



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 09

M.S. 223

MS 223/THE LABORATORY SCHOOL OF FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 469

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

The school vision at MS 223 is to develop students who think critically and participate actively in our society's economic and political systems. Through active learning, career and character development, scientific exploration and the promotion of world understanding through project-based products, students begin to develop a greater awareness of their role in the world. We seek to give students multiple experiences to increase their knowledge base and problem-solving abilities. We believe that through these engaging experiences we will be able to produce a community of learners that seeks continual academic and social development to prepare themselves for an economy that requires flexibility and the ability to manipulate multiple sources of information.

Principal's Statement

MS 223 is a new, innovative, and small learning community of middle school students that provides a student-centered, academically rigorous program in a supportive and nurturing environment. We believe through on-going assessments, data driven instruction, and differentiation, we can target and foster learning in all students. Our academic program focuses on apprentice style learning. We have a wide range of extra curricular activities, after school and Saturday programming. We enrich our students' understanding by connecting students to real world examples. We believe MS 223 is a place where thinking flourishes and ideas are rewarded.

Special Academic Programs

Simulated School-wide Economy, Using "School Bucks"; Student led School Store and School Bank; Intensive technology training; Saturday Institute Program to foster skill building in the areas of architecture, videography, computer programming, and real world problems using computer games, and web design; Small group tutoring.

Extracurricular Activities

Mouse Squad (Computer Technician Club), Student Council, Computer World Gaming Club, Step Team, Hip Hop Dance, Student Newspaper, School store and school bank, Junior Achievement with Banco Popular, Broadway Show, Art Studio, Sculpting Class, Hip Hop Recording Studio, Salsa Band, Saturday Intramural Sports League, Movie Making Club.

Community Support

MS 223 has teamed up with several community and business groups including Lehman College, Columbia's Teachers Writers Collaborative, Cornell Cooperative Extension, World Visions, Urban Advantage, Banco Popular, Love Gospel Assembly, Eastside Community Settlement House, JP Morgan, and MOUSE INC., and Readers Theater Workshop.

Parent/School Support

MS 223 works collaboratively with parents through several avenues. MS 223 holds monthly parent association meetings, sponsors trips to local high school fairs and tours for parents, encourages volunteering through learning leaders, and holds various workshops on how to improve our children's academic needs.

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 469 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		3	3.0
Non- Criminal		1	5.0

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: MS 223/THE LABORATORY SCHOOL OF FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY|SOUTH BRONX PREPARATORY: A COLLEGE BOARD SCHOOL, Similar-Sized 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	0.0	4.8	4.7
Similar schools	11.4	10.8	9.8
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
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2.3
MEXICO	1.1
GHANA	0.4

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

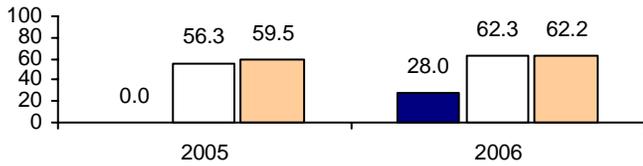
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
JHS 151 LOU GEHRIG	X	07	151	1	11.1
JHS 162 LOLA RODRIGUEZ DE	X	07	162	1	11.1
IS 222	X	07	222	1	11.1

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

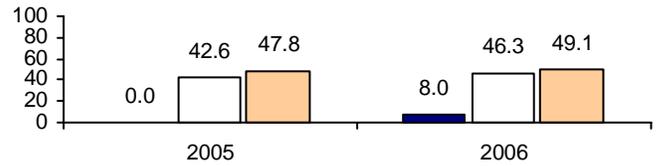
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

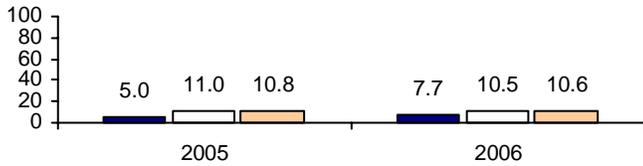
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



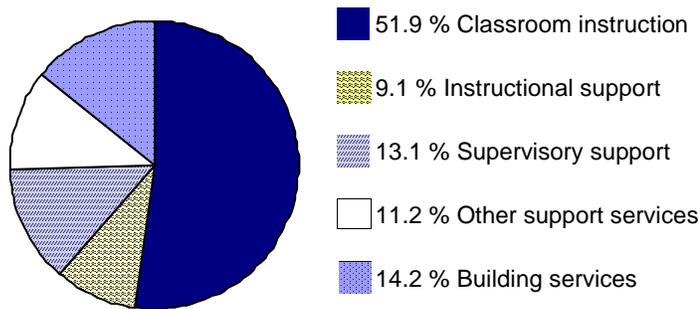
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$12,980	\$11,841	N/A
Similar schools	\$11,669	\$13,157	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)



0.5 % is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	74.0	80.8	75.0
Similar schools	79.1	71.9	68.1
City schools	85.8	82.4	79.9

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