



# 2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

## Region 03

## P.S. 161

### PS 161 ARTHUR ASHE SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 833

Students on May 1, 2006:

### School Mission Statement

*At PS 161Q, our mission is to create a community of highly educated and socially responsible learners. We envision a school that fully utilizes all of its resources, including its ability to create partnerships with families and the community, in order to provide the highest level of instruction in a positive and collaborative learning environment. All members of our staff are striving to help empower students to become life-long learners. We will continue to enrich our teaching by providing a constant source of quality professional development for our staff. We will continue to expect the best of each of our students so that our community of children can live up to their highest potentials.*

### Principal's Statement

"We delight in learning so that we can teach" sums up our view of P.S. 161 as a true learning community. We strive to be a model school for professional development. Our students benefit from our teachers' ongoing pursuit of the best teaching practices, and from our teamwork with parents. Having become a Columbia Teachers College Reading/Writing Project School, our focus is on improving the quality and volume of student writing. We are a "student-centered" school, where students discuss literature and build on each others' knowledge and ideas. Our parents, staff, and students agree that P.S. 161 is a great place to become "lifelong learners".

### Special Academic Programs

TAG, Schoolwide Enrichment Model, Student Council, Homework Help, Technology Club, Student Newsletter, Yearbook Committee, Before/Afterschool Academic Intervention Program, K-3 Saturday School, Teachers College Project School, and Authors' Night.

### Extracurricular Activities

Volleyball, Recreation, Art Through Global Studies, Violin, Theater Arts, Nagata Dance Club, and Chess Club.

### Community Support

We have partnerships with: Jamaica Hospital, Richmond Hill High School, St. John's University (America Reads Program), UNICEF, Adopt-A-Classroom, N.Y.P.D. (D.A.R.E., and G.R.E.A.T. Programs), L.E.A.P., Arts Horizons, 144 Music and Art, Common Cents, City Harvest, and Queens College.

### Parent/School Support

The PTA supports the administration, staff, and students through planning and funding of special projects, trips and events. We encourage parental involvement through Learning Leaders, Parent workshops, Newsletters, "Student of the Month", Career Day, and Family Literacy Day. New initiatives are the Phone Messenger system and "Grade 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](http://www.nyc.gov/daa).

# STUDENTS

## Involved In Police Department Incidents

The total enrollment in this consolidated location is 833 students. Please keep this number in mind as you review the numbers of incidents.

	This school	Consolidated Locations	Similar Size schools
<b>Major Crimes</b>			
Property Crimes	0		0.5
Crimes Against Persons	0		0.2
Other Crimes	1		3.0
Non- Criminal	0		5.0

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 751-1000 students.

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

## Recent Immigrants\*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	23.1	18.6	13.3
Similar schools	9.6	8.6	6.7
City schools	9.2	8.4	6.5

\* 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
GUYANA	6.2
INDIA	3.1
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	1.7

## Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders\*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gender Female	N/A	N/A	N/A
Part-time Special Education	N/A	N/A	N/A
Full-time Special Education	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELL	N/A	N/A	N/A
Over-age for grade	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent eligible for free lunch	N/A	N/A	N/A
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics (tested only)	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* 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

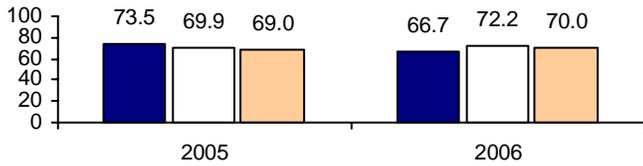
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
JHS 072 CATH. & COUNT BASI	Q	28	072	33	30.3
MS 137 AMERICA'S SCHL OF H	Q	27	137	21	19.3
JHS 226 VIRGIL I GRISSOM	Q	27	226	15	13.8

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

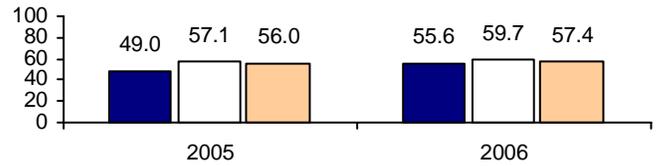
# SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

## TEACHERS

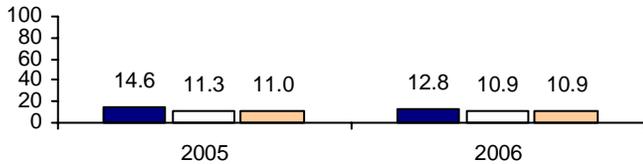
**Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School**



**Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere**



**Average Days Absent**



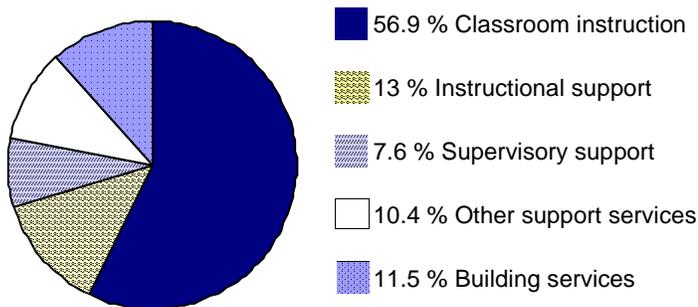
## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

**Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)**

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$9,568	\$10,599	N/A
Similar schools	\$12,337	\$13,154	N/A
City schools	\$11,608	\$12,511	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)**



0.6 % is used for District Support.

## OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

**School Capacity**

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	113.5	113.8	120.5
Similar schools	84.5	80.7	78.4
City schools	87.1	84.8	82.8

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