



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 02

P.S. 153

PS. 153 HELLEN KELLER

New York City Public Schools
Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 579

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

The Helen Keller School Community is committed to creating a climate which promotes achievement of high academic standards and the pursuit of excellence. Our risk-free learning environment ensures that all children will be motivated to face the challenges of the new millennium and become independent, critical thinkers, problem-solvers and lifelong learners. P.S. 153 students will learn to be caring individuals that develop an appreciation and respect for cultural diversity. Through cooperation and participation of parents and the school community, our children will become productive citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Principal's Statement

The Helen Keller School is "Soaring Towards Excellence" in all curriculum areas. Our school provides constructivist approaches for all of the students whose needs are addressed in regular education, gifted and special education classes. We are a K-4 barrier-free school that provides a multitude of services for about 600 students.

We have received a Project Arts grant that supports a chorus, band and residencies. We have a consultant from "Princeton Review" that supports our teachers in mathematics and a consultant from "Aussie" to help implement a balanced Literacy program. We are associated with the Columbia T.C. Writing Project.

Special Academic Programs

PS 153 has a balanced literacy program, Reading Marathon Club and Great Books Program. Our math and science programs focus on hands-on activities. Special programs include the stock market game, geography program, foreign language in grades 1-4, N.Y.C. Ballet, Columbia Teacher's College Writing and a technology program.

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities include Test prep programs in reading/ math and enrichment programs for students in grades 1-4. In addition, several local community centers/churches pick up students and take them to their centers for homework assistance. CEI-PEA "Project Boost" sponsors special activities and we have a 4th Grade "Lego Robotics Team".

Community Support

P.S. 153 receives support from various businesses in the Co-op City Community for special contests and activities. We have a partnership with Emigrant Bank and they also provide special materials and activities for our students.

Parent/School Support

Parent Support includes the School Leadership Team, Curriculum Conferences, Book of the Month Program, Safety Committee, PA Meetings, Principal's Advisory Committee and Parent Newsletter. In addition, our parents provide support for graduation and all school-wide activities. They also volunteer to tutor our students in the classrooms.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

Requiring Academic Progress - Year 2

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 579 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	3		0.4
Crimes Against Persons	0		0.1
Other Crimes	0		1.7
Non- Criminal	2		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	3.7	3.2	1.7
Similar schools	10.3	8.8	6.2
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	0.7
BAHAMAS	0.2
CHINA	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

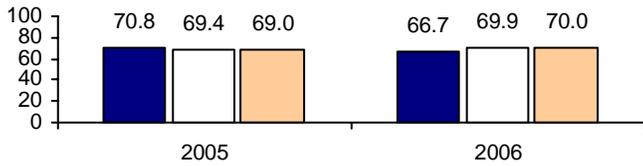
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
I S 180 DANIEL HALE WILLIAM	X	11	180	77	64.7
I S 181 PABLO CASALS	X	11	181	23	19.3
PS 112 BRONXWOOD	X	11	112	3	2.5

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

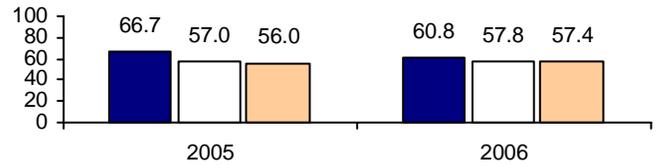
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

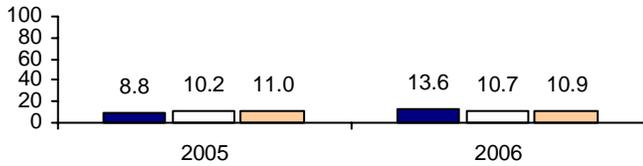
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



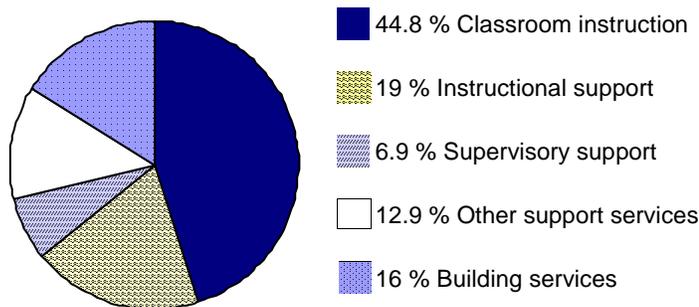
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$17,609	\$18,265	N/A
Similar schools	\$10,848	\$11,708	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	83.3	76.3	72.6
Similar schools	90.2	87.6	87.5
City schools	87.1	84.8	82.8

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