



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 07

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New York City Public Schools
Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 1,311

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

The Morris Middle School community is committed to middle level reform that is responsive to the developmental needs of adolescents. We are dedicated to affirming the importance of school, parent and community to enhance our learning environment. Our school population closely reflects the rich cultural diversity of New York City as a whole. With a student population that is racially, ethnically and socio-economically diverse, we seek to engage students actively in their learning and promote respect for differences. We are dedicated to creating a learning environment that develops the whole child, including his or her self-esteem and sense of personal worth.

Principal's Statement

Our school embraces a middle school philosophy that encourages the academic growth and personal development of each student. A tradition of excellence, a spirit of challenge and a nurturing staff that are organized into interdisciplinary teaching teams within academies create a positive learning environment for adolescents. Our school is divided into three distinct thematic academies. As a Magnet School of the Arts, our innovative instructional programs attract a talented student body and our school was designated an exemplary school for the arts in the City of New York.

Special Academic Programs

Honors program with accelerated instruction in core courses of study. A Magnet program for talented students offers innovative instruction in the schools of Journalism, Visual Arts, and Performing Arts. Our academy structure fosters interdisciplinary instruction with a focus on improving reading, writing and problem solving skills.

Extracurricular Activities

The Morris Leaders Club promotes leadership and community service. Our Debate and Math teams are outstanding and compete successfully throughout NYC. Intramural sports teams are available, as well as a variety of afterschool clubs and tutoring programs.

Community Support

We have partnerships with Staten Island Mental Health, Lincoln Center Theatre, Goodhue Center, SI Institute of Arts & Science, Sailor Snug Harbor, NYC Ballet, Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, St. John's University and the College of Staten Island.

Parent/School Support

Parents are actively involved in our PTA and school-wide planning. The school's leadership team involves parents, teachers, and administrators in creating a shared vision for our school. Parents work closely with special Magnet Programs and performances.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Need of Improvement - Year 2

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 1311 students. Please keep this number in mind as you review the numbers of incidents.

This school	Consolidated Locations	Similar Size schools
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Major Crimes

Property Crimes	0	0.8
Crimes Against Persons	0	0.5
Other Crimes	12	6.7
Non- Criminal	17	12.3

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 1251-1500 students.

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	5.5	5.3	2.3
Similar schools	10.1	8.1	5.9
City schools	9.1	8.1	6.3

* 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
MEXICO	0.5
SRI LANKA	0.4
NIGERIA	0.2

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

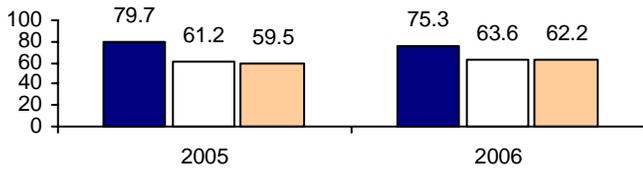
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
CURTIS HIGH SCHOOL	R	31	450	214	52.5
RALPH R. MCKEE CAREER AN	R	31	600	41	10.0
PORT RICHMOND HIGH SCHO	R	31	445	26	6.4

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

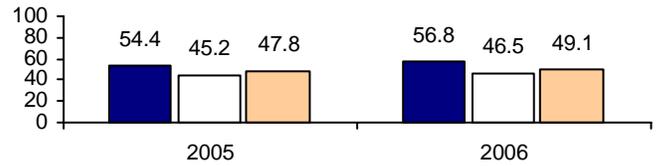
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

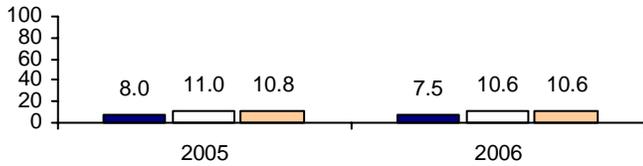
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



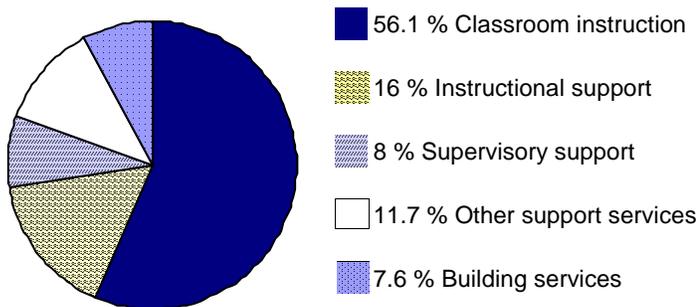
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$10,281	\$11,231	N/A
Similar schools	\$10,159	\$11,030	N/A
City schools	\$10,679	\$11,747	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	91.1	87.2	88.0
Similar schools	90.4	86.4	85.2
City schools	85.8	82.4	79.9

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