



# 2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

## Region 03

## H.S. 415

### BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO HIGH SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 4,042

Students on May 1, 2006:

### School Mission Statement

*Our school's mission is to be a large school of excellence AND a school with a big heart. Known for its academic achievement, Cardozo recognizes that a brilliant mind devoid of compassion is lacking the humanity that defines success. Therefore, we promote character by creating a school in which each individual is valued and respected. Cardozo is a learning community where students and staff engage in what we see as the essence of life itself - learning - both in the classroom and in every other aspect of school life. To this end, an astounding array of programs has been created and is supported by the school. In all we do, we maintain high expectations for everyone.*

### Principal's Statement

In 1998, Newsweek identified Benjamin N. Cardozo H.S. as one of the "Top 100 Schools In the Nation". A New York Times editorial recently described Cardozo as an exemplary school whose "ambitious students and engaging programs make for the kind of schooling most New Yorkers over fifty took for granted." The Times in November, 2003 described Cardozo as "one of the city's top neighborhood schools." In March 2005 Newsweek ranked Cardozo as the best public high school in the city. Every barometer of success, including SAT scores, Regents diplomas, and graduation rates, indicates that Cardozo remains a nationally recognized bastion of academic excellence.

### Special Academic Programs

This school's special academic programs include: DaVinci Science and Math Institute, Mentor Law and Humanities Institute, Performing Dance Program, Intel Research, Science Olympiad, Math League, Senior Thesis, Debate, Mock Trial, and 21 advanced placement courses.

### Extracurricular Activities

SING, Drama, Cheerleading, Step Teams, Jazz Band, Mediation-Negotiation, Community Service, over 50 active clubs and 30 varsity teams, including championships in girls' track, boys' and girls' tennis, boys' and girls' lacrosse, golf, volleyball, basketball, girls' gymnastics and bowling.

### Community Support

Partnerships include: Alvin Ailey Dance, American School in Spain, Asian Youth Outreach, St. John's Univ., Queens College, Queensborough Community College, CW Post Univ., Columbia Univ., Hofstra University, Cold Spring Harbor Research Facility, Long Island Blood Services, Law Firms, and Playwrights in the Classroom.

### Parent/School Support

Support by the Parents Association in providing extensive college preparation services to students through school's College Office. Weekly principal meetings with "at risk" students. School Messenger Phone System. Cardozo Growth Program, a mini-academy for struggling students. Freshman 101 course required for study skills preparation.

### 2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Good Standing

### This school received Title I Funding in:

2004-05: NO; 2005-06: NO; 2006-07: NO

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 4042 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	4		3.0
Crimes Against Persons	2		4.2
Other Crimes	15		22.6
Non- Criminal	7		52.4

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 4000+ students.

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

## Recent Immigrants\*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	9.3	8.0	6.9
Similar schools	7.0	6.0	3.8
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
CHINA	2.9
KOREA, SOUTH	1.6
HONG KONG	0.4

## Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders\*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	43.7	47.6	50.5
Gender Female	56.3	52.4	49.5
Part-time Special Education	4.4	3.9	5.8
Full-time Special Education	2.4	2.2	5.2
ELL	8.7	6.1	12.8
Over-age for grade	16.6	15.7	29.9
Percent eligible for free lunch	16.6	15.7	29.9
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	93.8	92.7	89.8
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	59.4	55.2	32.7
Mathematics (tested only)	74.5	67.1	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

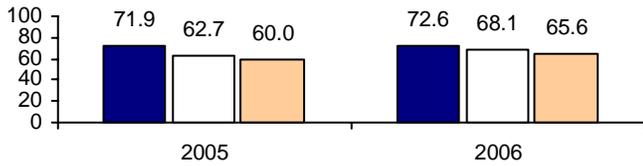
School Name	Boro	District	Leavers*	
			School Number	Percent

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

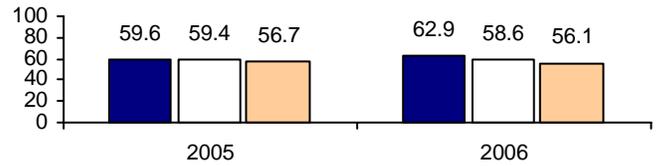
# SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

