character, and physical well-being of our students through the creation of an environment that fosters academic excellence, maturity, responsibility, and mutual respect.

We envision our high school community, which encompasses students, staff, and parents, to be actively engaged in maintaining academic excellence, to help foster self-esteem, and to develop healthier decision-making skills so students may develop and work up to their full potential. All constituents will share responsibility for creating a positive and supportive educational environment and for achieving successful student outcomes. Overall, we strive to restore hope and help build dreams for all of our students.

Principal's Statement

Independence High School is a multi-sited alternative high school which serves the needs of young adults in the 10th - 12th grades, ages 17-21. We serve a population of approximately 500 students between the two sites. Our school has collaborations with The L'Oreal company, Columbia University Business School, and Kaplan Learning Services. These partnerships provide grants, job training programs and internships and actively recruit our students. Our Regents data is outstanding placing the school in the top echelon of the alternative high school district.

Special Academic Programs

Kaplan Learning Services - expert coaches are retained to work with teachers in regents prep classes.
Fully functioning Library/Media Center with expert librarian.
After school college preparation courses.

Extracurricular Activities

Student Council, School Spirit Days throughout the school year, "HOP" nights (Helping Our Parents) specialized evenings, Lincoln Center partnerships for students.

Community Support

Outstanding collaboration/partnership with Councilwoman Gale Brewer who provided grant to set-up Music Recording Studio, Principal for a day from The L'Oreal Company, First Republic Bank, Columbia University Business School.

Parent/School Support

"HOP" night gatherings (Helping Our Parents) theme-based evenings, illustrious Parent Coordinator, functioning PTA and School Leadership Team.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Good Standing

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 450 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		0	1.5
Crimes Against Persons		1	3.2
Other Crimes		21	20.1
Non- Criminal		6	54.8

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: HIGH SCHOOL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES|CAREER EDUCATION CENTER|INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL, Similar-Sized Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 3001-4000 students

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	1.2	1.0	0.4
Similar schools	16.7	15.2	13.6
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
ALBANIA	0.2
GUYANA	0.2

Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender			
Male	100	53.6	50.5
Female	0	46.4	49.5
Part-time Special Education	0	0.9	5.8
Full-time Special Education	0	0.3	5.2
ELL	0	74.8	12.8
Over-age for grade	100	90	29.9
Percent eligible for free lunch	100	90	29.9
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	0	87.4	89.8
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	0	16.7	32.7
Mathematics (tested only)	0	25	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

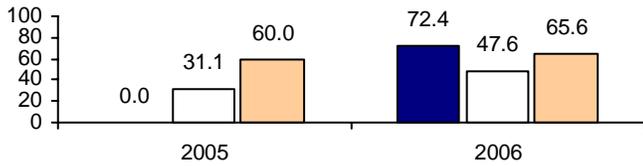
School Name	Boro	District	Leavers*	
			School Number	Percent

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

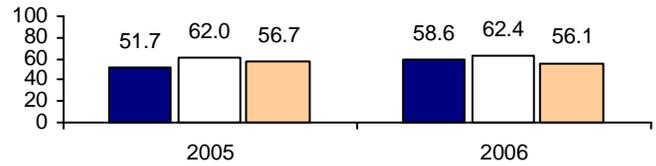
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

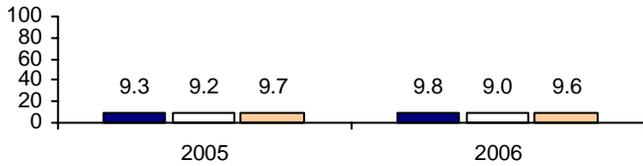
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



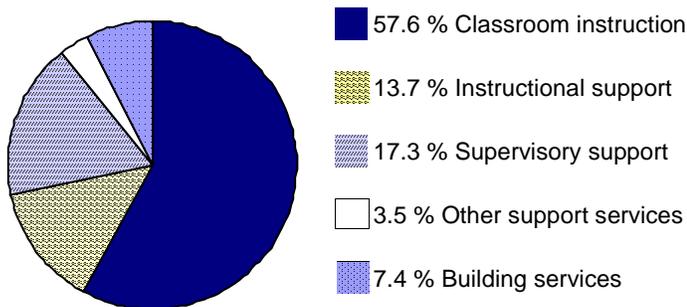
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$11,693	\$14,333	N/A
Similar schools	\$12,604	\$13,749	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)



0.5 % is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	132.9	94.2	102.3
Similar schools	100.5	89.8	94.5
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	119	80.7	52.1	10.1	117	76.1	45.3	2.6
Similar Schools	2041	67.7	40.4	5.9	1725	73.6	49.4	7.6
City Schools	63738	78.1	61.6	16.6	70344	77.6	62.9	16.6
MATH A								
This School	134	82.8	44.0	3.0	104	84.6	54.8	1.9
Similar Schools	1810	70.2	41.4	9.5	1403	84.6	53.0	12.9
City Schools	74616	81.2	61.0	13.6	76930	83.1	62.3	13.9
MATH B								
This School								
Similar Schools	93	97.8	91.4	53.8	118	94.1	89.0	43.2
City Schools	18163	70.4	58.5	16.3	21205	68.9	56.4	15.5
CHEMISTRY								
This School								
Similar Schools	25	72.0	60.0	8.0	36	83.3	52.8	19.4
City Schools	23988	77.5	55.9	10.5	24062	79.3	58.0	13.1
LIVING ENVIRONMENT								
This School	68	79.4	52.9	0.0	89	78.7	46.1	2.2
Similar Schools	1063	64.3	44.2	6.5	1034	79.4	48.5	7.6
City Schools	62307	72.7	55.2	10.6	65322	76.0	56.5	9.7
GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY								
This School	98	85.7	54.1	4.1	105	70.5	37.1	3.8
Similar Schools	1526	66.8	40.4	8.6	1292	68.8	40.9	10.8
City Schools	73666	68.8	51.1	15.3	77999	66.6	49.4	16.5
U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT								
This School	123	82.9	50.4	8.1	149	85.9	49.7	7.4
Similar Schools	1677	69.1	43.5	9.1	1442	80.8	51.7	12.6
City Schools	60352	76.4	61.9	25.6	65271	79.8	64.0	27.7
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH								
This School	8	100.0	100.0	87.5	16	100.0	100.0	75.0
Similar Schools	204	91.2	90.2	66.2	223	98.7	95.1	77.1
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	285	3316	100890
Percent taking SAT	6	13.4	36.1

Average SAT Scores*

SAT Section	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
Verbal	407	380	444
Mathematics	366	388	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 Percent	Similar Schools Percent	City Schools Percent
4-Year college	10.3	29.1	44.3
2-Year college	26.8	31.6	16.2
Employment	9.9	6.7	3.3
Military services	1.4	1.5	0.9
Other	51.6	31.2	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.