



# 2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

## Region 04

## H.S. 555

### NEWCOMERS HIGH SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools  
Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 1,080

Students on May 1, 2006:

#### School Mission Statement

*Newcomers High School was created to provide students with an academic program that responds to the unique needs of immigrant students. Our school has designed a rigorous instructional program that also provides students & their parents with a supportive environment. A unique feature of our school is that students have the opportunity to transfer to a variety of specialized programs & students are provided with other educational options that are available to high school students. The school offers programs that take into consideration students' abilities, strengths, needs, & interests. In addition to promoting academic & athletic excellence, our instructional program emphasizes the acquisition of English through an intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, the development of native language skills, the appreciation of cultural diversity, and preparation for success and entry into the world of higher education and work.*

#### Principal's Statement

Newcomer High School:Academy for New Americans provides a quality education & supportive, safe environment for students & parents who are new to this country. We have students in grades 9 through 12. Our instructional program assists students in meeting the academic, social, & cultural demands of the 21st Century. Our students participate in school-wide multicultural events. There is an emphasis on learning English, developing native language skills, & obtaining academic, cultural, & athletic excellence. Our ultimate goal is to prepare students for entry into institutions of higher learning & American society in general.

#### Special Academic Programs

We are a multicultural school offering Spanish or Chinese bilingual programs,& ESL instruction with after-school & Saturday enrichment programs.Advanced Placement classes include Spanish Language & Literature, Chinese Lang.&Culture.Virtual Enterprise explores career objectives and internships with businesses.90% of graduates attend a university.

#### Extracurricular Activities

Our student organization,COSA, plans activities to help integrate our students into society.A PSAL school sports program includes: girls & boys basketball,soccer,volleyball,tennis,& swim teams.We have a Yearbook,Math team,art,music & dance programs,media and technology teams,and an honor society.Students participate in the Model

#### Community Support

Partnerships and Internships:Met-Life,1-800-MATTRESS,Junior Achievement,Global Kids,American Place Theater,Council for Unity, the Anti-Defamation League,American Museum of the Moving Image,Lincoln Center, Lehman Writing Project,Studio-in-a-school, College Now-La Guardia Comm.College,YMCA Youth in Government,Fullbright Scholars-Columbia

#### Parent/School Support

The School Leadership Team holds regular meetings with parents so they can provide input about their needs and concerns for this year & to set goals for the next school year. There are ESL Classes, Parenting Classes. Parents assist at Talent Shows, Food Festivals, and Trips. Our Parent Coordinator facilitates parent communication & involvement.



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#### 2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Need of Improvement - Year 1

#### 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 1080 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		0.7
Crimes Against Persons	0		0.5
Other Crimes	2		4.9
Non- Criminal	2		7.0

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 1001-1250 students.

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

## Recent Immigrants\*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	94.8	85.9	79.9
Similar schools	18.6	17.2	16.1
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
ECUADOR	16.6
CHINA	14.7
COLOMBIA	7.5

## Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders\*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	52.1	52.6	50.5
Gender Female	47.9	47.4	49.5
Part-time Special Education	0	4.8	5.8
Full-time Special Education	0	7.1	5.2
ELL	93.6	31.8	12.8
Over-age for grade	73.2	44.1	29.9
Percent eligible for free lunch	73.2	44.1	29.9
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	93.6	87.3	89.8
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	0	14.8	32.7
Mathematics (tested only)	0	22.5	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

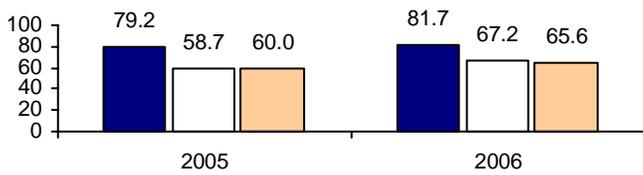
School Name	Boro	District	Leavers*	
			School Number	Percent

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

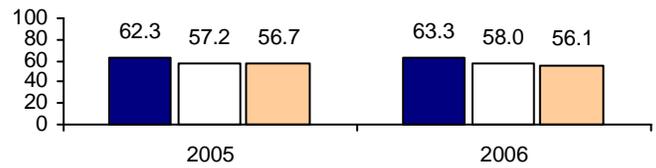
# SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

## TEACHERS

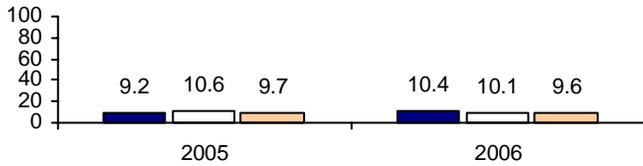
**Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School**



**Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere**



**Average Days Absent**



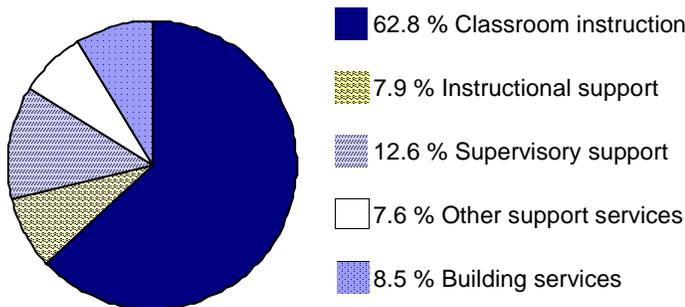
## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

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

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$9,197	\$9,776	N/A
Similar schools	\$12,305	\$13,341	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)**



0.6 % is used for District Support.

## OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

**School Capacity**

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	140.9	103.1	110.0
Similar schools	112.6	111.4	100.6
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>	298	65.8	42.6	6.0	302	74.8	49.0	6.0
<b>Similar Schools</b>	9697	65.0	43.4	5.6	10106	64.8	44.3	4.9
<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>	396	95.7	82.8	18.4	397	93.2	78.8	17.4
<b>Similar Schools</b>	11806	73.8	49.1	5.9	11040	76.6	50.8	6.4
<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>	86	75.6	47.7	10.5	113	52.2	35.4	8.8
<b>Similar Schools</b>	1381	45.3	31.6	6.4	1646	48.5	35.8	7.9
<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>	79	96.2	87.3	12.7	65	95.4	73.8	10.8
<b>Similar Schools</b>	1506	54.5	29.6	3.3	1256	62.9	36.3	4.1
<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>	188	96.8	88.8	13.8	228	97.4	89.9	13.2
<b>Similar Schools</b>	8523	59.1	37.9	2.5	8198	66.8	42.2	2.8
<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>	285	78.6	63.5	10.9	314	87.3	71.0	22.6
<b>Similar Schools</b>	11391	55.7	33.8	5.3	10341	55.5	33.8	6.6
<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>	201	84.6	68.2	16.9	215	97.2	82.3	31.2
<b>Similar Schools</b>	8448	64.3	43.4	10.1	9336	70.5	48.1	12.0
<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>	125	100.0	99.2	84.0	104	99.0	99.0	89.4
<b>Similar Schools</b>	2296	96.7	95.1	71.0	2414	97.5	94.7	71.5
<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.

## 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	319	12924	100890
Percent taking SAT	21.3	28.7	36.1

#### Average SAT Scores\*

SAT Section	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
Verbal	335	371	444
Mathematics	456	385	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	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
4-Year college	23.1	25.7	44.3
2-Year college	72.5	28.5	16.2
Employment	1.1	3.2	3.3
Military services	0.5	0.7	0.9
Other	2.7	41.9	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.