## TEACHERS

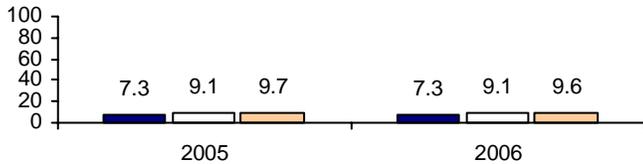
**Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School**



**Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere**



**Average Days Absent**



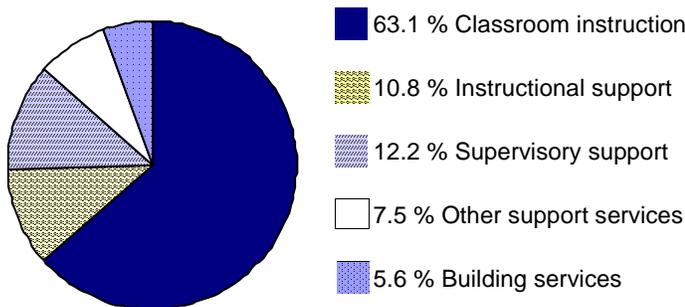
## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

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

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$7,299	\$7,725	N/A
Similar schools	\$11,279	\$11,188	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)**



0.9 % is used for District Support.

## OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

**School Capacity**

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	128.2	138.5	132.7
Similar schools	116.8	113.4	117.5
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
<b>ENGLISH</b>								
<b>This School</b>	968	93.3	86.9	46.3	1106	93.0	88.2	46.2
<b>Similar Schools</b>	10011	92.4	84.4	31.2	11236	91.6	84.8	32.7
<b>City Schools</b>	63738	78.1	61.6	16.6	70344	77.6	62.9	16.6
<b>MATH A</b>								
<b>This School</b>	991	98.5	95.5	43.2	935	96.7	91.7	43.9
<b>Similar Schools</b>	10992	93.8	84.6	26.4	12194	93.0	82.8	28.4
<b>City Schools</b>	74616	81.2	61.0	13.6	76930	83.1	62.3	13.9
<b>MATH B</b>								
<b>This School</b>	599	87.3	76.6	23.5	700	77.4	65.6	19.4
<b>Similar Schools</b>	5706	75.1	62.2	13.1	6637	73.7	60.6	13.0
<b>City Schools</b>	18163	70.4	58.5	16.3	21205	68.9	56.4	15.5
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>								
<b>This School</b>	725	96.1	80.6	15.4	753	95.0	77.3	17.7
<b>Similar Schools</b>	7019	87.2	66.4	10.3	7712	86.8	66.0	13.2
<b>City Schools</b>	23988	77.5	55.9	10.5	24062	79.3	58.0	13.1
<b>LIVING ENVIRONMENT</b>								
<b>This School</b>	980	94.0	84.9	27.1	832	93.4	81.6	28.4
<b>Similar Schools</b>	11043	88.1	77.7	19.5	11548	88.8	76.5	17.0
<b>City Schools</b>	62307	72.7	55.2	10.6	65322	76.0	56.5	9.7
<b>GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY</b>								
<b>This School</b>	1182	90.9	82.6	39.4	1204	89.9	80.4	42.7
<b>Similar Schools</b>	11777	85.0	73.5	27.6	12808	83.2	71.2	30.4
<b>City Schools</b>	73666	68.8	51.1	15.3	77999	66.6	49.4	16.5
<b>U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT</b>								
<b>This School</b>	901	96.6	92.3	65.4	916	97.5	94.3	66.3
<b>Similar Schools</b>	11546	89.0	81.6	42.9	11536	89.8	81.6	47.2
<b>City Schools</b>	60352	76.4	61.9	25.6	65271	79.8	64.0	27.7
<b>LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH</b>								
<b>This School</b>	846	99.9	99.3	71.4	759	99.5	98.8	65.2
<b>Similar Schools</b>	5898	98.6	97.0	64.9	5522	98.5	96.9	61.0
<b>City Schools</b>	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.