



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 01

C.E.S. 55

PS 055 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 668

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

We recognize our mission as the goal of improving the future one child at a time. We believe that all students that are given high expectations and the correct support will achieve. Our focus is to provide a safe, supportive environment where all students can succeed. Our staff is united in fostering student learning with a balanced comprehensive program, preparing students for middle school and beyond. At P.S. 55 parents are welcomed as partners in the education of our schools.

Principal's Statement

The Benjamin Franklin School (Public School 55) exists to serve the unique academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of students who are in a special and critical period of their lives. The staff of Public School 55 is committed to creating and maintaining an orderly, trusting, and caring environment where teaching and learning are exciting and students are assisted as they develop responsibility. All aspects of the school's organization, curricular, and cocurricular activities are child centered and designed to accommodate individual learning styles so that all may experience success.

Special Academic Programs

Balanced Comprehensive Reading and Math Programs; Two Science Rooms; Computer Lab; PBIS Behavior Management Program; Project Arts; Cookshop; Read 180; Reading Recovery.

Extracurricular Activities

Project Achieve Afterschool Program; SCAN Afterschool Program; Boys To Men Afterschool Intervention Program; Project CARE Afterschool Program; Breakfast Program; Computer Mouse Team; Basketball Team;

Community Support

Our school functions as a center of community activity through our affiliations with the Montefiore Medical Center, The After School Corporation of SCAN NY, and Hostos Community College.

Parent/School Support

50% parent participation in our School Leadership Team; Parent Volunteers trained by Learning Leaders; ESL and GED programs. Our full-time Parent Coordinator coordinates parental involvement activities and workshops; and promotes community participation, Computer Classes for Parents, and Bi-Monthly Family Support Team Meetings.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

Restructuring - 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 668 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		1	0.7
Crimes Against Persons		0	0.5
Other Crimes		1	4.9
Non- Criminal		2	7.0

No separate data is available for this school. Multiple schools are found at a single address, and the incident data have been consolidated so that the same data are reported for all those schools. These schools are included in this consolidated location: PS 055 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN|MOTT HALL|MOTT HALL BRONX HIGH SCHOOL, Similar-Sized 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	2.4	2.8	2.1
Similar schools	8.0	7.8	5.8
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
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1.8
GUATEMALA	0.1
JAMAICA	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

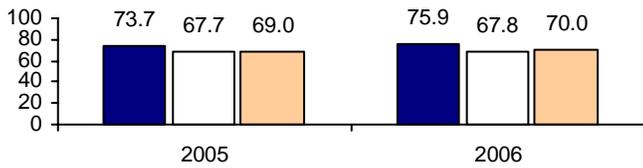
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
IS 339 SCHOOL OF COMM. TE	X	09	339	22	15.5
IS 219 NEW VENTURE SCHOO	X	09	219	18	12.7
MOTT HALL III	X	09	128	9	6.3

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

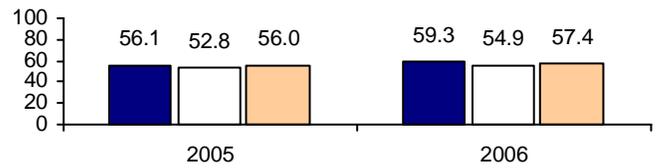
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TEACHERS

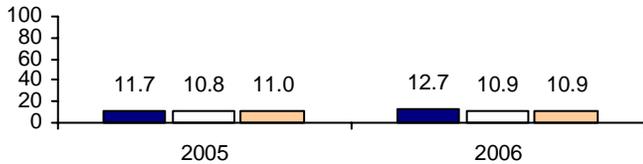
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



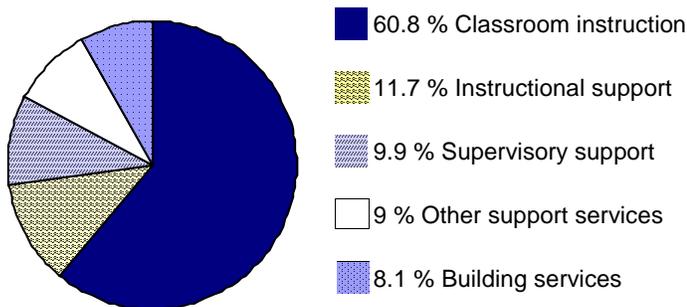
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$14,389	\$15,410	N/A
Similar schools	\$12,350	\$13,231	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	61.8	62.5	66.4
Similar schools	86.5	83.2	79.8
City schools	87.1	84.8	82.8

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