



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 79

H.S. 550M

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY FOR NEWCOMERS

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 488

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

Our mission at Liberty High School is to provide a well-rounded educational program that meets the needs of English language learners academically, emotionally, physically, and socially. We strive to create an atmosphere that is conducive to a positive learning experience. We believe it is imperative to keep the well-being of our school community a top priority at all times.

Principal's Statement

Liberty High School Academy for Newcomers is a carefully designed Bilingual/English as a Second Language school that meets the special needs of newly-arrived non-English speaking immigrant students. Our students represent approximately fifty countries and speak nearly thirty different languages. We celebrate our diversity through various celebrations and activities. Many of our teachers and support staff members are from countries around the world. Our bilingual programs serve Chinese, Spanish, and Polish-speaking youngsters.

Special Academic Programs

We have an extensive English as a Second Language program that enables students to have a smooth transition into regular English classes as well as content area classes of mathematics, social studies, and science. All of our courses are designed specifically for English Language Learners (ELLs).

Extracurricular Activities

We provide our students with afterschool support including classes of ESL, math, science, social studies and physical education. The library and computer labs are available to students during their lunch periods and afterschool. A Saturday Academy provides students with Regents preparation classes in English, math, science, and social studies.

Community Support

We are supported with the services of Health Care Plus for student and family health insurance, Learning Leaders for tutoring, NYU Law students for mentors, and NYU, Hunter College, and Columbia University for student teachers.

Parent/School Support

With the assistance of our bilingual parent coordinator we provide our parents with monthly workshops specifically designed to meet the needs of non-English speaking immigrant parents. Additionally, we provide ESL evening classes for our parents.

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 488 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		0.2
Crimes Against Persons	0		0.1
Other Crimes	1		1.4
Non- Criminal	1		2.3

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 251-500 students.

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	91.0	92.5	81.1
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
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	21.1
CHINA	11.3
POLAND	9.6

Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	55.4	53.6	50.5
Gender Female	44.6	46.4	49.5
Part-time Special Education	0	0.9	5.8
Full-time Special Education	0	0.3	5.2
ELL	89.9	74.8	12.8
Over-age for grade	79.1	90	29.9
Percent eligible for free lunch	79.1	90	29.9
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	93.1	87.4	89.8
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	0	16.7	32.7
Mathematics (tested only)	20	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

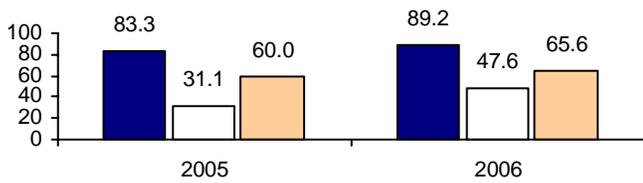
School Name	Boro	District	Leavers*	
			School Number	Percent

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

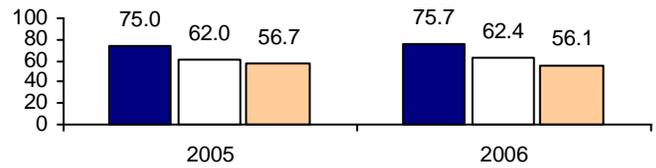
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

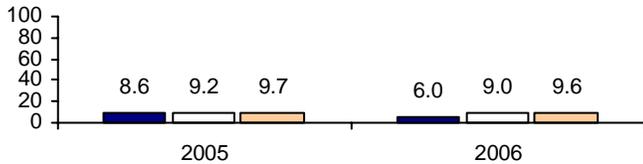
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



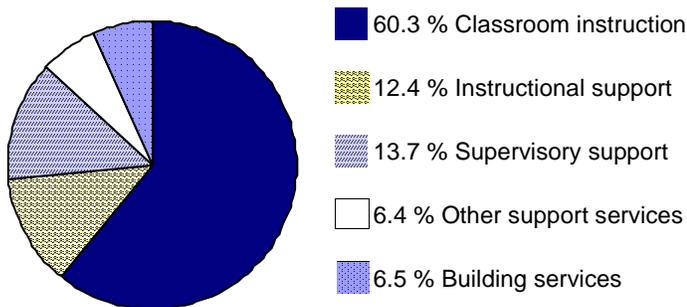
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$11,922	\$12,571	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)



0.7 % is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	153.1	147.5	133.0
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	76	51.3	34.2	9.2	131	69.5	53.4	17.6
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	43	100.0	100.0	46.5	69	97.1	89.9	21.7
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	13	100.0	69.2	23.1	16	100.0	87.5	25.0
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					7	100.0	85.7	0.0
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	65	100.0	89.2	15.4	102	82.4	52.9	10.8
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	127	85.8	55.1	17.3	117	66.7	47.0	17.9
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	74	78.4	58.1	21.6	111	68.5	46.8	23.4
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	55	100.0	100.0	49.1	25	96.0	96.0	80.0
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	198	3316	100890
Percent taking SAT	23.7	13.4	36.1

Average SAT Scores*

SAT Section	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
Verbal	310	380	444
Mathematics	421	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	39.4	29.1	44.3
2-Year college	54.5	31.6	16.2
Employment	1.5	6.7	3.3
Military services	0	1.5	0.9
Other	4.5	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.