



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 09

H.S. 620

NORMAN THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 2,437

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

Our High School was named Norman Thomas in tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the pursuit of social and economic justice. He taught respect for people who provide their human labor for economic purposes. Our faculty works closely with our students to see that our mission is met. With the creation of Small Learning Communities within our school, we provide a more personalized instructional program where every student is given the support necessary to succeed. It continues to be the mission of Norman Thomas High School to prepare students to be literate, caring, questioning and critically thinking members of society. Our young people will be prepared to meet the academic and technological demands of the 21st century, thereby enabling them to succeed in college and the business world. We recognize that our mission also extends to new populations in the mainstream of American Life.

Principal's Statement

The Norman Thomas Community is committed to providing students with the very finest educational experience. Our personalized Small Learning Communities focus on rigorous academic and business curricula supported by all teachers within each academy. We include outside organizations as an integral part of our program, coupled with a rich complement of extracurricular activities. Our goal is to graduate students prepared for college and ready to contribute to their communities. Proudly, our students continue to succeed long after their graduation from Norman Thomas.

Special Academic Programs

Our majors are: Accounting, Office Technology, Marketing and Travel & Tourism. Internships are provided through our Business Advisory Council. Partnerships with the College Now Program, Grand Street Settlement and Education for the Arts provide our students with many opportunities.

Extracurricular Activities

Our Sports Teams include Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Track, Volleyball, Bowling and Handball. Our Debate Team participates in the annual Lincoln-Douglas Debate Competition. Our clubs include the school newspaper, step, cheerleading, chess, multicultural and others.

Community Support

Deloitte and Touche, Verizon, Junior Achievement, DKNY, Pencil, Children's Arts & Science Workshops, YMCA and the Council for Logistics Management work with our students. Our Business Advisory Council provides mentoring, internships and job shadowing for our students. The Alumni Association provides scholarships and support after graduation.

Parent/School Support

Our Parent-Teacher Association meets every month. Parents are also members of our school-wide School Leadership Team. Special parent workshops are provided for each grade level, for college admissions and for financial aide. Our parent coordinator plays a vital role in the connection between the school and parents.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

Planning for Restructuring

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 2437 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		1.6
Crimes Against Persons	3		2.6
Other Crimes	34		18.5
Non- Criminal	85		45.6

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 2001-2500 students.

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	9.3	7.5	5.2
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
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	3.2
MEXICO	0.6
CHINA	0.5

Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	51.1	52.7	50.5
Gender Female	48.9	47.3	49.5
Part-time Special Education	4.2	7.1	5.8
Full-time Special Education	6.8	7.1	5.2
ELL	26.9	13.7	12.8
Over-age for grade	43.5	38.1	29.9
Percent eligible for free lunch	43.5	38.1	29.9
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	88	87.8	89.8
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	15.5	17.2	32.7
Mathematics (tested only)	26	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

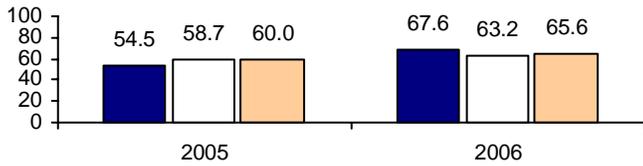
School Name	Boro	District	Leavers*	
			School Number	Percent

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

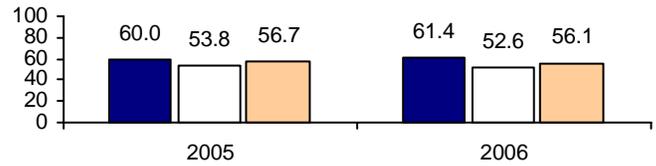
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

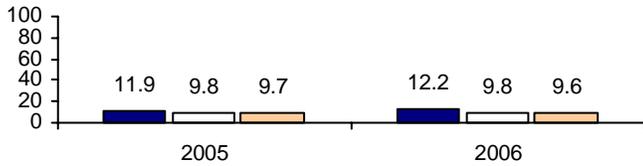
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



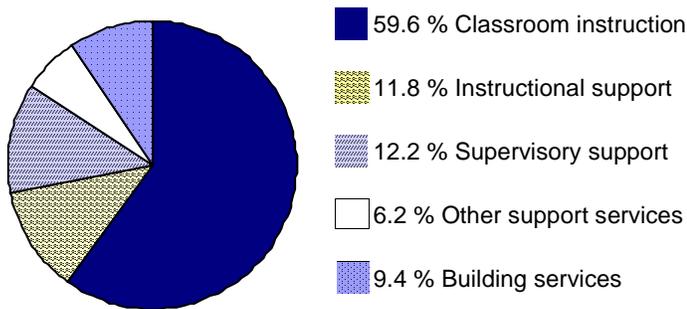
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$9,386	\$9,755	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	130.4	138.6	104.3
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	579	70.3	50.1	7.4	484	65.9	47.1	8.1
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	421	89.1	57.7	9.0	487	79.7	49.5	4.5
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	29	79.3	51.7	13.8	86	33.7	26.7	8.1
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	403	35.7	11.2	0.5	278	40.3	16.5	1.1
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	446	57.2	35.9	1.6	469	55.0	28.1	1.5
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	542	59.8	37.3	4.8	728	47.5	26.5	3.4
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	517	66.9	51.3	13.2	542	69.6	45.2	11.3
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	265	98.9	95.8	70.2	96	100.0	99.0	88.5
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	616	27984	100890
Percent taking SAT	56.8	33.6	36.1

Average SAT Scores*

SAT Section	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
Verbal	388	391	444
Mathematics	399	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 Percent	Similar Schools Percent	City Schools Percent
4-Year college	56.5	36.9	44.3
2-Year college	13.5	17.6	16.2
Employment	3.2	4.5	3.3
Military services	0.3	1.4	0.9
Other	26.6	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.