



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 02

P.S. 121

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New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 746

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

Public School 121's vision holds the education of our children as a sacred bond uniting our entire school staff with parents and community. This child-centered educational unity focuses on the understanding that the future of each child is shaped by what we do today. Furthermore, we believe that the future of society lies in developing the academic and personal success of each child entrusted to us. Because children are at the heart of our vision, we constantly strive for excellence. Our curriculum functions under the umbrella of the Principles of Learning and meets individual learning styles through targeted intervention, balanced literacy, balanced math, needs based whole class and small group instruction and learning centers. We also educate our children in the core values that enable them to become responsible citizens and future leaders. All adults in our learning community are charged with the responsibility to be positive role models to our children.

Principal's Statement

P.S. 121 houses 41 PreK-5 classes, 3 special education classes and a Kindergarten inclusion class. All teachers are exposed to current sound educational practices. Our Leadership Team anchors the total effort to combine innovative educational practices with past approaches that have proven successful. The computer lab is used to train children, teachers and parents to use the computer effectively. Bookstore in-a-school continues to thrive. At the foundation of our school lies a commitment to personal and academic excellence among the entire school community. A Gifted and Talented Program will be added in the 2007-08 school year.

Special Academic Programs

Balanced Literacy, Writing and Thinking Skills Across the Curriculum, University of Chicago Math Program, Project Arts, Education Through Music, Shakespeare, Audubon Society, Computer Lab, American Ballroom Theater, My Own Book Fund, Empowerment Support Team, Action Research Team, Theaterworks, Operation Respect, Literacy and Math Support Teams.

Extracurricular Activities

Student Government, Chorus, Cheerleaders, Staff/Student Sports Events, Books Come Alive, Family Literacy Workshops, Family Math Workshops, Parenting Workshops, Basketball Team, Dad and Me Basketball Nights, Leadership Assemblies, Personal Code Assemblies, Test Preparation Extended Day Program, Newspaper Club, Lego Robotics Team, Ballroom Dancing.

Community Support

Principal For A Day, Operation Greenthumb, Community Board 11, PENCIL, P.S. 121 Parents' Association, Learning Leaders, Parent Coordinator, Education Through Music, American Ballroom Theater, Hebrew Home for the Aged, Theaterworks, local churches.

Parent/School Support

Leadership team provides opportunity for shared decision-making. Parents promote extensive fund-raising. School and Parents collaborate on family reading, math, parenting workshops, day and evenings. Parent Coordinator is a vital link between the school and the community. Parents support incentives for academic and personal excellence.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Good Standing

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 746 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		0.4
Crimes Against Persons	0		0.1
Other Crimes	1		1.7
Non- Criminal	1		2.9

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 501-750 students.

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	5.9	5.3	2.7
Similar schools	10.4	9.8	7.7
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
JAMAICA	1.5
CANADA	0.3
GUYANA	0.3

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

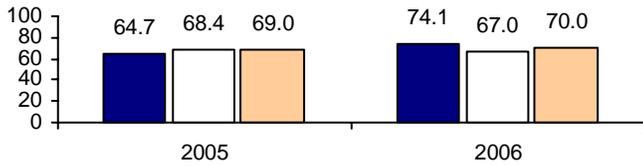
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
JHS 144 MICHELANGELO	X	11	144	70	45.5
GLOBE SCHOOL FOR ENVIRO	X	11	272	10	6.5
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* Leavers are students who left their school for any reason.

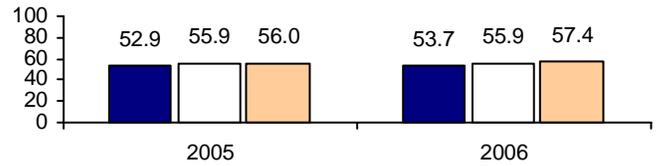
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

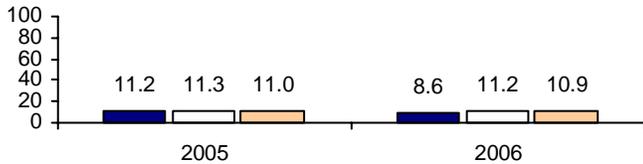
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



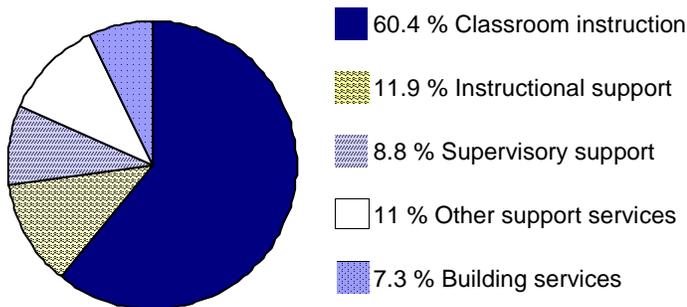
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$10,676	\$11,557	N/A
Similar schools	\$11,349	\$12,004	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	83.7	76.9	72.3
Similar schools	90.4	87.5	85.8
City schools	87.1	84.8	82.8

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