



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 07

P.S. 56

PS 56 THE LOUIS DESARIO SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 751

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

The mission of Public School 56 is to encourage each child to reach his/her maximum potential in a nurturing, caring environment. The staff, parents, and community will challenge each student to achieve high academic standards, express creativity, accept responsibility, show leadership, and learn respect for self and others. This will result in making P.S. 56, as our motto states, "A good place to learn and grow."

Principal's Statement

The Louis DeSario School community is comprised of parents, teachers, staff and students dedicated to thinking and learning. We pride ourselves on our development and delivery of proven balanced literacy and math programs. In addition to our students, our staff and parents continue to expand their thinking about learning and learning about thinking. We are a teaching school community that hosts a number of student-teachers, parent study groups, parent workshops and professional development for staff. Together the Louis DeSario School community strives for academic and social growth creating the foundation for our future and future of our students.

Special Academic Programs

Our Arts program consists of 4th & 5th Grade Band, fine arts and music appreciation. We enrich our social studies instruction through the arts. Other programs include: Hands-on Science, Everyday Math, and Balanced literacy. Computers in classrooms encourage Internet research.

Extracurricular Activities

P.S. 56 has C.A.A.T. We also participate in our regional Ecology Fair, School Spirit events, Unified Games Volleyball tournament, D.A.R.E., Project Aware, Safety City, and the Penny Harvest. We are active in community charitable work.

Community Support

PS 56 acts as a learning center for other teachers from around our community and beyond. Staff from various sites visit PS 56 on regular visits. We also host student-teachers from CSI, St. John's and other universities.

Parent/School Support

Parent Teachers Association, PTA resource room, Leadership Team, Class parent liaisons and volunteers assist with libraries, parent workshops, "Focus 56", Monthly Newsletter, Monthly Calendars, Book Fair, RIF coordinators, Yearbook Committee, Kindergarten Tea, Holiday Fair, Spring Sale, Stop, Drop & Go and as Learning Leaders.

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.

STUDENTS

Involved In Police Department Incidents

The total enrollment in this consolidated location is 751 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		0.5
Crimes Against Persons	0		0.2
Other Crimes	0		3.0
Non- Criminal	2		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	0.6	1.4	1.3
Similar schools	5.9	5.3	4.1
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
CHINA	0.3
KOREA, NORTH	0.3
ALBANIA	0.1

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

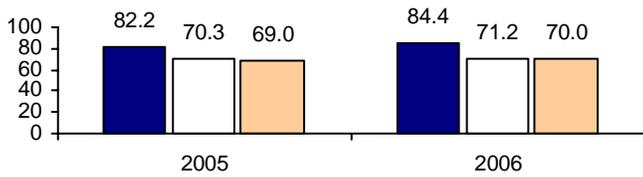
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
I S 034 TOTTEVILLE	R	31	034	97	72.4
I S 024 MYRA S BARNES	R	31	024	7	5.2
I S 075 FRANK D PAULO	R	31	075	6	4.5

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

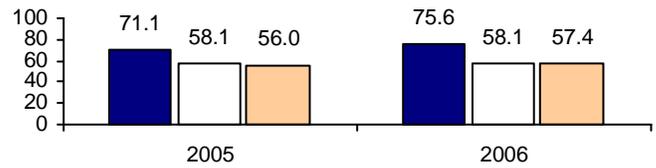
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

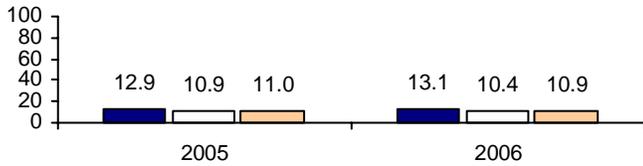
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



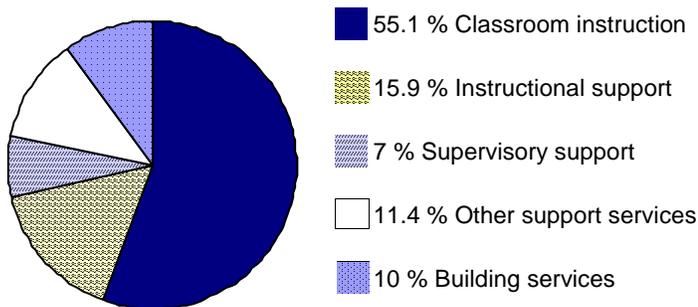
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$10,801	\$11,811	N/A
Similar schools	\$10,174	\$10,911	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)



0.5 % is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	88.1	85.5	82.4
Similar schools	92.5	90.4	87.6
City schools	87.1	84.8	82.8

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